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In this week's parsha, the Torah describes the incident involving the meraglim (spies) sent to scout Eretz Yisrael. In its disastrous aftermath, Hashem decrees that the generation which left Egypt would not be allowed to enter the land. Instead, they would wander the desert for 40

Following this episode, Hashem sets out several mitzvot related to living in Eretz Yisrael, including the mizvah of challah, the requirement to separate and set aside a portion of one's dough for the Kohein as "a gift to Hashem." HaRav Joseph B. Soloveitchik, ztl, asked why Hashem gave the mitzvah of challah following the incident involving the meraglim rather than include it with the mitzvot of trumot and maasrot. The Rav's answer has deep relevance to today.

The Rav explained that there is an essential difference between trumot and maasrot on the one hand and challah on the other. With trumot and maasrot, although we plant and harvest the fruits of the earth, the final product is Hashem's. By contrast, with challah we take the raw materials which Hashem gifts us and we make the final product. The Rav explains that the mitzvah of challah teaches us that our prosperity is directly related to our willingness to share the product of our efforts with others.

And this is the connection between the mitzvah of challah and the incident with the meraglim: by failing to see that the uniqueness of Eretz Ysrael was directly related to their uniqueness as Am Yisrael, the people demonstrated their inability to see that the land would become their heritage only through their own efforts as avdei Hashem. Even today, our settlement of Eretz Yisrael can only secure if we recognize this reality.

This week's Dvar Torah was written by Yosef Chaim Gershuny. Participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project by contacting isaacbenmass@gmail.com to sign up.

## Shabbas

8:00pm Pre-Game Farbrengen: 8:09pm Candle Lighting: 8:10pm Mincha: 8:27pm Sunset: 7:00am 1st Shacharis: 9:00am 2nd Shacharis: 10:15am Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone 10:15am **Shabbos Groups:** 7:55pm Mincha: 9:09pm Maariv: 9:18pm Shabbos ends:

### **Next Week**

Shacharis (Sunday):

Shacharis (Monday – Friday):

Mincha at Kollel:

Mincha & Maariv:

Nightfall/Shema after:

Arvei Pesachim (Monday):

Maariv at Kollel:

8:30am

6:45am

1:45pm

8:15pm

9:18-9:21pm

8:30pm

9:15pm

### Coming Up...

Navi Class Shabbas aftertoons @ One 1/2 Hour Before Mincha Summer Learning @ 4:30pm on Shabbat starting 7/7 Malcolm Hoenlein Lecture - 6/13 @ 7:30pm at Congregation Beth El

years and perish. Only their offspring would be allowed to settle Eretz Yisrael.