

Thanks - Giving

"Open your hand generously to your brother, to your indigent, and to your destitute in your land." (Devarim 15:11)

I was recently given a ride by a friend of mine. I have noticed over time that he tries very hard to give rides to whomever he can. There is one "regular" passenger who usually goes to one of two destinations in the same city. My friend usually asks him "Where to today?" well before he needs to turn onto this road or that road. I found this to be a little bit strange, but never commented on it. Most drivers would ask such a question when they came closer to the point where they had to decide which way to go. The reason for this behavior was revealed to me incidentally.

But first I would like to ask a question on a story that I saw in a *sefer*. A rich man became very poor, and the *Vilna Gaon* was asked why this happened. He answered that it was because the man gave more than a fifth of his money to *tzedakah*. *Chazal* say that one should give a fifth, and giving more is improper.

However, the Rambam in the beginning of *Meseches Pe'ah* says that if one wants to be exceedingly pious, it is permitted to give more than a fifth of one's money to charity. In addition, the Rambam (*Yad Hachazakah* 10:2) says that a person should never hold back from giving *tzedakah*, and nothing bad or damaging will happen to him because of the *tzedakah* that he gave. This seems to indicate that even if one gave more than a fifth nothing bad would happen to him! Furthermore, the *Shita Mekubetztes* (Kesuvos Daf Nun, based on Rashi) says it is also permissible to give more than a fifth to support Torah.

It is well known that the *Divrei Chaim* never went to sleep with any money in his possession. If he had money when it was time to go to sleep, he would find a poor person to

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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 **Rabbi Akiva Teichtal**.
- No *Beis Elokim* shiur or Shabbos day *drasha*.
- The *Pirkei Avos* shiur will be given by **Rabbi Yosef Brown**.
- Also no shiurim on Sunday and Tuesday.

THE RAV
IS OUT

Lifecycles

The kehilla offers condolences to our administrative secretary **Mrs. Miriam Zakoo** on the loss of her brother, **Tzvi Hershel Ben Yisrael HaLevy**. You can reach Mrs. Zakoo via 058-3263914 or miriam@ahavasshalom.org. Mrs. Zakoo will be getting up from Shiva on Tuesday morning, August 15. (As Mrs. Zakoo will be unable to attend to any shul business during the shiva, please either contact a Vaad member or write to lev@ahavasshalom.org.)



הַמָּקוֹם יִנְחָם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שָׂרָר אֲבֵלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם

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Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:44	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:04	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.	08:34	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:24	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos	18:24	פרקי אבות
Sunset	19:29	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:06	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:29	מעריב ב'

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Mevarchin Rosh Chodesh Elul

הַמֹּלַד יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם
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The Molad will be Wednesday 4 minutes and 17 *chalakim* after 5 in the afternoon (Israeli Clock Time 17:49).

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ אֱלוּל יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם
חֲמִישִׁי וּבְיוֹם שְׁשִׁי הָבֹא עָלֵינוּ
יַעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Thursday and Friday.

While the Rav is away, prepare for Rosh Chodesh Elul with the questions below from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: 17 of Elul

Q The S.A. states that the spies in the wilderness, sent by Moses, who brought back a "bad" report regarding Eretz Yisrael, preventing the Jews from entering the *chosen land*, died on the 17th of Elul. The S.A. states that this date, when the spies died, was a tragedy for the Jewish people and it is proper to fast on this day. As these spies were wicked people, and due to their *loshen hara* caused the entire Jewish nation to wander for 40 years in the desert, causing the day of Tisha B'Av to forever be a day of tragedy. It would be more fitting to rejoice on this day that these wicked people died! Why is this date a "sad" day of mourning on which Jews should fast?

A It is true that the spies were wicked. When they gave the bad reports on Tisha B'Av, they were punished that their tongues swelled up in their mouths and elongated until their belly buttons, and they were punished with many diseases until their ultimate death on the 17th of Elul. We can assume that they realized their wrongs and the trouble they created. They must have done *teshuva*, but Hashem did **not** forgive their sins. On this date we mourn that it is not easy to do proper *teshuva*, where Hashem will easily forgive. And that punishment can be severe, unless we understand how to repent properly.

OC 580; Beer Hagolah 3, Igres Moshe O.C. #3, 14

Q&A: Call of the Shofar

Q Ashkenazim begin blowing the shofar and saying "Le'Dovid" from Rosh Chodesh Elul. Which day should they begin, according to the M.B. and according to the A.H? 1. First day of Rosh Chodesh (30 Av); 2. Second day of Rosh Chodesh (1 Elul); 3. The day after Rosh Chodesh (2 Elul).

A M.B.: 1. or 2. (Both customs exist and are acceptable.); A.H.: 2.

OC 581; M.B. 3; A.H. 1

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give it to. When he was asked about the *halacha* which states that you should not give more than a fifth, he answered, "That is talking about a person who is just giving *tzedakah* to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*. But the Torah teaches us that if a person has sinned, part of the repentance process is to give *tzedakah*. Therefore, since this is for my personal "*pikuah nefesh*" and to obtain atonement, the *halacha* of one fifth does not apply."

We have the Gaon who said you cannot give more than a fifth, but many others who seem to say that you can give more than a fifth.

In order to resolve this contradiction, I would like to suggest the following. There are wealthy people who feel they have the right to throw around their money frivolously. That is the concept of a *mevazbaz* (one who squanders) – just because one has the means, does not give him the right to spend thoughtlessly. However, if a person has a reason or a need, such as to further Torah or to redeem himself from sins, that is not considered squandering, and therefore it is permissible.

Similarly, if the person spends the extra funds specifically because he would like to increase his piousness, that is also called "money well spent."

There is a well-known *Chazal* on the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*, which states that one should give and give again – even 100 times. This is learned from the verse "*pose'ach tiftach*", a double expression of giving. The concept is that when there is a need, one should fill it. The person should understand that being a giver is a special honor bestowed on him by *Hakadosh Baruch Hu*, and every time is a new privilege.

There are two expressions describing charitable people, "*ba'al chesed*" and "*ba'al tzedakah*". I believe these terms imply that these people understand that this is part of the power that Hashem has bestowed upon them and they should do their job well. Therefore, the *ba'al tzedakah* perhaps will be permitted to give more than a fifth, understanding that to be his job. The man that the *Vilna Gaon* was talking about was just giving away extra money, and that is incorrect.

My friend who gave me a ride is a *b'aal chesed*. Today he explained to me that the reason that he asks early in the ride where his "regular" passenger's destination is in order to facilitate his picking up other passengers who need rides, so he can tell these people his destination, and they can quickly decide to come in or not. In short, he is looking to get the most bang for his buck because he considers it an honor to help out another Jew.

Sometimes when we are repeatedly asked to give, we have an urge to say, "I gave already (at the office)". Others will say, "What a wonderful opportunity I have to be able to do this *mitzvah* again!" Let us strive to be of the latter.

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Shiurim with the Rav

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שהעניק הקדוש ברוך הוא, ובכל פעם שנותנים זו זכות חדשה.

ישנם שני שמות תואר לאנשי צדקה, "בעלי חסד" ו"בעלי צדקה". אני מאמין שהמונחים האלה מרמזים שאנשים אלה מבינים שזו יכולת שה' העניק להם והם צריכים לעשות את עבודתם היטב. לכן, לבעל הצדקה יהיה לפעמים מותר לתת יותר מחמישית, מתוך הבנה שזהו תפקידו. האיש שעליו דיבר הגאון מוילנא, סתם נתן כסף מיותר, וזה לא נכון לעשות.

החבר שנתן לי טרמפ הוא בעל חסד. היום הוא הסביר לי שהסיבה שהוא שואל מוקדם בנסיעה לאן היעד של הנוסע ה"רגיל" שלו היא כדי להקל עליו לאסוף נוסעים אחרים שזקוקים להסעות, שכן הוא יכול להגיד לאנשים האלה את היעד שלו, והם יכולים להחליט במהירות אם להצטרף או לא. בקיצור, הוא רוצה להשיג את מירב החסד שהוא יכול כי הוא רואה בזה כבוד לעזור ליהודים אחרים.

לפעמים כשאנשים מתבקשים לתת שוב ושוב, יש שיגידו: "נתתי כבר (במשרד)". אחרים יאמרו, "איזו הזדמנות נפלאה יש לי שמאפשרת לעשות שוב את המצווה הזו!" הבה נשאף להיות מהסוג השני.

לתרום ולהודות

"...פֶתַח תַּפְתַּח אֶת-יָדְךָ לְאֶחֶיד לְעֵנִיד וּלְאֶבְיָד בְּאַרְצְךָ" (דברים טו:יא)

לאחרונה קיבלתי טרמפ מחבר שלי. עם הזמן שמתי לב שהוא מתאמץ מאוד לתת טרמפים לכל מי שהוא יכול. יש נוסע "רגיל", שבדרך כלל נוסע לאחד משני יעדים. חבר שלי שואל אותו "לאן היום?", הרבה לפני שהוא צריך להחליט באיזה מסלול לנסוע. רוב הנהגים היו שואלים מתי שהם מתקרבים לנקודה שבה הם צריכים להחליט לאיזה כיוון ללכת. מעולם לא שאלתי אותו, אבל הסיבה התגלתה לי אגב.

אבל לפני שאגלה, אני רוצה לשאול שאלה על סיפור שקראתי בספר. היה עשיר אחד שהפך לעני מאוד, והגאון מוויילנה נשאל מדוע זה קרה. הוא ענה שזה בגלל שהוא נתן יותר מחומש מכספו לצדקה. חז"ל אומרים שצריך לתת חומש, ולא יותר.

אולם הרמב"ם בפירושו על מסכת פאה אומר "לא יתחייב לתת יותר מחמישית ממונו, לבד אם עשה כן במידת חסידות" (פאה א:א). בנוסף, הרמב"ם ביד החזקה אומר "לעולם אין אדם מעני מן הצדקה ואין דבר רע ולא היזק נגלל בשביל הצדקה" (הלכות מתנות עניים יב). נראה שזה אפילו למי שנתן יותר מחומש! ואומר השיטה מקובצות על פי רש"י, "אע"ג דהמבזבז אל יבזבז יותר מחומש מ"מ אם עבר ופזר צדקתו עומדת לעד... ויש לנו לחלק דלא אמרינן הכי אלא לתלמוד תורה". (כתובות נא:)

דבר ידוע שהדברי חיים מעולם לא הלך לישון עם כסף בכיסו. אם נשאר כסף כשהגיע הזמן לישון, הוא היה מחפש עני לתת לו. כששאלו אותו "מה עם ההלכה שאסור לבזבז יותר מחומש", הוא ענה: "זה לגבי מי שרק נותן לקיים מצוות צדקה. אבל התורה מלמדת אותנו שעבור מי שחטא, חלק מתהליך התשובה שלו הוא לתת צדקה. לפיכך, כיון שזה "פיקוח נפש" שלי, וכדי לקבל כפרה, לא חלה הגבלת חמישית".

אז יש לנו את הגאון שאמר שאסור לתת יותר מחמישית, ורבים אחרים שנראים אומרים שמותר לתת יותר מחמישית.

על מנת לפתור את הסתירות, ברצוני להציע כדלהלן. יש עשירים שמרגישים שיש להם את הזכות לפזר את כספם בקלות. זאת המשמעות של "מבזבז" - זה שיש לאדם אמצעים, לא נותן לו את הזכות לבזבז בלי חשבון. אולם אם יש לאדם סיבה או צורך, כגון לתמוך בלימוד התורה או לכפר על חטאיו, אין זה נחשב בזבז, ולכן מותר. באופן דומה, מי שנותן יותר מחומש, במיוחד כדי לשפר את מידת החסידות שלו, זה נקרא גם "כסף שנוצל היטב".

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	13:30, 17:38, 19:05	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	מעריב	
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