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"Kach Hee Darka Shel Torah"

Weekly Parsha Commentary by Binyamin Zev Kahane

Beware of Treasonous Leaders (1993)

Again and again we are shocked, upon reading parshat "Shelach", as we reveal the true colors of the leaders of the nation. The same leaders who were to lead the Jewish People to the Promised Land suddenly reject the entire Jewish destiny and dream. To our dismay, they turn their backs on the Holy Land promised to us by G-d, and to our amazement, are even prepared to find a substitute for it. How could these Jewish leaders make such a 360 degree about-face?

How could a group that composes the majority of the leaders of the nation albeit the second level (Moshe and Aaron were the first level) reject the most basic of goals, so central to the Jewish destiny, toward which they had guided every Jew up to that point, the elementary concept that all Jews recognized up until that moment, which was part of the central goal towards which all were marching - the entering into the Land of Israel. To compound the question, the sages tell us from the verse, "and they went and came" (13-26), that "just as their returning was with evil counsel, so was their going with evil counsel". The spies sudden "change of mind" had nothing to do with the "negative findings" that they discovered after spying out the land, for their minds were already made up to give an evil report even before setting foot in the land. So what happened to these Jewish leaders who so abruptly betrayed the Jewish destiny?

From here we learn that we must always examine the deeds of even the most righteous of leaders. We must not close our eyes, blindly trusting in "leaders" under the assumption that "they will take care of everything", and thus we can rest easy. Even the most G-d fearing leaders can, at one point or another, turn into a traitor as a result of normal human weakness, as did Yochanan Cohen HaGadol, who became a heretic after eighty years of service as the High Priest. The Torah itself bears witness to the fact that the spies were "tzadeekim" - righteous, and their tragic mistake was brought on by all kinds of personal and flawed motives that festered inside them, causing them to join forces with the wicked. They betrayed their ideology and values for that reason.

Today we are also witness to political parties that were once nationalistic parties on the Israeli political spectrum whose members have now betrayed all of their goals after achieving a position of power. The Knesset seat overrides logic, and the "kavod" - honour overcomes ideology. Sure they may have justifications and excuses for their treachery, but the bottom line is that greed and lust erases the glorious past they may have had.

Parshat Shlach teaches a vital lesson to the people and to their leaders from what to beware. The people must beware of leaders who lead them around by the nose, to their downfall. We must break off the shackles of such leadership, and learn how to deal with them. The spies were punished so severely because they were special people who should have led by example and they had major influence on their flock of followers.

From the editor's desk:

Rav Binyamin Kahane's words, written more than 15 years ago relate to our situation as if they were written today. He speaks of leaders, coming from the nationalist camp, who, have betrayed all of their ideals. Who represents such a flip-flop more than PM Olmert and Foreign Minister Livni, both, with strong roots in Jabotinsky's Revisionist movement, betraying their nationalist past? These two clowns used to shout the nationalist song and slogan "Both sides of the Jordan, they are both ours", and now they have exchanged this slogan of their youth with a new one: "Two states for two nations." Rav Binyamin Kahane's words are more applicable today than ever - with the political resurrection of Bibi and the birth of "Boogie" the two right-wing "saviors" who are emerging as the new messiahs of the right-wing nationalist camp.

No, our salvation will not come forth from the new/old nationalist politicians. Not from Bibi, Boogie, Ivat, Tzachi, Efi or any of the others. There is only one way to bring the redemption - by showing our unwavering faith in God! Only thus! We must stop placing our faith in the Gentiles or in "leaders" who place their faith in Washington. We must put an end to our obsessive fear of "what the gentiles will say" if we do that which God obligates us to do and that which we must do to protect our citizens. We must make a preemptive strike against Iran and anyone else that threatens our existence. Enough with the self-hating policies of the "mercy of fools" - who prevent us from annihilating our enemies, lest we injure "innocent" civilians who harbor them. The redemption will come when we fulfill God's commandments and disregard the nations of the world. That means - expulsion of our hostile enemies, annexing the "territories", including "South Lebanon", and Gaza, building the Temple in Jerusalem, speedily, in our times, Amen.

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News from the perspective of the Jewish Idea:

Rightist politicians (Avigdor Lieberman, "Boogie" and others) call to reenter Gaza temporarily to prevent the launching of rockets from Gaza on Sderot. "Enter quickly and leave quickly", Heaven forbid not to conquer the land or to allow the Jews to resettle these areas. "Hit and run". Yes, there can be no solution to the problem without reentering Gaza, however, it will be yet another exercise in futility if we go in, smash some of the PLO and Hamas infrastructure, and then run away. The Israeli cities under attack can only be protected if the IDF will fully and permanently control the areas from where the rockets and missiles are launched. The IDF can only control these areas if they allow the unlimited Jewish "settlement" there, and if they drive out any hostile elements from the area. A permanent security zone needs to be established that places all Israeli cities far out of the range of enemy rockets.

The Israeli media reported on the 12th of Sivan 5767 that the IDF apprehended Haled Shaweesh, a terrorist responsible for the murder of Rav Binyamin Zev Kahane and his wife Talya, over six years ago.

Approximately once a year, the Israeli media reports that one of the murderers of the Kahane couple is apprehended. How many murderers were there? If the authorities are already arresting the responsible parties for the Kahane murders, then when will they get around to bringing the architects of the Oslo agreement to justice? The main architect is running for President in Israel. When will he be indicted for signing the agreement that effectively armed the PLO with the very weapons that they used to kill the Kahane couple along with so many other innocent Jewish victims?

Help us broadcast the only message that can save Israel

Dear friend,

Israel is in grave danger and the situation is not getting better. Last summer, Israel's limited initiative in Lebanon showed one and all that the present Israeli government is unable or unwilling to defeat our enemies. At the same time, Israel's enemies are advancing with greater morale, with longer range missiles and rockets and with more deadly unconventional weapons.

Israel has effectively banned and blocked the publishing of the only answers that can save and bring great victory to Israel. The Kach and Kahane parties were outlawed and it is "dangerous" to speak out.

I have taken upon myself to continue to spread our clear blueprint of survival to Jews throughout the land, as we try and affect change from the bottom up, and to offer real answers to a nation that is growing more and more frustrated and confused every day. Now, is our chance to reach out to the many, that are beginning to understand, the hard way, that there is no other alternative other than the proposals that we offer.

Help us disseminate our message:

We must place our faith in God and not in Washington.

We must do all that we can to protect our fellow Jews, and disregard world opinion.

We must expel our hostile enemies.

We must annex the "territories," including Gaza and Southern Lebanon, allowing unlimited Jewish "settlement" there.

We must return to our roots and follow the Torah and then there will be peace and security.

Expelling Jews, surrendering land and caving into international dictates not only guarantees more terror, more blackmail, and more bloodshed but is a clear violation of the Torah that forbids us to give away land and that obligates us to slaughter our enemies first, before they kill us. Enough displaced mercy of fools on our enemies or on enemy population centers that harbor terrorists! No more hesitation! War now against our enemies! We need to strike Iran before they attack us and carry out their threats to annihilate Israel. We need to retake South Lebanon and Gaza, establish a security zone and flush the enemy out, placing Jewish towns far out of reach.

That is the Jewish way. That is the only road to victory.

There is no time to play games with Mafdal and Bibi and "Bugee" and "Shmugee". Time is of the essence. The message above needs to be effectively articulated and published on the internet, in posters, in flyers, at rallies from city to city, in schools and everywhere. The other parties and "leaders" will follow our lead, as more and more people are exposed to the only alternative that can save Israel.

Every major Israeli leader has always played the delicate game of juggling world opinion with the security interests of Israel; juggling the dictates of the Gentiles with a little Jewish character. Whenever there was a perceived conflict between Judaism and Western values or between world opinion and God's law, Western values and Gentile pressure always were favored while the interests of the Jewish people and God's Torah were always betrayed.

WE MUST SHOW THE PEOPLE THE JEWISH ALTERNATIVE WHILE THERE IS STILL PRECIOUS TIME LEFT.

I NEED YOUR HELP TO SPONSOR A "KAHANE OUTREACH MITZVAH TANK" THAT WILL BROADCAST THIS MESSAGE FROM TOWN TO TOWN IN ISRAEL, WITH RALLIES, TAPES, VIDEOS, FLYERS AND BOOKS. I need your help to sponsor the vehicle, the tapes and brochures, the sound equipment, the fuel and the staff.

We have also embarked on a major program to translate many of Rav Kahane's English language videos and materials into Russian and Hebrew, so as to be able to hit the largest possible audience with fantastic material that they have never seen before.

Please help us spread the only program that can save Israel today.

We need your help. The purchase of the necessary vehicle and equipment will cost no less than 20,000 dollars and as much as 100,000 dollars, depending on what we will be able to afford.

We will duplicate and translate as much as we can afford as funds are contributed.

Please step up to the plate and help us during these critical times. The people are hungry to hear a solution. We are the only ones that have the solution. It is in our hands to communicate the solution to the people, who are more eager than ever to embrace the Jewish way!

Checks can be sent to "Mishalot Yisrael". May God grant us all an opportunity to disseminate the true Torah message of faith to the people of Israel, and to hasten the redemption, Amen.

I have enclosed a self addressed envelope, please respond generously and as soon as possible.

God willing, we will paint the vehicle with a huge banner, reading, "Yisrael BTach BHashem velo BGoyim – Israel, Have Faith in G-d and not in the nations." We will add on or paint a dedication in honor or memory of a beloved.

With Love of Israel,
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