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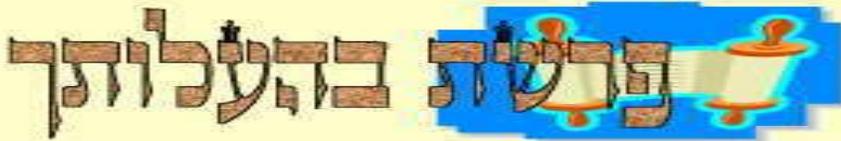
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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Beha'aloscha, June 25, 2016

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In this week's parsha, we read about an incident with Moshe Rabbeinu which is quite puzzling, to say the least. Moshe Rabbeinu has already gone through a great deal of aggravation with the Jewish people, but he always is as strong as a rock, never wavering. Whether it's the sin of the golden calf or any other difficulty, Moshe Rabbeinu is up to the challenge. All of a sudden in our Parsha, when the Jewish people start complaining about the fish, melons and cucumbers they ate in Egypt and they would start crying about their families, Moshe gives up and tells G-d, "I can't do this anymore. It's too hard to carry these people all by myself." What ever happened to Moshe Rabbeinu the man of steel? How come he falls apart over something which in comparison to what he had dealt with before is not a big deal? I believe the answer is very telling and has great ramifications for the generation we live in today. Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest Jewish leader of all time, could deal with any situation or emergency that would arise, but there was one thing he could not tolerate, and that was dishonesty, The Jewish people were not

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:58PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	7:00PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:55PM
Mincha	7:45PM
Havdalah	9:01PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon-Fri	7:00AM

Mincha

Sunday-Thur	8:05PM
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being honest with Moshe and, more importantly, they were not being true to themselves. They were complaining about the food they ate in Egypt for free. The only thing they could eat, or I should say drink for free in Egypt was their own blood. What they meant was free from mitzvos, but they wouldn't dare admit that to themselves. All these complaints and fantasies about how good it was in Egypt was a subterfuge to complain and cry about mitzvos and about mishpachosav (families). For they were upset about the new laws given by the Torah which forbade certain relationships which up to now were permitted. But they were hiding their true complaints behind this fantasy that what we are missing is real food even though they had the miraculous mann. It was this lack of transparency, this behavior of self-deception that Moshe could not countenance. Moshe Rabbeinu had the strength to deal with the greatest failures and sins of the Jewish people as long as they were honest to him and themselves about their wrongdoings, but when you're not straight with yourself you're hopeless, and that's why Moshe Rabbeinu threw up his hands in exasperation to G-d and said I can't cope. My friends, this is our generation. A world where nothing is wrong anymore, where every deviant behavior is winked at. A world where marijuana will soon be legal for all to become brain dead. People can physically change their gender and be hailed as a hero instead of being sent to an institution. The world has gone absolutely mad, no one can say the truth anymore without being hailed as a hater or a bigot. In today's society, you must be politically correct to the point of insanity. No one has the guts to stand up and say the emperor has no clothes. A world in which people can't tolerate the truth is a dangerous world indeed, and if Moshe Rabbeinu gave up in his time, what can we say about our time? So we, the Jewish People, must be strong and not allow ourselves to be seduced by a culture whose philosophy is that there are no wrongs. We must be a beacon of light and inspiration of morality and honesty to the world. We must stand up for what's right and not be afraid to speak the truth, for in the end, emes prevails above all. In this merit may the Al-mighty open up the eyes of the world to know right from wrong and have the chutzpah to say so. May this world of darkness soon be permeated with the light of Mashaich, may he come speedily in our days.

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein



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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Table Talk will be held in the social hall following Kiddush.
- Ladies Tehillim group will meet Monday 10:30AM at the Young Israel.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush is sponsored by Shoshana & Baruch Halpern in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.
- Mazal Tov to Shaynee and Dr. Marty Kessler on the birth a grandson, born to their children Drs. Evan and Deganit Kessler of Buffalo, New York.

Youth Program

- Come join us for our final Father and Child learning this Shabbos as we will celebrate everything we learned the entire year during Shalosh Seudos upstairs. This last week will include special delicious treats and extra prizes!!!
- All youth may turn in this Shabbos their tickets they received for their wonderful participation for great prizes.
- Any parents who would like their young sons to lead parts of davening in shul please speak to Rabbi Fried.

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Please coordinate with the office prior to setting up a meeting at our shul. The office will coordinate and make sure the building is open at the appropriate time and that there is no conflict in scheduling.

Thank You

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