

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 7:43 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:20 pm & 7:45 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Shabbos Hagadol Derasha: 6:25 pm

Mincha/SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 7:35 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:48 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 9:15 pm

Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Parshas Metzarah

Adapted from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig [www.torah.org]

"All of you approached me..." (1:22)

Moshe rebukes Bnei Yisroel for the sin of the spies which resulted in the death of an entire generation and Bnei Yisroel's condemnation to wander in the desert for an additional thirty-eight years. Moshe introduces the recounting of the episode with what appears to be merely an historical depiction of the way in which the events unfolded: "All of you surrounded me saying "Let us send men ahead to spy out the Land."" Rashi however, teaches that this introductory statement identifies a flaw in Bnei Yisroel's behavior. Bnei Yisroel approach Moshe "be'irbuvia" - "in a disorderly and disrespectful manner", the young pushing ahead of their elders and the elders pushing ahead of the leaders. Why is this information introduced in Parshas Devarim which is only a recounting of the episode and not in Parshas Shelach which contains the primary account of the occurrence? Why is it necessary to divulge this indiscretion

which appears to be only tangential to the actual sin of the spies?

The strong commitment to tradition adhered to by the Jewish people reflects not only their desire to ensure Jewish continuity but also their respect and reverence for earlier generations and their values. A breakdown in observance of these traditions makes a statement that the earlier generations and the values held dear to them are no longer worthy of respect.

For four hundred years, beginning with the Patriarchs and continuing on from parent to child, a tradition of returning to the Land of milk and honey as promised by Hashem was handed down. The very notion that spies were needed to determine the Land's viability as a place of residence for Bnei Yisroel reflects a lack in their respect for the traditions of their elders.

Devarim is the Sefer which records the last few weeks of Moshe's life. Moshe uses this time period to relate all the transgressions committed by Bnei Yisroel in the past and to exhort them not to succumb again. The manner in which they approach Moshe is not integral to the story line of the sin of the spies and therefore not recorded in Parshas Shelach. It is, however, essential to understanding the dynamics of the sin and how to avoid repetition of this oc-

currence. By identifying the flaw in their manner of approaching him, Moshe is explaining to Bnei Yisroel that this flaw is symptomatic of the greater problem, the lack of commitment to the traditions of their elders. Had they possessed the required reverence for their elders they would not have questioned the viability of Eretz Yisroel.

Good Shabbos

Mazal Tov to Chaim & Chaya Leah Rivlin on the birth of a girl.

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
Alex & Irina Werner in honour of a yahrzeit.
Benny & Penina Feintuch in honour of a yahrzeit.
Abe & Vera Rzepkowitz in honour of a yahrtzeit.**

The kids' program will take place downstairs beginning at 9:30 am.

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Rabbi Avraham Kahn.
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by:
Mr. & Mrs. Yossi Itzkowitz in honour of a yahrzeit.**

The cholim list is being updated for Chodesh Nissan. If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one of the gabbaim.

Shacharis	Weekday Schedule	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am		7:55 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		8:15 pm
	Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sun), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)	
	Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)	

To sponsor Kiddush/Seudas Shlishis contact Baruch Klein (kiddush@agudahsouth.com.)
Have a Simcha to announce? Email announcements to mailings@agudahsouth.com.
To subscribe or unsubscribe to the email bulletin please email mailings@agudahsouth.com.

Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)
The Friday Night learning program will take place this week.
Learning Seder (No shiur): 8:30 pm

Kimcha Depischa Campaign
As in years past the Rav is collecting money for the kimcha depischa campaign to be given to Tomchei Shabbos and needy families within our community before Yom Tov. Checks can be made out to RFRO.

The Rav will be available for Mechiras Chametz after davening in the morning and evening.