

PARSHA INSIGHTS

***Bnai Yisroel went up armed from Mitzrayim. (13, 8)***

What ammunition did Bnai Yisroel possess when they ascended from Mitzrayim?

Rav Shlomo Alkabetz zt"l answers that the Torah itself answers this question in the posuk that follows. ***Moshe took the bones of Yosef with him (13, 19)***. This means that Bnai Yisroel's attachment to their leaders was their merit to be saved.

The Medrash (Breishis Rabba 87, 8) says that the Yam Suf split when it saw the coffin of Yosef. The meaning of the Medrash is that Bnai Yisroel's connection to their leaders was the merit which gained for them the splitting of the sea. As a result, they were able to go to Eretz Yisroel.

***Hashem spoke to Moshe saying, "Speak to Bnai Yisroel and let them turn back... and so they did." (14, 1 - 4)***

*This is a praise of Bnai Yisroel. They did not say, "How can we turn back towards our enemy." They said, "Whether we wish to or not, we must adhere to the words of the son of Amrom." (Mechilta)*

Following many years of enslavement in Mitzrayim, Bnai Yisroel were freed. After a few days of travelling in the desert, Moshe told Bnai Yisroel to turn around towards Mitzrayim, which seemed as if they were returning there. Pharoah then chased them, which eventually led to the Egyptians drowning and the vast amount of valuables that washed ashore for Bnai Yisroel to retrieve. Why did Bnai Yisroel merit this final stage of the redemption?

With Bnai Yisroel's commitment to follow the word of Moshe, their spiritual leader, they merited great salvations. Even if it seemed illogical, Bnai Yisroel were loyal to Moshe and his words.

***It happened on the sixth day... "This is what Hashem said... bake what you wish to bake and cook what you wish to cook..." (16, 22 - 23)***

*If one wanted his mon cooked, then it would be cooked. (Mechilta)*

*Why would there be a prohibition to cook in this manner? One is not performing any act that would be considered a desecration of Shabbos? To verbalize the thought regarding the taste of the mon is the action that is considered a desecration of Shabbos. (Da'as Zekanim Behaaloscha 11, 8)*

*The prohibition to cook on Shabbos is limited to cooking on a fire but cooking from another heat source is not forbidden according to Torah Law. (Shabbos 39a)*

If the mon was not actually cooked with fire, why would there be a prohibition to express one's desire to have his mon cooked on Shabbos?

Why is the prohibition of cooking limited to cooking with a fire? The Eglei Tal (19, 44) explains that since only cooking with fire produces a properly cooked food, therefore it is the only Torah forbidden way of cooking on Shabbos. The Kiryas Sefer (Shabbos 9) explains that since in the Mishkan the cooking was done through fire, and all the prohibitions on Shabbos are derived from the melochos that were performed in the Mishkan, therefore, only cooking through fire is prohibited.

The difference between these explanations would be if there was another method to cook that would produce the same quality of prepared food as cooking with fire. According to the Eglei Tal it would also be forbidden, while according to the Kiryas Sefer it would be permitted since it is not the same actions that were performed in the Mishkan.

According to the Eglei Tal that food prepared with an alternate method is equal to cooking it, we can understand why mon that became properly cooked through "verbalizing" would be prohibited.

TABLE TALK

PARSHA DILEMMA

***It was when Pharoah sent out the nation... "Perhaps the nation will reconsider when they see a war and they will return to Mitzrayim"... Hashem turned the nation... Bnai Yisroel were armed... (13, 17 - 18)***

Why does the Torah change the terminology for Bnai Yisroel from nation to Bnai Yisroel?

WHO AM I?

1. I am not the second
2. Judgment day
3. Your blessing will help me
4. I am not in Tishrei

**Last week's clues:** I am number eight not four, I was in a pickle, We finished the leftovers, I defined the borders.

**Answer:** Arbe / Locust

**Congratulations to:** Moishe Kohn, Yehuda and Boruch Neiman, Y.D. Solomon, Sorah, Shifra Perel & Naftoli Stoll

## WHO AM I ?

1. I am said daily
2. I indicate resurrection
3. My prophecy was greater than the Prophets
4. I appear as a wall

**Last week's clues:** Time sensitive, I cause fasting, I cause redeeming, I was deadly.

**Answer:** Makas Bechoros

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## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

*They had faith in Hashem, and in Moshe, His servant. (14, 31)*

Two women were married for many years and had not been blessed with children. They decided to approach the Rov, Rav Mordechai Sharabi, for advice. Rav Sharabi told them, "Davening will do half and tzedaka will do the other half. Bring me money that I can distribute to the poor and I will pray on your behalf." They brought tzedaka to the Rov and went home.

Within a very short time, one of the women became pregnant. Her friend who was still barren was puzzled, "You and I went to the Rov together. We both brought him tzedaka and he prayed for both of us. Why were you blessed with a child and I was not?"

The friend responded, "I do not know the answer but I think that it depends on the level of trust one has in Hashem. When one fully believes that Hashem will answer their prayers, then he can be sure of receiving His blessing. I know that I had full faith that Hashem would bless me in the merit of the tzedaka that I gave and in the prayers of the Rov."

The still barren women responded, "I must admit that I was unsure. I did not fully believe in the words of the Rov and I doubted whether Hashem would listen." She returned to the Rov with more tzedaka and with total faith that Hashem would answer her prayers. A short while later, she also became pregnant.

## TORAH RIDDLE

How many months in the Jewish calendar have something special on the fifteenth of the month? What are they?

**Last week's riddle:**

*Pharoah said to Moshe and Aaron, "Who and who is going?"  
Moshe said, "With our youngsters and our elders we shall go."  
(10, 8 & 9)*

What was being prophetically hinted to here?

**Answer:** "Who and who" refers to the two individuals who merited to go into Eretz Yisroel - Yehoshua and Calev. "Our elders and youngsters" refers to the fact that only those who were above 60 and those who were below 20 (during the episode with the spies) entered Eretz Yisroel.  
**Congratulations to:** Simcha Schlangier

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