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Parsha With Dr. ChatGPT

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In Parshas Shelach, we are confronted with one of the most tragic moments in our history — the sin of the Meraglim. The Torah tells us, "vayeilchu vayavo'u el Moshe ve'el Aharon" — "they went and they came to Moshe and Aharon" (Bamidbar 13:26). Rashi, quoting Chazal, notes the double language to imply that just as their return was with evil intent, so too was their going. This tells us that the sin of the Meraglim didn't begin when they spoke; it began with their mindset. Their mission was tainted from the start because they lacked bitachon in Hashem's promise.

The lesson for us is powerful: outcomes are shaped by our inner intentions. When we approach a mitzvah, a relationship, or even a challenge in life, the machshavah, the mindset, has the power to shape the result. This is why Chazal say mitzvos tzerichos kavana — intentions matter deeply. This theme of kavana reappears at the end of the parsha, in the mitzvah of tzitzis. The Torah says, "ulemaan tizkeru va'asisem es kol mitzvosai" — "that you may remember and do all My commandments" (Bamidbar 15:39). The purpose of tzitzis is to look,

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Parshah Riddle

In this parsha, which three fruits of Eretz Yisroel's special seven species all appear in one Pasuk?

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to remember, and then to act. It is the physical garment that keeps us spiritually aligned — an anchor of awareness. Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt"l, explained that tzitzis are Hashem's gift to keep our daas focused in a world filled with distractions. Just as the Meraglim saw the land and interpreted it through fear, we are taught to look at

tzitzis and interpret life through the lens of emunah.

The purpose of tzitzis is to look, to remember, and then to act

Thus, from beginning to end, Parshas Shelach reminds us that how we see — and why we see —

determines whether we fall like the Meraglim or rise with kedushah.

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On The Weekly Devar Torah Above

This devar Torah beautifully captures the essence of kavana and its transformative power in our avodas Hashem. The connection between the Meraglim's tainted perspective and the mitzvah of tzitzis reveals a profound truth: our spiritual success depends not merely on our actions, but on the lens through which we view reality itself. What strikes me most powerfully is how this parsha speaks directly to our generation's nisayon. We live in an era of unprecedented hester panim, where secular culture bombards us with messages that challenge our emunah at every turn. Like the Meraglim, we can choose to see obstacles as insurmountable, or we can cultivate the vision of tzitzis — seeing Hashem's hand in everything. The Kotzker Rebbe teaches us that Hashem is

found exactly where we let Him in. When we put on our tzitzis each morning with proper kavana, we are declaring our readiness to interpret every moment of our day through Torah eyes. The same workplace challenge that could discourage us becomes an opportunity for kiddush Hashem. The same financial pressure that could lead to compromise becomes a test of our bitachon. This is why our mesorah emphasizes the mitzvah of wearing a tallis katan throughout the day. It serves as our constant reminder that we are not merely wandering in a spiritual wilderness like the dor hamidbar — we are walking toward our personal Eretz Yisrael, guided by unwavering faith in the Ribono shel Olam.

GOOD SHABBUS**Answer To Last Week's Riddle**

Riddle: Which two people appear in the parsha, but nowhere else in Tanach?

Answer: Eldad and Meidad, two of the 70 elders chosen to assist Moshe, began to unexpectedly prophesize in the camp (Bamidbar 11:26-27). They do not appear anywhere else in Tanach.



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