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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Yaakov Avinu gives Yosef an additional parcel/חלק, as the possuk says, "וּאֲנִי נָתַתִּי לְךָ שְׂכֵם אֶחָד עַל אֶחָיִךְ, *...more than the brothers,*" i.e., more than his share.

This refers to the fact that Yosef was given a בכור portion since his children, Ephraim and Menashe, became two שבטים in their own right and therefore received two portions in Eretz Yisroel. In addition, Chazal tell us that שכם refers to the city of שכם, the burial place of Yosef.

The possuk goes on to say "אֲשֶׁר לָקַחְתִּי...בְּחַרְבֵי וּבִקְשָׁתִי *[the land] that I took with my sword and bow.*" This refers to the capture of שכם by the sword and bow of וְלוֹי וְשִׁמְעוֹן, however אנאקלוס translates it as בצלותי ובבעותי, with prayer.

So to bring this all together, we have Yosef being given an extra portion which is represented as the city of שכם, and Yosef is told that this is somehow acquired with prayer in an analogy of swords and bows/arrows. Why must Yosef know the origin of his land, and why is it being told through such an analogy?

The שמח אור and others explain the connection between שמה and אור as follows. There are two types of prayer: the classic עשרי שמונה, referred to here by אנאקלוס as בצלותי, in which we all say the same words infused with an innate כוונה הגדולה. Such a tefilla is valid even without all the kavana or knowledge. This is like the power of the sword, which is effective primarily because of its sharp blade and not the one wielding it.

But there is another kind of tefilla: a person's own individual requests, his בקשות, whether added to the עשרי שמונה or said at any time. This needs absolute kavana - its power is in the heart and mind the mispallel, like the marksman who with precision and learned skill makes the bow and arrow into a weapon. Says the חכמה, משך חכמה, this kind of prayer is the בקשתו ובקשה.

So here Yosef is being given more, the danger of which is the sense of entitlement that may come with special treatment. וְלוֹי וְשִׁמְעוֹן offers the proper perspective by talking about the exact city and event of שכם, who wanted דינה and took what he wanted. And so entitled was he that he demanded his entire city to undergo מילה so he can have what he wanted.

Yosef is reminded that what he gets is through תפילה, empowered by words uttered in unison by all - בחרבי/בצלותי. He was being taught that our power is collective, and not by virtue of individual privilege. That said, we are also reminded of our unique ability, our marksmanship in our own hearts and minds - בקשתו/בבעותי.

Have a good Shabbos,
יוסף צבי ווייס

SHABBOS ZMANIM

	Candle Lighting.....	4:28 PM
	Shkia.....	4:46 PM
	Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos.....	4:33 PM
	Shacharis.....	7:00, 9:00 AM
	Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	9:44 AM
	Youth Groups.....	9:30 AM KIDS DAVENING 9:45
	Mincha.....	2:00, 4:18 PM
	Maariv.....	5:33 PM

SHUL NEWS

NEW SHIVTI SUGYA The Shivti chabura continues the new sugya of Kiddush & Havdalah this week in the series on Hilchos Shabbos. Now is a great time to join and learn the entire sugya of Kiddush we say every week in an easy and fast-moving format! Monday-Thursday 8:15-9:00, with Maariv at 8:00.

COMMUNITY LEARNING There will be a live presentation on Shechitah and relevant issues by Rav Amitai Ben-David put on by the Global Chulin Initiative in memory of Rav Chaim Yisroel Belsky zt"l in the Kol Torah Simcha Hall, at 8PM on Monday, December 24.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Benjamin Kalish (Wednesday, December 26)
Yael Stewart (Wednesday, December 26)
Nava Stewart (Wednesday, December 26)
Moshe Baum (Thursday, December 27)
Chaya Elefant (Friday, December 28)



YARTZHEIT

Tommy Azman's father (*Abraham Azman*) (Shabbos, 12/23)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Carl & Elisa Barsky (Sunday, December 23)

COMMUNITY NEWS

BALTIMORE FOR RAMLE would like to thank the community for generously covering the 2017-2018 transportation budget of our partner Chinuch Atzmai schools in Ramle. This year we will once again rise to the challenge of sponsoring even a larger transportation budget. By sponsoring the transportation of a Kiruv student to a Torah School for \$30 monthly / \$360 a year, you are enabling him/her to receive a Torah education, thereby saving him/her and their family from the abyss of a secular life. To contribute please call 410 505-0058 / email baltimore@chinuchatzmai.org / or visit www.chinuchatzmai.org/baltimore

A Gut Shabbos!

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WEEKDAY ZMANIM

Shacharis.....6:55, 7:30, 8:20 AM
 Sunday Shacharis..... 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....1:25, 3:05 PM
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:35 PM
 Maariv.....8:00, 9:45, 10:45 PM

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

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LEARNING	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	שבת
Shabbos Chumash & Chassidus							8:30 AM
Early Morning Kollel		6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	9:00 AM
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Weiss)	7:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Bergman)	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	
B'nei Yissoscher	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב		
Kollel Mekadshei Shevi'i							7:00-10:00 PM
Kol Hanearim							7:00 PM
Shivti Chabura (כבוד ועונג שבת)	9:00 AM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM		
Night Kollel (עבודה זרה)		8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM		
Blatt-A-Week Shiur (ערכין)		9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM			
Sforno on Chumash Shiur					10:00 PM		
Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur	<i>Women's Shiur by Rabbi Weiss on significance of the Hebrew month. Date & time to be announced monthly.</i>						