



Beis Medrash Ahavas Shalom
HaRav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Sh'lita, Rav
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Down to the Last detail

The Ohr Hachaim explains how Moshe Rabbeinu's request to end the plague of *tzefardaya* was given in great detail. Why did Moshe have to go into such great detail?

The Medrash tells a story of a Jewish peasant who was in desperate need of a donkey to help him with chores around his farm. He prayed to Hashem "Ribbono shel olam, please send me a donkey." Shortly thereafter, the peasant noticed a prince travelling through the woods near his home. He went to investigate and saw that the entire entourage had stopped to enable a pregnant donkey to give birth. When the birth was over, there was a healthy foal added to the entourage. The prince looked at the foal, then at the peasant "Peasant! I am in a hurry to my destination and shall not tarry for this foal. I order you to bring this foal to my palace." The peasant muttered to himself saying "I prayed to G-d and my prayers were answered, but this is not what I wanted!"

The question is obvious: G-d doesn't need intuition to figure out why the peasant wanted a donkey. He can actually see into our hearts and know exactly what we want. So why did G-d deliver what the man asked for, and not what he really wanted, and what is the lesson to be learned from this unhappy peasant.

There are those who explain that when a adolescent really wants something from his parents and he feels it is an opportune time to ask, he will spare no words to explain in detail that which he desires. Yet, there are also those who just give their request in general terms, which usually is indicative of a lack of belief that the request will be fulfilled "to the 't'". Therefore, when one makes a request of G-d, it is proper to ask for it in detail, for this shows our belief in Hashem that He has the ability to give us exactly what we want.

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Rav's Travel Plans

The Rav will be travelling to the USA and will be away from the 9th to the 16th of January. His shiurim will meet this week, but not next week (Jan 13 & Jan 15).



To reach the Rav in an emergency, please contact Lev Seltzer (lev@ahavasshalom.org) who will advise the Rav when the Rav checks in.

Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Baruch** and **Tammy Labinsky** on the *Aufruf* and upcoming marriage of their son **Kalman** to **Chava Glass**, daughter of **Rabbi Heshy** and **Leah Glass** from Cedarhurst. The kehilla is invited to a Kiddush at Ahavas Shalom after davening.



Mazel Tov to **Yehuda Aryeh & Judy Gross** on the birth of their great-grand daughter **Shoshana** to parents **Shlomo & Chaya Bracha Goodman**.



The kehilla offers condolences to **Mrs. Surie Friedman** on the loss of her father **Eliezer Schwartz**.



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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vaera

לוח שבת פרשת וארא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:12/16:32	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:34	מנחה ב'
Shekiyah	16:52	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	8:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	8:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	8:25	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	9:13	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Power of Tefillah	15:55	שיעור
Mincha 2	16:10	מנחה ב'
Shekiyah	16:53	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:30	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:53	מעריב ב'

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Maggid shiur: **Rav Avishai Hill**

Sunday through Thursday

19:20-20:20



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The Amud Yom Shiur reviews the amud at the end of each week. Don't just *learn*—**Retain** what you **learn**!

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THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

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continues with an ongoing winter mitzvah: Come 4 times and receive one

אילול!



אבות ובנים

Ages 3-7 30 minutes before the last mincha -
15:40-16:10
Ages 7 and up Motzai Shabbos 19:00-20:00

This week we have

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Last Week's

RAFFLE Winner
Naftali Hill



EARLY BIRD

RAFFLE Winner
Chananel Broker



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On seeing this idea, my memory wandered to a story about Rebbe Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, the “defending attorney” of Israel. He was once in shul and saw one of the congregants speeding through davening without pronouncing every word as it should be. Another congregant said to this man “When you pray to Hashem, you should make sure that each word is said clearly.” The Rebbe overheard and defended this simple Jew “When a baby cries, the mother, who knows her infant intimately well, can discern in a cry exactly what the baby wants. So too Hashem can understand this man’s prayers, even if he does not pronounce them clearly.” This idea seems to contradict the previous idea!

I would like to suggest that it is true that the parents may know what you want, and you may even be answered, but the magnitude of the answer may depend upon the earnestness of your prayer and with how much devotion it was said. A mother who loves her child enjoys and appreciates hearing the long-winded requests from her child. So too Hashem loves to hear our requests - we don’t have to worry that we may be “boring” Him with our prayers.

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Bnei Chashmonoyim

20 *bachurim* learned nearly 130 hours this past Chanukah. Thank you to donors Rav Zachariash and Chaim Rosenberg.



Rabbi Zachariash’s Halacha Shiur is giving an overview of *tarahas mishpacha* during “Shovevim” every Tuesday night from 20:15 to 21:00. In the interim, try to answer these “family friendly” questions related to *Mikveh*.

Mishneh Berurah Q&A

Questions and answers culled from the Keter Hatorah Semicha Program in Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim with the Mishneh Berurah. For details on this program see www.keterhatorah.com. Questions written by Lev Seltzer and used with permission.

Q Lloyd and Millicent saved their money for a year and finally had enough to buy a new set of Royal Doulton chinaware (service for 12!) for use on Shabbos. When should they say the *brocho* of *hatov v’hametiv*? After they check out at Fenwick’s in the Brent Cross mall, or after doing *tevilah* on the dishes at the Golders Green *Mikveh*?

A The M.B. quotes Rabbi Akiva Eiger who says that Lloyd and Millicent should wait until after they have done *tevilah* on the dishes, because only then are the dishes ready to be used. The *brocho* should only be said on an item that is ready to be used.

Source: *Siman 223 Shaar HaTzion 21*

Q Millicent bought 12 new wine glasses at the Boxing Day sale at Marks and Spencer on Friday, but forgot to bring them to the mikveh before Shabbos started. According to the S.A., she should give these glasses to her gentile neighbor Mary as a gift, and then borrow the glasses back so that she can use them on Shabbos (glasses owned by a gentile do not need *tevilah*). However, it is normally forbidden to give a present on Shabbos. How is it permissible to give a present of wine glasses to a gentile on Shabbos in this case?

A Millicent is permitted to give the glasses to Mary because they have a use for a Jew on Shabbos itself, that use being that Millicent can now borrow the gentile-owned glasses for her own use. Note that she might be better off giving them to Trevor, Mary’s husband, if Mary doesn’t understand that Millicent will want the glasses back right after she gives them as a gift!

Source: *Siman 323 M.B. 34*

Q As part of their Elul preparations, Yitzchak Tzvi and Avidan went to the mikveh every day, including Shabbos. Yitzchak Tzvi patted the towel on his very short hair, but Avidan squeezed the undesirable water out with his hands from his longer hair. What is the status of Avidan’s action?

1. Completely permissible.
2. A violation of a **Rabbinic** prohibition.
3. A violation of a **Biblical** prohibition.

A 2. Avidan violated a Rabbinic prohibition. To overcome this problem, some people will lightly wrap a towel around their head and let the towel absorb the water from their hair. Even if some of the water is squeezed out with this procedure, hair is not considered to have “absorbed” water on a Biblical level, and the water that does come out goes to waste. Source: *Siman 320 M.B. 55*

המולד יהיה ביום ראשון, שלש-עשרה דקות וארבעה-עשר חלקים אחרי-עשרה בבוקר.



The Molad will be Sunday morning, 13 minutes and 14 chalakim after 11 (Israeli Clock Time 10:58:08).

ראש חדש שבט יהיה ביום שני הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Monday.

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המדרש מספר על איכר יהודי שהיה זקוק מאוד לחמור כדי לעזור לו בעבודות השגרתיות בחווה שלו. הוא התפלל לה' "רבש"ע, אנא שלח לי חמור". זמן קצר לאחר מכן, ראה האיכר נסיד נוסע דרך היער ליד ביתו. הוא הלך לחקור וראה שהפמליה כולה עצרה כדי לתת לאתון שהיתה בהריון ללדת. אחרי שילדה, נוסף סייח לפמליה. הנסיד הביט בסייח, ואחר כך באיכר וקרא, "איכר! אני ממנהר אל היעד שלי ואין לי זמן לחכות לסייח הזה. אני מצווה עליך להביא את הסייח לארמון שלי." האיכר מלמל לעצמו ואמר, "התפללתי לה' ותפילתי נענתה, אבל זה לא ממש מה שרציתי!"

השאלה ברורה: ה' אינו צריך לנחש מדוע רצה האיכר חמור. הוא באמת יכול לראות מה שיש בלבנו ולדעת בדיוק מה אנחנו רוצים. א"כ למה ה' נתן לאיכר את מה שביקש במילים ולא מה שהוא באמת רצה, ומה יש לנו ללמוד מסיפורו של האיכר האומלל הזה?

יש שמסבירים שכאשר נער באמת רוצה משהו מהוריו והוא מרגיש שזה הזמן הנכון לבקש, הוא לא יחסוך במילים, אלא יסביר בפרוטרוט את מה שהוא רוצה. עם זאת, יש גם את אלו שרק מבקשים במונחים רחבים את מה שרוצים אבל בדרך כלל זה מעיד על חוסר אמונתם שהבקשה תתממש לחלוטין. לכן, כאשר אנחנו מבקשים מה', ראוי לבקש את צרכינו בפירוט, שזה מראה על האמונה שלנו שיש לה' היכולת לתת לנו בדיוק את מה שאנחנו רוצים.

כששמעתי את הרעיון הזה, נזכרתי בסיפור על רבי לוי יצחק מברדיצ'ב, ה"סניגור" של ישראל. פעם בבית הכנסת ראה מתפלל אחד ממנהר להתפלל מבלי לבטא כל מילה כראוי. מתפלל אחר אמר לראשון, "כשמתפללים לה', צריכים לוודא שכל מילה נאמרת בבירור". הרבי תמך ביהודי הפשוט הזה, "כשתינוק בוכה, האמא, שמכירה היטב את התינוק שלה, יכולה להבחין מהבכי בדיוק מה שהתינוק רוצה. כך גם ה' יכול להבין תפילתו של האיש הזה, גם אם לא מבטא את המילים בבירור". נראה לי שזה סותר את הרעיון הקודם?

אני רוצה להציע, שלמרות שבאמת ההורים עשויים לדעת מה שבנם רוצה, והוא יכול אפילו לקבל מענה, אבל רמת ההגשמה של הרצון עשויה להיות תלויה ברמת הדיוק של התפילה וברמת הכוונה שנאמרה. אמא שאוהבת את הילד שלה, נהנית ומוקירה את שמיעת הבקשות הארוכות של הילד שלה. כך גם ה' אוהב לשמוע את הבקשות שלנו – אנחנו לא צריכים לדאוג שאנחנו "משעממים" אותו עם התפילות שלנו.

יום	'א(Sun)	'ב(Mon)	'ג(Tue)	'ד(Wed)	'ה(Thu)	'ו(Fri)	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת בא
שחרית	06:20, 07:15, 08:05	06:20*, 07:15, 08:05*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05	06:20, 07:15, 08:05	06:20, 07:15, 08:05	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	
מנחה	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:30, 16:40	
מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	* New Room	

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