

The Power of Prayer

"And I besought Hashem at that time, saying..." (Devarim 3:23)

Among the stories in the Torah, one of the most difficult to understand is that of Moshe hitting the rock. This infraction led to a severe consequence: Moshe was barred from entering *Eretz Yisrael*, a privilege he fervently sought in this week's parsha, praying some 515 times (see *Midrash Aggadah* to Devarim 3:23). Despite his prayers, he was not able to get a reprieve to enter *Eretz Yisrael*. How do we make sense of such an incident?



The short and simple answer is "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." What might seem a minor infraction to us was, for someone of Moshe *Rabbeinu's* stature, a colossal sin. While we may grasp this intellectually, it remains challenging to fully comprehend why Moshe's action was deemed so severe.

To understand, we must first consider Moshe *Rabbeinu's* position in *Klal Yisrael*. As their leader, he had to meet their spiritual and physical needs, while serving as the conduit between them and Hashem. But what was his personal mission? Like every Jew, Moshe's purpose was to live a life of Torah, sanctifying Hashem's great name in all his actions. If he was meant to bring about a *kiddush Hashem* in a more spectacular way and instead fell short – by striking the rock rather than speaking to it – he failed in a primary obligation in this world. As a result, he was not permitted entry into *Eretz Yisrael*.

But what of his 515 prayers? Why couldn't they reverse his decree? The answer lies in a fundamental truth: Prayer can bring you to your destined place, but it cannot take you beyond your designated realm. Consider *Klal Yisrael's* sin with the Golden Calf. Even though Hashem forgave them, they did not merit to receive the *luchos rishonos* again; they received the *luchos shenios* instead. Their repentance, though complete, could not restore them to where they were before, as the sin had changed them. Similarly, Moshe *Rabbeinu's* prayers, as intense as they were, could not restore what he had lost.

Yet, the *Mabit* (Moses ben Joseph di Trani 1500-1580) offers a profound insight. He explains that no sincere prayer goes unanswered. As proof, in Moshe *Rabbeinu's* case in *Parshas Va'eschanan*, his prayers were partially fulfilled through his

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Don't Be Left Out!

When you have a simcha (or R"L a sad event), it is so easy to have it included in the next newsletter! Just send an email to lev@ahavasshalom.org by 11:00 Thurs.



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Contact: Alan Rubenstein 054-398-8570



Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: Returning to *Hilchos Yom Tov*

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Va'eschanan

לוח שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:45	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:05	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:52/19:12	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:14	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:32	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochin Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:33	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:23	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	18:00	מנחה ב'
Pirkei Avos Shiur	18:24	פרקי אבות
Sunset	19:32	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:09	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:32	מעריב ב'

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17:00-18:00

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Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

Reminder: If you would like the Gabbai to read the name of a *choleh* on Shabbos during the *Mi SheBeirach*, you must submit it via Email to Mrs. Zakoo by Thursday! Send your list of *Hebrew Names* using *Hebrew Letters* to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org.



Tisha B'Av 5785

On behalf of the Kehilla, we would like to thank all the people who were involved in making Tisha B'Av so meaningful this year, including:

Peretz Dissen for organizing all the participants during the Kinos.

The **Rav, Rabbi Yakov Haber** and **Rabbi Rafi Brodie** for giving over the afternoon shiurim.

A special thanks to all the members who introduced a *Kina*. As one member said, *"I got more out of the introductions than from the Kinos themselves!"*

The **videos** of the Tisha B'Av Afternoon shiurim are available at www.ahavasshalom.org.



Questions that appear in this newsletter come from RBSsemicha.com.

The Rav's Tuesday shiur is learning the laws of Yom Tov.

Are you ready? Test yourself with these questions:

Q&A: Nachamu Eruv

Q Two new Jewish families moved in to Jonathan's apartment building in Manhattan's Westside (which was outside of the Manhattan *eruv*). The three families made an *eruv* and stored the box of matzah in Jonathan's apartment. But, on Shabbos *Nachamu*, Jonathan went away for a single's weekend at the Boca Gateways Hotel, leaving his apartment locked — with the box of matzah on the inside. May the other two Jewish families still carry within the apartment building on Shabbos if they know exactly where the box of matzah is in Jonathan's home, even though it is inaccessible?

A No. Since the box of matzah is not accessible, the *eruv* is invalid and the other two Jewish families may not carry during this Shabbos while Jonathan is away. The only way the *eruv* may be made valid is if Jonathan would give one of the remaining families the key to his apartment, or place the matzah in an accessible place, such as in one of the apartments of the other two Jewish families, or even in the hallway of the apartment building.

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being granted the ability to see the entirety of Eretz Yisrael, even if he could not enter it. This partial fulfillment was realized through his *tefilos*.

We find ourselves now in the seven weeks leading to Rosh Hashanah, a period of consolation from Hashem after His exiling us. This should place us in *teshuvah* mode, culminating on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We must realize that our sins, which prevent the *Beis Hamikdash* from being rebuilt in our days, have changed us from who we were a year ago. We must reverse course and reassess what we are supposed to be doing from now until Rosh Hashanah. While this time of year is when people are often on vacation, and grow lax in observing many *mitzvos*, we should do the opposite and strengthen our commitment to performing *mitzvos*, giving us a head start on our teshuva process. With Hashem's help, may we merit a *Kesiva Vachasima Tova*, and even serve as a catalyst for bringing the *Geula Shleima*.

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

כוחה של תפילה

וְאַתְּחַנֵּן אֱלֹהִי בְּצֶת הָהוּא לְאִמְרוֹ: (דברים ג:כג)

בין המאורעות בתורה, אחד הקשים ביותר להבנה הוא סיפור הכאת משה את הסלע במי מריבה. עבירה זו הובילה לתוצאה חמורה: משה נמנע מלהיכנס לארץ ישראל, זכות שביקש עם 515 תפילות בפרשת השבוע (ע' במדרש אגדה דברים ג:כג). למרות תפילותיו, לא זכה לבטל את הגזירה ולהיכנס לארץ ישראל. כיצד ניתן להבין מאורע כזה?

התשובה הקצרה והפשוטה היא: "ככל שהאדם גדול יותר, כך נפילתו קשה יותר." מה שנראה לנו כחטא קל, עבור אדם במעלתו של משה רבנו היה חטא עצום. אמנם אנו עשויים להבין זאת בשכל, אך עדיין קשה לנו לתפוס מדוע מעשהו של משה נחשב כה חמור.

כדי להבין, עלינו תחילה לבחון את מעמדו של משה רבנו בקרב כלל ישראל. כמנהיגם, היה עליו לדאוג לצרכיהם הרוחניים והגשמיים, תוך ששימש כצינור בינם לה'. אך מה הייתה משימתו האישית? כמו כל יהודי, מטרתו של משה הייתה לחיות חיי תורה ולקדש את שם ה' בכל מעשיו. אם היה עליו להביא לקידוש ה' בדרך מרשימה יותר, וכשל בכך – בהכאתו את הסלע במקום לדבר אליו – הוא לא קיים חובה יסודית בעולמו. כתוצאה מכך, נמנעה ממנו הכניסה לארץ ישראל.

אך מה בדבר 515 התפילות שלו? מדוע לא יכלו לבטל את הגזירה? התשובה טמונה באמת יסודית: התפילה יכולה להוביל אותך למקומך המיועד, אך היא אינה יכולה לקחת אותך מעבר לתחומך המיועד. דוגמה לכך היא חטא העגל של כלל ישראל. אף שה' סלח להם, הם לא זכו לקבל מחדש את הלוחות הראשונים; במקום זאת, קיבלו את הלוחות השניים. תשובתם, אף שהייתה שלמה, לא יכלה להחזירם למצבם הקודם, שכן החטא שינה אותם. כך גם תפילותיו של משה רבנו, עוצמתיות ככל שהיו, לא יכלו להשיב את מה שאבד.

עם זאת, המב' ט"ז מציע תובנה עמוקה. הוא מסביר כי אין תפילה כנה שאינה נענית. כהוכחה לכך, במקרה של משה רבנו בפרשת ואתחנן, תפילותיו נענו באופן חלקי בכך שניתן לו לראות את כל ארץ ישראל, אף שלא זכה להיכנס אליה. מילוי חלקי זה התממש דרך תפילותיו.

אנו מוצאים את עצמנו כעת בשבעת השבועות שלפני ראש השנה, תקופת נחמה מה' לאחר שגלה אותנו. תקופה זו אמורה להכניס אותנו למצב של תשובה, שתגיע לשיאה בראש השנה וביום הכיפורים. עלינו להבין כי חטאינו, המונעים את בניית בית המקדש בימינו, שינו אותנו ממי שהיינו לפני שנה. עלינו לשנות כיוון ולבחון מחדש מה עלינו לעשות מעתה ועד ראש השנה. בעוד שתקופה זו היא לעיתים תקופת חופשות, שבה אנשים נרפים בשמירת מצוות רבות, עלינו לעשות את ההפך ולחזק את מחויבותנו לקיום מצוות, מה שיתן לנו יתרון בתהליך התשובה. בעזרת ה', נזכה לכתיבה וחתומה טובה, ואולי אף נזרז את הגאולה השלמה.

PIRKEI AVOS

WITH RAV AVOHOM BARUCH ZACHARIASH

This week starting around 18:24.

זמנים	יום	'א(Sun)	'ב(Mon)	'ג(Tue)	'ד(Wed)	'ה(Thu)	'ו(Fri)	Weekday times until Parshas Eikev
למי חול	שחרית	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	
עד פרשת עקב	מנחה	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:30, 17:40, 19:08	
	מערב	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	*Hall	

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