

DAF TSAFON

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Parashat Beha'alotcha
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“According to the word of God the Children on Israel would journey, and according to the word of the God they would encamp.” (9:18)

Question: Why are the words “*al pi Hashem*” – “according to the word of God” – repeated six times over a span of five *verses* which discuss the journeying and encampment of the Jewish people?

Answer: This teaches us that it is imperative for a Jew to constantly state that his planned activities will take place “*im yirzeh Hashem*” – “God willing” – or “*be’ezrat Hashem*” – “with God’s help.”

For instance, a traveller should say, “I am travelling *be’erzrat Hashem* on such and such a day and I hope to arrive there, *im yirtzeh Hashem*, on such and such a day.” When he arrives, he should say, “I arrived *be’ezrat Hashem* and hope to leave, *im yirtzeh Hashem* on such and such a day.

”And it came to pass when the Ark set forward ... Return, O God, to the myriad of thousands of Israel” (10:35-36)

Question: Why are there **nunin HaFuchim** – inverted “*nuns*” – setting off the two verses of “**vayehi binso’a**”?

Answer: In Aramaic the word “**nun**” means fish. The life of a fish depends in a large measure on its ability to swim upstream. If it permits itself to be swept along by the current of the rapids or the tide, it will be scuttled and squashed. It is only because Hashem has endowed the fish with the precious instinct of self-preservation, whereby it is able to swim upstream against the current, that it can survive and increase.

Jews have been compared to fish. Our forefather, Yaakov blessed his children that “*veyidgu larov bekerev ha’aretz*” – “and may they increase abundantly like fish in the midst of the earth.” His intent was, that, just as live fish swim against the tide, so his children should swim upstream and resist the temptation to take the easy way of going with the tide of fads and crazes which lead to the dissolution of our teachings and the scuttling of our people. The message of the **nunim hafuchim** – “*inverted nuns*” – in connection with “**vayehi binso’a ha’Aron**” is that to travel with the holy Ark, a Jew must be ready to go against the tide and proudly stand resolute in his convictions.

.”Moshe cried out to God saying, ‘Please, God heal her now.’”(12:13)

Question: Why didn’t Moshe mention the name of the stricken person (Miriam and her mother, Yocheved), as is customary when praying for a sick person?

Answer: The words “**refa na**” have the numerical value of 332, which is exactly the same numerical value as the names “Miriam and Yocheved” combined.

Haftarah

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The Vision of the Menorah:

Zechariah bids the people rejoice for God will dwell once again in the Jerusalem Temple. In a vision the prophet sees Joshua, the High Priest, clothed in soiled garments (symbolizing the people’s iniquities) and accused by Satan of being unworthy to occupy his office. Joshua is vindicated by God, ordered to be clothed in priestly garments and is admonished to observe and teach His commandments.

מזל טוב

Wedding anniversaries

Stan and Jenny Jodeikin
Barry and Judy Marks
Felix and Marina Shteyman

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Bar Mitzvah anniversaries

Errol Berman
Richie Brandon
Fred Peisah
Eli Teichtahl

AN AMAZING SPEAKER...

Dr Yocheved Debow,
Principal, Midreshet Harova in Old City of
Jerusalem,
will be speaking on

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2025

7:15pm - 8:30pm

*Topic: "Raising Jewish Children in Tradition
in Untraditional Culture".*

Dr Debow will provide insights and tips for parents.

Please register through via Humanitix.

**Our congregation acknowledges the following
yahrzeit anniversaries and wishes long life to those
who are commemorating a yahrzeit
during the coming week.**

חיים ארוכים

Amouma Ambarchi	grandmother of Sasson Inbari
Beryl Bank	mother of Leonard and Allan Bank
Siffie Beinart	grandmother of Vernon Shear
Noah Belnick	husband of Reinet Belnick
Mimi Carmon	aunt of Mironne Golan
Frank Collins	father of Trevor Collins
Paula Gottlieb	mother of Leah Somlai and Anne Sheinbar
Lewis Isaacs	father of Suzie Klinger, grandfather of Ari Klinger and Keri Klinger
Esther Krost	mother of Rachelle Lever
Hyman Moses Lowenstein	father of Marlen Dyne
Harry Shear	father of Vernon Shear
Miriam Shear	mother of Vernon Shear