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"And you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety." (Vayikra 25:18)



There is a famous parable told about a man who was looking for an apartment to rent. An agent showed him an appealing apartment for a reasonable price, he signed the contract and moved in. As he was unpacking his belongings, the next door neighbor knocked on the door and demanded to know, "What are you doing here?" He responded, "What do you mean? I just rented this apartment!" To which the neighbor responded, "I really feel sorry for you because this apartment belongs to me and I have not rented it to anyone. This is my second apartment, and as you can see," as he opened the closet door, "I have my possessions here. In fact, I am planning to annex it to my apartment next week!" The renter was in disbelief. "That can't be! I rented it from a reliable realtor. This is not your apartment!" To which the neighbor says, "So prove it isn't mine!" As the decibel levels rose, a crowd gathered to watch the spectacle. Most of the people did indeed remember the neighbor using the apartment occasionally and therefore sided with him. Suddenly a limousine pulled up and an obvious wealthy individual came out and asked, "What is all this ruckus?" The renter explained the quarrel to him, and the wealthy man looked at the neighbor and roared, "How dare you! I was benevolent enough to let you use my property without charge, and then you try to steal it from someone to whom I rented it to?" The tycoon then proceeded to show documents which proved that he was the owner of this apartment, thereby resolving the quarrel.

I am acquainted with a family of traditionally religious people who have been living in this country since their

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The Rav will be away this Shabbos

As such, the following changes will take place:

- Friday night *drasha* will be given by **Reb Gedalia Guttentag**.
- No *Beis Elokim* shiur or Shabbos day *drasha*.
- The *Pirkei Avos* shiur will be given by **Rabbi Naftali Kaplan**.

THE RAV
IS OUT

Lag B'Omer Thank You's

Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make this year's "Lag B'Omer in the Park" such a success. There were literally dozens of people who helped this year, and we thank you all for your very important contributions. However, we do want to offer special thanks to **Hananiah and Merav Lasker** and **Shimon and Shira Young** for the many things they did (mostly behind the scenes) that made this event possible.

Please check out the Lag B'Omer gallery on the back page. There are even more pictures at ahavasshalom.org! Thank you to YitzY Berlin for contributing his high-quality images.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Behar/Bechukosai לוח שבת פרשת בהדר-בחקתי

| Erev Shabbos | | ערב שבת |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mincha 1 | 13:30 | מנחה א' |
| "Early Mincha" | 17:42 | מנחה "מוקדמת" |
| Plag Hamincha | 18:02 | פלג המנחה |
| Candle Lighting | 18:50/19:10 | הדלקת נרות |
| Mincha 3 | 19:12 | מנחה ג' |
| Sunset | 19:30 | שקיעה |
| Shabbos Day | | יום השבת |
| Brachos | 08:15 | ברכות |
| Shochein Ad | 08:45 | שוכן עד |
| Latest Shema – M. A. | 08:20 | סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א |
| Latest Shema – G'ra | 09:11 | 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 |
| Sunset | 19:31 | שקיעה |
| Ma'ariv 1 | 20:08 | מעריב א' |
| Ma'ariv 2 | 20:31 | מעריב ב' |

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Q&A: A Cheesecake Worth Carrying

Reuven learned that his friend Moshe had a bungalow at the "Paradise Village" bungalow colony, which was 2 km away from the "Kiamesha Village" bungalow colony, and wanted to invite him and his family for Shavuos lunch (which fell on a Sunday). As there was no *eruv* in the area, Moshe paced off 2,000 amos on Friday afternoon and placed an *eruv techumin* there, which would enable him to walk to and from Reuven's bungalow colony on Shavuos afternoon. "Lunch was great," said Moshe "but we had been hoping to have dairy instead of meat, so we could have tasted the cheesecake that is sitting on the kitchen counter." Reuven thought for a moment and then offered the cheesecake to Moshe to take back to his bungalow, so that he could enjoy it 6 hours later, just before Shavuos ended. May Moshe take back this cheesecake to his bungalow 2 km away?



No. Since Moshe made the *eruv tachumin*, only he and his family may travel back to the bungalow colony. While they are permitted to carry objects outside of the *eruv chatzeiros*, these objects must belong to Moshe and his family. However, since Reuven did not make an *eruv techumin*, neither Reuven, his family, nor his possessions may travel more than 2,000 amos outside of the *eruv* surrounding the "Kiamesha Village" bungalow colony. Reuven's cheesecake is considered his possession, even though he is giving it to Moshe and, therefore, Moshe may only carry it 2,000 amos outside of the *eruv*, which is only halfway back to his bungalow. OC 397:18

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וגדל של אנשים שמקיימים ומעריכים את התורה ומצוותיה. מושג זה קשור לפסוק "...וישבתם על הארץ לבטח".

המכרים שלי האלו, בד בבד עם חיזוק מחויבותם לתורה, חזרו לבעלות על ביתם. מושג זה שייך לא רק לקרקע עצמה, אלא גם לפריחה שלנו בארצנו.

כפי שאנו קוראים על השמיטה בפרשה, ואנחנו חושבים על שנת השמיטה שזה עתה חלפה, יש שאומרים שאולי עד השמיטה הבאה בנסיבות טבעיות רוב עם ישראל יהיו כאן בארץ ישראל ולפי הסטטיסטיקה, כבר 47-49% מהיהודים בעולם גרים כאן, ואולי רובם גם יהיו שומרי שמיטה (לפי קרו השביעית, זו הייתה השנה הראשונה שבה למעלה מ-50% מהחקלאים בישראל שמרו שמיטה, מבלי להשתמש בהקלות בהן השתמשו בעבר). שנזכה בזמננו להבטיח את ארצנו על ידי הגדלת שירותנו לה'.

Thank you!

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving two Shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **HILCHOS SEFIRAS HA'OMER**

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

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GROWTH THROUGH THE PARSHA

WITH
RAV ZACHARIASH
SUNDAY NIGHT

MAY 14

20:15-21:00

**SHUL HALL
FOR WOMEN**

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grandparents migrated about a century ago. When I first met them, their observance of *Yiddishkeit* was rather symbolic. It seems to me that their last decade of interactions with religious people has brought their appreciation of their heritage to a new level (and with the help of G-d it should continue to grow). The matriarch of the family recently passed away and I went to the *shiva* home. I asked the family where they lived when they came to Israel and in the course of our conversation they told me something which excited me. Their family lived in a home in the area known as "Sheikh Jarrah" and after the War of Independence they lost their home and had to start over. I asked them, "Do you have documentation showing your ownership of the property?" They did, and they put a lawyer on the case. Just recently they were awarded ownership of their property!



The first story is used as a parable to explain that as long as Jews serve Hashem properly, they will be able to prosper and live peacefully in our holy land. However, situations might arise that force them to leave, resulting in others taking over the land and claiming it to be theirs. The Nations of the world could be up in arms trying to figure out who the real owner is. I believe that there is a sign from Heaven which shows clearly our natural claim on the land: All of the nations around us who have at least as many natural resources as we do, yet still do not hold a candle to the advancements of our holy land.

To me it is obvious that the growing strength of the country has to do with the growing numbers of people who abide by the Torah and its values. This concept is attached to the verse "...and you shall dwell in the land in safety."

These acquaintances of mine, simultaneously with strengthening their commitment to Torah, regained control over their property. This concept is not only relevant to the physical ground, but also to our prosperity in our land.

As we read about *shemita* in the Parsha, and we think about the past year of *shemita*, there are those who say that possibly by the next *shemita* under natural conditions the majority of Jews will be here in Israel (according to statistics already 47-49% of Jews in the world live here), and possibly the majority of them will be *shemita* observant (According to Keren Hashvi's, this was the first year that over 50% of the farmers in Israel kept *shemita* without the leniencies they used in the past). May we merit in our times to secure our land by increasing our service of Hashem.

אבות ובנים Shabbos Afternoon



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Lag B'Omer 5783 Gallery

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

להשקיע באבטחה שלנו

וְעִשִּׂיתֶם אֶת-חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת-מִשְׁפָּטַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וְעִשִּׂיתֶם אֹתָם וַיִּשְׁבְּתֶם עַל-הָאָרֶץ לְבִטָּחָה: (ויקרא כה:יח)

יש משל על אדם שחיפש דירה להשכרה. מתווך הראה לו דירה נאה במחיר סביר, הוא חתם על החוזה ועבר לגור שם. בעודו פורק את חפציו, השכן הסמוך דפק בדלת ודרש, "מה אתה עושה כאן?" הוא ענה, "למה אתה מתכוון? הרגע שכרתי את הדירה הזו!" השכן הגיב, "אני באמת מרחם עליך כי הדירה הזו שייכת לי ולא השכרתי אותה לאף אחד. זו הדירה השנייה שלי, וכפי שאתה יכול לראות, ופתח את דלת הארון, יש לי את הדברים שלי כאן. למעשה, בשבוע הבא אני מתכנן לספח אותה לדירה שלי!" השוכר לא האמין. "בלתי אפשרי! שכרתי אותו ממתווך אמין. זו לא יכולה להיות הדירה שלך!" והשכן אומר, "אז תוכיח שזה לא שלי!" ככל שהצעקות גברו, התאסף קהל לצפות במחזה. רוב האנשים אכן זכרו שהשכן השתמש בדירה מדי פעם ולכן תמכו בו. לפתע נעצרה לימוזינה ואדם עשיר בעליל יצא ושאל, "מה זה כל הרעש הזה?" השוכר הסביר לו את המריבה, והאיש העשיר הסתכל על השכן ושאל: "איך אתה מעז! מטוב ליבי נתתי לך להשתמש בדירה שלי ללא תשלום, ועכשיו אתה מנסה לגנוב אותה ממני שהשכרתי לו אותה?!" הטייקון המשיך והראה מסמכים שהוכיחו כי הוא הבעלים של דירה זו, ובכך פתר את המריבה.

אני מכיר משפחה מסורתית שגרה בארץ מאז שהגיעו הסבים והסבתות לפני כמאה שנה. כשפגשתי אותם לראשונה, היידישקייט שלהם הייתה בעיקר סמלית. נדמה לי שהעשור האחרון של קשר עם הדתיים הביא את הערכתם למורשתם לרמה חדשה (ובעזרת ה' היא תמשיך ותגדל). אם המשפחה נפטרה לא מזמן והלכתי לבית השבעה. שאלתי את המשפחה היכן הם גרו כשהגיעו לארץ ובמהלך השיחה שלנו הם סיפרו לי משהו שעניין אותי. למשפחתם היה בית באזור המכונה "שייח ג'ראח" ולאחר מלחמת העצמאות הם איבדו את ביתם ונאלצו להתחיל מחדש. שאלתי אותם: "האם יש לך תיעוד של הבעלות על הנכס?". אכן היה להם, ושכרו עורך דין לטפל בתיק, ולאחרונה הם זכו לבעלות על רכושם!

הסיפור הראשון הוא משל המתאר שכל עוד שאנחנו משרתים את ה' כראוי, אנחנו יכולים לשגשג ולחיות בשלווה בארצנו הקדושה. עם זאת, עלולים להיווצר מצבים שיאלצו אותנו לצאת לגלות, וכתוצאה מכך אחרים ישתלטו על הארץ ויטענו שהיא שלהם. אומות העולם מתוכחות בניסיון להבין מי הבעלים האמיתי. אני מאמין שיש אות משמיימים המראה בבירור את תביעתנו הטבעית על הארץ: כל העמים סביבנו שיש להם משאבי טבע לפחות כמו אצלנו, עדיין לא קרובים להשתוות לנו בהתקדמות ארץ הקודש שלנו.

בעיני ברור שכוחה הגדל של המדינה קשור למספר ההולך

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