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**Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh & Hanukah 6th Day Miketz**

**שבת, א' דר"ח, ו' דחנוכה שבת חנוכה. פ' מקץ**

**Sat. 27 - 28 Dec. 2019 - 30th of Kislev, 5780**

**ל' בכסלו תש"פ**

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Baal Koreh *Yom Shabbat Kodesh* Rabbi Asher Sebbag (Page-222).

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**1st day Rosh Hodesh Tevet.** א' ראש חדש טבת.

**Tomorrow Sun., 2<sup>nd</sup> day Rosh Hodesh Tevet.** מחר יום ראשון, ב' ראש חדש טבת.

Mincha, 1<sup>st</sup> Minyan. 12:45

Mincha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minyan, Shir Hashirim, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit. 15:30

Shabbat Candles. 15:41

Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 10:00). 08:30

Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shelishit. (Sunset - 15:57). 15:30

Arbit Motzei Shabbat. 16:56

Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday & Bank Holidays - 07:30). 06:30

Mincha & Arbit. 15:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 16:00

Next Friday: Mincha, Shir Hashirim, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit. 15:30

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Vayigash** 15:48

**Mikeitz** 5780 (Genesis 41:1-44:17)

Dec 22, 2019 | by [Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig](#)

**GOOD MORNING!** I want to share with you an inspirational story that Mrs. Shoshana Packouz related during last week's memorial service to commemorate the passing of our beloved friend and teacher Rabbi Kalman Packouz, of blessed memory.

**Several** times a year, Rabbi Packouz traveled to raise funds for charity. These trips sometimes extended a couple of weeks and his return was eagerly anticipated by his children at home.

**On one** occasion, Mrs. Packouz received a call at home from her husband, "I just landed here in Miami." "That's great," she responded "everyone is looking

forward to seeing you!" But the good rabbi had other plans. "I am going to take a hotel room to rest for a few hours and I will see you this evening."

**"But why?"** asked Mrs. Packouz, "Why don't you just come home and rest here?" He answered, "My fundraising trip didn't go as well as I had hoped and I wasn't able to sleep on the plane. I don't want to come home in a grumpy and unhappy mood with little patience for the children. So I want to rest before coming home." Sure enough the good rabbi returned home that evening beaming a wide smile for his family, excited to see everyone once again.

**There is** an important lesson here. Most of us go home at night expecting that the most precious people in our lives will put up with whatever attitude we bring in

the door. We rarely consider how our mood affects them or how they might feel if we are short tempered or impatient with them. We expect them to just "deal with it."

**This is** wrong. We must understand that we are obligated to behave in a manner that is considerate of others - especially in our homes. Our homes are miniature universes and we are responsible for the atmosphere and environment of those living there.

### **TOP TEN LIST OF THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT HANUKAH**

1. While the holiday of Hanukkah celebrates the victory following the three year war between the Maccabees Seleucid Greek empire, it took another two decades for the Maccabees to evict the Seleucids from the entirety of ancient Israel.
2. The Hanukkah celebration, which began with the rededication of the Temple, took place on the 25th of the Jewish month known as Kislev. The 25th of Kislev was already very significant in ancient Jewish history. The temporary Temple that the Jewish people constructed under the direction of Moses during their 40 years of wandering the Sinai desert was completed on the 25th of Kislev. Additionally, the foundation stone for the Second Temple (515 BC) was laid on the 24th of Kislev and the celebration took place that evening (the 25th of Kislev).
3. The 25th word in the Torah is "ohr - light." This is most fitting for the holiday known as the "Festival of Lights."
4. The 25th place that the Jewish people camped during their 40 years of wandering in the desert is called "Hashmonah" (Numbers 33:29). This is uncannily similar to the name "Hasmonean," which is the name of the Judaic dynasty that ruled as a result of

miraculous defeat of the Greek Seleucids.

5. The purpose of lighting the menorah is to publicize the miracle that occurred on Hanukah - thus the menorah is placed in a location that will be seen by others. In Israel, the menorahs are lit outside the home and near the street in specially designed glass boxes. Elsewhere, menorahs are lit near a window inside the home.

The tradition of giving money ("Hanukah gelt") to children is of long standing. According to Rabbi Avraham Gambiner, known by his authoritative work on Jewish law and custom Magen Avraham (17th century), it was the custom for poor yeshiva students to visit homes of Jewish benefactors who dispensed Hanukah money. According to Rabbi Avraham Bloch, the rabbis approved of the custom of giving money on Hanukah because "it publicized the story of the miracle of the oil."

6. According to others, Hanukah gelt is linked to the miraculous victory of the Maccabees over the ancient Greeks. To celebrate their freedom, the Hasmoneans minted national coins. In 1958, the Bank of Israel issued commemorative coins for use as Hanukah gelt. That year, the coin bore the image of the same menorah that appeared on Maccabean coins 2,000 years ago.
7. The menorah on the emblem of the State of Israel is actually taken from the image of the menorah found on the Arch of Titus in Rome. That menorah, which depicts the menorah that was taken to Rome at the destruction of the Second Temple, is different than the one we use on Hanukah. The one used in the Temple had seven branches while the menorah that is used on Hanukah has eight

branches (representing the miracle of eight days of Hanukah).

8. Maimonides (the great codifier of Jewish law and well known doctor and philosopher of the 11th century) writes that the mitzvah of lighting the Hanukah candles is greatly beloved and one must make every effort to fulfill this mitzvah. He ends with the following beautiful sentiment, "Light in the home promotes shalom (peace) and the Torah was given in order to promote peace in the world."
9. The rigorously observed custom of eating fried foods (latkes, donuts, etc.) to commemorate the miracle isn't exactly diet friendly. The average sufganiyah (jelly filled donut) packs between 400-600 calories. In Israel there is an estimated 24 million donuts consumed over the eight day holiday - equaling some 10.8 billion calories. Peloton anyone?

**Last week**, I left you with a question to think about: The eight days of Hanukah commemorate the miracle of the cruse of oil that was used to light the menorah in the Temple. That cruse was only supposed to last one day but lasted for eight days, after which they used the newly produced ritually pure oil. It would seem that the miracle was only the extra seven days, so why do we commemorate it as an eight day miracle?

**This question** is attributed to Rabbi Joseph Karo, composer of the authoritative series of books on Jewish law known as Shulchan Arukh. Over the last five centuries, there have been many explanations offered to answer this question. In a terrific testament to Jewish ingenuity and scholarship, a book has been published with over one hundred answers to this very question! Here are a few of the most well-known answers.

**1. When the** Maccabees found the lone jar of oil they realized they would need to stretch it for eight days. So they only put 1/8th of the amount of oil required to burn for 24 hours. Miraculously, that small amount burned for 24 hours.

**2.The Maccabees** realized that another way to stretch the oil was to use wicks that were much thinner and smaller than the usual wicks. So they designed wicks that were 1/8th the size of the original wicks, even though the light emanating would be far smaller. The miracle was that the smaller wicks burned with the same light and intensity of the original wicks.

**3. The first** day celebrates the miraculous war that the Maccabees emerged victorious over the Seleucid Greek empire. The next seven commemorate the miracle of the oil.

**These are** just some of the approaches taken to resolve this very interesting question. Feel free to send me some of your own ideas! I can be reached [RabbiZweig@ShabbatShalom.org](mailto:RabbiZweig@ShabbatShalom.org).

**I want** to leave you with a final thought: The miracle of Hanukah shows us that a little bit of purity can go a long way. The greatest developments in world history did not take place because of large armies or mega corporations. Effective change for the better comes from individuals with courage and heroes of faith. It's not the firepower of an army that wins the battle, but rather it's the purity and conviction of its cause that is ultimately victorious.



## TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

**Miketz, Genesis 41:1 - 44:17**

**Pharaoh** dreams of cows and sheaves and demands for someone to interpret his dreams. The wine butler remembers Joseph's ability to interpret dreams. They

bring Joseph from the jail. Pharaoh acknowledges the truth of Joseph's interpretation (that there would be seven good years followed by seven years of famine) and raises Joseph to second-in-command of the whole country with the mandate to prepare for the famine.

**Ten** of Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy food, Joseph recognizes them, but they don't recognize him. Joseph

accuses them of being spies and puts them through a series of machinations in order to get them to bring his brother Benjamin to Egypt. Then Joseph frames Benjamin for stealing his special wine goblet.



In loving memory of  
Rabbi Kalman Packouz  
Kalman Moshe ben  
Reuven Avigdor  
1950-2019

*Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig*

**Hanukah candle lighting:** 5780-2019 Our president Mr Ghassan Cohen will be lighting candle No.7, **tonight**, Motzei Shabbat, it would be great to see all the community. The event starts at 7pm, opposite Golders Green Station. There will be lots of whiskey and fresh doughnuts.

**Chanukah Party 2019/5780:** Ohel David Eastern Synagogue with Crafts4kids events would like you to join us for a fun family afternoon to celebrate Chanukah. A full afternoon of candle lighting, arts and crafts, delicious doughnuts, nosh and drinks. Entrance: £5.00 - tonight, Motzei Shabbat, - 17:30 - 19:00.

**Security Alert:** Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagogue. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

**Kolel every Sunday:** We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

02 Tevet Dr. Maurice Gubbay	19 Tevet Mr Nadhim Mouallim
03 Tevet Mr Mayer Levy	20 Tevet Mr Cesar Sassoon
03 Tevet Mrs Gilda Aslan	20 Tevet Mr Joe Sassoon
08 Tevet Mr Yaakov Georgy	20 Tevet Mr Robert M. E. Sassoon
08 Tevet Mr Maurice Sheena	20 Tevet Mr Maurice Lawee
05 Tevet Mr Joseph Clement	24 Tevet Mrs Naomi Sheena
09 Tevet Mr Nissim Tricot	27 Tevet Mrs Gracy Dallal
11 Tevet Mr Zohair Ishak	28 Tevet Mrs Naomi Cohen
14 Tevet Mr Moshe Moses	29 Tevet Mr Elie Abdulezer
16 Tevet Mr Adrian H. Klein	29 Tevet Mrs Doris Ezer
17 Tevet Miss Nancy Dwek	29 Tevet Mr Salem Abraham
18 Tevet Mrs Naomi Cohen	

Quote of the Week

**Courage is fire, bullying is smoke.**



The 13<sup>th</sup> Global **Siyum HaShas** סיום הש"ס  
of  
**Daf Yomi 2020**  
On Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The 13<sup>th</sup> of Tevet 5780  
at Ohel David Eastern Synagogue at 7.00pm

The President, the committee, and our Rabbi A. Sebbag Shlita  
Of Ohel David eastern synagogue,  
invite you to celebrate  
The **Siyum Hashas 2020**.  
We will celebrate with 'Seudat Mitzvah'  
At the price of £15 per person.

To reserve a place ,Please call Kelly Saltoun on 07836389058  
The list will be closed on 18 of December 2019