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וחמשים עלו בני ישראל ...

The Pasuk says "ויוסב ה' את העם דרך המדבר ים סוף וחמשים עלו בני ישראל". "And Hashem took the people around toward the way of the מדבר to the ים סוף, and בני ישראל were armed when they went up from Mitzrayim."

Rashi says only one in five Yidden left Egypt, while four out of five died during the מכה of חשך.

The Chasam Sofer asks, who were these בני ישראל who died during the מכה of חשך? Why were they not זוכה to the redemption, and what was the nature of their flaw?

During the three days of חשך, the מצריים were not able to function at all. They were literally paralyzed and confined to their spots. The nature of this מכה was designed to allow the בני ישראל free access to the country, including the ability to search the homes of the מצריים and discover the hiding places of their valuables. The בני ישראל later used this information to ask to borrow these riches upon their departure.

However, many Yidden saw the opportunity in a different light. At the time of חשך, the full message of הקיבה's power had not yet been demonstrated, as not all of the ten מכות had transpired. The moment for the בני ישראל to leave the country under the leadership of Moshe had therefore not yet arrived. Nevertheless, many members of בני ישראל saw it as an opportune time to take revenge and rise against the מצריים, their vicious enemy and oppressors, once and for all, as they sat incapacitated and completely helpless. All the בני ישראל needed to do was to arm themselves, join together, and wipe out this hated enemy before they could respond. Who would stop them, who would care, and why should they wait for another chance?

We may ask, however, whether the בני ישראל truly believed that the series of events which Moshe portrayed represented the word of הקיבה, or was this episode a fantastic unfolding of unrelated occurrences.

If the people trusted Moshe and his representation of Hashem's word, the בני ישראל would accept his leadership fully and unquestionably, including all his instructions. Accordingly, they would simply maneuver around the helpless מצריים and search for their possessions without taking anything, and without harming the מצריים at this moment.

Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	4:38pm
מנחה עש"ק	4:46pm
שקיעה	4:56pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:05 / 9:41a
דף יומי	3:45pm
מנחה	4:32pm
שקיעה	4:57pm
מעריב	5:47pm
Learning Program	6:30pm
Sunday מנחה	4:45pm

All times subject to change

Parsha Stats for בשלח

Number Of Pesukim:	116
Number Of Words:	1681
Number Of Letters:	6423
מצוות עשה:	0
מצוות לא תעשה:	1

KID'S KORNER*Kid's Challenge Question # 1*

How did the whole world find out about קריעת ים סוף?

*Kid's Challenge Question # 2*

How was חזר related to אהרן, and who was his father?

Would the בני ישראל wait patiently for the true redemption as they were commanded to do, or would they prefer to take destiny into their own hands and force the issue with an eye on personal and opportunistic impulses?

Not all of the בני ישראל passed this test. In fact, most failed, as eight out of ten lifted weapons and tried to take justice into their own hands. They attempted to kill the מצריים who sat idle, trapped by the darkness. These Yidden ignored the הק"נה's role in their destiny, using their own might instead to attempt to fashion their own future.

Yet, this path was contrary to the הק"נה's plan, and the hand of Hashem stopped them, not because they sinned, but because they ignored the role of the הק"נה in determining the fate of the Jewish nation. These misguided members of בני ישראל failed to earn a place in the nation of the בני ישראל, which is an exclusive group of unquestioning believers who fully trust and depend upon the הק"נה. Those who could not subscribe to the message of Hashem as represented by Moshe were doomed to stay in מצריים, as they were not זוכה to join the ranks of the rest of בני ישראל.

Challenge Question for Adults

In what situation would someone not recite a Bracha before eating food? The situation is that the food is good (not spoiled), it's food that he likes, he was not יוצא with someone else's Bracha, he did not make a "HaMotzi" or another Bracha which would exempt him from making a new Bracha, he is in a clean area where he is able to say Brachos or Daven, the food is not a Tafel to some other food in front of him, and finally the food is not taken as a medicine?

B"H the circulation of this newsletter (and the list of sponsors) grows each week as it is sent out via e-mail, fax, and printed hard copy. We would like to continue to provide an interesting and informative newsletter to the reader each and every week.

To help us achieve this goal, Mispalelim of the Shul, alumni of the Yeshiva and members of the greater community (young & old) are encouraged to get involved in some way to enhance the newsletter. Contributions of Divrei Torah on Parshas Hashavuah, the Daf Yomi of the week, upcoming Yomim Tovim, topics of practical Halacha, stories, Jewish History etc are all welcome, and all ideas will be given proper consideration.

If anyone can help out with the weekly production of the newsletter in any way please see Hillel Rokowsky or e-mail newsletter@ohryisroel.org.

Kid's Challenge Question # 3

3. Why does Perek מ"י Pasuk 'ה say that the מצרים sank like a stone ("אבן"), yet in Pasuk 'ו it says that they were destroyed like straw ("קש") and in Pasuk 'ז it says that they sank like lead ("בעופרת"),??

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have any correct answers.

Schedule of Shiurim throughout the week

- Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:45pm - Shiur in Hilchos Shabbos given by Rabbi Braunstein, followed by Maariv.
- Tuesdays at 9:45pm - Gemara B'iyun - given by the Rav, following Maariv.
- Thursday at 8:45pm & 9:45pm - Parshas Hashavua given by the Rav, before and after Maariv.
- Maariv every night at 9:30pm.
- Friday night Jewish History Shiur at 7:30pm in the Rosh Yeshiva's home at 1372 East 31st St. between M & N.



To My Dear Friends & Family,

On January 27th, I, Roy Naim, will be running in the Miami ING Half-Marathon. Are you done laughing yet?! I'm completely serious! No jokes here! The ING Half-Marathon is Miami's version of the NYC marathon, only it will take place in the heat that Miami is so famous for. So, what has gotten into to me, a guy who has never run for any reason in his entire life? OK, maybe I've run after an ice-cream truck once or twice, but that's it!! What would drive me to run a distance of 13.1 miles, beneath the scorching Miami sun?!

The answer my friends is, my desire to help Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha. As you may already know, Chai Lifeline is an international organization that provides year-round emotional, social, and financial support to more than 3,000 children and their families every year. Through two-dozen free programs and services that touch each member of the family, Chai Lifeline helps children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses, and their families, live full and happy lives despite the presence of illness. Its flagship programs are Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special, two magical overnight camping adventures designed to meet the medical and social needs of seriously ill children and teens. Every year, more than 400 kids enjoy a vacation from pain and illness at these extraordinary camps. (To find out more about Chai Lifeline, visit www.chailifeline.org .)

Like any organization, Chai Lifeline requires your assistance in order to continue the incredible things they do each and every day. This is where YOU can make a difference.

I will be running this marathon together with more than two hundred other members of our group, called Team Lifeline, to help raise money for Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha. The donations we receive will enable Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha to help put a smile on a sick child's face. These contributions will allow families that spend so much of their time in various hospitals, the means to take a relaxing trip with their child far away from any hospitals. It will help Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha provide food, entertainments, activities and so much more.

My personal goal is to raise \$4,500 for this wonderful cause, and I need all the help I can get. Please contribute to this brilliant cause by sending a check to the address below. If you'd like to learn more about me and Chai Lifeline, you can visit my personal Team Lifeline Website at www.teamlifeline.org/mypage.php?myid=1394 . Contributions may be made online via credit card at the website as well. If your company has a matching gift program, your gift may be doubled or tripled.

On January 27th, after many months of rigorous training, I will run through the heat, through the sweat, and maybe even through some tears, but I won't quit. I won't quit because I know I have so many children relying on me to make a difference. I am asking for your help and support, and in doing so, You WILL make a difference!

Thanks for your support. All checks made to Chai Lifeline can be mailed to: Roy Naim, 596 Mayfair Dr. S, Brooklyn, NY 11234

Please feel free to forward this letter to others who would be interested in joining me in supporting this worthy cause. For those reading this in Shul, take the newsletter home after Shabbos so you can have the mailing address and website handy. For more info please contact me at naimroy@gmail.com .

הלכות תפילת הדרך

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221. If possible one should try to say Tefillas Haderech immediately following the completion of another Bracha that begins and ends with a "Baruch" such as; "Asher Yatzar", "Al Hamichya", or "Borei Nefashos", to enhance the Bracha of Tefillas Haderech by making it a "Bracha Hasmucha L'chavertah" (a Bracha which is joined with another).

222. However, one should not delay saying Asher Yatzar simply to save it for when he will say Tefillas Haderech. Likewise, if one does not have food to eat to cause one to say a Bracha Achronah, one should nevertheless say Tefillas Haderech even without another Bracha preceding it.

223. One only says Tefillas Haderech if he will be traveling beyond the city limits a distance of at least One Parsah, which is 8000 Amos, (approx 2.5 miles, or 4 kilometers).

224. For purposes of the obligation to say Tefillas Haderech, "travel" includes travel by foot, animal, boat, train, airplane or otherwise.

225. The best time to say Tefillas Haderech is in the first Parsah (approx 2.5 miles, or 4 kilometers) after one has traveled more than 70 Amos (approx 140 feet) out of the city limits. However, one may also say it, B'Dieved, while still in the city, or later on in the trip, so long as there is still at least one Parsah left to travel.

226. According to Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, when traveling by airplane the best time to say Tefillas Haderech is just as the plane is taxiing, about to lift off the ground. Other Poskim hold it should be said just as the plane has lifted off.

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Answers to פרשת בא challenge questions

Q1. From where do we see that we wear תפילין on the left (or weaker) arm? (2 possible answers)?

A1a. The Pasuk says "והיה לך לאות על ירך" ("and it shall be for you for a sign on your arm"). The Gematria of these words are equal to "זרע שמאל" ("the left arm").

A1b. Rashi on the Pasuk above says that in the last Pasuk in פרשת בא where it spells the word as "ידכה" it means that the תפילין should be put on "יד שהיא כהה", the weaker hand, which is usually the left.

Q2. Which is the only טמא animal whose בכור has to be redeemed?

A2. As a reward for the donkeys working so hard when Bnei Yisrael left Mitzrayim, the בכור of a donkey must be redeemed even though it is not a Kosher animal.

Q3. From where in Perek יב Pasuk ב do we see that there are 12 months in a year?

A3. The Pasuk says "החדש הזה לכם ראש חדשים", "This month shall be for you the beginning of the months". Then the Pasuk says "ראשון הוא..." "It shall be the first of the months of the year".

The Gematria of הוא is 12, so we see that this month (ניסן) shall be the ראשון, the first, of 12 months.



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Community News and Events

This week's Father and Son מוצאי שבת learning program is being sponsored by

Hillel & Ruchy Rokowsky

Join us this מוצאי שבת at 6:30pm for learning, prizes and pizza!

Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Yossi & Deena Kress

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