



Young Israel of Bal Harbour The Dose

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In Parshas Masaei, the Torah mentions forty two encampments of the Jewish people during their journey in the desert. The Gerrea Rebbe points out that these encampments have great significance. They allude to the journeys and experiences that we go through in life. Sometimes we camp in Marah (bitterness) and sometimes we are in Miskah (sweetness). At times we are at Makhellos (surrounded by friends) and at times we feel we are B'k'tzei Hamidbar (lonely and isolated at the edge of the desert). There are times when we are at Har Sinai, when it is easy for us to grow spiritually and absorb Torah, but other times its Kivros Hata'avah when we struggle with base desires that pull us down. These are the stories of our lives from sadness and despair to joy and exultation. In either case the purpose is for us to grow spiritually from the experience and ultimately to get more connected to G-d.

*Sefer: Pathways of the Prophets
Rabbi Yisroel Reisman*

Wishing you a great and inspiring day!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein