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As Yaakov Avinu was about to be niftar he called his children together and gave them each a special *bracha*. Yaakov blessed each one individually and gave each one specific instructions and *hadracha*. The *bracha* was not merely for each son, rather it was meant as a guide and blessing for all his future children and generations. As Rashi constantly notes throughout the p'sukim, Yaakov foresaw all the happenings and events for their particular Shevet.

While Yaakov gave each child his own unique *bracha* and private time, at first however, he called them all together. As the torah writes "*hei'asfu*" gather together "*vshimu bnei Yaakov*" and the children of yaakov shall listen to me.

The word "*hei'asfu*" to gather together, was not just a way to get them all into one place, rather this was part of Yaakov Avinu's instructions. This was his first word of the *bracha*, if you want my *bracha* to take effect, first and foremost you must be one unit. It is only when they are *b'achdus* and are together as one that they can survive.

If one analyzes Yaakov's 12 children he'll realize that they were each very different and had individual talents and *kochos*. Yehuda was a *melech*, Yissachar sat and learned torah, Zevulun was involved in business, Levi served Hashem in the Bais Hamikdash, while Yosef was king in Mitzrayim and so on. Each so very different and varied. But together they made up Klal Yisroel's most beautiful family. Regardless of their different ways to serve Hashem, they all respected each other and realized they must all rely on one another.

Let us listen to Yaakov Avinus last words "*hei'asfu*"! Let's gather together, let us respect one another and recognize that albeit our differences we're all part of one big Klal Yisroel!

May we see nachas from our children and talmidim.

Gut Shabbos,
Rabbi Sender Kasziner
Rosh Yeshiva

Lakewood

Candle Lighting 4:21
Shabbos Ends
5:25/5:52

Brooklyn

Candle Lighting 4:18
Shabbos Ends
5:32/5:50



The Rosh Yeshiva giving his weekly shuir klali on the sugya learned this week.

Our Rosh Yeshiva will be Bezrat Hashem going to Eretz Yisroel to visit our talmidim learning there. He will be spend parashas Bo together with them!