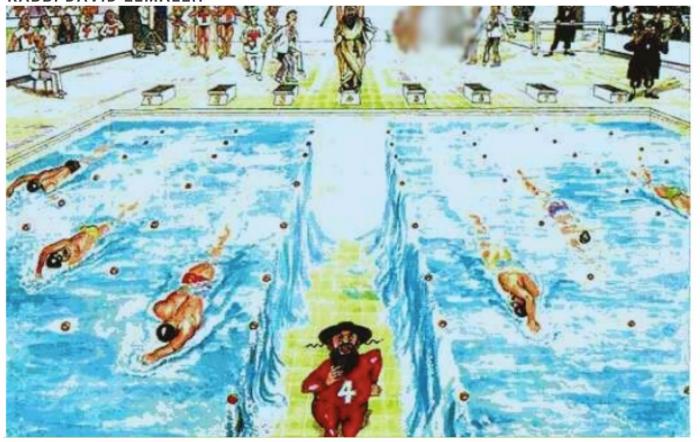


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Shabbat Schedule

Shir Hashirim 5:40pm
Minha 5:55pm
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat &
Arvit

Candle Lighting: 5:50pm
Shaharit Netz Minyan 6:00am
Shaharit: 8:45am
Youth Minyan 9:15am
Zeman Keriat Shema 9:13/9:47am
Children's Programs: 4:30pm
Shiur Pirke Avot: 4:30pm

Minha: 5:20pm Followed by Seudat Shlishit & Arvit

Shabbat Ends: 6:50pm Avot Ubanim: Motsae Shabbat

Rabbenu Tam 7:22pm

=0000= Announcement:

<u>Don't Miss Our Annual Hiloula of</u> <u>Rabbi Itzhak Abuchatzeirah Tuesday</u> Night!

<u>Tu BiShvat is this Wednesday Night, Thursday. No</u> Tahanunim.

This Week Thursday night Mishmar will be
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We would like to welcome Mr. Yohann Assouline

<u>Ve would like to welcome Mr. Yohann Assoulin</u> and his Family to the community.

We would like to remind the Kahal Kadosh that one's seats are reserved for them until <u>half an hour</u> after the Tefila starts which then becomes open to the public.

Please Contact <u>Dr. Ari Benmergui</u> for any Aliyot related request.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Shaharit 6:25am Shaharit #2 Hodu 8:30am Minha 6:00pm Followed by Arvit

<u>Monday</u> To Friday

Shaharit:	6:25am
Daf Yomi	7:35am
Beki'im Bahalacha	8:10am
Shaharit #2 Hodu	8:00am
Hok LeIsrael	8:50am
Minha	6:00pm
Followed By Arvit	
Shiurim	6:30pm
Kinyan Masechta	6:45pm

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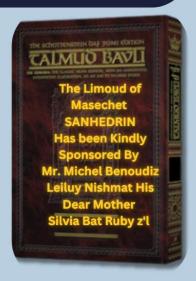
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(It is YOUR Community, make the most of it!)

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- This Week's Breakfast has been kindly sponsored by Mrs. Jeannine Furhman in memory of Her dear Sister Chantal Mazal Tov Bat Hassiba Moyal z"l the 11th of Shevat. Tihye Nishmata Tzerura Bitzror Hahayim Amen!
- This Week's Daf Yomi has been Kindly Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Jean Paul Courchia in memory of His dear Mother Aicha Courchia Bat Simha z"l the 12th of Shevat. Tihye Nishmata Tzerura Bitzror Hahayim Amen!
- **WEEKLY SHIURIM:**

Daf Hayomi: 7:35am Sun. - Fri. (Rabbi Elmaleh)

Beki'im Bahalacha: 8:10am Sun. - Thurs. (Rabbi Elmaleh)

Hok LeIsrael: 8:50am Sun. - Fri. (Rabbi Zafrani)

Kinyan Hamasechta: Every Weeknight. (Rabbi Elmaleh) Semichat Chaver: Tuesday Evenings. (Rabbi Elmaleh)

<u>Donors Column</u>

We Sincerely Thank you for your generous contributions this Week! We truly appreciate it! Hashem should Bless them with Health, Happiness, Parnasah Tova, Success, & All the Berachot of the Torah Amen!

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- Mr. Moshe Benmergui
- Mr. Moshe Nahum
- Mr. Rafi Maman
- Mr. Fradji Koskas
- Mr. Daniel Alloul
- Mr. Yannick Benchimol

The Children's program in 4:30pm with Rabbi Fried, Rabbi Ariel Cohen, & Moshe Benmergui.

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Happy Birthday in February:

- 5th: Mr. Ben Romano
- 7th: Mrs. Arielle Albergel

Mrs. Julia COhen

- <u>8th:</u> Mr. Moshe Benmergui Miss Arielle Miriam Gad
- <u>9th:</u> Mrs. Esther Benhayoun
- 11th: Shai Cohen
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- 14th: Mrs. Zari Werta

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- 20th: Yaniv Shlomo Cohen
- <u>21st</u>: Perla Aquinin

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• 22nd: Channah Natalie Allouche

Happy Anniversary To:

• <u>20th</u>: Isaac & Sally Amram

Nahalot of Shevat:

• 2nd: : Yaakov Moyal Ben Djamilah Sadoun z"l (Uncle of Mrs. Jeanine Furhman)

David Sabbah Bar Yehuda z"l (Grandfather of Mr. Laurent Becker)

- 6th: Amram Benhayoun z"l Ben Avraham (Father of Mr. Meir & Daniel Ben hayoun)
- <u>7th:</u> Jaia Rajel Bat Batya z'l (Sister of Mr Daniel Hilu)

Michael Bar Gracia z"l (Father of Mrs. Anat Michael) • 10th: Abraham Guenoun Bar Rahel z'l

11th: Beno Ben Sali z"l

(Father of Mrs. Silvia Cohen)

Yaacov Cohen Bar Meir z"l

(Grandfather of Dr. Max Nahon)

Chantal Mazal Tov z"l Bat Hassiba Moyal (Sister of Mrs. Jeannine Furhmann)

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Fradji Ben Shalom z"l (Father of Mr. Dov Koskas)

• <u>12th:</u> Yitzchak Chocron Ben Freha z"l (Father of Mrs. Perla Edderai)

Aicha Courchia Bat Simha z"l (Mother of Mr. Jean Paul Courchia)

- <u>13th</u>: Abraham Ben Izza z"l (Grandfather of mr. Eytan Ohayon
- <u>19th:</u> Clara Bat Perla z"l (Grandmother of Mr. Albert Belecen)

Dr. Abraham Romano z"l (Father of Mr. Marcelo Romano)

- <u>20th:</u> Isaac Edderai Ben Nedjma z"l (Grandfather of Dr. Jean Jacque Edderai)
- <u>22th:</u> Abraham Benbeniste z"l (Father of Mrs. Lina Genoun z"l)

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- 24th: Rahel Bat Mazaltov z"l (Grandmother of Mr. Jacky Benoudiz)
- <u>25th:</u> Moshe Belecen Bar Yamin z"l (Grandfather of Mr. Albert Belecen)
- <u>27th:</u> Mazal Tov Cadoshe Delmar Bat Sultana z"l Rafael Cadosh Delmar Bar Sultana z"l (Aunt & Uncle of Mrs. Ruby Mouyal)

28th: Reina Bat Rivka z"l & Mazal Tov Bat Sultana z"l (Aunts of Mrs. Ruby Mouyal)

29t: Alegria Bat Simha z"l (Mother of Mr. Amram Mouyal)



Membership benefits:

Participating in the growth of the synagogue community and contributing to its daily operations are key aspects of synagogue membership.

However, Hechal Shalom membership provides numerous benefits that contribute to personal, spiritual, and community well-being. These typically include:

Spiritual Growth and Meaning:

Access to regular religious services, including Shabbat and holiday prayers.

Opportunities to engage with spiritual leaders and participate in Torah study or educational programs for adults, teenagers and youths.

Community Belonging:

Membership in a supportive community that celebrates life events and offers comfort during difficult times.

Social activities that foster friendships and connections among members.

Community Support: A network of congregants to assist during illnesses, bereavement, or other challenging times.

Counseling, support and direction from the Rabbi and staff.

Lifecycle Services:

Support for significant life events such as weddings, Berit Milah's/baby naming's, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and funerals and Azkara/Nahala/Yarhzietz.

Members get first rights over Aliyot, Haftarot, and Services.

Educational Opportunities:

Access to adult education classes, family programming, teenager and youth programs.

Opportunities to deepen knowledge about Jewish Laws, Ethics, outlooks (Hashkafa), history, culture, and traditions.

Cultural and Social Programs for all ages:

We offer Weekly Children's learning programs for boys, girls, and teenagers. Weekly Father and son program and Hazanut program.

Participation in cultural events and holiday celebrations. Membership usually includes tickets to High Holy Day services (e.g., Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur) with discounted rates.

All Community events including Hanukkah Party, Seudat Purim, Lag Baomer, and Shavuot Lunch & Simchat Torah Lunches are either free or at discounted rates

All Shabbaton meals at discounted rates.

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Weekly Inspiration

What do we learn from the splitting of the Sea

(Rabbi Eli Mansour)

Parashat Beshalah tells the famous story of Keri'at Yam Suf – the miraculous splitting of the sea. The Egyptians pursued Beneh Yisrael after they left Egypt, trapping them against the sea. G-d had the waters of the sea split, forming two walls on either side of the sea floor, allowing Beneh Yisrael to safely cross. When the Egyptians then ran after them into the sea, the water fell onto them, drowning the Egyptian warriors, their horsemen and their chariots.

We find in the Midrash an astounding statement underscores the centrality of this Jewish life. The miracle in Midrash teaches that the Jewish People are known as "Ibrim" ("Hebrews") to allude to the fact that "Abar Yam" - our nation "crossed the sea." This event is not simply something that our experienced, ancestors extraordinary chapter in our history, but part of the very definition of our nation. Why?

The answer can be understood in light of an insight by the Maharal of Prague (Rav Yehuda Loew, 1512-1609) regarding the name of Moshe Rabbenu. The Rabbis teach that Moshe had seven different names, each of which alludes to a different element of his character or his leader as our prophet. The name that we commonly use, of course, is "Moshe" - the name given to him Pharaoh's daughter. "Min commemorating that

Ha'mayim Mishitihu" – she "drew him from the water" (Shemot 2:10). The Maharal raises the question of why this name was chosen as the name with which we refer to Moshe. Of all of Moshe's names, why is this considered the most significant?

The Maharal answers examining the symbolism of water. Unlike solids, he notes. water has no independent naturally. shape. It flows assuming the shape whichever receptacle is holding it at the present moment. We human beings, the Maharal writes, are expected to be the polar opposite of water. We are not to "go with the flow." blindly and randomly following our instincts natural impulses. Instead, we are to consciously create a "shape" and "form" to our lives. We are to exercise discipline and selfrestraint, molding for ourselves a of meaning and purposefulness in the service of Hashem.

Fittingly, the Mahara explains, Moshe Rabbenu – the greatest human being who ever lived – is named "Moshe," which means "drawn from the water." Moshe embodied the notion of going out of the water, creating a life of spirituality rather than "flowing" naturally like animals, which follow their instincts without exercising any restraint.

This is also the symbolism of the miracle of Keri'at Yam Suf. The waters of the sea suddenly went against their natural flow, forming two walls on either side of Beneh Yisrael. This was not just a miracle performed for the purpose of rescuing Beneh Yisrael - it was also a timeless lesson about how we are expected to live our lives. We are to follow the example of the waters of the Yam Suf - creating a proper "shape" of our lives, lives of spiritual meaning, rather than just flowing naturally.

This also explains the famous comment of the Midrash that the sea split when it saw Yosef's coffin, which Moshe brought with out of Egypt. Yosef embodies the value of discipline and self-restraint, having resisted the advances of Potifar's wife as a seventeen-year-old slave in Egypt. He went against his natural instincts and impulses sake for the spirituality. Rather than "go with the flow," following his instincts and impulses, he created for his life a "shape" of spiritual greatness.

We are called "Ibrim" because "Abar Yam" – we have been shown the importance of living with discipline and self-restraint, conscientiously, following our religious principles and values rather than allow ourselves to be led and guided by our natural instincts and drives.

Thanks, Pharaoh

(By Samy Maya)

Throughout the ten plagues, we read time and again, that Pharaoh was prevented from doing teshuva. Pharaoh had crossed a line of no return with his cruelty, so Hashem took away his free choice and did not allow him to repent. This way he would get the full force of the punishment.

After the Egyptians drowned in the sea, the pasuk tells us:

וּיָשֵׁבוּ הַמַּׂיִם וּיְכִּסּוּ אֶת־הָרֶּכֶבֹ וְאָת־ הַפֶּרָשִׁים לְכֹלֹ חֵיל פַּרְעֹה הַבָּאִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם בַּיֵּם לְא־נִשְׁאַר בָּהֶם עִד־אָחָד:

The Medrash says עד אחד, until one, did not survive, but *one* did survive. The survivor was Pharaoh. As he was sinking in the sea, he thought of teshuva and Hashem spared his life. Ultimately, he became the king of Nineveh during the times of Yonah.

During the plagues he was not allowed to do teshuva, but now he was allowed to do teshuva! It seems as if there is a contradiction! What changed that Hashem allowed Pharaoh to do teshuva?

I asked this question to Shabetai and Moshe on one Friday night. I had seen an idea that possibly answered the question, but I wanted to get their input first before I presented the answer.

Hashem runs the world through many schemes and rules. The only one we understand on a basic level is what we call measure for measure, מידה כנגד מידה. If a person ח"ו sins in a certain way, that person gets punished in a similar fashion. If a person does a misva, then the reward goes according to the misva. For example, Avraham fed his 'guests' food that they would never eat because they were angels, but in that zehut, Hashem would provide food to the Jewish people for all time.

It must be that Pharaoh did something regarding teshuva that prompted Hashem to grant him the ability to do teshuva. In other words, what was the מידה the מידה?

We cannot say that it is due to the fact that he confessed that he sinned and recognized Hashem because he had confessed a few times before and still was not granted ability to repent.

The boys answered an interesting idea. Bitya, the daughter of Pharaoh saved baby Moshe from the river. Baby Moshe grew up in the house of Pharaoh and eventually became the leader we know. According to the Medrash, Bitya, the adopted mother of Moshe, left Egypt with Bene Yisrael as a convert. The fact that Bitya, the daughter of Pharaoh, did teshuva, gave Pharaoh the ability to do teshuva as well. He indirectly caused

Bitya to do teshuva as she observed how her adopted son came in the name of Hashem to perform awesome miracles all because of her hard-headed father.

Even though the effect was indirect, measure for measure, Pharaoh was granted the ability to do teshuva in the zehut that he 'caused' his own daughter to do teshuva. Why only now is he granted the ability? Because it was only at this point where Bitya left Egypt and would have become an official convert... her teshuva would have only been official when she left Egypt during the splitting of the sea!

But more so, the boys said. Bitya raised Moshe who in turn caused Bene Yisrael to do teshuva! He led them for 40 years teaching and guiding them... Moshe helped them do teshuva. Again, Bitya indirectly caused Moshe and Bene Yisrael to do teshuva and in the zehut of Moshe being raised in his house, Pharaoh was granted the ability to do teshuva!

This answer is a different, but somewhat similar to an idea based on the בן לאשרי who asks, what does it mean when the pasuk tells us ופרעה הקריב? Pharaoh had approached us at Yam Suf to kill us after we left Egypt... but the proper word approaching is not הקריב. The pasuk should read ופרעה מתקרב! is usually הקריב reserved for the offering of sacrifices. The way it is written it is as if the pasuk is telling us that Pharaoh brought something... he brought a holy sacrifice!

Pharaoh was the Yeser HaRa, but he caused something special to happen. Bene Yisrael had just left Egypt and some were still doubtful for Hashem's power. Now, Pharaoh is chasing after them to kill them. Bene Yisrael had no choice now but to do complete teshuva and rely totally

on Hashem. They had no other choice. They were literally stuck between a rock and a sea and an army. Pharaoh chasing Bene Yisrael caused them to do teshuva! Says the בן לאשרי the holy product that Pharaoh was הקריב was the teshuva of Bene Yisrael!

Based off this idea, maybe we could answer, why was Pharaoh allowed to do teshuva? What was the measure for measure that he was rewarded with the ability to do teshuva? The measure for the measure was that he caused Bene Yisrael to do teshuva! Even indirectly and without intention, he caused Bene Yisrael to do teshuva, so he was granted the ability to do teshuva as well!

It would have only occurred now and not before, because now, at the Splitting of the Sea, did the Jews officially believe in Hashem and do teshuva. Only now does the pasuk tells us,

וַיַּאֱמִׂינוֹ בַּד' וּבְמֹשֵׁה עַבְּדוֹ:

Now that the Jewish teshuva is official, Pharaoh is finally allowed to do teshuva himself. The splitting of Yam Suf became a beacon for all time teaching that anyone at anyplace could do teshuva... we're never out of the game! Thanks, Pharaoh for the lesson!

Food for thought

Four Tools to Manage Your Emotions So They Don't Manage

(By Debbie Gutfreund @aish.com)

Dr. Ethan Kross on how to turn up or down the volume of your emotions or shift your feelings. Dr. Ethan Kross's new book Shift presents a toolbox of practical strategies to manage your feelings and shift your emotional states. One of the world's leading experts on the conscious mind, Kross expands on his previous research on how to harness the voice in your head presented in his book Chatter and delves into different ways you can shift your feelings.

You can turn the volume of your emotions up or down. You can lengthen or shorten the amount of time you spend in each feeling. Or you can shift from one emotion to the next.

Here are four types of tools to shift your feelings based on Dr. Kross's newest research.

1. Sensory Shift.

You can purposely activate your senses to push your emotions in a particular direction. You've probably experienced getting into the car feeling down and favorite playing а immediately lifts your mood. But music is only one way to use your senses to change how you feel. You can light a candle with a favorite scent. You can taste a drink or dish you love. You can hold a loved one's hand or pet your dog. And you can look at a picture or a sight that fills you with awe like a beautiful sunset or maiestic mountain.

The key to this tool is to intentionally use your senses as potential gateways to different emotional states.

2. Space Shift.

Your environment has a tremendous influence on how you feel; there are tools hidden all around you. You can set up or change your surroundings to shift your emotions. For example, research shows that having greenery in the room, even if the plants are artificial.

boosts your mood. Displaying photos of people, you love in your space and even books that are meaningful to you can also shift your emotional state.

Identify what Kross refers to as your "emotional oasis" or a comforting, favorite place that reliably brings you joy. It can be a coffee shop nearby or a park in your town. It can be a vacation spot that you love or a room in your house. You can visit it or even just go there in your mind to shift your emotions to a place of joy.

3. Time Shift.

You can time travel to manage your emotions. If you are stressed about something, think about how you will feel about the situation in a week, a month and then in a year. Will this matter so much then?

Or travel back in time to a period when you (or your ancestors) faced a much harder predicament. How does that compare to your current stressors?

Kross teaches that always trying to live in the present moment isn't always possible or helpful. When you wake up in the middle niaht worrving about something, keep in mind that there is a trajectory for every emotion. The moment it gets triggered, whether by a thought or event, the emotion is at its peak. You don't necessarily need to stay in the awfulness of the moment, cycling 'what ifs' endlessly through your mind. You can zoom out to see the bigger picture by time traveling because every emotion decreases in intensity over time.

Using time to shift your feelings gives you access to future hope and the knowledge that as bad as it is now, you will eventually feel better.

4. Connection Shift.

Reaching out to people who are reliable sources of support and encouragement is one of the most effective tools for shifting how you feel. But Kross cautions that, contrary to popular belief, venting can often make you feel worse. If you are venting to someone who is going to mirror and reinforce your frustrated or depressed view, then you will have a hard time shifting your emotions. When you vent you often just share the surface level of the problem in order to let something out. Instead connect by focusing on exploring the thoughts and feelings about the situation with someone who will challenge and help you reframe your perspective. You can also use this tool by connecting with someone who has experienced a similar challenge and can share how they coped with it.

Beyond these tools, Kross' book dispels some common myths like you can't control your emotions or that negative emotions mean that something is wrong with you. He writes: "Time and again, I encounter people who report bad. feelina as though something is wrong with them, if they experience anger, anxiety, sadness or any of the other myriad negative feelings that bubble up inside us from time to time. That sentiment reflects a pervasive belief: That negative emotions are harmful. They're not."

Your emotions, whether positive or negative, are gifts you are given to help you navigate the world. But they are gifts that you can manage so that they don't manage you.

Daily Halacha

Placing a Lemon in Hot Water on Shabbat

(Daily Halacha)

Some people like to drink hot water with a lemon flavor, which they prepare by dropping or squeezing a piece of lemon into a cup of hot water. Under what conditions would this be permissible on Shabbat?

With regard to the laws of Bishul (cooking) on Shabbat, Halacha differentiates between a "Keli Rishon" - the original utensil in which an item was cooked, such as a hot water urn - and a "Keli Sheni" - the utensil into which the item was poured. Liquid in the original utensil has the capacity to "cook" raw food items placed inside it, even after the utensil has been removed from the fire. However, if one would pour the liquid from its original utensil into a different utensil. then it no longer has the capacity to cook, as it has been cooled by the walls of the second utensil. Thus, for example, when a person pours some hot water from an urn into a cup, he may, generally speaking, place raw food items into the cup on Shabbat.

There are, however, certain "sensitive" food items – known as "Kaleh Ha'bishul" – that are deemed capable of being cooked even in a "Keli Sheni." Such foods may not be placed into hot liquid in a "Keli Sheni." Instead, one must transfer the liquid from that utensil into a third utensil – a "Keli Shelishi" – and only then place the raw food into the water.

The Halachic authorities debate the question of whether or not lemon falls into this category of "Kaleh Ha'bishul." According to some opinions, the sharp and tangy nature of a lemon render it more susceptible to cooking, and therefore one may not place a lemon into a cup that one filled with hot water directly from an urn. He must instead transfer the water to yet another utensil and then place the lemon. The Hazon Ish (Rabbi Abraham Yeshaya Karelitz, 1879-1954), however, ruled leniently on this issue, and maintained that one may place a lemon directly into a "Keli Sheni."

As for the final Halacha, Hacham Ovadia Yosef accepted the lenient ruling, but added that it is preferable to act stringently. Since there is little effort entailed in transferring the hot water to a third utensil, it is proper to do so in the interest of satisfying all opinions. (One may also place the lemon in the third utensil and then pour the hot water on top of the lemon to produce the lemonflavored water.)

Summary: Strictly speaking, one may place a lemon into a cup of hot water that had been filled directly from an urn. It is proper, however, to first transfer the water to another cup and then add the lemon.

hidz Corner

Don't trust Yourself

Diverted Traffic

Have you ever been on a flight that was "diverted", or have you ever come to a roadblock and had to follow the "diverted traffic" signs?

After leaving Mitzrayim, Klal Yisroel was led on an "alternate" route to Eretz Yisrael.

וְלֹא נָחָם אֱלֹקִים דֶּרֶךְ אֶרֶץ פְּלִשְׁתִּים כִּי קרוֹב הוּא כִּי אָמַר אֱלֹקִים כֶּן יִנְחָם הָעָם בָּרָאֹתָם מִלְחָמָה וְשְׁבוּ מִצְרַיִּמָה בָּרָאֹתָם מִלְחָמָה וְשְׁבוּ

This means, that Hashem did not lead them along the way of the Pelishtim (which would have been the simplest route) because it was near, and perhaps *Klal Yisroel* would be scared from the wars that they would encounter and would return to *Mitzrayim*.

"Rerouting" around Eretz Pelishtim was no minor detour. This travel plan caused about 3 million people travelling through a desert with all of their worldly possessions not just a delay of a few hours but rather many extra days of travel (which later became a 40-year detour).

Fleeing From the Challenge

Hagaon Reb Yakov Yisroel Kanievsky (fondly known as "The Steipler"), explains in his Seforim Chaye Olem (Chelek Bet Perek Tet) and Birchat Peretz that the Torah is teaching us a very fundamental lesson. The Torah is educating us to what extent we must ensure that we don't put ourselves into а "makom nisayon", a place where we will be challenged by the Yetzer Horo. Once one is in a challenging situation and the Yetzer Horo is able to tempt us to do something wrong, it is much harder to successfully overcome him. The Torah's advice is to make a detour, don't go there to start with – change your route!

This is so applicable in day-to-day life. Many times, we know in advance that by associating with certain people or by going to specific places, we will probably encounter a "nisayon"; we might be tempted to think, to say, to do, or to see things that are wrong. We must ensure that we avoid these situations; we must make every effort to prevent ourselves from encountering the challenge in the first place. This is

extremely relevant in regard to technology. It would be best if we did not have to go the technology route at all, but if we absolutely cannot avoid it, we can ensure that our technology usage is filtered in a manner that helps us avoid a "makom nisayon", helping us avoid the Yetzer Haro instead of having to confront him.

May Hashem help us to learn from this week's Sedra the importance of setting boundaries, helping ourselves to flee from the "battlefield" of the Yetzer Horo, Omein.

La Paracha En Français

La spécificité de la délivrance d'Egypte

(Extrait du livre: Dans La salle du Tresor)

« L'Eternel, en ce jour, sauva Israël de la main de l'Egypte ; Israël vit l'Egyptien gisant sur le rivage de la mer. » (Chémot 14, 30)

Le 'Hida demande pourquoi, à occasion. dans toute bénédictions et nos prières, nous mentionnons le « souvenir de la sortie d'Egypte », alors que nous passons sous silence les autres délivrances dont bénéficia notre peuple tout au long de l'histoire. En effet, nous ne trouvons nulle mention de celles, successives, accomplies en faveur de nos ancêtres à l'époque des juges, comme le rapporte en détail le livre de Choftim, ni de celle successive à l'exil de Babylone ou à l'exil de Perse et Médie, au temps de Mordé'khaï et d'Esther. ou encore de celle survenue à l'époque de 'Hanouka pour les Hasmonéens. Pourquoi donc la libération d'Egypte occupe-t-elle cette place unique ?

C'est que, le miracle représenté par cette délivrance concernait le peuple juif dans son ensemble, dont tous les membres avaient été physiquement asservis et spirituellement souillés sous le joug de Paro. Sans l'intervention divine, ils seraient tombés dans cinquantième d'impureté et leur souvenir aurait été effacé à jamais.

Par contre, il est fort probable qu'en l'absence des autres délivrances, de petits groupes de rescapés auraient malgré tout pu s'en sortir. Même si une seule Juive avait survécu et même dans le cas où elle eût épousé un non-juif, elle aurait donné naissance à un enfant juif, ce qui aurait assuré la pérennité de notre peuple (cf. Yévamot 45b où est expliqué le cas d'une juive épousant un serviteur ou un nonjuif). Ainsi, suite au décret d'Aman, des Grecs ou encore de l'Holocauste, une poignée de survivants serait toujours restée. Seule la délivrance finale qui marquera la venue du Messie sera commémorée à part entière (Brakhot 12b). Car, à l'image de d'Eavpte. elle généralisée, comme il est dit : « Oui, comme à l'époque de ta sortie d'Egypte, Je te ferai voir des prodiges. » (Mikha 7, 15) Ainsi, la délivrance d'Egypte, d'une plus grande ampleur que les autres et les comprenant toutes, se trouve évoquée à l'exclusivité.

La parabole suivante nous permettra de mieux saisir cette idée. Le cadeau du riche est bien plus conséquent que celui du pauvre. Il en résulte que, face au cadeau du premier, on oubliera celui du second, insignifiant en comparaison. Par contre, en voyant le présent de l'indigent, on se souviendra également de celui du nanti. De même, la sortie

d'Egypte, prépondérante par rapport aux autres délivrances, est évoquée simultanément à elles. Il va sans dire que nous devons être reconnaissants vis-à-vis de l'Eternel pour toutes les délivrances effectuées en notre faveur, mais elles sont incluses dans la plus capitale, celle d'Egypte. Aussi, lorsque nous l'évoquons, nous incluons les nombreuses autres délivrances dont jouit notre peuple tout au long de l'histoire.

En outre, les autres délivrances n'ont pas apporté à notre peuple une libération totale, comme le fit celle d'Egypte. En effet, à la fin de l'exil de Babylone, des Juifs restèrent encore sur cette terre étrangère, même après le départ de leurs frères en Terre sainte pour construire le second Temple. De même, le miracle de 'Hanouka n'enraya complètement la culture grecque, encore subsistante dans le monde. Quant au décret d'Aman, il fut certes annulé, mais de nombreux autres décrets semblables ont été prononcés à notre encontre au cours des générations.

A présent, revenons à la question du 'Hida. En quoi la délivrance d'Eqypte fut spécifique par rapport aux autres ? En réalité, la Torah et le repentir constituent la véritable délivrance du Juif. Seuls ceux-ci sont à même de l'affranchir réellement. L'exil, quant à lui, est un éloignement de la Torah. D'ailleurs, le mot galout (exil) peut être rapproché du mot guéoula (libération), seule la Torah les séparant.

Or, la libération d'Egypte visait le don de la Torah. Si nos ancêtres étaient prêts à se soumettre à son joug, ils mériteraient la délivrance. Bien qu'ils ne détinssent pas encore la Torah et fussent plongés dans le quarante-neuvième degré

(Zohar d'impureté 'Hadach, début de Yitro), l'Eternel les libéra de manière surnaturelle. C'est aussi pourquoi nous rappelons sans cesse caractère miraculeux de cette libération. Les autres délivrances, quant à elles, survinrent après le don de la Torah. Les exils et les décrets qui les précédèrent étaient dus à un relâchement dans l'étude de la Torah, si bien que, dès l'instant où les enfants d'Israël se ressaisirent dans ce domaine. les décrets pesant sur eux furent annulés et ils jouirent de la délivrance. C'est la raison pour laquelle nous n'évoquons pas le souvenir diverses des délivrances, puisque le pouvoir de les entraîner a toujours été entre nos mains, si seulement nous le voulions bien. Car. comme l'enseignent Maîtres, « la Torah se trouve à tous les coins de rue, à la disposition de quiconque la désire ».

Reflexion Semanal

Estar agradecidos por todo

(Por Rabbi Abraham Twerski)

Moshé le dijo al pueblo judío que el alimento que los sustentaba en el desierto, el maná, no caería en Shabat. Sin embargo, para tratar de provocar un alboroto entre los iudíos e infundir un sentimiento de duda en la autoridad y credibilidad Moshé, dos judíos esparcieron maná al amanecer del Shabat. Milagrosamente, vinieron los pájaros y se lo comieron todo, de modo que no quedaba ni una sola porción de maná cuando el pueblo judío se despertó. A raíz de esta historia, algunos tienen la costumbre de alimentar a los pájaros antes del Shabat de la porción de la Torá de esta semana, como muestra de gratitud por haber evitado una situación potencialmente desastrosa.

Sin embargo, podemos preguntarnos por qué es así. A los pájaros les encanta comer pan, especialmente el sabroso maná que la Torá describe que tenía sabor a masa frita en miel. ¿Por qué entonces mostrar gratitud a las aves? Ellas no hicieron nada más allá de su naturaleza para ayudarnos, y, de hecho, se beneficiaron al conseguir comer delicioso maná.

Lección:

Hay una hermosa lección que todos podemos extraer de la gratitud. Independientemente de la intención del dador, si hemos obtenido algún beneficio, estamos obligados no sólo a sentirnos agradecidos, sino a actuar como quien está en deuda y agradecido.

Existe la idea de que aunque a alguien se le caiga una moneda del bolsillo sin saberlo, y alguien la encuentre y la utilice, es como si esa persona hubiera dado tzedaká, caridad. ¡Cuánto más debemos sentirnos agradecidos quienes nos ayudaron intencionadamente! A menudo, es fácil pasar por alto los pequeños actos de los que están más cerca de nosotros, sobre todo cuando nos sentimos como si estuviéramos constantemente dando de nosotros mismos. Sin embargo, todos corresponde mostrar gratitud incluso por los pequeños actos: cuando nuestro hijo de dos años nos trae pañuelos cuando estornudamos, cuando nuestra mujer tiene una cena caliente esperándonos al llegar a casa, cuando nuestro marido saca la basura. No sólo beneficiamos de convertirnos en personas más agradecidas, sino que el estímulo positivo hace que los que nos rodean quieran ayudar aún más. Es una situación en la que todos ganamos.

Ejercicio:

Agradece a alguien por algo que normalmente habrías pasado por alto. Puede ser algo tan sencillo como dar las gracias a la cajera mientras pagas o llamar a alguien para decirle lo mucho que ha influido en tu vida.

Nahalot

Nahala of Rabbi Itzhak Abuchatzeirah Baba Sale the 14th of Shevat

Rabbi Its'hak Abi'hssira: His Legacy and Miraculous Anecdotes

Rabbi Its'hak Abi'hssira was the of Rabbi Ya'akov son Abi'hssira and the uncle of Baba Salé. He is the author of the song A'oufa Echkona, which he composed at the age of 12. While he was regularly studying the Torah with his father, one day, he arrived late because he was writing this song. When he finally reached the study place, his father questioned him about his tardiness. However, after reading the lyrics, Rabbi Ya'akov Abi'hssira responded:

"For a song like this, I accept your delay."

This song, of course, contains invaluable **Kabbalistic secrets**, which his descendants have

analyzed and commented on extensively.

Anecdote: The Miracle of the Shofar

During one of his travels, Rabbi Its'hak visited a village near **Marrakech**. Upon his arrival, all the village dignitaries came to welcome him, but he did not see the person who usually hosted him.

Concerned, he inquired about his host but received no satisfactory response. He then decided to visit the man, accompanied by the faithful who had come to greet him.

When they entered the house, they found the man distressed and huddled in a corner. Surprised by his behavior, Rabbi Its'hak asked him what was wrong. The man explained that the Arab governor of the village had demanded a large sum of money by that very evening, failing which he would be sentenced to death. Fearing for his life, he had not dared to leave his home.

Rabbi Its'hak reassured him and encouraged him not to change his routine and to trust him.

When the time for the Mincha prayer arrived, the Rabbi invited everyone to pray. Before beginning, he asked that the shofar blower from Rosh Hashanah be summoned. Once the man arrived, Rabbi Its'hak instructed him to be ready.

After the Mincha prayer, Rabbi Its'hak commanded: "Blow the shofar!"

The man tried, but no sound came out.

Then, Rabbi Its'hak took the shofar himself and said (referring to the Arab governor): "This wicked man has lived long enough!"

He then blew the shofar, and afterward declared:

"It is done. Everything is settled. Now, let us sit and eat."

During the meal, a knock was heard at the door. The host trembled with fear, thinking it was his enemy. However, upon opening, he was relieved to find a loyal friend, who brought extraordinary news:

That evening, while sitting with his family, the governor had suddenly collapsed, struck by an unknown bullet. The most astonishing part? The exact time of his death matched the moment Rabbi Its'hak had blown the shofar.

Following this miraculous event, the gathered guests **doubled** and even tripled their donations to Rabbi Its'hak's community, in gratitude for the salvation they had witnessed.

The Hiloula in Toulal

Rabbi Its'hak passed away on 14
Shevat 5672 (1912) and is buried in Toulal.
His Hiloula is grandl commemorated by thousands of Jews, especially from French-speaking communities.

Despite the harsh winter cold and the remote location thousands of people travel to pray at his tomb, where a unique spiritual energy emanates.

A Powerful Segula (Spiritual Remedy)

A well-known and **proven** segula from the **Abi'hssira** family:

 Perform it on 14
 Shevat during Rabbi Its'hak Abi'hssira's Hiloula

- 2. Obtain a bottle of Arak (a traditional alcoholic drink)
- Write your personal prayer request on the bottle
- 4. Write also: "In honor of the Tzadik Rabbi Its'hak Abi'hssira of Toulal"
- 5. Recite the following pledge:
 "If by this time next year my prayer has been answered, I will organize a meal in honor of the Tzadik, during which I will share this bottle with my guests and recount my personal deliverance."

This powerful segula has changed many lives—try it and share it

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