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A Message From The Rabbi ...

Sinnyng Against Whom?

by Rabbi Yaakov Hoffman

You know how sometimes you misremember lines from famous works of literature? *Lehavdil*, I have that experience in Parshas Vayeshev. When Yosef resists the advances of Potiphar's wife, he explains (Genesis 39:8-9):

הן אדני לא ידע אתי מה בבית וכל אשר יש לו נתן בידי. אינני גדול בבית הזה ממני ולא חשך ממני מאומה כי אם אונתך באשר את אשתו, ואיך אעשה הרעה הגדלה הזאת וחטאתי ל...


Behold, my master, having me, knoweth not what is in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand. He is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he withheld anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against...

I always think the next word should read לאדוני "my master"! After all, the whole speech discusses the interpersonal violation such an affair would constitute. But Yosef actually concludes his monologue with the assertion that engaging in such behavior would mean him sinning לא-להים "against God."

Even when it seems that Yosef is tapping into his internal moral compass, he never loses sight of the fact that our actual navigational tool in life must be God's will. This concept is, of course, crucial because people's "innate" attitudes toward what constitutes correct behavior are diverse and under the influence of constant cultural change. We need an objective standard, which means that our intuition must always be subservient to the Torah.

This is why we traditionally call our protagonist יוסף הצדיק. Yosef is the quintessential righteous person not only because he resisted temptation, but because he did so for the right reasons. Throughout his travails, Yosef remembered the lesson of his father's house--not only of ethical comportment, but of Whom we aim to please by moral behavior.

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The book of *Bereishit*, while itself containing few laws, introduces the Torah's legal system by teaching us the attitudes we must absorb from our illustrious ancestors in order to fully appreciate how to live a Jewish life. Our recognition of right and wrong must stem not from our personal feelings, but from Divine revelation. 

מזל טוב / Congratulations

To **Shelley Bulman** on the bar mitzvah of her grandson **Ahron Zacks**, and to the parents, **Devorah & Yaakov Zacks**

To **Scott Smith** on his engagement to **Chana Wolfson**

To **Erika Bauer** on the bar mitzvah of her great grandson, **Shalev Rubinstein**, in Israel, and to the grandparents, **Karen & Yoran Shlomi**, and to the parents, **Rabbi Michael & Ruth Rubinstein**

To **Sonya Jacobs** on the birth of a great grandson, and to the grandparents, **Chani & Mark Grunwald**, and to the parents, **Aviva & Avi Assaban**

To **Sonya Jacobs** on the birth of a great granddaughter, and to the grandparents, **Sarah & Yitzchok Horowitz**, and to the parents, **Nechama & Tovia Horowitz**

Condolences to:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our long-time member **Bertha Gruenspecht o"h**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of Ephraim Rosenstock's father-in-law, **William Benjamin o"h**.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our long-time member **Ina Sondheim (Brendel bat Uri) o"h**.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

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SHABBAT PARASHAT VAYIGASH

JANUARY 3-4

Candle Lighting	4:22
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	4:30
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	4:20
Maariv/Havdalah	5:26

FAST OF TEVET TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Fast begins	5:42
Fast ends	5:21

SHABBAT PARASHAT VAYECHI

JANUARY 10-11

Candle Lighting	4:29
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	4:35
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	4:30
Maariv/Havdalah	5:33

SHABBAT PARASHAT SHEMOT

JANUARY 17-18

Candle Lighting	4:37
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	4:45
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	4:35
Maariv/Havdalah	5:40

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARASHAT VAERA

JANUARY 24-25

Candle Lighting	4:45
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	4:55
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	4:45
Maariv/Havdalah	5:48

SHABBAT PARASHAT BO JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1

Candle Lighting	4:54
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:00
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	4:55
Maariv/Havdalah	5:56

SHABBAT PARASHAT BESHALACH

FEBRUARY 7-8

Candle Lighting	5:02
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:10
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	5:00
Maariv/Havdalah	6:04

TU B'SHVAT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SHABBAT PARASHAT YITRO FEBRUARY 14-15

Candle Lighting	5:11
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:20
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	5:10
Maariv/Havdalah	6:12

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARASHAT SHEKALIM MISHPATIM

FEBRUARY 21-22

Candle Lighting	5:19
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:25
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	5:20
Maariv/Havdalah	6:20

**SHABBAT PARASHAT
TERUMAH
FEBRUARY 28-29**

Candle Lighting	5:28
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:35
Shacharit (note early start)	8:35
Mincha	5:25
Maariv/Havdalah	6:27

**SHABBAT ZACHOR
PARASHAT TETZAVEH
MARCH 6-7**

Candle Lighting	5:35
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:45
Shacharit (note early start)	8:30
Mincha	5:35
Maariv/Havdalah	6:35

**TAANIT ESTHER
MONDAY, MARCH 9**

Fast begins	5:44
Mincha	6:35
Maariv	7:30

**PURIM!
MONDAY-TUESDAY,
MARCH 9-10**

Shacharit	8:10
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**SHABBAT PARAH
PARASHAT KI TISA
MARCH 13-14**

Candle Lighting	6:43
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	6:50
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	6:45
Maariv/Havdalah	7:43

**SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
PARASHAT HACHODESH
VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI
MARCH 20-21**

Candle Lighting	6:51
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	6:50
Maariv/Havdalah	7:51

**SHABBAT PARASHAT
VAYIKRA**

MARCH 27-28

Candle Lighting	6:58
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	7:00
Maariv/Havdalah	7:58

**SHABBAT HAGADOL
PARASHAT TZAV
APRIL 3-4**

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00
Candle Lighting	7:06
Shacharit	8:40
Mincha	6:45
Maariv/Havdalah	8:06

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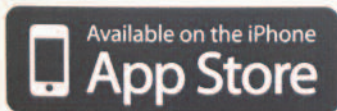
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