

BE'SHALACH - When He Sent



Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

The Shabbat on which this *parasha* is read has the special name of *Shabbat Shira*. The Sabbath of Song. It contains the inspiring Song of Moses sung by the Red Sea, or Reed Sea - *Yam Suf* - ים סוף.

God is my strength and my song... This (He) is my God and I will glorify Him! (15:2)

*Ozi ve'zimrat Yah ... Zeh Eli ve an'vehu.* עזי וזמרת יה... זה אלי ואגנהו

*Naveh* - נוי - oasis He is my peaceful place of rest and sustenance.

**Possesive case:** *Ozi* - עזי - my strength  
*Eli* - אלי - my God  
*Shiri* - שרי - my song

שָׁלָנוּ	<i>shelanu</i>	our	שָׁלִי	<i>sheli</i>	my
שְׁלַכֶם	<i>shelachem</i>	your (m. pl)	שְׁלַךְ	<i>shelcha</i>	your (m)
שְׁלַכֶן	<i>shelachen</i>	your (f. pl)	שְׁלַךְ	<i>shelach</i>	your (f)
שְׁלָהֶם	<i>shelahem</i>	their (m. pl)	שָׁלוּ	<i>sheloh</i>	his
שְׁלָהֶן	<i>shelachen</i>	their (f. pl)	שְׁלָה	<i>shelah</i>	her

After the glorious experience at the Sea, the Israelites face the challenge of the wilderness (*ha'midbar* - הַמִּדְבָּר). It's not altogether a positive experience!

**Negative Case:** *Ein ve'Loh!* אין ולא

No water and no food ! אין מים ואין אוכל !

As opposed to, *Yesh!* “There is water and there is food.” יש מיים ויש אוכל.

Everything is (not) OK!	Ha'kol (loh) beseder!	הכול לא בסדר.
No thanks.	Loh todah.	לא תודה.
No way!	Ein matzav!	אין מצב.
This is (not) a good book.	Zeh (loh) sefer tov.	זה לא ספר טוב.

The enemy! *Ha'oiyev.* האויב My enemy. *Oiy'vai* Or *Oy Vey!*

The Israelites have their first encounter with the enemy **Amalek** - עמלק - who represents those who seek the destruction of the people of Israel throughout history. He attacks the weak at the rear and war ensues. God reveals His power and the enemy are overcome. The great lesson, however, is that He desires man's participation. While Joshua leads an army to the battle, Moses keeps his hands **faithfully** ( אמונה ) raised to Heaven in prayer, with the help of Aaron and Hur.

#### VOCABULARY - MILIM CHADASHOT

OK. (All right.)	<i>Beseder.</i>	בסדר
Pardon. (Excuse me.)	<i>Slicha.</i>	סליחה
song / songs	<i>shir / shirim</i>	שיר / שירים
bird / birds	<i>tzippor / tzipporim</i>	ציפור / ציפורים
sea	<i>yam</i>	ים
food	<i>ochel</i>	אוכל
bread	<i>lechem</i>	לחם
menu	<i>tafrit</i>	תפריט
butter	<i>chemah</i>	חמאה
ice-cream	<i>glidah</i>	גלידה
cheese	<i>g'vinah</i>	גבינה
popcorn	<i>pop korn</i>	פופ קורן