

Out of Service

"(The Kohein Gadol) may not defile himself for any deceased person, including his father and mother" (Vayikra 21:11)

The Torah tells us in this week's parsha that the Kohen Gadol is not permitted to contaminate himself by participating in the funeral of his brothers, sisters or even his parents, because he is in the service of Hashem. This is quite striking, for on the other hand the Torah says that a "regular" Kohen is permitted to contaminate himself. In fact, according to one opinion in the Gemora, there is a *mitzvah* in the Torah for a regular Kohen to contaminate himself! Indeed, it seems strange that Aharon HaKohen, who was the ultimate example of caring for his fellow Jew, would have to act callously to his loved ones, including his parents who raised him. What is



so special about the Kohen Gadol? The obvious answer to this question is that somehow his intense relationship with Hashem precludes his ability to release himself from that sphere to enter a different one.

There is a story told about the Chofetz Chaim, which took me a while to understand. The Chofetz Chaim had a son who was a great Tzadik. The son became sick while doing a mitzvah and eventually passed away in the midst of doing another mitzvah. At the time of his demise, the Chofetz Chaim was out of town and unreachable, and so the son was buried without the father being present. As people were returning from the funeral, the Chofetz Chaim arrived in town and when told what happened, said over the following story: During the Spanish Inquisition there was a woman who had only one child. When that child was given the choice to convert or die, he chose to die. At that point the mother looked towards Heaven and proclaimed, "*Ribono Shel Olam*, aside from You there is nothing in the world that I love except for my son. Now that my son is gone, I will use that love for you alone!" The Chofetz Chaim said, "I too, would like to make that statement: Hashem, I love my son immensely, and now that he is gone, I am giving that love to you."

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Yehuda and Tamar Nyssen** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Chana & Avraham Yosef Boxer**. Shalom Zachor Friday night at the Nyssen residence Nachal Dolev 25B/12.



Mazel Tov to **Reuvain and Yitta Mendlowitz** on the upcoming marriage of their daughter **Atara** to **Menachem Sommer**, which will take place on Lag B'Omer (May 9) at the Beit HaEla Hotel (*chupah* will finish before sunset).



PIRKEI AVOS

WITH RAV AVRAHAM BARUCH ZACHARIASH

This week the Shiur begins at 18:24 and will remain at this time until August 12th.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Emor לוח שבת פרשת אמור

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:38	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	17:58	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:45/19:05	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:07	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:25	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:24	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:14	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	19:26	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:03	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:26	מעריב ב'

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Q&A: Considering Kosel Kid Kriya

Q 8-year-old Sruli Kagan was very excited to visit his big brother Yitzchak Tzvi at his Yeshiva in the Old City. After showing him around the yeshiva, Yitzchak Tzvi took his brother to the Kosel — the first time his little brother had seen it in many months. Yitzchak Tzvi had already ripped his shirt at the beginning of the semester when he saw the Kosel. Should his little brother Sruly rip his shirt?

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. He can do whatever he wants.

A 3. He can do whatever he wants. There are opinions both ways. One opinion says he does not need to rip, since ripping at the age of 8 would only be for the purposes of education. We hope that, by the time the boy is 13, the Holy Temple will have been rebuilt, thereby obviating the need to rip or to learn about ripping. Other opinions state that Sruly should rip his clothes so that others should see this rip on a child and become distressed over the destruction of the Holy Temple.

YD 340:27; O.C. 561 Dirshu note 12

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עבודת ה', חייבים לעזוב את משפחותיהם, עד כדי אי הכרתם. משמעות הדבר היא שיש לדחות את חובותיהם המשפחתיות הקבועות כאשר הם מתקדשים בשירות ה'. רמה זו נעקפת כמובן במקרה של פטירת קרוב משפחה. אולם עבור הכהן הגדול, גם זה נחשב להפרעה בדרישתו להיות שקוע לגמרי בעבודת הקודש שלו.

אבי, זכרוננו לברכה, סיפר לי שכשהרב רודרמן למד בסלבודקה, אביו נפטר והאלטער לא אמר לו עד סוף הזמן, ורק אז הוא ישב שבעה. האלטער אמר שלימוד התורה בהתמדה של הבן היא זכות יותר גדולה מאשר שהבן יאמר עבורו קדיש.

כפי שהפסוק אומר לנו בבירור, ישנן רמות שונות המתאימות לכל אדם ופרט לגבי כמה עלינו להתנתק מהעולם הזה, כדי לשרת את ה'. למשל: האם זה נכון לעזוב את סדר הלימוד שלנו כדי לעלות לקבר ביהרצייט? נקודה למחשבה.

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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**

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MAY 7

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What I didn't understand was that while there can be a conflict regarding a person's love (e.g. two sons or two brothers), a person can simultaneously love both his father and his son. It does not seem to me that there is any conflict at all! So how is a person's love for Hashem diminished by the fact that he also loves his child at the same time?

Today's computers can have multiple windows open at the same time, each one running a different program without any conflicts between them. However, the more windows that are open, the longer it will take to execute a command - because there is only so much that can be done at one time by the internal processor.

Yes, there is no competition between one's father and one's son. One can love them both. But the emotional capacity to love is limited like a computer's processor, and therefore divided by the two. This is what the mother meant and the Chofetz Chaim echoed: "I consecrate my love for you, Hashem!"

Yonatan Ben Uziel says (Devarim 33:9) that when the Kohanim go to do the holy work of Hashem they must take leave of their families, to the point of not knowing them. This means that their regular familial obligations must be suspended when they consecrate themselves in the service of Hashem. This level is obviously suspended in the case of the passing of a close relative. However, for the Kohen Gadol, even this is considered an infraction on his need to be totally absorbed in his holy work.

My father, *Zichrono livracha*, told me that when Rabbi Ruderman was studying in Slabodka, his father died and the *Alter* didn't tell him until the *zman* ended, at which time he sat *shiva*. The *Alter* said it was a bigger merit for the father to his son to learn with *hasmada* than for the son to say *Kaddish* for him.

Obviously as the verse clearly tells us, there are different levels expected of each and every individual regarding how much we have to cut ourselves off from the world in order to serve Hashem. For example: should one leave his learning seder to go to a grave on a *Yahrzeit*?

Something to think about.

אבות ובנים Shabbos Afternoon



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LAG B'OMER AT AHAVAS SHALOM AVOS UBANIM

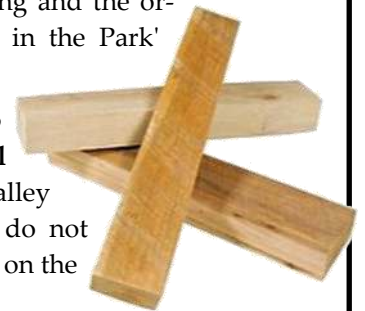
Monday 19:15-20:15

Immediately followed by Lag B'Omer in the Park
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Lag B'Omer Volunteers

Lag B'Omer is fast approaching and the organizers of our 'Lag B'Omer in the Park' need your help:

Wood Collectors: Please help us to collect wood for the **shul bonfire** and leave it in the alley behind the shul hall. Please do not leave the wood anywhere else on the shul grounds!



Setup and Service: We need volunteers, men, women and youth for the following tasks. If you are able to help, contact Hananiah Lasker, Shimon Young, Binyomin Rubenstein, Shuli Harris or Merav Lasker.

- Setup (a few hours before Lag B'Omer)
- Managing the food service stands during the event
- Pack up and clean up after the event.

תנאי עבודה

יָעַל כָּל-נִפְשֹׁת מֵת לֹא יָבֹא לְאָבִיו וּלְאִמּוֹ לֹא יִטְמָא (ויקרא כא:יא)

התורה אומרת לנו בפרשת השבוע שאסור לכהן הגדול לטמא את עצמו על ידי השתתפות בהלוויה של אחיו, אחיותיו ואפילו הוריו, כי הוא בשירות ה'. זה די מרשים, שכן מצד שני התורה קובעת שכהן הדיוט מותר לטמא את עצמו, ולמעשה, לפי דעה אחת בגמרא, חייב הכהן הדיוט לטמא את עצמו! אכן, נראה מוזר שאהרן הכהן, שהיה הדוגמה המעולה לדאגה להזולת, יצטרך לנהוג כאילו בחוסר רגש כלפי אהוביו, כולל הוריו שגידלו אותו. מה כל כך מיוחד בכהן הגדול? התשובה הברורה לשאלה זו היא שאיכשהו, מערכת היחסים החזקה שלו עם ה' מונעת את יכולתו לשחרר את עצמו מאותה מערכת כדי להיכנס למערכת אחרת.

יש סיפור על החפץ חיים, שלקח לי זמן להבין. לחפץ חיים היה בן שהיה צדיק גדול. הבן חלה בעת עשיית מצווה ולבסוף נפטר באמצע של עשיית מצווה אחרת. בעת פטירתו היה החפץ חיים מחוץ לעיר ובלתי ניתן להשגה, וכך נקבר הבן ללא נוכחות אביו. כשהקהל חזר מההלוויה, הגיע החפץ חיים לעיר ולאחר שסיפרו לו מה קרה, סיפר את הסיפור הבא: במהלך האינקוויזיציה הספרדית הייתה אישה עם ילד יחיד. כשהיתה לילד הזה הבחירה להתנצר או למות, הוא בחר למות. באותו שלב הסתכלה האם לעבר השמים והצהירה, "רבונו של עולם, אין דבר בעולם שאני אוהבת מלבדך חוץ מהבן שלי. עכשיו, כשהבן שלי איננו, אני אשתמש גם באהבה הזו בשבילך לבד!" החפץ חיים אמר: "גם אני רוצה לומר את ההצהרה הזאת: ה', אהבתי מאוד את בני, ועכשיו כשהוא איננו, אני נותן לך את האהבה הזו".


מה שלא הבנתי זה שאמנם יכולה להיות תחרות לגבי אהבתו של אדם (למשל עם שני בנים או שני אחים), אבל אפשרי לאדם לאהוב גם את אביו וגם את בנו בו זמנית. לא נראה לי שיש בכלל סתירה! אז איך אהבתו של אדם לה' מצטמצמת על ידי אהבתו גם לילד שלו באותו הזמן?

למחשבים של היום יכולים להיות מספר חלונות פתוחים בו-זמנית, ובכל אחד מריץ תוכנה אחרת, ללא התנגשויות ביניהם. עם זאת, ככל שיהיו יותר חלונות פתוחים, כך ייקח יותר זמן לבצע פקודה - כי ישנה מגבלה למה שניתן לעשות בבת אחת על ידי המעבד הפנימי.

נכון, אין תחרות בין אהבתו של אדם לאביו ולבנו. אפשר לאהוב את שניהם. אבל היכולת הרגשית לאהוב מוגבלת כמו מעבד של מחשב, ולכן מתחלקת בין השניים. לזה התכוונה האם, והחפץ חיים חזר ואמר: "אני מקדיש את כל אהבתי אליך ה'!"

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