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### Chinuch is Never-Ending

Rashi explains from the word “vayeshev” that after a difficult life story Yaakov wanted to finally sit in tranquility. Hashem replies that the righteous receive their tranquility and ultimate reward in the world to come, however in this world they must toil. This explains the story which immediately follows in the parsha: the selling of Yosef.

Why is it that the righteous are not allowed peace in this world? Rav Moshe Feinstein explains that Yaakov’s intention or wish was that he had completed the mitzvah of chinuch for his children. His children were now older and already guided in the correct path of Torah. Yaakov could instead recommit to his own Torah study. Hashem answers him harshly for this mistaken view. Yaakov will soon realize that he had certainly not completed the chinuch of his children as they were about to enter

into one of the biggest sibling rivalries in Jewish history. Hashem’s lesson to Yaakov is that the chinuch of our children is never complete and never something we can assume is done.

### Even when living in Israel, our religious passion needs to be cultivated

How many families, just like Yaakov, settle each year in Israel thinking their role in educating their children is now done? If my children live in Israel they will be ok. Yet from story after story, we are shown that is not the case. Our children need much more. Now in our 6<sup>th</sup> year, hundreds of teen olim continue to be religiously inspired through NCSY Israel because we understand that chinuch never ends and that developing a connection to Torah is a continuous mission. Even when living in Israel, our religious passion needs to be cultivated and never assumed. As we celebrate Chanukah let us commit to help brighten the flame that exists inside



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ourselves and our children to ensure that we all shine our brightest. ■

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**The Value of  
Communication**



In this week's Parsha, we see the relationship between Yosef and his brothers. At the beginning of the Parsha, it talks about how Yaakov loved Yosef more than any of his other sons. Later on, Yosef tells his brothers about his dreams, which seemed to be about Yosef ruling over his brothers and even over his parents. These things caused jealousy and hatred amongst Yosef's brothers towards Yosef, which is what eventually led them to sell him into slavery.

In this story, there seemed to be a lack of understanding in Yaakov's family. Yaakov might not have realized that by treating Yosef better than the rest of his sons, he was causing them to be jealous of him. Yosef might not have thought that by sharing his dreams with his family he would cause his brothers to be upset with him. Nonetheless, Yosef's brothers still

ended up hating Yosef.

Being in a family can be difficult sometimes. A family member might feel that they're being treated worse than other members, or that one of their siblings are being treated better than the rest of the family. There can be fights between siblings, between a child and their parents, or among the parents themselves. This tension can make living as a family very challenging at times and can lead to people doing things to their family that they might later regret.

One of the messages we can learn from this week's Parsha is the importance of communication in families. When family members talk to each other about how they feel, they are able to be closer with one another and grow as a family. They can better support each other and really feel that their family cares for them, understands them, and truly loves them. ■

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