

FAMILY TORAH

PURIM EDITION

TORAH PERSPECTIVES

RABBI NOACH GOLDSTEIN



The Shabbos before Purim is called Parshas Zachor. Now on this Shabbos we read Parshas Zachor, which is actually a mitzvas asef d'Oraisa to read the Parsha of Amalek, which is found at the end of Parshas Ki Seitzei, and it's a mitzvah remembering what Amalek tried to do to us.

There are a couple of questions that can be asked. First of all, when we have something bad that happens to us, or even something bad that could have happened to us, even if it didn't end up happening, we would pay any money in the world that we should forget about it. Now generally that's not the case, we remember it forever, but if it would be up to us, we would want to forget it. So why is it so important that we remember what Amalek tried to do to us?

Second of all, why is it something that we we read every single year and it's read the Shabbos before Purim? What does this have to do with Purim? now obviously in the Purim story we have Haman, and Haman is a descendant of Amalek, but maybe there's something more than just the fact that he was a descendant of Amalek as a reason for why we read Parshas Zachor the Shabbos before Purim. So let's analyze Amalek a little more. The Pasuk says in Parshas Ki Seitzei "זכור את אשר עשה לך עמלק" - remember what Amalek did to you. And then the following pasuk says asher karcha baderech,- that they happened upon you on the way.

Rashi on that passuk brings a mashal. That you have a very hot bath that everyone's too scared to go into, and one person goes in and he cools it off for the other people. Now not just physically cools it off, but now everyone sees this person going into the water they're not as scared of going into the hot water. So that's what Amalek did to Klal Yisrael in the eyes of the world. They created a situation that now people weren't necessarily afraid of starting up with Klal Yisrael.

Up until Klal Yisrael left mitzrayim they weren't in the best situation personally and in the eyes of the world. They were slaves to parah for 210 years, they weren't looked at by the world as any special nation. When they left mitzrayim they were on top of the world in all areas Hashem was on their side they got all the spoils from mitzrayim, They had a lot going for them.

It is well known that the numerical value of the word Amalek is the same as the word safek. What did they bring to the world? They brought to the Jewish people a situation of safek, doubt. Now why was that? So I believe the reason is because Klal Yisrael came out of Mitzrayim, and they thought they were untouchable, Hashem is on our side and Hashem is always going to be there for us, nobody's going to even try to start up with us. And what happened? Amalek came and started up with them.

And then Klal Yisrael started doubting themselves, maybe we're not so worthy of everything that's coming our way. So Klal Yisrael essentially started doubting their own self in terms of who they really are. So now the question is, what does this have to do with Purim, and obviously besides the fact that Haman was a descendant of Amalek, what why does this connect directly to Purim? So we know that in Purim, we accepted the torah me'aha-

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RABBI AVI GOLDSTEIN

THE YOM TOV SHENI K'HILCHASO

In the winter of 1958, Rabbi Yerachmiel Fried was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to irreligious parents who were Holocaust survivors. His family attended an orthodox synagogue, but otherwise were completely inobservant and unaffiliated with religious Judaism. He was very interested in becoming a medical doctor, a career he felt he had the patience for, and was a champion level ping-pong player. However, while he was a teenager, his shul hired a new rabbi who established an NCSY program in the shul as an outlet for teens to connect to Yiddishkeit. Since his friends had joined the program, Rabbi Fried joined as well. He enjoyed the moving Shabbos weekends, and appreciated seeing an unadulterated joy at being Jewish.

Around that time, Rabbi Fried read and was very inspired by Chaim Potok's book "The Chosen", and chose a new path, transferring to the Yeshiva of the South in Memphis, Tennessee to learn more about Judaism. However, after only one year, the yeshiva's dormitory burned down in a fire, and after this alarming event, under pressure from his parents, he returned home and back to public school.

Shortly thereafter, he received a call from one of his Memphis rebbeim, who, realizing that Rabbi Fried really did yearn to continue his studies in a yeshiva, asked him, "Are you a man or a mouse?". His attention drawn by the question, Rabbi Fried thought about it and then responded, "Well, I'm certainly not a mouse". He had a discussion with his parents, and upon receiving their approval, joined the Skokie Yeshiva in Chicago and then to the Brisk yeshiva (also in Chicago). It was at that time that he made the commitment and became completely observant.

Afterward, he deferred a full scholarship for a pre-med program to go learn in Israel in ITRI, and the one-year operation quickly turned into 16 years. While learning there, he developed a close relationship with Rav Tzvi Kushelevsky. Afterwards, he learned in the Mir.

Besides for Rav Tzvi Kushelevsky, Rabbi Fried also developed close relationships with Rav Wolbe and Rav Moshe Shapiro. However, Rabbi Fried is best known for his close relationship with Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach. This unique relationship began when Rabbi Fried, encouraged by Rav Shmuel Fuerst, arranged with Rav Shlomo Zalman's gabbai to drive home Rav

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RABBI ELI PERLMAN

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