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Parsha Chukat
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This week's Parsha the Jewish people lost two things the resource of water and the Clouds of Glory. They lost the resource of water because Miriam died and she was the main reason why they were getting that resource of water to begin with. The water was coming from the Miriam Well. The Clouds of Glory was protecting the Jewish people on their travels and when they were camping in the desert. Once Miriam died, things got really ugly because G-d instructed Moses to speak to a rock. It didn't work out in Moses favor and the people got really upset so Moses in response ended up hitting the rock. This angered G-d so much that He punished Moses, not allowing him to enter the land of Israel. It was either Moses wouldn't enter the land of Israel or the Jews wouldn't enter the land of Israel, in the end, it ended up being that Moses never stepped foot in the land of Israel no matter how much he begged G-d for forgiveness. G-d may have forgiven him, but He still did not change His mind. We know that eventually, the Jewish people made it into the land of Israel.

After Moses was punished, the Clouds of Glory went away. The next thing that happened was Aaron the High Priest died. The Jewish people lost their resource of water and the Cloud of Glory and they were somewhat vocacl about it. They soon got the Cloud of Glory back. The Talmud says it was coming in the honor of Moses. The Clouds of Glory was attributed to Moses' brother Aaron, he was always known as the "great peace-maker."