

# KENESSETH ISRAEL BULLETIN

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*From  
the Rabbi*

*“AND THEY CAME TO EILIM, AND THERE WERE TWELVE SPRINGS OF WATER, AND SEVENTY PALM TREES, AND THEY ENCAMPED BY THE WATER.” (Shemos 15:27)*

The Children of Israel came to Eilim from Marah. At Marah, they were unable to drink the water because it was bitter. Shortly after they left Marah they reached Eilim where they had plenty of water. For this reason, they were in Marah for only one day while they stayed in Eilim twenty days. (Ibn Ezra)

The Chafetz Chaim used this episode to demonstrate people's limited vision. If the Jews would have been aware that they would soon have water in Eilim, they would not have been worried; there would have been no reason to complain in Marah about the lack of water. If they would have been a bit more patient they would have had plenty of water.

So it is with all of us, said the Chafetz Chaim, our inability to see even the immediate future creates all sorts of worry. This limitation can also cause people to fret about things not being as they wish, as they feel there is always something they are missing. Often, however, the things that people worry about turn out much better than they imagined.

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י"ב בשבט תש"פ - פרשת בשלח

- Rabbi Kalatsky will give his Hilchos Shabbos class at 8:35 AM
- Rabbi Goldberger will give a Parsha shiur Friday night in his home at 8:30 PM
- Suedah Shlishit this past Shabbos was sponsored by Simon & BJ Goldman and family in commemoration of the 2nd Yahrzeit (12th of Shevat) of BJ's father, Dr. Zenith Kremen, Sholom ben Chanoch Henach A'H
- The Congregation extends condolences to Adel Morris, Leib Morris and Ephraim Morris & family on the passing of their husband and father respectively, Tzvee Morris, Tzvee ben Aryeh Leib a"h
- Winter Time Shabbat Learning: The next shiur will take place this week, Shabbat Parshat Beshalach, Feb. 7 at 8:30PM at the Klein home, 2748 Quentin Ave, on the topic: "Links between the Akeida and the parting of the Red Sea".
- Marshall Mintz is offering free rides to the airport for people flying to Israel. It does not need to be a direct flight as long as the final destination is Israel. He can be contacted at [mmintz02@gmail.com](mailto:mmintz02@gmail.com) 952-212-7805, 952-927-0081

*“When demands begin,  
love departs.”*

The best antidote for worrying about the future is past experience. When a person is aware of how often things they worried about turned out better than expected, they will have a much more patient attitude. "Let's wait and see." Without this experience people suffer needlessly by assuming they will suffer in the future. As a result, they suffer in the present even if it ends up working out. Let's not cause ourselves stress by assuming the worst. We should instead develop greater trust in the Almighty and master the ability to be patient.

This week, let's take a stressful situation in our lives and adopt a "wait and see" approach. Let's tell ourselves that we can have plenty of stress when it doesn't work out. As for now, let's work towards having a positive attitude; most likely, things will turn out for the best.

Have a peaceful Shabbos!

# Rabbi Kalatsky

## Dvar Halacha

By: Rabbi Dr. Avraham Klein

### Preparing for Shabbat

In this week's Parsha, the nation receives instructions to prepare for Shabbat (Exodus 16, 5):

"והיה ביום הששי והכינו את אשר יביאו" - "And it shall be that on the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring ..."  
The sages (Bavli Shabbat 117b) understood our verse as an instruction about Shabbat preparations: "Said R. Chisda: One should always rise early to make purchases for Shabbat, for it says... 'prepare what they bring' - immediately." Rashi explains that R"Z is saying that the preparation should be at the same time the people bring in the Manna, which was the early morning. Another possibility is that he is referring to the word והיה - and it shall be - to mean that the preparation will be immediately on the start of the sixth day (Beit Yosef Orach Chaim 250). Getting up early to buy things for Shabbat is part of a larger obligation to honor the Shabbat by preparing meals, cleaning the house, wearing special clothes, and so on (Rambam Shabbat 30 1-6). The obligation is a personal one (Rambam ibid. 6): "Even if a person is very important, and it is not his way to buy things in the market or deal with housework, he must perform tasks needed for the Shabbat with his own body." Even though normally the Torah does not require a person to perform tasks that are demeaning, in this case "a person should not announce 'I will not demean myself' - for it is his honor to honor the Shabbat." (Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 250, 1)

The requirement to get up early for Shabbat preparations has the potential to clash with another early morning duty - Shacharit. The Mishna Brurah (ibid. 1) rules that one should wait till after prayers to go buy things, and that if one has a routine learning schedule after Shacharit it should not be put off either. However, if there is a possibility that something will run out if it is not bought before Shacharit, one may (and must) go buy it before Shacharit. The reason is that shopping for Shabbat is not considered an activity for personal benefit, like eating or drinking, which is prohibited before prayers, but rather is part of the Mitzvah of honoring the Shabbat. Even when shopping before Shacharit, one should say Shemah first if the time has already arrived.

Food For Thought: Is it better to cook/prepare for Shabbat on Thursday night or on Friday morning?

Answer to the previous FFT (Vayechi): If the Rosh Galut attempts to appoint an obviously unqualified judge, his appointment is null and void. In the words of the Rambam (Sanhedrin 4, 15): "[Rosh Galut's] appointment is of no consequence unless he is worthy - for if one sanctifies a maimed animal to the altar, the sanctification does not take hold."

*I'd be delighted to discuss suggested FFT answers with readers!*

# Zmanim

## February 7 - 14

	Friday erev Shabbos פרשת בשלח	Shabbos פרשת בשלח	Sunday	Monday - Thursday	Friday erev Shabbos פרשת יתרו
February	7	8	9	10 - 13	14
Shvat	12	13	14	15 - 18	19
Shachris	6:30 AM	8:45 AM	8:00 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM
Mincha	5:15 PM	4:55 PM	5:20 PM	5:10 PM	5:25 PM
Candle lighting	5:11 PM				5:21 PM
Havdalah		6:21 PM			

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