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Candlelighting: 8:47 pm

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Friday, June 28

7:10pm Early Mincha / Maariv
8:47pm Candlelighting
8:45pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, June 29

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is available for sponsorship
7:35pm Pirke Avos
8:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
9:54pm Maariv

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

8:00pm "Ten Commandments":
will resume next Monday
(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4

8:00am Shacharis / Breakfast /
Shiur
10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Torah Podcast

Listen to Rabbi Nisenbaum's
"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

Uri & Milana Gofman upon the
marriage of their daughter

Rabbi Ephraim & Chanie
Nisenbaum upon the birth of a
granddaughter

Michael Blumenthal and Marla
Kassof upon their engagement

Insights: Sh'lach

...Send for you men and they will scout... (Num 13:2) The Midrash explains the juxtaposition of Miriam's punishment to the account of the spies, that the spies saw Miriam being punished for her speech, yet they did not take a lesson for themselves. Rav Zev Edelman points out that the Midrash does not say that they did not *learn* a lesson, but rather they did not *take* a lesson. He suggests that it is not sufficient to learn a lesson, it is necessary to take the lesson to heart and act on it. People are often inspired by a motivating lecture, but they let the inspiration dissipate by not acting on it immediately.

Did You Know?

When baking a dough of approximately 2 and 1/2 pounds of flour, a person must separate a piece of dough the size of an olive as a tithing. This is called challah. If 5 pounds of flour is used a blessing is recited too. In the times of the Temple this was given to the kohein, but today that we are in a state of impurity it is burnt or wrapped up and placed in the trash. It should not be burnt in the oven while other food is baking. Even if the minimum amount of flour is not used, if several baked goods equaling the proper amount of flour are stored together in a container, one must still separate challah.

Thought for the Week: We weigh just as much doing things on a small scale as on a large one.
(A Candle By Day)