

Rosh Chodesh Iyar 5776- The Audacity of Hakamat HaMedina

1. Yeshayahu Chs. 10-11 (Haftara for יום טוב שני של פסח ויום

(העצמאות)

10:32- Still today, [he intends] to stand in Nob; he waves his hand toward the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

10:33- Behold the Master, the Lord of Hosts lops off the branches with a saw, and those of lofty height are hewn down, and the tall one shall be humbled.

11:1- And a shoot shall spring forth from the stem of Jesse, and a twig shall sprout from his roots.

11:6- And a wolf shall live with a lamb, and a leopard shall lie with a kid; and a calf and a lion cub and a fatling [shall lie] together, and a small child shall lead them.

2. Melachim I, Ch. 6

1 And it was in the four hundred and eightieth year after the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month Ziv, which (is) the second month of Solomon's reign over Israel, that he did (begin to) build the house of the Lord.

3. Sefer HaToda'ah (R. Eliyahu Kitov, Israel, 1912-1976)

It is written in the *sefarim* that the month of אייר is *מסוגל* for healing and *refuah* more than other months, for it was the month that the *מן* began to fall. The *מן* was called *לחם אבירים*, and no sickness came about through its consumption;

Henceforth, Iyar became known as the month that is *מסוגל* for healing. A different *remez* in the word אייר is the *pasuk* אני י-י רופאך.

4. Shemot Ch. 15

26 And He said, If you hearken to the voice of the Lord, your God, and you do what is proper in His eyes, and you listen closely to His commandments and observe all His statutes, all the sicknesses that I have visited upon Egypt I will not visit upon you, for I, the Lord, heal you.

5. Zohar Commentary (R. Chaim Vital, Tzefat, 1542-1620) Shemot 11b¹

מלכות (תשרי)	יסוד (אלול)	הוד (אב)	נצח (תמוז)	תפארת (סיון)	גבורה (אייר)	חסד (ניסן)
"ה' אלוקי ישראל מלך" (ראש)	"אני לדודי ודודי לי" (קדמונים)	"וכונן מקדשך על מכונן"	"קידשה לעתיד לבוא"	"ומי גוי גדול אשר לו חקים ומשפטים"	"למה נגרע לבלתי הקריב"	"אני ולא מלאך" (פסח)

¹ Quoted in פרי צדיק לר"ח אייר

השנה- תפילה	שלוש רגלים- מוסף	(חגיגה ב.)	(דברים ד:ח)	(במדבר ז:ט)	הגדה
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6. Olat Ra'Aya (R. AY Kook, Israel, 1865-1935), vol. 1 p. 270

"The might (g'vura) of the rains -- R. Yochanan says that this is because the rain falls with g'vura (Ta'anit 2a)... The abundance of rain descends from the Creator's chesed (loving kindness) is primed to descend in a manner that it will be complete -- that man will be able to benefit from it immediately, just as the manna was complete and primed for man's benefit. However the attribute of g'vura causes many constraints and restrictions in a manner that many various levels are required before the rain becomes beneficial for man."

7. Moments of גבורה in the תורה during חודש אייר

<u>Shemot 15:25</u> - So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord instructed him concerning a piece of wood, which he cast into the water, and the water became sweet.	<u>Shemot 16:19</u> - And Moses said to them, Let no one leave over [any] of it until morning	<u>Shemot 17:9</u> - So Moses said to Joshua, Pick men for us, and go out and fight against Amalek. <u>Seder Olam Rabba</u> - The battle with Amalek ensued on the 28th of Iyar	<u>Bamidbar 1:1-3</u> - The Lord spoke to Moses... on the first day of the second month... From twenty years old and upwards, all who are fit to go out to the army in Israel.
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8. Moments of גבורה throughout history

Eitz Yosef (R. Enoch Zundel, Poland, d. 1867) -" It was said that Rabbi Akiva had 12,000 pairs of disciples... All of them died between Passover and Shavuot" (Yevamot 62b); they died in the war of Bar Kochba between Pesach and Shavuot

Shulchan Arukh HaRav (R. Shneur Zalman of Liadi, 1745-1812) 284:14 - During the days of *sefirah*, when we bless the month of Iyar/Sivan, we recite *av harachamim* because of the tragedies² that occurred during these days

הגבורה העילאה של תלמידי רבי עקיבא והצפונה של קדושי הקהילות, מתחברות יחד באוצר הרזים של רשבי ~הרב קוק זצ"ל "מגד ירחים" פתגמי החודש בלוח "ארץ הצבי" משנת תרע"ד



When an envoy was needed later that year to ward off imminent war, Golda — disguised as an Arab woman — undertook the dangerous journey to Amman to meet with King Abdullah of Jordan. When the king

² Approximately 12,000 Jews were murdered during the crusades of 1096. Jews were given the choice to convert to Christianity or face execution. Worms, Mainz, and Speier suffered the greatest number of casualties.

requested that Israel not hurry to declare statehood, she famously replied, “We have been waiting for 2,000 years. Is that hurrying?”³

³ <http://www.ozy.com/flashback/the-uncompromising-golda-meir/3376>

