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For: Chag Hasemikhah

Talk about "good and bad visions."

Tell them that a rabbi has to have a vision both for himself, his family, and his community -- and for all the House of Israel.

But not all visions are alike. Some are inspiring and ennobling. Others are damaging and dangerous.

Speak about two false visions of our days: 1) the rebbe as Moschiach. 2) profound theological error of religious Zionism that we are living in messianic times and, therefore, the State of Israel is a messianic state.

Both are responsible for wonderful people, good people, dedicated people entering a period of profound disaffection, disappointment and frustration.

So think carefully about your visions, and do not assume that every vision is necessarily good or bad.

Sometimes we feel in our own bones that we are searching for a great vision -- but cannot identify it. To get out of this dilemma requires a special divine blessing. It is, indeed, in the midst of the priestly blessings that we say *chaolm chalamti v'eini yodei mahu*.