

When the Going Gets Tough...

Hashem spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying (Bamidbar 3:14)

The Ramban asks on this verse, "How could it be that Shevet Levi had the least amount of children? They were the tribe that were devoted to the service of Hashem more than the other tribes. Shouldn't they have the most bracha (children)?"



The story is told that when the Chofetz Chaim was looking for a *shidduch* for himself, his mother and stepfather wanted him to marry his stepsister. However, his brothers recognized in him the potential to be a *gadol b'Yisrael*, and therefore felt that it was important for him to marry someone who came with a dowry that would enable him to sit and learn. Nevertheless, the Chofetz Chaim himself decided to marry his stepsister because he felt that the relationship between his parents would possibly be affected if he didn't marry her. As we know, with help from Heaven, they raised a wonderful family.

I heard in the name of Rav Pam that the reason the Chofetz Chaim was the one who did the bookkeeping for the family store was not because of his lack of trust in his wife, as she was scrupulous about money matters. Rather, it was because she didn't even know the simple arithmetic needed to do the bookkeeping. The Chofetz Chaim himself later said that he was able to learn and grow specifically because he married this particular person (rather than the many other suggestions that he received from wealthier families).

There is another story told about the grandfather of the *Beis Halevi*, who was a very wealthy man, a big *baal tzedakah*, and was known far and wide to be spectacular in all aspects of his *avodas Hashem*. Yet, he suddenly lost all of his money. This caused a stir in the neighborhood, as people wondered, "Why would Hashem do such a thing?!" The pressure was so great that the *dayanim* of the city went through his books to see if there was any illicit activity. The only 'misdemeanor' that they could find was that he gave *too much* charity! The *Beis Din* closed the case, totally baffled, and said that giving too much *tzedakah*

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NEW! Shabbos Mincha at 19:00!

The 19:00 mincha has returned on Shabbos afternoon, starting this Shabbos and continuing for 10 weeks.



Note This minyan will begin after the Beis Medrash has cleared out from the Rav's Pirkei Avos Shiur, so it might start a minute or two after 19:00.

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bamidbar

לוח שבת פרשת במדבר

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:50	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:10	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:00/19:20	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:22	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:40	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	8:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	8:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	8:13	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	9:07	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	16:00	מנחה ב'
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos	18:24	פרקי אבות
Mincha 4	19:00	מנחה ד'
Sunset	19:41	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:18	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:41	מעריב ב'

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doesn't seem to be the reason that he should have a change in fortune. When the *Beis Halevi* grew up, groomed by his grandfather, one of the *dayanim* said, "I now understand. It would not have been possible to have a great *tzaddik* and *Talmud chacham* grow out of a family with opulence and wealth. The *Gemora* says (*Nedarim* 81a) that one should be cautious with poor people's children, because Torah will come from them.

The Ramban answers his question by saying that though it is true that the *Shevet Levi* excelled in their service of Hashem, the blessing of having so many children was only given to those who suffered from the back-breaking labor in Egypt. It was not that the *Levi'im* were punished, rather they didn't merit the blessing because they didn't suffer at the hands of the Egyptians.

I think it is important that we as parents not always shelter our children and try to protect those whom we love from going through difficult experiences. In truth, many trying experiences end up being building blocks, teaching our children (and us) how to deal with life and preparing us for the future.

Imagine a child whose parents never let him play a game as they wanted to prevent the child from the disappointment of losing. It is obvious that in real life when such a child will have disappointments, they will not know how to deal with them. I am not suggesting that we should teach them to fail in order to harden them for the "world of hard knocks", but there is a silver lining to suffering that must be recognized.

When we find ourselves in situations where we wonder "why am I having this trauma?", we should keep in mind that perhaps this is the key that will allow us to grow and multiply six-fold over others!

המשך מעמוד 4

אבני בניין, מלמדות אותנו ואת ילדינו איך להתמודד עם החיים ומכונות אותנו לעתיד.

דמינו ילד שהוריו מעולם לא נותנים לו לשחק בכל המשחקים מכיוון שהם רוצים למנוע מהילד את האכזבה שבהפסד. ברור לכל שבחיים האמיתיים כשילד כזה יהיו אכזבות, ויהיו, הוא לא ידע איך להתמודד איתן. אני לא מציע שנלמד אותם להיכשל כדי להקשיח אותם ולהרגיל לחוויות הקשות של החיים, אבל יש יתרון לסבל שיש לנצל אותו.

כאשר אנו מוצאים את עצמנו במצבים שאנו תוהים "למה יש לי את הבעיה הזו", עלינו לזכור שאולי זה המפתח שיעודד אותנו לגדול ולהתרבות פי שישה מהרגיל!

Bet Zvi Corner



This week's riveting story by **Reb Avishai Hill:**



The young Yitzchak Isaac (father of the Karlsburger Rav) had been studying in the Yeshiva of Rav Eliezer Greenwald zt"l in the town of Satmar, Czechia, when WWI broke out. Since he was physically fit, and able to serve in the Czechoslovakian Army, there was no real reason why he shouldn't be conscripted. This would have been catastrophic. Apart from the spiritual danger of being unable to practice even the basics of his faith in an intolerant army, the blood of Jewish boys was considered cheaper than the blood of soldiers of other creeds. He would surely be shipped off to the front lines to be used as cannon fodder.

He needed the blessing of a Tzaddik, pronto!

At that time, the Belzer Rebbe, Rav Yissocher Dov zt"l was residing in Munkatch, Hungary, and many a young man came streaming to the Rebbe for a blessing to be extracted from this life threatening predicament. The distance between the two towns was negligible, but the borders between the two countries were firmly sealed, and Yitzchak Isaac would need to employ the services of an 'expert' to smuggle him across.

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Each Shabbos, the Gabbai reads a list of names for the "mi shebeirach for cholim". If you would like to add a name to this list, please send an email to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by Thursday at 16:00. Please write the Hebrew names using Hebrew letters. Reminder:

The current list will be erased on Rosh Chodesh Sivan.



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17:00-18:00

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Q&A: Sleeping during Shavuos Musaf

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Q On Shavuos, Yitzchak Tzvi stayed up all night learning in the yeshiva, then davened at sunrise. He could barely keep his eyes open but, after davening *musaf* from his *Ner Naftali* siddur (a "complete" siddur that has prayers for weekday, Shabbos and Holidays), he felt accomplished and looked forward to going to bed in a few minutes. But, during the chazan's repetition of *musaf*, something sounded wrong. Yitzchak Tzvi looked down at his siddur and, to his shock, he saw that while he thought he had davened *musaf* — with all the additions for Shavuos such as *yaaleh v'yavo* — he had actually davened the standard *shemoneh esrei* for Shavuos. He went to the Rosh Yeshiva and, with blood-shot eyes, asked, "What do I do now?" How did he answer?

1. Yitzchak Tzvi may go to sleep because he has fulfilled his obligation to daven, albeit *b'dieved*.
2. Yitzchak Tzvi must now *daven musaf* for Shavuos properly, because he has not yet fulfilled his obligation to *daven*.

A 2. Since Yitzchak Tzvi did not mention the *korbonos* of **Shavuos** when he said the incorrect *shemoneh esrei*, he has not fulfilled his obligation to daven *musaf*, and the obligation to say *musaf* properly is still upon him. Saying *yaaleh v'yavo* — even with the **Shavuos** additions — does not suffice. Note that it is still possible for him to say *musaf* later in the morning after a rest. Source: *Orach Chaim* 423 M.B. 6.

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving ^{ONE} Shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: Mishnayos: CANCELLED!

TUESDAY: 20:15 HILCHOS SHAVUOS

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:
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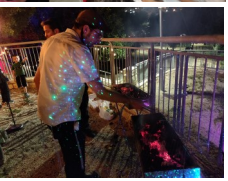
Lag B'Omer Thank Yous

On behalf of Kehillas Ahavas Shalom, we would like to thank the following for all their many hours of planning, preparation and hard work towards this year's tremendously successful Lag B'Omer in the Park:

Hanania and Merav Lasker for investing so much time and energy; **Shira Young Events** for the lighting; **Shuli Harris** and her girls; **Tamara Nyssen** and her girls; **Karen and Mordechai Rubenstein**; **Shimon Young**; **Tuvia Lasker**; **Shraga Obermeister**; **Eli Waldman**; **Simcha Cohen**; **Raanan Bodzin**; **Bentzi Binder**; **Ari Goldwag**; **Isaac and Rubenstein**; **Mr. and Mrs. Beer**; and **Rabbi Akiva Teichtal**.

And of course **HaRav Zachariash** for his words of inspiration.

We know that there may have been others; so please forgive us if you helped and were not mentioned - it was unintentional!



Mevarchin Rosh Chodesh Sivan

המולד יהיה ביום שני, ארבע דקות ושני חלקים אחרי שש בצהריים.



The Molad will be Monday, 4 minutes and 6 Chalekim after 6 in the afternoon (Clock Time 18:41).

ראש חודש סיון יהיה ביום שלישי הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.

Rosh Chodesh Sivan will be on Tuesday.

Time for Change

Help the shul rid itself of nearly 10,000 agarot coins by exchanging a five shekel coin for a sack of fifty (50) 10-agarot coins. If you can exchange larger bills for additional sacks, that would be even more beneficial. See Mr. Beer in shul, or contact him at aryeh@ahavasshalom.org



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

כשהעניינים נעשים קשים...

וידבר ה' אל־מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְבַּר סִינַי לֵאמֹר (במדבר ג:יד)

"והנה לא היו שבט הלויים כשאר השבטים כי מבן חדש ומעלה לא היו רק עשרים ושנים אלף (במדבר ג:ל"ט) ומבן שלשים שנה כלם שמנת אלפים (במדבר ד:מ"ח) והנה לא יגיעו מבן עשרים שנה ומעלה לחצי שבט מישראל הפחות שבכלם ועדיין לא נשאו הארון שתהיה הקדושה מכלה בהם וזה תמיהה איך לא יהיו עבדיו וחסידי ברוכי ה' כשאר כל העם" (רמב"ן שם)

מסופר שכאשר החפץ חיים היה בשידוכים, רצו אמו ואביו החורג שישא את אחותו החורגת. אחיו, שזיהו בו את היכולת להיות גדול בישראל, חשבו שיותר חשוב לו להינשא למישהי שבאה עם נדוניה שתאפשר לו לשבת וללמוד. אבל החפץ חיים בעצמו החליט לשאת את אחותו החורגת כי הרגיש שהיחסים בין הוריו אולי ייפגעו אם לא יינשא לה. כידוע, בעזרת השם, הם הקימו משפחה נפלאה.

שמעתי בשם הרב פאם, שהסיבה שהחפץ חיים הוא זה שניהל החשבונות של החנות שניהלה אשתו לא הייתה בגלל חוסר אמון באשתו, שכן הוא ידע שהיא כנה בקפדנותה בענייני כסף. אבל זה היה בגלל שהיא אפילו לא ידעה את ארבעת פעולות החשבון הדרושות כדי לנהל את החשבונות. החפץ חיים עצמו אמר לימים כי הוא הצליח ללמוד ולצמוח דווקא בגלל שנישא לאישה זו (במקום הצעות רבות אחרות שקיבל ממשפחות עשירות יותר).

סיפור נוסף מסופר על סבו של בית הלוי, שהיה עשיר מאוד ובעל צדקה גדול, ומפורסם כמצטיין בכל היבטי עבודת ה'. עם זאת, הוא הפסיד לפתע את כל עשרו. זה עורר סערה בשכונה שלו, כשאנשים תהו, "למה שה' יעשה דבר כזה?!" החשדות היו כה גדולים עד שדייני העיר עברו על ספריו כדי לבדוק אם ישנה פעילות אסורה. ה'טעות' היחידה שהם יכלו למצוא הייתה שהיה נותן יותר מדי צדקה! בית הדין סגר את התיק ואמר כי מתן יותר מדי צדקה לא נראה כסיבה שהיה לו שינוי במזל. כשהבית הלוי גדל, וצדקתו החלה לפרוח, אמר אחד הדיינים: "עכשיו אני מבין. לא היה אפשר להצמיח צדיק ותלמיד כזה מתוך משפחה כל כך עשירה. הגמרא אומרת, "הזהרו בבני עניים שמהן תצא תורה" (נדרים פא:א).

הרמב"ן עונה לשאלתו באומרו שאכן שבט לוי הצטיינו בשירות ה', אבל הברכה ללדת כל כך הרבה ילדים ניתנה רק לאלו שסבלו מעבודת הפרך במצרים. זה לא שהלויים נענשו, אלא הם לא זכו לברכה כי לא סבלו מהמצרים.

לדעתי חשוב שאנחנו כהורים, לא נשמור תמיד על ילדינו האהובים להגן עליהם מכל החוויות הקשות באשר הן. למען האמת, החוויות הקשות הללו בסופו של דבר הן

המשך בעמוד 2

Weekday times until Parshas Nasso	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נשא
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