

We Are In This Together

Then Moshe said to Aaron: "Come forward to the altar and sacrifice your sin offering and your burnt offering, making expiation for yourself and for the people; and sacrifice the people's offering and make expiation for them, as Hashem has commanded." (Vayikra 9:7)



The Meshech Chochma asks the following question, "If Aharon is bringing an offering for his own sin, how could it atone for the sin of the rest of the Jewish people?" He answers this question by quoting the Gemora that tells us that if someone is punished because of you, you will be punished as well. Not only that, but the Gemora tells us that a person who caused another person to sin, is not permitted to enter the "michitzaso shel Hashem" – the same place as Hashem.

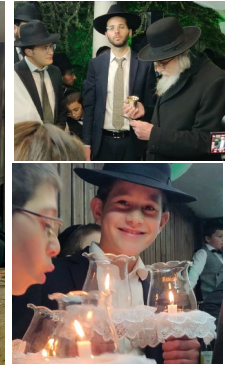
This idea has always been a bit difficult for me to understand. One would possibly think that this is because the prohibition of – "before a blind person do not place a stumbling block" is so severe that this is the reason why he would be punished so severely. However, we find in Shut HaBach Hachadashos 43 that even if the person did nothing wrong but via him something negative happened to someone else, he will be included in this punishment. He quotes a Chazal which says that Hashem accosted Dovid Hamelech because so many people got punished through incidents that had to do with him. Yet Dovid did nothing wrong in any of those incidents.

I believe that as hard as this is to understand, the answer is found in the words of the Meshech Chochma himself. The Meshech Chochma explains that the reason that Aharon sinned at the incident of the Golden Calf was because of his concern for Bnei Yisrael. If Aharon would be punished for their sin, then Klal Yisrael would also be punished and would therefore need an atonement because they caused his sin. However, what I find compelling is that if Aharon would receive his atonement, then Klal Yisrael would also be vindicated for that which they caused to happen. Why should that be? They did nothing to deserve atonement!

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to the Rav and Rebbetzin on the wedding of their daughter Serach to Yisroel Meir Levy.



Mazel Tov to Eli and Michal Simkin on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to Grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Aharon Simkin, Brian Bruker, and Sara Bruker.



Shalom Zachor Friday night starting at 21:00 at the home of Eli and Michal Simkin, Lachish 12/9 (one floor down). Bris Sunday 15:45 in Ahavas Shalom.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Shemini

לוח שבת פרשת שמיני

ערב שבת		Erev Shabbos
מנחה א'	13:30	Mincha 1
מנחה "מוקדמת"	17:18	"Early Mincha"
פלג המנחה	17:38	Plag Hamincha
הדלקת נרות	18:17/18:37	Candle Lighting
מנחה ג'	18:39	Mincha 3
שקיעה	18:57	Sunset
יום השבת		Shabbos Day
ברכות	8:15	Brachos
שוכן עד	8:45	Shochein Ad
סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א	8:56	Latest Shema – M. A.
סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א	9:41	Latest Shema – G'ra
מנחה א'	13:30	Mincha 1
מנחה ב'	16:00	Mincha 2
פלא יועץ	18:00	Pele Yoetz
מנחה ג'	18:15	Mincha 3
שקיעה	18:58	Sunset
מעריב א'	19:35	Ma'ariv 1
מעריב ב'	19:58	Ma'ariv 2

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Punishments often are actually the consequences of one's actions. One is not "punished" by his hands being burned when he puts them in a fire – that is just the effect of the fire on the hands. So too, a sin affects the person in a way that the byproduct of his action is his punishment. That is the natural outcome of the act, which distanced him from Hashem. All those involved in this happening are somewhat responsible for that person's soul being distanced from Hashem. And therefore, they too will be affected (by also being distanced from Hashem). If that is the case, when the person repents for his sin, his association with Hashem is repaired, which automatically brings the people involved back to Hashem, as the person who sinned is no longer distant from Hashem. They don't need to repent as they did nothing wrong in the first place.



A friend of mine connected this to the flip side: The gemora tells us that if a person lost money and it was found by a poor person, he gets a reward as if he gave charity directly to the poor person, because a poor person has benefitted from him. Now that is not fair! The person was not planning to give charity at all! Why should he get a reward?! The answer is that at the end of the day, this person has affected a positive change to someone else, and his association with that positive change will bring him reward.

I believe that to many of us, the concept that we are not alone in our service to Hashem is a given. But this shows us that we are all really in this together and that the civic responsibility that we have to one another is much greater than we thought

May we all merit to cause others only good and not bad, even by mistake.

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**. Reminder: The current list will be erased on Rosh Chodesh Nissan.



Reminder: Spring Forward

Reminder: The clocks were moved *forward* one hour on Friday morning, March 25th at 2:00. Below is the general davening schedule for the summer:

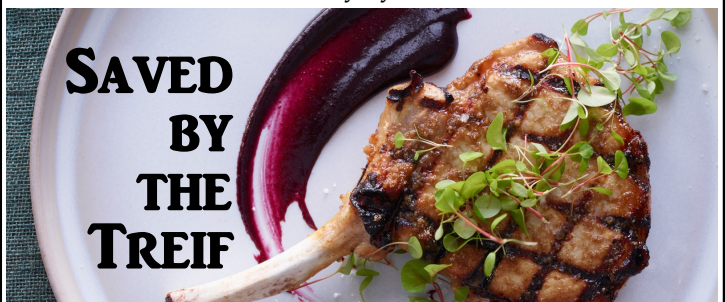


- Shacharis: 06:20, 07:15, 08:05 (08:15 Friday) (unchanged).
- Mincha: 13:15, 15:15 (note the first Mincha will be 13:16 on Sunday through Tuesday this coming week).
- Maariv: 20:15 (in the **Hall**), 21:00.
- Erev Shabbos: Mincha: 13:30, 20 minutes before *Plag*, 18 minutes before sunset.
- EARLY SHABBOS: Starts THIS week Parshas Shemini and continues all summer until Rosh Hashanah. (There will not be early Shabbos/Yom Tov during Pesach).
- Shabbos Shacharis: 08:15.
- Avos uBanim: 60 minutes before the third Mincha (17:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).
- Shabbos Mincha: 13:30, 16:00, 45 min. before sunset (will change to 18:00 and 19:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).

Bet Zvi News



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



...But not long after joining and being accepted by the group, and despite his daring activities against the enemy, he was victimized by two brawny Gentiles.

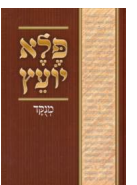
One of them forced both of his arms behind his back and held him still, while his partner attempted to force-feed him a piece of pork. He clamped his mouth shut, and shook his head as vigorously as he could, attempting to confound the bully. Even after his head was held in a vise...

To read more, please visit:

yourshiur.com/parashas-shemini-2/

Pele Yoetz Shiur

The LAST Pele Yoetz shiur of the season will be this Shabbos afternoon starting 15 MINUTES before the last *Mincha* (18:00). This week's topic is **וְדָוִד**.



אבות ובנים



Summer Time Begins and
AuB moves to

17:15—18:15

Shabbos Afternoon!
Boys Ages 3-7
learn 30 minutes;
7 and up learn 1 hour.



**TREATS
FOR ALL!**

CHOCOLATE CHASE

continues with an ongoing mitzvah
Come 3 times and receive one

CHOCOLATE BAR!



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Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will be to your merit. Just 120¢ per sponsorship, which is announced via a notice on the "Netziv Hayom" board in the shul, as well as an announcement in this newsletter. To sponsor a day please contact Netziv@ahavasshalom.org.

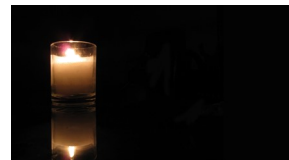


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לע"נ הרב חיים גרשון בן צבי הירש ז"ל

Shiva Or Not

I read that there was a mourner on our street, but I was very nervous about going there because I feared there would not be a minyon (there wasn't one the day before).



So at Mincha time I began walking towards Ahavas Shalom. Then I saw a fellow congregant heading the other way and I began to think—and a few seconds later I called out to him "Are you going to the shiva home?" He was. Even though he was just one person, that gave me the confidence to go. The mourner was very pleased to see me, and we soon had a minyon. I am glad I decided to go.

Submit your own short "Chesed" story for publication in the Ahavas Shalom Newsletter and Website. See the form at AhavasShalom.org/do-chesed.

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving two Shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **HILCHOS PESACH!**

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:

cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

המשך מעמוד 4

שחטא כבר אינו מרוחק מה'. הם לא צריכים לחזור בתשובה מכיוון שלא עשו שום דבר רע מלכתחילה.

חבר שלי קשר את זה לצד השני של המטבע: הגמרא אומרת לנו שמי שאיבד כסף ועני מצא אותו, הוא מקבל שכר כאילו נתן צדקה ישירות לעני, כי העני הרוויח מכספו. זה לא נראה הוגן! הוא לא תכנן לתת צדקה כלל! למה שהוא יקבל שכר?! התשובה היא שבסופו של יום, האדם הזה השפיע על מישהו אחר בצורה חיובית, והקשר שלו עם ההשפעה החיובית הזאת יביא לו שכר.

אני מאמין שרובנו מבינים שאנחנו לא לבד בעבודת ה' שלנו. אבל זה מראה לנו שכולנו באמת נמצאים בזה ביחד ושהאחריות שיש לכל אחד כלפי השני היא הרבה יותר גדולה ממה שחשבנו.

שנוכח כולנו לגרום לאחרים רק טוב ולא רע, אפילו לא בשוגג.

Mevorchin Rosh Chodesh Nissan

המולד יהיה ביום שישי,
שלושים ושש דקות
אחרי ארבע בצהריים.



ניסן

The Molad will be Friday morning, 36 minutes after 4 in the afternoon. (Israeli Clock Time 15:45.)

ראש חודש ניסן יהיה ביום שבת קדש
הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.

Rosh Chodesh Nissan will be next Shabbos.

Women's Pre Pesach Shiur



with Rav Zachariash

Get Ready for Pesach with the Rav
Motza'ei Shabbos April 2

Starting at 21:00 in the Ahavas Shalom Hall

Ahavas Shalom Kinyan Mesechta



Starting mesechet Beitzah on Tuesday April 5th.
8:15-9:05 Sun-Thurs mornings in the hall.

If you are interested in joining, please be in touch with
R' Eliyahu Jacobs to receive your free Gemora.

Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim

Sponsor a Day of Learning during
the month of Nissan for just 280\$.
Dozens of boys and young men
will be learning throughout Nissan,
ensuring that the sounds of Torah
never cease in our Beis Medrash.



See Avishai Hill or donate on the Nedarim Plus Terminal.

כולנו בזה ביחד

ויאמר משה אל-אהרן קרב אל-המזבח ועשה את-חטאתך
ואת-עלתך וכפר בעדך ובעד העם ועשה את-קולך ה' ויכפר
בעדם כאשר צוה ה' (ויקרא ט:ז)

המשך חכמה שואל את השאלה הבאה: "אם אהרן
מביא מנחה על חטאו, איך היא תכפר על חטא של
שאר כלל ישראל?" על שאלה זו הוא עונה בציטוט
מהגמרא שאומרת לנו שאם משהו נענש בגללך, גם
אתה תיענש. לא זו בלבד, אלא שהגמרא אומרת לנו
שמי שגרם לאחר לחטוא, לא יכנס למחיצתו של
הקב"ה.

הרעיון הזה תמיד היה לי קצת קשה להבין. אפשר
היה לחשוב שזה בגלל שהאיסור של - "לפני עיוור
לא תתן מכשול" הוא כל כך חמור שזאת הסיבה
שעונשו יהיה כל כך חמור. אולם אנו מוצאים בשו"ת
הב"ח החדשות מג, שגם אם הוא לא עשה דבר רע
אלא באמצעותו קרה משהו רע למישהו אחר, הוא
יכלול בעונש שיקבל האחר. הוא מצטט חז"ל שאומר
שה' דיבר בלשון קשה אל דוד המלך כי כל כך
הרבה אנשים נענשו על ידי מקרים שקשורים אליו,
למרות שדוד לא עשה שום דבר רע באף אחת
מהתקוות הללו.

אני מאמין שככל שקשה להבין זאת, התשובה
נמצאת בדברי המשך חכמה עצמו. המשך חכמה
מסביר שהסיבה שאהרן חטא בעגל הזהב הייתה
בגלל אכפתיותו לבני ישראל. אם כן, אם הוא היה
נענש, אז גם כלל ישראל כולו היה נענשם ולכן
יצטרכו לכפרה כי הם גרמו לאהרן לחטוא. עם זאת,
מה שנראה לי משכנע הוא שאם אהרן ייסלח, אז
כלל ישראל גם יזכו על מה שהם גרמו לקרות. אבל
למה שזה יקרה? הם לא עשו דבר שבגללו מגיעה
להם כפרה!

עונשים לרוב הם למעשה ההשלכות של מעשיו של
האדם. כאשר אדם מכניס את ידיו לאש, שריפתו
אינה "עונש" - זו רק השפעת האש על הידיים. כך
גם חטא משפיע על האדם באופן שתוצאת פעולתו
היא עונשו. זו התוצאה הטבעית של המעשה,
שמרחיק אותו מה'. כל המעורבים בהתרחשות זו
אחראים במידה מסוימת לכך שנשמתו של אותו
אדם מתרחקת מה'. ולפיכך, גם הם יושפיעו (גם
בהרחקה מה'). אם זה המקרה, כאשר האדם מתחרט
על חטאו, הקשר שלו עם ה' מתוקן, וזה מחזיר גם
את האנשים המעורבים בחטאו אל ה', שכן מי

המשך בעמוד 3

Weekday times until Parshas Tazria	יום (Sun)	יום (Mon)	יום (Tue)	יום (Wed)	יום (Thu)	יום (Fri)
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13:30, 17:21, 18:44	13:16, 15:15	13:16, 15:15	13:16, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	13:30, 17:21, 18:44
Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00

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