

Notes: August 1, 2020

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Summer of Faith Tour - Y'hoshua and Kaleb

I shared this perspective when talking about trust / faith last Shabbat...

“Our faith is revealed through the framework of culture. We do not truly know what we can endure unless it is tested. It is tested by the time and the culture we reside in. Faith is not required in a vacuum, absent of trials and tribulation. Faith flourishes when tested. You don't know what the true capacity of your faith is until it is tested to its limits.

I did not do this last Shabbat but am going to do it today and that is look at two of the words in Hebrews 11:1 and their definitions.

This is from the Complete Jewish Study Bible translation...

Heb 11:1 Trusting is **being confident** of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

Confident (translated as substance in KJV) is defined as...

state of feeling certain about the truth of something.

feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.

Convinced (adjective) Not the verb to convince. (Translated as evidence in the KJV)

completely certain about something, firm in one's belief with regard to a particular cause or issue.

Thursday marked Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av. The day by which is the equivalent of September 11th and December 7th wrapped up into one yet still doesn't come close to representing the tragedy Israel as a people and a nation would experience over centuries and millennia.

It is on this day we are reminded of...

It is on this day that we are to fast and mourn, in remembrance of the destruction of the first and second Temple. The first temple was destroyed in 586 BCE, while the second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE. Jewish people throughout the world see this day as one of the most tragic days in Jewish history. In addition to the Temple's destruction, not once, but twice, many horrific things have happened to the Jewish people on or around this date. Two others are listed in this tractate from the Talmud...

- Bar Kochba Revolt – 132 – 135 CE - Rome defeated Bar Kockba, destroyed the city of Betar and killed over 100,000 Jews
- The Romans subsequently crushed [Bar Kokhba's revolt](#) and destroyed the city of [Betar](#), killing over 500,000 Jewish civilians (approximately 580,000) on August 4, 135 CE

Additional tragedies that occurred on Tisha B'Av or relatively close include the following:

- 1095 CE – Crusades declared by Pope Urban II, Killing 10,000 Jews in the first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and Rhineland.
- 1290 CE - Jews were expelled from England by official decree
- 1492 CE – Jews were expelled from Spain, causing one of the greatest upheavals in Jewish history, due to the success of this community
- 1496 CE – Jews were expelled from Portugal
- 1555 CE – Jews were forced into ghettos for the first time in Rome
- 1914 CE – World War I began (August 1st) causing devastation across Europe and leading the way for WWII
- 1941 CE – Nazi Reinhard Heydrick was ordered to enact the “Final Solution” (July 31st) Next day = Tisha B'Av
- 1942 CE – Deportations from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka death camp began
- 1994 CE – Bombing of AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aries killing 86 Jews
- The [Israeli disengagement from Gaza](#) began in the [Gaza Strip](#), expelling 8000 Jews who lived in [Gush Katif](#); August 15, 2005; 10 Av, 5765 (the land for peace deal)

A day that has lived in infamy. A day that continues to live in infamy, yet a day that was self inflicted. A day that potentially should never have happened except for one fatal decision. I chose the word fatal, because this decision did lead to death. Death would occur over the centuries on this day.

It would be on Tisha B'Av that the those who went to reconnoiter the land Adonai had promised Israel one of whom was Y'hoshua

[Num 13:8](#) from the tribe of Efrayim, Hoshea the son of Nun;

From the tribe of Efrayim.

Y'hoshua was one of 12 selected, one from each tribe.

When Y'hoshua heard the report that was given by the majority of tribe representatives...

[Num 13:31](#) But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people, because they are stronger than

we are";

Num 13:32 and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant!

And the response of the people who heard the report...

Num 14:1 At this all the people of Isra'el cried out in dismay and wept all night long.

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!

Num 14:3 Why is Adonai bringing us to this land, where we will die by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be taken as booty! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Num 14:4 And they said to each other, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"

Y'hoshua responded contrarily...

um 14:6 Y'hoshua the son of Nun and Kalev the son of Y'funeh, from the detachment that had reconnoitered the land, tore their clothes

Num 14:7 and said to the whole community of Isra'el, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is an outstandingly good land!

Num 14:8 If Adonai is pleased with us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land flowing with milk and honey.

Num 14:9 Just don't rebel against Adonai. And don't be afraid of the people living in the land—we'll eat them up! Their defense has been taken away from them, and Adonai is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

And yet, Y'hoshua's response only further angered the people who were considering stoning him...

Num 14:10 But just as the whole community were saying they should be stoned to death, the glory of Adonai appeared in the tent of meeting to all the people of Isra'el.

To where the people's response led to Adonai's anger...

Num 14:11 Adonai said to Moshe, "How much longer is this people going to treat me with contempt? How much longer will they not trust me, especially considering all the signs I have performed among them?

Num 14:12 I am going to strike them with sickness, destroy them and make from you a nation greater and stronger than they are!"

Without going into all the detail of what would transpire, Adonai conveys this one important point in response to the people who ultimately rejected Adonai, not trusting in His Word that the land would be theirs. He didn't say anything about having to go to battle, yet those who were to bring back a report confirming how good the land was. As we have shared with you during Torah study, we had asked the question "Spies or Tourists" regarding the 12. We had compared the nuances between Israel's first foray into the land and their second some forty years later. The conclusion we drew from Moshe's instruction to the 12 tribal representatives was for this purpose...

The "spies" were sent to examine the land Adonai was giving to them so that they could encourage the people to take the land. To their own demise, they rejected the land and Adonai.

It would be the people's response to the report that would lead Adonai to proclaim the following...

Num 14:20 Adonai answered, "I have forgiven, as you have asked.

Num 14:21 But as sure as I live, and that the whole earth is filled with the glory of Adonai,

Num 14:22 none of the people who saw my glory and the signs I did in Egypt and in the desert, yet tested me these ten times and did not listen to my voice,

Num 14:23 will see the land I swore to their ancestors! None of those who treated me with contempt will see it.

Num 14:27 "How long am I to put up with this evil community who keep grumbling about me? I have heard the complaints of the people of Isra'el, which they continue to raise against me.

Num 14:28 Tell them this: 'As surely as I live, Adonai swears, as surely as you have spoken in my ears, I will do this to you:

Num 14:29 your carcasses will fall in this desert! Every single one of you who were included in the census over the age of twenty, you who have complained against me,

Num 14:34 It will be a year for every day you spent reconnoitering the land that you will bear the consequences of your offenses—forty days, forty years. Then you will know what it means to oppose me!

Num 14:35 I, Adonai, have spoken.' I will certainly do this to this whole evil community who have assembled together against me—they will be destroyed in this desert and die there."

Num 14:36 The men whom Moshe had sent to reconnoiter the land and who, when they returned, made the entire community complain against him by giving an unfavorable report about the land—

Num 14:37 those men who gave the unfavorable report about the land died by the plague in the presence of Adonai.

Num 14:38 Of the men who went to reconnoiter the land, only Y'hoshua the son of Nun and Kaleb the son of Y'funeh remained alive.

The land had already been promised by Adonai.

Num 13:1 Adonai said to Moshe,

Num 13:2 "Send men on your behalf to reconnoiter the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the people of Isra'el. From each ancestral tribe send someone who is a leader in his tribe."

Yet what should have been a day of rejoicing when the men returned from the land with an encouraging report ultimately turned into a day that would become the root of many evil acts enacted upon the nation and the people of Israel.

There was just one thing they had to do...receive the good report.

Y'hoshua trusted in Adonai and as we have seen by his action grieved at the people's reaction when he tore his garments.

Y'hoshua was literally by Moshe's side from the time they left Egypt when we first read about him in Shmot (Exodus) 17...

Exo 17:8 Then `Amalek came and fought with Isra'el at Refidim.

Exo 17:9 Moshe said to Y'hoshua, "Choose men for us, go out, and fight with `Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with God's staff in my hand."

Exo 17:10 Y'hoshua did as Moshe had told him and fought with `Amalek. Then Moshe, Aharon and Hur went up to

the top of the hill.

Exo 17:11 When Moshe raised his hand, Isra'el prevailed; but when he let it down, `Amalek prevailed.

Exo 17:12 However, Moshe's hands grew heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aharon and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side and the other on the other; so that his hands stayed steady until sunset.

Exo 17:13 Thus Y'hoshua defeated `Amalek, putting their people to the sword.

You might call Y'hoshua a general of the army in that he followed the orders of Moshe when going into battle and ultimately succeeded.

We saw him go with Moshe when he went up to the mountain.

Exo 24:12 Adonai said to Moshe, "Come up to me on the mountain, and stay there. I will give you the stone tablets with the Torah and the mitzvot I have written on them, so that you can teach them."

Exo 24:13 Moshe got up, also Y'hoshua his assistant; and Moshe went up onto the mountain of God.

We saw Y'hoshua waiting while Moshe was up on the mountain.

Exo 32:17 When Y'hoshua heard the noise of the people shouting he said to Moshe, "It sounds like war in the camp!"

Exo 32:18 He answered, "That is neither the clamor of victory nor the wailings of defeat; what I hear is the sound of people singing."

Exo 32:19 But the moment Moshe got near the camp, when he saw the calf and the dancing, his own anger blazed up. He threw down the tablets he had been holding and shattered them at the base of the mountain.

During that first year in the wilderness, Y'hoshua was a fixture by the side of Moshe...

Exo 33:11 Adonai would speak to Moshe face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then he would return to the camp; but the young man who was his assistant, Y'hoshua the son of Nun, never left the inside of the tent.

He learned from the one we looked at last week as our example in faith Moshe. Y'hoshua ultimately learned from the best, so when it came time to go into the land, he had a much better and deeper understanding of Adonai than anyone except Moshe. Being beside Moshe gave Y'hoshua a type of access where he saw and heard firsthand all that would transpire in how Adonai interacted with Moshe.

Yet, just because Y'hoshua had this enviable position, doesn't mean he could just glide through. He still had to do the work as. He could not ride Moshe's coat tails just as we cannot with other people's faith. He had to see for himself and believe. He could have very easily succumbed to the negative report of the other 10, but didn't, because Y'hoshua trusted Adonai at His Word.

Y'hoshua was both confident and convinced it what was not yet seen. That being the promise of Adonai regarding the land. He had seen what Adonai had done and because of that trusted in Adonai, not in the report of his fellow countrymen.

Which brings us to the second person who offered a favorable report from reconnoitering the land was Kaleb from the tribe of Y'hudah...

Num 13:6 from the tribe of Y'hudah, Kaleb the son of Y'funeh;

We know very little about Kalev in that this is the first time his name is referenced in Scripture. From here, even though we don't know much about him we will see him revealed to us. We won't see his faith developed but will be introduced to it.

As one of the 12 who would enter the land in order to report on it, his perspective was far different...

Num 13:30 Kalev silenced the people around Moshe and said, "We ought to go up immediately and take possession of it; there is no question that we can conquer it."

One verse. A rallying cry to the people. Yet you can't unring a bell and the bell of despair had been sounded. Yet Kalev was not convinced by the negative report of the others...

Num 14:5 Moshe and Aharon fell on their faces before the entire assembled community of the people of Isra'el.

Num 14:6 Y'hoshua the son of Nun and Kalev the son of Y'funeh, from the detachment that had reconnoitered the land, tore their clothes

Num 14:7 and said to the whole community of Isra'el, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is an outstandingly good land!

Even Moshe couldn't unring that bell.

But this didn't destroy Kalev. Others could not rob him of his trust in Adonai. He did not succumb to the "mob" but remained faithful...

Num 14:24 But my servant Kalev, because he had a different Spirit with him and has fully followed me—him I will bring into the land he entered, and it will belong to his descendants.

A different Spirit?

Sounds intriguing.

Don't we have a different Spirit with us?

As one's who believe in Yeshua, you have the same Spirit Kalev did. It does not come upon you at certain times but resides within you at all times.

Joh 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send you from the Father—the Spirit of Truth, who keeps going out from the Father—he will testify on my behalf.

Joh 15:27 And you testify too, because you have been with me from the outset.

Joh 16:13 However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future.

Joh 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will receive from what is mine and announce it to you.

Joh 16:15 Everything the Father has is mine; this is why I said that he receives from what is mine and will announce it to you.

Y'hoshua would ultimately succeed Moshe and lead Israel into the land, taking possession of it. His name, like that of

his predecessor would be forever recorded and honored through our study of Torah, mllennium after his last foot step was taken.

Kalev too would be honored in such a way, forever being remembered as a man of great faith and resolve for Adonai. He would be honored as one of the two providing favorable reports. His faith would be recognized by Adonai as well.

Just as the tribes were given a portion of the land as an inheritance, Kalev received his own inheritance of the land...

Jos 14:6 The descendants of Y'udah approached Y'hoshua in Gilgal, and Kalev the son of Y'funeh the K'nizi said to him, "You know what Adonai told Moshe the man of God about me and you in Kadesh-Barnea.

Jos 14:7 I was forty years old when Moshe the servant of Adonai sent me from Kadesh-Barnea to reconnoiter the land, and I brought back to him an honest report.

Jos 14:8 My brothers who went up with me discouraged the people, but I followed Adonai my God completely.

Jos 14:9 On that day Moshe swore, 'Surely the land where your foot has been will be the inheritance for you and your descendants forever, because you have followed Adonai my God completely.'

Jos 14:10 Now, look: Adonai has kept me alive these forty-five years, as he said he would, from the time Adonai said this to Moshe, when Isra'el was going through the desert. Today I am eighty-five years old,

Jos 14:11 but I am as strong today as on the day Moshe sent me—I'm as strong now as I was then, whether for war or simply for going here and there.

Jos 14:12 Therefore, give me this hill, the one Adonai spoke about on that day; for on that day you heard how the `Anakim were there with great, fortified cities; perhaps Adonai will be with me, and I will drive them away, as Adonai said."

Jos 14:13 Y'hoshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Kalev the son of Y'funeh as his inheritance.

Jos 14:14 So Hebron became the inheritance of Kalev the son of Y'funeh the K'nizi, as it is to this day; because he followed Adonai the God of Isra'el completely.

Just as Y'hoshua and Kalev remained united with Adonai, trusting in Him always...

Joh 15:5 "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing.

Joh 15:6 Unless a person remains united with me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they are burned up.

Joh 15:7 "If you remain united with me, and my words with you, then ask whatever you want, and it will happen for you.