

PARSHAS MATOS-MAASEI

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky July 14, 23| 25 Tamuz, 5783

"AND HE GAVE OVER FROM THE THOUSANDS OF ISRAEL, ONE THOUSAND FROM EACH TRIBE" (Bamidbar 31:5) וַיִּמַּסְרוֹ מֵאַלְפֵי יִשִׂרְאֵל אֶלָף לִמּטָה שִׁנִים־עָשָׂר אֻלָף חֲלוּצֵי צָבָא



As the Jewish people prepared for war against Midian, Moshe was forced to draft an army.

Rashi comments on this verse: This is to teach us how much the Jewish people cherish their leaders. Previously, the nation complained against Moshe to the extent that Moshe felt they would stone him. Now, when they heard the Moshe would die after the battle with the Midianites, the nation refused to fight. Consequently, Moshe had to coerce the tribal leaders to draft soldiers for the battle.

Some people question: Why did Rashi begin his praise of the Jews' loyalty to Moshe with a statement about their previous rebelliousness?! The Shelah explains that sometimes the source of one's complaint can be positive. The Jews considered Moshe to be their loving leader; like a father, therefore, they expected and demanded unflinching support. The fact that they desperately tried to retain Moshe and wouldn't do anything to hasten his departure showed that their previous complaints came from the closeness they felt towards him, not hatred.

When someone has complaints against us, it can be quite painful. If we look for the positive aspects of the complaint we will be able to cope with it much more effectively. For example, if someone complains that you did not do more for him than you actually did, it shows that he considers you a compassionate and capable person from that, in his mind, he has the right to expect more. He doesn't complain about a stranger or someone he considers incompetent. In general, when someone finds fault with you try to find some positive aspect in what he is saying. Mastering the ability to reframe potentially negative statements will free you from much emotional pain.

Additionally, when trying to make peace between members of a family, it is a good idea to show them how their frustration and anger is really based on their care and concern for one another and their belief in the strengths that the other possesses.

This week, let's look at someone who has anger towards us as concern for my well-being. By doing so, we will find it easier to fulfill the commandment of loving our fellow Jew.

Have a peaceful Shabbos! Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Matos-Maasei July 14

Shacharis 7 AM Early Mincha 7:05 PM, Light Candles 7:22-7:30 PM Regular Candles 8:39 PM

Shabbos July 15

Shacharis 8:45 AM Pirkei Avos 7:25 PM Relevant Halachos 8 PM Mincha 8:25 PM Shabbos is over 9:48 PM

Sunday July 16

Shacharis 8:30 AM Mincha/ Maariv 8:40 PM

Monday- Thursday July 17 -July 20 Wednesday- Rosh Chodesh Av

Shacharis 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 8:40 PM

Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Devarim July 21

Shacharis 7 AM Early Mincha 7:00 PM, Light Candles 7:17-7:25 PM Regular Candles 8:34 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS





HALACHIC INSIGHT

One of the thirty nine melachos is dash threshing.

It is a process by which wheat kernels are extracted from their chaff. A toldah, corollary of this melacha is sechita which is extracting a liquid from an item which it is absorbed. Sechita applies to wringing liquid from a fabric as well as extracting liquid from foods.

Under the melacha of sechita it is forbidden to press fruits or vegetables in order to extract their juices. It is also prohibited to squeeze out a liquid that has been absorbed in any food item like wine absorbed in challah.

There are three categories of sechita we will iyH discuss that applies to fruits and vegetables: olives and grapes, other foods commonly juiced and finally foods that are not usually juiced.

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Wednesdays 9am - Mesilas Yesharim (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 8pm- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 9:15pm – Mishmar (R. Kalatsky) **Shabbos 8:15am** – Parenting (John Ghermezian)

New Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 7:15 PM Shabbos

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal)

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