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Friday, June 12

7:10pm Early Mincha / Maariv
8:43pm Candlelighting
8:45pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, June 13

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is available for sponsorship
7:35pm Pirke Avos
8:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
9:52pm Maariv

Sunday, June 14

9:15am Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, June 15

8:00pm A Taste of Chassidus –
Kotzk (R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, June 16

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, June 17

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –
MISHLEI (R. Stoll)

Thursday, June 18

8:00pm Sefer HaChinuch: R. Stoll
10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Torah Podcast

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"Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple
Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more,
or download at
www.maverickpodcasting.com

Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

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Parsha: Sh'lach

As the nation prepared to leave the desert and enter into the land, they began to lose heart. They demanded that Moshe send spies to scout the land before they would conquer it. This portrayed a serious flaw in their faith in G-d, Who had promised that He would assist them in conquering the land. After witnessing all the miracles G-d had performed for the nation when they left Egypt there should have been no room for any lingering doubts. Although G-d reluctantly agreed to their request to send spies, it was without His blessings, and would therefore come at a heavy price.

Moshe tried to minimize the potential damage by appointing men of stature to serve as scouts. Unfortunately, it did not help. The person who puts his trust in natural means will become much more disillusioned than the one who puts his trust in G-d. The spies saw a land, that although beautiful, seemed insurmountable. They found huge people and fortified cities. Ten of the twelve spies began to feel insecure and insignificant in front of the inhabitants of the land. They saw no natural way that they could conquer it and they came back with a very demoralizing report.

The people listened to their report, despite the protests of Joshua and Caleb, and were so frightened that they cried to Moshe that they did not want to enter the Promised Land. They rebuffed the wonderful gift that G-d had planned as their ultimate destination.

Although Moshe prayed on behalf of the nation, the punishment for this sin would be even more severe than the punishment for the sin of the Golden Calf. The nation would have to wander through the desert for forty years, and all men who were twenty years and older would die before the nation could enter the land.

Although the generation was told they could not enter the Promised Land, G-d wanted to reassure them that their children would indeed enter the land. For this reason, immediately after the sin of the spies the people were instructed in the mitzvos of tithing the dough and the wine

libations that were offered with the sacrifices.

Although these mitzvos would not apply until they entered the land, they served as a guarantee that the next generation would indeed enter it.

A man was found desecrating the Shabbos. He was warned yet he continued his actions. He was brought to Moshe and upon the instruction of G-d he was stoned to death.

As a result of this sin, G-d gave the nation the mitzvah of tzitzis. Fringes are placed on the four corners of a garment to serve as a visual reminder of G-d and our obligation to fulfill His mitzvos. Blue woolen fringes of *techeiles*, a dye extracted from a marine animal, is also tied, to serve as a reminder of the heavens and G-d's commandments. The tzitzis are meant to keep a person focused and to prevent him from straying after the desires of his eyes and heart.

Mazel Tov

Chaim and Julie Leeson upon the engagement of their daughter

Chaiim and Michelle Roberts upon the marriage of their son

Insights: Sh'lach

However, the people that dwell in the land are powerful, the cities are very fortified... (Num 13:28) A Jew from Eretz Yisrael visited the Netziv of Volozhin. The Rav asked the man how things were faring in the Holy Land. The man complained about the strife between different religious groups and how people could not get along together. The Netziv interrupted the man and said he did not want to hear bad reports about the land. "But it is true!" the man defended himself. The Netziv replied, "What the spies reported was also true. That is why they are called spies and not liars. The fact that it is true does not allow one to speak negatively about the Holy Land."

Did You Know?

The mitzvah of tzitzis is considered very important, since it reminds a person of all his obligations to G-d. One should not walk even a few feet without wearing tzitzis. The mitzvah of tzitzis is limited to daylight hours, although some authorities require tzitzis on a daytime garment even if it is worn at night. Women are not obligated in the mitzvah, and some authorities even prohibit a woman from wearing tzitzis since it is considered a man's garb. A woman may not tie the knots on the tzitzis, since she is not obligated in the mitzvah. When tying the tzitzis (fringes) on the corners of a garment, one must express his intentions that the tying should be for the purpose of fulfilling the mitzvah of tzitzis.

Thought for the Week: *Our constant question vis a vis this world should be "What's in me for it?"* (A Candle By Day)