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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Ashy Rubin on his engagement to Jordanna Jacobs.

Kiddush This Shabbos

The Kehilla is invited to a Kiddush after Davenning this Shabbos which is sponsored by Mr & Mrs Donny Wilks on the recent birth of their daughter Yael.

Girl's Rosh Chodesh Group

Girls year 5 and up are once again invited to our Rosh Chodesh group which will take place on Rosh Chodesh, this Sunday from 12.50 - 2pm in the Shul hall.

Great fun to be had by all as we socialize with bagels, dips and cream cake lunch followed by balloon sculpting with Mr Mark Jacobson. Cover charge £3.

Save The Date

Rabbi Dovid Kaplan will be giving a Shiur on Monday 7th July at 9.50pm followed by the late Maariv Minyan. Details to follow.

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A Different Type of Strength

Rabbi Label Lam (Torah.org)

HASHEM spoke to Moses, saying: "Take the staff and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and speak to the rock in their presence so that it will give forth its water. (Bamidbar 20:7-8)

It's not so easy to pinpoint the mistake that caused that Moshe and Aaron should enter the Holy Land. It seems purposely obscured. Was it that Moshe hit the rock rather than speaking to it? Was it that he hit it twice? Was it that he spoken disparagingly about the congregation? Was it a loss of patience? In any case, why was Moshe told to take a stick if he was to speak to the rock? Is that not a mixed signal and a cause for confusion? Is he to speak to the rock or to hit it? What was purpose of telling Moshe to take the stick if the intention was for him to speak?

I once heard the following educational point from a friend of mine: It helps to speak to the rock if you have a stick in your hand! Even if you don't use the stick, having that giant symbol of authority, helps open the ears of the listener. There's no mystery in the matter that a policeman gets a little more respect because of the fire power he carries on his hip. It's like Teddy Roosevelt had famously uttered, "Speak softly and carry a big stick!"

There may be another factor at play. The story is told about a Rabbi who came to the wealthiest man in his congregation just moments before Shabbos and he requested a loan for \$5000.00. The Rabbi thanked him and hurried home. Now just after Havdalah the Rabbi appeared at the wealthy man's home with the money in his hand thanking him for the loan. Curiously the Rabbi repeated his request again the next week receiving the money just before the Holy Shabbos and returning it immediately afterwards.

This behavior repeated itself for a number of consecutive weeks until

the rich man worked up the courage to ask the Rabbi the obvious question, "Rabbi, what can you possibly be doing with the money on Shabbos?" The Rabbi responded, "Absolutely nothing?" The wealthy fellow inquired again with great wonderment, "Then why does the Rabbi come to me for such a large loan just before Shabbos!?" "Ahhh!" the Rabbi responded, "When I stand up each week in Schul to address the congregation, I have to admit that it's a little intimidating for me to speak exactly what's on my mind without concern about losing my job! However, when I know I have a large sum of money in a cookie jar at home, I must confess to you, I feel much more self-assured!"

Having the authority associated with the "stick" can give a boost of confidence to the speaker too when he knows he has a powerful default option in his hand.

There may even be another approach worth examining. Moshe somehow lessened HASHEM's lesson plan by hitting rather than speaking to the rock. How so? "If a rock is responsive to Moshe's words, so should we!" Also, when one with might chooses to employ words, it demonstrates a different type of strength!

Miriam Did Not Get Eulogized and Aaron Did Not Get Complaints

Rabbi Yissocher Frand (Torah.org)

"...And Miriam died there and she was buried there. And there was no water for the assembly, and they gathered together upon Moshe and upon Aaron. The people quarreled with Moshe and spoke up saying..." [Bamidbar 20:1-3]

The incident of Mei Meriva follows the death of Miriam. The supply of water from the Well, which had been traveling with the Jews and flowing miraculously all these years, ceased to flow. Rashi, quoting the Gemara in Taanis 9a, cites this as proof that during the entire 40 years the Jews spent in the wilderness, the Well was present and flowing for the Jewish people in the merit of Miriam.

The Kli Yakar writes that the Well stopped flowing following Miriam's passing, as a punishment for the people not properly eulogizing Miriam at the time of her death. Following the death of Aharon and Moshe, the Children of Israel cried. Such a statement does not appear following

The Week Ahead

פרשת חקת	שבת ראש חודש תמוז
Mincha	7.30pm
Candle Lighting	7.56 - 8.00pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
סוף זמן ק"ש	8.57am
Shacharis	9.00am
Mincha	2.00pm / 6.00pm / 9.55pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	following
Motzei Shabbos	11.00pm
Sunday ראש חודש	7.00am / 8.00am
Monday / Thursday	6.45am / 7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	6.45am / 7.20am
Mincha & Maariv	7.45pm
Late Maariv	10.50pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	7.30pm

