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Rabbi's Corner

I would like to tell you about a rabbinic conference that I will be participating in this coming week in Florida. As you know, I have been part of a two year **Legacy Heritage Distinguished Rabbinic Fellowship** led by Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter. I have been to two conferences so far with the 15 or so other rabbis in my cohort and there are still more conferences to come. This coming week this fellowship is running a 3 day Executive Rabbinic Seminar called "A Roadmap for Leading Synagogue Entrepreneurial Success." All the rabbis in this fellowship have been asked to invite a lay-leader from their shul who runs programs and events to join them at the conference. As programming chair on our board, Steven Bernstein will be joining me.

The goal of this conference is for the rabbis and lay leader to develop insights, enhance our leadership and group effectiveness skills, and build realistic action plans which can be used to build high-performance synagogue leadership teams in our respective communities. As part of the program, we will be offered learning sessions as well as confidential, one-on-one meetings with professionals to address any individual leadership or organization issues.

The expenses for me and Steven including flights, hotels and food are being fully paid for by the Center for the Jewish Future at YU and the Legacy Heritage Foundation. It is an amazingly generous opportunity and a truly amazing group to be a part of. Steven and I look forward to sharing some of our experiences with you upon our return.

I will be away from early Sunday morning to late Tuesday night. I will have my phone with me and access to email but please be patient in me responding since I will be in and out of sessions.

This coming Friday, as you know, is the fast of Asarah B'Tevet. This is the day on which the siege of the city of Yerushalayim began in time of King Tzidkiyahu (during the time of the first Beit Hamikdash). The siege was perpetrated by the Babylonians and led by Nevuchanezzar. The siege was the beginning of the whole chain of calamities which

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SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIGASH December 11, 2010 ☆ 4 Tevet 5771

Kiddush this Shabbat

Is Sponsored with love by
Ann, Jeremy, Harvey, Nate, & Devora Pava
Who wish to express their heartfelt thanks
to everyone in the shul for the most warm
and wonderful welcome extended to them.

They have received so many
invitations for Shabbat meals that they
could not even accept them all!

They look forward to
reciprocating during the
coming year.

HAGH WINING, DINING & DASTARDLY DEEDS

12.11.10

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM

At the HAGH

Elegant, Fundraising Dinner to benefit the
HAGH. Evening of Wining, Dining & Dastardly
Deeds, an interactive theatre production...

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Great Grandmother Margot Jeremias &
Grandmother Paulette Korn, on the birth of a baby
boy to Jerald and Lauren Korn of Newton MA.

מזל טוב also to great Aunt and Uncle, Helen & Les.

מזל טוב to Inna & Arie Shteyntsayg on the birth of
their daughter Rivka. **מזל טוב** to big sister Sarah!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Irina and Lenny Margulis and their son
Jonathan on becoming new members.

MY SISTER'S PLACE DRIVE

In Memory of Judith Harris,
daughter of Evelyn & Bob Harris.

This drive will run through December 16th!

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SAVE THE DATES**UPCOMING SHUL & COMMUNITY EVENTS****TAKE 15 WITH THE RABBI**

Short recorded *Shiurim* by Rabbi Weinberg will be sent by email every Monday on the topic of *Tefilla*.

The first topic is "Kaddish"

They can also be downloaded or listened to on our website: www.youngisraelwh.org

ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS

Tuesday, December 14th, at 8:00 PM

We are studying the

Opening Parshiot of Sefer Bereishit.

At the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP

Monday, January 5th at 7:30 PM

At the home of

BOOK CLUB

New Book ~ **The Finkler Question**

By Howard Jacobson

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, needlepoint, bead, weave ?? **WHATEVER**, think about joining our "craft circle." We meet informally usually on Monday eve's for an hour or so to work on whatever projects are in the works, a little conversation, a hot drink...

Please email Debbie Luger (deluge613@sbcglobal.net) if you're interested in joining us or if you have comments/questions/suggestions...

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Here are some items needed by MSP:
paper goods (paper towels, tissues, etc.)
baby wipes, large diapers (sizes 3-5), bottles
cleaning products, laundry detergent
store gift cards, arts and crafts supplies
Thermometers, first aid kit, umbrellas
Pillows, bed sheets, mattress pads
Towels, bath rugs

To drop off any donations, there will be a box at the YIWH, and at the home of Judith Hessing (18 Grenhart).

For more information, contact:

Judith Hessing at 860-906-8352

Tova Goldfischer at tova37@gmail.com

Josh Glahn at josh.glahn@gmail.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Jason Wolfe & Vera Schwarcz

In honor of the birth of a granddaughter to **the Wizenfelds**
In honor of the birth of a daughter Rivka to Inna Stein & Arie Shteyntsag

Tour the new buildings of the Hebrew High School of New England!

Located at 300 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford
(across the street from the JCC and Federation).

Open to the community.

Tours will be given:

Sunday, December 12th - 12 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14th - 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 16th - 12 p.m.

TRADING SPACES**COMING SOON!**

More information coming soon!

The Youth Department is excited to announce upcoming activities and events for our children and teens of all ages! Get involved now and support our Youth Department. Your feedback and ideas are wanted!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS

Dec. 17, 2010 - Friday Night Teen Game Night & Chulent
(Grades 9-12)

Jan. 15, 2011 - *Shabbat Luncheon & Program*
(Grades 5-8)

Jan. 15, 2011 - Youth Department Hockey Game Outing:
The Whale vs. The Bruins

Jan. 16, 2011 - *Tu B'Shvat Seder & Dessert Party*
(Preschool-4th Grade)

Feb. 11, 2011 - *Teen-Led Minyan & Friday Night Dinner*
(Grades 9-12)

Mar. 13, 2011 - *Pre-Purim Bonanza & Carnival*

Apr. 9, 2011 - *Pre-Pesach Chametz in the Park*

For more information, contact Zvi Goldfischer
at 860-906-1111 or the Youth Department via email at
yiwhyouth1@gmail.com

All pre-teens and teens with a Facebook account are encouraged to sign up with the shul's youth department account at: Young Israelwh

BUY SCRIP! BUY SCRIP!**BIG Y SCRIP AVAILABLE NOW!**

It costs nothing additional to you - yet it helps the *Shul*. It is the most cost effective way to donate to the *Shul*! Remember, if you can not come and get the cards we can bring it to you! Let's support our *Shul* by buying scrip! Every dollar counts!

Contact: Judith Hessing (860-233-6042),
at 18 Grenhart Street

All is well that ends well is a popular and well known aphorism. Apparently that should be the case here in this week's parsha when Yosef and his family are at last reconciled after over twenty years of pain and estrangement. Yaakov comes down to Egypt to embrace his long lost beloved son and the Jewish people begin the long sojourn in Egypt with the first century of that sojourn being successful and benign.

However, as is the case with many a popular saying or belief, the aphorism stated above is not exactly accurate. The enmity, discord and bitterness of the dispute of decades between Yosef and his brothers is not easily forgotten. We will see in next week's parsha how the brothers still suspect Yosef of ill intentions towards them and how Yosef after the death of Yaakov subtly distances himself from them.

Wounds may heal but they always leave their marks and scars. And the competition between Yosef and Yehuda, which is the centerpiece of the first part of this week's parsha. This continues for millennia in Jewish history almost splitting the Jewish people as a whole and not just its kingdom into two warring factions.

So, even though the affair of Yosef and his brothers appears to end well and satisfactorily in the narrative of this week's parsha, the residue of suspicion, competitiveness and bitter memories remain. This is so very evident as the story continues and clouds any truly rosy assessment of the conclusion of this gripping family tale of ours.

Every human event has consequences that are much more long lasting and important than originally thought. Since we all live in a time range that is limited, far reaching results of our behavior are naturally hard to discern and appreciate. If the brothers of Yosef would have realized that their behavior towards him would, centuries later, lead to the breakup of the Jewish kingdom in the Land of Israel, perhaps they would have acted differently. And, perhaps Yosef himself might have acted differently towards his brothers as well.

It is not for naught that the rabbis taught us that the true wise man is the person who can realize the future consequences of present policies and behavior. This idea is also the basic underpinning of the rabbis' other comment that even the wise must be very cautious in their statements, to guard against the unintended consequences that may result.

Many times consequences are exactly the opposite of what is originally desired. The rabbinic ban on Spinoza immortalized him, and the ban against Chasidut translated into the most popular Jewish religious movement in Eastern Europe.

Yosef and his brothers, like all of us, are powerless to undo the past. But, in realizing the fissure that the events of the past created in Jewish life, a special attempt at true reconciliation must be attempted. It would take the slavery of Egyptian exile and the redemption that followed to achieve this unity that was expressed at the moment of revelation at Sinai. Troubles unite us. We should learn to live together in harmony even in more trouble-free times.

Shabat shalom. - Rabbi Berel Wein

THANK YOU

Thanks to Tsion Cohen, Steve Luger, Barry Gordon & Elie Wolfe for helping to put the fence in back last Sunday!

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finally ended with the destruction of the *Beit Hamikdash*.

This is the only public fast day that can ever fall on EREV SHABBAT in our calendar system. It also doesn't occur very often so we hit a really interesting calendrical phenomenon. Although it is kind of strange to fast on an Erev Shabbat and go in to Shabbat so hungry, we do it nonetheless. **Because it's a fast day, Mincha is the regular fast day mincha with leyning and haftarah etc... so it will be extra early at 3:50PM PLEASE COME ON TIME so we can start leyn-ing right away.**

The Rambam says: "The essential significance of the fast of the Tenth of Tevet, as well as that of the other fast days, is not primarily the grief and mourning which they evoke. Their aim is rather to awaken the hearts towards repentance... and thereby to cause us to return towards the good..." May we each have an easy and meaningful fast. May all our *tefillot* be answered especially those for rain in Eretz Yisrael.

Shabbat Shalom Rabbi Weinberg

DOR L' DOR

12/18 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	1/8 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	1/15 at 7:00 pm at Agudas Achim
1/22 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	1/29 at 7:00 pm at Agudas Achim	2/5 at 7:00 pm at YIWH
2/12 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	3/5 at 7:00 pm at YIWH	

☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆

December 10th - 17th, 2010
Shabbat Parshat Vayigash

IT IS EASY TO SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

OR SEUDAH SHLISHIT!

Friday, December 10th

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.
4:02 p.m.
4:07 p.m.

Shabbat, December 11th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Inna Stein & Arie Shteyntsayg on the occasion of Arie's father, IsaaK Shteyntsayg's בן אליעזר 2nd Yahrzeit
Shabbat Ends & Maariv

8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:25 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:45 p.m.
5:02 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th - Thursday, December 16th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday
Shacharit... Monday - Thursday
Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim

6:12 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
4:05 p.m.

Friday, December 17th - Asara B'Tevet

Alot Hashachar - Dawn - Fast Begins
Shacharit
Chatzot - Midday
Mincha/Maariv
Candle Lighting
Fast Ends

6:00 a.m.
6:30 a.m.
11:47 a.m.
3:50 p.m.
4:03 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Shul handles set up & Clean up!
Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or judiep@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. Checks need to be received the Sunday prior to your Kiddush date.
Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim:
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For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369

KIDDUSH SCHEDULE

12/11	Pava
12/18	Wizenfeld
12/25	Weinberg

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Ner La'Maor

Lights

Judy & Sam Leichtberg and Batsheva Goldfischer
in memory of
their parents and grandparents,
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Shabbat Parshat Vayechi

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Alot Hashachar - Dawn - Fast Begins
Shacharit
Chatzot - Midday
Mincha/Maariv
Candle Lighting
Fast Ends

6:00 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
11:47 a.m.
3:50 p.m.
4:03 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Shabbat, December 18th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends & Maariv

8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:29 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:45 p.m.
5:03 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th - Thursday, December 23rd

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday
Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast
Studying Masechet Makot

6:16 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Shacharit... Monday - Thursday
Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim

6:45 a.m.
4:05 p.m.

Friday, December 24th

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.
4:06 p.m.
4:11 p.m.

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Shabbat Parshat Shemot

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Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.
4:06 p.m.
4:11 p.m.

Shabbat, December 25th

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Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends & Maariv

8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:33 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:50 p.m.
5:07p.m.

Sunday, December 26th - Thursday, December 30th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday
Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast
Studying Masechet Makot
Shacharit... Monday - Thursday
Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim

6:20 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
4:10 p.m.

Friday, December 31st

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.
4:11 p.m.
4:16 p.m.

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