



# The Greater Washington Community Kollel SHABBOS DELIGHTS

## TORAH MINUTE

### IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"L

Following the culmination of the Exodus and their miraculous salvation at the Yam Suf (Sea of Reeds), the Jewish nation marches on to Har Sinai and thereafter to their eventual destination - the Land of Israel. At Refidim, the nation of Amalek launches an unprovoked attack. Moshe charges his disciple, Yehoshua, with leading the nation into battle. Moshe ascends a hill overlooking the battlefield and raises his hands heavenward. When his hands remained in that position, the Israelites were able to dominate Amalek, but when Moshe grew fatigued and lowered his hands, Amalek gained the upper hand. Moshe's hands were then supported by Aharon and Chur, and under Yehoshua's command, Amalek was dealt a decisive blow.

The Mishna in Rosh Hashanah (3:8) asks, "Was it indeed Moshe's hands that determined the outcome of the battle?" The Mishna answers that Moshe's hands were simply a directional signal. Moshe was communicating to the nation that when they cast their hearts and minds heavenward they would be given the strength and blessing to prevail in battle. Connected to G-d and cognizant of His role in their hoped for success, they were victorious.

This narrative is rich with lessons to be cultivated and applied to our everyday lives. I would like to share two that were striking to me. First, while it is certainly incumbent upon us to engage in *hishtadlus* - efforts based on the natural order to protect ourselves - we must always remain aware of what truly determines our security. Neighborhood watch groups, self-defense courses, and the procurement of advanced weaponry for our soldiers may be appropriate and necessary. But we must always cast our hearts and minds heavenward, and not forget that it is our Father above who truly protects us.

Secondly, we might convince ourselves that we are people of deep conviction and belief, unsusceptible to having our faith wander. Moshe teaches us, however, not to be so complacent. The clash of iron and "fog of war" could distract us from even our deep-held faith, necessitating the physical reminder of Moshe's hands to redirect our thoughts. We will be well-served to find ways to constantly deepen our faith, whether it be a mentor, book, or the contemplation of a magnificent sunrise.

***Have a wonderful Shabbos!***

***Rabbi Menachem Winter***

## TABLE TALK

### Point to Ponder

***Vayehi / And it happened when Pharaoh sent out the people... (13:17)***

*The word Vayehi connotes the occurrence of a misfortune (Bamidbar Rabba 3:17).*

Why is Bnei Yisrael leaving Mitzrayim considered to be a misfortunate event?

### Parsha Riddle

Which mitzvah in this parsha was fulfilled in Parshas Ki Seitzei?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

### Last week's riddle:

How does the name of the parsha hint at its content?

**Answer:** The gematria of "Bo" is 3 and there are 3 makkos in the parsha.

## TIMELESS WISDOM

***Moshe said, "Eat it today... for today you shall not find it in the fields..." (16:25)***

The Ben Ish Chai related the following incident: A man approached the Rav of his town. "My children are observing Shabbos and they do not perform any forbidden acts on the day. Yet, they spend their Shabbos afternoon going window shopping, looking at all the new items for sale in the city. I do not think this is appropriate. Could the Rav speak with them?" The Rav agreed and, the following Shabbos, went over to the children. He asked them, "When Moshe told Bnei Yisrael that they will not find the Mon in the fields, it seems a little perplexing. The Mon did not fall anywhere on Shabbos, not in the fields and not in the homes. So why did Moshe find it necessary to stress to them that it will not be found in the fields? The answer is that Moshe was telling Bnei Yisrael where one should be found on Shabbos. One should be found at home or in shul, not in the fields. Hanging around areas that are not in the spirit of Shabbos is inappropriate. This is what Moshe was telling Bnei Yisrael."

## KIDS KORNER

All children  
13 and under  
who answer a  
"Who Am I?"  
correctly will  
be entered  
into a raffle to

*win a  
super  
prize*

**Congratulations  
to  
Eliyahu Lazar  
Winner of the  
drawing for the  
Remote Control  
Quadcopter!**

### #1 WHO AM I ?

1. A question is my name
2. I was Heaven sent
3. I came in dew time
4. I had a melt down

### #2 WHO AM I ?

1. I am one of ten
2. As of now there are nine of me
3. This week I am a wall
4. My last will be male

Please see next week's issue for the answers.

### Last Issue's Answers

**#1 Makkas Bechoros** (I threatened Pharaoh, I am called a makka, I cause fasting, I cause redeeming.)

**#2 Tefillin** (I am square, but not for your credit card, In a foreign language is my name, I have you tied up, I Contained Hashem's name, I am for between the eyes)

**Congratulations to  
JJ Grayson  
and to all of last week's winners**

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