

# Parashah Sheet **בְּשַׁלַּח**

My Name:..... Year: 4  
Calendar notes for שבֿת and next week:

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## Summary of the פָּרָשָׁה, by עֲלוֹת

for Mums of Deaf,  
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**פִּתְחוּ** ה' did not lead the בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל by the most direct route to יִשְׂרָאֵל. This would have taken them by way of the פְּלִשְׁתִּים and ה' said "perhaps the people will change their mind when they see a war and they will return to מִצְרַיִם."

מֹשֶׁה took the bones of יוֹסֵף, as יוֹסֵף had requested. ה' sent a pillar of cloud to lead them by day and a pillar of fire by night. ה' hardened the heart of פְּרָעֹה and he chased after בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

**לֹוִי** became very frightened as they saw פְּרָעֹה and his horsemen and army coming towards them. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל said: "...it is better that we should serve מִצְרַיִם than that we should die in the wilderness." מֹשֶׁה told the people that they should not fear and that they would soon see ה' perform a גֵּס (miracle) for them.

**שְׁלִישִׁי** ה' instructed מֹשֶׁה to lift up his staff and stretch out his arm over the יַם-סוּף in order to split it. מֹשֶׁה did this and ה' moved the sea with a strong east wind all night. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל walked within the sea on dry land and the water was like a wall to their right and left. מִצְרַיִם chased after them. ה' removed the wheels from their chariots and caused them to drive with difficulty.

**רְבִיעִי** ה' said to מֹשֶׁה: "Stretch out your hand over the sea and the water will go back upon Egypt, upon its chariots and upon its horsemen." מֹשֶׁה did so and the sea came back upon the whole Egyptian army, while בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל continued to walk on dry land, with the water as a wall on their right and their left.



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וַיִּקְהַל

פְּקוּדֵי

י"ד: כַּל וַיֹּשִׁיעַ ה' בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וַיֵּרָא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-מִצְרַיִם מֵת עַל-שִׁפְתַי הַיָּם:  
לֹא וַיֵּרָא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-הַיָּד הַגְּדוֹלָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה ה' בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיִּירָאוּ הָעַם אֶת-ה' וַיֹּאמְרוּ בְּה' וּבִמֹּשֶׁה עַבְדּוֹ:

*Shemot 14, 30: "On that day ה' saved יִשְׂרָאֵל from the hand of מִצְרַיִם and saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore."*

*31: "Israel saw the great hand that ה' inflicted upon Egypt and the people feared ה' and they had faith in ה' and in מֹשֶׁה עַבְדּוֹ - Moshe, His servant."*

בְּעַל קְרִיאָה בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל then sang a שִׁירָה to praise and thank ה' for saving them. [In shul this is sung by the קְרִיאָה to a special tune]. מְרָיִם led the women in song and dance with drums. At מְרָה the people complained that the water was too bitter to drink. ה' showed מֹשֶׁה a tree, which מֹשֶׁה threw into the water to sweeten it.

**חֲמִישִׁי** The people complained again. ה' told מֹשֶׁה that He was going to rain down לֶחֶם מִן-הַשָּׁמַיִם - bread (or 'food') from heaven. The people should collect each day's portion on its day and a double portion on שְׁבֻתָּה.

**ששן** ה' provided שָׁלַח - quail (for its meat) in the evening and מֶן in the morning. There was a layer of dew both beneath and over the מֶן. [This is why we have a board under our challot and a cloth covering them] The people had to collect two portions on עֶרֶב שֶׁבֶת - one portion for עֶרֶב שֶׁבֶת and the other for שֶׁבֶת itself, for they were not to go collecting the מֶן on שֶׁבֶת. On other days if it was left over until the next morning it became wormy and stank. Some people went out to look for מֶן on שֶׁבֶת, but there was none to find. מֹשֶׁה told אֶהְרֹן to put some מֶן in a jar, to be kept for future generations. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל ate מֶן in the אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן for forty years, until they arrived at the border of

**שביעי** In רְפִידִים the people complained again that they had no water. מֹשֶׁה told ה' to strike a rock to bring water out of it. מֹשֶׁה called the place וּמְרִיבָה. עַמְלֵק came and battled with יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל was stronger and when he lowered them עַמְלֵק was stronger. His arms became tired and he was given a stone to sit on. Then אֶהְרֹן and חוּר supported his hands from each side.

**Shemot: Perek 13 Pasuk 17**  
 It happened when פָּרְעֹה sent out the people that ה' did not lead them by way of the land of the פְּלִשְׁתִּים, because it was near, for ה' said:  
 "Perhaps the people will reconsider when they see a war and they will return to מִצְרַיִם."

**שמות י"ג : י"ז**  
 יוֹיְהִי בְשַׁלַּח פְּרַעְהָ אֶת־הָעַם וְלֹא־נָחֵם אֱלֹקִים דֶּרֶךְ אֶרֶץ פְּלִשְׁתִּים כִּי קָרוֹב הוּא כִּי | אָמַר אֱלֹקִים פֶּן־יִנְחַם הָעַם בְּרֹאֲתָם מִלְחָמָה וְשָׁבוּ מִצְרַיִמָּה:

In taking the people by a roundabout path through the Sinai desert ה' was showing that he understood and cared about their state of mind at that point in time. The nation of יִשְׂרָאֵל had only just been taken out from slavery. They needed a little 'tlc' - tender loving care. They needed their confidence to be boosted and to begin to feel some dignity after 210 difficult years of spirit-breaking hard labour.

Had they encountered war with the פְּלִשְׁתִּים soon after leaving מִצְרַיִם they may well have felt like turning round and going back there. Hashem therefore took them on a much longer route to give the nation a chance to learn independence and regain their strength of spirit.

**What can we learn from the way ה' treated בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, for how we treat others?**

- questions**
1. Why did ה' not take בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל to אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל by the direct route?
  2. What did ה' send by day and by night to lead and protect בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל?
  3. What did Hashem provide for food a) in the evening, b) in the morning?
  4. Why do we cover our challot both from beneath and above them?
  5. Who attacked בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל?
- questions**

**Pirkei Avot - Chapter : 4 Mishnah 8**  
 Rabbi Yose said: "Whoever honours the Torah is himself honoured by people and whoever disgraces the Torah is himself disgraced by people."

פְּרָקֵי אֲבוֹת ד': ה'  
 רַבִּי יוֹסֵי אוֹמֵר, כָּל הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוֹפּוֹ מְכַבֵּד עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת. וְכָל הַמְחַלֵּל אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוֹפּוֹ מְחַלֵּל עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת:

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