

KI BULLETIN



PARSHAS VAYESHEV

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky
December 8, 23 | 25th Kislev, 5784



וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לֵאכֹל־לֶחֶם וַיִּשְׂאוּ עֵינֵיהֶם וַיֵּרְאוּ וְהִנֵּה אֲרֻחַת יִשְׁמַעְאֵלִים בָּאָה מִגִּלְעָד וּגְמֻלֵיהֶם נִשְׂאִים נִכְאֹת וְצָר וְלֹט הוֹלְכִים לְהוֹרִיד מִצְרָיִמָּה:
AND THEY SAT DOWN TO EAT BREAD, AND THEY LIFTED UP THEIR EYES AND LOOKED,
AND BEHOLD, A COMPANY OF YISHMEALIM CAME FROM GILAD WITH THEIR CAMELS
CARRYING AROMATIC GUM, BALM, AND LADANUM, GOING TO CARRY IT DOWN TO EGYPT."
(Bereishis 37:25)

Rashi comments on this: Why did the Torah mention what the camels were carrying? To tell us the reward of the righteous. Those caravans usually carried only kerosene and resin used for fuel which had an unpleasant odor. But the caravan that carried Yosef to Egypt had pleasant spices.

This seems to be little consolation for Yosef. He was being sold as a slave by his brothers. How would something as minor as pleasant smelling merchandise on the caravan taking him to Egypt make a difference?

The answer is that this was a subtle hint from Hashem to Yosef. It was a message that all was not lost. Appreciate the hand of Hashem that is guiding your life and supplies you with the minor pleasures to enhance your life. This is a sign that all Hashem does is for your ultimate benefit.

This is an important lesson for anyone undergoing a difficult life situation. Upon facing painful experiences one is apt to become lost in self-pity and despair. It is easy to focus solely on what is going wrong in one's life. But try to keep your eyes open. Be aware of the positive aspects. Don't ignore anything that you could possibly appreciate. These minor pleasures are messengers from Hashem that He is with you and there is a purpose in the difficulties you are facing. Appreciate the little messages for themselves; and what is more, allow them to change your evaluation of the situation. Learn to see every situation as a means to help you reach your ultimate potential in this world.

For this week let us try to look for the positive in a frustrating situation and to realize this is for my ultimate good in allowing me to become who I can be.

Have a transformational Shabbos!

Rabbi Mordechai Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Vayeshev Dec 8th

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha 4:15 PM, CL 4:13 PM

Shabbos Dec 9th

Shacharis 8:45 AM

Mincha 4:05 PM

Shabbos over 5:23 PM

Sunday Dec 10th

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 4:20 PM

Mon-Thurs Dec 11th-14th

Shachris 7 AM

Mincha/Maariv 4:20 PM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Mikeitz Dec 15th

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha 4:20, CL 4:14 PM

HALACHA

There are four separate prohibitions related to opening sealed containers on Shabbos, and almost every type of packaging used today is subject to at least one of these prohibitions. Therefore, it is preferable that all food containers (bottles, cans, boxes, bags etc) be opened before shabbos.

The four prohibitions are: tearing which is koraya, making a new opening which is asiya hapesach, finishing the object which is makeh bepatish and erasing which is mochik.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored this week by Jake and Lara Berenberg in celebration of their beloved son Yonah Chaim's Bar-Mitzvah.

Kiddush is co-sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Goldberger in honor of the whole family being together for Shabbos Chanukah; in honor of the birthdays of Jill, Noach, Meyer Simcha, and Channah; and in honor of the Berenberg simcha.

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored in honor and memory of the Yahrzeit of his grandmother Golda Sara Bas Dovid by David Griver.



MAZEL TOV



Mazel Tov to the Jake and Lara Berenberg on the Bar mitzvah of their son Yonah Chaim!

Mazel Tov to the entire mishpacha!

May they only see simcha and nachas from Yonah Chaim!

COMMUNITY NEWS



CONGREGATION BAIS YISROEL AND KI PRESENT

KENESSETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION BAIS YISROEL

**CHANUKAH
FAMILY NIGHT AT
nickelodeon
UNIVERSE**
MALL OF AMERICA

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DECEMBER 13TH 6:00–8:00PM
7TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH**

\$9 WRISTBAND

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
THE MINNEAPOLIS EIRUV PROJECT

Registration will be at the entrance to the Parkview Room.





KI KID'S CORNER

Remember to tell
your kids to call the
hotline so they can
participate in this
week's Derech Eretz
challenge!



SHIURIM



Wednesdays 9am - Mesilas Yescharim (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 8pm- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 9:15pm – Mishmar (R. Kalatsky)

Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting (John Ghermezian)

Shabbos-New Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 15 minutes before mincha

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal)

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha – (Sender Russel)

Sponsor a Kiddush at KI

Standard Kiddush - \$300

Upgraded Kiddush - \$450

Make your next simcha kiddush @ KI - reach out Sid for simcha pricing

Contact Sid Usem 651-253-1099



**Keneseth Israel Congregation | office@kenesethisrael.org
Rabbi Mordechai Kalatsky**

Chaim Goldberger Rabbi Emeritus - Jerome Herzog zl Rabbi Emeritus KI

Board of Directors: Dr. Joey Greenberg-President, Michael Moskowitz-Vice President, Judy Victor Secretary, Mike Barry, Jake Berenberg, Ezra Daitchman, Adam Galili, Melvin Graf, Lili Khabie, Yehuda Polter, Sender Russel, Zevi Segal, Shlomo Schloss, Gabe Silverberg, Moshe Tabbouche, Sid Usem

The KI Bulletin is generously sponsored by Melvin & Miriam Graf