

פרשת במדבר

התורה took place in the מדבר. There are those that ask why was the תורה not given in Eretz Yisroel. After all the gemara tells us that אוירא דארץ ישראל - the air of Eretz Yisroel is conducive to learning.

Additionally, the actual מקבלי תורה would be משפיע on the תורה. The many mitzvos that are only found in Eretz Yisroel would surely add to the שלימות . It would seem that Eretz Yisroel would be an ideal location for מתן תורה .

Harav Shimshon Pincus זצ"ל explains as follows. חז"ל expound on the פסוק שיר in שיר " ביום חתונתו וביום שמחת לבו " that refers to מתן תורה. The bond between ישראל and הקב"ה is through the Torah.

The Torah teaches that one who marries must remain home the entire first year, נקי יהיה בביתו, so that he can develop his bond with his wife without distractions.

So too, to solidify the קשר between כלל ישראל and the Torah it was necessary to do so in a place where there would be no distractions.

Had כלל ישראל entered ארץ ישראל before קבלת התורה it would be possible that they would be occupied in settling the land and tending to their fields. However, in the מדבר their every need was taken care of by הקב"ה - they were free to delve into the תורה.

Torah and only Torah occupied their daily lives in the מדבר. Thus, a קשר was created that would last לדורות. We too, must approach our learning in the same manner that the yidden did in the midbar... Torah and only Torah.

תורה כנתינתה מקבל the once again to be זוכה.