

## Summary of the פרשה, by עליות

**כֹּהֵן** did not lead the בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל by the most direct route to אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל. This would have taken them by way of the פְּלִשְׁתִּים and ה' said "perhaps the people will change their minds 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 פָּרְעֹה and he chased after בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

**לֵוִי** became very frightened as they saw פָּרְעֹה 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 great נִס for them.

**שְׁלִיחַ** 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 the Egyptian chariots and caused them to drive with difficulty.

**רַב־יְעִי** 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.

### שִׁמוֹת י"ד

לַיּוֹשֵׁעַ ה' בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וַיִּרְא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-מִצְרַיִם מֵת עַל-שַׁפְּתַי הַיָּם:  
לֹא וַיִּרְא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-הַיָּד הַגְּדוֹלָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה ה' בְּמִצְרַיִם וַיִּירָא הָעָם אֶת-ה' וַיֹּאמְרוּ בְּה' וּבְמֹשֶׁה עֲבָדָיו:

Shemos 14, 30,31: "On that day ה' saved יִשְׂרָאֵל from the hand of מִצְרַיִם and saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great hand that ה' inflicted upon Egypt and the people feared ה' and they had faith in ה' and in מֹשֶׁה עֲבָדָיו - Moshe, His servant."

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]. מֶרְקַס led the women in song and dance with drums.  
At מָרָה 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 עֶרֶב שַׁבָּת.

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

**שְׁבִיעִי** In רַפְדִּים the people complained again that they had no water. ה' told מֹשֶׁה to strike a rock to bring water out of it. מֹשֶׁה called the place וּמְרִיבָה "...because בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל had quarreled (מְרִיבָה) and because they had tested (מָסָה) ה', saying: "Is ה' among us or not?" 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 חֹר supported his hands from each side.

#### Shemos: Perek 17: 7-9

7. "...is Hashem among us or not?"
8. Amolek came and battled with Israel in Rephidim.
9. Moshe said to Yehoshua: "Choose people for us and go to do battle with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of ה' in my hand.

#### שמות י"ז : ז-ט

ז ...הִישׁ ה' בְּקִרְבָּנוּ אִם-אֵין ?  
ח וַיָּבֹא עַמְלֵק וַיִּלָּחֶם עִם-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּרַפְדִּים:  
ט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בַּחֲרֵלְנוּ אַנְשִׁים  
וַיֵּצֵא הַלָּחֶם בַּעֲמֵלֵק מִחֹר אֹנְכִי נֹצֵב עַל-רֹאשׁ  
הַגִּבְעָה וּמִטָּה הָאֱלֹקִים בְּיָדִי:

We may ask why the תּוֹרָה tells us exactly when עַמְלֵק attacked יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
מִדְרָשׁ רַשִׁי"י explains the answer with a מָשָׁל from the שֵׁשׁ:

*A man put his son on his shoulders and went out on a journey. Each time the boy saw something he wanted he said how much he liked it and his father gave it to him. This happened a second and a third time. Soon, the boy (who was still on his father's shoulders) asked a passer-by, "Have you seen my father?" Annoyed, the father said, "Don't you know where I am!?" He threw his son to the ground, where he was bitten by a dog.*

(Midrash Tanchuma and Shemos Rabboh)

So, too, after all the נִסִּים - miracles Hashem showed בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל they had the cheek to wonder whether He was with them! Can you explain the close connection between the מָשָׁל and pesukim 7 and 8?

- questions
1. What might have happened if ה' had taken the people by the direct route?
  2. Why would that have happened?
  3. What is sung to a special tune by the קְרִיאָה on בַּעַל קְרִיאָה?
  4. Why do you think מֹשֶׁה told אֶהְרֹן to put some מָן in a jar?
  5. Why were בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל stronger when מֹשֶׁה raised his arms?
- questions

#### Pirkei Avos - 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."

#### פְּרָקִי אֲבוֹת ד': ח'

רַבִּי יוֹסִי אוֹמֵר, כָּל הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוֹפּוֹ מְכַבֵּד  
עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת. וְכָל הַמְחַלֵּל אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוֹפּוֹ מְחַלֵּל עַל  
הַבְּרִיּוֹת:

Which parts of this sedra sheet  
are you going to discuss with your family  
at the Shabbos table?

שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם!

Parents please sign here  
if you discussed this sedra sheet  
with your child: