



Akivaton



LM: Snif 4:05 | CH: No Snif This Week | NE: Snif 4:05

Shabbat Zmanim LMS

- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/
Maariv.....5:20 pm
- Shacharit.....7:15/9/9:15 am
- Snif.....4:05 pm
- Mincha.....5:05 pm
- Maariv.....6:18 pm
- Shabbat End.....6:23 pm

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11 Bnei Akiva Tu
B'Shvat Kiddush
- Feb. 12 Tu B'Shvat Event
for Chanichim (grades 3-8)
- Feb. 17-19 BAMA
Shabbaton for high school
students

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire and empower Jewish Youth with a deep commitment to the Jewish people, the Land of Israel, and the Torah through a wide variety of informal and experiential educational programs.



Dvar Torah

By Amir Ben-Gal

In this week's parasha, we read Shirat Hayam -- the song the Jewish people sang after God saved them from Egypt by splitting the Red Sea. Two people lead the song in the parasha -- Moshe, and his sister Miriam after him. It's interesting to note the difference in the way the two address the people in order to have them join in the singing.

Moshe says to Bnei Yisrael "I will sing to God because he has worked wonders" and Miriam says "Sing to God for he has worked wonders." What is the difference between "I will sing" and "Sing" -- why do they express themselves differently? When Moses says "I will sing" he himself leads the nation in song - he sings Shirat Hayam by himself and expects that Bnei Yisrael will join him. His behavior is that of a role model - he does something and expects Bnei Yisrael to imitate him, to do as he does. In contrast, Miriam says "sing" - she commands Bnei Yisrael to sing



Bnei Akiva Spotlight: The Stollman Family

Q: How long has your family been involved in Bnei Akiva?

A: Ezra had been going to Bnei Akiva for two years but his mom started Bnei Akiva in first grade

Q: What do you like most about Bnei Akiva?

A: We like the fun games, hanging out with friends and candy!

Q: How many words of יד אחים do you know by heart?

A: About 20-25

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without singing herself - she only observes from the side, checking to make sure they do as they are commanded.

From these two examples we can learn about two different modes of leadership. There are those that always expects you to observe their command, and they will watch you from the sidelines to make sure that you are doing what they expect. There are others that believe that the way to be leaders is by way of example. "Watch me and you will learn how to act" says Gideon to the 30 soldiers that remain with him. He does not give a specific command, he just behaves in a way that he hopes others will follow.

One of the most important attributes of a commander in the IDF is the word acharai, "after me". The commander is always first, and he acts in a way that he would like his soldiers to follow, and therefore does it first. The commanders in the IDF are never in the back watching how their soldiers are fighting, rather they are on the front lines. The people of Israel and the IDF have learned this value from Moshe Rabeinu in this week's parasha, and after that, from Gideon. This is a value that also leads the Bnei Akiva movement. The madrichim in Bnei Akiva lead by example in the way they live their lives. Using this value of leadership that we learned from Moshe Rabeinu, we try to educate and strengthen the Chanichim of Bnei Akiva, wherever they may be.

- Translated from Hebrew

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