



Tiferet

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TIFERET HASHABBAT

This Week in Tiferet

Tiferet students went to Yerushalayim on a chesed tiyul this week. Our first stop was **Yad Lakashish**, a workshop for elderly immigrants, where our students met with and encouraged this impressive group of artisans. From there we traveled to **Pantry Packers**, a packaging center for low cost dry goods for the poor. Our students manned the factory for the day, packing, sealing and labeling bags of rice for at-cost sale. Finally we went to the **Machane Yehuda shuk**, where our students participated in a "tasting tour" in honor of **Tu B'shvat**.

We said goodbye to our beloved **Shana Bet** students this week! This was a semester of inspiring themselves and inspiring others and we will very much miss their presence in Tiferet!

תורת תפארת

King of the Sea Rav Yehoshua Landau Parashat Beshalach

We have already left Egypt with many miracles. Paroh witnessed ten plagues and admitted defeat. We could have continued on towards Har Sinai and the story would have been nothing less than extraordinary.

However Hashem had one more chapter to add to the story. What exactly did "Krias Yam Suf" add? What new element did it introduce to the world?

In our davening, we find the answer. Whenever we discuss "Kriyas Yam Suf" in the siddur, we see the word "Malchus" repeated over and over. When Bnai Yisrael saw the Egyptians dead by the sea, it eradicated from the world the Empire of Paroh.

The prerequisite to accepting Malchus Hashem, is the negation of all other forms of "malchus" in our lives. We must develop a clarity that not only is "Hashem Elokeinu," but that He is also "Hashem echad."

Shortly after leaving Yam Suf, we are given the mitzvah of Shabbos. This serves as a weekly reinforcement to this truth that Hashem's malchus is the lone force in the world.

The parsha ends with the hands of Amalek on the throne of Hashem. Throughout the generations there will be various forces attempting to negate the clarity of malchus Hashem in our life. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to help write the final chapter of history. To live a life that resonates with the message "Hashem yimloch l'olam va'ed."

Food For Thought Jessica Listhaus (5770, 5771)

Parshat Beshalach discusses two significant events that contributed to Bnei Yisrael becoming a stronger nation. Each of these events provided lessons for life to all of Am Yisrael. The first was a reflection of the Torah's perspective on one of our most essential needs for survival, the need for food to satisfy hunger. The second concerned our need to have faith in Hashem when we face adversity in order to survive. These events are a reflection of meeting our basic needs and about meeting our spiritual needs.

When Hashem provided man, the portions were divided with the exact amounts for each individual's digestion and contentment. If a person gathered too much, there was nothing left over and if a person did not gather enough, he was still satisfied.

Though it would appear that Hashem provided enough mann for each person to satisfy their hunger, Ramban states that the mann was in fact a test. Ramban explains that the mann did not grow from the ground and it could not be planted, or stored. It was natural to worry that it would not reappear the next day, and yet Bnei Yisrael had faith in Hashem providing for them day after day.

In the second lesson of this parsha, we learn that Bnai Yisrael were attacked by Amalek. In this particular battle, Yehoshua was appointed as the general to lead the nation into battle. Moshe, together with Aaron and Chur, scaled the mountain and the Torah tells us, "When Moshe lifted up his arms, Bnei Yisrael controlled the battle, and when Moshe lowered his hands they faltered." (Shemot 17:11)

We are all familiar with the symbolism of this event and the fact that by reaching upwards Moshe was reminding the Jewish army that Hashem is above us. In all of the battles that occurred throughout Tanach, why was this symbolism provided at this particular time? Bnei Yisrael faced many challenges prior to this point. Why did Hashem give instructions to evoke the trust of the Jewish people during this particular battle?

This was the first "hands on" battle for Bnei Yisrael. Previously, Hashem had done all of the fighting for them and provided countless miracles that allowed them to survive during their time in Mitzrayim and in the Midbar. Hashem was weaning Bnei Yisrael from their previous experiences and teaching that from this point on, they would triumph only when they had faith in Hashem.

Both of these lessons are connected and show that Hashem provides us with all of our basic needs, but in order to truly survive, we must have complete bitachon in Hashem. When we gather around the Shabbat table with the two challahs that represent the two portions of mann that were gathered in the Midbar on Friday, we should take the opportunity to consider the relationship that exists between Hashem meeting our needs so that we can survive and having faith in Hashem so that our survival is meaningful.

