

Take a Good Look

"View, from Your sacred residence..." (Devarim 26:15)

Chazal tell us (Medrash Tanchuma Ki Sisa) that the word "Hashkifa" (which means "to gaze with intent"), usually has bad connotations. However, our parsha is the exception. Here, through the mitzvah of *tzedakah*, Hashem moves off the seat of judgement to that of mercy. The question is, "How does this work? Also, why is it, so to speak, that when Hashem gazes normally, He is looking at things strictly?"

We are aware that many times when people sin, even though they – G-d forbid – do it with intent, they have a gnawing feeling in their stomach, for they know and understand that it is wrong and they truly feel guilty about doing it. They just could not overcome their temptation. Even when people do mitzvos, often there may be some personal gain involved. Therefore, when Hashem examines our actions and He sees different motivations even in our good actions, some wonderful and some less desirable, what type of opinion of us does Hashem reach?

My father once compared this to golf: Each hole in golf has a certain par, which is the expected number of strokes needed to get the ball into the hole. No one is expected to hit a hole in one, but that is certainly ideal. Depending upon how good a player one is, he will have a particular handicap which will adjust our expectations on how he will perform. So too in service to Hashem, Hashem evaluates each person's situation and provides the handicap necessary so that he can come up to par.

Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach discusses this idea in a responsa on the subject of children who are mentally impaired. He says that there may be situations where the child indeed has a full obligation to perform

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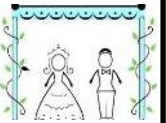


Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Yehuda and Tamara Nyssen** on the marriage earlier in the week of their son **Yakir Ephraim to Channah Klein**, daughter of **Ben Tzion and Leah Klein** of Jerusalem. The Kehila is invited to a Kiddush this Shabbos at Nachal Yaala 22 starting around 10:30am.



Mazel Tov to **Baruch and Tammy Labinsky** on the upcoming wedding of their son **Rephael to Rena Arieli** on Tuesday (5-Sep-23) at Kinor Dovid (12 Yigal Alon). *Chupah* 18:00; *Simchas Choson v'Kallah* 21:00.



PIRKEI AVOS

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STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING

SHIUR FROM 18:04 UNTIL 18:40

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Ki Savo לוח שבת פרשת כי תבא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:24	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	17:44	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:27/18:47	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:49	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:07	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochin Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:41	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:28	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 3	17:40	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos	18:04	פרקי אבות
Sunset	19:05	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:42	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:05	מעריב ב'

Rosh Hashanah Babysitting Rotation

The Ahavas Shalom Neshei is organizing a babysitting rotation in which mothers or their teens can take turns to supervise the children during the Rosh Hashanah davening. In exchange, mothers can drop off their kids while they daven at Ahavas Shalom.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Harris shuli@ahavasshalom.org.



Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving one *shiur* this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 **CANCELLED!**

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasshalomZoom

Videos are also available on ahavasshalom.org

Some questions for Rosh Hashanah!

From RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: Shofar Shtik

Q On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, which fell out on a Shabbos, Rabbi Cohen hosted Reuven and his family. "I miss the fact that we may not blow the shofar on Shabbos," the Rabbi lamented to his guests, "but that doesn't mean we can't find some connection to the shofar today." He then turned around and to the shock of all the guests took a shofar out of his display cabinet, put his hand on the small opening, filled it with seltzer water, and drank. "I thought a shofar was *mukzeh*?" asked Hudy. "We can't blow it on Shabbos, but we are permitted to use it in this manner," answered the Rabbi. The next day of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, as Hudy was eating lunch with his family, he decided to do the same trick. He took his father's shofar off the shelf and went to fill it with water. Is he permitted to do this same "trick" on the second day of Rosh Hashanah that Rabbi Cohen did on the first day of Rosh Hashanah?

A No. When Rosh Hashanah is not on Shabbos, though the shofar is not *mukzeh*, it is designated for the mitzvah of blowing shofar to the exclusion of other mundane actions. On Shabbos, while it is still *mukzeh* and forbidden to blow, one may use it for itself — *l'gufo* — such as for a cup.

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Q&A: I'm Gonna Wash That Phlegm Right out of my Shofar

Q Aharon Deer took the shofar that had previously belonged to Murray Epstein's great-grandfather and tried to blow it for him in the Yorkville Home for the Aged, but no sound came out. "Oy!" coughed Murray. "I had tried to blow it earlier in the day, but it must be filled with phlegm — my throat is clear now and the phlegm's gotta be somewhere!" he chortled. "Come. Let me wash it out in the sink here in my room." Is it permissible for Murray to wash out the shofar on Rosh Hashanah day?

A Yes. This is no different than washing dishes, which is permitted on Shabbos and Yom Tov. However, this is probably not a good idea, as the water can affect the sound of the shofar. It might be better to try to blow out the phlegm, bang it out, or use a tissue to wipe it out.

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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 Elul, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



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mitzvos, though it is unrealistic to expect him to execute his obligation properly. Therefore, Hashem will judge him according to his ability.

There are certain mitzvos, however, that their challenge is great enough that it almost is as if we don't expect one to succeed at it at all. Whatever one does accomplish regarding these mitzvos demonstrates his desire to serve Hashem. This applies to the mitzvah of *tzedakah*. A person takes his hard-earned money and gives it away gladly. He does this with the understanding that Hashem made him the custodian of these funds, so that he can have the privilege of allocating the funds needed by other human beings. Since this person left his "comfort zone" and did the opposite of what good sense would say, Hashem reciprocates and even if this mitzvah was done without the proper intent (*shelo lishma*), or was otherwise faulty, Hashem will only see the good in this person's act.

With this idea we can understand why at this time of year there is a special emphasis on giving *tzedakah*. Our selflessness and reaching out to help others will bring about *mida kneged mida* on the way Hashem looks at us during the days of judgement. He will see that we acted out of the box, and hopefully He will act similarly with us.

I would like to expand on this thought with a quote from HaRav Aharon Leib Shteinman Z"L. We say at the end of bentching, וְלֹא רִאִיתִי צְדִיק נֶעְזָב (I have not seen a righteous man abandoned). Reb Aharon Leib added: I have not seen a *mevater* (one who gives deference to another) lose out.

At this time of year, aside from giving *tzedakah*, we should find other ways to leave our comfort zone for the benefit of others. We also should try to take advantage of the opportunities to (for example) give away our place in line, our *chavrusa*, or a parking spot, to someone who is in need. By doing this, Hashem's gaze on us, on the *yom hadin*, should be a positive one, and one that will bring us *brocho* in the year to come.

המשך מעמוד 4

מסתכל עלינו במהלך ימי הדין. הוא יראה שפעלנו מחוץ לקופסה, ומקווים שהוא ינהג איתנו באופן מקביל.

ברצוני להרחיב על מחשבה זו באמצעות ציטוט של הרב אהרן לייב שטיינמן ז"ל. אנו אומרים בסוף ברכת המזון, "וְלֹא רִאִיתִי צְדִיק נֶעְזָב". ר' אהרן לייב הוסיף: "ולא ראיתי מוותר מפסיד".

בתקופה זו של השנה, מלבד מתן צדקה, עלינו למצוא דרכים אחרות לצאת מאזור הנוחות שלנו לטובת אחרים. אנחנו גם צריכים לנצל את ההזדמנויות, לדוג' לוותר על המקום שלנו בתור, על החברותא שרצינו או מקום החניה, למישהו שזקוק לו. בכך, מבטו של ה' עלינו ביום הדין, יהפוך למבט חיובי, וזוהי יעניק לנו ברכה בשנה הבאה.

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Hardship cases will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

Credit cards: Nedarim Plus ahavasshalom.org/nedarim

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Please contact Brad Rubenstein 054-237-0028 or

brad@ahavasshalom.org to arrange seats and payments.

Bar Mitzvah in 5784?

If your son having a Bar Mitzvah in 5784, make sure you schedule the date with us as soon as possible so as to avoid disappointment due to scheduling conflicts. Contact Naftali Kaplan Gabbai@AhavasShalom.org to schedule your son's Bar Mitzvah.



Don't Be Left Out!

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When you have a simcha (or R"L a sad event), it is *so easy* to have it included in the next newsletter! Just send an email to lev@ahavasshalom.org! **Deadline is 11:00 Thursday.** Reminder: Sending an instant message or an email to anyone else will probably result in your announcement not making it to the newsletter!

Start 5784 with a Clean Slate

Before you "dip the apple in the honey", please consider dipping into your wallet to pay off any outstanding pledges and dues you might still have from 5783.

The easiest way to pay is to use the NEDARIM plus terminal or Nedarim Plus online at ahavasshalom.org/nedarim

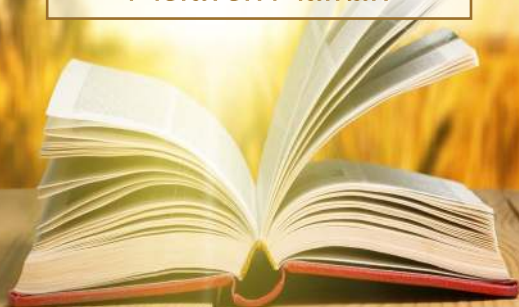
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See Mr. Beer if you have any questions about your account.



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21:00 Motza'ei Shabbos
Parshas Ki Savo
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Melaveh Malkah



Daf Yomi Siyum

השיעור מתקיים 7 ימים בשבוע: **ימים א'-ה'**: 19:15-20:15
שישי: 13:00-13:30; **שבת**: אחרי מעריב השני.



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לע"נ **יקותיאל בן יונה בן יעקוב משה ז"ל**

תסתכל טוב

חז"ל אומרים על המילה 'השקיפה', שפירושה 'להביט בכוונה', "אמר רבי אלכסנדר, גדול כחן של בעלי מעשרות, שהופכין את הקללה לברכה. שבכל מקום שנאמר בו השקפה, לשון צער הוא... חוץ מזו, השקיפה ממעון קדשך וברך..." (מדרש תנחומא כי תשא:יד), שבאמצעות מצוות צדקה, ה' עובר ממידת הדין למידת הרחמים. השאלה היא "איך זה עובד?" וכמו כן, "מדוע, כביכול, בדרך כלל ה' מסתכל עלינו בקפדנות?"

אנו מודעים לכך שהרבה פעמים כאשר אנשים חוטאים, למרות שהם – חלילה – עושים זאת בכוונה, יש להם תחושה לא נוחה בבטן, כי הם יודעים ומבינים שזה לא בסדר והם באמת מרגישים אשמה על חטאם. הם פשוט לא הצליחו להתגבר על הפיתוי. אפילו כשאנשים עושים מצוות, בדרך כלל יש בכך תועלת אישית כלשהי. לכן, כאשר ה' בוחן את מעשינו והוא רואה מניעים שונים אפילו במעשינו הטובים, חלקם מופלאים וחלקם פחות רצויים, לאיזה סוג של מסקנה מגיע ה' לגבינו?

אבא שלי השווה את זה פעם למשחק הגולף: לכל חור בגולף יש שווי מסוים, שהוא המספר המוערך של חבטות הדרושות כדי להכניס את הכדור לחור. אף אחד לא חושב להכות לחור בחבטה אחת, אבל זה בהחלט הכי טוב. לפי רמת הכישורים של השחקן, כך נצפה ממנו לביצועים טובים יותר. כך גם בעבודת ה', ה' מעריך את מצבו של כל אדם ומספק את המקדם הנצרך כדי שיוכל להגיע לרמה הדרושה.

הרב שלמה זלמן אוירבך דן ברעיון זה בשו"ת בנושא ילדים לקויי נפש. לדבריו, ייתכנו מצבים שבהם אכן חלה על הילד חובה מלאה לקיים מצוות, אם כי לא ריאלי לצפות ממנו לקיים את חובתו כראוי. לכן ה' ישפוט אותו לפי יכולתו.

עם זאת, יש מצוות מסוימות שהקושי שלהן גדול מספיק כדי שזה כמעט כאילו אנחנו לא מצפים שאף אחד יצליח בזה בכלל. לגבי מצוות אלו, כל מה שאדם עושה מוכיח את רצונו לעבוד את ה'. זה מתייחס דווקא למצוות צדקה. אדם לוקח את כספו שהרוויח בעמל רב, ותורם אותו בשמחה, מתוך הבנה שה' מינה אותו לאפוטרופוס של הכספים הללו, כדי שיזכה להקצות את הכספים הדרושים לבני אדם אחרים. מכיוון שאדם זה עזב את "אזור הנחות" שלו ועשה את ההיפך מהרגיל, ה' מגיב באותה מידה, וגם אם מצווה זו נעשתה שלו לשמה, או הייתה פגומה איכשהו, ה' יראה רק את הטוב שבמעשה הצדקה שלו.

עם הרעיון הזה נוכל להבין מדוע בתקופה זו של השנה יש דגש מיוחד לתת צדקה. חוסר האנוכיות והנדיבות שלנו בעזרה לזולת יביאו לידי מידה כנגד מידה בדרך שבה ה'

המשך בעמוד 3

Weekday times until Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech	י' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נצבים-ויילך
	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	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	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:17, 18:40	13:15, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	13:15, 15:15	מנחה	
	Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	מעריב	

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