

## **Parshat Bo B**

Exodus Chapter 10:1-20

### **First Aliyah**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Eternal said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh. For I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his courtiers, in order that I may display these My signs among them, <sup>2</sup> and that you may recount in the hearing of your sons and of your sons’ sons how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I displayed My signs among them—in order that you may know that I am the Eternal.’ <sup>3</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the Eternal, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go that they may worship Me.

### **Second Aliyah**

<sup>4</sup> For if you refuse to let My people go, tomorrow I will bring locusts on your territory. <sup>5</sup> They shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one will be able to see the land. They shall devour the surviving remnant that was left to you after the hail; and they shall eat away all your trees that grow in the field. <sup>6</sup> Moreover, they shall fill your palaces and the houses of all your courtiers and of all the Egyptians—something that neither your fathers nor fathers’ fathers have seen from the day they appeared on earth to this day.” With that he turned and left Pharaoh’s presence.

### **Third Aliyah**

<sup>7</sup> Pharaoh's courtiers said to him, "How long shall this one be a snare to us? Let the men go to worship the Eternal their God! Are you not yet aware that Egypt is lost?" <sup>8</sup> So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh and he said to them, "Go, worship the Eternal your God! Who are the ones to go?" <sup>9</sup> Moses replied, "We will all go, young and old: we will go with our sons and daughters, our flocks and herds; for we must observe the Eternal's festival." <sup>10</sup> But he said to them, "The Eternal be with you the same as I mean to let your children go with you! Clearly, you are bent on mischief. <sup>11</sup> No! You menfolk go and worship the Eternal, since that is what you want." And they were expelled from Pharaoh's presence.

## **Fourth Aliyah**

<sup>12</sup> Then the Eternal said to Moses, “Hold out your arm over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat up all the grasses in the land, whatever the hail has left.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses held out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Eternal drove an east wind over the land all that day and all night; and when morning came, the east wind had brought the locusts. <sup>14</sup> Locusts invaded all the land of Egypt and settled within all the territory of Egypt in a thick mass; never before had there been so many, nor will there ever be so many again. <sup>15</sup> They hid all the land from view, and the land was darkened; and they ate up all the grasses of the field and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left, so that nothing green was left, of tree or grass of the field, in all the land of Egypt. <sup>16</sup> Pharaoh hurriedly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I stand guilty before the Eternal your God and before you. <sup>17</sup> Forgive my offense just this once, and plead with the Eternal your God that He but remove this death from me.” <sup>18</sup> So he left Pharaoh’s presence and pleaded with the Eternal. <sup>19</sup> The Eternal caused a shift to a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and hurled them into the Sea of Reeds; not a single locust remained in all the territory of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> But the Eternal stiffened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.