

A background illustration depicting a scene from the Torah. In the center, a figure representing Pharaoh, wearing a yellow headdress and a blue robe, holds a golden scepter. He is looking down at a group of people in the foreground. The people are wearing various colored robes (blue, green, white) and head coverings. The setting appears to be an outdoor courtyard or palace grounds with a blue sky and some architectural elements in the background.

Etz Chaim's Torah at the Table Parshat Mikeitz

Much of the story of Yoseif revolves around dreams. He dreams lofty dreams of his own and he interprets the dreams of others. In the beginning of our Parsha, Pharaoh has a dream and the Torah tells us that none of his wise counselors or necromancers could interpret the dream.

Rashi teaches us that they did interpret the dream, but Pharaoh did not accept or like their explanations. He did ultimately accept Yoseif's interpretation.

Why do you think that is so?

(See Rashi 41:8)

(A classic) - Once Yoseif rose to power and prominence, why did he not write home to his father or his favorite brother Benjamin?

Once the brothers appear on the scene on Mitzrayim and Yoseif knows who they are but they do not know his true identity, Yoseif does some strange things. We know how the story ends and they all live "Happily ever after" so to speak.

If someone so close to you had wronged you in such an egregious fashion and you had the opportunity to take revenge or punish them for their misdeeds, would you do so or would you let it slide?