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LOVE CONQUERS DOUBTS

Rav Pam on Chumash by Rabbi Shlomo Smith

תְּנֵה לָנוּ אֶחָזָה בְּתוֹךְ אֶחָי אֲבֵינוּ

Give us a possession (in Eretz Yisrael) among our father's brothers (Bamidbar 27:4)

After hearing that only men were counted as a prelude to the division of Eretz Yisrael, the five daughters of Tzelafchad approached Moshe. They said that their father had died in the Wilderness, leaving no sons, and they wanted to know if they would inherit his portion in the land. This was the catalyst for the presentation of the Torah's laws of inheritance. *Rashi* says that the query of Tzelafchad's daughters was not motivated by the desire for financial gain, but rather due to their passionate love for Eretz Yisrael. This is why the *pasuk* traces their lineage back to their ancestor Yosef, who likewise had a tremendous love for the land. In contrast to this, the Torah earlier (see 14:31) underscores that the sin of the *meraglim* was that they lacked true love for Eretz Yisrael. The *pasuk* says, *And they despised the desirable Land (Tehillim 106:24)*, and because of this, the spies depicted Eretz Yisrael as a dangerous *Land which devours its inhabitants (13:32)*.

The *meraglim* described the land as they saw it. It was true that there were heavily fortified cities inhabited by giants, the land produced unusually large fruits and there were many funerals taking place when the spies arrived there. Nonetheless, they should have trusted in the word of Hashem Who had promised that He would bring them into a wonderful land and destroy the Canaanite inhabitants. Their *emunah* in Hashem should have nullified all the fears and worries concerning the Land. Yehoshua and Calev, the two spies who opposed their ten wicked colleagues, depicted the land in glowing terms: *The Land that we*



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passed through to spy it out — the Land is very, very good! (14:7).

With an attitude of *the Land is very, very good*, any doubts and uncertainties that arise can

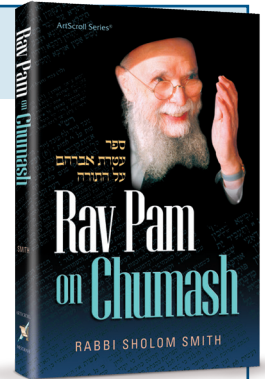
be dealt with and overcome. But if love for the Land is, at best, lukewarm, then any major obstacle along the way will cause an abandonment of the hope and desire to enter it. This was the essence of the *meraglim's* sin.

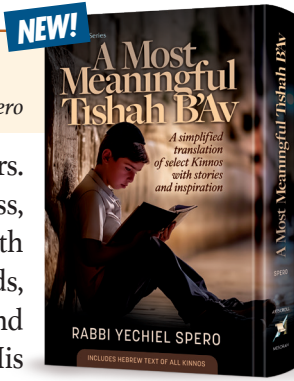
THEIR LOVE OF THE LAND SHOULD HAVE NULLIFIED ALL THEIR FEARS

The difference between the women of the generation of the Wilderness, as exemplified by the daughters of Tzelafchad, and the men, as embodied by the *meraglim*, was that the women had a passionate love for Eretz Yisrael (see *Rashi* 26:64); this negated all the fears and doubts that troubled the men, whose love for the Land was seriously deficient.

This concept teaches an important lesson. A *ben Torah* has the desire to become a great *talmid chacham*, to be fluent in all of *Shas*, to become a *marbitz Torah* and/or a *posek*. Unfortunately, these dreams often remain unfulfilled. The young man evaluates his potential and concludes that he lacks the intellect necessary to achieve greatness in Torah. Many uncertainties trouble him. He wishes to have the privilege of teaching Torah. But how can he be sure that he has the skills to become a *mechanech*? Who knows if he will find a suitable position in a yeshiva? How will he be able to live on the meager salary that a *rebbe* usually earns? These and many other self-doubts fill his mind and depress his spirit until he regretfully concludes

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Tishah B'Av, the Ninth of Av, is a day of crying and mourning. It all began with the *Meraglim* (spies) who were sent to scout Eretz Yisrael and returned with a harmful report on the ninth day of the month of Av. This negative report made the Yidden cry. They didn't want to enter Eretz Yisrael, even though it's a beautiful land.

Because they cried for no reason, Hashem decreed, "You cried for no reason on this day. Now, I will give you a reason to cry" (*Taanis* 29a, *Sanhedrin* 104b). And so, for the past 2,000 years, on the Ninth of Av, we've been mourning the destruction of both *Batei Mikdash*, which were destroyed on that day.

Still, our tears on Tishah B'Av are not for nothing. They have a purpose. We remember the tragedies and hardships our people have faced, and we cry. But we also know that our tears can bring us closer to Hashem. We believe that if we cry out to Him sincerely, asking for His help and salvation, one day, He will bring this long and difficult *galus* to an end.

Rav Yehuda Davis, a rebbi in Yerushalayim, shared a touching story that shows how powerful our tears can be. As a fifth-grade rebbi, Rav Davis worked hard to teach his students the basics of Gemara. He wanted to build a strong foundation for their future learning. However, one boy, Yossi, just couldn't understand the lessons, no matter how hard he tried. Every day, Yossi came to school with a positive attitude, but he always left in tears be-

cause he felt like a failure.

Yossi's struggles didn't just affect his learning. During recess, the other boys made fun of him and didn't want to play with him. They called him names and treated him like the "class dummy." The constant teasing took its toll on Yossi. He lost his confidence, and



WHY DON'T YOU STAND NEXT TO ME WHEN I LIGHT THE CANDLES

the spark in his eyes began to fade. Until that school year, he had been such a happy, cheerful kid. Now, he was a shadow of his former self.

Yossi's parents were very concerned. They took him to various experts, to try to find out why he was having so much trouble. They hired extra tutors, bought him special school supplies, and offered him rewards for his efforts. Yet nothing seemed to help. Yossi's mother was heartbroken. She couldn't stand to see her son so unhappy and so discouraged.

Then, one day, something incredible happened. Yossi came to school with his head held high. His frown was gone, replaced by a smile that stretched from ear to ear. He participated in class, asking questions and giving the

correct answers.

During recess, he played with the other kids, laughing and having fun. His rebbi, Rav Davis, was amazed. He hadn't done anything differently, yet Yossi was suddenly thriving.

Curious about what had caused the change, Rav Davis called Yossi's mother. He told her about Yossi's remarkable improvement. Then he asked, "Can you tell me what happened at home that brought about such a change?"

Yossi's mother explained, "I was so worried about Yossi that I cried for months. I couldn't sleep. I imagined him struggling in class and being left out during recess. Worst of all was hearing him cry every night, as he soaked his pillow with tears. As his mother, I felt his pain deeply.

"Then, I thought of an idea. I told Yossi that there is one special time every week in which I daven very hard for him and all of my children — when I *bentch licht* (light Shabbos candles). During that time, I recite a special *tefillah* for the wellbeing and success of my children. It's a special time, an *eis ratzon*, when I can pour out my heart to Hashem.

"Why don't you stand next to me when I light the candles,' I suggested to Yossi, 'and daven with me? Together, we can pour out our hearts to Hashem. Maybe that will help you.'

"Yossi was so miserable that he was willing to try anything," continued his mother. "So, on that *continued on page 3*

THIS WEEK'S DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

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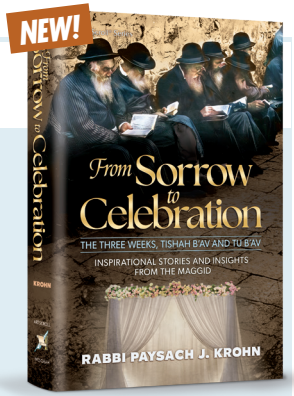
SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 בא	28 בב	29 בב	30 בד	31 בה	1 בו	2 בז
Bava Basra 32	Bava Basra 33	Bava Basra 34	Bava Basra 35	Bava Basra 36	Bava Basra 37	Bava Basra 38

THIS WEEK'S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

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SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 בא	28 בב	29 בב	30 בד	31 בה	1 בו	2 בז
Kiddushin 3:4-5	Kiddushin 3:6-7	Kiddushin 3:8-9	Kiddushin 3:10-11	Kiddushin 3:12-13	Kiddushin 4:1-2	Kiddushin 4:3-4

From Sorrow to Celebration by Rabbi Paysach J. Krohn



The following remarkable story was told to me by Rabbi Zamir Cohen, a prolific author, renowned lecturer, and chairman and founder of the Hidabroot kiruv organization in Petach Tikvah, Israel.

In the Friday night tefillah of Lecha Dodi, we say that Shabbos is the *Mekor Haberacha*, the source of blessing. In this case, was it ever!

Nati and Rona Halabi* lived with their three children in the secular Nir Oz kibbutz, which lies within view of southern Gaza. Several years ago, Rona became a *baalas teshuvah*, observing Shabbos, davening every day, and eating only kosher. Noam reluctantly went along with Rona; their children followed their mother's lead.

Every Shabbos they left Nir Oz and stayed with observant friends. One Shabbos they would be in Yerushalayim, another in Ashdod, and a third in Ashkelon, but always staying with a Torah-observant family.

Rona was expecting her fourth child, and the baby was due around Simchas Torah. The Halabis decided that it was probably best to stay in their kibbutz home for Yom Tov, for if Rona went into labor, she would be close to her doctor and hospital. Reluctantly, therefore, they stayed in Nir Oz and felt they would make do with the holiday spirit that they could muster. At least there would be flags, candy apples, and some dancing with a Sefer Torah.

On Simchas Torah, October 7, 2023, their communi-

ty was among the hardest hit by Hamas terrorists, who savagely murdered, maimed, and kidnapped people, leaving the community scorched and shattered.

Incredibly, none of the Hamas savages even entered the Halabi home.

People in neighboring homes were killed or maimed and worse, but the Halabis, though terrified by what they heard and saw through the slits of their window shades, were spared and untouched. No one could figure out why their home was bypassed. Two days later, when the clothing of dead Hamas terrorists was searched and captured terrorists were interrogated, the reason for the Halabis survival became known. Many of the terrorists had maps indicating which kibbutzim to enter, which homes had dogs that could attack them, where the parents' bedrooms were, and where the children's rooms were. These maps had

been drawn by the Palestinians who for years came in from Gaza to work in these homes. They had betrayed their employers, those who provided their livelihood, by giving Hamas exact details as to where they could do the most damage.

On the map of Nir Oz, there was a note not to bother going into the home where the Halabis lived. The note simply said, "They are never there on their Sabbath."

The Shabbos had saved them, and on the next Shabbos their child was born. 📖

*names have been changed



Rabbi Zamir Cohen

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that he must choose a different, more secure path in life. "How wonderful it would be if my life would be devoted to Torah," he sighs, "but there are just too many 'question marks' to deal with ..."

It is important to realize that the root of such an attitude is a lack of true *ahavas haTorah*. If the young man sincerely desired to attain Torah greatness with every fiber of his being, he would not have so many doubts. Even if his intellectual capabilities are below average, his resolute desire for achievement would earn him great *siyata diShmaya* to achieve his goal. *Hashem grants wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding (Mishlei 2:6)*. It all depends on a person's will to succeed. 📖

BRINGING MASHIACH CLOSER *continued from page 2*

Friday night, as I lit the candles, Yossi stood next to me. We both covered our faces and cried and we whispered our *tefillos* to Hashem. After a few moments, we were finished. Our eyes were red from crying, but we felt a sense of relief and hope.

"From that moment," Yossi's mother went on, "everything started to change. Yossi's confidence returned, and he began to succeed in school. I believe it was our heartfelt prayers and

tears that made the difference."

When we really want something, we cry for it.

Remember, don't cry for nothing. Cry for something meaningful and real.

Cry to come closer to Hashem, to have success in learning Torah and doing mitzvos, and to live to see the coming of Mashiach.

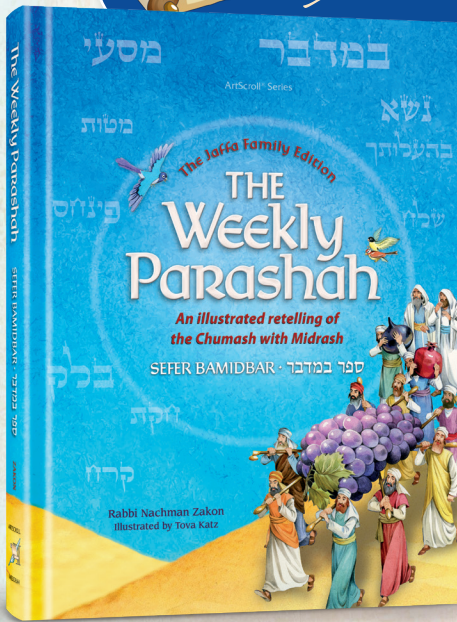
Use your tears to strengthen your connection with Hashem. 📖

This week's Yerushalmi Yomi schedule:

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SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 כ"ז Maaser Sheni 54	28 כ"ח Maaser Sheni 55	29 כ"ט Maaser Sheni 56	30 ד' כ Maaser Sheni 57	31 ה' כ"א Maaser Sheni 58	1 ו' כ"ב Maaser Sheni 59	2 ז' כ"ג Challah 1 Mazel Tov!

Parashah for Children



פרשת פנחס

The Mussaf Korbanos

DAY	OLAH/ ELEVATION- KORBAN			CHATAS/ SIN- KORBAN
	BULLS	RAMS	LAMBS	GOAT
SHABBOS	0	0	2	0
ROSH CHODESH	2	1	7	1
PESACH (EACH DAY)	2	1	7	1
SHAVUOS *	2	1	7	1
ROSH HASHANAH	1	1	7	1
YOM KIPPUR	1	1	7	1 **
SUCCOS (DAY 1)	13	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 2)	12	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 3)	11	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 4)	10	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 5)	9	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 6)	8	2	14	1
SUCCOS (DAY 7)	7	2	14	1
SHEMINI ATZERES	1	1	7	1

* A second set of korbanos is brought on Shavuos. It consists of: 2 loaves; an olah of 1 bull, 2 rams, 7 lambs; a chatas of 1 goat; and a shelamim of 2 lambs (see *Vayikra* 23:15-22).

**A second goat-chatas is also brought on Yom Kippur (see *Vayikra* 16:9).

Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, and Yom Tov

Besides the korban tamid that was brought twice every single day, additional korbanos were brought on Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, and Yom Tov. They are called “mussafim.” The word mussaf means “additional,” because these special korbanos were added to the tamid.

The mussaf korbanos were also brought with minchas nesachim and wine.

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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Pinchas:

What was the only day of the year when the afternoon tamid was not the last korban of the day?

Kids, please ask your parents to email the answer to shabbosquestion@artscroll.com by this Wednesday to be entered into a weekly raffle to win a \$36 ARTSCROLL GIFT CARD! Be sure to include your full name, city, and contact info. Names of winners will appear in a future edition. HINT: The answer can be found in *The Jaffa Family Edition Weekly Parashah*.

The winner of the Korach question is: MIRI ISAACS, Toronto, Canada

The question was: The first pasuk in the parashah says that Korach was the son of Yitzhar, the son of Kehas, the son of Levi. The pasuk stops there. Why is Yaakov left out? The answer is: Yaakov didn't want his name to be mentioned with a machlokes.

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