

**ספר במדבר פרק כ**

יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְדֹדְךָ מֹשֶׁה וְאַל אַהֲרֹן יַעַן לֹא הֶאֱמַנְתֶּם בִּי לְהַקְדִישֵׁנִי לְעֵינֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְכוּ לֹא תָבִיאוּ אֶת הַקְּהָל הַזֶּה אֶל הָאֶרֶץ  
אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָהֶם

And HASHEM said to Moshe and Aaron since you didn't believe in Me, to make a Kiddush HASHEM, therefore you will not bring this people into the land that I have given to them

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להקדישני - שאילו דברתם אל הסלע והוציא הייתי מקודש לעיני העדה ואומרים מה סלע זה שאינו מדבר ואינו שומע ואינו צריך לפרנסה מקיים דבורו של מקום קל וחומר אנו

To make a Kiddush HASHEM – had you spoken to the rock and it had brought forth water, I would have been made Holy in the eyes of this nation, they would have said, “A rock that doesn't speak and doesn't hear and doesn't need sustenance fulfills the word of HASHEM surely we should.”

**Background:**

For forty years the entire Klal Yisroel drank water from the Be'er. The Be'er was a large rock that would follow them in the desert, and spew forth millions of gallons of water a day. After Miriam died, the Be'er hid. HASHEM told Moshe to speak to the rock and have it return to its duty. After speaking to the rock twice and not receiving a response, Moshe miscalculated, and assumed that he was to hit the rock- as he had done forty years earlier. When he did, the water began flowing again.

HASHEM told Aaron and Moshe that this was a missed opportunity, and because of this they would not merit going into Eertz Yisroel. Had Moshe spoken to the rock, the Klal Yisroel would have made a Kal VaChomer, “A rock that doesn't need sustenance listens to HASHEM, surely we who need parnasha should listen. This was a great lesson that they now missed out on.

This Rashi implies that a reason to listen to HASHEM is because I need substance. As if to say, it I keep the Mitzvahs HASHEM will reward me with a livelihood. Moshe is faulted because this lesson was now lost.

**Questions:**

1. We are told that Schar Mitzvah B'Hai Alma lecka- The reward for Mitzvahs is not in this world- it is in the World to Come. If so, what lesson should the Jewish People have learnt. We are not rewarded in this world for listening to HASHEM.
2. Even if there was some element of reward in this world, that doesn't sound like the motivating force for this generation. They were on a much higher madregah, they had received the Torah on Har Sinai. If we were looking to motivate these people their reward in the world to come is a far more significant factor.
3. What lesson was there to learn from the rock? If the Jewish nation understood that HASHEM provides their sustenance they didn't need the rock to teach them that. If they didn't know that fact, how could the rock teach them that?