

As we described in **5765 וירא** Avraham treated both his sons equally whereas Isaac and Rivka each favored a different son and Yacov favored one out of all his sons, but the balance was restored with Yosef.

Yosef's two children, Efraim and Menashe, were faithful to their religion even though they lived in Egypt surrounded by their customs and ways.

They were not worried about their status – who was older or younger.

This is why we bless our sons today with the same words as Yacov used to bless them then. Note he put the youngest one first in the blessing.

48:20 ישמך אלהים כאפרים וכמנשה

Hashem make you as Efraim and as Menashe