

Whole Heartedly

"...with all your heart and with all your soul." (Devarim 10:13)

We understand that these words which we say twice a day tell us that one's service and devotion to Hashem must be full and all-encompassing. Rav Elyakim Schlesinger (b. 1921) from London related the following story about the *Kotzker Rebbe* (1787–1859) which he heard from the *Brisker Rav*:



It was Rosh Hashanah, and as was the custom of the *Kotzker Rebbe*, he did not daven in the *Beis Medrash*, but instead in his private room on the side of the *Beis Medrash*. Suddenly his door burst open, the Rebbe came out and said, "I know what you asked for, and I know what Hashem's response was!" He then closed the door and went back into seclusion. The *Chassidim* understood that he wanted to teach them some kind of a lesson, so timidly one of the *Chassidim* knocked on his door and asked, "What was it that we asked for?" The *Kotzker Rebbe* replied, "You said to Hashem, 'We really would love to serve you. We ask that you give us tranquility, taking away all things that cause us not to be able to focus on our service to you – even if the price will be that we lose out on living a comfortable life.'" Then the Rebbe closed the door and went back into seclusion. The *Chassidim* were surprised that the Rebbe's words were right on the money. They then knocked on the door again and asked, "May we please know, what was Hashem's response?" The *Kotzker* said: "Hashem said, 'What I am really looking for is that you serve Me with whatever I throw at you – It is not for you to choose **what** I throw at you or **where** I throw it!'"

This is indeed a fascinating idea which gives a broader understanding of the words "*bechol livavecha*" – meaning, not only with all of one's heart, but also to be devoted in any situation that arises.

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Lifecycles

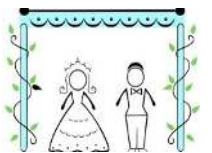
Mazel Tov to **Eli and Nina Waldman** on the Bar mitzvah of their son **Uri**.

Mazel Tov to **Nachman and Riqi Rudolph** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Chaim**—cousin to Uri Waldman! The Kehilla



is invited to a Kiddush immediately after Shabbos morning davening next door at Motza Mayim.

Mazel Tov to **Yaacov and Shira Gitstein** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter **Rachel Chenya** to **Binyamin Yehuda Blatt**. The Kehilla is invited to the wedding on Monday August 7 at The Gra (Nachal Luz): *Chupah* 18:30 (prompt); *Simchas Chassan V'Kallah* from 21:00.



Mazel Tov to **Yosef and Esther Lubliner** on the birth of a grandson to their children **David and Malka Di Nepi**.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Eikev
לוח שבת פרשת עקב

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:49	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:09	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:57/19:17	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:19	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:37	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:31	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:22	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos	18:24	פרקי אבות
Mincha 4	✖	מנחה ד'
Sunset	19:36	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:13	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:36	מעריב ב'

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving **two shiurim** this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **HILCHOS CHOL HAMOED**

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Rav Zachariash has begun learning the halachas of **Chol Hamoed**. See if you know the halachas with the questions below from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: A Little Trim

Q Reuven's mustache was getting a bit long on one side of his mouth, but the hairs were not so long that they were interfering with his eating. Would he be permitted to trim these hairs of his mustache during *chol hamoed*?

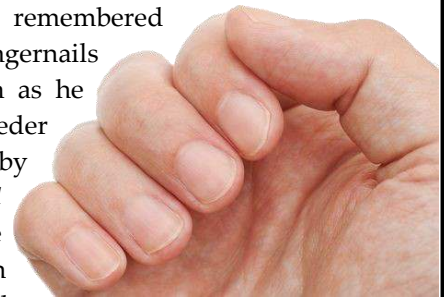


A Yes. Reuven is permitted to trim his moustache with scissors during *chol hamoed*, even if they are not interfering with his eating.

OC 531:8 Shaar Hazion 15

Q&A: Manicure Time

Q Yitzchak Tzvi remembered to cut his fingernails on *erev* Pesach as he was preparing for Seder night in the hotel but, by the fourth day of *chol hamoed*, his nails were looking a bit uneven and unkempt. Is he permitted to cut his nails during *chol hamoed*?



A Yes. Since he cut his nails before Yom Tov, he would be permitted to cut them again during *chol hamoed*. However, if he did not cut his nails before Yom Tov, then there is a debate as to whether he would be permitted to cut them during *chol hamoed*.

OC 532; M.B. 2; A.H. 2

Q&A: A Biting Situation

Q As Avrumy and his mother walked into the Seder room at the Boca Gateway Hotel, she noticed his nails: "Avrumy, why didn't you cut your nails before Yom Tov?" "I forgot," was his meek answer. Is Avrumy permitted to trim his nails during *chol hamoed* by biting them with his teeth?



A Yes. If Avrumy had remembered to cut his nails before Yom Tov, then he would be permitted to use nail clippers or scissors on *chol hamoed*. As he forgot, then he would only be permitted to cut his nails in a non-normal fashion, such as by biting them with his teeth. Note that if Avrumy were Sefardi, he would be permitted to cut his nails using nail clippers even if he had forgotten to do so before Yom Tov.

OC 532; M.B. 3

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Reb Yitzchak Hutner explained this verse in a totally different way. He said that there are people who consecrate their lives to learning Torah and yet they have a pull towards wanting to live a more financially successful life. This can be seen in how excited they are about money vs. how excited they are about Torah.



The neighbor next door, who may even have learned with him in yeshiva, instead went into business. However, he wishes he could be a much greater *Talmid Chacham*. He shows greater honor to *Rabanim* than to wealthy people, and wishes he had more time to learn. Rav Hutner said that even if the first person was well-versed in *Shas* and Torah, the second person is much closer to Hashem. He explains this based on a verse in Mishlei 27:21 “וְאִישׁ לְפִי מְהַלְלוֹ” (And a man is appraised by what he praises). What a person admires tells us who he really is. This man who lived his life learning Torah, though he may have done all the right actions, but he was missing “...with all your heart and with all your soul.” The man who was in business obviously understood that making money was not the purpose of life – it was just a necessity to live. His heart never left the Beis Medrash and therefore he is much closer to Hashem.

In fact, this week I met a man who recently closed his successful business and went into retirement. He clearly vocalized to me that life is not about making money - there are other things which are more important. True to his word, today he spends much of his day learning.

When we sit down to learn or to do other *mitzvos*, I believe it is really important that we should really do them “with all your heart and with all your soul”. Whether Hashem has given us a life where we get involved in Torah and *mitzvos* for most of our day, or for only a few hours. Whatever we are doing should be with all our heart, knowing this is what Hashem wants from us.

Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

Bochurim are busy studying in our *Beis Medrash* thanks to members of our kehilla who sponsored this learning!



Shabbos Mincha Reminder!

Starting this week there are only two minyonim for Shabbos Mincha:

מנחה בשבת קודש רק ב:

13:30 and 18:00

המשך מעמוד 4

למעשה היום הוא מעסיק את רוב יומי בלימוד תורה. כשאנחנו יושבים ללמוד או לקיים מצוות אחרות, אני מאמין שחשוב מאוד שנעשה אותם באמת “בכל לבבכם ובכל נפשכם”. בין אם ה' העניק לנו חיים שבהם אנו זוכים להיות מעורבים בתורה ובמצוות במשך רוב שעות היום, או רק לכמה שעות, כל מה שאנחנו עושים צריך להיות מכל הלב, בידיעה שזה מה שה' רוצה מאיתנו במצבנו.

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

מכל הלב

"...בְּכָל-לִבְכֶּם וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁכֶם." (דברים יא:ג)

אנו מבינים שהפסוק הזה, שאנו אומרים פעמיים ביום, אומר לנו שהשירות והמסירות שלנו לה' חייבות להיות מלאות ומקיפות. הרב אליקים שלזינגר מלונדון סיפר את הסיפור הבא על הרבי מקוצק ששמע מהרב מבריסק:

זה היה ראש השנה, וכמנהגו של הרבי מקוצק, הוא לא התפלל בבית המדרש, אלא בחדרו הפרטי ליד בית המדרש. לפתע נפתחה דלתו, הרבי יצא ואמר: "אני יודע מה ביקשתם, ואני יודע מה הייתה תשובתו של ה'!" אז הוא סגר את הדלת וחזר להתבודד. החסידים הבינו שהוא רוצה ללמד אותם איזשהו מסר, אז בחרדה דפק אחד החסידים על דלתו ושאל: "מה זה ביקשנו?" הרבי מקוצק השיב: "בקשתם מה', 'אנחנו באמת נשמח לשרת אותך. אנו מבקשים שתתן לנו שקט ושלווה, תסיר את כל הדברים שמונעים מאיתנו להתמקד בשירותנו לך - גם אם המחיר יהיה שנחיה חיים פחות נוחים.'" ושוב סגר הרבי את הדלת וחזר להתבודד. החסידים הופתעו מכך, שדברי הרבי היו ממש מדויקים. לאחר עוד כמה דקות דפקו שוב על הדלת ושאלו, "אפשר בבקשה לדעת, מה הייתה תשובתו של ה'?" הקוצק ענה: "ה' אמר, 'מה שאני באמת מבקש ממכם הוא לא שתבחרו מה אני מטיל עליכם, אלא שתעבדו אותי בכל מצב שאני מציב אתכם!'"

זהו אכן רעיון מרתק, שמוסיף הבנה רחבה יותר על המילים "בכל לבבכם" - כלומר, לא רק עם כל הלב, אלא גם להיות מסורים לה' בכל מצב שיהיה.

ר' יצחק הוטנר הסביר את הפסוק הזה בצורה אחרת לגמרי. הוא אמר שיש אנשים שמקדשים את חייהם ללימוד תורה ובכל זאת יש להם משיכה לחיות ברמה כלכלית גבוהה יותר. ניתן לראות זאת כמה הם מתלהבים מעשירות לעומת כמה הם מתלהבים מלימוד התורה. אולם השכן שלו, שאולי אפילו היה חברו בישיבה, ונכנס לעסקים, רוצה להיות יותר תלמיד חכם. הוא מגלה כבוד גדול יותר לרבנים מאשר לעשירים ומשתדל למצוא יותר זמן ללימוד התורה. הרב הוטנר אמר שגם אם הראשון היה בקי בש"ס ובתורה, השני קרוב יותר לה'. הוא מסביר זאת על בסיס הפסוק "וְאִישׁ לְפִי מִהֲלָלוֹ" (משלי כז:א) מה שאדם מעריץ אומר לנו מי הוא באמת. האיש שחי את חייו בלימוד תורה, אמנם עשה את כל הדברים הנכונים, אבל היה חסר לו "בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך". האיש העסקים הבין כמובן שלהרוויח כסף זה לא מטרת החיים - זה רק הכרחי לחיות, וליבו מעולם לא עזב את בית המדרש ולכן הוא הרבה יותר קרוב לה'.

השבוע פגשתי איש שלאחרונה סגר את העסק המצליח שלו ויצא לפנסיה. הוא אמר לי בבירור שהחיים הם לא להרוויח כסף - יש דברים אחרים שהם יותר חשובים.

המשך בעמוד 3

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מנחה	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:30, 17:44, 19:12
מערב	20:15, 21:00	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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