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Always Adhere Orly English

“The Children of Israel went out and did as G-d commanded etc.”

The *Or HaChaim* has a very interesting and compelling interpretation for the repetition of the words *Kain Asu* (Perek 12, Pasuk 28). The Torah has to reiterate these words to enable us to understand that although Bnei Yisrael may have not understood all the commanded restrictions and regulations, they listened to their leader Moshe Rabbeinu and adhered to the commandments that Hashem sent to Bnei Yisroel via *Moshe Rabbeinu*.

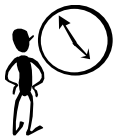


This pasuk teaches us a very compelling lesson. Although in life we may not fully comprehend all the regulations we have as Bnei Yisrael, we have to listen to the Torah and to our Rabbanim, for they are Hashem’s divine portals to us. At times, life may not seem to make sense, but we must adhere and stay connected to the words of the Torah, for the day will come when we will understand Hashem’s master plan.

Two Sides of the Same Coin Rabbi Yosef Zakutinsky

After the ravages of seven plagues, Paroah is ready to negotiate with Moshe. He says he is ready to allow part of Klal Yisrael to leave Mitzraim, as long as only the men between twenty and sixty years old leave – everyone else must remain in Mitzraim. Moshe, on the other hand, would absolutely not tolerate a partial hostage release. “*B’naareinu u’vizkaineinu nelech*” – we are all going to leave, every last one of us, including the youngsters and the elders.

What was the context of this interaction between Moshe and Paroah?



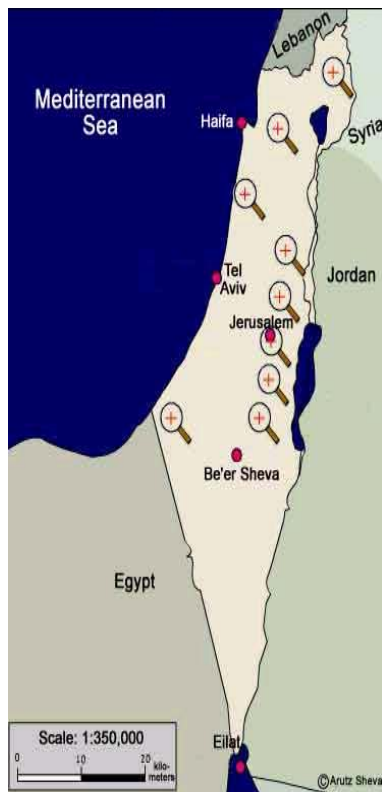
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News From Israel

- PM Sharon to meet officials from justice, and defense ministries to coordinate settlement evacuation (Israel Radio)

-28 religious leaders in U.S. ask President Bush to send envoy to Middle East to oversee peace process (Israel Radio)

-Palestinian minister Saeb Erekat predicts rift between Israel and new PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas (Reuters)



Faculty Dvar Torah (cont.)

And why did Paroah specifically offer to allow the very men to leave who were of use to him as slave laborers? Why didn't he offer for the children and elderly to leave, who were of no use to him in Mitzraim? Paroah was actually a very intelligent man. He knew that the success of a nation is due to two major components – its past and its future.

We know that integral to the Jewish people is for them to receive the tradition from the previous generation. The individuals that come before us have so much to share with us because they are the carriers of the *Mesorah*, and one link closer to our forefathers in the great chain that stretches back unbroken for more than three thousand years.

On the other hand, without a future generation to whom to impart the information, our youngsters, there would be no future for Klal Yisrael. These two parts of our population are key to our nation's continuity.

It is mentioned in the Midrash that there were four individuals in Tanach who minted coins. As materialistic as money is, coins and modern bills all tend to have idealistic engravings important to their country or culture. Avraham Avinu, who laid the foundation for all generations of the Jewish people, both givers and receivers of the *Mesorah*, imprinted on one side of his coins an elderly couple, and on the other, a young boy and girl. As each generation grows and matures, they themselves are afforded the precious opportunity and privilege to transition from receiver to transmitter, from child to parent, from student to teacher. Avraham Avinu – and Moshe Rabbeinu – understood that every segment of the Jewish people is necessary to ensure our continuity and growth.

Breaking Bones Michal Jager

The parsha details the many *mitzvot* that pertain to the *korban pesach*. One cryptic commandment is: “*V'etzem lo tishboru bo*”- You shall not break a bone of it.

There are many such commandments regarding the laws of *karban pesach* commemorating the exodus from Egypt. Wouldn't one *mitzvah* be enough?

The *Sefer Hachinuch* gives a reason for this seemingly strange *mitzvah*. He says that the breaking of bones when one eats meat is the way of a pauper. *Karban pesach* is supposed to signify our freedom from Egypt, but acting like a pauper defeats the feeling of royalty. The *Sefer Hachinuch* says that your actions can also influence you positively. If an evil person acts in a positive fashion, it can influence him for good.

This teaches us an important lesson in improving ourselves. If we wish to become better people, begin by doing actions that you normally wouldn't do even if you don't feel that you are doing it for the right reasons. For example, if you need to improve in *tefilla*, you shouldn't give up and say: "I don't have any *kavana*, so why bother?" Instead, you should keep davening, and if you want to improve, the feeling will follow.

Chazal tell us: "*Acharei hapeula nimshach halev*"-
The heart follows the action.

Adapted from: Growth Through Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

Story of a Gadol

Frau Sarah Schnenirer was a tremendous *baalat chesed* and *midot*. There are many stories portraying the unbelievable *tzadeket* she was. However, one must remember that these stories are just a small glimpse at the life of this amazing individual.

In the days of Frau Sarah Schnenirer's life, artificial hair for *sheitels* was not produced. Instead, married women wore *sheitels* made out of human hair. Frau Sarah Schnenirer, famous for her acts of modesty, *tzniut*, did not think that wearing the real hair on a wig was much better than actually leaving the hair uncovered. Therefore, she had her wigs made out of a material that did not resemble her hair too well. Although this *sheitel* was not trendy in the slightest, she continued to wear it, sometimes with a scarf for *kavod Shabbat*. Her "true beauty [was] in G-d's eyes."

Another famous story about Frau Sarah Schnenirer happened in one of the classrooms in a Bais Yaakov building. A girl accidentally caused the glass in the door to shatter. The other girls in the room were terrified, for there was not much money in Bais Yaakov at the time. Frau Sarah Schnenirer heard the noise of the breaking glass and ran to the room. As she walked in, the girls dreaded to hear her reaction. They were extremely surprised when her first words were, "Is anyone hurt?" When she saw that nobody had gotten injured, she said, "Baruch Hashem" and cleared away the mess.

-Based on a story from Builders by
Hanoach Teller

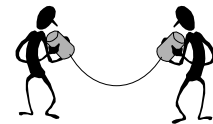
"Quote of the Week"

Common Sense Is Not Too Common

SHMIRAT HALASHON

**The Torah places the
weapon of words in
self-defense at our
disposal, with careful
instructions for how to
use them.**

**Chofetz Chaim:
A Daily Companion**



FAST FACTS on *Ya'ale V'yavo* Batya Matla Herzberg

- ❖ On *Rosh Chodesh*, if someone forgot to recite *ya'ale v'yavo* at *shacharit* or *mincha amida*, he/she must repeat the *amida*. If he/she forgot to recite it at the *maariv amida*, he/she does not repeat it
- ❖ On *Chol HaMoed*, if one forgot to recite *ya'ale v'yavo* even at *maariv*, he/she must repeat the *amida*
- ❖ If one forgot to recite *ya'ale v'yavo* in his/her *birkat hamazon* on either *Rosh Chodesh* or *Chol HaMoed*, he/she does not have to repeat the benching
- ❖ If *Rosh Chodesh* falls out on *Motzei Shabbat* and someone started his/her *seudah shlishit* while it was still day and finished it at night, there are two opinions about what to include in benching. The *Taz* says to recite *retzei* and also *ya'ale v'yavo*. The *Magen Avraham* says just to recite *ya'ale v'yavo*

Based on an article from Torah La'daat
Rabbi Matis Blum

Mazel Tov

Mazal Tov to Megan Leifer on the upcoming marriage of her sister Katie to Ian Lichter
Mazal Tov to Elyssa Zangre on the engagement of her brother Jason to Nechamah Greenberg
Mazal Tov to Mrs. Gross on the birth of a baby girl



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January 17
Emily Harris

January 22
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January 23
Tziona Krauss

January 27
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January 30
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