

# Parshas Shelach Lecha – Moshe Davened for Yehoshua Alone

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Arizal – Sefer: Shaar HaPesukim

Why did Moshe Rabbeinu daven specifically for Yehoshua? If Moshe suspected the meraglim might fail in their mission – they faced a tremendous nisayon – the giants and giant fruits. Would they interpret it in a good way or a bad way? If Moshe is concerned about the success of the meraglim – so why did he daven specifically for Yehoshua? Alright he was his closest talmid – But Moshe does not show favoritism.

Targum Yonasan ben Uziel (which was not really written by Rav Yonasan ben Uziel)[13:16]:

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ עֲנוּתוֹתָיָהּ – Since Moshe knew that Yehoshua was tremendously humble that's why he davened for him specifically.

Another question: each tribe sent one spy. Levy didn't send any representative. So we have Menashe and Ephraim.

למטה אפרים הושע בן נון. למטה יוסף למטה מנשה גדי בן סוסי.

Ephraim is also from Yosef!

Arizal: Main reason for bad report – so shouldn't rush into Eretz Yisrael and tarry 40 years in the midbar – so Moshe could lead the nation for as long as possible. Meraglim were aware Moshe wouldn't enter into Eretz Yisrael. Already had in last week's Parsha:

נְבוֹאֵת אֶלְדָּד וּמִדְדָּ: מֹשֶׁה מֵת, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ מְכַנִּיס.

This disappointed the heads of the tribes greatly. They loved Moshe Rabbeinu and his Torah and they wanted to prolong Moshe's life.

Of course it was not a good plan. They were sent to spy and give a good report. It might be called an aveira l'shma. (peirush by Rav Shmuel Vital).

Zohar: deep down was an ulterior motive: in Eretz Yisrael they would lose their position of leadership.

Meraglim thought (wrongly) that Yehoshua would be delighted to go into Eretz Yisrael and be a leader. They were unaware of his great humility. They thought Yehoshua would rebel against the meraglim's bad report – in order to get Klal Yisrael into Eretz Yisrael as soon as possible.

Arizal: so they had thoughts of murdering Yehoshua.

Therefore Moshe davened for Yehoshua – that he should have no harm.

Yehoshua: put Eldad and Meidad in jail. They're saying terrible things. Yehoshua will be a leader.

Arizal: Hashem had rachmanus on the shevatim. Sent neshamos of the shevatim down to help.

כולם אנשים ראשי בני ישראל המה.

Yosef had one neshama. Went to Menashe – the bechor.

Yehoshua didn't have a neshama to help him. So Moshe davened the neshama of Levy to join in with Yehoshua.

וילכו ויבאו - neshamos went away, and they came alone – the neshamos disappeared.

יהושע בן נון וכלב בן יפונה חיו מן האנשים ההם ההולכים לתור את הארץ.

They grew with extra life from the neshamos of the shevatim.

Lessons: watch your tongue. The power of Tefillah. We like to have extra neshamos from a Tzaddik.