

## Shabbos & 9th Av Times 7:45 pm Mincha & Maariv Candle Lighting 7:46 pm Sunset 8:04 pm **Shacharis** 8:30 am Jr Minyan R' Binyamin 9:45 am **Shabbos Groups** 9:45 am Mincha 5:30 pm **Fast Begins** 8:03 pm Shabbos Ends 8:54 pm Maariv & Eicha 9:15 pm **Shacharis** 8:30 am **Explanatory Kinos** 9:15 am Chatzos (midday) 1:05 pm Mincha & Maariv 7:25 pm Fast Ends 8:44 pm

## **Dvar Torah: Yosef Chaim Gershuny**

Parshat Devarim begins Moshe's final rebuke to B'nei Yisrael. This parsha always precedes Tisha b'Av because it references the chet ha'meraglim, which took place on that date. In recounting the incident, Moshe reminds B'nei Yisrael that after the chet, "you returned and wept before Hashem, but Hashem would not hear your voice, nor would he listen to you." (Devarim 1:45). On this pasuk, Rashi comments that "As if possible [to say of Hashem], you made His attribute of mercy as though it were cruel."

What does Rashi mean by this?

Following the chet ha'meraglim, Hashem expressed His anger at B'nei Yisrael to Moshe and told him that he planned to "strike them with a plague and annihilate them." In response, Moshe argued that "the Egyptians will hear that You have brought this nation out from its midst with great power" but that "since Hashem lacked the ability to bring this nation to the Land which He swore to them, He

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Amen.

slaughtered them in the desert." After invoking the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy, Moshe pleads for Hashem to forgive B'nei Yisrael, to which Hashem responds by saying "I have forgiven them in accordance with your word." (Bamidbar 14:11-20) Rashi's understands the phrase "in accordance with your word" to mean that Hashem's forgiveness was granted only to avoid a chilhul Hashem. Indeed, Hashem makes it clear that His forgiveness is limited to the extent that B'nei Yisrael will not be immediately annihilated but will instead live with the long-term consequences of the chet ha'meraglim by dying in the bamidbar over a period of 40-years

until that generation disappeared. In this light, we can better understand Rashi's commentary that "you made His attribute of mercy as though it were cruel."

So too with Tisha B'Av. In His mercy, Hashem did not annihilate B'nei Yisrael, but chose instead to destroy His house – the Beit HaMikdash – and send us into a long and painful exile. May we soon merit to return to Eretz Yisrael and rebuild the Beit HaMikdash.

Rabbi Long, the Sofer, will be coming to Cherry Hill August 26th-30th. Please contact Shawn Baratz at <u>609-221-5078(c)</u> to sign-up for tefillin and mezuzah checking.

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Next Week	
Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon - Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	7:40 pm
Mincha (Fri)	7:35 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	8:49 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos-men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.