

## פרשת דברים

## ONE POINT from

## לקוטי שיחות חלק יט, שיחה א לפרשת דברים

**Use these words to fill in the blanks:**

**\* משה \* 40 \* loved \***

**IN THE PARSHA:**

The גמרא tells a story of a בייתוסי who was arguing with ר' יוחנן בן זכאי.

While we know that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of פסח we begin counting העומר for 49 days, and the 50<sup>th</sup> day is שבועות, no matter what day of the week it is, this בייתוסי was trying to prove that שבועות is always on a Sunday.

He said that since משה loved the Jewish people, and שבועות is only one day, משה would arrange the calendar in a way that שבועות is always on a Sunday, giving the Jewish people 2 days of rest and pleasure in a row.

He told the בייתוסי, What you're saying makes no sense! If \_\_\_\_\_ loved the Jewish people so much, why would he keep them in the desert for \_\_\_\_ years!?

(He quoted a פסוק from this week's פרשה, describing how short the trip from הר סיני to the border of ישראל was. It would normally take 11 days, and they traveled it in only 3 days).

**QUESTION:**

Why did ר' יוחנן בן זכאי use the word "**if**" משה loved the Jewish people? The בייתוסי had said that משה did love the Jewish people. How was ר' יוחנן בן זכאי responding to this?

**ANSWER:**

Of course משה רבנו \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish people!

ר' יוחנן בן זכאי was saying that the בייתוסי didn't understand how משה showed that love. The fact that משה loves the Jewish people doesn't mean that he always does what's easier for them. Rather, because he loves them, he does what is better for them.

**Further discussion:**

- How would being in the מדבר for 40 years be better for the Jewish people?

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*(See שיחה אותיות ט-י in the).*