

## **Parshas Mikeitz**

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When *Yosef*'s brothers came down and bowed down to him, the *pasuk* says, "and *Yosef* remembered the dreams..." " The *Ramban* says that *Yosef* knew that this was not the fulfillment of the first dream, since that dream required all 11 of his brothers, and *Benyomin* wasn't there yet, so he started his whole plan of accusing them as spies to get *Binyamin* down to *Mitzrayim*. The *Ramban* also explains why *Yosef* never sent a message to his father that he was alive once he was a king. It was because he had to fulfill the dreams properly, and if he called his father first, then the second dream (of his brothers and his father bowing to him) would be fulfilled first. The *Ramban* says that if he wasn't delaying telling his father that he was alive in order to fulfill the dreams, it would've been a big *avaira* to keep his father in pain. We see that *Yosef* felt very confident that his interpretation of his dreams were correct. Confident enough to cause his father and brothers a lot of pain.

But how could he be so sure that he was doing the right thing?! The *gemara* in *Brachos* tells us that every dream has some *devorim bateilim* (falsehoods.) *Yosef* had been away from any good role models for over 20 years, and he had a big potential bias in paining his brothers as revenge for them selling him. How was he confident enough to go through with his whole plan, in order to get the absolute perfect interpretation of his dream to come true?

We see from here that when you reach a certain point of confidence, you have to shut down any doubts and be fully sure that you are doing the right thing. Once you know you're doing the right thing, any further "what if's" are just tricks of the *yetzer hora* to throw you off. Stay strong and do the right thing!