

Parshas
Vayeishev
5779

November 30th,
2018

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Episode 10

Happy Fathers Day by Rabbi Dani Locker

Would you like a free vacation to an Egyptian dungeon? I didn't think so. Neither did Joseph, but that's what happened to him. Joseph was the 11th of 12 brothers, and I guess you could say he was picked on by his big brothers. I'm the youngest brother in my family, and take it from me, the younger brother is always completely innocent!

Yeah right.

Actually, Joseph did a couple of things that really got under his bros' skin. He liked telling them about his dreams, which always seemed to include them bowing to him. Not the kind of picture most older brothers would appreciate. He also made sure Jacob knew about everything they did 'wrong.' As Jacob's favorite son, he spent a lot of time with his holy father, and informed him of things he saw; things that Jacob would not be happy with.

In reality, the BIG 10 (Joseph's older brothers) had not done anything wrong (later, they would), but they did certain things that looked bad. Joseph is considered at fault for jumping to conclusions. Perhaps he could have put himself in their shoes and tried to give them the benefit of the doubt. They were, after all, *tzadikim*- good and righteous people.

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Nageela West Coast would like to offer our sincere thanks to the members of the Valley Village, CA community for hosting our Shabbaton last week. A special thanks to Valley Torah High School and Toras Hashem for the generous use of your buildings, to the families who hosted participants for sleeping and for our Onegs, and to those who helped sponsor the event.

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The Torah says that Joseph brought the tales of their misdeeds to “THEIR father.” That’s odd. The more standard way of speaking would be that Joseph told “HIS father.” Why does it specify that he was “THEIR father?”

This was the brothers’ big mistake. Even if what they did only looked bad, they should have remembered “their father,” Jacob. The things we do don’t just affect us. Every single action we take affects our families, friends and everyone else we interact with. This is what the brothers failed to take into account. *THEIR FATHER.* How would he be affected by the news of his children acting inappropriately?

This is something we’ve got to think about. Let’s make our decisions based on how they’ll affect us, and also based on how they’ll affect all the people around us.

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Photo of the Week

3rd Annual LA Shabbaton

In one of our most exciting events of the years, children drove in from San Diego, Phoenix, LA and Las Vegas to participate in this incredible weekend. Shabbat in Valley Village, Six Flags, Kings game and Universal City Walk. It was an inspirational and fun weekend!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 4th- NAGEELATKE-
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QUICK HIT:

REMEMBER THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WE FOUGHT FOR CHANUKAH WAS FOR THE RIGHT TO STUDY TORAH

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Hi Rabbi,

At Hebrew School, I learned that we had two temples in Jerusalem, and that in the future, when Mashiach comes, the third one will be rebuilt. The Rabbi told me that the Holy Temple was a really special place, and it was easy to feel close to God there. Why haven't we rebuilt it? I mean, we own Jerusalem now. Can't we just hire some builders and make the temple again?

Thanks,

William Dit

Dear Bill Dit,

When I was a student in Israel, I visited the Western wall often. In case you forgot, the Western wall is the last remaining wall of the Holy Temple. I'd like to share two stories that happened to me there. The first actually took place around the corner at the southern wall. There are all kinds of cool archaeological digs that go on there, and they've uncovered the original steps that lead into the temple on the southern wall, among other artifacts. My friends and I were touring that area, when suddenly we heard a really loud bang that sounded like a gunshot. Some of us dove to the ground, thinking we were under fire. It turns out, a boy, one hundred feet above us on top of the wall had thrown a firecracker intending to scare us. Then he and his friends started showering us with stones. From on top of the wall to OUR holy temple. One of my friends needed stitches, but everyone turned out OK. Imagine someone throwing

rocks at you from out the window of your own home!

Later that same year, I attended dawn prayer services at the Western wall, in honor of the holiday of Shavuot. It was incredibly packed, and it seemed like every Jew in Jerusalem was there. After we were done, a large throng of people decided to walk home through the Arab Shuk (market), which under normal circumstances was considered too dangerous. We danced through the market, cheerfully singing, "Yibaneh Hamikdash" - "rebuild the temple." It was an exhilarating experience. So now your question. **Why DON'T we just rebuild it?** There are some political reasons why it might be difficult to pull off, as the Israeli government has granted use to the mosque on top. But is that the only reason? If the mosque would somehow move, would we build the temple?

Yes and No.

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Wow, Rabbi. That was helpful.

IKR. That's how I roll.

Annnnnnyway... We would like to rebuild the Holy Temple immediately. Really, we would. But there are a few practical challenges in the way which make it difficult, and perhaps impossible. First of all, in order to build the temple, we'd have to be able enter the area. It is forbidden to enter the Temple Mount (that's the area beyond the Western Wall) without becoming ritually pure. I won't bore you with all the details now, but there's a process we need to go through to become pure, and that process involves a totally red cow. And, holy cow, those are hard to find (I'm sorry, I just couldn't resist). So, no red cow= no pure people= no temple construction.

The next challenge is that we really aren't quite sure how to build it. Have you ever tried to read assembly instructions in a different language? You know you're doing it wrong, but you can't figure out how on Earth to fix it. Then when you're done, you're left with one piece and you can't figure out where it's supposed to go, and you know you've got to start again from scratch... and you wonder why the manufacturer can't just hire someone who knows English instead of using Google Translate, and I'm completely going off on

a tangent, aren't I? And speaking of going off topic... As I was saying, the prophets gave us specific instructions for the third temple, but they're difficult to understand. So basically, we need a prophet in order to build it properly. Everyone I know is a non- prophet.

Finally, the Beit Hamikdash needs to be staffed by *Kohanim*- the pure descendants of Aaron. It's been so many thousands of years since the destruction of the second temple, we don't even clearly know who is a legit Kohen anymore. Once again, we need a prophet to help us out.

With all these problems, it seems unlikely that we'll be able to construct our temple before Mashiach, our great leader comes, together with the Prophet Elijah. There is a long standing tradition that the third temple will not be built by human hands at all, but appear, fully built from heaven. With all that, there are groups of people who are attempting to build some of the furniture and tools of the temple. After Shabbat, you might be interested in checking out templeinstitute.org.

In the meanwhile, our Synagogues, Jewish Schools, and holy Jewish homes are our mini- temples.

Have-A Nageela Shabbat,

the Rabbi

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