

# **Parshat Vayeishev**

Genesis 37:1-17

## **First Aliyah**

<sup>1</sup> Now Jacob was settled in the land where his father had sojourned, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This, then, is the line of Jacob: At seventeen years of age, Joseph tended the flocks with his brothers, as a helper to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. And Joseph brought bad reports of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic.

## **Second Aliyah**

<sup>4</sup> And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him.

<sup>5</sup> Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Hear this dream which I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> There we were binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf stood up and remained upright; then your sheaves gathered around and bowed low to my sheaf."

### **Third Aliyah**

<sup>8</sup> His brothers answered, “Do you mean to reign over us? Do you mean to rule over us?” And they hated him even more for his talk about his dreams. <sup>9</sup> He dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, “Look, I have had another dream: And this time, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing, down to me.” <sup>10</sup> And when he told it to his father and brothers, his father berated him. “What,” he said to him, “is this dream you have dreamed? Are we to come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow low to you to the ground?” <sup>11</sup> So his brothers were wrought up at him, and his father kept the matter in mind.

## **Fourth Aliyah**

<sup>12</sup> One time, when his brothers had gone to pasture their father's flock at Shechem, <sup>13</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are pasturing at Shechem. Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "I am ready." <sup>14</sup> And he said to him, "Go and see how your brothers are and how the flocks are faring, and bring me back word." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. When he reached Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?" <sup>16</sup> He answered, "I am looking for my brothers. Could you tell me where they are pasturing?" <sup>17</sup> The man said, "They have gone from here, for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph followed his brothers and found them at Dothan.