

Parshas V'eschanan

This week's parsha is V'eschanan, the parsha with the repetition of the Aseres Hadibros. Moshe- as Rashi explains on the first posuk, was davening to Hashem (the equivalent of 515 times- the numerical value of the word V'eschanan) in order to try and enter the land of Israel. But since that wasn't going to happen, Moshe imparts to the Jews all the lessons of the trials and tribulations endured in the desert, but more than that, the specific way in which Hashem wants us to serve him. In lieu of Moshe being the leader of the Jews, he imparted all his wisdom and direction to us, so even now, all these years later, we are on track to welcoming Hashem.

The first Rashi explains this in the words that Moshe chose, that even though "rav lach"- it is much for you, it is about what is in abundance in store for us. That is, the rewards for all the good deeds and serving Hashem.

This parsha following Tisha B'Av is appropriate in that the hope we are given from the saddest day in our calendar is that Mashiach will come. Even though Moshe is broken by not being able to lead us to the land, he imparts these words of hope for us. This the flower that blooms in the ashes of destruction.

The method we shall follow to result in this outcome is to follow the Torah and its edicts as set out in Halacha. For example, 4:2 don't add to the Torah. This mistake taken by some is to reimagine the Torah bending toward secular or modern society. There is nothing further from the truth. That is we must follow the Torah and its ways, and we will be blessed with Mashiach.

According to the Medrish, Moshe sat in a circle demanding from Hashem to enter into the land.

Perhaps it our time to stand in circle and demand from Hashem that enough is enough, and we must welcome Mashiach.

Our time is now.

Good Shabbos