

Consistent and Persistent

"Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Yarden; and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves one from the other." (Bereishis 13:11)

RASHI: FROM THE EAST: A Midrashic explanation is: He wandered away from the Originator (מקדמונו) of the Universe, saying, "I want neither Abram nor his G-d" (Genesis Rabbah 41:7).



There is a famous question which I first heard from the *mashgiach* of Lakewood, Rav Mattisyahu Solomon (may he have a *refuah shelayma*): The snake was cursed with eating the dust, which seems a bit strange because as we all know, one can find dust wherever one goes. What kind of curse is it to find your food supply in abundance everywhere?

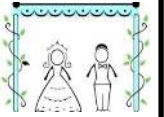
I would like to share an incident with you that happened many years ago when I was living in the Ezras Torah neighborhood of Jerusalem. There was a man who was in a car accident and became temporarily crippled from the accident, but over a period of time he recovered: After about a half year, he was able to move around in a wheelchair; then he moved up to walker; and then he improved to the point of being on crutches; and one day I saw him greeting a friend of his while he was standing on his own! His friend marveled at the sight and said, "In the morning, you probably have a great deal of *kavana* when you make the *brocho* 'zokef kefufim'!" I interjected and said to the friend, "And what about *you*?" To which he responded, "What about me, what?" But after a moment he understood that I meant that one does not need to be incapacitated to be able to thank Hashem for the ability to walk. What happens to most people is that we tend to take things for granted, forgetting that there is a supplier on the other side: Our father in Heaven, *Hakadosh Baruch Hu*. Those bumps in life are there to remind us that there is a relationship that we must not forget about.

We find ourselves in a difficult situation, but I think we all understand that without the grace of Hashem, we cannot extricate ourselves from our position. Those who think that we can rely on our salvation coming from the Israeli Defense Forces, remind me of an incident of some 15 years ago. I asked a small boy what he davens for on Rosh Hashanah. He said, "To get good marks in school, and to be healthy." I asked him back, "What about getting food to eat?" He looked at me in shock and said, "I am not worried

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Ahavas Shalom Chairman **Binyomin and Mrs. Karen Rubenstein** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter **Elisheva** to **Natan Abramson**.



Mazel Tov to Grandparents **Alan and Elain Rubenstein!** The kehilla is invited to the Chuppah (18:45) and/or the Simchas Choson v'Kallah (21:30) on Tuesday Oct 31 at Kinor Dovid in Beit Shemesh.

Mazel Tov to **Rav and Rebbetzin Zachariash** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Chaim and Racheli Zachariash** on Motza'ei Shabbos! Shalom Zachor at the Oustatcher home (Nachal Uriah 6). Bris Sunday morning at the Shevet Halevi Hall.



Mazal Tov to **Peretz & Debbie Dissen** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children **Yehoshua and Devorah Leah**.



Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this and every Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. The shiur will meet each week in the **hall**, starting 15 MINUTES before the last *mincha*. This week, the shiur will begin at **16:55** on the topic **חינוך**.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Lech Lecha

לוח שבת פרשת לך לך

ערב שבת		Erev Shabbos
מנחה א'	13:30	Mincha 1
הדלקת נרות	17:18/17:38	Candle Lighting
מנחה ב'	17:40	Mincha 2
שקיעה	17:58	Sunset
יום השבת		Shabbos Day
ברכות	08:15	Brachos
שוכן עד	08:45	Shochein Ad
סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א	08:53	Latest Shema - M. A.
סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א	09:38	Latest Shema - G'ra
מנחה א'	13:30	Mincha 1
פלא יועץ	16:55	Pele Yoetz
מנחה ב'	17:10	Mincha 2
שקיעה	17:57	Sunset
מעריב א'	18:34	Ma'ariv 1
מעריב ב'	18:57	Ma'ariv 2

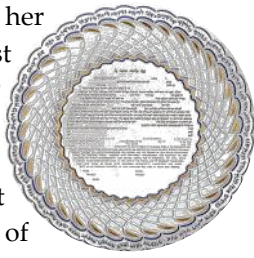
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Elisheva and Natan Abramson

The Rav's Halacha Shiur is taking a break for the wedding of the Chairman's daughter. Test yourself on these wedding halachas
Question from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: Kesuva, Kesuva on the Wall

Q Esther Lipshitz walked into her new home, and one of the first things she did was to hang her beautiful *Luminescence* "paper cut ketubah" on the wall. Which of the reasons below is the most important reason people have the custom of hanging their *kesuva* on the wall?



1. To remember the destruction of the *Beis Hamikdash*.
2. To make the house pretty.
3. As a remembrance of the wedding day.
4. To ensure that it will not get lost.

A 4. The most **important** reason for hanging a *kesuva* on the wall is to ensure that the couple always knows where it is and that it should not go missing. If it were to go missing, the husband would not be permitted to be with his wife until it was found or replaced. While some people hang the *kesuva* in a public place, such as the living room, others will hang it in a private place such as the bedroom, because the *kesuva* discusses divorce, and not everyone wants this possibility to be seen publicly.

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Q&A: A Pre-Wedding Fast

Q Kayla Kagan was told by her Kallah teacher that it was a custom amongst Ashkenazim to fast on the day of one's wedding. "But I'll be a wreck for the chuppah! I don't fast well. I might even get a migraine" she cried. "Must I?"

1. Kayla must fast so that she will enter her wedding in purity, bringing blessings with it.
2. Kayla is not required to fast because it will ruin her wedding.

A 2. Kayla is not required to fast, but she should limit her food intake, and must refrain from intoxicating beverages.

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גם עם הנחש. הקללה הגדולה ביותר היא שה' אומר, "קח את כל האוכל שלך ועזוב אותי!" לעומת זאת, כאשר ה' נתן את המן במדבר, מתוך אהבתו לבני ישראל, נאלץ העם לאסוף את המן כל בוקר, כדי לחזק את הקשר עם ה'.

אלו מאיתנו שעלו מחו"ל, לרוב גדלנו עם הרעיון שגשם הוא רק טרחה. לאחר שהיינו כאן בארץ ישראל במשך זמן, אנו מעריכים כל טיפה כשאנו מתפללים באמת לגשם. תנו לתפילותינו לגשם להיות כמו מי שמתחנן לאביו לעזרה. הדחיפות צריכה להיות לא רק שה' ירעיף עלינו את ברכותיו בתחום היבול, אלא גם לביטחון שלנו, כי רק אבינו שבשמים יכול לעזור לנו בכל זה. אם ניקח את הזמן חשוב על זה, כולנו נגיע להכרה הזו.

אבות ובנים



AuB moves to Motza'ei Shabbos at 19:40!

Boys aged 7+ learn for 1 hour followed by a special AuB TEHILLIM GATHERING at 20:40

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AuB for **ages 3-7** is still **Shabbos afternoon** 30 minutes before the last mincha
16:40-17:10

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about that! I get that from my ABA!" It didn't take long for me to explain to that child that his Aba needs to get that food from some place too.

I would like to mention a test that we all undergo which requires *chizuk*. It is easy to say Tehillim for a week; possibly even for two weeks. But as this effort drags on, we tend to shy away from saying Tehillim with "desperation." Not only that, but we tend to see the situation as not as urgent as we saw it only a short while ago. This is the work of the *Yetzer Hara*.

In our source verse, Rashi explains that Lot did not want anything to do with Avraham or his G-d. How did Rashi know that? I once saw an explanation that it was because he moved to a place that did not need rain, as the previous verse tells us, "The plains of Sodom were naturally irrigated." He did not want to live in a place which required an ongoing relationship with G-d. So too with the snake. The biggest curse is Hashem saying, "take all your food and leave Me alone!" On the other hand, when Hashem gave the man in the desert, out of his love for the Bnei Yisrael the people had to leave their tents daily to gather their food, and therefore maintain their relationship with G-d.



Those of us who come from outside of Israel, by and large grew up with the idea that rain is just a bother that should go away. After living here in *Eretz Yisrael* for a period of time, I think we appreciate every drop as we pray for rain for real. Let our prayers for rain be like one who is begging his father for help. The urgency should not only be for Hashem's showering his blessings upon us in the agricultural field, but it should also be for our security, because only our Father in Heaven can help us with all of it. If we spend the time contemplating this, we will all reach this realization.



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- Nedarim Plus terminal near front door
- Nedarim Plus online ahavasshalom.org/nedarim
- PayPal in ILS PayPal.me/ahavasshalom
- Credit card in USD ahavasshalom.com/donate
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Please help us categorize any payments you make by either writing a short explanation in the notes (e.g. "Aliyah Parshas Noach") or by sending an explanatory email to Mrs. Zakoo office@ahavasshalom.org.

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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 ONE shiur this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Cancelled*

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

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube



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**SUNDAY
OCT 29
20:15-21:00
SHUL HALL
FOR WOMEN**

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Seuda Shlishis Sheva Brochos

As a gesture of appreciation to the Rubenstein family, the kehilla is making a communal Seuda Shlishis Sheva Brochos on Parshas Vaera (Nov 4). Men, Women and children are invited to join the *simcha* following Mincha in the shul hall.

If anyone is able to help sponsor the *Sheva Brachos* we will appreciate any amount, large or small. If anyone would like to help make food please contact Shuli Harris shuli@ahavasshalom.org.

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 for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.

Fall Back

Israel returns to Standard Time Motza'ei Shabbos at 02:00. The change in time results in the following *changes* to the davening schedule:

- Mincha Gedolah Erev Shabbos: 12:30
- Shabbos Shacharis 08:00 (*Yishtabach* at 08:30)
- Shabbos Mincha Gedolah: 13:00
- Last Shabbos Mincha is approximately 45 minutes before sunset.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

תמיד מקושר

ויבחר לו לזוט את כל-כפר הירדן ויסע לוט מקדם ויפרדו איש מעל אחיו: (בראשית יג:יא)

רש"י: מקדם... ומדרש אגדה הסייע עצמו מקדמונו של עולם; אמר אי אפשר לא באברהם ולא באלקינו: (בראשית רבה מא:ז)

יש שאלה מפורסמת ששמעתי לראשונה מהמשגיח מליקווד, הרב מתתיהו סולומן (שתיהיה לו רפואה שלימה): הקב"ה קילל את הנחש ב"ועפר תאכל כל ימי חייד" (בראשית ג:יד), מה שנראה קצת מוזר כי אפשר למצוא עפר בכל מקום. איזו קללה זו למצוא את האוכל שלך בשפע בכל מקום שאתה נמצא?

אני רוצה לשתף אתכם באירוע שקרה לפני שנים רבות כשגרתי בשכונת עזרת תורה בירושלים. מישהו עבר תאונת דרכים והפך לנכה זמנית כתוצאה מכך, אך לאט לאט הוא החלים. לאחר כחצי שנה הוא הצליח להסתובב בכיסא גלגלים, אחר כך הוא עבר להשתמש בהליכון, לאחר מכן הוא השתפר ונשאר על קביים. יום אחד ראיתי אותו מברך את חברו כשהוא עומד ללא עזרה! חברו התפלא ואמר, "בבוקר, כנראה יש לך הרבה מאוד כוונה כשאתה מברך 'זוקף כפופים!' התערבתי ואמרתי לחבר שלו, 'ומה איתך?' הוא ענה, 'למה אתה מתכוון?' אבל אחרי רגע הוא הבין שהתכוונתי שלא צריך להיות נכה כדי להודות לה' על היכולת ללכת. מה שקורה לרובינו הוא שאנו נוטים לקבל דברים כמובנים מאליהם, ושוכחים שיש נותן בצד השני - אבינו בשמים, הקב"ה. המכשולים האלה בחיים שם כדי להזכיר לנו שיש מערכת יחסים שאסור לנו לשכוח ממנה.

אנו נמצאים במצב קשה, אבל אני חושב שכולנו מבינים שללא חסדי ה', לא נוכל להיחלץ מעמדתנו. מי שחושב שישועתנו תבוא מצה"ל, מזכיר לי מקרה מלפני כ-15 שנה. שאלתי ילד קטן על מה הוא מתפלל בראש השנה? הוא אמר, "על ציונים טובים בבית הספר, ולהיות בריא." שאלתי אותו בחזרה, "ומה עם אוכל?" הוא הביט בי בהלם ואמר, "אני לא מודאג מזה! אני מקבל את זה מאבא שלי!" לא לקח הרבה זמן להסביר לו שגם האבא שלו צריך לקבל את האוכל הזה מאיפה שהוא.

אני רוצה להזכיר נסיון שכולנו עוברים שצריך חיזוק. קל להתרכז באמירת תהילים במשך שבוע; אולי אפילו לשבועיים. אבל ככל שזה נמשך, הכוונה שלנו באמירת תהילים נחלשת. לא רק זה, אלא שאנו נוטים לראות את המצב כפחות דחוף ממה שחשבנו עליו רק לפני זמן קצר. זוהי השפעתו של היצר הרע.

בפסוק המקור שלנו מסביר רש"י שלוט לא רצה שום קשר לאברהם ולא לאלוקיו. מאיפה רש"י ידע זאת? ראיתי פעם הסבר שזה בגלל שהוא עבר למקום שלא צריך גשם, כמו שכתוב בפסוק הקודם "כי כלֵה מִשְׁקָה...". הוא לא רצה לגור במקום שדורש קשר מתמיד עם ה'. כך

המשך בעמוד 2

Weekday times until Parshas Vayeira	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת וירא
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	12:30, 16:34	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מעריב	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00		

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