

**June 13, 2008**

***Shabbat Shalom!***

*There are signs that we should either stay in place or move forward with our lives that come, seemingly, out of nowhere, and others that we make ourselves. In the Torah reading for this week, the end of Numbers, Chapter 9, speaks of a cloud by day/fire by night that would guide the Israelites on their journeys, directing them to stop and set up camp when it rested and to go "on the road again" when it lifted. Chapter 10 of Numbers begins with instructions to fashion trumpets that would be sounded with short or long blasts that would direct the people to move (especially when in military mode) in certain formations, with the longest blasts saved for the people all moving together.*

*We don't always know which signs to follow or which advice to heed when making crucial decisions. We may gradually come to realize the right choice over a course of weeks, months or year. Or, we may have a sudden moment of clarity that points our lives in a particular direction or leads us to take a specific course of action. What is most important is to be open to the signs that are around us and inside of us, understanding that they often provide us with sound reasons for what we do, not only at the time, but even years after we make our choice.*

*May our minds and hearts be open to the most significant signs in our lives and the possibilities they represent for promise and hope in the future.*

**-- L'shalom,  
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