

Think About It

"Then came the children of Yisrael, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh, and Miryam died there, and was buried there." (Bamidbar 20:1)

Rashi quotes Chazal on this verse, explaining that the death of Miriam was placed adjacent to the parsha of the red heifer to teach us that the death of righteous people atones just as an offering atones. The obvious question is, "Does this atonement come automatically, or is it just a catalyst for people to repent?" It is clear that death brings atonement for the person who died, but can it be that we get a "freebie"? When a righteous person dies, do we get off scot free?

There are those who explain that the death of a righteous person is a wake-up call, and even if we don't repent, it still heightens our awareness as to what is important in life. A similar idea can be seen on the highways. Drivers tend to slow down on a slippery highway immediately after passing a serious collision! While most will resume their normal speed after a minute or two, they will still continue to pay just a bit more attention to the road. That is not considered repentance, but it does at least "reset" the person to a certain degree.

However, when a righteous person dies, it seems to imply that the whole generation receives atonement – even those who didn't even know the deceased. How can this be?

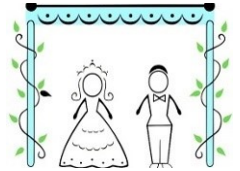
I heard from someone who told me that while walking back from the funeral of the Brisker Rav, he heard one of his students say, "I feel that I have lost a level of *limud hatorah*." I heard this statement and understood that the implication was that the world with the Brisker Rav was a holier place, and in that world, a person could achieve a greater level of clarity in Torah. However, at a different time it was pointed out to me by my Rosh Yeshiva that Choni HaMe'agel slept for 70 years, after which he woke up, walked

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Baruch and Tammy Labinsky** on the engagement of their son **Rephael Labinsky** to **Rena Arieli**, daughter of Rav Yaakov and Malka Arieli of RBS.



Mazel Tov to **Jonny and Rachel Links** and **Bentzion and Tova Wechsler** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children **Batya Malka and Boruch Wechsler!**



Mrs. Zahava Friedman A"H was known for her *chesed* and dedication to our *kehilla*. These *middos* are now being recognized by the municipality, at the newly redesigned playground between 18 and 22 Lachish is being dedicated in her memory. The Kehilla is invited to the official dedication ceremony which will take place at the playground on Monday July 26 at 18:00.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Chukas

לוח שבת פרשת חזקת

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	18:00	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:20	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:11/19:31	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:33	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:51	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:13	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:09	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	19:52	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:29	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:52	מעריב ב'

New cycle of Mishnah Berurah has started!
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Q&A: Shabbos on the Quickway

Q It was late on Friday and Reuven could see the sun setting in front of him as he sped toward the "Kiamasha Village" bungalow colony. But just outside of Monticello Reuven felt it was too late and pulled over to the side of the road. As he was assessing which possessions he could take with him, a police car pulled up behind him. Reuven explained to officers Costello and Lawrence that that Sabbath had already begun, and it was not permitted by Jewish law for him to drive his car until Saturday night. The officers sympathized with him but told him he could not park his vehicle on the side of a New York State highway. Is Reuven permitted to make the following request of the officers: "Perhaps one of you officers would be so kind as to drive my car to the 'Kiamasha Village' bungalow colony? It is only three miles away. I'll pick up the keys after Shabbos."?

A Yes. While asking a gentile to do work on Shabbos is prohibited due to a Rabbinic decree, the Rabbis permitted it in this case because a person is normally concerned about his money and belongings. If he were not permitted to ask a gentile to protect his belongings, the Jew himself might come to do some forbidden work to protect his own belongings.

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Q&A: Who Gets the Keys?

Q Reuven was driving his Sienna as fast as he could to the "Kiamasha Village" Bungalow Colony, but the sun was setting even faster. He thought he might have a bit better mazel since he was taking other people with him: His son Hudy (age 11); Hudy's friend Josh (also 11), as well as Chris Pingel (adult son of the gentile grounds keeper), and even Dakota, Chris' German Shepherd. But by the time he reached Exit 106, he realized he would have to abandon his plans and park on a local road. Nothing in the car was needed for Shabbos, but Reuven did not want to risk leaving his car keys behind. While Reuven is permitted to give his keys to someone else to carry them back, there is a preference. Please order the list below from most desirable to least desirable.

1. His son Hudy (age 11)
2. Hudy's friend Josh (age 11)
3. Chris Pingel (gentile aged 18)
4. Dakota (dog aged 4 dog years)

A 1. Chris; 2. Dakota (dog); 3. Josh; 4. Hudy.
The Rabbis permitted Reuven to give his keys to certain other people to prevent him from committing a bigger sin. This is because a person does not easily forego money, or a Sienna, that he worked hard to acquire.

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אבות ובנים Shabbos Afternoon: 17:00-18:00

Boys Ages 3-7 learn 30 minutes; 7+ 1 hour.

AuB is sponsored this week by Rav Zachariash:
לעילוי נשמת דוד יעקב בן חיים

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and help get the boys and their fathers into
the Beis Medrash!



Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

If you have *cholim* that you would like the Gabbai to mention during Shabbos day davening, please submit these names via email to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by Thursday at



12:00 (Please write the Hebrew names using Hebrew letters). This will help to save some time and enable the flow of the Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list was erased on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.

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separate email—which explains the purpose of your payment/donation.
If appropriate, please also include the parsha or date. Thank you!!

המשך מעמוד 4

אבל גודל הכפרה שנתקבל, בהחלט יהיה תלוי איך
מתייחסים לפטירת הצדיק (כמו בכל כאב, יש יותר
כפרה אם מבינים שזה מה!). החפץ חיים כותב שכל
האסונות שקורים בעולם אמורים להיות לקח עבורנו.
עם המחשבה הזו, אם במקרה קוראים עיתון, כנראה
יהיה איזה לקח רוחני שנוכל ללמוד מההתרחשויות
בעולם.

כשקוראים את הפרשה וחושבים על המקרים
השליליים שקורים בתורה, זה צריך להתחיל את
ההתבוננות הפנימית שלנו. כאשר אנו לומדים על
חטא עגל הזהב וכיצד כלל ישראל עדיין סובלים
בגללו, התבוננות זו לבדה יכולה להועיל לנו - בוודאי
אם היא תביא אותנו לחזור בתשובה! כך
גם, נדרשת התבוננות כאשר אנו לומדים



על ה"חוק" היסודי של הפרה
האדומה. אנחנו צריכים ללמוד
מה"חוק" הזה, לחזק את העשייה
שלנו בדברים שה' רוצה, גם אם
אנחנו לא מבינים. זה יקרב אותנו
אל המטרה הסופית שלנו לקיים
מצוות לשמה.

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into the Beis Medrash, and he heard the students
proclaim, "The learning is so great, it is like at the
times of Choni HaMe'agel!" This means that his
mere presence in the world affected the level of
Torah learning, even to those who didn't know him.
Certainly, with his demise, the world would be
lacking.

I would like to suggest the following: *Chazal* tell us
that every pain that a person feels can be an
atonement. When life gets more difficult, that too
can be an atonement. So when a Tzadik dies, life in
the world becomes generally worse, and therefore
there is an atonement given to everyone.

The amount of atonement achieved will certainly
depend upon how much a person relates to the
death as an atonement (just as by any pain, it is an
atonement if we realize that it is from Hashem). The
Chofetz Chaim writes in a letter that each
catastrophe that happens in the world is a lesson for
us. With that thought in mind, if one would read a
newspaper, there would probably be some spiritual
lesson to be learnt from the goings on in the world.



As we read the parsha and we think about the bad
things that happen in the Torah, it should start our
own introspection. We learn about the sin of the
golden calf and how *klal Yisrael* still suffers because
of it, that contemplation alone can be a merit for us –
definitely if it moves us to repent! So too,
contemplation is needed when we learn about the
ultimate "*chok*" of the red heifer. We need to learn
from this "*chok*" to strengthen our doing the things
that Hashem wants, even if we don't understand
them. This will bring us closer to our ultimate goal
of performing mitzvohs for their own sake.

GROWTH THROUGH THE PARSHA

WITH
RAV ZACHARIASH
SUNDAY NIGHT

JUNE 25

20:15-21:00

**SHUL HALL
FOR WOMEN**

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PIRKEI AVOS
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ZACHARIASH
18:24 Shabbos Afternoon

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving two
Shiurim this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **GOING TO WORK**

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שיעור דף יומי בעברית!

עם הרב יהודה לייב
ליכטמן שליט"א!

השיעור מתקיים 7 ימים בשבוע:

ימים א'-ה': 19:15-20:15

שישי: 13:00-13:30

שבת: אחרי מעריב השני.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

תחשבו על זה

וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל כֹּל-לֵהֶעָדָה מִדְּבַר-צֶן בְּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן וַיֵּשֶׁב הָעָם
בְּקֶדֶשׁ וּתְמֻלֹּת שֵׁם מְרִים וּתְקַבֵּר שָׁם: (במדבר כ:א)

(מו"ק כח) למה נסמכה מיתת מרים לפרשת פרה אדומה, לומר
לך מה קרבנות מכפרין (ס"א כמו שפרה אדומה מכפרת) אף
מיתת צדיקים מכפרת (רש"י שם)

אם מיתת צדיקים מכפרת,

השאלה המתבקשת היא, "האם הכפרה הזו באה בלי
מאמצים מהמתכפרים, או בגלל שהיא גורמת
לאנשים לחזור בתשובה?" ברור שמוות מביא כפרה
להנפטר, אבל האם יכול להיות שכאשר צדיק מת,
מקבלים כפרה 'בחינם'?

יש שמסבירים שכשצדיק נפטר, הוא אזהרה שמצבנו
זקוק לטיפול, ואפילו אם לא נחזור בתשובה, זה
עדיין גורם לנו להיות מודעים יותר למה שחשוב
בחינו. רעיון דומה ניתן לראות בנהיגה בכבישים.
נהגים נוטים להאט בכביש חלקלק מיד לאחר
שעברו התנגשות קשה. בעוד שרובם יחזרו למהירות
הרגילה לאחר דקה או שתיים, הם עדיין ימשיכו
להקדיש קצת יותר תשומת לב לנהיגה שלהם. זה לא
נחשב לחזרה בתשובה, אבל זה לפחות "מכייל
מחדש" את האדם במידה מסוימת.

אולם כאשר צדיק נפטר, נראה כי כל הדור מקבל
כפרה - גם אלו שלא הכירו את הנפטר. איך זה
יכול להיות?

שמעתי ממישהו שסיפר לי שבזמן שחזר מהלוויה של
הרב מבריסק, הוא שמע את אחד מתלמידיו אומר:
"אני מרגיש שאיבדתי רמה של לימוד התורה".
הבנתי שהמשמעות של אמירה זו היא שהעולם עם
הרב מבריסק הוא מקום קדוש יותר שבו אפשר
להגיע לרמה גבוהה יותר של הבנה בתורה. אולם
בפעם אחרת הראש הישיבה שלי ציין שחוני המעגל,
שישן במשך 70 שנה, כשהתעורר נכנס לבית המדרש
ושמע את התלמידים אומרים: "לימוד התורה שלנו
כל כך טוב ומאיר - ממש כמו שהיה בזמנו של חוני
המעגל!" המשמעות היא שעצם נוכחותו בעולם
השפיעה על רמת לימוד התורה, גם למי שלא הכיר
אותו. אין ספק, עם פטירתו, העולם יהיה חסר.

ברצוני להציע את הרעיון הבא: חז"ל אמרו שכל צער
שאנו חשים יכול להיות כפרה. כשהחיים נעשים
קשים יותר, גם זה יכול להיות כפרה. לכן, כאשר
הצדיק נפטר, החיים בעולם כולו הופכים בדרך כלל
גרועים יותר, ולכן יש כפרה לכולם.

המשך בעמוד 3

יום	א(Sun)	ב(Mon)	ג(Tue)	ד(Wed)	ה(Thu)	ו(Fri)	Weekday times until Parshas Balak
שחרית	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	
מנחה	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:30, 18:00, 19:34	
מעריב	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	*Hall	

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