

Parashat Beshalach B

Exodus 15:20-16:6

First Aliyah

20. Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, picked a hand-drum, and all of the women went out after her in dance with hand-drums. 21. And Miriam chanted for them: Sing to the Eternal, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea. 22. Then Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. They went on into the wilderness of Shur; they traveled three days into the wilderness and found no water. 23. They came to Marah, but they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter, that is why it was named Marah.

Second Aliyah

24. And the people mumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25. So he cried out to the Eternal, and the Eternal showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There (God) made for them a fixed rule; there they were put to a test. 26. (God) said, "If you will heed the Eternal your God diligently, doing what is upright in God's sight, giving ear to God's commandments and keeping all God's laws, then I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians, for I the eternal am your healer."

Third Aliyah

27. And they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there beside the water. 1 Setting out from Elim, the whole Israelite community came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. 2. In the wilderness the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3. The Israelites said to them, “If only we have died by the hand of the Eternal in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate our fill of bread! For you have brought us into the wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death.

Fourth Aliyah

4. And the Eternal one said to Moses, “I will rain down bread for you from the sky, and the people shall go out and gather each day that day’s portion—that I may thus test them, to see whether they will follow My instructions or not. 5. But on the sixth day, when they apportion what they have brought in, it shall prove to be double the amount they gather each day.” 6. So Moses and Aaron said to all Israelites, “By evening you shall know it was the Eternal who brought you out from the land of Egypt;