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***And Moshe took the bones of Yosef with him (Shmos 13:19).***

The Medrash states, *The wise of heart take Mitzvos - this is Moshe. While all of B'nei Yisroel were taking the spoils of Egypt, he was involved with retrieving Yosef's bones.*

Despoiling Egypt was also a Mitzvah but it was a Mitzvah that also brought an earthly benefit. Moshe's wisdom was realizing it was better to be involved in a Mitzvah that had no earthly benefit because such a Mitzvah is on a much higher level. Therefore it says here, *he took*. The Hebrew word for take, *Kichah* refers to raising something up high. Moshe raised himself higher when he chose to perform the Mitzvah of retrieving the bones of Yosef.

--Avnei Nezer

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***And Paroh moved himself closer...and the Egyptians travelled after him. And B'nei Yisroel cried out to Hashem (Shmos 14:10).***

When B'nei Yisroel saw the intense personal sacrifice (Mesiras Nefesh) from the impure nation, that Paroh himself was fighting at the front of the troops and was willing to share his spoils (*I will share the spoils, Shmos 15:9*), they cried out to Hashem and asked that they too should have such strong commitment to put their lives on the line through Mesiras Nefesh. They wanted to have the ability to stand up against the Mesiras Nefesh of Paroh. Hashem answered them through Moshe, *Why are you crying to me?...travel (Shmos 14:15)* - Prove your willingness to sacrifice yourselves by travelling into the water and you will be able to overpower the Egyptians.

--Kedushas Laivi

***And B'nei Yisroel travelled on the dry land in the midst of the sea (Shmos 14:29).***

10 miracles occurred for B'nei Yisroel during Krias Yam Suf (the splitting of the sea).

1. The sea split and so did every other gathering of water in the world.
2. The sea became like a canopy above them.
3. The sea split into 12 passages, one for each tribe and they exited through the same path they entered.
4. For B'nei Yisroel, the sea floor was solid like cement, no mud. For the Egyptians, the ground was completely muddy.
5. The water became like bricks, ordered one on top of the next.
6. A warm breeze blew off the walls of the water.
7. Edible fruit sprouted from the walls.
8. Potable water flowed from the sea when B'nei Yisroel were thirsty.
9. The walls of water were clear like glass and people could see each other in the other passages.
10. Windows appeared within the walls so people within different passages could talk as they travelled through the water.

--Avos D' Rebbi Nosson 33

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***Behold I will rain down for you bread from the heavens...in order to test them, to see if they will follow my Torah or not (Shmos 16:4).***

Pirkei Avos (6:4) states, *The way of Torah is to eat bread with salt...if you do this, 'You are praiseworthy' (Mishlei 3:35) - in this world.*

The Maharam Shiff explains that the last part of the Mishna is referring back to the first part, *Eat bread with salt When you are praiseworthy in this world* because you are wealthy.

The Mon could taste like anything. The poor person's Mon was identical to that of a wealthy person, *One who collected more did not have extra and one who collected less did not lack (Shmos 16:18)*. A person who wanted to be involved in the way of Torah would only want to taste bread with salt in his Mon. This is the meaning of the posuk, *in order to test them, to see if they will follow my Torah or not*. I will know by the way they want their Mon to taste if they want the path of Torah or not.

--Kehillas Moshe  
(from Ta'amei Minhagim)

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## Zemanim and Halachos

בשלה

Zemanim are for Milwaukee, WI	Krias Shema	Tefilla
According to the Vilna Gaon	9:35 AM	10:25 AM
According to the Magen Avrohom	8:59 AM	10:01 AM
<b>Sunset Friday:</b> 5:05 PM	<b>Sunset Saturday:</b> 5:07 PM	

The custom in some places is to recite Shiras HaYam (Song by the Sea) posuk by posuk during Pesukei D'Zimrah of Shabbos Shirah. Some say it all in unison.

--Likutei Maharich

The Shirah should be recited with intense concentration. The Medrash states that those who recite the Shirah every day with great joy and precise vocalization, imagining that they are actually leaving Egypt, passing through the sea, and Hashem is saving them, will have all of their Aveiros forgiven.

--Pri Tzaddik from R' Tzaddok Hakohain

\*\*Please consult your local Orthodox Rabbi for Halachic decisions.\*\*

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## Kids' Korner

### Last week's answers

1. *Is it permissible to recite Kiddush Levana if one sees the moon through a window?*  
If one cannot go outside, he may recite Kiddush Levana if he can see the moon through a window. (Mishna Berura 426:21).
2. *From which direction did the wind that took away the locusts come?*  
The west (Shmos 10:19, Rashi).
3. *Who was the only non-Jewish Bechor to survive Makas Bechoros?*  
Paroh (Shmos 12:29, Rashi).
4. *Who revealed the location of Yosef's casket?*  
Serach daughter of Asher (Gemara Sotah 13a).
5. *Does one receive Malkus for leaving Korban Pesach meat uneaten until the morning?*  
No. This is a Lav She'Nitak Le'Asay, a negative Mitzvah rectified by a positive one. The Mitzvah of burning any leftover meat rectifies the transgression of having left it over and no Malkus are given (Gemara Pesachim 84a).

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1. What is the last posuk of Shiras Hayam?
  2. What Mitzvos were given at Marah?
  3. How many years were B'nei Yisroel in Mitzrayim?
  4. Who authored the first Brocha in Birkas Hamazon?
  5. Why is there a Minhag to leave food out for birds on Shabbos Shirah?

**Answers next week!**

*And when Moshe raised his hand, Yisroel was stronger. When he lowered his hand, Amalek was stronger (Shmos 17:11).*

The Mishna in Rosh Hashanah (3:8) states, *Did the hands of Moshe win the battle or lose the battle? Rather, when Yisroel looked heavenward and subjected their heart to their Father in Heaven, they would gain strength; but if not, they would fall.*

If Moshe's raised hands allowed B'nei Yisroel to prevail, why did he lower them?

When B'nei Yisroel turned their hearts towards their Father in Heaven, the hands of Moshe would become stronger and raise up straight. *They would gain strength* refers to the hands of Moshe. However if Yisroel would turn their hearts away from their Father in Heaven, the hands of Moshe would weaken and fall.

The proper intentions and sincere repentance of the nation provide strength to its leader. For their sake, he is able to bring about success and salvation.

--S'fas Emes

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