

Forwards, Backwards

When you [an Israelite warrior] take the field against your enemies, and your God delivers them into your hand and you take some of them captive (Devarim 21:10)

Rashi: Scripture is speaking here of a war that is not obligatory upon the Israelites...

Rashi tells us that it is only permissible to take a woman captive (Yefas Toar) in a non-obligatory war. However, in a war against the seven nations of the land of Canaan, it is forbidden to take such a woman as none can be left alive. Rav Moshe Feinstein (1895-1986) asks, "There are many prohibitions which are lifted in order for the yefas toar to be permitted. Why was this negative commandment in particular (not allowing any of the peoples of the seven nations to live) not lifted?" He explains, based on the concept of Chazal that the reason one is permitted to marry a yefas toar is because Hashem saw that people might not be able to restrain themselves and therefore the Torah permitted it so that one won't sin. (This subject must be explored at a different time - why and when the process of permitting something to prevent one from sinning is applied.)

Reb Moshe continues: The Torah commands us not to marry a gentile woman, and if one did so and had a child, that child would be a gentile, not a Jew. The Sefer Hachinuch tells us that the reason is because she will cause him to stray and follow the ways of the gentiles (See Parshas Vaeschanan mitzvah 427), as the force, beliefs, and persuasions of the woman affect the home and all the people in it. In fact, Chazal relate that there was a righteous man married to a righteous woman and wicked man who was married to wicked woman. Both couples ended up divorcing and marrying the other person, and in the end the righteous man became wicked, and the wicked man became righteous – both because of the influence of their new wives.

Reb Moshe explains that besides the normally sinful act of marrying this lady (which under some circumstances, the Torah allows), one must also take into account the effects of his actions, as this lady will have a negative effect on those around her. Therefore, under certain conditions it is preferable for a person to sin and not establish a negative force in the house, rather than permit the marriage, thereby

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ROSH HASHANAH and TESHUVAH With Rav Zachariash

20:20-21:00 • Sunday • Sep 15

Early No More

The "Early Shabbos" minyon has been cancelled. Look for Early Shabbos to resume on Friday, March 28, 2025, when the clocks change again for Daylight Saving Time.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Ki Seitzei

לוח שבת פרשת כי תצא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	*	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	*	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:10/18:30	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:32	מנחה ג'
Sunset	18:50	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:44	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:30	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	17:25	מנחה ב'
Pirkei Avos Shiur	17:49	פרקי אבות
Sunset	18:49	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:26	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:49	מעריב ב'

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Hardship cases will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

Nedarim Plus ahavasshalom.org/nedarim

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Please contact Brad Rubenstein 054-237-0028 or brad@ahavasshalom.org to arrange seats.

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.



Question from the Q&A book from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: A Slow Solo Selichos

Q Any part of the prayer service, including *selichos*, that is said in Aramaic, may only be said with a minyan. When *Selichos* started at midnight on the first night at Kehillas Shaarei Shamayim, the sanctuary was filled with people. But, 50 minutes later, when everyone had finished and left, only Moe Shapiro remained in his place, still in the midst of *selichos*. According to Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach zt"l, is Moe permitted, at this point, to say any remaining Aramaic parts of the *selichos*?

A No. Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach zt"l says that once the *tzibur* has finished saying *selichos*, one is no longer permitted to say any Aramaic parts of the *selichos* service. However, in our case, if the *tzibur* was far ahead of Moe Shapiro, yet everyone was still saying *some* part of *selichos*, then Moe may continue to say the Aramaic parts of *selichos*. However, Rav Chaim Kanievsky *shlita* holds that one may indeed finish saying it by himself if he began saying it with a minyan. OC 581

Halichos Shlomo Rosh Hashanah, 1:4 Ishei Yisroel #358

COMMUNITY CARE

Do you know someone in our Kehilla who is unwell?

Please let us know so that we can arrange home/hospital visits and meals.



Contact: Alan Rubenstein 054-398-8570

You can also inform the Ahavas Shalom Vaad.

PIRKEI AVOS WITH RAV AVROHOM BARUCH ZACHARIASH

This week starting around 17:49.

אבות ובנים

Shabbos Afternoon:
16:25-17:25

Ages 3-7 learn ½ hour • 7+ 1 hour.



**NOTE
NEW TIME**

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bringing a negative force (a lady from the seven nations) into the home.

Elul is upon us and many of us are examining our actions from the past year. This will hopefully result in repenting for the inappropriate things we did. I think Reb Moshe is giving us a message that we must also repent for things which may not have been wrong in and of themselves (and they may even be a Mitzvah), but rather brought us to a situation of sin. For example, when I was a *bochur* in yeshiva, the *mashgiach* asked a riddle, "How can a mitzvah be a sin in disguise?" He answered "When a person stays up late at night learning!" In such a case, the *yetzer hara* has a windfall. First the person can become arrogant, lauding himself over others as a better student. Added to that, his lack of sleep may cause him to miss davening the next morning, and then may cause him to be unproductive for the entire four-hour morning seder!



The *Chofetz Chaim* expressed this idea in reference to part of our prayers at night. "We should remove the Satan from before us and behind us". The *Chofetz Chaim* asks what does it mean to have a Satan behind us? He explained that the Satan behind us is pushing us to do *mitzvos* that will ultimately hurt our *avodas Hashem*. The danger is that since the Yetzer is pushing us to do a mitzvah, we don't recognize him as an adversary, but rather as a positive force.

May we merit, as we repent, to not only to correct our actions, but to ensure that all our actions bring us a step forward and not a step backwards.

Bar Mitzvah in 5785?

If your son having a Bar Mitzvah in 5785, 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.



GMACH SMACHOT

IF YOU SUFFER A LOSS CONTACT THE GMACH TO BORROW ITEMS NECESSARY FOR A SHIVA HOME, ahavasshalom.org/smachot

Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will be to your merit. Just 120¢ per sponsorship, which is announced via a notice on the "Netziv Hayom" board in the shul, as well as an announcement in this newsletter. To sponsor a day please contact Mrs. Zakoo Netziv@ahavasshalom.org.



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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: **HILCHOS YOM KIPPUR**



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

Past shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos



Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

Reminder: If you would like the Gabbai to read the name of a *choleh* on Shabbos during the *Mi SheBeirach*, you must submit it via Email to Mrs. Zakoo by Thursday!



Send your list of *Hebrew Names* using *Hebrew Letters* to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org. The list is erased each Rosh Chodesh, so you'll need to resubmit the names after a month if they are still relevant.

Thank you for following this procedure which enables us to have the Shabbos service run more smoothly!

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נשאר מאוחר בלילה ללמוד תורה! במקרה כזה, ליצר הרע יש רווח מופרז. ראשית האדם יכול להיות בעל גאוה, להלל את עצמו כתלמיד דגול. בנוסף לכך, חוסר השינה שלו עלול לגרום לו לא להגיע לתפילות למחרת בבוקר, וגם להיות רדום במשך כל ארבע שעות של סדר הבוקר!

החפץ חיים ביטא רעיון זה בהתייחסות לחלק מתפילותינו בלילה. "והסר שטן מלפנינו ומאחורינו". החפץ חיים שואל מה המשמעות של ה"שטן מאחורינו"? הוא הסביר שהשטן מאחורינו דוחף אותנו לעשות מצוות שהוא יודע שבסופו של דבר יפגעו בעבודת ה' שלנו. הסכנה היא שמכיוון שהיצר דוחף אותנו לעשות מצוות, אנחנו לא מכירים בו כאויב, אלא ככוח חיובי.

שנזכה, בעודנו חוזרים בתשובה, לא רק לתקן את מעשינו, אלא להבטיח שכל מעשינו יביאו אותנו צעד קדימה ולא צעד אחורה.

**Please join us for
a special Kiddush
NEXT Shabbos,
Parshas Ki Savo,
in honor of:**

- 1. The 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Kehilla**
- 2. Wishing Farewell to Rabbi Teichtal as he moves on to a new position.**
- 3. Welcome to Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen and the new Ahavas Shalom Kollel.**



Ahavas Shalom Community Kollel

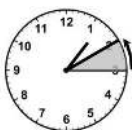
The new Ahavas Shalom Kollel has opened in our Beis Medrash, and the sweet sounds of Torah learning can be heard each morning from a group of *Avreichim* learning *Gemora Be'iyun*. The *Avreichim* are also learning *b'chavrusa* with members of our kehilla during the first hour of the Seder (09:15-10:15).

For details and sponsorship opportunities, contact the *Rosh Kollel*, Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen (052-762-4727)



Times are Changing!

The first weekday Mincha continues at 13:10 this week. Next week Sunday (Sep 22) the time will change to 13:05 for a week, and then settle at 13:00 on Sep 29 for the rest of the winter.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

קדימה, אחורה

כִּי-תֵצֵא לַמִּלְחָמָה עַל-אֹיְבֶיךָ וַנִּתְּנָה ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּיָדְךָ וּשְׁבִיתָ שְׁבוּיִם: (דברים כא:)

רשי: בְּמִלְחָמַת הָרְשׁוּת הַקְּתוּב מְדַבֵּר,

רש"י אומר לנו שמותר לקחת אשת יפת תואר רק במלחמת הרשות. אולם במלחמת מצווה, כמו נגד שבעת העממים, אסור, כיון שכתוב עליהם "לא תחיה כל נשמה". הרב משה פיינשטיין שאל, "יש הרבה איסורים שנדחים על מנת להתיר את האשת יפת תואר, אז מדוע לא נדחה הלא תעשה הזה במיוחד ("לא תחיה...")? הוא מסביר, בהתבסס על תפיסת חז"ל שהסיבה שמותר להתחתן עם יפת תואר היא בגלל שה' ראה שאולי אנשים לא יוכלו להתאפק ולכן התורה התירה זאת כדי שלא יחטאו. (יש לחקור את הנושא הזה בזמן אחר - מדוע ומתי מיושם התהליך של התרת משהו כדי למנוע מאדם לחטוא).

ר' משה ממשיך: התורה מצווה עלינו לא להתחתן עם גויה, ואם עשה זאת הילדים שלהם נחשבים גויים, לא יהודיים. ספר החינוך אומר לנו שהסיבה היא משום שהאשה הגויה תגרום לו לסטות וללכת בדרכי הגויים (ראה פרשת ואתחנן מצווה 427), שכן כוחה, אמונותיה והפיתויים של האשה משפיעים על הבית ועל כל מי שבו. למעשה, חז"ל מספרים שפעם היה צדיק נשוי לצדיקת ורשע נשוי לרשעת. בסופו של דבר שני הזוגות התגרשו, וכל אחד התחתן עם הגרושה של השני, וכתוצאה מכך הפך הצדיק לרשע, והרשע הפך לצדיק - שניהם בגלל השפעת נשותיהם החדשות.

ר' משה מסביר שמלבד המעשה שבדרך כלל נחשב לחטא, של נישואים לאישה זו (שבנסיבות מסוימות, התורה מתירה), יש לקחת בחשבון גם את השלכות מעשיו, שכן לאישה זו תהיה השפעה שלילית על הסובבים אותה. לכן, בתנאים מסוימים עדיף שאדם יחטא ולא להכניס כח שלילי של אשת יפת תואר לביתו.

אנו בעיצומו של חודש אלול ובוחנים את מעשינו מהשנה האחרונה. בתקווה זה יביא לתשובה שלנו על הדברים הלא הולמים שעשינו. אני חושב שרוב משה נותן לנו מסר שעלינו לחזור בתשובה גם על דברים שאולי לא היו חטאים מטבעם (ואולי הם אפילו נראים כמצוות), אלא הביאו אותנו למצב של חטא. למשל, כשהייתי בחור בישיבה, שאל המשגיח: "איך יכול חטא להתחפש למצווה?" הוא ענה "כשאדם

המשך בעמוד 3

זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת כי תבא	יום	'א(Sun)	'ב(Mon)	'ג(Tue)	'ד(Wed)	'ה(Thu)	'ו(Fri)
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, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:15
מנחה	13:10, 15:15	13:10, 15:15	13:10, 15:15	13:10, 15:15	13:10, 15:15	13:10, 15:15	13:30, *, 18:23
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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