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A SHORT VORT

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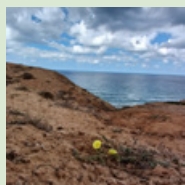
"For in the cloud I appear upon the ark-covering" (16:2) - (כי בענן אראה על הכפורת (טז:ב) -

Why the need to mention in what visual impression G-d will appear? Why in a cloud?

Rashi explains the appearance in a cloud to warn the kohen not to get into the habit of entering where there is G-d's presence.

Rabbi Meir Shapiro M'Lublin (1887-1933) answers that the image of a cloud can hint to people who find themselves in situations of extreme difficulty, where the outcome seems unclear and hazy. The pasuk is telling us that even in such cases, one should not despair. When gloomy and murky times cover the land and there is a feeling of being lost, G-d comforts us, "In the cloud I will appear". Even from within these dark clouds of distress, I will be there with you and bring hope.

Shabbat Shalom




COVER PHOTO

Photographed by Howie Mischel

I snapped this while we were leading a hike with all our kids and grandkids along the trail at Hof Hasharon National Park. For me, this is symbolic of Israel - a beautiful flower alone in the world. Of course there are always those words from Bamidbar 23:7-9: הַיָּהוָה לְבַדָּד יֵשֶׁן.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

 7 Days After Molad: 9 Iyar / Sat. night April 25

Last Opportunity to Say Kiddush Levana until: 14 Iyar / Thurs. night April 30