



# YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

## Dvar Torah: Isaac Mass

### Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	4:20 pm
Candle Lighting	4:20 pm
Sunset	4:38 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	4:10 pm
Maariv	5:25 pm
Shabbos Ends	5:29 pm

In this week's Torah section we have the occurrence of Jacob our Forefathers death, and the famous blessing of his offspring Menashe and Ephraim. Rash"i tells us that the reason why this Torah section is "cut off" from the previous Torah section is because with Jacob's death the hearts of the Nation of Israel were "shut off" and numbed. It is interesting to note that their hearts were not shut off from the impurity of Egypt, but rather specifically from Jacob's passing. I would like to expound on that and help elucidate the matter.

Writes The Ohr Hachaim, that the words "And Jacob lived" in the beginning of the first verse, are telling us that specifically here in Egypt did he actually live a good and pleasant life! Meaning, that until he actually got to live with Josef and all his sons in unison his life

was a constant uproar. Again, it is interesting to note that despite the impurity of Egypt he was still able to live the best life possible. And not even that, but to say that it was even more relaxing than being in The Land of Israel!? I believe that the message is that he portrayed a personality and philosophy that is so important for all of us. That we have to keep our eye on the prize, and to become aware of our strengths and kindness within ourselves. This is what he was doing by focusing on the unity of the brothers and the peace they finally had within themselves despite the distractions of Egypt.

By living this way we are able to thrive despite what is surrounding us. It is for this reason that our hearts hardened when he died, and didn't harden from the impurity of Egypt. Because through the messages and example that Jacob was setting forth we were only receptive to his passing and not to the distractions surrounding them. This is why upon his death he asked Josef to do a "Meit Mitzvah" for him. To bury him by his parents, a deed that can't be paid back and is only done through the kindness of one's heart. Because upon his death he wanted to make sure to leave that message to everyone, that when presented with challenges and distractions, one has to focus on the kindness and strength that is within themselves. Lastly, this is the message he was giving as well when he mixed up his hands upon blessing Menashe and Efraim. He was telling Josef that only do you have to find the kindness, strength and potential within yourself, but you have to find it within others as well! As he said back to Josef "That he too will become a great nation", and despite the fact that Efraim was younger, he focused on him more by putting his right hand on his head. All in order to strengthen the belief and mindset of not only finding strength in yourself, but in others as well! Shabbat Shalom!

**Kiddish is sponsored by Joyce and Jeff Joseph** in honor of their daughter Sarah's graduation from the University of Maryland (during the previous week) and to celebrate her new job and the start of the next chapter in her life.

**Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy:** All glory praise, honor, and blessing to the G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in heaven above. Hashem is His name. May He bless all Israel and Jews throughout the world and their families, as they continue to try to shine His light throughout the world. Amen.

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### Next Week

Shacharis (Sun & Tues)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon, Wed-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	4:25 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	4:20 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	5:28 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos— Men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.