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Calendar notes for שבֵּט and next week:

Summary of the פרשה, by עליות

ask your children questions!

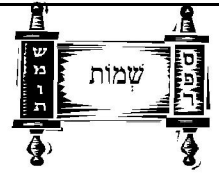
כֹּהֵן told מֹשֶׁה that he had heard the groan of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל who were being enslaved by מִצְרַיִם and He had remembered His בְּרִית - covenant. Then מֹשֶׁה told the four expressions of redemption with which He was going to free יִשְׂרָאֵל:
וְהוֹצֵאתִי - I shall **take you out** [from slavery]; וְהִצַּלְתִּי - I shall **rescue you** [from Egypt]; וְגִאֲלֵתִי - I shall **redeem you** [by splitting the סוּף]; וְלָקַחְתִּי - I shall **take you as My people**.

לוי The תּוֹרָה informs us of the heads of the families of יִשְׂרָאֵל. We are only told about the wives of these leaders in three cases: אֶהְרֹן married עֲמֶרֶם, יוֹכָבֵד married אֶהְרֹן, פּוּטִיָּאל (the son of אֶהְרֹן) married a daughter of יוֹסֵף and אֶלְעָזָר (the son of יוֹסֵף) married יִתְרוֹ. The תּוֹרָה wants us to know that in all three cases the children of these leaders descended not only from great fathers but also from great mothers. (For more information see The Stone Chumash, Artsroll publ., pp.322-323)

נְשֵׁי יוֹסֵף מֹשֶׁה said to ה' that since he did not speak well he doubted פְּרַעֲהַ would listen to him. ה' (שמות ו, ל) "וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה לִּפְנֵי ה' הֲוֹ אֲנִי עֶרְל שִׁפְתַּיִם וְאִיךָ יִשְׁמַע אֵלַי פְּרַעֲהַ" - מֹשֶׁה reassured that he would now become a master over פְּרַעֲהַ and that his brother, אֶהְרֹן would speak to פְּרַעֲהַ for him. ה' said that פְּרַעֲהַ was going to refuse to release בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל and then take out His people **with great judgements**: (שמות ז, ד) "וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶת־צְבָאתִי בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּשִׁפְטִים גְּדוֹלִים" פְּרַעֲהַ was 80 years old and אֶהְרֹן was 83 when they spoke to פְּרַעֲהַ.

רַב־עֲנִי מֹשֶׁה told אֶהְרֹן that when פְּרַעֲהַ should ask for a sign אֶהְרֹן should throw down his staff which would become a snake. When אֶהְרֹן did this פְּרַעֲהַ's magicians were able to do the same, but אֶהְרֹן swallowed theirs. פְּרַעֲהַ did not listen to them, just as ה' had said. מֹשֶׁה told אֶהְרֹן that he and אֶהְרֹן should go and tell פְּרַעֲהַ from the other side of the river that they are turning the Nile into blood, **דָּם**, to punish him. אֶהְרֹן was to hold his staff and stretch out his hand over the waters of מִצְרַיִם. He did this and also struck the waters with his staff and they turned into blood. The fish died and the water became undrinkable for the Egyptians. The magicians did the same. פְּרַעֲהַ did not listen, as ה' had said. Seven days later Hashem told מֹשֶׁה and אֶהְרֹן to warn פְּרַעֲהַ of the frogs, **צַפְרָדַיִם**. Again it was אֶהְרֹן who stretched out his hand with his staff over the waters, this time to bring the frogs. Although the magicians were again able to copy the plague and bring up frogs, פְּרַעֲהַ this time begged מֹשֶׁה and אֶהְרֹן to get rid of the מִכָּה.

חֲמִישִׁי מֹשֶׁה cried out to Hashem because of the frogs, and ה' caused them to die. The frogs were piled up into heaps and the land stank. Again, פְּרַעֲהַ did not listen to מֹשֶׁה and אֶהְרֹן, just as ה' had said. The next plague was the lice, **כִּנִּים**, also brought about by אֶהְרֹן. This time he had to strike the dust of the land. The magicians could not copy this. They said to פְּרַעֲהַ that it was אֶצְבַּע אֱלֹקִים - a finger of G-d, but again he did not listen. ה' told מֹשֶׁה to warn פְּרַעֲהַ of the next מִכָּה, wild beasts, **עֲרֹב**.



שְׁמוֹת
וְאֶרְא
בֵּא
בְּשֵׁלַח
יִתְרוֹ
מִשְׁפָּטִים
יִתְרוֹמָה
יִתְצִיָּה
כִּי תִשָּׂא
וַיִּקְהַל
פְּקוּדֵי

שָׂשׂוּ ה' sent the wild beasts. **פְּרַעַה** agreed to let **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** go into the desert to bring offerings, **זִבְחִים**, to ה', but when the wild beasts had gone he did not let the **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** go. The next plague was **דָּבָר**, a disease which killed the Egyptian livestock (animals). No Jewish livestock died.

מֹשֶׁה and **אַהֲרֹן** brought the next plague by throwing handfuls of furnace soot into the air. It became boils, **שַׁחִין**, which erupted into blisters, on both man and beast throughout Egypt. Again, **פְּרַעַה** did not listen, as ה' had said.

שְׁבִיעִי Next, **מֹשֶׁה** was instructed by ה' to stretch out his hand toward **שָׁמַיִם** to bring the hail **בָּרָד**. This was hail which contained fire flaming inside it. It struck everywhere, people, animals. It struck the grass in the field and smashed every tree. Only in **אֶרֶץ גֹּשֶׁן**, where **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל** lived, there was no hail. **מֹשֶׁה** went out from **פְּרַעַה**, from the city and stretched out his hands to Hashem. The rain, hail and thunder ceased and rain did not reach the earth.

(שמות ט, כ"ה) וַיַּחֲזַק לֵב פְּרַעַה וְלֹא שָׁלַח אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר ה' בְּיַד-מֹשֶׁה:

מֹשֶׁה's heart became strong and he did not send out **בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל**, as ה' had spoken through **מֹשֶׁה**

Shemot: Perek 6 Pasuk 12

מֹשֶׁה spoke before ה', saying: "Behold, the Children of Israel have not listened to me, so how will **פְּרַעַה** listen to me? And I have sealed lips!"

Shemot: Perek 7 Pasuk 1

ה' said to **מֹשֶׁה**, "See, I have made you a master over **פְּרַעַה**, and **אַהֲרֹן** your brother shall be your spokesman."

שמות ו: י"ב

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי ה' לֵאמֹר הֲזֶה בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא-שָׁמְעוּ אֵלַי וְאִיךָ יִשְׁמְעֵנִי פְּרַעַה וְאֲנִי עֵרַל שִׁפְתַּיִם:

שמות ז: א'

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה רְאֵה נִתְתִּיךָ אֱלֹהִים לְפְרַעַה וְאַהֲרֹן אֲחִיךָ יִהְיֶה נְבִיאֲךָ:

Look at the first **פְּסוּק**, above. **מֹשֶׁה** was worried that **פְּרַעַה** would not listen to him and so he would not be able to fulfil his mission. Then we see ה' reassure **מֹשֶׁה** that he will indeed have power over **פְּרַעַה** and that **אַהֲרֹן** would be his spokesman. We see **מֹשֶׁה** accept this help. What can be learnt from these **פְּסוּקִים**?

We, too, should be prepared to accept an offer of help when we need it, rather than be too proud and remain with the problem instead.

questions

1. What are the four expressions of redemption, in both Hebrew and English?
2. Which **מִכּוֹת** are in this week's **פְּרָשָׁה**?
3. Who brought about the first three **מִכּוֹת**? Do you know why?
4. Which of the **מִכּוֹת** were the magicians able to copy?
5. What was particularly unusual about the hail, **בָּרָד**?

questions

Pirkei Avot - Chapter : 4 Mishnah 24

Shmuel HaKatan says: "When your enemy falls do not be glad and when he stumbles do not let your heart be joyful, in case Hashem should see and turn his anger from him to you.

פְּרָקִי אֲבוֹת ד: כ"ד

שְׂמוּאֵל הַקָּטָן הִקְטִין אוֹמֵר, (מוֹשְׁלִי כֹד) בְּנִפְל אוֹיְבִיךָ אַל תִּשְׂמַח וּבְכַשְׁלוֹ אַל יִגַּל לְבָבְךָ, כִּי יִרְאֶה ה' וְרַע בְּעֵינָיו וְהִשִּׁיב מֵעָלָיו אַפּוֹ:

שִׂפְתַּי שְׁלֹוּם!