Miketz -Torah

Genesis 41:53-43:15

(53) The seven years of abundance that the land of Egypt enjoyed came to an end, (54) and the seven years of famine set in, just as Joseph had foretold. There was famine in all lands, but throughout the land of Egypt there was bread. (55) And when all the land of Egypt felt the hunger, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Jo-seph; whatever he tells you, you shall do."— (56) Accordingly, when the famine became severe in the land of Egypt, Joseph laid open all that was within, and rationed out grain to the Egyptians. The famine, however, spread over the whole world. (57) So all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to procure rations, for the famine had become severe throughout the world. (1) When Jacob saw that there were food rations to be had in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you keep looking at one another? (2) Now I hear," he went on, "that there are rations to be had in Egypt. Go down and procure rations for us there, that we may live and not die." (3) So ten of

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(נג) וַתִּכְלֵּינָה שֶׁבַע שָׁנֵי הַשַּׂבַע אֲשֵׁר הַיָה בָּאָרֶץ מִצְרֵיִם: (נד) וַתִּחְלֵּינַה שֶׁבַע שְׁנֵי ַרַעַב רַעַב רָעַב רָעַב רָעַב רָעַב רָעַב רָעַב רַעַב רַ בְּכַל־הַאַרֵצות וּבְכַל־אַרֵץ מִצְרַיִם הַיָה לָחֶם: (נה) וַתְּרַעַבֹּ כַּל־אָרֵץ מִצְרִיִם וַיִּצְעֵק הַעָם אֵל־פַּרִעָה לַלַּחָם וַיּאמֶר פַּרְעָה לכל־מַצְרַיָם לכוּ אַל־יוֹסְׁף אַשֶׁר־יאמַר לָכֵם תַּעֲשָׂוּ: (נו) וְהָרָעָב הָיָָה עַל כָּל־פְּגֵי הארץ וַיִּפַּהַּח יוֹסָף אַת־כּל־אַשֵׁר בּהַם וַיִּשְׁבָּר לִמְצָרִים וַיַּחַזָק הַרַעַב בָּאַרֵץ מְצְרֵיִם: (נז) וְכַל־הַאַּרֵץ בָּאוּ מְצְרִיִם: לִשָּׁבָּר אֶל־יוֹסֵף כִּי־חָזַק הָרָעָב בְּכַל־הַאָרֵץ: (א) נַיִּרָא יַעֲקֶּב כֵּי יֵשׁ־שָׁבַר בָּמִצְרֵיִם נַיָּאמֶר יַעַקֹב ֹלְבַנִּיו לַמֵּה תִּתְרָאִוּ: (ב) וַלּאמֶר הָנֵה שַׁמַּעִתִּי כִּי יֵשׁ־שָׁבֶר בָּמִצְרֵיִם רָדוּ־שַׁמַה וְשָׁבִרוּ־לֵנוּ מְשַּׁם וְנָחָיָה ולְאׁ נַמְוּת: (ג) וַיֵּרְדָוּ אֲחֵי־יוֹסֵף עֲשָׂרֶה לִשְבָּר בַּר מִמְצָרֵיִם: (ד) וְאֶת־בִּנְיַמִין אֲחֵי יוֹסֶׁף לֹא־שַׁלַח יַעַקֹב אָת־אָחַיו כִּי אַמַּר פַן־יקראַנוּ אסון: (ה) נִיבּאוֹ בַנֵי ישראַל

Joseph's brothers went down to get grain rations in Egypt; (4) for Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, since he feared that he might meet with disaster. (5) Thus the sons of Israel were among those who came to procure rations, for the famine extended to the land of Canaan. (6) Now Joseph was the vizier of the land; it was he who dispensed rations to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed low to him, with their faces to the ground. (7) When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them; but he acted like a stranger toward them and spoke harshly to them. He asked them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to procure food." (8) For though Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. (9) Recalling the dreams that he had dreamed about them, Joseph said to them, "You are spies, you have come to see the land in its nakedness." (10) But they said to him, "No, my lord! Truly, your servants have come to procure food. (11) We are all of us sons of the same man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies!" (12) And he said to them, "No, you have come to see the land in its nakedness!" (13) And they replied, "We your servants were twelve brothers, sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more." (14) But Joseph said to them, "It is just as I have told you: You are spies! (15) By this you shall be put to the test: unless your youngest brother comes here, by Pharaoh, you shall not depart from this place! (16) Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain confined, that your words may be put to the test whether there is truth in you. Else, by Pharaoh, you are nothing but spies!" (17) And he confined them in the guardhouse for three days. (18) On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you shall live, for I am a God-fearing man.

לְשָׁבָּר בִּתְוֹךְ הַבַּאֵים כֵּי־הַיָה הַרַעַב בָּאֵרֵץ בָּנַעַן: (ו) וִיוֹסֶׁף הַוּא הַשַּׁלֵּיט עַל־הַאַבץ הָוּא הַמַּשָׁבֵּיר לְכַל־עַם הַאַרֵץ וַיַּבּאוּ אַחֵי יוֹסֶׁף וַיִּשְׁתַּחַווּ־לִּוֹ אַפַּיִם אַרְצָה: (ז) וַיִּרָא יוֹסֵף אָת־אָחַיו ויַּכָּרֵם ויִּתְנַכָּר אַלִיהָם ויִדבֵּר אָתָם קשׁות נִיאמר אַלָהַם מאָין בּאתם וַיַּבֶּר (ח) וַיַּבֶּר (מְאָרֶץ כָּנַעַן לְשָׁבַּר־אָׁכֶל: יוֹסֶף אֶת־אָחַיו וָהָם לֹא הִכְּרֵהוּ: (ט) וַיִּזְכִּר יוֹסֶׁף אָת הַחַלמוֹת אֲשֵׁר חַלָם לַהָם וַיָּאמֶר אַלָהֶם מֶרגַלִים אַתָּם לראות אַת־ערוַת הארץ באתם: (י) וַיאמרוּ אַליו לא אַדני וַעַבַדֵידְ בַּאוּ לִשְׁבַּר־אָכֵל: (יא) כַּלְּנוּ בָּנֵי אָיש־אָחָד נַחָנוּ כַּנִים אַנַּחָנוּ לֹא־הַיִּוּ עַבַדִיךּ מרגלים: (יב) ויֹאמר אלהם לא כּי־ערות הַאָרֵץ בַּאתֵם לְרְאָוֹת: (יג) וַיֹּאמְרוּ שָׁנֵים עַשַׂר עַבַדָּידְ אַחָים ו אַנַחָנוּ בָּנֵי אִישׁ־אָחָד בַּאַרֵץ כָּנַעַן וְהָנָּה הַקַּטָן אֶת־אַבִּינוּ הַיּוֹם וָהָאֶחַד אֵינֵנוּ: (יד) וַיִּאֹמֶר אֱלָהָם יוֹסֵף הֿוּא אַשֶּׁר דָבַּרָתִּי אַלְכֵם לָאמָר מִרַגִּלִים אַתַּם: (טו) בָּזָאת תִּבַחַנוּ חֵי פַרְעֹה אָם־תַּצְאָוּ מְזָה כֵּי אָם־בָּבוֹא אַחִיכִם הַקְּטַוְ הַנַּה: (טז) שׁלְחֹנּ מָכָם אָחָד וָיַקָּח אָת־אַחִיכָם וְאַתָּם הָאָסְרוּ ויַבַּחַנוּ דָּבָרִיכֶּם הַאֱמֵת אָתַּכֵם ואָם־לֹּא חֵי פַרעה כֵּי מַרְגַּלִים אַתַּם: (יז) וַיַּאֶסֹף אֹתָם אַל־מִשְׁמֵר שָׁלְשָׁת יַמִים: (יח) וַיּאמֶר אַלָהָם יוֹסֶף בַּיִּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִּׁי זָאֹת עֲשִׂוּ וָחָיָוּ אָת־הָאֱלֹהָים אֲנֵי יָרֵא: (יט) אָם־כֵּנִים אַהֶּם אַחיכם אַחָד יַאסר בַּבִית משמרכם ואַתַּם לָכָוּ הַבְּיאוּ שֵׁבֶר רַעֲבָוֹן בַּתֵּיכֵם: (כ) וָאָת־אָחִיכֵם הַקַּטֹן תַּבִיאוּ אֵלֵי וְיַאַמְנִוּ דָבְרֵיכָם וְלָא תַמְוּתוּ וַיַּעֲשׁוּ־כֶּן: (כא) וַיאמרוּ אַישׁ אַל־אַחָיו אַבל אַשְׁמִים ו אַנַחַנוּ עַל־אַחִינוּ אַשֶּׁר ראַינוּ צרַת נַפְשֵׁוּ בָּהָתְחַנְנְוֹ אֱלֵינוּ וָלָאׁ שַׁמֵעְנוּ עַל־כֵּן בַּאַה אֶלֵינוּ הַצַּרָה הַוֹּאת: (כב) נַיַּעַוֹּ רְאוּבֶּן אֹתַם לאמר הלוא אמרתי אליכם ן לאמר אַל־תַּחַטָּאָוּ בַיַּלֵד וַלְא שְׁמַעְתָּם וַגַּם־דָּמִוֹ הָנָה נָדְרֵשׁ: (כג) וָהֶם לֹא יַדְעֹׁוּ כֵּי שֹׁמֵעַ

(19) If you are honest men, let one of you brothers be held in your place of detention, while the rest of you go and take home rations for your starving households; (20) but you must bring me your youngest brother, that your words may be verified and that you may not die." And they did accordingly. (21) They said to one another, "Alas, we are being punished on account of our brother, because we looked on at his anguish, yet paid no heed as he pleaded with us. That is why this distress has come upon us." (22) Then Reuben spoke up and said to them, "Did I not tell you, 'Do no wrong to the boy'? But you paid no heed. Now comes the reckoning for his blood." (23) They did not know that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between him and them. (24) He turned away from them and wept. But he came back to them and spoke to them; and he took Simeon from among them and had him bound before their eyes. (25) Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, return each one's money to his sack, and give them provisions for the journey; and this was done for them. (26) So they loaded their asses with the rations and departed from there. (27) As one of them was opening his sack to give feed to his ass at the night encampment, he saw his money right there at the mouth of his bag. (28) And he said to his brothers, "My money has been returned! It is here in my bag!" Their hearts sank; and, trembling, they turned to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?" (29) When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had befallen them, saying, (30) "The man who is lord of the land spoke harshly to us and accused us of spying on the land. (31) We said to him, 'We are honest men; we have never been spies! (32) There were twelve of us brothers, sons by the same father; but one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan.' (33) But the man who is lord of the land said to

יוֹסֵף כֵּי הַמֶּלִיץ בֵּינֹתַם: (כד) וַיִּסְּב מֵעַלִיהַם ניבר נישב אַלהַם ניִדבּר אַלהָם ניַקח מֵאָתַּם אָת־שָׁמְעוֹן וַיָּאֱסָר אֹתָוֹ לְעֵינֵיהֶם: (כה) וַיַצֵו יוֹסָׁף וַיִּמֶלְאַוּ אֵת־כַּלִיהֶם בּרֹּ וּלָהַשִּׁיב כַּסְפִּיהֶם אֵישׁ אֶל־שַׂלְּוֹ וְלָתֵת לָהֶם צַדָה לַהַרֶדְ נַיַּעֲשׁ לַהָם כַּן: (כו) נַיִּשְאַוּ אַת־שָׁבָרָם עַל־חַמֹרֵיהָם וַיֵּלְכִוּ מִשֵּׁם: (כז) ניפַפַּח האַחד אַת־שַׂקוֹ לתת מַספּוֹא לַחַמֹרוֹ בַּמַלוֹן וַיַּרָאֹ אֶת־כַּסְפֿוֹ וָהָנֶה־הָוֹא בָּפֵי אַמְתַּחַתָּוֹ: (כח) וַיָּאמֶר אַל־אַחיוֹ הוּשֵׁב כַּספִּי וגַם הַנָּה בַאֲמְתַחַתִּי וַיִּצֵא לבֹּם נַיָּחֶרָדוּ אָישׁ אֱל־אַחִיוֹ לֵאמֹר מַה־זָּאֹת עֲשֵׂה אַלהִים לַנוּ: (כט) וַיַּבָאוּ אֵל־יַעַקֹב אַבִיהַם אָרצה כָּנַעַן וַיַּגִידוּ לוֹ אַת כּל־הַקּרת אֹתִם לָאמָר: (ל) דָבֶר הַאָּישׁ אֲדֹנֵי הַאַרֵץ אָתַנוּ קָשָׁוֹת וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָנוּ כַּמְרַגִּלִים אֵת־הַאַרִץ: (לא) וַנְּאמֶר אֵלִיו כָּנִים אַנַחָנוּ לְא הַיִינוּ מְרַגָּלִים: (לב) שָׁנִים־עֲשֵׂר אַנַחָנוּ אַחִים בְּנֵי אַבִינוּ הַאָחַד אֵינְנוּ וָהַקּטֹן הַיָּוֹם אַת־אַבִינוּ בָּאָרֶץ כָּנַעַן: (לג) וַיִּאמֶר אֶלֵינוּ הַאִּישׁ אֲדֹנֵי הארץ בואת אדע כי כנים אתם אחיכם הַאָחַד הַנֵּיחוּ אָתִּי וָאָת־רַעַבוֹן בַּתִּיכֵם קחוּ וַלֵכוּ: (לד) וְהַבִּיאוּ אֶת־אָחִיכֵם הַקַּטוֹ אֱלַיֹּ ואַדעַה כִּי לֹא מִרגִּלִים אַתָּם כִּי כָנִים אַתַּם אַת־אַחִיכָם אָתֵּן לַכָּם וָאַת־הַאַרֵץ תִּסְחַרוּ: (לה) וַיְהִי הֶם מְרִיקֵים שַׂקִיהֶם וְהִנֵּה־אֵישׁ צָרוֹר־כַּסְפָּוֹ בִּשַׂקוֹ וַיָּרָאוֹ אֶת־צָרֹרָוֹת כַּספּיהם המה ואביהם וייראוּ: (לו) ויאמר אָלהֶם יַעֲקָב אָבִיהֶם אֹתָי שִׁכַּלְתַּם יוֹמֵף אַינָבּוּ וִשְׁמִעוֹן אֵינָבּוּ וָאֵת־בִּנְיַמֵן תִּלְּחוּ עַלִי הַיִּוּ כַלֵּנָה: (לז) וַיָּאמֶר רְאוּבֶן אֱל־אֲבִיו לָאמֹר אֶת־שָׁנֵי בַנַיֹּ תַּמִּית אָם־לָא אֲבִיאַנּוּ אָלֵיך תַּנָה אֹתוֹ עַל־יַלִּי וַאָנֵי אֲשִׁיבֵנוּ אֵלִיךּ: (לח) נַיּאמֶר לְאִ־יֵרֶד בָּנֵי עָמַבֶם כֵּי־אֲחִיוּ מָת וָהָוּא לְבַדִּוֹ נִשְאַר וּקרַאָהוּ אַסוֹן בַּדֵּרֵךְ אַשֶׁר הַלְכוּ־בָּה וָהוֹרַדְהַם אֵת־שִׁיבַתֵּי בְּיַגוֹן שָׁאָוֹלָה: (א) וָהַרַעַב כַּבֶד בַּאַרֵץ: (ב) וַיִּהִי פַאשר כַּלוּ לאַכָל אַת־הַשַּׁבֵר אַשֵׁר הַבִּיאוּ

us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take something for your starving households and be off. (34) And bring your youngest brother to me, that I may know that you are not spies but honest men. I will then restore your brother to you, and you shall be free to move about in the land." (35) As they were emptying their sacks, there, in each one's sack, was his money-bag! When they and their father saw their moneybags, they were dismayed. (36) Their father Jacob said to them, "It is always me that you bereave: Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you would take away Benjamin. These things always happen to me!" (37) Then Reuben said to his father, "You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my care, and I will return him to you." (38) But he said, "My son must not go down with you, for his brother is dead and he alone is left. If he meets with disaster on the journey you are taking, you will send my white head down to Sheol in grief." (1) But the famine in the land was severe. (2) And when they had eaten up the rations which they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again and procure some food for us." (3) But Judah said to him, "The man warned us, 'Do not let me see your faces unless your brother is with you.' (4) If you will let our brother go with us, we will go down and procure food for you; (5) but if you will not let him go, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'Do not let me see your faces unless your brother is with you." (6) And Israel said, "Why did you serve me so ill as to tell the man that you had another brother?" (7) They replied, "But the man kept asking about us and our family, saying, 'Is your father still living? Have you another brother?' And we answered him accordingly. How were we to know that he would say, 'Bring your brother here'?" (8) Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send

מִמְצָרֵיָם וַיָּאמֶר אַלִיהָם אַבִיהָם שָבוּ שָׁבָרוּ־לֵנוּ מִעַט־אָכֵל: (ג) וַיָּאמֶר אֱלֵיו יָהוּדָה לַאמָר הַעֵּד הָעִד゚ בַּנוּ הַאֵּישׁ לַאמֹר לא־תראו פני בּלתי אַחיכם אַתכם: (ד) אָם־יָשָׁךָּ מְשַׁלֵּחַ אֵת־אַחִינוּ אָתַנוּ נֵרַדָּה ונשברה לה אכל: (ה) ואם־אינה משלם לא נַרָד כֵּי־האָישׁ אמַר אַלִינוּ לֹא־תַרְאוּ פּנִי בַּלְתַּי אֲחִיכֶם אִתְּכֵם: (ו) וַיּאמר יִשִׂרַאֵּל לְמָה הַרְעֹתֵם לֵי לְהָגִּיד לְאָישׁ הַעְוֹד לְכָם אָח: (ז) נִיאִמְרוּ שׁאַוֹל שַאַל־האַישׁ לְנוּ וּלמִוֹלְדְתַּנוּ לִאמֹר הַעוֹד אַבִיכֵם חֵי הֵישׁ לַכֶם אַח וַנַּגָּד־לוֹ עַל־פִּי הַדְּבַרִים הַאֵּלֶה בַּיַדִוֹעַ נַדַּע כֵּי יאׁמַר הוֹרֵידוּ אֱת־אָחִיכֵם: (ח) ניאמר יהודה אַל־יִשׂראַל אביו שַלחַה הַנַער אָתִּי וְנַקּוּמָה וְנַלֶכָה וְנָחָיֵה וְלֹא נַמֹּוּת גַּם־אָנַחָנוּ גַם־אַתָּה גַּם־טַפָּנוּ: (ט) אַנֹכִיּ אַעַרבנוּ מִידֵי תַבַקשׁנוּ אַם־לֹא הבִיאֹתיו אַלִּידֹ וָהָצַגָּתִּיו לְפַנִּידִ וְחַטֵאתִי לְדָּ כַּל־הַיַּמֵים: (י) כִּי לוּלֵא הָתִמַהְמֵהְנוּ כֵּי־עַתָּה שַׁבָנוּ זֵה פַעֲמֵיִם: (יא) <mark>וַיּאׁמֶר</mark> אַלהֿם ישראַל אַבִיהָם אַם־כֵּן ן אַפּוֹא זאָת עשוֹ קחוּ מִזְמָרָת הַאַרֵץ בִּכְלִיכֶּם וְהוֹרֵידוּ לָאִישׁ מִנְחָה מִעַט צֵרָי וּמִעֵט דְּבַשׁ נְכָאֹת וַלָּט בַּטְגִים וּשָׁקַדִים: (יב) וְכֶסֶף מִשְׁנָה קְחָוּ בַיַדְכָם וָאָת־הַכַּפָׁף הַמּוֹשֹׁב בַּפֵי אַמְתַּחָתִיכָם תַּשִׁיבוּ בְיֵדְכֶּם אוּלֵי מִשְׁגֵּה הָוּא: (יג) וָאֶת־אָחִיכָם קַחוּ וָקוּמוּ שׁוֹבוּ אֱל־הַאֵּישׁ: (יד) ואַל שַׁבִּי יָתַּן לכם בחמים לפני האיש וְשָׁלֵח לַכֵם אֶת־אָחִיכֵם אַחֶר וְאֶת־בְּנִימֵין וַיָּקְחָוּ עַבְלְתִּי שַׁבַלְתִּי: (טו) וַיִּקְחָוּ הַאָנַשִׁים אַת־הַמִּנְחָה הַוֹּאֹת וּמִשְׁנֵה־כֵּסֶף לָקְתָוּ בְיָדָם וְאֶת־בִּנְיָמֵן וַיָּלֵמוּ וַיִּרדוּ מִצְרִים וַיַּעַמְדָוּ לִפְנֵי יוֹסֵף:

the boy in my care, and let us be on our way, that we may live and not die—you and we and our children. (9) I myself will be surety for him; you may hold me responsible: if I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, I shall stand guilty before you forever. (10) For we could have been there and back twice if we had not dawdled." (11) Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, do this: take some of the choice products of the land in your baggage, and carry them down as a gift for the man—some balm and some honey, gum, ladanum, pistachio nuts, and almonds. (12) And take with you double the money, carrying back with you the money that was replaced in the mouths of your bags; perhaps it was a mistake. (13) Take your brother too; and go back at once to the man. (14) And may El Shaddai dispose the man to mercy toward you, that he may release to you your other brother, as well as Benjamin. As for me, if I am to be bereaved, I shall be bereaved." (15) So the men took that gift, and they took with them double the money, as well as Benjamin. They made their way down to Egypt, where they presented themselves to Joseph.