



Parashat Be-Har

In this week's Parasha the Bnai Yisrael were given a new set of Mitzvot which were to be applied when they arrived in Eretz Yisrael. What was the purpose of all these mitzvot? When a person works on his land he tends to believe that the success of his crop is due to his own efforts. He believes that he is the rightful owner of his property. He forgets that Hashem is the real owner and the real provider. Therefore the Bnai Yisrael were given Mitzvot that apply to the land. They would be reminded of Hashem when they plowed, seeded, harvested and gathered the crop. Let us remember that the purpose of all the Mitzvot is to remind us of Hashem and that we are strangers in Hashem's land. As the Pasuk says: "Kee Lee Kol Ha'aretz." For the land is mine.

Shabbat Shalom!

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