

12.13.2025 - 23 KISLEV 5786

VAYEISHEV MEVARCHIM

Friday
4:15 PM Candle Lighting
4:25 PM Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
Dvar Torah by Rav Mendel Wuensch

Shabbat Day
8:30 AM Shacharit
Dvar Torah by Rav Mendel Wuensch
9:45-10:30 AM Kid's Program
10:30 AM Kiddush
11:00 AM Kolot Yamim By Rabbi Yechiel Krisch
4:00 PM Rabbi David Rue Shiur On Halachot For Weekly Daf
4:15 PM Mincha Followed By Seudat Shlishit "Raava D'Raavin"
5:12 PM Arvit
5:17 PM Shabbat Ends

Corner of Beni Berman & Uzi Hitman Streets Entrance On Uzi Hitman Street

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Gina & Yossi Gottesman in memory of Yossi's Father, Rabbi Moshe Gottesman.

Debra Reiter Panitch in honor of 4 generations together for Shabbat to celebrate her Granddaughter Lielle's 1st birthday.

Michele and Ben Katz in honor of all their children and grandchildren being together for Shabbat.

DEAR COMMUNITY FAMILY

What was the miracle on the first day of Chanukah?

Was there not enough oil for one day? Isn't that just nature?

We think nature is normal.

The Alter of Kelm says: Nature is just a miracle that looks normal. Every flame, every moment is a revelation.

Reb Moshe Feinstein teaches: Chanukah is training for the eyes.

Training to see what we usually ignore.

Training to notice what we call "natural" is really Divine.

That is why the Shulchan Aruch says you make a brachah just for seeing the menorah.

No other mitzvah works that way.

Because Chanukah is the mitzvah of seeing.

And that is why a menorah too high is invalid.

If you can't see it, you can't learn from it.

And if you can't learn from it, you miss the whole point.

Chanukah is Hashem whispering: "Open your eyes."

The Gemara then jumps to Yosef's pit.

"The pit was empty, no water."

But it was full of snakes and scorpions.

And Yosef wasn't harmed.

A miracle. A blatant, open, impossible miracle.

But his brothers didn't see it.

You can stare at a miracle and stay blind.

We walk through a world blazing with miracles we never see.

Chanukah comes to reopen our eyes.

To remind us that nature burns only because Hashem lights it.

We see it here in Israel more than anywhere.

That every moment is miraculous wrapped in the ordinary.

The menorah shines and whispers.

Hashem is showing you the world.

The only question is:

Will we keep our eyes open?

With great hope to see the ultimate light of redemption now, Rav Mendel Wuensch