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**DATES THAT ARE
AVAILABLE:**

January 13th, 20th & 27th

MINYON SCHEDULE

12/22 Candle Lighting.....4:29 p.m.
12/22 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat....4:35 p.m.
Hashkama Minyon.....7:50 a.m.
Talmud in Depth.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time.....9:18 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....3:35 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....4:20 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....5:30 p.m.
Parent/Child Learning.....6:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi II.....7:30 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thu Shacharit.....6:30 a.m.
Tue., Wed., & Fri. Shacharit.....6:45 a.m.
Sun. - Wed. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....4:35 p.m.
Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv *4:20 p.m.
* 15 minutes earlier due to the Fast of 10 Tevet

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Talmud in Depth.....7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:05 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Talmud I.....6:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday
Talmud in Depth.....7:30 a.m.
Monday
Pirket Avot.....7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....8:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's/Mesillat Yesharimcancelled
Daf Yomi.....5:05 p.m.
Wednesday
Women's/Pirket Avot.....cancelled
Prophets/Mishlei.....cancelled
Daf Yomi.....8:15 p.m.
Thursday
Parsha.....cancelled
Daf Yomi.....8:15 p.m.

We wish our visitors a warm La Jolla welcome. Please introduce yourself to the Rabbi and the President so that we can meet and greet you.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 188 in the Hirsch, page 250 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 841 in the Hirsch and page 1144 in the Stone.**

ASTHISWEEK'S Parsha begins, we find Yehuda incensed at the news that Binyomin is to be kept as a slave until their father is brought down to Egypt. Yehuda is willing to risk his life for his brother and intercedes on his behalf, making a most eloquent speech, filled with much emotion. Although he is unable to dispute the claim that Binyomin is guilty of theft, he requests that he be taken as a slave in his place. At the end of this monologue, Yosef realizes that Yehuda's willingness to offer himself as a slave is proof that his brothers' attitudes have changed. He sees they are willing to protect, even give up their own lives, to insure the safety of one of their own. Their teshuva is now complete. Therefore, Yosef feels the time of reconciliation has arrived. Yosef sends everyone from the room, so no one will witness the brothers' shame when he reveals himself to them. Yosef then turns to his brothers and says, "I am Yosef. Could my father still be alive?" This is the final step in their process of repentance, that they should feel complete remorse at having subjected their father to such intense pain by selling Yosef. However, once said, Yosef calms them down and reassures them that they are forgiven. He also points out to them that whatever has transpired is ultimately the will of Hashem, and part of the master plan to save the family from the disaster of the famine. Many of our commentaries explain that Yosef was telling the brothers not to think that everything is coincidental. The whole purpose of the sale of Yosef was so he would fulfill a mission. The Akeidah explains that Yosef was not absolving his brothers from their guilt but, that as a result of his being sold, their sin was turned into a mission.

YOSEF BIDS THEM to get their father and return to settle in Goshen, which was a fertile region in the northeastern part of Egypt, far removed from the idolatry of the Egyptians. Yosef then cries a second time. Not tears of joy as he had cried when he first saw them, but rather tears of sadness that now they would begin a national existence in exile. According to the Midrash, Yosef and Binyomin both fell on each other's neck and cried because they foresaw the destruction of the tabernacle and temples that, in the future, would be destroyed in each other's territory. It is amazing that Yosef and Binyomin were so distressed over an event which would not take place for many years, and that this pain eclipsed the tremendous joy they felt at their reunion. It only emphasizes the message that even the very thought of existing imperfectly without the Temple should cause us immense pain!

PARSHA CONTINUES

PAROH ECHOES YOSEF'S invitation and ordered wagons to be sent to fetch Yaakov and his family. Yosef commands his brothers not to quarrel on the way, and to make haste in getting Yaakov, he warns his brothers not to 'tirgezu' on the way down to their father's house. Our commentaries have struggled to explain the message Yosef was sending his brothers. Rashi explains 'tirgezu' as a commandment not to be angry or argue along the way. Others see the 'rogez' as fear; that they should not be afraid on their journey as they were under Yosef's protection and he would take care of them. Others see it as a simple command not to delay along the way.

THE GEMARA IN Ta'anis sees "tirgezu" as an order not to engage in halachic discourses on the way. This is strange because we know one should never waste time from Torah study and traveling is an opportune moment for study. Some explain that intensive study, which causes one to become distracted and oblivious to danger on the way, is the very type of study which Yosef warned them against. However, review was acceptable. The Kli Yakar explains that Yosef was concerned lest while they traveled they would not be able to concentrate well, thus making mistakes in the halacha. When the brothers return finally to Yaakov, they tell him Yosef is still alive and show him certain signs that prove their report. Yaakov knew this was true once the Divine Presence rested on him again. It had not done so in all of the years since Yosef's disappearance.

ON THE WAY, Yaakov stops in Beer Sheva and offers sacrifices to G-d. Hashem appears to Yaakov in a dream and gives him permission to leave Eretz Yisroel, promising him that he and his future generations will be protected. The Torah relates that seventy souls accompanied Yaakov down to Egypt and lists them all. Upon counting the number they equal only sixty-six. If one counts Yosef and his two sons, it is still only sixty-nine. Where does the Torah get seventy? There are many views among our commentaries. Some of the answers are as follows: Rashi says the 70th was Yocheved (Moshe's mother); Ibn Ezra says it was Yaakov himself; it was the Divine Presence; or Rosh—the number was rounded off.

YAAKOV DISPATCHES YEHUDA to alert Yosef that his family is coming so that necessary final arrangements can be made. The Torah then tells of Yaakov and Yosef's reunion and how Yosef readied his family for their meeting with Paroh.

THE TORAH RELATES the details of this meeting and Paroh's conversations and reactions with Yaakov and his sons. Yosef settles his family in Ramses, in the land of Goshen, and provides for all their needs. Goshen was the first Jewish Ghetto. This concept of the Jewish ghetto is the basis for the Jews' posture not only in Egyptian society, but in every society and culture in which they have lived. The Jews separated themselves in order to preserve their way of life, however the walls and gates were erected by the non-Jews in order to keep them from mingling. It was for this reason Yosef had the brothers tell Paroh they were shepherds, even though Egyptians hated shepherds. This way the Egyptians would actually appreciate the Jews living separately. Others explain that Yosef chose the profession of shepherd for them, as opposed to government officials, because he wanted them to have clean, honest professions.

THE PARSHA CONCLUDES with an account of how Yosef sustains Mitzrayim during the famine and how Yaakov and his family prosper during this time.



FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET

Thursday, December 28th we commemorate the fast of the 10th of Tevet. On the 10th of Tevet, Nevuchadnetzar began his siege on Jerusalem. The attack lasted three years, until the walls were breached and the temple destroyed. During the time of the second temple, King Ptolemy gathered seventy-two Sages and

had the Torah translated into Greek. The Talmud (Megillah 9a) relates the following: that he gathered the elders into separate chambers, entered each chamber, and commanded each Sage separately to translate the Torah. G-d put into the hearts of each Sage the ability to translate it exactly as the others did, with the same exact accommodations made for the lack of appropriate Greek words for a particular Hebrew phrase. Ptolemy attempted to mislead the Sages and discredit the Torah but was unsuccessful. The tragedy lies in the fact that once translated, it was open to foreign interpretation and was divested of its reverence. The Sages likened this day to the day on which the golden calf was built. Although this event actually occurred on the 8th, it is commemorated on the 10th, as are the deaths of Ezra and Nechemiah. The essence of the fast day is not primarily grief and mourning, but to awaken us to teshuva, repentance.

THE FAST BEGINS at 5:31 a.m. and ends at 5:31 p.m. For a detailed enumeration of the laws of fasting see either the Code of Jewish Law or The Book of our Heritage, or ask the Rabbi if any questions should arise.



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Friday Evening	
4:45 p.m.	
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Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Marc Lebovits
9:30 a.m.	Jack Zyroff
10:00 a.m.	Brian Zimmerman
10:30 a.m.	Nati Tzarum
11:00 a.m.	Zach Dimenstein

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