

# Parshas KI SISA

## 5776

26-27 FEB 2016 / 18 ADAR I 5776

EARLY SUMMER KABBOLAS SHABBOS: 5:30PM  
CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 6:15PM  
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SHABBOS MINCHA: 6:00PM  
SHABBOS ENDS: 7:12PM

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EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 7:08PM

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### OVERVIEW

Moshe conducts a census by counting each silver half-shekel donated by all men age twenty and over. Moshe is commanded to make a copper laver for the Mishkan. The women donate the necessary metal. The formula of the anointing oil is specified, and G-d instructs Moshe to use this oil only for dedicating the Mishkan, its vessels, Aharon and his sons. G-d selects Bezalel and Oholiyav as master craftsmen for the Mishkan and its vessels. The Jewish People are commanded to keep the Sabbath as an eternal sign that G-d made the world. Moshe receives the two Tablets of Testimony on which are written the Ten Commandments. The mixed multitude who left Egypt with the Jewish People panic when Moshe's descent seems delayed, and force Aharon to make a golden calf for them to worship. Aharon stalls, trying to delay them. G-d tells Moshe to return to the people immediately, threatening to destroy everyone and build a new nation from Moshe. When Moshe sees the camp of idol-worship he smashes the tablets and destroys the golden calf. The sons of Levi volunteer to punish the transgressors, executing 3,000 men. Moshe ascends the mountain to pray for forgiveness for the people, and G-d accepts his prayer. Moshe sets up the Mishkan and G-d's cloud of glory returns. Moshe asks G-d to show him the rules by which he conducts the world, but is granted only a small portion of this request. G-d tells Moshe to hew new tablets and reveals to him the text of the prayer that will invoke Divine mercy. Idol worship, intermarriage and the combination of milk and meat are prohibited. The laws of Pesach, the first-born, the first-fruits, Shabbat, Shavuot and Succot are taught. When Moshe descends with the second set of tablets, his face is luminous as a result of contact with the Divine.



### THE LUCHOS' UNIQUENESS

The pasukim in our parsha read as follows: "Moses turned and descended from the mountain, with the two the Luchos in his hand, Luchos inscribed on both of their surfaces; they were inscribed on one side and on the other. The Luchos are the work of G-d and the script was the script of G-d, etched on the Luchos." [Shmos 32:15-16]. The Torah explains these Luchos. They were the most unique item in all of creation! They were something written by the Hand of G-d.

What does Moshe Rabbeinu do? He takes the Luchos and he breaks them!

The Shemen HaTov by Rabbi Dov Weinberger makes a very interesting observation. Is this the place to describe the Luchos? The proper place to describe them would have been earlier in the narrative, when they were first given to Moshe [Shmos 31:1]. Why now -- as they are being broken -- does the Torah first go into the detail describing how unique these Luchos were?

The simple interpretation is that the Torah is emphasizing – DESPITE the fact that the Luchos were so special and so unique, NEVERTHELESS Moshe broke them. The Shemen HaTov gives a different insight, which is a very true commentary about life in general.

We rarely appreciate what we have while we have it. Only when we are about to lose something do we first appreciate what we had. Earlier, when Moshe was first given the Luchos, we thought that they were ours and that we would have them until the end of time. We hardly noticed their special quality. But now when we are about to lose them, we finally begin to appreciate them.

We know this is so true. When we have someone we love and appreciate, it is often not until we are close to losing him or her that we appreciate what he or she was to us all along.

If one has ever had the experience of having a child who was very sick and then recovered from an illness, one knows that the kiss he gives that child before they go to sleep at night is a different kiss than he used to give the child before the child got sick. If someone, G-d forbid, comes close to losing that precious little child, the child becomes even more important to them.

That is the way people are. We only appreciate things in their absence. That is why the pasuk only emphasizes the unique characteristics of the Luchos here, at the time of their destruction.

## MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH

This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly part sponsored by **Rabbi Jonathan & Beverley Miller** in honour of the Yortzeit of Jonathan's late mother, **Miryam bas HaRav Moshe Zalman**

## BABY GIRL

Mazeltov to **Gavi & Batya Slasky** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazeltov proud grandparents **Ari & Lana Slasky** and **David & Fiona Aronovitz** and great-grandparents **Bella Slasky** and **Reuben Terespolsky**.

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**RABBI AUERBACH**

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