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Parshas Sh'lach
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Candlelighting: 8:46 pm

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Friday, June 24

7:00am Shacharis

7:10pm Mincha / Maariv (Early)

8:46pm Candlelighting

8:45pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, June 25

8:45am Shacharis

No Pirke Avos this week

8:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /
Maariv

Sunday, June 26

8:00am Shacharis

9:15am **Parsha Class**

(R. Nisenbaum)

10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"

(R. Stoll)

Monday, June 27

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm **Climbing the Rainbow:**

Controlling Desire

(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, June 28

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm **Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar**

(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, June 29

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm **Nach Still Speaks –**

Tehillim (R. Stoll)

Thursday, June 30

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm **The 12 Jewish Months**

(R. Stoll)

10:15pm **Parsha Class**

(R. Nisenbaum)

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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.

Insights: Sh'lach

That soul shall surely be cut off; his sin will be upon him (Numbers 15:31) Ramban explains the passage that the sinner will die young and lose his portion in the World to Come. The Chafetz Chaim was once accosted by a secular Jew who mocked the sage. "My life is not burdened by thoughts of an Afterlife," he said. The Chafetz Chaim related that on his travels to sell his books he would often stay at an inn. He would sometimes see a fellow traveler who purchased stock for a wealthy merchant. It was not an easy life, but the fellow seemed cheery. One time the Chafetz Chaim noticed the man looked broken. He explained that his wife had passed away. The sage offered his condolences, but the fellow said, "Rabbi, it's not just the loss of my wife. Whenever I travelled, difficult as it might have been, I always knew I had a loving wife and good meals to greet me when I returned. That made my life bearable. But now I have nobody waiting for me. It makes my life doubly hard." The Chafetz Chaim turned to the secular Jew. "Life is difficult for everybody. For the Jew, the curse of exile and anti-Semitism hovers over his head each day. His only comfort is that by observing Torah and mitzvos he builds his portion in the World to Come. There he knows he will enjoy tranquility. But you do not believe in an Afterlife. What reprieve do you have to look forward to? I truly pity you!"

Did You Know?

There is an obligation to separate a piece of dough when baking, if enough flour is used (a minimum of a little more than 2 lbs.). In the times of the Temple this portion was given to the kohain who would eat it in a state of purity. Today we assume everyone is impure and the portion is destroyed instead. One must separate from dough and from a batter, but the dough is separated before baking whereas the batter cannot be separated until after it is baked. Even if the dough will be fried, for example doughnuts, a piece is separated without a blessing. Fried batter, however, does not require separation.

Thought for the Week: We know neither our limits nor our limitations. (A Candle By Day)