



Lasting Truth

Sometimes we wonder how is it possible that we can sustain ourselves in the *galus*. We live in a world bombarded with all kinds of ideas—“isms” to no end. How are we to understand that our Judaism will last and persevere through it all? We are aware that the Jewish People have beaten the statistics, and are the longest-running nation/religion in history. But what is the source of this power for our “stick to it”-ness.



The Chidushei Harim tells us that when *Klal Yisrael* descends to *galus*, we have the ability to persevere because “*vayechi Yaakov*” - Yaakov is alive. Even in Egypt, the strength of Yaakov—the power of “*titen emes l'Yaakov*” (the Truth of Yaakov) will sustain.

I once heard the following thought: It is easier to remember one truth than many lies. The beauty of our religion is that we have nothing to hide. No spectacular events happened in private. Instead, the entire Truth of our religion was apparent to the whole world, from Mount Sinai, to the splitting of the Sea of Reeds. But not only are the “super” events are revealed to all, the *Gemora* too is filled with questions and positions that are eventually **refuted**. Yet even those refuted suggestions are Torah and part of the eternal Truth, just as the bottom-line *psak halacha*.

Shabbos Kodesh has this ability to ring true the purpose of Creation as we look back and see, without being partial, what is important and what isn’t. The *Sfas Emes* explains that this is the meaning of the words “*m'ain olam haba*” - the space where the plain truth is obvious.

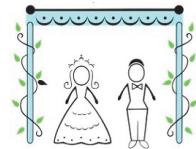
As we conclude the section of the Torah dealing with the *Avos*, the beginning of our legacy, and we enter into the Egyptian Exile, we can be sure that the truth which is eternal will persevere. Just as in regard to the national *galus*, we need the power of Truth to persevere, so too in our personal lives if we look at ourselves objectively through the clear lens of Torah, we can become liberated.

Chazak chazak v'nischazek. Let the *Emes* of Bereishis lead us to our personal and national redemption.

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi & Mrs. Gedaliah Hochberg** on the engagement their son **Elchanan!**



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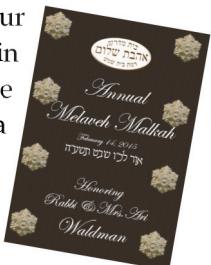
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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayechi

לוח שבת פרשת ויחי

Erev Shabbos	שבת
Mincha 1	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	מנחה ב'
Shekiyah	שקיעה
Shabbos Day	יום השבת
Brachos	ברכיות
Shochein Ad	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	סוף זמן ק"ש לנ"א
Mincha 1	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	מנחה ב'
Shekiyah	שקיעת
Ma'ariv 1	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	מעריב ב'

משולחנו של הרוב אנדרה ברוז' צבריש
תורגם לעברית על ידי רב יואב דרויאן

האמת שנמשך

פעמים אלו שואלים את עצמינו, איך מתקיימים בנסיבות הארכאה הזאת. בעולם שמצוץ ברעינות רוח ותרבותיות אין ספור, איך יכול להיות שהיהדות תשרוד? נכון, יש לנו כבר את הזכות הסטיטיסטית. אבל מה מקור ויסוד התמדדה זו?

בעל חידושי הר"ם מבאר לנו שבעצם, הסוללה הבלתי נגמרת שלנו היא יעקב אבינו. אנחנו ממשיכים להתקיים כעם כי – "ויחי יעקב" – יעקב אבינו לא מת. ואפילו בгалות מצרים, אמתתו של יעקב (תנתן אמת ליעקב) תשרוד. פעם שמעתי את הרעיון הבא: יותר קל לזכור אמת אחת מאשר חפיסה של שקרים. אחת מיופי היהדות היא שאין לנו שום סוד להחביא. שום דבר לא קרא מאחרוי פרוד מוסתר. אלא, כל העולם היה עד למטען תורה וקריעת ים סוף. אבל היהדות הגלואה לעין כל היא לא הניות בלבד. אלא ההגירה מלאה בניסיונות והוכחות שבסוף דבר נדחות. וגם הוא אמינו הנידחות הם חלק מאמתת של תורה.

יום שבת קודש הוא מסוגל במיוחד לעניין זה. שבת הוא יום שהאמת היא גלויה לכל. לפי דבריו של השפט אמרת, "זה פירוש מעלה ה"מעון עולם הבא" של שבת.

עם סיומו של ספר האבות והתחלה של סייפור גלות מצרים, נשאיב כי מהעובדת שהאמת תשרוד ותעלת עוד. כמו שהענין נכון ברמה הלאומית, כך גם בחינוי הפרטיטים, אם רק נביט על חיינו במבט האמת, נוכל לברור את עיקר מהתפל.

חזק חזק ונתחזק. הבה נרצה לאמת של ספר בראשית להוביל אותנו לגאותה לאומית ועכמיה.



Welcome Vaad Member!

Please join the Ahavas Shalom vaad in welcoming its newest member to the Vaad, **Mr. Alan Lindsey**. Mr. Lindsey brings with him many decades of experience, and we hope to see great things from him!

Shabbos Afternoon Shlur

Rav Zachariash will be continuing his shiur on *Pele Yoetz* this Shabbos afternoon in the new room, 15 minutes before the last mincha. It is open to both men and women. This week, the shiur is continuing the topic of *Emunah*, and will begin at **15:45**.



Fighting TERROR with Chessed

Let's continue to fight random acts of terror by performing random acts of chesed. Submit your stories to the "suggestion box" or to chesed@ahavasshalom.org. Past stories are viewable online at ahavasshalom.org/chesed.

I went to a women's program in Ramat Beit Shemesh and was introduced to another woman, who poured out her heart to me about how she was struggling with her almost 30 year old son who still lived at home and made day to day life for her and her husband very difficult. I had a similar experience in my home several years ago, and immediately realized that this woman had no idea what the problem was or that there were several solutions available to her. I myself am working all day with two jobs, but when she poured out her heart I also felt her pain and immediately set out to help her. I spent several hours talking with this woman and her husband, and directed them to experts in this field. They now realize that they are not the only ones with this type of problem, and that there are solutions that would enable them and their son to live happy lives. If you see a fellow Jew struggling, realize that Hashem has sent you to this person so that you can lend a hand and remind them that they are not alone.

Avos Ubanim

- Junior Avos Ubanim** 15:30-16:00 Shabbos Afternoon (learn for 30 minutes).
- Avos Ubanim** (learn for 60 minutes) Motza'ei Shabbos 19:00-20:00 or Leil Shabbos 20:00-21:00.



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Shabbos Kids' Program

CONTINUING THIS SHABBOS: Kids can collect tickets during davening on Shabbos day: Daven nicely. Sit quietly. After *Anim Zemiros* trade the tickets for a special treat!



Audio Changes

We are trying out a new shopping cart to distribute audio files. Please check out the Audio tab on the website www.ahavasshalom.org. The files are still free, and checkout is now easier. Please give it a try and send feedback.

זמן לימי'
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שמעות

Weekday times until Parshas Shmos	'(Fri)	'(Thu)	'(Wed)	'(Tue)	'(Mon)	'(Sun)	'(Sat)
	6:20, 7:15, 8:15	6:20, 7:15, 8:05	6:20, 7:15, 8:05	6:20, 7:15, 8:05	6:20, 7:15, 8:05	6:20, 7:15, 8:05	שחרית
	12:30, 16:32	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	מנחה
		19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	مغرب

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