

On The Bimah Rabbi Sid Schwarz

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Shabbat Pesach

Rishon Exodus 33:12-16

Reader: Abigail Hankin-Wei, Aliyah: Carol Newman on a Milestone Birthday

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Sheni Exodus 33:17-19

Reader: Pam Sommers, Aliyah: Rabbi Sid Schwarz and Sandy Perlstein

& Gary and Bonnie Bernett

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Maftir Numbers 28:16-19

Reader: Gil Rosen, Aliyah: Joel Schwarz and Hana Bernett, in honor of their aufruf

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Yahrzeits for the week of 19 Nisan – April 9

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Joseph H. Kuney, Father of David Kuney Sanford Kahn, Father of Larry Kahn, Fatherin-law of Millie Kahn Sally Logan, Sister of Luther Jett

20 Nisan - April 10

Arye Kole, Father of Adina Kole Sandie Richie, Mother of Jordan Richie Paul Ritterband, Brother of Barbara Albert Jerome Kruger, Father of Joseph Kruger Gene Shore, Mother of Martin Shore

21 Nisan - April 11

David Handverger, Great Uncle of Michelle Melinger

David Cooper, Brother of Jonathan Cooper

22 Nisan - April 12

Isabel Ostheimer, Mother of Michael Ostheimer

Melvin Zweig, Father of Mark Zweig Rose Posofsky, Mother of Steven Parker

23 Nisan - April 13

Nadia Schuchman, Grandmother of Abe Schuchman

Leon Glaser, Father of Joan Weiss Lenore (Lee) Maliken, Mother of Bruce Maliken

24 Nisan - April 14

George Graff, Father of Jamison Graff Irene Schonzeit, Mother of Darin Schonzeit Audrey Beck, Mother of Deena Goldsmith and Grandmother of Avi Goldsmith

Redemption Strategies: From the Rabbinic Sources

Prepared by Rabbi Sid Schwarz

Text A

Shemot Rabbah 1:2

וירא בסבלותם, מהו וירא? שהיה רואה בסבלותם ובוכה ואומר חבל לי עליכם מי יתן מותי עליכם, שאין לך מלאכה קשה ממלאכת הטיט, והיה נותן כתיפיו ומסייע לכל אחד ואחד מהן, ר' אלעזר בנו של רבי יוסי הגלילי אומר ראה משוי גדול על קטן ומשוי קטן על גדול, ומשוי איש על אשה ומשוי אשה על איש, ומשוי זקן על בחור, ומשוי בחור על זקן, והיה מניח דרגון שלו והולך ומיישב להם סבלותיהם ועושה כאלו מסייע לפרעה,

"And [he] looked on their burdens." What is, "And [he] looked?" For he would look upon their burdens and cry and say, "Woe is me unto you, who will provide my death instead of yours, for there is not more difficult labor than the labor of the mortar." And he would use his shoulders to assist each one of them. R. Eliezer the son of R. Yose the Galilean said: [If] he saw a large burden on a small person and a small burden on a large person, or a man's burden on a woman and a woman's burden on a man, or an elderly man's burden on a young man and a young man's burden on an elderly man, he would leave aside his rank and go and right their burdens, and act as though he were assisting Pharaoh.

Text B

אמר הקב"ה אתה הנחת עסקיך והלכת לראות בצערן של ישראל ונהגת בהן מנהג אחים, אני מניח את העליונים ואת התחתונים ואדבר עמך, הה"ד וירא ה' כי סר לראות, ראה הקב"ה במשה שסר מעסקיו לראות בסבלותם, לפיכך ויקרא אליו אלהים מתוך הסנה.

The Holy One Blessed be He said: You left aside your business and went to see the sorrow of Israel, and acted toward them as brothers act. I will leave aside the upper and the lower [i.e. ignore the distinction between Heaven and Earth] and talk to you. Such is it written, "And when the Lord saw that [Moses] turned aside to see" (Exodus 3:4). The Holy One Blessed is He saw Moses, who left aside his business to see their burdens. Therefore, "God called unto him out of the midst of the bush" (ibid.).

Text C

Shemot Rabbah 1:28

דבר אחר: וירא בסבלותם ראה שאין להם מנוחה. הלך ואמר לפרעה: מי שיש לו עבד, אם אינו נח יום אחד בשבוע, הוא מת! ואלו עבדיך, אם אין אתה מניח להם יום אחד בשבוע, הם מתים! אמר לו: לך ועשה להן כמו שתאמר. הלך משה ותקן להם את יום השבת לנוח.

Another interpretation: "And he saw their suffering" that they did not have rest. He went and said to Pharaoh, "One who has a slave, if he does not rest one day a week, he will die! While your slaves, if you don't allow them rest one day a week, they will die!" He [Pharaoh] said to him: "Go and do for them as you are saying." Moses went and established the Sabbath day for them to rest.