**Class # 38- Parshat Devarim  - Bringing home the (kosher) bacon!**

Advanced Fellowship Parsha Class - Sponsored in memory of Alice Toby Barbanel Z”l

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1. How do you think a little kosher kid feels at a rest stop on the interstate, watching everyone eat burgers and pizza while he munches on a, somewhat moist, PB and J sandwich from the backseat?
2. How do you think the parents feel as they tell the kids, for the millionth time, why they can’t have the food everyone else is enjoying at the rest stop?
3. How important to this kid’s Israel experience is the easy access and wide variety of kosher food?
4. How attractive would the slogan of Crave restaurant be to this kosher kid. At Crave, it’s the (kosher) food you always wanted, but never could have?
5. Do you think the “little kid” in every kosher adult also enjoys the easy access to food in Israel?

Talmud Chullin 109b - Yaltha once said to R. Nahman: ‘Observe, for everything that the Divine Law has forbidden us it has permitted us an equivalent: it has forbidden us blood but it has permitted us liver; …... it has forbidden us the fat of cattle but it has permitted us the fat of wild beasts; it has forbidden us swine's flesh but it has permitted us the brain of the shibbuta; ….. I wish to eat flesh in milk, [where is its equivalent?]’ Thereupon R. Nahman said to the butchers, ‘Give her roasted Udders’.

Jerusalem Talmud, *Kiddushin* 4:12:

Rav Chizkiyah the priest said in the name of Rav: "A person will ultimately be called to judgment for everything which his eye saw and which he did not taste."

Rav Lazar was concerned because of this teaching. He saved his pennies and would [purchase] and eat from every fruit once a year.

<http://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/click/pizza-boy>

1.      What did Adam Sandler dislike about his children’s architectural “plan”?

2.      What was Adam Sandler’s reaction to their plan?

3.      In what way was Sandler’s experience of the rat race the cause of his reaction? Explain

4. Donut store experience

**Moshe re-iterates the deal of giving the Transjordan land to Reuven and Gad and half of Shevet Menashe. What does Moshe leave out in this “re-cap”?**

Devarim - 3:16 To the Reubenites and Gaddites, I gave [the territory] between the Gilead and the Arnon Gorge…

 3:18 At that time I gave [you](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=5&CHAPTER=3#C3824) instructions, saying, 'God your Lord has given you this land as a heritage. Let every able-bodied man among you go forth ahead of your fellow Israelites as a special force. 3:19 I know that you have much livestock; your wives, children and livestock can remain in the cities I have given you 3:20 until God gives your brethren the same haven that He has given you. When they occupy the land that God your Lord is giving them across the Jordan, each man will be able to return to his inheritance that I have given you.'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s7tFO59Z1c>

Bamidbar 32 - *The Petition of Reuben and Gad*

32:1 The descendants of Reuben and Gad had an extremely large number of animals, and they saw that the Ya'azer and Gilead areas were good for livestock.

32:2 The descendants of Gad and Reuben therefore came and presented the following petition to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the community princes:

32:3 'Ataroth, Divon, Ya'azer, Nimrah, Cheshbon, El'aleh, Sevam, Nebo and Be'on

32:4 [in] the land that God struck down before the Israelite community is livestock land - and what we have is livestock.'Moses Objects to the Petition

32:5 They said, 'If you would grant us a favor, let this land be given to us as our permanent property, and do not bring us across the Jordan.'

32:6 Moses said to the descendants of Gad and Reuben, 'Why should your brothers go out and fight while you stay here?

32:7 Why are you trying to discourage the Israelites from crossing over to the land that God has given them?

32:8 'This is the same thing your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to see the land.

32:9 They went as far as Cluster Valley to see the land, but then they discouraged the Israelites from coming to the land that God gave them.

32:10 God displayed His anger that day and swore,

32:11 'None of the men over 20 years old who left Egypt will see the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, since they did not follow Me wholeheartedly.

32:12 The only exceptions shall be Caleb son of Yefuneh the Kenizite and Joshua son of Nun, because they followed God wholeheartedly.

32:13 God displayed anger against Israel, and He made them wander forty years in the desert, until the generation that had done evil in God's eyes had died out.

32:14 'Now you are trying to take your fathers' places as a band of sinners, and bring yet more of God's wrath against Israel.

A Pledge of Aid by Reuben and Gad

32:15 You will dissuade them from following Him, and He will once again leave us in the desert. Then you will have destroyed this nation completely!'

32:16 [The Reubenites and Gaddites] approached [Moses] and said, 'We will build enclosures for our sheep here and cities for our children.

32:17 But we will then arm ourselves and go as an advance guard before the [other] Israelites, [fighting] until we have brought them to their homeland. Because of the area's inhabitants, our children will remain in fortified cities,

32:18 but we ourselves will not return home until every Israelite has taken possession of his hereditary property.

32:19 We, however, will not take possession with them on the far side of the Jordan, since our inheritance shall come to us on the Jordan's eastern bank.'

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32:20 Moses said to them, 'If you do that and go forth as a special force ahead of your brothers, [your petition will be granted].

32:21 Your entire special force must cross the Jordan before God, [and fight] until He has driven His enemies before Him.

32:22 When the land is then conquered before God, you may return [home], and you will be free of any obligation before God and Israel. This land will then be yours as your permanent property before God.

32:23 'But if you do not do that, you will have sinned to God, and you must realize that your sin will be your undoing.

32:24 Now build yourself cities for your children and folds for your sheep - but keep your promise!'

32:25 The descendants of Gad and Reuben said to Moses, 'We will do as you have ordered.

Rashi - WE WILL BUILD [SHEEP FOLDS] FOR OUR CATTLE HERE – They paid more regard to their property than to their sons and daughters, because they mentioned their cattle before their children. Moses said to them, "Not so! Make the chief thing the chief thing and what is subordinate subordinate. First build cities for your little ones and afterwards enclosures for your flocks" (cf. v. 24) (Midrash Tanchuma, Matot 7).