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*Candle Lighting 4:15pm * Shekiah 4:33pm * Shir Hashirim 4:05pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 3:55pm * Shabbat Ends 5:16pm & Rabbenu Tam 5:46pm
Time for Talit 6:23am * Seasonal Hour 55:00 * Alot Hashahar 6:12am * Netz Hachama 7:18am
Weekday Minha 4:25pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 4:02pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 5:11pm * Chatzot 11:56
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:57am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:52am*

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After marrying the daughter of Yitro, Tziporah, in Midian, Hashem told Moshe to return to Egypt in order to redeem Bnei Yisrael. When he left Midian, on his way to Egypt, the Pasuk says: *"When he was on the way, at the inn, an angel encountered him and sought to kill him. So Tziporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son... and said, "A husband of blood you are to me!" so he loosened his hold on him; then she said, "A husband of blood because of circumcision."* The angel sought to kill Moshe because he had not circumcised his son. Why had he not circumcised him yet? Because when he married Tziporah, her father Yitro had made Moshe promise not to. He kept his promise all the while he lived in Midian, however now that he had left Yitro, he was able to circumcise his son, and planned to do so once he reached Egypt. Why wait? Because it would have been dangerous to the child's health and life to circumcise while traveling on the road. Hashem had commanded him to return to Egypt, and he would not delay. So why was Moshe punished with death? Because once he reached the inn, he busied himself with arrangements first. The inn was near

Egypt, and the remainder of the journey would have posed no danger to his son if he would circumcise him at that time. Because he did not use that immediate opportunity to circumcise his son, the angel that was sent to punish Moshe took on the form of a serpent, and was swallowing Moshe from his head to his thigh, and then was swallowing him again from his feet to near his middle, both times excluding the place of circumcision, so that Tziporah understood that it was because they delayed the circumcision. What did Tziporah do? According to Halacha, a man is supposed to perform the circumcision, not a woman. Initially Tziporah thought the angel wanted to kill Moshe for having married a Midianite woman. This is why she said the first time that he was a husband of blood. When she noticed what the serpent had done while swallowing up Moshe, she understood it was because they did not circumcise their son. She then immediately acted and circumcised her son. This is why she said a second time that Moshe was a *husband of blood because of circumcision*, specifically mentioning circumcision the second time. Moshe was unable to perform the circumcision once he

saw the angel because he was paralyzed with fear. When she mentions circumcision, she speaks in plural, because she only did the first part of the circumcision, cutting the foreskin, while Moshe performed the second part, Periah, indicating two acts with the plural term. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1 – *“The boy grew up... She called his name Moshe”* He did not have the name Moshe until he grew up. Batya the daughter of Pharaoh, with her big pure heart of kindness, saved Moshe from death against her father’s command to drown all Jewish boys. The palace knew she had done so. Moshe had a number of other names: Yered, Avigdor, Chever, Avi Socho, Yekutiel, Avi Zanuach, Tuvia, Shemaya Ben Netanel, Ben Avitar, and Levi. All other names were secondary to his primary name: Moshe.

History in Brief

80 years after the Temple’s destruction, in the year 150AD. As they were burning Rebi Chanina Ben Teradyon, rolled up in his Sefer Torah scroll, his students asked him what he saw, and he said he saw only the parchment burning, while the letters ascended to heaven. His students asked him if it would be better if he would just jump into the center of the flames to end the suffering sooner, and he explained that only Hashem should be the one to take back his soul, not he. The officer assigned with the execution asked Rebi Chanina if he wished for him to remove the water-soaked wool from upon his heart which was placed there to prolong his life and lengthen the suffering before his passing. If he did so, and also increased the flames, would Rebi Chanina promise him life in the next world? Rebi Chanina agreed, and the officer quickened the inevitable. The officer then jumped into the large flames as well and died. A heavenly voice rang out that Rebi Chanina and the officer would both merit a portion in

the next world. Rabbenu Hakadosh cried, some merit a portion in the next world after a lifetime, and some merit a portion in only an instant! Beruria, the daughter of Rebi Chanina, the wife of Rebi Meir Baal Hanes, was embarrassed that her sister was sent to live with lowly adulteresses. Rebi Meir went to Rome and through miracles was able to remove her from that place, still clean and pure from sin.

The Road to Health and Recovery

The olive is one of seven species that the land of Israel is praised by for producing. It is first introduced in the Torah during the Great Flood in the days of Noah, as the dove brought back an olive branch in its mouth. An olive branch therefore symbolizes peace, a symbol recognized and used throughout the world. Olive oil was used to anoint our kings and Cohen Gadol. Olive oil was also used with sacrifices brought upon the Mizbeah. Olive trees can live for hundreds of years, and in fact there are olive trees in Israel today that are over a thousand years old! David Hamelech wished to be like an olive tree in his older years. In the Torah, olive oil labeled as Yitzhar is pure, clean olive oil without anything else. Oil is used for lighting, eating, smearing, and healing. There are hundreds of different types of olives – some are grown for the oil, and some are grown for consumption.

Mussar: Love for Hashem

There is nothing greater than loving Hashem, for all services for Hashem sprout forth from this attribute. There is no comparison between a person who serves Hashem with love and a person who serves Hashem with fear. Loving Hashem is one of the 613 Mitzvot that one is able to always fulfill. One can fulfill this Mitzvah even through just thought. Everyone has constant thoughts – one should just substitute his usual thoughts with some thoughts of love for Hashem, and he will have fulfilled a great Mitzvah! Love Hashem and

His great Torah, which is the source and the wellsprings of life and from which you can draw much merit. If someone gives you a gift you automatically begin to like them. If they completely support you and grant you all of your needs, you begin to love them. If they then save your life and prevent, or even cure you, from terrible sicknesses, you will feel great love towards that person. How much more must we love Hashem who grants us everything, whether it appears to be coming from heaven or from another person – it is really always from Hashem! For every breath we take we must thank Hashem and feel great love towards Him. Do not close off your heart! Hashem continuously grants us life and countless goodness, even while we are sinning, and allows us time to repent and have remorse over our wrongdoings. One can begin counting the great favors Hashem performs for us, starting from his mother's womb before he was even born! There are countless favors Hashem does for us each and every moment - we are unaware of most of them - and unfortunately, we do not think enough about the ones we do know about. We must strengthen our love for Hashem and our bond with Him, fulfill His Mitzvot, and toil greatly in the depths of His holy Torah. May Hashem merit us, Amen.

Rishon LeSion: R' Rephael Meir 1801-1893

When R' Rephael Meir realized he did not successfully collect the necessary donations needed in order to support the poor people of Jerusalem, in order to provide them with their needs for Pesah, he dipped in the Mikveh and went to his inner chamber of Bet Din. He instructed his attendant that nobody should disturb him. The Rabbi then entered his room, locked the door, and began praying. A half hour later, a very distinguished and wealthy looking man, finely dressed and walking with an air of importance, came through the doors of the Yeshiva and asked the Shamosh where he could find the Rabbi. The Shamosh

explained that the Rav was currently unreachable, and had asked that nobody disturb him from his concentration in prayer for any reason whatsoever. The wealthy man insisted that this was very urgent! He needed to speak with the Rabbi right away. The Shamosh answered a second time that there was nothing to be done but wait until the Rabbi came out on his own. The wealthy man declared that he would wait for only a short time, but then, if he cannot see the Rabbi, he would leave and with him a great loss to the Rabbi as a result.

Story

In small groups of ten, after ordering the Jews to remove their clothing and stand on the edge of a large ravine in order to have them fall below in death, over the course of only a couple of days, September 29-30, 1941, the wicked Nazis efficiently killed more than 33,000 Jews. It was the largest single Nazi massacre up until that point during the war. They had not succeeded in killing all the Jews of that location in only one day, and had ordered those remaining to return home at night in order to come back the next day and continue. It took them 36 hours in total. In July 1943, the SS were ordered to cover up any evidence that this had ever happened. They lit the pile of bodies on fire and burned them. They succeeded in covering up the mass grave in the ravine. When Germany fell in 1945, the Russians tried to distance and separate themselves from the terrible actions of the German Nazis. In 1991, a memorial was made for the Jews who were massacred there by the Nazis during World War II. May their memory be blessed, and may Hashem avenge their blood, Amen.

Laws:

1 – Soup that has cooled completely, one is allowed to pour hot liquid into it from a Keli Rishon to mix in and warm up the soup. Some are lenient to do so even if the soup is still a little warm.

2 – Some are strict to even pour the hot liquid from a Keli Rishon first into an empty Keli and only after pour in the cold soup, or cold tea essence prepared from before Shabbat.

3 – Some are strict to even make sure the empty Keli does not have any drops of liquid in it when pouring in liquid from a Keli Rishon, however some are lenient not to dry it and wipe it down.

4 – When you remove a cooked food from a covered fire or from a hotplate and place the pot on the table, you cannot pour in cold water as long as the liquid in the pot of cooked food is hot, until it cools to the point that it is not too hot to touch.

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