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Torah Thoughts, from *Sermonic Wit* by Rabbi Bulka

HELPFUL SCREAMS

The Talmud (Sotah, 11a), relates that three people were involved in the strategy to subjugate the Israelites (Exodus, 1:10). One of them, Eeyov (Job), who kept quiet was punished with excruciating pain (yisurin.)

What is the connection of the action with the punishment? In the words of Rabbi David Bodnik, Eeyov thought that his objections would not have any affect. He was punished with pain, for him to see if even through that pain he would keep quiet and not scream, since the screams cannot help.

The message herein is that there are times we must scream even if the screams may not help. We must feel the pain of others, and yell out as if it is our own pain.

SAVING CONTEMPLATION

The Torah relates that Miriam stationed herself at a distance, to know what will happen to her brother, Mosheh (Exodus, 2:4).

What does the Torah teach us thereby? Surely Miriam was not standing there just simply to find out what would happen.

Rabbi Meshulem David Soloveitchik provides an illuminating insight. Rambam (Hilkhot Tum'at Zaraat, 16:10), says of Miriam that she placed her life in jeopardy to save Mosheh from the water.

Miriam stood by the water not merely to find out her brother's fate. She stood there thinking about how she could save him.

The verse therefore translates in the following way - And his sister stationed herself at a distance, to find out what could be done to save him.

POINTS TO PONDER

The Torah reading begins with the enumeration of the children of Israel who came to Egypt. However this had already been stated previously (p. 319; 1:1-5; see also pp. 285-287; 46:8-28). Why is it repeated here?

Just prior to the birth of Mosheh Rabbenu, the Torah says that a man from the house of Levi took a daughter of Levi (pp. 322-323; 2:1). Why are the names of the bride and groom not mentioned?

Why does the Torah not mention any name given to Mosheh Rabbenu by his own parents, and why is it that the name by which we know him is the name given to him by the daughter of Pharaoh (p. 325; 2:10)?

After all the assurances given by God to Mosheh, Mosheh still refuses to undertake the mission of rescue (p. 337; 4:13). What justification is there for Mosheh refusing to go along with God's request?

HAFTARAH

The Haftarah is found in your Humashim at the bottom of page 345, and is taken from the book of Yeshayahu. The beginning of the Haftarah makes reference to the humble beginnings of Israel, through what Yaakov had planted, and how Israel has flourished since.

At the same time the Haftarah does make reference to the continuing harassment of Israel by the nations, and alludes to Israel's redemption, and the final fate that awaits Israel's adversaries.

The great moment of the loud sound of the shofar and the ingathering of the exiles is the highlight of this Haftarah. Yeshayahu makes reference to the fact that re-education of the people, starting from the very basics, is absolutely essential for the ultimate return.

Quote of the week:

The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied...

Schedule of Services

Saturday, January 23

7:45 a.m.: Shoharit (1st Minyan)
9:30 a.m.: Shoharit (2nd Minyan)
4:50 p.m.: Minhah
5:39 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

Sunday, January 24

8:30 a.m.: Shoharit
4:50 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Monday to Wednesday

6:45 a.m.: Shoharit
4:50 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Thursday, January 28-Tu B'Shevat

6:45 a.m. Shoharit
4:50 p.m. Minhah & Maariv

Friday, January 26

6:45 a.m.: Shoharit
Lighting: before 4:45 p.m.
4:55 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Shalom

Everyone!

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WEEKLY CLASSES

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Yahrzeits for the week of Jan 23

10 Shevat- January 23

Shalom Fathi

13 Shevat—January 26

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