



Kids Parsha Packet

פָּשַׁט לִילְדִים

Parshat Devarim

Last Week in Parshat Masei:

We finished the book about the travels through the desert.

We're almost there...

Have you ever waited for the day of your birthday? Do you look forward to getting a special cake, presents, and a party with your friends from school? Have you ever had to wait more than a year for this special day? Bnei Yisrael waited forty years for the moment that they would enter Eretz Yisrael (imagine waiting forty years for your birthday...)! Now, as we start Sefer Devarim, this moment has arrived. Just before they enter the land, Moshe gathers Bnei Yisrael around him and prepares them to enter Eretz Yisrael. The Torah does not tell us how everyone feels, but we can imagine the excitement in the air and the thoughts going through their heads. "It is so exciting to have reached this moment, to know that we got through this long, difficult journey in the desert together, and now we are about to enter Eretz Yisrael!" In Sefer Devarim Moshe speaks to Bnei Yisrael, and discusses topics that prepare them for their lives in Eretz Yisrael.



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שָׁנָה בְּעֶשְׂתֵּי עָשָׂר
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אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
(א', ג')

"It was in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the Children of Israel" (1,3)

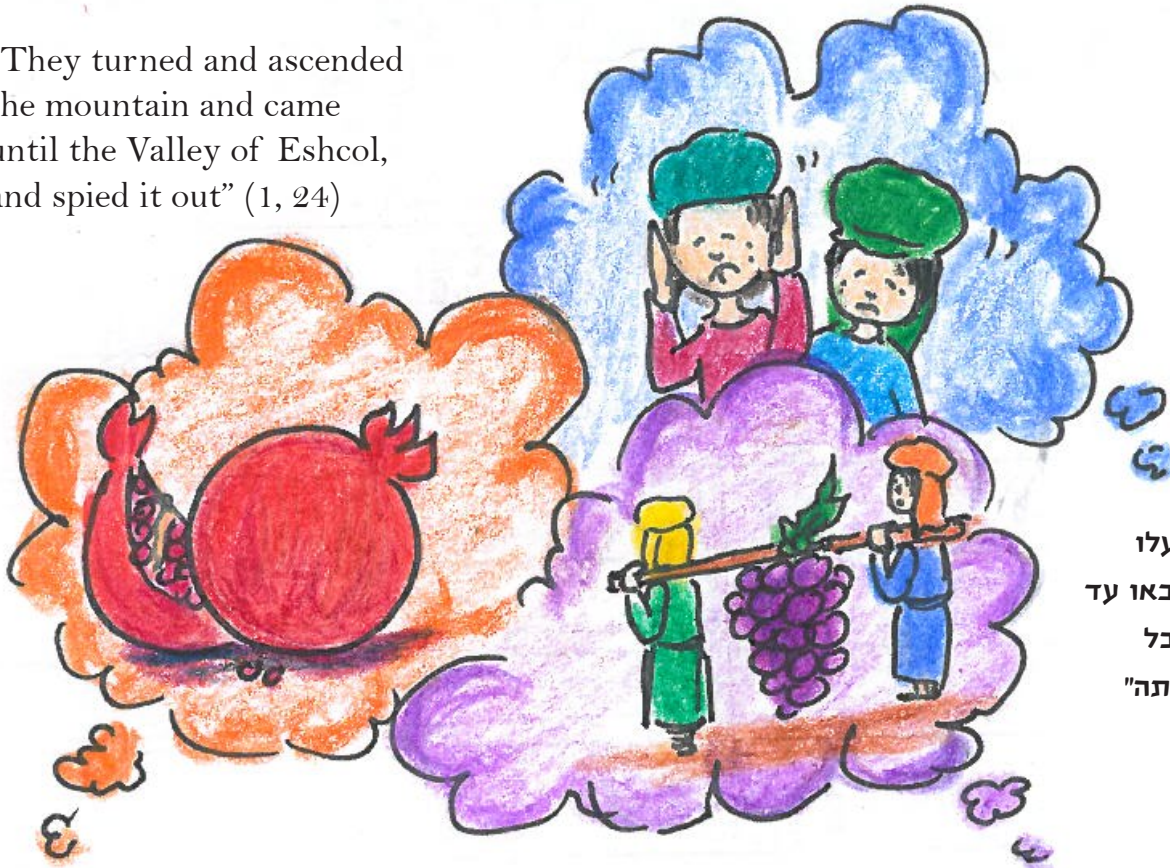
Activity

"Exciting moments" - Imagine exciting moments that you had or will have in the future. Act them out, or act out how you will react when the time comes (for example: your bar or bat mitzvah, when you start first grade, your wedding, etc.)

Let's recall what happened in the desert

Moshe reminds Bnei Yisrael what happened when he sent out the spies (remember how the spies were sent to look at the Land of Israel, and when they returned they convinced Bnei Yisrael that entering the land would be dangerous? Hashem punished Bnei Yisrael and they had to wander in the desert for forty years). Why does Moshe remind them of such a difficult, painful event in the middle of their excitement about entering Eretz Yisrael? The people that will enter Eretz Yisrael are not the same ones that sinned, they are the next generation. Hashem punished everyone that lived when Bnei Yisrael and the spies sinned (the generation that left Egypt), and did not allow them to enter Eretz Yisrael. Moshe is now speaking to the generation that was born and grew up in the desert; people who were not alive when Bnei Yisrael sinned. Moshe reminds them about those difficult times so that they will learn from the past and from their parents' mistakes in order to strengthen their trust in Hashem before entering Eretz Yisrael.

"They turned and ascended the mountain and came until the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out" (1, 24)



"ויפנו ויעלו
ההרה ויבאו עד
נחל אשכל
וידגלו אתה'
(א', כ"ד)



What is nicer to hear? Something good that you did or something bad (try to recall a specific example)?

Activity

"Learning from the past" - Listen to your parent's stories about their past. How are they similar or different from your experiences (for example, how they behaved in school, what they did in their free time, etc.)?

How should we enter the land?

Are there people that you are a little bit afraid of, deep down in your heart? Moshe reminds Bnei Yisrael of their journey towards Eretz Yisrael and their encounters with other nations. Some nations are a little bit afraid of them. Why? Because they heard about the great miracles that Hashem did for Bnei Yisrael when they left Egypt and at the Red Sea, and through all of the years in the desert. Now they are afraid that Bnei Yisrael will come to fight them and conquer them because Hashem is on their side. Hashem warns Bnei Yisrael that they will pass through different countries in order to reach Eretz Yisrael, but they may not fight with the nations that live there. Why? These nations are the decedents of Esav and Lot, and Hashem promised Esav and Lot that their descendants would be able to live in these places. Therefore, Bnei Yisrael must approach them peacefully and pass through their land quietly. If they want to take food or water from these nations, they must pay for it. Of course Bnei Yisrael has nothing to worry about when they travel through these lands, because Hashem is always with them.



“אתם עברים בגבול
אחיכם בני עשו הישבים
בשעיר וייראו פנים
ונשמרתם מאד” (ב', ד')

“You shall command the people, saying, ‘You are passing through the boundary of your brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will fear you, and you shall take great care’” (2,4)



Are you polite? How are you polite to others?

Activity

“I come in peace” – Prepare a narrow path (using scarves or toys) so that only one person can pass through it at a time. The rest of the family members stand alongside the path while one person walks down the path, speaks nicely to the other people and “buys” things from them along the way.

No way!

Have you ever asked a sibling or friend to bring you a game and they refused? How did you feel? Something similar happens to Bnei Yisrael: they needed to pass through the land of the Emori people, who were ruled by a king named Sichon. Before they passed through the land they sent messengers to King Sichon and asked him for permission to travel peacefully through their land. They also asked for permission to buy food and water from them along the way. What does King Sichon respond? He refuses! Bnei Yisrael ask nicely and politely, but he still says no. Hashem instructs Bnei Yisrael to fight Emori, and promises them that they have nothing to fear because Hashem is with them. Bnei Yisrael win the war, and now the whole area of Emori becomes theirs.

After conquering Eretz Yisrael, this is the land where Reuven, Gad and Half of Menashe will settle.

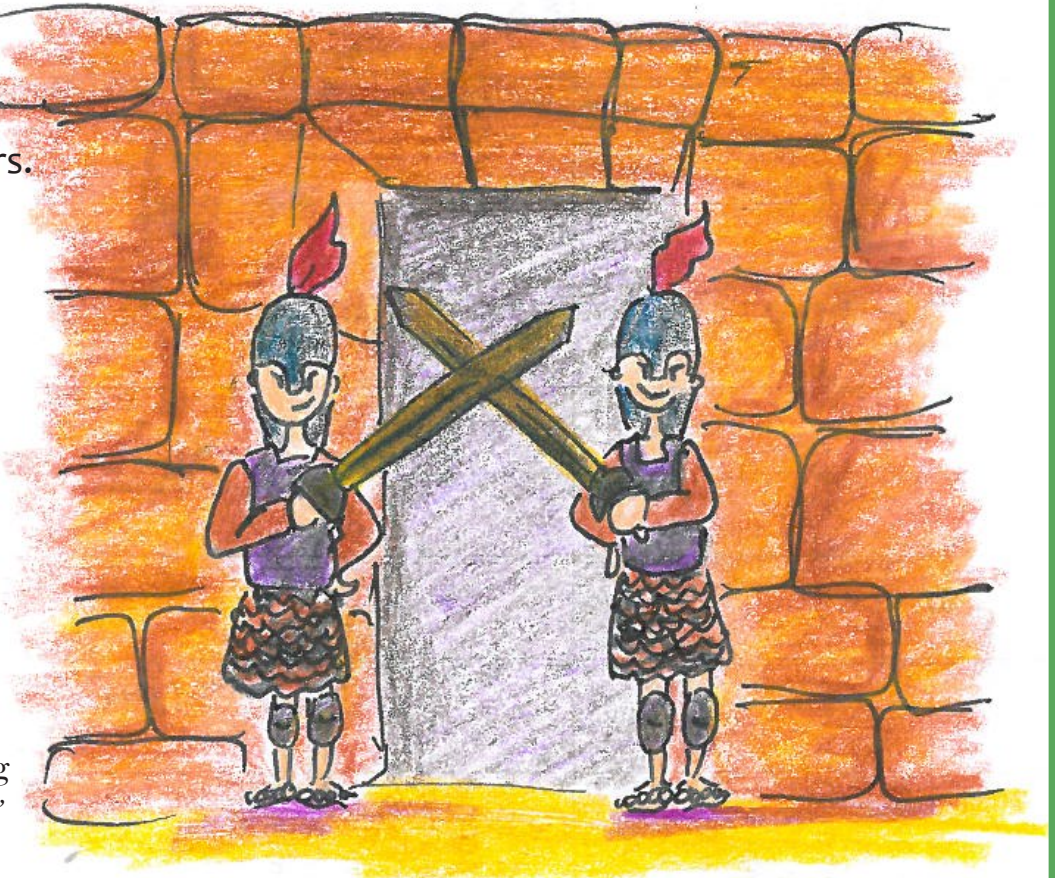
"ולא אבה סיחון מלך

חשבון העברנו בו"

(ב', ל')

"But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing to let us pass through it"

(2,30)



When others ask you for something, what is your automatic answer? Yes or No?

Next week in Parshat Vaetchanan...

We will learn about things that Bnei Yisrael must be careful of when they enter Eretz Yisrael.

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Tisha B'av

Tisha B'av is one of the saddest and most difficult fast days. On Tisha B'av we remember the terrible things that happened on this day throughout our history, things that affect us even today.

The two main reasons that we fast on Tisha B'av are the destruction of the first and second Beit Hamikdash.

The first Beit Hamikdash was built by King Shlomo, and was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar the king of Bavel (Babylon). After the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, Bnei Yisrael were exiled to Bavel, and many years later they

"ויסרף את בית ה'
ואת בית העלך"
(עלכים ב'
כ"ה, ט')

"He burned
the Temple
of Hashem,
the king's
palace"



returned to Eretz Yisrael and built the second Beit Hamikdash. Unfortunately, it was also destroyed, this time by the Romans, and again Bnei Yisrael were exiled. This time it was for 2,000 years. Our sages teach us that the reason for the destruction of the second Beit Hamikdash was that Bnei Yisrael did not respect one another and constantly fought with each other. They did not obey Hashem and did not keep the mitzvot as they should have. We hope and pray to be worthy of seeing the Beit Hamikdash rebuilt in our time, and to see all of Bnei Yisrael united, in Israel and around the world.

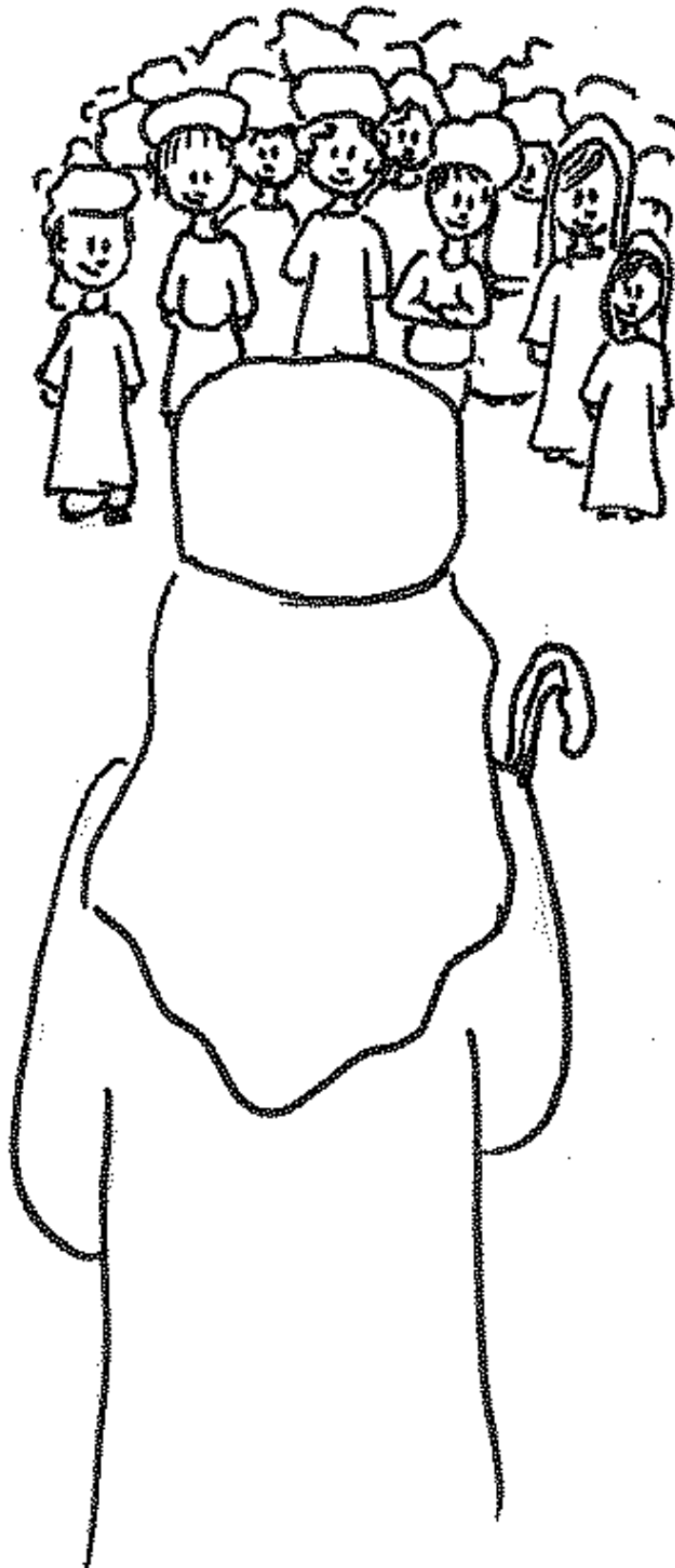


What is easier, to love or to hate? Why?

Activity

"Spreading the love"- Tell each other what you like about one another, and what the other person is good at. This is a great way to spread love in the world!

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