

Always Thankful

Hashem is the master of war, Hashem is His name. (Shemos 15:3)



I recall as a young boy watching people prepare for a simcha. And prepare. And continue to prepare. And then prepare some more. And somehow or other it seemed to me that things worked out in the end. As we mature and learn to focus on details, we find that many times fewer things worked out than we thought would. For instance, last week I was invited to the Bar Mitzvah of a close talmid's son, to whom I told, "I will definitely be there and celebrate with you!" That was my plan until 45 minutes beforehand when I found out that there was a funeral at which my presence was required. I dashed in and out of the Bar Mitzvah, wished them a "mazel tov", and apologized for not really taking part in the simcha as would have been proper. I know that the baal simcha would rather that I had stayed longer. This is an example of things that don't work out exactly as planned.

Not everything is in our control.

There are other areas of life where we don't plan, we just assume that things will happen as they should. For instance, we wake up in the morning and assume that we will feel OK to get up and have a productive day. If we don't feel well, we wonder, "What happened? What is wrong with me?" It is as if it is a given that when a person wakes up, he will find himself in perfect health and ready to accomplish all his tasks.

One morning as one of my kids was struggling to get up, I asked myself as a passing thought, "How many people in the world went to sleep last night and did not merit to wake up in the morning?" I told my child that he should realize how fortunate he is that he was able to wake up, because thousands of people didn't get up from their beds in the morning (according to World Population Review, over 1000 Americans a day don't wake up from their sleep each morning). My child immediately jumped out of bed and said "Modeh

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Ahavas Shalom Chesed Project

1. Meal Rotations

Sign up to make a meal for a new mother, someone who is sick or returning from hospital, or for those who are sitting Shiva.

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Beshalach לוח שבת פרשת בשלח

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:21/16:41	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:43	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:01	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	8:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	8:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	8:28	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	9:15	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	✖	מנחה ב'
Pele Yoetz	16:00	פלא יועץ
Mincha 3	16:15	מנחה ג'
Sunset	17:02	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:39	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:02	מעריב ב'

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ani" with vigor.

There are many people who follow news items such as elections, sporting events, etc. There are the "bookmakers" such as "Jimmy the Greek" who will forecast their predictions of upcoming events. The more volatile the situation, the greater the chance that people won't take for granted that things will turn out the way they think. In these volatile situations, we take it as a given that we have to ask Hashem for His help.

LACHISH KOSHER MART



However, the storekeeper who opens his door in the morning finds it is more difficult to daven in earnest that Hashem should send customers to his store: The customers seem to come every day, even without his davening.

Based on what Rav Moshe Feinstein writes on this verse, I want to suggest the following: when the odds are already in your favor, one is still just as obligated to daven for success as if the odds were not in your favor. This could possibly be the meaning of the words in the Song at the Sea, "Hashem ish milchama..." Our G-d, to whom we turn to in a time of uncertainty such as a time of war, "...Hashem Shemo" is the same G-d we should turn to with our various and sundry requests for everyday needs.

I believe at this time, as there is a great amount of uncertainty, people look to daven to Hashem. However, it is when things are going well and we still daven to Hashem with the same verve that we really show that we understand that we are always under His care.

May we merit to be among those who thank Hashem even when things go as expected.

Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

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**.

ALL names were removed on Rosh Chodesh Shevat and will need to be resubmitted again if necessary, R"L.



DOING CHESD is always beneficial. Whether you are doing it to "fight terror", help a fellow Jew, or to emulate Hashem, the benefits accrue in this world and the next. With the world in the current "crazy" state, let's all do *Chesed* and show ourselves and the world what is really important, and that these important norms continue even during these times.

Past stories are archived at AhavasShalom.org/do-chesed

Pass the Tissues

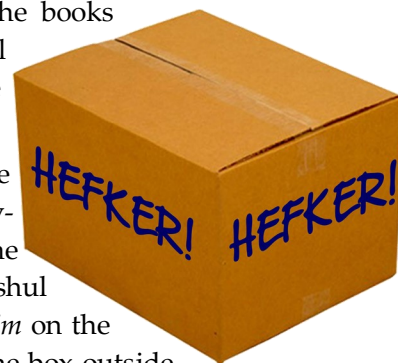
I was davening in my minyan and noticed a child (under bar mitzvah) davening with us. Several times during the davening he went to the front row and took a tissue from the "public" box of tissues. That eventually ran out and as he was leaving he asked to have one of mine. The next day he was back and his nose was just as runny. This time, I searched in another room for a "public" package of tissues and put it right in front of him so he would not have to constantly walk back and forth to blow his nose!



Getting Rid of Seforim? WAIT!

While putting a box of "hefker" *sefarim* on the table in front of the shul seems quite noble, perhaps check with one of the Vaad members or the Gabbai first. The Vaad likes to keep the entrance of the shul neat and tidy, and the disposal costs of the books which are not taken will come directly out of the members' pockets.

So please check before dropping off an anonymous box of books. The Vaad will decide if the shul wants to keep the *sefarim* on the bookshelves; or leave the box outside for members to take; or if you should find another disposal location for your *sefarim*.



Thank You!

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving TWO shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Hilchos Beis Haknesses*

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

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Ahavas Shalom Office

Mrs. Zakoo, the Ahavas Shalom Administrative Assistant, can be reached Sunday and Tuesday 11:00-13:00 and Thursday 16:00-18:00 by calling 058-3263914 or writing to office@ahavasshalom.org. She can help you live with donations, scheduling time with the Rav, sorting out membership issues, and other shul-related matters. Please note that if you send an email outside of her work times, she will not respond until she next logs in for work.

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לגבי אירועים קרובים. ככל שהמצב פחות בטוח, כך גדל הסיכוי שאנשים לא ייקחו כמובן מאליו שדברים יסתדרו כפי שהם חושבים. במצבים לא ודאיים אלה, אנו מתייחסים כנתון שעלינו להתפלל לה' לעזרתו.

אולם החנוני הפותח את דלתו בכל בוקר מתקשה יותר להתפלל ברצינות שה' ישלח לקוחות לחנותו. נראה שהלקוחות באים בכל יום, גם בלי תפילותיו.

בהתבסס על מה שכותב הרב משה פיינשטיין על פסוק זה, אני רוצה להציע את הדברים הבאים: כשהסיכויים כבר לטובתך, עדיין מחוייבים להתפלל להצלחה כאילו הסיכויים לא היו לטובתך. ייתכן שזו המשמעות של המילים בשירת הים, "ה' איש מלחמה..." - ה', שאליו אנו פונים בזמן של אי ודאות כמו בזמן מלחמה - "...ה' שמו" - הוא בדיוק אותו ה' שעלינו לפנות בבקשותינו השונות והמגוונות לצרכינו היומיומיים.

אני מאמין שבתקופה הזאת, מכיוון שיש המון אי ודאות, אנשים רוצים להתפלל לה'. עם זאת, כאשר הדברים מתנהלים כשורה ואנחנו עדיין מתפללים לה' באותו רצון, אנו באמת מראים שאנו מבינים שאנו תמיד תחת השגחתו.

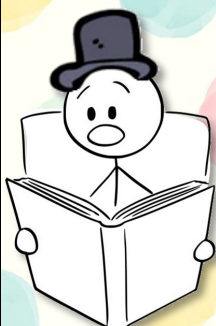
יהי רצון שנזכה להיות מאלו שמודים לה' גם כשהדברים הולכים כמצופה.



Yerucham, an avreich, generous of spirit, was happy to ferry his fellow learners to-and-fro their Kollel in his car, and even stopped for hitchhikers too. Eventually, as the years wore on and the car wore out, Yerucham, realized that the time had come to sell his boneshaker of a jalopy – before the machine lost all its value! But when he took it to a reputable second-hand car dealer, the man declined to sell it from his showroom...

To read more, please visit:

yourshiur.com/parashas-beshalach-2



Story Time!

With
Rabbi Akiva Teichtal

This Shabbos between
Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv

Pele Yoetz Shiur

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תמיד אסירי תודה

"ה' איש מלחמה ה' שמו: (שמות טו:ג)

אני זוכר כילד שצפיתי באנשים

מתכוננים לשמחה. ומתכוננים. וממשיכים להתכונן. ואז עוד כמה הכנות. ואיכשהו נראה לי שדברים הסתדרו בסוף. ככל שאנו מתבגרים ולומדים להתמקד בפרטים, אנו מגלים שפעמים רבות אנו מצליחים בפחות דברים ממה שחשבנו. למשל, בשבוע שעבר הוזמנתי לבר מצווה של בנו של תלמיד קרוב, אמרתי לו: "בהחלט אגיע לחגוג איתכם!" זו הייתה כוונתי עד 45 דקות לפני השמחה כשגיליתי שיש הלוויה בה נחוצה נוכחותי. במהירות נכנסתי ויצאתי מהבר מצווה, איחלתי להם "מזל טוב", והתנצלתי על כך שלא ממש השתתפתי בשמחה כפי שהיה ראוי. אני יודע שהבעל שמחה העדיף שאשאר ליותר זמן. זו דוגמה לדברים שלא עובדים לפי התוכנית.

לא הכל בשליטתנו.

יש עוד תחומי חיים שבהם אנחנו לא מתכננים, אנחנו רק מניחים שדברים יקרו כמו שצריך. לדוגמה, מתעוררים בבוקר ומניחים שנרגיש בסדר כדי לקום ושיהיה לנו יום פורה. אם אנחנו לא מרגישים טוב, אנחנו תוהים, "מה קרה? מה לא בסדר איתי?" כאילו מובן מאליה שכאשר אדם מתעורר, הוא ימצא את עצמו במצב בריאותי מושלם ומוכן לבצע את כל משימותיו.

בוקר אחד כשאחד מילדיי נאבק לקום, הרהרתי, "כמה אנשים בעולם הלכו לישון אתמול בלילה ולא זכו להתעורר הבוקר?" אמרתי לבני שהוא צריך

להבין כמה מזל יש לו שהוא הצליח להתעורר, כי אלפי אנשים לא קמו מהמיטות שלהם בבוקר וסטטיסטית יותר מ-1000 אמריקאים ביום לא מתעוררים משנתם כל בוקר. בני קפץ מיד מהמיטה ואמר "מודה אני" בכוונה.



ישנם אנשים רבים שעוקבים אחר חדשות כגון בחירות, אירועי ספורט וכו'. ישנם "סוכני ההימורים" כגון "ג'מי היווני" שיפרסמו את התחזיות שלהם

המשך בעמוד 3

זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת יתר	יום	'א(Sun)	'ב(Mon)	'ג(Tue)	'ד(Wed)	'ה(Thu)	'ו(Fri)
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, 08:05	06:20, 07:15, 08:15
מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	12:30, 16:49
מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	*Hall