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# Alumni Reflections

FEATURING: Rabbi Ari Kahan, S'gan Menahel of The Yeshiva of MN

## Impact of Limud HaTorah

### Of Hatred and Jealousy

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Two dreams. Both met with disdain by Yosef's brothers. There is one slight difference, however. After the first dream, involving sheaves of wheat bowing to Yosef's sheaf, the Torah says the brothers hated him. After the second dream, where the brothers, represented by stars bowed to Yosef, the Torah states they were jealous of him.

Why the change in emotion? The dreams seemed pretty identical, why did one spawn hate and the other engendered jealousy?

The Bais HaLevi explains, that the two dreams represented two different arenas of Yosef's superiority over the brothers. The wheat dream symbolized material power while the second represented spiritual dominion.

In human nature, says the Bais HaLevi, there is a difference between hatred and jealousy. Hatred is borne out of a distaste for another's actions, while jealousy is a product of a sense of inferiority.

After the first dream, which foretold of the brother's ultimate reliance on Yosef for sustenance, the brothers hated him. The suggestion that they would need to come onto him for food was - in their minds - haughty and mean-spirited. Yet, they weren't

jealous; for having more material possessions doesn't make one man better than another.

It wasn't until Yosef intimated that he would surpass them spiritually, as expressed in the second dream, did the brothers become jealous. For at this point they began to feel inferior to Yosef.

We see a powerful lesson in human nature from this comment of the Bais HaLevi. More than that, however, we see that the true measure of one's greatness has nothing at all to do with his material assets. Rather, it is based solely on one's spiritual achievements.

Have a good Shabbos.





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## The Kollel begins its Lunch Seminar Series



The Kollel launched a new series of lunch seminars this week at the law offices of SeilerSchindel, PLLC. In this series, we will meet at professional offices around town and explore relevant contemporary topics from a Torah perspective as well as a professional approach. The first installment of the series was about environmental law and was presented by Rabbi Avigdor Goldberger and Mr. Jeremy Greenhouse, a renowned environmental attorney. Please see Rabbi Goldberger to set up a lunch seminar in your office or to suggest a topic you would like to see explored.



Attorneys Jeremy Greenhouse (L) and Jerry Laurie (R) look on as Rabbi Goldberger makes a point

## Insights Into Davening - *By: Rabbi Yaakov E. Mandelbaum*

### Al HaNissim

We know that when the Anshei Kenesses HaGedola (Men of the Great Assembly) composed the language of the Shemona Esrei in the beginning of the Second Temple era, they composed it in Lashon HaKodesh, the original "Hebrew." Why, then, does Al Hanissim, the prayer we insert for Chanukkah and Purim contain an Aramaic word-"Purkan"? A student of the famed Rashba stated that some of the words contained in other languages today are- in fact- part of Lashon HaKodesh and were appropriated by other tongues during the Great Dispersion in the year 1996 since Creation. Therefore, it is possible that the word "purkan" is indeed Lashon HaKodesh!