

**Do You Have To Be Told?!**

And Pharaoh said to his servants,  
"Could we find another like him – a  
man with whom is the spirit of G-  
d?" (Bereishis 41:38)



When someone returns a lost object, the mainstream media will often put that person on a pedestal, giving him great honor for fulfilling this "civic duty" of caring for others. But from a Torah perspective, *Rabbeinu Yona in Shaarei Teshuva*, writes that one is **obligated** to help his friend whenever he could prevent his friend from a financial loss. For example, if you see a parked car with the headlights on – which could potentially drain the battery and cause a financial loss – it is not just a good thing to tell the owner, but it is a Torah obligation to do so. This is the type of situation where the obligation should be obvious to us.

There are other instances where it is not so obvious that one should do something. For example, if you know a store has a special discount when purchasing three items, and you see someone on the checkout line with just two of those items, should you alert this person or not?

In this week's parsha, Yosef is called to Pharaoh to interpret his dreams. After interpreting the dreams, he boldly gives advice on how to implement this new information to protect the Egyptians from the upcoming famine. Many of the *mefarshim* wonder why Yosef felt that he should advise Pharaoh. Rav Baruch Mordechai Ezrachi ZT"L points out that after hearing Yosef's advice, Pharaoh exclaims "This person is unique for it is clear the spirit of G-d is within him!" Here too, the *mefarshim* ask, "We see brilliance. We see intuition. We see imagination. But where do we see the 'spirit of G-d'!" Rav Ezrachi explains that a person who has the fear of G-d will jump on any opportunity to help others. Therefore, when Yosef, in addition to interpreting Pharaoh's dreams also offered good advice, Pharaoh realized that this was a person with the spirit of G-d.

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**GROWTH  
THROUGH THE  
PARSHA**

WITH  
RAV ZACHARIASH

**SUNDAY**

**DEC 17**

**6 TEVES**

**20:15-21:00**

**SHUL HALL**

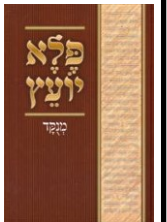
**FOR WOMEN**



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**Pele Yoetz Shiur**

Continuing this and every Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 15:40 on the topic חוזק.

**Shabbos Schedule Parshas Mikeitz****לוח שבת פרשת מקץ**

| Erev Shabbos         |              | ערב שבת           |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mincha 1             | 12:30        | מנחה א'           |
| Candle Lighting      | 16:01/16:21  | הדלקת נרות        |
| Mincha 2             | 16:23        | מנחה ב'           |
| Sunset               | 16:41        | שקיעה             |
| Shabbos Day          |              | יום השבת          |
| Brachos              | 08:00        | ברכות             |
| Shochein Ad          | 08:30        | שוכן עד           |
| Latest Shema – M. A. | 08:16        | סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א |
| Latest Shema – G'ra  | 09:04        | סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א |
| Mincha 1             | 13:00        | מנחה א'           |
| <b>Pele Yoetz</b>    | <b>15:40</b> | <b>פלא יועץ</b>   |
| Mincha 2             | 15:55        | מנחה ב'           |
| Sunset               | 16:41        | שקיעה             |
| Ma'ariv 1            | 17:18        | מעריב א'          |
| Ma'ariv 2            | 17:41        | מעריב ב'          |

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*The Rav's Halacha Shiur is learning the laws of Chol Hamoed! Need help on these questions? Come to the shiur on Tuesdays!*

Question from *RBSsemicha.com*

### Q&A: Apple Picking Time

**Q** "Geoffrey, can you please fetch the basket of apples you picked last week. I am ready to make the 10 apple pies I promised for the synagogue's Simchas Torah luncheon!" said Pauline to her husband. But unfortunately, Geoffrey had forgotten to pick the apples from the tree in his Liverpool garden before Sukkos, and now he was in a quandary (since picking fruit is forbidden on *chol hamoed*). What should he do?



1. He is prohibited from picking his apples, and must find an alternative, such as going to the local Tesco supermarket - even though his home-grown apples are much tastier, and his wife will be happier using them.
2. He is permitted to pick the apples from his tree on *chol hamoed* since they are better than the store-bought apples, it will keep peace in his home, and they are needed for a Yom Tov meal.

**A** 2. Geoffrey can pick the apples from his own tree so that his wife can make the apple pies for the luncheon.

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## אבות ובנים



**AuB Motza'ei Shabbos 19:00!**

Boys aged 7+ learn for 1 hour followed by a **TEHILLIM GATHERING** at 20:00

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**AuB for ages 3-7 is still Shabbos afternoon  
30 minutes before the last mincha 15:25-15:55**



## Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Chol Hamoed*

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:

[cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom](https://cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom)

Shiurim are archived at [ahavasshalom.org/youtube](https://ahavasshalom.org/youtube)



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I would like to give another answer based on an idea from the *Imrei Emes*. He explains: When you have a thought to help out in a certain situation, it is obviously a sign from Hashem that this is **your** mitzvah. For example, if you see money falling out of someone's pocket, it should be obvious that this is **your** mitzvah, and you don't have a right to look the other way.

So too, when Yosef found himself in jail with many criminals, he nevertheless initiated a conversation with the *Sar Hamashkim* and *Sar HaOfim*, and asked them, "Why are you so down?"

If you are walking down the street and see people who are trying to get people for a minyan, is it your obligation to join them? Similarly, when you see a poor person collecting charity, does he have to ask



you specifically for money for it to be your obligation to give him?

To one who has the "spirit of G-d" in him, the answers should be obvious.

## 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](mailto: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 just erased on Rosh Chodesh Teves, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



Can you add on  
**1 hour** of Torah  
learning for the  
protection  
of the soldiers?

Aside from their personal  
danger, they are protecting  
us and our families.

**HELP THEM AND YOURSELF!**  
Add your name to a slot:  
[ahavasshalom.org/1hour](https://ahavasshalom.org/1hour)

# Kinyan Hamasechta

**MAZEL TOV on the SIYUM of  
Mesechta BEITZA!**



## Starting Mesechta SOTA!

This is a great time to join the Ahavas Shalom  
"Kinyan HaMesechta Chabura" as we begin learning  
*mesechta Sota* this Monday!

Meeting 08:15-09:05 Sun-Thurs mornings in the hall.

If you are interested in joining, please contact  
R' Elyahu Jacobs to receive your *free* Gemora.

## Chanukah Party

Thank you to Mrs. Elisheva Goldwater and Mrs. Shuli Harris for arranging such a wonderful party with so many different activities for everyone! Download these and more pictures from:

[ahavasshalom.org/chanukah5784](http://ahavasshalom.org/chanukah5784)



## Tenth of Teves Fast

Davening times are changing as follows:

- Fast begins: Friday at 05:19.
- Shacharis 06:15 (sunrise 06:37), 07:15 (Hall) & 08:15.
- Mincha at 12:30 and **16:16** ← NOTE EARLIER TIME. The 18 minutes before sunset *mincha* is pushed to 16:16 so there is sufficient time for *leining*.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## האם צריכים להגיד לך במפורש!?

“ויאמר פרעה אל עבדיו הנמצא כזה איש אשר רוח אלקים בו” (בראשית מא:לח)

כאשר מישהו מחזיר חפץ אבוד, התקשורת עשויה להעניק לו כבוד גדול על מילוי “חובתו האזרחית”. אבל מבחינה תורנית, רבינו יונה בשערי תשובה, כותב שחייבים לעזור כל אימת שיכולים למנוע מחבר הפסד ממון. לדוגמה, אם רואים רכב חונה עם פנסים דולקים – מה שעלול לרוקן את המצבר ולגרור להפסד כספי – לא רק טוב להודיע לבעלים, אלא זו חובה מדאורייתא. וכן בכל מצב מסוג כזה, ברור לנו שחייבים לעזור.

ישנם מקרים אחרים שבהם לא כל כך ברור שצריכים לעשות משהו. לדוגמה, אם יש במרכול מבצע מיוחד על רכישת שלושה פריטים, ואתה רואה מישהו עומד בתור לתשלום עם רק שניים, האם עליך להודיע לו?

בפרשת השבוע נקרא יוסף אל פרעה לפתור את חלומותיו. לאחר שפתר את החלומות, הוא הוסיף עצות כיצד להשתמש במידע החדש הזה כדי להגן על המצרים מפני הרעב המתקרב. הפרשים תוהים מדוע הרגיש יוסף שעליו ליעץ לפרעה. הרב ברוך מרדכי אזרחי זצ”ל מציין כי לאחר ששמע את עצתו של יוסף, פרעה אומר, “הנמצא כזה איש אשר רוח אלקים בו!” גם כאן שואלים המפרשים “אנחנו רואים גאונות. אנחנו רואים אינטואיציה. אנחנו רואים יצירתיות. אבל היכן אנו רואים את ‘רוח אלוהים’?” הרב אזרחי מסביר שאדם שיש לו יראת ה' ינצל כל הזדמנות לעזור לזולת. לכן, כאשר יוסף, לאחר שפתר את חלומות פרעה, הציע גם עצות מועילות, הבין פרעה שמדובר באדם עם רוח אלוהים.

ברצוני להציע עוד תשובה, המבוססת על רעיון מהאמרי אמת. הוא מסביר שכאשר עולה לך מחשבה לעזור במצב מסוים, ברור שזה סימן מה' שזו המצווה שלך. לדוגמה, אם אתה רואה כסף נופל מכיסו של מישהו, ברור שזו מצווה שלך, ואין לך זכות להתעלם ממנה.

באופן הזה, כשיוסף מצא את עצמו בבור (כלא) עם כל מיני עבריינים, הוא בכל זאת יזם שיחה עם שר המשקים ושר האופים ושאל אותם “מדוע פניכם רעים היום?”

אם אתה הולך ברחוב ורואה אנשים שמנסים לאסוף אנשים למניין, האם חובתך להצטרף להם? ואם אתה רואה עני אוסף תרומות, האם הוא צריך לבקש ממך במיוחד כדי שזו תהיה חובתך לתרום לו?

למי שיש בו “רוח אלוהים”, התשובות ברורות.

| Weekday times until Parshas Vayigash | ו' (Fri)             | ה' (Thu)            | ד' (Wed)            | ג' (Tue)            | ב' (Mon)            | א' (Sun)            | יום שחרית | זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת יוגש מערב |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
|                                      | 06:15, 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     |                                  |
|                                      | 12:30, 16:16         | 13:00, 15:15        | 13:00, 15:15        | 13:00, 15:15        | 13:00, 15:15        | 13:00, 15:15        | מנחה      |                                  |
|                                      | *Hall                | 19:00, 21:00        | 19:00, 21:00        | 19:00, 21:00        | 19:00, 21:00        | 19:00, 21:00        | מעריב     |                                  |

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