



Parshat Matos-Masei — Av 2, 5779— August 2, 2019

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	7:50 pm
Candle Lighting	7:54 pm
Sunset	8:12 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	7:40 pm
Maariv	8:53 pm
Shabbos Ends	9:02 pm

Dvar Torah: Michael Linetsky

<https://www.jewishpress.com/indepth/opinions/israel-and-the-nations/2014/08/31/>

The Sages of the Land of Israel thousands of years ago gave us insights into the historical swings in the attitudes of the Nations towards the Jewish People. Their insights may help us make sense of what is going around us today in the United States and in the world of anti-semitism!

Rabbi Hiyya in the name of Rabbi Hosha'ya notes that at the outset Pharaoh tells Joseph: "In the choicest land settle your father and brothers" (Genesis 47:6) but in the end: "and they embittered them with difficult work with mortar and bricks" (Exodus 1:14) (Talmud Eretz Yisrael, Pesachim 2:5)

It is in the nature of the Nations of the World to be hostile towards the Jewish People. However, this nature can be suppressed albeit temporarily by acts that gain their favor. Joseph gained the good will of Pharaoh and that good will gave the Jewish People leniency for some time. Egypt, symbolic of the Nations of the World, at first showed us great hospitality. Pharaoh offered Joseph the best land for his father and brothers to settle in. But in the end the true nature of Egypt prevailed. The new Pharaoh who had no special affinity for Joseph acted out his nature.

The Sages of the Land of Israel took note of an incredible historical pattern in the relations between Israel and the Nations:

The Scriptures state: "and Egypt wept for him for seventy days" (Gen.50:3).

Rabbi Abahu said: The entire seventy days that are between each letter are counterpart to the seventy days that Egypt did

kindness with Jacob (Talmud Eretz Yisrael, Sotah 1:10).

Here too Egypt is symbolic of the Nations. As we see, the events that transpired in Egypt reverberated into a different time and place — not in Egypt and not in the same era but in Persia many generations later.

The time between the first letter which Haman sent to persecute the Jewish People and the time that Mordechai sent his letters to vindicate them was a span of seventy days. These seventy days of agony do not just correspond numerically by happenstance to the seventy days that Egypt did kindness (mourning) for Joseph, but are actually tied in with them.

The Sages of the Land of Israel perceived the relationship between Israel and the Nations as a scale which must ultimately be kept balanced. When acts of goodness towards our people tip the scale, the scale is balanced out by acts of ill-will. How and when is not certain. The relationship is not something that can be completely explained by means of cause of effect, but is built into the workings of the Universe.

The unfortunate reality has been that good will is followed by ill-will albeit in a different time and place.

We do not know God's plans nor the workings of the Universe, but on the brighter side the Sages of the Land of Israel have taught us that ill will ultimately open the door to good will!

Kiddish is sponsored by Martelle and Shmueli Berdugo in honor of their parents and in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Gittel Leah bat Moshe, Shmueli's Grandmother.

Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy: All glory, honor, and blessings to the Almighty G-d in heaven above. May He continue to bless all Israel and Jews throughout the world especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill with health, wealth, and Torah. Please, Amen

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Evelyn Rothman, Eta bas Eaidel Rivka, beloved wife of Rabbi Bernard Rothman.

Rabbi Rothman will be sitting Shiva at Evelyn's brother's home, Rabbi Yudin, 19-09 Morlot Ave, Fairlawn, NJ.

Rabbi Rothman will be returning to Cherry Hill on Sunday to complete Shiva.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem

Rabbi Long, the Sofer, will be coming to Cherry Hill August 26th-30th. Please contact Shawn Baratz at [609-221-5078](tel:609-221-5078)(c) to sign-up for tefillin and mezuzah checking.

Women's swim continues at the Katz JCC and every Sunday thereafter from 6-7PM. Cost is \$10 and \$5 for JCC members. Feel free to email sarah.bienenfeld@gmail.com with any questions. This is not a shul program, just a community wide effort.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120
- Weekly Newsletter: \$50

Scrip - Purchase on YI's website or by contacting Joyce at Joseph5@aol.com

Tribute Cards— Support YI & mark any occasion by purchasing on YI's website.

Dvar Torah - to participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project, please use the link in the newsletter email.

Membership

- \$1,525** Regular Family
- \$775** Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)
- \$400** Young Single (under 30)
- \$500** First year at YI—Family
- \$250** First year at YI—Single
- \$500** Associate Membership

For more info, contact Shmuel at Samuel.Gluck@gmail.com

Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon - Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	7:50 pm
Mincha (Fri)	7:45 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	8:59 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos-men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.