

Thought of the Week

"And Moshe sent emissaries from Kadesh to the king of Edom..."(20:14)

Moshe sends a delegation to the king of Edom requesting permission to pass through his country. He instructs his emissaries to relate the Jews' experience in Egypt to the king. The Torah records that one of the statements which was made to the king was "vanitz'ak el Hashem vayishma koleinu" - "and we cried out to Hashem and He heard our voice." From the fact that the verse states that Hashem heard our voice, rather than our cries, Rashi interprets that Moshe is sending a warning to Edom that we have the legacy of our Patriarchal blessing received from Yitzchak, "hakol kol Yaakov", the power of the voice of Torah; Bnei Yisroel are infused with the blessing that when we pray, we are answered.

The king of Edom responds by saying that he will come out with sword in hand if Bnei Yisroel attempt to traverse his land. Rashi again comments that through his words the king of Edom is invoking the Patriarchal legacy which was conferred upon Eisav, the father of Edom, "by the sword you shall live."

Moshe must have been aware that just as Bnei Yisroel have the power of prayer to facilitate their success, the Edomites have the power of war. Why does Moshe assume that Bnei Yisroel's Patriarchal legacy is superior?

The key to solving this dilemma lies in Rashi's comment on the preceding verse. The emissaries relate "and with us the Egyptians dealt evilly and with our fathers." The construct of the verse appears convoluted. Why does the verse not simply state that "the Egyptians dealt evilly with us and our fathers"? Rashi explains that the verse is stressing the notion that the affliction suffered by our fathers is a byproduct of our affliction. The "fathers" referred to in the verse are not our biological fathers who endured the servitude in Egypt with us, rather our Patriarchal Fathers who, although they were not present with us in Egypt, suffered our pain.

Why is it necessary for Moshe to allude to this concept in his message to the king of Edom? The power of prayer which ...

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Parshas Chukas

פרשת חקת

Stone Chumash page 838;

Maftir, page 890 (28:9-15); Haftarah, page 1208.

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Shabbos Schedule Rosh Chodesh Tamuz



Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	8:15pm
Parsha Chaburah by Drew Dorman:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:20am
Kiddush is sponsored by Susan and Sherman Frager in honor of Shabbos Rosh Chodesh.	
Mincha:	8:00pm
Shalosh Seudos is communally sponsored and we are honored to hear Divrei Torah from Mr. Leon Sutton.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	9:18pm

Questions? Comments! Sponsorships\$ weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday (Rosh Chodesh):	8:00am
	Monday (Fourth of July):	8:00am
	Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday to Thursday:	8:20pm
	Mincha Friday, and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
	Candle Lighting Friday:	8:14pm

Thought of the Week, continued...

Bnei Yisroel have rests not only in our capacity to extricate ourselves from our own predicament, but also in our ability to relieve our Patriarchs of the distress caused to them by our situation. It is this ability which motivates Hashem to answer our prayers, not only in our merit, but in the merit of our Forefathers as well. The ability with which Edom is imbued benefits only them, and not their forefathers. Their forefathers do not feel the distress of the later generations, for they do not enjoy a closeness to them as do the Forefathers of Bnei Yisroel to the Jewish nation.

Adapted from <http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbizweig/5771/chukas.html> by Rabbi Zweig.

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.



- Mazel Tov to Levi and Dahlia Ocken on the birth of a baby boy on Monday morning! Levi and Dahlia invite everyone to a Shalom Zachor in their home at 10 Montgomery Ave, Apt B1, at 9:30pm.
- Mazel Tov to the Ben Shalom family on the birth of a baby boy early Thursday morning. The Shalom Zachor will be at 154 Edgemoor Rd, not before 11pm.

Women's Learning Experience – Summer Session

Mon at 10:30am: Tehillim for Cholim. July 11th.
Mon at 11am: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha haShavua. July 11th.
Tues at 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.
Tues at 8pm: Stacey Goldman - Chana, at 161 Highland Circle.
Wed at 10am: Mrs. Biberfeld - Michtav M'Elياهو.
Thu at 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Geshar HaChaim.
All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. Free babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Kodshim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

Pirchei and Bnos

Pirchei and Bnos are on break for the summer.

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