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Calendar notes for שבֹּת and next week:

ask your children questions!

Summary of the פרָשָה, by עליות

for Mums & Dads, 100%

כהן settled in יַעֲקֹב. כִּנְעָן, at the age of 17, was a shepherd with his brothers. He would bring bad reports about them to their father. יַעֲקֹב loved יוֹסֵף more than his other sons, because he was "the son of his old age," and he gave יוֹסֵף a colourful gown made of fine wool. יוֹסֵף's brothers hated him because of this. יוֹסֵף had a dream in which his brothers' sheaves of corn bowed down to his sheaf. His brothers hated him more when he told them. In his next dream the sun, moon and eleven stars were bowing down to him. His brothers now became jealous, "וַאֲבִיו שָׁמַר אֶת-הַדְּבָר:" - but his father kept the matter in mind.

לוי sent יוֹסֵף to find out how his brothers were getting on, shepherding in שֶׁכֶם. A man told יוֹסֵף that his brothers had gone to דֹּתָן. As יוֹסֵף approached, his brothers plotted to kill him and tell their father that a wild beast had eaten him, "וַנִּרְאֶה מֶה-יְהִי חֲלֹמֹתָיו," "and then we will see what will come of his dreams!" יוֹסֵף told them not to kill יוֹסֵף, but just to throw him into a pit. He intended to rescue יוֹסֵף and return him to their father.

שלישי When יוֹסֵף arrived his brothers took his coat off him and threw him into the pit. They then sat down to eat. As a caravan of יִשְׁמַעֲאֵלִים passed by, יהוֹדָה convinced his brothers that they should sell יוֹסֵף rather than kill him. They sold him for twenty pieces of silver and the יִשְׁמַעֲאֵלִים brought him down to מצְרַיִם. מֵצָרֵיךְ returned to the pit and found יוֹסֵף had gone. He tore his garments in grief. The brothers slaughtered a goat and dipped יוֹסֵף's coat into it's blood. They returned and showed the coat to their father, who tore his clothes and mourned for many days. Meanwhile, יוֹסֵף had been sold to פוֹטִיפָר, a courtier of פרָעָה.

רביעי תָּמָר married עֵר. שֵׁלָה and אוֹנָן, bore three sons, called עֵר, שוּעַ and יהוֹדָה married רְבִיעִי.

חמישי ה' was with יוֹסֵף, and he became successful. His Egyptian master noticed that ה' was with him, and he appointed יוֹסֵף over his household. Once פוֹטִיפָר had appointed יוֹסֵף over his house, ה' blessed him for יוֹסֵף's sake, both "in the house and in the field." פוֹטִיפָר was happy for יוֹסֵף to be in charge of his whole household. יוֹסֵף was of very handsome appearance.

ששי יוֹסֵף's master's wife wanted to become very friendly with יוֹסֵף, but יוֹסֵף always refused to listen to her. One day, when he came to do his work in the house, and no servants were present, פוֹטִיפָר's wife caught hold of his garment. יוֹסֵף ran away, leaving his garment in the woman's hands. פוֹטִיפָר's wife called to the men of the house, telling them that יוֹסֵף had attacked her but ran away when she screamed. She told her husband the same story upon his return home. פוֹטִיפָר put יוֹסֵף in prison. ה' was with יוֹסֵף and the prison warden liked him. He was put in charge of all the inmates and everything that happened in the prison.

"וְאֵשֶׁר-הוּא עֹשֶׂה ה' מְצַלִּיחַ" "...and whatever he did, ה' made him successful."

שביעי The שַׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים (chief butler) and the שַׂר הָאֹפִיקִים (chief baker) sinned against their master, פרָעָה, and he threw them into the prison where יוֹסֵף was. Each of them had a dream. יוֹסֵף interpreted their dreams to mean that in three days the שַׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים would be returned to his post, but the שַׂר הָאֹפִיקִים would be hung on a tree. יוֹסֵף asked the שַׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים to mention him to פרָעָה, so that he could get out of prison. On the third day it was פרָעָה's birthday. He made a feast for his servants. פרָעָה returned the שַׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים to office (to his job) but the שַׂר הָאֹפִיקִים was hung, just as יוֹסֵף had interpreted. However, the שַׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים did not remember יוֹסֵף to פרָעָה.

סֵפֶר בְּרֵאשִׁית

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וַיַּחֲיוּ

Now read these פְּסוּקִים and the translations beneath them:

בְּרֵאשִׁית ל"ט

ח וַיִּמָּאן | וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אִשְׁתּוֹ אֲדֹנָי הֵן אֲדֹנָי לֹא־יָדַע אֶתִּי מִה־בַּבַּיִת וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־יֵשׁ־לוֹ נָתַן בְּיָדִי:

8 But he adamantly refused; he said to his master's wife, "Look - with me here, my master concerns himself about nothing in the house, and whatever he has he has put in my care."

ט אֵינְנִי גָדוֹל בַּבַּיִת הַזֶּה מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא־חָשַׁד מִמֶּנִּי מְאוּמָה כִּי אִם־אוֹתָךְ בָּאֲשֶׁר אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאִיךָ אֶעֱשֶׂה הָרָעָה הַגְּדוֹלָה הַזֹּאת וְחָטָאתִי לְאֱלֹקִים:

9 There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has denied me nothing but you, since you are his wife; how, then can, I do this great evil, and sin against ה'.

It was important to יוֹסֵף that his master's wife should not be angry, because he knew very well that she could cause him great harm. Therefore, he tried to speak to her in a way she would understand.

It would have been useless to speak to an Egyptian noblewoman about Jewish ideas and תּוֹרָה values, so he used general language. He explained that he must be loyal and grateful to the master who employed him, trusted him and treated him kindly. Only once he had said all this could he add that he did not want to sin against ה', too.

Can you remember Yosef's two dreams?
What did Reuven want to do?
What dreams did the Chief Butler and Chief Baker have? (look in a Chumash)

Can you explain the word 'loyalty'?

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from the wisdom of the Rabbis...

פְּרָקֵי אֲבוֹת א': י"ז

שמעון, his son says: All my days I have been raised among the חֲכָמִים and I found nothing better for oneself than silence. Not study, but practice is the main thing, and one who talks too much brings on sin."

יז שְׁמַעוֹן בְּנֵו אָמַר, כָּל יְמֵי גִדְלָתִי בֵּין חֲכָמִים, וְלֹא מְצָאתִי לְגוֹף טוֹב אֶלָּא שְׁתִּיקָה. וְלֹא תְּמַדְרֵשׁ הוּא הָעֵקֶר, אֶלָּא תְּמַעֲשֶׂה. וְכָל תְּמַרְבֵּה דְּבָרִים, מְבִיא חַטָּא:

שִׁבְתַּת שְׁלוֹם!