



Camp Shalom Shmooze

June 28, 2019
Parshas Shlach



Rabbi Gold's Parsha Corner

And they went up on the south side and came (in unison) to Chevron, and there were Achiman, Sheishai and Talmai, the offspring of Anak. (13:22)

The pasuk begins, va'yaalu, "and they went up," in the plural, and it concludes, va'yavo, "and (he) came," in the singular. Chazal interpret va'yavo as a reference to Calev, who went alone to the graves of the Avos to daven for the strength to stand up to the other spies. On the other hand, in recording the dialogue between the returning meraglim and Moshe the Pasuk says Raenu sham, "We saw there," indicating that it was not merely Calev who went to Chevron, but that they all went. How are we then to understand the singular form in va'yavo, "and he went"?

Horav S.R. Hirsch, zl, explains that, indeed, it was the other meraglim who reported the sighting of these unusually large inhabitants of Canaan. The word va'yavo, "and he came," is a reference to the whole group, indicating the singular purpose of their mission, but, that something happened to this mission. They came together to Chevron as one, but departed as a splintered group. Calev was no longer with them. What happened?

It was the Anakites, descendants of a race of giants, which created a change of heart. It instilled them with fear. They were no longer confident of success, because their trust in Hashem had been shaken by the sight of these strange looking people. Until Chevron, the influence of Calev prevailed. They were all united in courage, determination and faith. Once they arrived in Chevron, Caleb felt the beginning of a difference in his faith and theirs. Therefore, he went to the gravesite of the Avos alone to daven. They all had originally left with peripheral faith. When it was tested, however, they did not pass the test. The meraglim defected. Calev continued on. Emunah, faith in Hashem must be able to withstand the test of time and pressure. Believing in Hashem only when the sun shines in our face does not take much resolution. It is when we are confronted with financial, physical, or emotional difficulty, or with the stress of family issues, that we indicate our true belief. May we all be Zoche to have true Emunah!

Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with a **refillable water bottle**, **sunscreen** and **snacks** every day. The children work up an appetite with their daily activities and get hungry. Only the Rishon children are provided with snack from the camp.
- **We are a nut and seed free camp.**
- All clothing should be labeled clearly with your child's name.

Important Dates:

July 1: Jersey Day

July 1: Machane Trip
to Palisades Hike

July 1: Shlishi

Travel trip to Dave
& Busters

July 2: Avraham,

Yitzchok &

Machane Travel

Trip to State Fair

July 2: Shlishi

Travel Trip to
Paddle Boating

July 3: Red, White &
Blue Day

July 4: NO CAMP

July 5: Sinai

Swim-a-thon



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PARSHA Q & A

- 1. What is the name of this week's Parsha?**
Shelach.
- 2. What did the people ask Moshe to do, before entering Eretz Yisrael?**
To send spies.
- 3. How many spies did Moshe send to Eretz Yisrael?**
Twelve.
- 4. Which spies spoke nicely about Eretz Yisrael?**
Yehoshua Ben Nun and Calev Ben Yefune
- 5. What did the ten meraglim bring back from Eretz Yisrael and how many were needed to carry each item?**
Eight were carrying a cluster of grapes, one was carrying a fig and one was carrying a pomegranate.
- 6. What sin did the meraglim do?**
They spoke lashon hara about Eretz Yisrael.
- 7. What did Hashem cause to happen as a punishment on Tisha B'av because Bnei Yisrael cried about going to Eretz Yisrael?**
The destruction of the Beis Hamikdash.
- 8. What is the mitzva of hafrashas challah?**
To separate a piece of dough for the Kohen when baking bread.
- 9. What is techeyles?**
The special blue string that comes from the chilazon snail.
- 10. What are tzitzis supposed to remind us of?**
To keep the mitzvos.
- 11. How do we remember all the mitzvos by looking at the tzitzis?**
The gematria (numerical value) of the word tzitzis is 600, + 8 strings, + 5 knots = 613.
- 12. What mitzva do we fulfill when we say the 3rd perek of Shema?**
The mitzva of remembering yetzias Mitzrayim.