

ז' השון Mission

On ז' השון, in Eretz Yisroel they start asking Hashem for rain in the brocho of ברכך עלינו. (We don't start saying it yet because we go like the minhag of Bavel that did not need rain till later on, but in Eretz Yisroel they need rain as soon as they can, to make sure that everything will grow, so they start asking on ז' השון.)

But why do they wait until now? Why don't they start at the same time we start saying משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם?

The answer is because they were waiting for every Yid to get home. For Sukkos, all the Yidden who lived in Eretz Yisroel went up to Yerusholayim, and it took until ז' השון for the last people, who lived the furthest distance, to get home. So even those people who were already at home did not want to start asking Hashem for rain right away, because then, other Yidden would be caught in the rain on their way home. So even though they needed the rain right away, they waited 2 weeks so everyone would be home before the rain started.

The Rebbe points out the great Ahavas Yisroel that we see from this Halacha. Even though people needed rain, they were happy to wait in order that every Yid should be comfortable.

So what do we learn out from here?

To act the same way. To have Ahavas Yisroel and do things that are good for other people even if it takes away from something that we want. We should first make sure that everyone else is happy and comfortable.

Today's mission is:

- **Read the above lesson about ז' השון at home.**
- **Make a plan of how you will have extra Ahavas Yisroel to another boy in Shul or at home on Shabbos or in Cheder on Sunday. Some examples are: say Good Shabbos to people that you meet, let someone else take food before you at a Shabbos meal, Kiddush, or Shabbos party, read a book to or play a game with a younger sibling etc .(Think up your own ideas too).**
- **Do your Ahavas Yisroel plan in honor of ז' השון.**



MITZVAH MISSION FOR ז' השון

- I read/heard about ז' השון. I made a plan how to have extra Ahavas Yisroel.
- I had extra Ahavas Yisroel in Shul, at home or in Cheder. This is what I did

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Parents Signature: _____

