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MINYON SCHEDULE

1/19 Candle Lighting.....4:51 p.m.
 1/19 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:55 p.m.
 Hashkama Minyon.....7:50 a.m.
 Talmud in Depth.....8:00 a.m.
 Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
 Shema-Latest Time.....9:25 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....4:00 p.m.
 Shabbat Mincha.....4:45 p.m.
 Shabbat ends.....5:52 p.m.
 Parent/Child Learning.....6:45 p.m.
 Daf Yomi II.....7:45 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.
 Mon. & Thu Shacharit.....6:30 a.m.
 Tue., Wed., & Fri. Shacharit.....6:45 a.m.
 Sun. - Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....4:55 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
 Talmud in Depth.....7:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:25 p.m.
Monday - Thursday **
 Talmud I.....6:00 a.m.
Monday- Friday **
 Talmud in Depth.....7:30 a.m.
Monday
 Daf Yomi.....7:15 p.m.
 Pirkei Avot.....8:00 p.m.
Tuesday
 Women's/Mesillat Yescharim.....11:00 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....7:30 p.m.
Wednesday **
 Women's/Pirkei Avot.....11:00 a.m.
 Prophets/Mishlei.....7:30 p.m.
 Daf Yomi.....8:15 p.m.
Thursday **
 Parsha.....7:30 p.m.
 Daf Yomi.....8:15 p.m.

** - Classes will be cancelled for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan 24th and 25th



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DATES

January 27th
 February 10th, 17th, 24th



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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 245 in the Hirsch, page 340 in the Stone.
 The Haftorah begins on page 849 in the Hirsch and page 1151 in the Stone.**

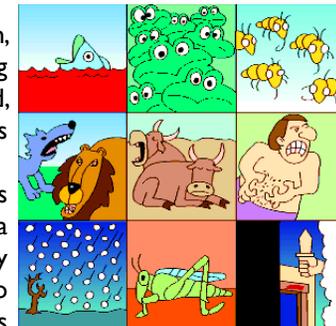
THIS WEEK'S PARSHA begins with Hashem's commanding Moshe to warn Paroh that the worst was yet to come. Locusts will come, eating everything left by the hail. Paroh's officials begin to have a change of heart advising Paroh to let the Jews go, in order to save what remains of Mitzrayim. Paroh brings Moshe and Aharon back, telling them to leave with their people and serve G-d, but only the men. He then expels Moshe and Aharon from his presence.

THUS THE EIGHTH plague is brought on Mitzrayim, with full effect, as promised. Paroh once again relents, calling to Moshe and Aharon, admitting he had sinned against G-d, and wishing for the plague to end. Once again his heart is hardened and he refused to let the Jews go.

ENTER THE NINTH plague, darkness. The darkness for the Egyptians was so deep that they could not see a thing. There is a verse in the Midrash, which says "they could not leave their place for three days". According to our Sages this means they were paralyzed in their places due to the darkness. Our Sages also tell us that four-fifths of the Jewish people, those who did not want to leave Egypt, died during this plague. It was specifically during this darkness that they died, so the Egyptians would not see their deaths and assume the Jews, too, were afflicted by the plague. Also, during this plague the Jews were able to see where the Egyptians hid their finery. Thus when requested it would be requested of them later, they would not be able to claim poverty.

ONCE AGAIN PAROH requests the plague be removed and in return he will let the people go to sacrifice for three days. Again he changes his mind, telling Moshe never to come back to him, on penalty of death. The Parsha continues with Hashem's commanding Moshe to tell the Jewish people to go to each Egyptian, asking them for vessels of gold and silver before they left Egypt, as the end was drawing near.

THIS IS THE fulfillment of the promise made to our forefathers that the nation would leave Egypt laden with gold and silver. Many Commentators explain this "borrowing" that took place. Some say this was not a loan, but a gift on the part of the Egyptians (this is understood from the word "Ve'yish'alu"). Others see this as a mutual exchange, for the



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Jews left them their properties and they received money. Yet others see it as back wages owed to the Jewish people.

THE LINE OF REASONING that this was a fulfillment of the divine promise to Abraham presents a problem. Hashem could have ensured that the Jews would leave with great wealth without “shaking down” the Egyptians. Why resort to what seems like false-pretense borrowing? The S’forno explains that the commandment was meant to resolve another problem, which was the fear that leaving with great wealth would cause the Egyptians to become angry with them. Therefore Hashem commanded the Jews to take the money, assuring them that since it was a command, no harm would befall them. Many commentaries explain the purpose of the command was to insure that it would be carried out because the Jews were mainly concerned with freedom, not with money. They needed to be compelled, in order to fulfill G-d’s promise to Avraham. The Ozneyim Latorah says the command came because the Jews were not interested in Egyptian money. They did not want Egyptian compensation nor did they want to cleanse and ease the conscience of the Egyptian people through these war reparations. This was why Hashem commanded them to go against their desires in order to fulfill the promise made to Abraham.

BEFORE MOSHE IS expelled by Paroh, he tells him the last plague was about to come - the death of all firstborn in Egypt: all humans, animals, Egyptian slaves, every house would be afflicted.

THE TWELFTH CHAPTER of the book of Shemos begins the “commandment” part of the Torah. Until now, only three commandments were given by G-d: to be fruitful and multiply; circumcision; and not to eat of the sciatic nerve. Now, however, G-d begins to form the people into a nation by giving them specific commandments to follow. The first is the mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh, followed by all the laws dealing with the Pesach sacrifice. Some of these laws (i.e. blood on door posts) apply only to the first Pesach, whereas others applied to every subsequent Pesach. This first mitzvah, which the people as a whole received, was significant and fundamental on two levels. First, fixing the months, calculating leap years, and associating a minor festival with each new month, underscores the importance of time, indicating that even time is subjugated to spiritual pursuits. Second, it emphasizes the importance of the Rabbis. The Torah says “HaChodesh Hazeh Lachem”; Lachem, meaning “for you” or “by you” when it is necessary. Without the Rabbis and their knowledge of Torah and Jewish law this would be impossible. The sages, in making their calculations, were operating by the authority given to them by the Torah. It was only the Beis Din that could declare when Rosh Chodesh fell. This is the difference between Shabbos and Yom Tov. On Shabbos we say, “Mekadeish Hashabbos”, “Blessed are you G-d who sanctifies Shabbos”, whereas on Yom Tov we say “Blessed are you G-d who sanctifies Israel and the festival seasons”.

THE EXPLANATION IS that on Shabbos, no matter what we do, the day is Holy. However on festivals the court first needs to declare the day on which they fall, and only then, after the Jews have determined the day by interpreting the qualification of the Torah, is the day itself sanctified and considered a festival.

AT MIDNIGHT ON the fifteenth of Nissan, G-d killed all the firstborn of Egypt. There was not a single house where someone did not die. Paroh called for Moshe and told him to leave with everyone, quickly. The Torah then describes the exodus and concludes with the commandment to commemorate the exodus, and to consecrate the firstborn males.

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
4:55 p.m.	Mark Brunswick
5:25 p.m.	Mendy Rezmovitch
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Rick Katz
9:30 a.m.	Dave Hastings
10:00 a.m.	Rick Venger
10:30 a.m.	Craig Glasser
11:00 a.m.	Moises Eilemberg
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