

No Excuses

"...affliction on the skin of the body, the person **shall be brought** to Aaron the Kohen or to one of his sons, the kohanim." (Vayikra 13:2)

Many of the commentators take note that the Metzora was told specifically to go to a kohen. What is the significance of going specifically to a kohen?

People who speak lashon hara justify themselves by saying, "But it is true!". If that excuse is not pertinent, they say, "This fellow is a baal machlokes or rasha and I want to make sure that people should stay away from him." (See Hakdama to Sefer Chofetz Chayim).

There are two things that we know about the subject of machlokes. One is that it is permissible to deviate from the truth in order to avoid or stop machlokes. We know that Aharon was an ohev shalom and rodef shalom. He used to go to each person in the argument and say, "Your friend really wants to make peace with you," thus calming the person down and bringing about shalom. In other words, something being true does not automatically mean that that is the path you should take. Bringing peace and harmony to people is more important than something being true. This is the true Will of Hashem. And, regarding the claim that this person is a rasha for what he is doing, we learn from Aharon that our job is to help the person, as opposed to badmouthing him, even if he is wrong. This is a reason to specifically come to a Kohen, a child of Aharon.

There is another reason to come to a Kohen. When one rebukes someone else, a common reply is, "It is not your job to tell me what to do!" or "You are not in a position to rebuke me, for you yourself do (fill in a sin)" Being a kohen is a position given to one without earning it and it is his job to tell you if you are impure. Thus, we see the Torah going out of its way to make sure that the baal lashon hara has no way out. However, it does not end there. I recall as a small boy hearing older men speaking about the fact that they have some type of ailment, and yet they didn't want to go to the doctor. I could not understand what they were saying (for as a small child being sick was truly a "treat"!). But, as I grew older, I understood that there were people who were not willing to meet the truth face-to-face, and they would bury their heads in the sand rather than accept the truth.

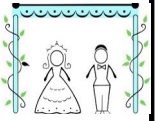
Chazal tell us that there is a progression of negaim: It starts with nigaei batim (tzaras of the house), and at this first stage

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Lifecycles

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



to a Kiddush this Shabbos in the hall and the entrance courtyard to celebrate this joyous occasion!

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Tazria לוח שבת פרשת תזריע

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:21	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	17:41	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:22/18:42	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:44	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:02	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	8:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	8:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	8:50	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	9:36	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	16:00	מנחה ב'
Pele Yoetz	18:05	פלא יועץ
Mincha 3	18:20	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:03	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:40	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:03	מעריב ב'

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the Torah uses the terminology "*uba al hakohen*" - that he will (voluntarily) come to the *kohen*. However, if the person doesn't repent, eventually the *tzaras* will afflict his entire body. Yet rather than repenting and going to the *Kohen*, the person becomes more stubborn, suffering as the *nega* afflicts his entire body. At that point his friends are forced to bring him to the *kohen*, as shown by the terminology the Torah uses, "*Vihuva el hakohen*" - the person shall be brought to the *kohen*.

Perhaps the lesson that the Torah is teaching us is that just like the *baal lashon hara* will have to face his guilt and deal with it one way or the other, we too need to learn that excuses don't help. If we have a problem in our *avodas Hashem*, we should take care of it immediately, instead of waiting and getting ourselves into more trouble!

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משתמשת בו "והובא אל כהן", שלא מרצונו.

אולי מה שהתורה מלמדת אותנו היא שכמו שבעל לשון הרע יצטרך להתמודד עם אשמתו ולהתמודד עם התוצאות כך או כך, גם אנחנו צריכים ללמוד שתירוצים לא עוזרים. אם יש לנו חוסר בעבודת ה' שלנו, עלינו לטפל בו מיד, במקום לחכות ולהכניס את עצמנו לצרות נוספות!

Spring Cleaning

Many items are left in the shul and abandoned. The Vaad is undertaking a "spring cleaning" to sift through the items which are still used and those which are ownerless. The cleaning will take place on Motza'ei Shabbos Hagadol (April 9). After the first maariv, we ask the congregants to stay around to help us do the following:

1. Move all the private sefarim to a table outside
2. Move all the coats and clothing outside.
3. Remove *everything* from the cubbies and dispose of the junk and put the rest outside.

Once everything has been put outside, the owners can claim what is theirs and move it back to an appropriate location inside.

Anything still outside on April 14 after the 21:00 Maariv will be deemed ownerless and the vaad will do with it as it sees fit.

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.



Bet Zvi Corner



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



Rav Sholom Schwadron tells the following story: "My friend Rav Ezra Barzel and I discovered that a Jewish barber in the 'Shuk' [Machane Yehuda] was using a razor blade to shave his clients. We weren't going to lambast him for this practice - perhaps he didn't know that this practice was forbidden. Rather we were going to gently show him the source for this in the Torah. The fellow was doggedly stubborn and brushed us away, refusing to even look into the Chumash that we proffered. His customers were happy with the smooth look that the razor blades gave, and nothing else mattered in his eyes...."

To read more, please visit:

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אבות ובנים



AuB Shabbos Afternoon

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Deadline for orders & payments: 2 Nissan / April 3 23:00

Baking: Monday 10 Nissan/11 April at 16:30.

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Mechiras Chometz

The Rav will be available to help you
sell your chometz on these dates:

- Motza'ei Shabbos April 9: 20:45-22:00
- Monday April 10: 20:15-21:00
- Tuesday April 11: 19:30-20:00 & 21:15-22:00
- Contact the Rav 052-763-5938 to make other arrangements.



Forms (in Hebrew and English, and for both the regular sale on the 14th and the special sale on the 13th) will be available at the above dates and times, but if you want to fill them out online and in the comfort of your own home, download them from:

www.ahavasshalom.org/chometz

The authorization MUST be completed (Date & Signature) with and in the presence of the Rav Shlit"a

It is an accepted, long-standing Minhag to compensate the Rav for his time and effort in selling your Chametz. Some have written that there is a Halachic basis for this, and it is a good thing to do. (From the Sefer Piskei Teshuvos)

Ahavas Shalom Vaad

Note that due to legal and financial concerns, the Vaad cannot accept donations and then transfer cash to the Rav. If you want to take part in this long-standing minhag, either give cash/check directly to the Rav or contact Aryeh Beer to transfer funds directly to the Rav's bank account.

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

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.

Pele Yoetz Shiur

A SPECIAL Pele Yoetz shiur on **SHIURIM**
(such as for *matzah* and the *arba kosos*)
starting 15 MINUTES before the last *Mincha*
(18:05).



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**.



NEW! Bein Hazmanim Minyonim

This minyonim will meet throughout the month of Nissan until Friday morning, April 29, and then will end until the summer *Bein Hazmanim*.

- **Shacharis:** 09:00 Minyon (Hall)
- **Mincha:** 20 min. before sunset (Beis Medrash)
- **Maariv:** 20 minutes after sunset (Beis Medrash)

משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

בלי תירוצים

לנגע צרעת והובא אל-אֶהָרֶן הַכֹּהֵן אוֹ אֶל-אַחַד מִבְּנָיו הַכֹּהֲנִים:
(ויקרא יג:ב)

רבים מהמפרשים מציינים שהמצורע מצווה במיוחד ללכת לכהן. מה המשמעות של ללכת דווקא לכהן?

אנשים שמדברים בלשון הרע יכולים להצדיק את עצמם באמירה, "אבל זה נכון!". אם התירוץ הזה לא רלוונטי, הם אומרים, "מי שדיברתי עליו הוא בעל מחלוקת או רשע ואני רוצה לוודא שאנשים ידעו להתרחק ממנו". (ראה הקדמה לספר חפץ חיים)

ישנם שני דברים שאנו יודעים על העניין של מחלוקת. האחת היא שמותר לסטות מהאמת כדי להימנע או להפסיק את המחלוקת. אנחנו יודעים שאהרון הכהן היה אוהב שלום ורודף שלום. "כשהיה רואה שני בני אדם מתקוטטים היה הולך לכל אחד מהם שלא מדעת חברו ואומר לו, ראה חברך איך הוא מתחרט ומכה את עצמו על שחטא לך והוא אמר לי שאבוא אליך שתמחול לו, ומתוך כך כשהיו פוגעים זה בזה היו מנסקים זה את זה" (אבות דרבי נתן). במילים אחרות, זה שמשהו אמת לא אומר בהכרח שזו הדרך שאתה צריך ללכת. הבאת שלום ואחדות לאנשים חשובה יותר מסתם לומר אמת. זהו הרצון האמיתי של ה'. ולגבי הטענה שאדם זה הוא רשע מפני מעשיו, אנו לומדים מאהרון שתפקידנו לעזור לו, ולא להשמיץ אותו, גם אם הוא חוטא. זו סיבה לבוא במיוחד לכהן, צאצאיו של אהרון.

יש עוד סיבה להגיע במיוחד לכהן. כאשר אדם מוכיח משהו אחר, תשובה נפוצה היא: "זה לא מקומך להגיד לי מה לעשות!" או "אינך בעמדה להוכיח אותי, כי אתה בעצמך עושה איזה חטא (תפרט...)". להיות כהן הוא תפקיד שניתן לאדם מבלי שהוא עשה דבר כדי לזכות בו ותפקידו לומר לך אם אתה טהור או טמא. לפיכך, אנו רואים שהתורה, בצורה יוצאת דופן, מודאת שלבעלי לשון הרע אין תירוצים. אבל זה עדיין לא סוף הסיפור. אני זוכר שילד קטן שמעתי מבוגרים מדברים על המחלות שלהם, ובכל זאת הם לא רצו לבקר את הרופא. לא הצלחתי להבין מה הם אומרים וכי בתור ילד קטן להיות חולה היה באמת "יתרון"! אבל, ככל שהתבגרתי, הבנתי שיש אנשים שלא היו מוכנים לפגוש את האמת פנים אל פנים, והם העדיפו לטמון את ראשם בחול במקום לקבל את האמת.

חז"ל אומרים לנו שיש הדרגתיות של נגעים: זה מתחיל בנגעי בתים (צרעת הבית), ובשלב הראשון הזה התורה אומרת "ובא אל הכהן" – מרצונו החופשי. עם זאת, אם הוא לא יחזור בתשובה, בסופו של דבר הצרעת תפגע בכל גופו. ואם במקום לחזור בתשובה וללכת אל הכהן, הוא מתעקש, וסובל כשהנגע פוגע בכל גופו, בשלב זה חבריו נאלצים להביא אותו לכהן, כפי שמוכיח הביטוי שהתורה

המשך בעמוד 2

Weekday times until	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול ער פורת מצורע
Parshas Metzora	06:20, 07:15, 08:15, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00*	מנחה מערב	
	13:30, 17:25, 18:49	13:15, 15:15, 18:46	13:15, 15:15, 18:45	13:15, 15:15, 18:45	13:15, 15:15, 18:44	13:15, 15:15, 18:43		
	Hall	19:27, 20:15, 21:00	19:26, 20:15*, 21:00	19:25, 20:15*, 21:00	19:25, 20:15*, 21:00	19:24, 20:15*, 21:00		

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