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Topics of this parasha



The story of Joseph begins



Joseph's Dreams



The family conflict and the sale of Joseph



The Story of Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38)



Joseph in Egypt

MEANING:

AND SEASON BERESHIT 37:1 – 40:23

Mitzvot



There are no mitzvot

Joseph, at seventeen years old, was his father's most beloved son, having been born in his old age and being the son of Rachel, his favorite wife. As a token of this special affection, Jacob gave him an ornamental robe, which provoked the hatred of his brothers, who were already looking at him with jealousy because Joseph was bringing bad news about them to his father.





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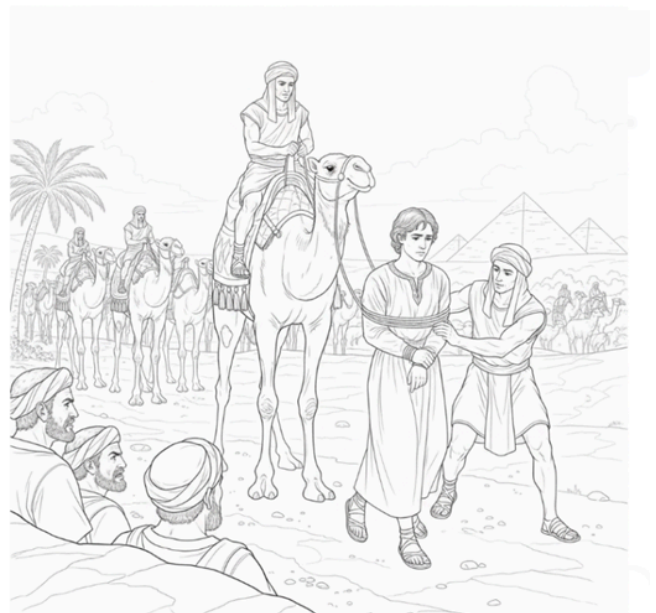
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Joseph's Dreams

Tensions grew when Joseph recounted two dreams: in the first, "We were tying sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down."; in the second, the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me. His brothers interpreted these dreams as signs that Joseph aspired to rule over them, and they hated him even more. Even Jacob rebuked him, though he kept what he had heard to heart.

The family conflict and the sale of Joseph

Some time later, Jacob sent Joseph to find his brothers who were herding sheep in Shechem. Seeing him approaching, they plotted to kill him, calling him "the dreamer." Reuben, the eldest, tried to save him by suggesting, "Throw him into that pit out there in the desert, instead of shedding his blood," with the intention of rescuing him later. So, they stripped him of his special tunic and threw him into the empty pit. Meanwhile, a caravan of Ishmaelite merchants passed by on their way to Egypt. Judah suggested selling him instead of killing him, and so they did, handing him over to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. When Reuben returned and didn't find Joseph, he despaired, but it was too late. The brothers took his tunic, stained it with goat's blood, and sent it to their father. Upon seeing her, Jacob concluded that a wild beast had devoured him and wept inconsolably, refusing to be comforted, while declaring that he would go down to Sheol to mourn for his son. Thus, Joseph was taken to Mitzraim, where he was sold to Potiphar, Pharaoh's courtier.





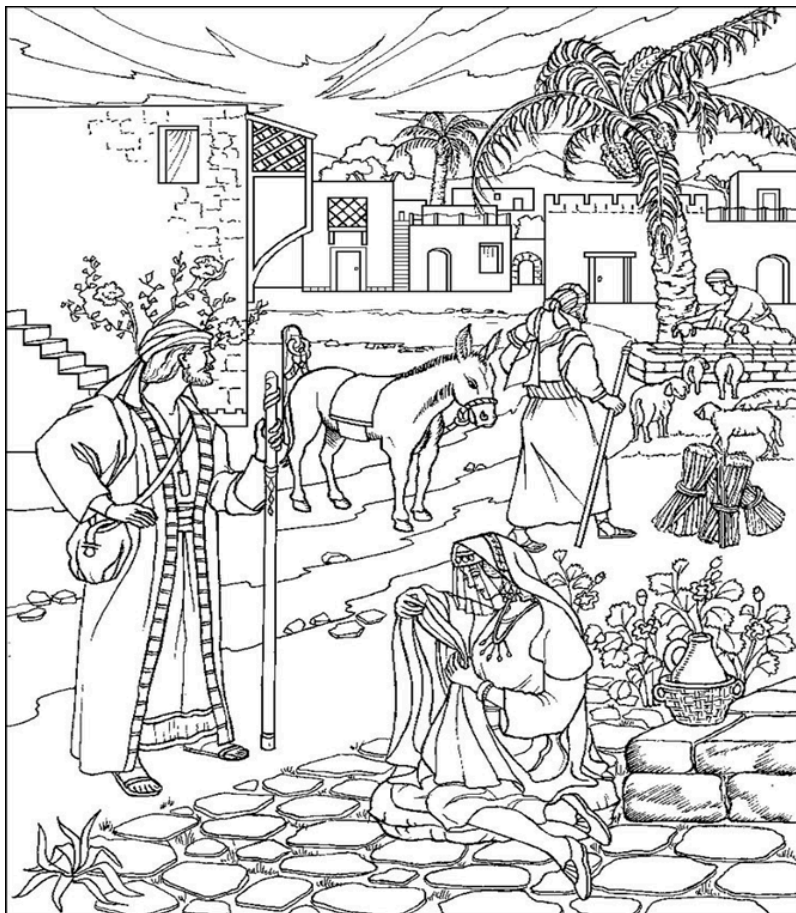
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The story of Judah and Tamar

Yehudah separates from his brothers and has three sons: Er, Onan, and Shelah. His firstborn son, Er, marries Tamar, but dies for his wickedness (he displeased Yahweh). According to the law of levirate marriage, Onan was to marry Tamar to bear her offspring, but he refuses and also dies. Yehudah promises to give her Shelah when she grows up, but he does not keep his promise. When Tamar sees that she is childless, she takes off her widow's clothes, covers her face with a veil, and wraps herself in cloth and sits at the entrance to Enaim, for she sees that Shelah is grown, yet she has not been given to her as a wife. She meets Yehudah on the road. He, not recognizing her, joins her and gives her his seal, cord, and staff as security. Tamar conceives, and when she is accused of adultery, she presents Yehudah's belongings, proving that he is the father. Yehudah admits his mistake, saying, "She is more righteous than I," for he had not given her Shelah. Tamar gives birth to twins, Perez and Zerah.





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Joseph in Egypt

Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, a minister of Pharaoh. There he gained his master's trust and was placed in charge of his household, but Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce him; when he resisted, she falsely accused him, and Joseph was imprisoned. In prison, he also found favor and was entrusted with the administration of prisoners. There he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker: he predicted that the cupbearer would be reinstated and the baker would be executed, and so it was. However, the cupbearer did not think of Joseph; he forgot about him.



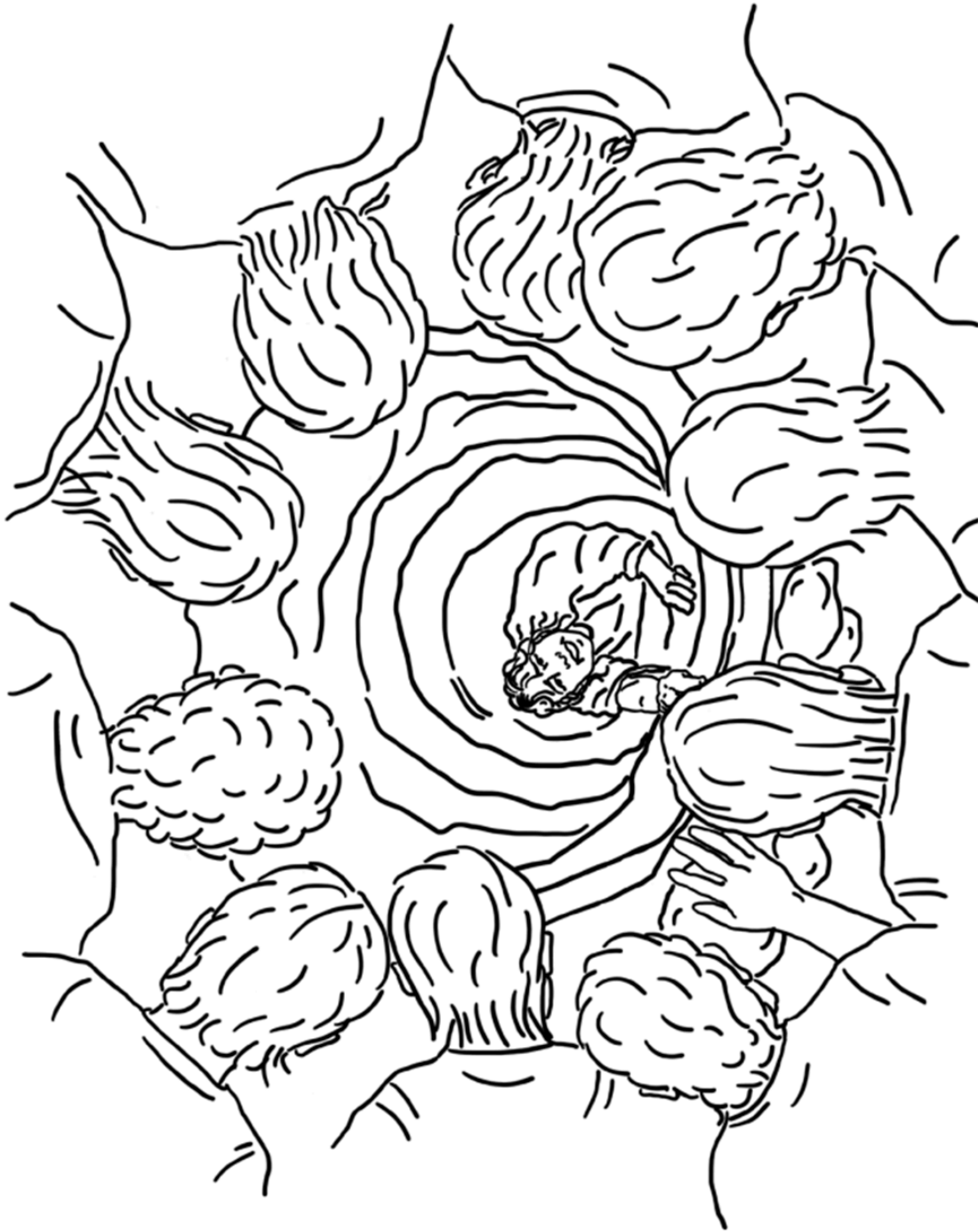


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Decorate the following image with the materials of your choice.





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Answer the following questions

1 Who was Jacob's favorite son?

- lehudah
- Joseph
- Reuben

2 How many dreams did Joseph have?

- 4
- 2
- 3

3 Where was Joseph taken when he was sold?

- Tax
- Mitzraim
- Shekhem

4 What did the brothers do with Joseph when he came to look for them in Shechem?

- They were happy
- They threw him into a well
- They gave him a gift

5 Joseph interpreted the two dreams of Pharaoh's officials. To whom did he give good news?

- To the baker
- To the waiter
- To the cupbearer

6 What were the names of Tamar's twins?

- Yahudah y Esaw
- Peretz and Zeraj
- Shekhem y Jamor



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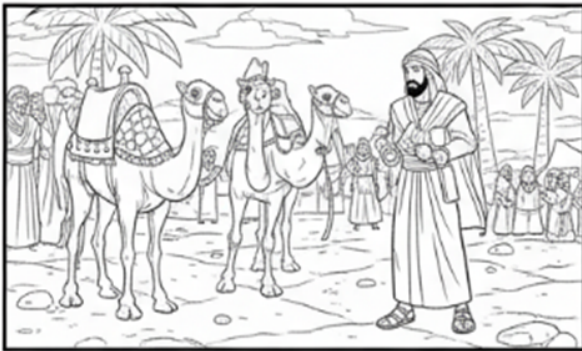
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Joseph and his brothers



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