

Nosh & Learn with Mindy, Parshat B'haalotchah, TBH-BE, 6/8/2020

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו, וצונו לעסוק בדברי תורה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu laasok b'divrei Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to engage with words of Torah.

Parshat B'haalotchah

Numbers 10:35

ויהי בנסע הארון ויאמר משה קומה | יהוה ויפצו איכיד וינסו משנאיד מפניך:

When the Ark was to set out, Moses would say: Advance, O LORD! May
Your enemies be scattered, And may Your foes flee before You!

Numbers 12:13

ויצעק משה אל-יהוה לאמר אל גא רפא גא לה:

So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “O God, pray heal her!”

Going in deep, looking for clarity

Numbers 12:6

ויאמר שמעו-גא דברי אם-יהוה נביאכם יהוה במראה אליו אתודע בחלום אדבר-בו:

And He said, “Hear these My words: When a prophet of the LORD arises
among you, I make Myself known to him in a vision, I speak with him in a
dream.

Daat Z'kenim:

'אם יהיה נביאכם ה' “if there be a prophet among you;” these words referred to
their having said that they too were prophets, seeing that G–d had spoken to
them both. G–d now proceeds to teach them that there are different levels of
prophecy, of man’s intimacy with the Lord. G–d’s relationship with Moses, He
explains, is of a different dimension altogether than that between Him and any
other prophets. Other prophets receive a vision during a dream, and when waking
up required the dream to be explained to them. They do not come face to face
even with the vision, only with its reflection, mirror-like. In other words, they are
told a parable and have to work out how the facts match what has been shown

them as a parable. We find examples of this... There are numerous examples in the Bible of such enigmatic communications emanating from the heaven but not clear in meaning. G-d tells Miriam and Aaron that Moses never receives a communication from Him which is not clear and its meaning beyond doubt.

Numbers 12:7 :לֹא־כֵן עֲבָדֵי מֹשֶׁה בְּכָל־בֵּיתִי נֶאֱמָן הוּא:

Not so with My servant Moses; he is trusted throughout My household.

Daat Z'kenim:

לא כן עבדי משה, According to Targum Yonathan, this means that contrary to any other prophet, the entire nation always accepts everything Moses tell them in the name of Hashem, as having been relayed to him and conveyed by him without chance of anything having been added or omitted.

Questions:

- What makes Moses a strong leader?
- What else does leadership require in this day and age?

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”

~Viktor Frankl~