



Mountain Momentum

“*Ki mei-rosh tzurim erenu, u’migevaot ashurenu*,” I see [this nation] from mountain tops, and gaze on it from the heights (*Bamidbar 23:9*). We find tremendous power and encouragement in this famous poetic prophecy from Bilam. Rashi understands that Bilam was referring to our strong foundations, our *Avot* and *Imahot*, symbols of bedrock strength who infused us with our unique, distinctive identity.

The *Shem M’Shmuel* focuses on the reference to our *Avot* as “*tzurim*” strong rocks. They represent the bedrock of our *mesorah*, the core logic of Torah transmitted to each generation. The *Avot* are also described as “*eitanim*,” the strong ones. They are the ones who have given us the strength to keep the Torah without wavering, even in the most difficult of situations. The *Imahot* are compared to the “*gevaot*,” the hilltops that are crafted from piles of dirt. The soft, pliable quality of dirt represents the function of the mothers, teaching softly to the heart and engaging the emotions of each generation. They personify the pure heart of the Jew yearning for *kedushah*. Additionally, dirt is where vegetation can grow and flourish. So too, our mothers as

caretakers create the setting for *ehrllich* generations to prosper.

This same theme, the strong elemental protection our *Avot* and *Imahot*, is likewise found when *Am Yisrael* waged war against Amalek (*Shemot 17:8-13*). Moshe Rabbeinu says, “I will stand *al rosh hagivah*, on top of the hill.” The midrash teaches that Moshe was drawing on the merits of the *Avot* and *Imahot*. As Moshe ascended to the *rosh*, he accessed the merit of the *Avot*, of the *givah*, he accessed the merit of the *Imahot*. The midrash continues. When Moshe Rabbeinu got tired, Aharon and Chur took a rock and placed it under Moshe for him to sit on. By sitting on the rock, Moshe Rabbeinu connected to the *zechut* of the *Avot*, and the *Imahot*.

The Yom Kippur *avodah* (*Vayikra 16:3-34*) is yet another time when we evoke the *zechut* of both the *Avot* and *Imahot*. Here the midrash teaches how each of the sacrifices on Yom Kippur correspond to each of the *Avot*. The cow represents Avraham Avinu, as he served that to his guests. The ram represents Yitzchak Avinu, as a ram was offered in his place at the *Akeidah*. The goat represents Yaakov Avinu who brought two kids to his father to obtain his blessing. The *Imahot* are alluded to in the four garments worn by the Kohen Gadol during the *avodah*, the *zechut* of our mothers wrap us and protect us as clothing. The *Imrei Emet* notes that the first

letters of each article of clothing worn by the Kohen - *avnet, mitznefet, ketonet*, and *mitchnas* – spell *Imchem*, your mothers.

Finally, the *zechut* of our forefathers and mothers will also take us to the ultimate *Geulah*. “*Kol dodi hinei zeh ba, medaleg al heharim, mekapetz al hagevaot*” (*Shir Hashirim* 2:8), the redeemer will come skipping over the mountains and jumping over the hills. Just as in Egypt Hashem redeemed us in the merit of our *Avot* and *Imahot* before the time, so too, will He bring the final salvation. The *Sefat Emet* teaches that even if some say the merit of our forefathers is no longer as strong and may be only “skipping” with one leg, the merit of the *Imhaot* is still robust and viable, “jumping” with both legs. May it be soon in our days that we experience the *Geulah* in their holy merit. ■

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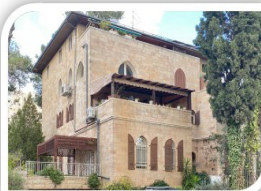
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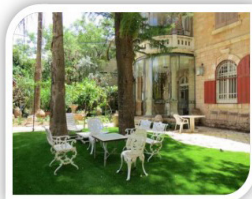
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