

PARSHAS DEVORIM

Rabbi Mordecai Kalatsky August 5, 2022| Av 1, 5782 אֵלֶה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשָׁר דְּבֶר משָׁה אָל־כָּל־יִשְׂרְאֹל״ "THESE ARE THE THINGS WHICH MOSHE SPOKE TO ALL OF ISRAEL" (Devorim 1:1)



The Torah begins Moshe's final instructions to the Jewish people with a list of places. Rashi cites the Sifra that the Torah is alluding to Moshe's words of rebuke to the Jewish people. Out of respect for the nation, Moshe only hinted at their transgressions by naming the places where they occurred and did not mention them explicitly.

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Chasman commented that a person who is sincerely interested in self-improvement only needs a slight hint in order to realize that he needs to improve. Such a person looks for opportunities to make positive changes in himself and examines his actions for any flaws at the slightest hint of wrongdoing.

Many people try to avoid hearing criticism at all to the point that even if someone explicitly tells them that they have erred, they find all kinds of rationalizations to deny the criticism. When you truly want to become a better person and your goal is overcoming your faults you appreciate when someone points out ways you can improve. Just as a person who is interested in becoming wealthy will welcome any tips and suggestions that might be financially beneficial, a growth-seeker will utilize any tips and suggestions that can be spiritually beneficial..

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter would utilize every opportunity to gain self-improvement insights as illustrated in the following story. He was once in the home of a shoemaker late at night and observed how he was doing his work by the dwindling light of an ebbing candle. "Why are you still working?" Rav Yisrael asked. "It is very late and soon the candle will be extinguished."

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FRIDAY, EREV SHABBOS PARSHAS DEVARIM AUG 5 SHACHARIS 7 AM EARLY MINCHA 6:45 PM, CL 7:03 -7:10 PM REGULAR CL 8:16 PM

SHABBOS CHAZON AUG 6

SHACHARIS 8:45 AM
MINCHA 6:00 PM
SHALOSH SEUDOS AT HOME
SUNSET (FAST BEGINS) 8:32 PM
RABBI KALATSKY WILL SPEAK AT 9:10 PM
SHABBOS IS OVER 9:23 PM
MAARIV 9:30 PM
EICHA & KINNOS TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY TISHA B'AV- SEE PAGE 2

MONDAY - THURSDAY, AUG 8-11 SHACHARIS 7 AM MINCHA 8:10 PM

FRI, EREV SHABBOS PARSHAS V'ESCHANAN AUG 12 TU B'AV

The shoemaker replied ,"As long as the candle is still burning it is still possible to accomplish." Rav Yisrael was very moved by this, and said, "If for our physical needs one mends as long as the candle is burning, how much more must we make every effort to accomplish and mend our souls as long as life remains." This became his refrain, "As long as the candle is lit, accomplish and mend."

We need to stop and realize that we all have a candle within us, a neshama, a soul that has unlimited power and potential. Let's take this to heart and never give up on the candle within.

Have an illuminating Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES



Sign up <u>here</u> for our Signature Shabbos with Rabbi Baruch Yehuda Gradon.



Classes

Wednesdays 10am - Mesilas Yesharim (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 8pm- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)
Thursdays 9:15pm – Mishmar (R. Kalatasky)
Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting (John Ghermezian)
Shabbos Daf Yomi – 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal)

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha – (Sender Russel)

Shabbos Pirkei Avos - 45 minutes before Mincha – (R. Kalatsky)

Tisha B'Av

Sunday Aug 7 Tisha B'Av Observed

Shacharis 8:30 AM
Kinnos will be expounded on by Rabbi Kalatsky
and John Ghermezian
Chatzos 1:18 PM
Mincha/Maariv 8:00 PM
Fast is over 9:22 PM
Kiddush Levana after the fast

Reminder: Bring your Tish B'Av Shoes, etc. to shul before Shabbos

HALACHIC INSIGHT

One of the 39 prohibited melachos of Shabbos is bishul, cooking. Accelerating the speed at which something is cooked also violates this melacha. Here are some methods where this can be an issue:

Any food on a stove top not completely cooked cannot be shifted to a closer position next to the fire even if there is a blech.

Reducing the amount of food in a pot will cause the remaining food to cook faster. Therefore, if a food is not completely cooked it is assur, forbidden to remove a portion of its contents. Stirring also tends to accelerate the cooking process. It is assur, prohibited to stir a pot of partially cooked food or liquid once Shabbos starts. This applies even if the pot is taken off the stove top if it is yad soldes bo above 110 degrees F.

Covering a pot also hastens the cooking of its contents. You can not cover or place back a cover on a pot of food on Shabbos that is not fully cooked.



KID'S CORNER



Devorim

taken from the Schlach Files

What is another name for Chumash Devarim?

- 1. Beraishis 5.0
- 2. Deutenometry
- 3. Yechiel Michel Refoel Menachem
- 4. Mishneh Torah

Who is speaking during the whole Parsha?

- 1. Moshe Rabbeinu
- 2. The daughters of Tzelofchad
- 3. That nudnik in the back of the shul
- 4. Mr. Stevens

Where were the Yidden when Parshas Devarim was said?

- 1. In shul
- 2. On the banks of the Yarden river
- 3. On the banks of the Mississippi river
- 4. At the bank

What instructions did Moshe give the judges?

- 1. Judge everyone fairly
- 2. Never eat with food in your mouth
- 3. Don't judge a person until you've walked a mile in his shoes (That way, if he gets upset at you, at least he's a mile away and he has no shoes)

Why couldn't the Yidden attack Moav?

- 1. Because they were touching home base
- 2. Because Moav was cousins with the Yidden
- 3. The attack was scheduled for the same day as Dov Ber Schulman's birthday party, and they all chose to go to the birthday party
- 4. They ran out of tacks

Whom did the Yidden send to spy out Eretz Canaan?

- 1. A spy-der
- 2. The Shpy
- 3. The Shpy's friend who was dresshed up like the Shpy
- 4. 12 spies

What did the spies bring back which scared the Yidden?

- 1. Spiders
- 2. Tremendously huge fruit
- 3. The English principal
- 4. A dark basement

How were the Yidden punished for believing the spies?

- 1. They had to wander in the desert for 40 years
- 2. They had to listen to a cappella music for 40 years
- 3. The Mon started to taste like tofu
- 4. They lost Shabbos competition

How was Korach punished for rebelling?

- 1. He was grounded
- 2. Esav ate his lentil soup
- 3. Moshe confiscated his iPad 5 DSi WiiU 10,000
- 4. The earth opened up and swallowed him

Why did Korach think he should be a leader?

- 1. Because he was from shevet Levi
- 2. Because his Tatte could drive a car on the grass
- 3. Because he could say "She sells seashells by the seashore" ten times fast
- 4. Because there was a parsha named after him!

What did Moshe tell Yehoshua?

- 1. Aren't you happy I didn't change your name to Yechiel Michel Refoel Menachem?
- 2. Do not be afraid! Hashem will fight for you
- 3. Did you hear about the old man who fell into the waterhole because he couldn't see that well?

Where did the Yidden complain about the Mon?

- 1. Mon-tana
- 2. Mon-tgomery Street
- 3. The kitchen
- 4. Alush

What did the giant Og use as a bed?

- 1. A special bed made of iron
- 2. A school bus
- 3. Ten beds
- 4. A riverbed

Why is Lavan, Yaakov's father-in-law, mentioned in this Parsha?

- 1. Lavan is mentioned as a place in the desert
- 2. Lavan can also be read "Leben" which the Jews probably had for breakfast on Pesach in the desert
- 3. According to the Rashpla"nk, Lavan was only 1 1/2 feet tall. The Radan"k says that's a little shver
- 4. 12 spies

COMMUNITY NEWS

Everyone is encouraged to get out and vote for the primaries. It makes a big impact when we show up in full force. Our political advisors feel that the most competitive and impactful race for us to weigh in on is the Democratic primary for the US House, Representative Ilan Omar versus Don Samuels. Early voting is taking place right now at St Louis Park City Hall, weekdays from 8 - 4:30.

Election Day is August 9th.

Please vote for the candidate that you feel will represent our community the best!

MAZEL TOVS

Mazel Tov to The Jonas family on Gabriella's engagement to Chaim Lieberman of Milwaukee, WI!

Mazel Tov to Nussie & Dena Bitterman on the bris of their son Mordechai Yitzchak. Mazel Tov to the entire mishpacha. May he grow to Torah, Chuppa and Ma'asim Tovim!

Mazel Tov to Zevy & Sheva Shapiro on the birth of their daughter! Mazel Tov to the grandparents Albert & Chaya Miller, and to the entire Mishpacha! May she grow to Torah, Chuppa, and Ma'asim Tovim.

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