



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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Torah Portion: [Chukat](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This week's Torah portion describes the passing of Miriam and Aharon, the two older siblings of Moses.

When they passed away, two important infrastructures that the Jewish people depended on in the desert ceased to function. When Miriam died, the spring that provided water for 40 years suddenly stopped, and when Aharon died the clouds of glory that protected the Jewish people from all external threats also disappeared.

But as soon as they ceased to function, our Sages say, they immediately returned, this time in the merit of Moses himself.

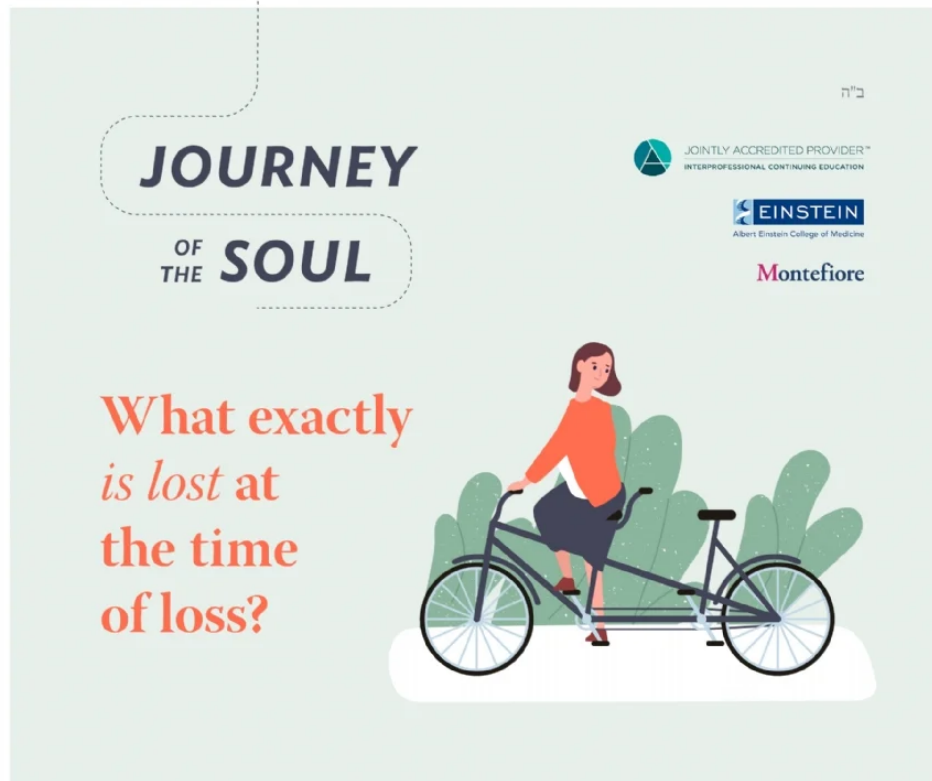
This serves as an important reminder of the centrality of tzaddikim, righteous men and women, to the survival of the Jewish nation. They function as conduits for all we receive from G-d, and by connecting to them and learning from them, we are guaranteed tremendous blessings.

Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Wilansky



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Join in person at Chabad. (Outdoors, weather permitting.)

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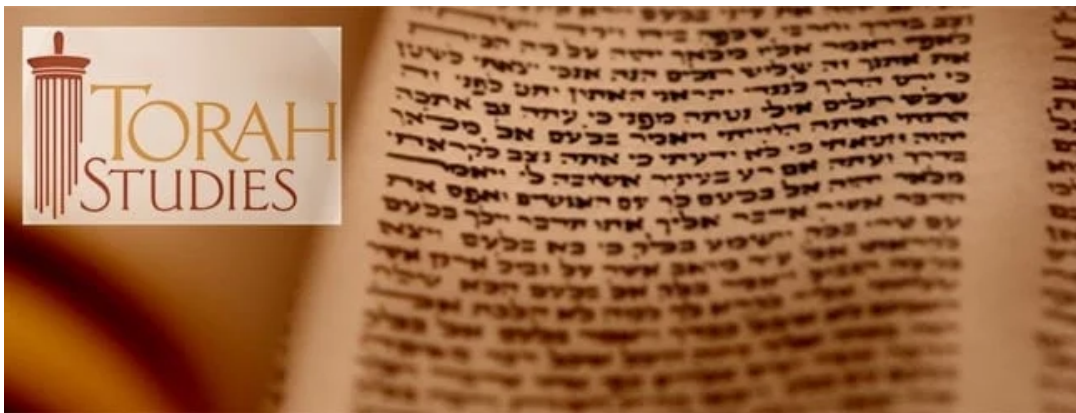


Children at Camp Gan Israel are having the time of their lives!

There are still a few spots available for weeks 2 and 3! Email hindy@chabadofmaine.com to learn more.



Torah Studies



Join Rabbi Levi for a fascinating class on the weekly Parsha.

Tuesday, June 22, at 9:30 am

chabadofmaine.com/zoom



Wednesday, the 13th of Tammuz



Happy Birthday to Rabbi Moshe Wilansky!



Service Times

Thursday

7:00 am

Friday night

8:00 pm

Shabbat day

10:30 am

Kiddush and refreshments

12:30 pm



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The Song of the Well



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BY THE NUMBERS

14 Facts About the Menorah in the Holy Temple

Join us as we learn all about this item, whose spiritual light continues to shine until this very day.

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Chukat

Moses is taught the laws of the **red heifer**, whose ashes purify a person who has been contaminated by contact with a dead body.

After **forty years** of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. **Miriam** dies, and the people thirst for **water**. Gd tells Moses to speak to a **rock** and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and **strikes** the stone. Water issues forth, but Moses is told by Gd that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son **Elazar**. Venomous snakes attack the Israelite camp after yet another eruption of discontent in which the people speak against Gd and Moses; Gd tells Moses to place a **brass serpent** upon a high pole, and all who will gaze heavenward will be healed. The people sing a **song** in honor of the miraculous well that provided them water in the desert.

Moses leads the people in battles against the Emorite kings **Sichon and Og** (who seek to prevent Israels passage through their territory) and conquers their lands, which lie **east of the Jordan**.



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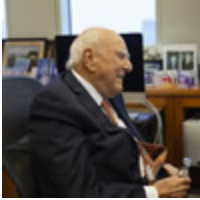
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