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Devarim in a Nutshell

From Chabad.org

On the first of Shevat (thirty-seven days before his passing), Moses begins his repetition of the Torah to the assembled children of Israel, reviewing the events that occurred and the laws that were given in the course of their forty-year journey from Egypt to Sinai to the Promised Land, rebuking the people for their failings and iniquities, and enjoining them to keep the Torah and observe its commandments in the land that G-d is giving them as an eternal heritage, into which they shall cross after his death.

Moses recalls his appointment of judges and magistrates to ease his burden of meting out justice to the people and teaching them the word of G-d; the journey from Sinai through the great and fearsome desert; the sending of the spies and the people's subsequent spurning of the Promised Land, so that G-d decreed that the entire generation of the Exodus would die out in the desert. "Also against me," says Moses, "was G-d

angry for your sake, saying: You, too, shall not go in there."



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Moses also recounts some more recent events: the refusal of the nations of Moab and Ammon to allow the Israelites to pass through their countries; the wars against the Emorite kings Sichon and Og, and the settlement of their lands by the tribes of Reuben and Gad and part of the tribe of Manasseh; and Moses'

message to his successor, Joshua, who will take the people into the Land and lead them in the battles for its conquest: "Fear them not, for the L-rd your G-d, He shall fight for you."

Laws of Tisha B'aav



By Shlomo Tanny (sources from Halachapedia, and Chabad.org).

ZMANIM

Friday Night

Candle-lighting and Mincha: 7:57

Shkiya: 8:15

Tzeis: 8:48

Shabbos Day

Shacris Bochorim 8:30

Krias Shema: 9:26

Shacris: 10:30 (verify in Shul)

Zman Tefila: 10:38

Mincha: 6:30 (verify in shul)

Shkiya: 8:14 - Tisha Baav starts .

Marriv and Shabbos Ends: 9:05 (R"Y 9:27) - Eichah Following

Weekday Shacris: 8:30 (verify in Shul)

Weekday Mincha: 1:40

Marriv and End of Fast: 8:45

Next week Candle-lighting and Mincha: 7:46

1. **Eating or Drinking** anything is *Assur*.
2. During the *Seuda Hamafseket* one should have in mind to eat or drink after if he plans too.
3. One can make a *zimun* and sit on chairs during seudat shlishit.
4. The fast begins at shkiya.
5. Bathing and washing oneself is forbidden.
6. Wearing leather is *Assur*.
7. Anointing oneself is *Assur*, but deodorant is okay.
8. Learning is prohibited on Erev Tisha Beav, many poskim say learning is allowed if Erev Tisha beav falls on Shabbos. All hold it is permissible to learn Tisha Beav related Torah.
9. We put on tefillin by mincha
10. One should not sit on a regular chair until midday on Sunday.
11. Many decrease their comfort when they go to bed (one less pillow, no pillow etc.).
12. One should refrain from greeting others, but Mazel Tov is okay as it is blessing.
13. Washing hands should only be until your knuckles.

Ben Gurion's Dream Becomes Reality

By Shlomo Tanny

"It is in the Negev that the creativity and pioneering vigor of Israel shall be tested."

This quote by David Ben Gurion brings to light one of the biggest challenges that The State of Israel has been fighting since its inception in 1948, that is us against nature. When Ben Gurion came to Israel, he saw three aspects of the land:

1. The wet part (The north), or the less dry part.
2. The Religious Part (The Center)
3. The South (the Negev and The Arava)

When he looked at the North, he said "there is plenty of water, as well as many historical cities, Jews will for sure move in and we will not have to worry about it not being a Jewish area, and therefore have a buffer zone between our enemies in the North."



Ben Gurion's blooming burial site in the Negev

When he looked the Center; the epicenter of the Jewish nation, he wasn't worried, as enough Jews will visit there, and majority will make an Aliyah to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. But when he looked at the South, he thought that "being that deserts are so desolate, the heat so unbearable, and so vulnerable to enemies, who would want to live in such an arid place, which is also near our strongest enemy (Egypt)?" He also thought that where will the extra space needed as Israel grows come from, when there is none left in the Center or the North? The only other option is building in the desert regions.

Ben Gurion needed to motivate settlers to go to the Negev, or convince people to stay, as in Kibbutz Hatzerim. This iconic quote, together with "making the desert bloom," has encouraged the creation of an oasis in the desert.

Ben Gurion was predictably right, in that Settlers needed to have "vigor" and

"creativity" in order to survive the arid South. These settlers fulfilled his words by using pipes that England

used in world war two in order to make the first aqueduct in the Negev. They created drip irrigation and continued developing the technology behind it to make it easier to take care of agriculture.

Besides having great technological advances in the agriculture sector, Israel's and its government responded to the Ben-Gurion by establishing municipalities, like the fast growing Beer Sheva, and blooming David Ben Gurion's burial site of Sde Boker. Both places are in middle of the Negev, and yet Beer Sheva is a bustling town of around 200,000, and Sde Boker is blooming.

David Ben-Gurion was so big on settling the Negev was because of its location. As you can see in the map the Negev borders Gaza, West Bank,



Egypt, Jordan, and it's not far from Saudi Arabia. Pre 1977 each one of these countries were sworn enemies, so Ben Gurion wanted to make sure that these countries would not be able to just steamroll into the South.

Another explanation behind the quote is Ben-Gurion wanted to achieve something that has not been done before by making the desert habitable. He learned a lesson from Avraham Avinu, who settled in the Negev (Beer Sheva) and dug wells there.

Now Ben Gurion's quotes about the Negev are even more important. The main natural water sources in Israel have begun to dry up through climate change. But Israel has an advantage over other middle eastern countries, in that they have already had to deal with dry arid land and finding ways to conserve this valuable water even before the Jordan River and the Kinneret was drying up.

From desalination, to drip irrigation and to advanced technology to help cultivate agriculture, Israel's future in the Negev is looking great. Beer Sheva is predicted in 2020 to have 1 million citizens living in its area. More trees are being planted from support of the Jewish National Fund, and cities all over the Negev, like Beer Sheva and Dimona, with running water and electricity.

Israel's creativity and vigor were tested, and they passed the test.

Thinking Before Acting

By Rabbi Reuven Abenaim and the חכמי אמת

אלה הדברים אשר דבר משה אל כל ישראל

בעבר הירדן במדבר בערבה מול סוף

These are the words that Moshe spoke to all Yisrael, on the other side of the Yarden, concerning the wilderness, concerning the Arava, opposite the Sea of Reeds..." (Devarim 1:1)

This week we begin to read the Book of Devarim, the last book of the Torah.

Throughout the Book of Devarim, Moshe speaks to the Jewish people before his passing, rebuking them and reviewing all the mitzvot he taught them as well as mitzvot and many details he hadn't yet taught them. The opening passuk says "These are the words that Moshe spoke to ALL Yisrael." The Jewish people at the time numbered about three million people. How could Moshe speak to all of them at once? How would his voice be heard? In his sefer Nishmat Chaim, Ribbi Chaim Messas (Meknes 1843-1904) quotes the opening passuk of parashat Devarim: "These are the words that Moshe spoke to all Yisrael," and explains that all of Moshe's words were said with the Shechina speaking through his throat. As a result, his voice had the power to reach the entire Jewish people, which naturally would be impossible. In his *sefer Machsof Halavan*, Ribbi Yaakov Abuchatzera (Tafilalt, Morocco-Dimanhur, Egypt 1790-1880) quotes the words מול סוף בערבה מול סוף (wilderness) could also mean "speech," from the root דבר, and בערבה (plain) could also mean "sweet" or "pleasant." The Torah is teaching us when you feel you want to say something-(continued next pg) inappropriate that might embarrass someone, or you want to do something that seems pleasant to you but is the wrong thing to do, how can you refrain from transgressing? The next words in the passuk are מול סוף (opposite the sea of Reeds). The word סוף could also mean "end," i.e. put opposite you the end. After you say what you want to say, will you feel good? After you do the *aveira*, will you feel accomplished? After a person does an *aveira*, he right away starts to regret and feel badly about it.

Moshe is hinting to us to think before we act improperly about the feeling we will have afterwards, and that will hold us back from doing it. Therefore, we learn that it is not enough to rebuke a friend for what he is doing. We must also provide him with the right tools to be able to change—just as Moshe hinted to the Jewish people sound advice of how to refrain from *Aveirot*.

Tisha Be'av in the palace of Marrakech:



There's a known story that shows how the Jewish people in Morocco were very talented and experts in the music called Ala Andalusia. (Note: According to some traditions, this music originated in the Bet Hamikdash by the Leviyim. Later on, during the rise of Islam in the 600s, Muslims used it as well, but Jews always knew how it worked and would sing parts of prayers and bakashot to the rhythm of this music.) One time, the king of Morocco was at war with his enemies. After winning the war, he returned to the palace, which at the time was situated in Marrakech. He wanted to celebrate his victory and decided that he would make a big music festival in the palace and invite many musicians and singers from all over the country. Each one would have a turn to play before the king and before the top musicians of the Ala Andalusian music.

Among those who were invited—or, more accurately, obliged—to come play in the palace were the Jewish musicians and singers, known as paytanim. To their shock and disappointment, the day chosen for the music festival fell out on Tisha Be'av. They didn't know what to do: Tisha Be'av is a day of mourning for the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, not for making concerts!

But it was a decree of the king, so they sat together and came up with an idea they would compose tunes for the kinot

of Tisha Be'av according to the nubot of the Ala Andalusia.

When the day arrived, they traveled to the palace and sang a group of kinot when it was their turn.

The experts of the Ala Andalusia music were amazed at the skill with which the Jewish singers sang, although they had no idea that they were actually singing the kinot of Tisha Be'av that they had to recite anyway.

Uncontested, the Jewish musicians received first prize from the king. (See the sefer מאיר השחר)

Did you know?

Ribbi Amram Ben Diwan (Yerushalayim-Wezan, Morocco 1740-1782) who was one of the greatest Tzadikim of Morocco, passed away on Tisha Be'av.

Therefore, his Hilula is celebrated on Tu Be'av a week later.

This year the Ninth of Av is Shabbat, so we could mark his Hilula this Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom Umevorach!

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On the Right Foot

by [Rabbi Shraga Simmons](#)(from [aish.com](#))

In Parshat Devarim, Moses presents a recap of the past 40 years in the desert.

Moses refers to the ill-fated incident of the 12 Spies who scouted out the Land of Israel, and then advised the Jewish people **not** to go into the land! Moses emphasizes that when the idea of sending spies was first suggested, the people did so in a disorderly manner - with lots of pushing and shoving. The whole thing started off on the wrong foot. And as we know, the incident of the spies ended disastrously - causing a delay of the Jewish entry into Israel.

The story is told of Rabbi Chaim Volozhin, who approached the revered Gaon of Vilna, with an innovative idea to benefit the Jewish people. With great enthusiasm, Rabbi Chaim explained his new project. But the Gaon of Vilna turned him away, saying it was not a good idea.

Undeterred, Rabbi Chaim went back a few days later and - with great excitement and animation - again explained the new project. But again, the Gaon of Vilna said it was not a good idea.

A few months later, after having thought about it some more, Rabbi Chaim decided to try again. This time, the Gaon of Vilna gave his whole-hearted approval. And he explained:

When starting any new project, watch out if you're struck with 'uncontrolled enthusiasm.' It's a sign that the idea is impulsive and has not yet sufficiently matured."

This is also a good principle for parenting. Let's say your daughter comes running to you and says, "Mom! Mom! I want to learn how to play the keyboard! Let's go out and buy me a new keyboard! Now!"

We've all seen it before - after the initial enthusiasm wanes, the keyboard winds up collecting dust at the back of a closet. Better for the parent to say: "Let's wait, dear, for a few more weeks. If you're still excited about the keyboard, we can talk about it then. In the meantime, maybe

you can borrow someone's keyboard to see how much you like it."

It's a good principle to live by. For as we learn from the Spies, one's attitude in the early stage, hints to eventual outcome.

The Fatal Crash: A True Story

by [Zev Roth](#)(from [aish.com](#))

Larry Taylor stood on the platform and spoke loudly to the auction crowd. It had been his own idea to auction off goods and services, and it was going well. He was making lots of money for the synagogue's building fund.

"Oh, here's one that's really special. A 45-minute airplane tour in a small plane. See your house from the sky. I'll start the bidding with 100 dollars. Do I hear 150?" Larry saw a hand in the audience go up. "I have 150. Do I hear 200? Two hundred!" The bidding increased steadily until it reached 300 dollars.

Larry was surprised when he suddenly heard a familiar voice that until now had not entered a bid. "Three-fifty!" Nobody else bid higher, so Larry called out. "Going once? Going twice? Sold to my son Jason for 350 dollars!"

After the auction, Larry said to his son, "I never knew you wanted the airplane prize." He chuckled. "If I did, I would have made the bidding even higher!"

"Actually, Dad, it's your birthday present. I figured that you, me, Mom and Charice can go."

Larry was surprised, then smiled with pleasure. He had a good son, all right. "You know, I always wanted to see our house from the air. Elaine will be so thrilled."

Larry came home with the same broad smile still on his face. He walked into the kitchen and told his wife, "Guess what, dear? Jay bought the airplane tour for the four of us."

"Oh, that's wonderful! When will it be?"

"Let's see... Sunday, August 6."

Elaine opened the kitchen cabinet and checked her calendar. "Did you say the sixth? Oh, I can't make it that day. I'll be

BANANA CRUMB MUFFINS



What will need

- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 3 bananas, mashed
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- Chocolate chips (optional)

Topping

- 2 tbsp flour
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp margarine

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375, line muffin cups or degrease pan.
2. In large bowl, mix 1.5 cups of flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. (choc chips)
3. In another bowl, beat together egg, bananas, sugar, and melted butter.
4. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture just until moistened (don't overmix).
5. In a small bowl mix together brown sugar, 2 tbsp flour. Cut in one tbsp of margarine until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal.
6. Bake for 18-20 minutes.

at a meeting; we're planning a tour to Israel."

Larry squinted at the calendar. "Can't you change something? Maybe postpone the meeting?"

"I don't know, it's so hard to get everyone to agree on a date. I just don't see how I could change it. I really have to get moving to get this tour together in time for Batsheva's due date."

Larry tilted his head slightly and sighed. "What a pity. We'll just have to go without you."

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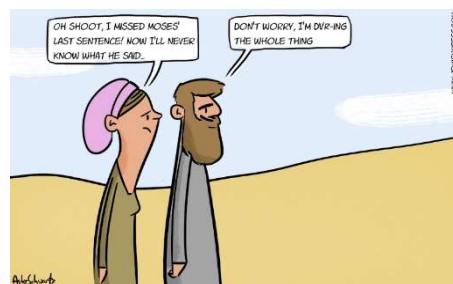
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Monday, Aug. 12		19° 6°
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Tuesday, Aug. 13		19° 6°
Partly Cloudy		
Wednesday, Aug. 14		19° 7°
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Thursday, Aug. 15		21° 8°
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Friday, Aug. 16	30% 	21° 8°
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DevarimTisha Beav

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A TINY TASTE

The night before the plane tour, Larry's heart was beating so hard with anticipation that he had trouble concentrating on the movie the TV was showing.

Exactly that same moment, 5,000 miles away, his son Baruch joined the crowd slowly getting off the bus at the Western Wall. On Tisha B'Av, when most restaurants and bars are closed, the Kotel plaza was jammed.

Baruch took one look at the Wall as he walked up the steps to the Jewish Quarter. The people near the Western Wall were sitting on the floor reading from the book of Lamentations, but many other teenagers at the back of the plaza were socializing as if they were at a cocktail party. Well, he thought, at least they came to the Kotel on Tisha B'Av,

even if they weren't showing proper respect. "And anyway," he thought, "do I know any better than they do what today is all about? I barely understand the Kinot; I don't really know what the Temple meant to our people. I sure don't feel much bereavement."

I don't really know what the Temple meant to our people. I don't feel much bereavement.

The custom at the yeshiva was for each student to give an introduction to one of the Kinot. Baruch prepared Kinah number six. When his turn came, he got up and said what he'd been thinking. "One of the problems we all have on a day like Tisha B'Av is that it's so hard to internalize what went on during the destruction of the Temples. It occurred to me that to get a taste of what it was like, while we're saying the Kinot each one of

us could think about a tragic thing that happened in his own life. It would only be a tiny taste, but it would be something."

Late on Tisha B'Av afternoon, while Baruch was at the Western Wall, his father Larry, his brother Jason and his sister-in-law Charice drove out to tiny Bi-State Parks Airport. Larry felt like a millionaire going to his own private jet.

But then, seeing the sorry excuse for Air Force One that awaited him, his dreams shattered. The single-propeller plane was not much larger than his car. The door opened to reveal the stairs, and the three climbed in and took their seats.

"Hello," announced the pilot, "my name is Yarom and I am your pilot today. Our tour will be about 45 minutes and will be sure to fly over your neighborhood."

"Yarom?" asked Larry. "What kind of name is that?"

"It's a common Israeli name. I was a pilot in the Israeli air force before moving here six years ago."

"Is that so? My son Barry lives in Israel. Now he goes by the name of Baruch."

Jay insisted that Larry sit up front next to the pilot. Yarom started the engine and explained some of the instruments on the control panel, but with the noise from the propellers it was difficult to hear. The plane quickly picked up speed on the runway and took off. We can only surmise what happened in the cockpit. The passengers were surprised how bumpy this ride was compared to the jumbo jets they were used to. It was hard even to pay attention to the landscape under them.

A few minutes later, without warning, the plane began a downward spiral toward the ground. At first, Larry thought Yarom was showing off, but the look of terror on Yarom's face told Larry to fear the worst. All he could do was hold on and await the impact. The crash occurred not far from the spot they had taken off from seven minutes earlier.

ASKING THE WHY?

Baruch was breaking his fast when the phone rang. Who would call so soon after Tisha B'Av had ended? He reached

across the kitchen table and answered the phone on the second ring. "Hello."

There was a long delay. He wondered if anyone was there.

"Hello?" he said a second time.

Finally he heard a faint voice, so soft that he barely recognized it. "Barry?" His mother's voice was shaky, barely audible. Obviously something wasn't right.

"Mom? What is it? I can barely hear you."

"So terrible," she said in a whisper.

"What's terrible? What happened?" Baruch said, trying to hide the panic in his voice.

"Your father... brother... sister-in-law... in a plane crash."

He felt his whole world crash; it was Tisha B'Av all over again.

"Hello? Mom? Are you there?!" Suddenly all Baruch heard was a dial tone. He dropped the phone and stared at the table for many long seconds. He felt his whole world crash; it was Tisha B'Av all over again.

His wife sat staring silently at him. Finally, when she thought he could hear her again, she simply asked, "What happened?"

Baruch drew a sobbing breath. "My mom just said that my father, brother, and sister-in-law were in a plane crash," he said as he looked at the floor, dazed.

What had his mother just said? Were they dead? How could that be?

His thoughts were interrupted when the phone rang again. "Mom?" Baruch said without even a Hello. The voice was slightly more audible this time. "They took a flight in a small plane, and it crashed. Nobody survived."

"They flew today? On Tisha B'Av?"

"Yes. It happened today. Barry, please come back to St. Louis right away."

Baruch managed somehow to get a seat on the very next flight. He arrived in time to help with the funeral arrangements.

One day after davening at the shiva house, Baruch asked Rabbi Pressman how to make sense of this tragedy.

Rabbi Pressman thought a moment and answered, "I can't tell you how to make sense of this. The tragedy is beyond words. But I can tell you that this is a taste of what Tisha B'Av is all about. You've had your own personal destruction, and you know how mourning feels. Perhaps you, with your heartfelt mourning, will be the one to bring the rebuilding of the Temple and the Jewish nation nearer."

Baruch was speechless. He remembered only too well what he himself had said at the yeshiva, just a few days ago. Now he would have to live up to his own words.

The next year, on Tisha B'Av morning, Baruch once again spoke about Kinah number six at his yeshiva. This time, however, he didn't need much preparation.

"Last year I suggested a way that everyone can internalize some of the meaning of Tisha B'Av. Well, for the rest of my life I have that lesson internalized. Tisha B'Av is my father's and my brother's yahrtzeit."

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