



זכרון נתן צבי

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ע"ש הרה"ג רבי נתן צבי פינקל זצוק"ל

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שבת קודש פרשת יתרו

זמנים לשבת

4:26pm (40 mins before שקיעה)	הדלקת נרות
4:51pm (25 mins after הדלי"ג)	מנחה וקבלת שבת
5:36pm	מעריב
8:25am	שחרית
8:50am	שוקן עד
9:10am	סוף זמן קריאת שמע
4:12pm	מנחה
5:42pm (35 mins after שקיעה)	מעריב
6:19pm (72 mins after שקיעה)	רבינו תם

זמנים לימות השבוע

7:30am	שחרית
10:00pm	מעריב

שיעורים

R' Yehoshua Strajcher will be speaking Friday night between שבת and קבלת שבת.

The Rav שליט"א will be giving a Hilchos Shabbos shiur during the kiddush following davening.

The Rav שליט"א will be giving a short emunah and bitachon shiur following mincha.

RAV'S HOURS

The Rav can be reached from
9:00-9:30 in the beis hora'ah, on
Rechov Shmaya behind Arzei Habira
1:00-3:00 at his home, 6 Mevo Timna, apt 8
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YISRO'S SURPRISING DISCOVERY

By: R' Akiva Rosenblatt

In the beginning of this week's Parsha, Moshe Rabbeinu's father-in-law, Yisro, leaves his home in Midyan and travels all the way to the middle of the desert to greet Moshe and Klal Yisrael. Why did Yisro, now of all times, come to join Moshe and Klal Yisrael? The Torah tells us it was because "Vayishma Yisro kohen Midyan chosen Moshe es kol asher asa Elokim leMoshe uleYisrael amo," Yisro heard about the wonders Hashem performed for us, and this caused him to come and join us. But which miracle specifically was the one that Yisro heard about which propelled him to embark on such a journey?

Rashi brings a Gemara that explains that one of the things that Yisro heard was the neis of krias yam suf. When Yisro received the news that an entire body of water had miraculously split for Klal Yisrael, he was motivated to travel all the way to join Klal Yisrael. But what was so powerful about krias yam suf specifically that it was the catalyst for Yisro's journey?

While there are many answers to this question, the Kli Yakar offers a beautiful explanation. The pesukim continue to tell us "Vayikach Yisro chosen Moshe es Tziporah eishes Moshe achar shilucheha," that Yisro returned with his daughter, Tziporah, Moshe's wife, to Klal Yisrael. Why was Tziporah in her father's house all this time and not with her husband Moshe? Rashi explains with a Medrash that when Moshe originally set out on his mission to free Klal Yisrael from Mitzrayim, he brought his wife and two children with him on the journey. However, when they were greeted by Aharon prior to their entrance to Mitzrayim, Aharon told Moshe that it was unnecessary to bring more people into the land that they were trying to escape from, and that Moshe should send his family back home. Moshe heeded his brother's advice and sent Tziporah and his two boys back to Midyan to the house of her father, Yisro. This is why Tziporah was in Yisro's home until this week's Parsha, when Yisro brought her with him to rejoin Moshe in the desert. On this Medrash, the Kli Yakar asks: why was it that Yisro finally now felt that it was time to reunite Moshe with his wife? He answers with a beautiful explanation: it was the news of krias yam suf. Prior to hearing about krias yam suf, Yisro had felt that once Moshe had sent his wife away, it would no longer be possible for them to reunite. He thought that such a separation is so drastic, so extreme, and so permanent that it can never be reversed. Certainly, the couple would never again be able to connect with the same level of ahava v'rayus as they had enjoyed before they had split so far apart! But then, Yisro heard of something incredible: krias yam suf. The waters that naturally flowed together became violently split, each side completely separate from the other. And yet, at the will of Hashem, these very waters returned back together, flowing harmoniously, without any indication of having ever been apart. Yisro was entirely surprised, and could scarcely believe that such a reconnection was even possible. But after hearing this, he realized that "kemayim hapanim lepanim, ken lev ha'adam le'adam," if this reconnection was possible with the waters of the yam suf, so too there was inherent potential for human reconnection in a similar way. Yisro now understood that even though Moshe had separated from his wife and sent her away, there always remained the possibility for them to reunite to the level of closeness that had existed before. And this is why Yisro, after hearing about krias yam suf, finally decided to return to Klal Yisrael, bringing Moshe's wife and family with him to finally reconnect.

There can be many times throughout a relationship when one side can feel that the other has wronged him or her. Very often, one can feel that a distance has been created between themselves and their spouse, family, or friends. It's easy to begin to wonder: will the relationship ever be the same it once was at the start? Is it even possible to restore the connection to its original beauty? But we must remember: we are the nation that went through krias yam suf. We have within us the power to pick up our separate pieces and bring them back together again. We have the strength to restore our relationships all the way to their original beauty. At times it may be quite easy to do, and sometimes it may take an enormous amount of work. But with goodwill on both sides, perseverance, and of course tefillah, any Jewish relationship can be restored until it is once again as beautiful and pristine as it was from the start.

עזב שמו!