

Jewish Literacy Programme

Year 5 ~ Week 19

This week's סדרה:

English Translation	Chumash Words / Phrases
generation / all of the generation was in the desert	דֹר \ כָּל הַדֹּר הָיָה בַּמִּדְבָּר
object, container / he took water from the container	כֵּל \ וַיִּקַּח מַיִם מִן הַכֵּל
tribe, stick / Moshe took the stick and he went to Paroh	מִטָּה \ וַיִּקַּח מִטָּה אֶת הַמִּטָּה וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל פַּרְעֹה
bread / Who brings out bread from the earth	לֶחֶם \ הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ (בִּרְכָה עַל לֶחֶם)
kindness / He saw much kindness in the generation	חֶסֶד \ וַיֵּרָא הָרַבִּה חֶסֶד בַּדֹּר
thousand / he saw a thousand camels in the desert	אַלְף \ וַיֵּרָא אֶלֶף גַּמְלִים בַּמִּדְבָּר

Explanation

Our Great Leaders (4)

G.K. Words

Rabbi S. R. Hirsch strengthened Torah Judaism and Jewish life in Germany in the 19th century. He was the rabbi of Frankfurt-on-Main, which became famous for its Jewish schools and kindergartens. He wrote commentaries on the Chumash, the Siddur and on Tehillim (the Psalms). He is also famous for 'Horeb' (a detailed study of the mitzvos) and the 'Nineteen Letters.' **Rabbi Hirsch particularly loved the Tehillim, and said that it made him very happy to spend time wondering what inspired Dovid Hamelech (King David) to write his beautiful Psalms.**

**Rabbi Samson
Raphael Hirsch
(1808-1888)**

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Nechama Leibowitz, studies in
Chumash: WZO, and 'Rabbi Samson
Raphael Hirsch,' Klugman: Artscroll

Rabbi Yisroel Ben Ze'ev Wolf Lipkin (of Salant) was the founder and spiritual father of the Mussar movement. The movement taught techniques for spiritual and character growth. He held positions as the "mashgiach" (spiritual guide) in a yeshivah, and as the head of a Yeshivah in Vilna. He went on to establish his own Yeshivah. **Rabbi Salanter used to say: "One doesn't learn mussar to be a tzaddik, but to become a tzaddik."**

**Rabbi Yisroel
Salanter
(1810-1883)**

adapted from <http://www.ou.org/atout/judaism/rabbis/salanter.htm>
and <http://www.tzemachdavid.org/gedolim/jo/profile/rsalanter.html>

Rabbi Yosef Ber Soloveitchik was the great grandson of Rabbi Chaim Volozhin (top student of the Vilna Gaon and founder of Yeshivas Volozhin) and the great grandfather of Rabbi Joseph Ber Soloveitchik (1903-1993). Rabbi Soloveitchik had one of the greatest minds of his time and also taught Torah to some of the great minds of the generation. **It was said of the Beis HaLevi that his fear of sin was comparable to an ordinary person's fear when his life is in danger.**

**Rabbi
Yosef Ber
Soloveitchik
The Beis HaLevi
(1820-1892)**

Chacham (Sephardic equivalent of "Rabbi") **Yosef Chaim, known as the "Ben Ish Chai," became the Rav of Baghdad at the age of twenty-five.** He became one of the greatest of the modern-day Sephardic "poskim" (rabbis who answer questions regarding halochah [Jewish Law]). **The "Ben Ish Chai" delivered a three-hour sermon every Shabbos, for fifty years.** He was a very holy person; some said that he had "ruach ha-kodesh" (Divine inspiration) though he himself denied it. The Chacham's Shabbos sermons became the basis for his most famous work, the "Ben Ish Chai." **He was known for his love of Eretz Yisroel, and supported messengers who came to collect money for the poor there.**

**The
"Ben Ish Chai"
Chacham
Yosef Chaim
(1834 – 1909)**

<http://www.ou.org/about/judaism/rabbis/benishchai.htm>