



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Mikeitz
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The Pasuk in this week's Parashah says (41:4): "And the cows of ugly appearance and lean of flesh devoured the seven cows that were of handsome appearance and healthy; then Pharaoh awoke." This week it is also Chanukah; what is the connection between Pharaoh's dream and the miracles of Chanukah? One of the miracles of Chanukah was that the scarce amount of Jews defeated the myriad Greeks. In this week's Parashah, the seven scrawny cows in Pharaoh's dream ate the seven healthy cows. In both of these incidents, the weak and the frail prevailed over the strong and healthy. This is the message both in Pharaoh's dream and in the story of Chanukah that Hashem is in charge of the world.