

Table of Contents

04	Dear Torah Tidbits Family Rabbi Avi Berman	36	Simchat Shmuel Rabbi Sam Shor	64	The Power of Rabbis in Berachot Rabbi Daniel Mann
08	The Curse and Blessing of a Hardened Heart Rabbi Moshe Hauer zt"l	40	Schedule OU Israel	68	Yehoshaphat and Jewish Justice Mrs. Leah Feinberg
12	Aliya-by-Aliya Sedra Summary Rabbi Reuven Tradburks	46	Yud Shvat Rabbi Judah Mischel	72	When Dating Fatigue Turns Into Resistance: How Do You Help Someone Re-Engage? Aleeza Ben Shalom
16	"Flow" Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Weinreb	48	How History Becomes Memory Rabbi Moshe Taragin	74	The Y-Files Comic Netanel Epstein
20	Freedom's Defence Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l	54	Sanctifying Our Time: Parenting Lessons from Parshat Bo Rebbetzin Zemira Ozarowski	76	NCSY Alyssa Greenberg // Yoav Glick
24	Probing the Prophets Rabbi Nachman Winkler	56	Who Shapes History? Rebbetzin Dr. Adina Shmidman		
28	Freedom and Self-Restraint Rabbi Shalom Rosner	60	Rav Kook: Healthy Fear of the Almighty Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider		

A SHORT VORT

BY RABBI CHANOCH YERES
RAV, BEIT KNESSET BEIT YISRAEL, YEMIN MOSHE

לא ראו איש את אחיו ולא קמו איש מתחתיו שלשׁת ימים (יב:כג)

"They did not see one another, nor rose any from his place for three days?" (10:23)
Why the need for the verse to describe that first one did not see the other and then they were immobilized?

Rashi points out that there were amongst the Israelites in that generation wicked people, and they did not want to leave Egypt. First, they were identified and then they died during these three days without their punishment being exposed to the Egyptians.

The Chidushei HaRim (Rabbi Yitzchak Meir Alter 1799-1866, First Admor of Gur Chassidut) explains deeper. Dreadful darkness transpires when one individual refuses to lend a hand to his neighbor in need. The consequence of ignoring the difficulties and challenges that one's friend experiences is that they themselves will not be able to proceed from their place or function. In this verse, describing the beginning of the plague, no one paid attention to the other, ignoring the other's distress which in hand led to where all Egyptians were refrained from total movement and immobilized.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Earliest Kiddush Levana, 3 Days After Molad: 4 Sh'vat/Wed. night Jan. 21
- 7 Days After Molad: 8 Sh'vat/Sun. night Jan. 25
- Last Opportunity to Say Kiddush Levana until: 15 Sh'vat/Sun. night Feb. 1



COVER PHOTO Photographed by Heshy Engelsberg

I made Aliyah from Queens, New York 2 months after October 7th in 2023. I live in Center City Yerushalayim. I love traveling all around the country taking pictures of everywhere I go. This picture is from one of the caves at Beit Guvrin-Maresha National Park. I have a YouTube channel with over 240 videos of all over Eretz Yisroel which I share with friends back home giving them a virtual taste of our holy land. My channel is: www.YouTube.com/@gems_of_israel/videos.



We continue to pray for the return Ran Gvili, last of the Kedoshim held in Gaza

