

THE MESIVTA'S MESSAGE

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Parsha

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IT'S ALL ABOUT TIMING

Our Chazal teach us the importance of timing, that what we do of our actions, but when we do it. to be done which would transform the act into an even loftier one, and there can be a time when the performance of a מצוה is less ideal. This concept is true in matters of chinuch as well. Timing can impact how well received a lesson is. As parents and educators, it takes a carefully what should be said but when the most effective time to

first introduced to כלל ישראל, the nation was taught about the שבת of שבת. The רשב"ם was something unusual about the timing of when משה chose plains that from the time that משה רבינו was told about the מוּ, he knew that a double portion would fall on Friday to be stored away on שבת so כלל ישראל wouldn't have to collect on שבת.

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Message

Naftali Collins 12th Grade

HASHEM KNOWS BEST

ln פרשת יתרו, there is an amazing perspective we can gain from that which יתרו said to משה רבינו. When יתרו about the awesome miracles that 'ה orchestrated for the בני ישראל to be saved from the מצריים and יתרו , עמלק started to rejoice and praise 'ה, and then said, עתה ידעתי כי גדול ה' מכל האלהים כי "בדבר אשר זדו עליהם - "Now l know that 'ה is greater than all the gods, because of that which they (the מצריים) schemed against them (the Jews)." (יח, יא)

רש"י explains that יתרו was referring to the מדה כנגד punishment that 'ה afflicted on the מצריים. The same way that the מצריים tried to take out כלל ישראל by throwing the newborn babies into the water, the מצריים were also punished with water as they drowned in the waters of the

The big question is why was this measure-for-measure punishment the reason that יתרו said, "Now I know that 'ה is greater than all the gods..."? What about the supernatural מכות and the

Mussar

HUMILITY

R' Itzele Peterburger

Rav Yitzchok Blazer (1837-1907)

assembly of the gedolim in St. Petersburg. R' Yosef Dov son R' Chaim that touched off a heated discussion. Brilliant explanations and arguments flew back and forth. Finally, R' Yosef Dov amazed the assembly with two explanations - one of his son, and one of his own.

R'Itzele had sat through the storm without opening his mouth, as if he had no idea what was flying. R' Yosef Dov decided to check up on this "great man" who gave the impression of being so ignorant. Arriving home, he opened R' Itzele's work Pri Yitzchok to see what kind of scholar the author was. To R' Yosef Dov's surprise, he found in the book both R' Chaim's question and the two explanations he had given at the assembly. "How great," he exclaimed, "is R' Itzele's humility!"

"Sparks of Mussar" by Rabbi Chaim Ephraim Zaitchik, Feldheim Publishers

However, משה waited until the first Friday, until the nation came running to him wondering why the amount they had collected that morning was double what it usually was. Why did משה רבינו choose to wait until Friday to teach them this insight on כבוד שבת instead of teaching it right away? Why delay the great responsibility had in teaching כלל ישראל? The משה explains that רשב"ם was waiting for the right moment - the moment when his message would carry more weight. It was worth pushing it at a more effective time. When כלל ישראל came to משה on Friday, they were in a state tion; something needed an explanation. At a time like that, משה knew his message of כבוד שבת would leave a stronger impression on

May we all be zoche to ' \bar{n} 's help in picking the right things to say and the most opportune times to say them.

played three games of chess at once blind.

We all played a few games of chess After about two games a person, Mr Kozelov said, "Why don't we try a blind game with four of you at once? It will be my first time ever playing four games blind at once and it will be a new experience." We couldn't turn down the chance to play a blind game with a chess master. In the end, his first time trying to play four games at once blind was a success! He beat al four of us, at once, without looking at any of the boards!

actual splitting of the sea? What about the tremendous salvation of בני ישראל coming out of the powerful and mighty nation of Egypt? Why was מדה מדה more impressive to יתרו?

The answer is that 'a's greatness is seen in many ways. Changing nature to the unfathomable is one way to recognize 'a's power. Another way, however, to recognize 'a is through the ruling and judgment that He decrees. Perfect judgment with fairness and truth is an even better illustration of 'a's greatness.

ה's judgment occurs every second of the day. 'ה' makes decisions that we can't completely understand, but we nevertheless know that 'ה' has a reason for everything He does. Knowing that, we should never be upset or angry at 'n for deciding what happens if we know that He has perfect judgment with fairness and truth, the same judgment of מדה כנגד מדה.

We should be זוֹבה to recognize 'ה''s power and truth of judgment, even in the darkest of times, and be able to continue knowing that 'ה loves us and does what is best for us.



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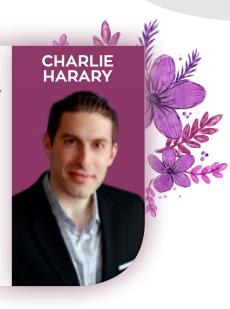
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