

Beis Medrash Ahavas Shalom

HaRav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Sh'lita, Rav Aug 30/31, 2024 – ב"ז אב, התשפ"ד



שבת מברכין

A Relatively Long Trip

"And if the road will be too long for you, so that you cannot carry it, because the place that Hashem, Your G-d will choose to place His name there, is far from you, for Hashem, your G-d will have blessed you." (Devarim 14:24)

The Torah tells us that one is permitted to exchange his *Maaser Sheini* for cash, bring the cash up to Jerusalem, purchase food with



the cash, and finally eat the food in Jerusalem. However, it is also clear that exchanging the food to money and back is not the preferred choice, and it would be better to bring the actual food to Jerusalem. I believe this needs explanation.

Aside from that, the Torah seems to repeat itself. The Torah tells us that road is too long, and therefore there is a need to transfer it into cash, and then the Torah mentions that the place is far from you. Obviously if the destination is far away the trip will be a long one.

In order to answer these questions, we must first explore why does the Torah want us to eat the original foods in Jerusalem? The *Gemora* in *Bava Metzia* (38a) tells us that a person would rather have one measure of his own food rather than 9 measures of his friend's (i.e. purchased food). It seems that the understanding of that is that because of the effort put into growing the produce, he feels a connection to it. In addition, when he eats it, he is more likely to be excited and invigorated than when eating "storebought" food. Therefore, the Torah wants the person to become spiritually nourished with his own produce

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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 Teitchal.
- No Beis Elokim shiur or Shabbos morning drasha.
- Pirkei Avos shiur will **not** be given this week.

Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Avishai** and **Shira Hill** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Adina** & **Yisroel Dovid Moszkowski.** IY"H there will be a *Shalom Zachor* in the Hill home (Kishon 13b/9 2nd floor).



Entrance also through the "Sorek Park" - walk to the far end away from Nachal Sorek and enter through the garden gate with the white fabric.

Mevarchin Rosh Chodesh Elul

הַמּוֹלֵד יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי, שְׁלוֹשִים וְשָׁבַע דַקוֹת וְשְׁגִים-עֲשָׂר חַלָּקִים אַחֲרֵי שְׁתַּיִם בּצהַריּם.



The Molad will be Tuesday 37 minutes and 12 *chalakim* after 2 in the afternoon (Israeli Clock Time 15:16).

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ אֶ**לוּל** יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם שְׁלִּישִׁי וּבְיוֹם **ְרִבִּיעִי** הַבְּא עֲלֵינוּ וְעֵל כְּל יִשִּׂרָאֵל לִטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh Elul will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Re'eh לוח שבת פרשת ראה

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א׳
"Early Mincha"	17:25	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	17:45	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:28/18:48	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:50	מנחה ג׳
Sunset	19:08	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein 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 2	17:40	מנחה ב׳
Pirkei Avos Shiur	×	פרקי אבות
Sunset	19:07	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:44	מעריב א׳
Ma'ariv 2	20:07	מעריב ב'

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in the spiritual atmosphere of Jerusalem. Only if that is not possible, may one then convert it into cash for the journey.

Imagine the following scenario. A couple from Beit Shemesh are going out to dinner at their friend's home in Jerusalem. The Beit Shemesh wife baked a cake for dessert. Just as they turn onto highway 3855, the lady remembers, "I forgot the cake! Let's go back home and pick it up!". The husband responds, "We can always pick up a cake in Jerusalem". The wife says, "I made that cake specifically for our hosts, and that is what I would like to bring." The husband acquiesces and they return to get the cake.

But what if they didn't remember until they reached the entrance to Jerusalem? Even she would now realize that they will have to go to a bakery and buy a cake. But what would happen if she remembered at the Eshtaol junction? Shoeva? Or even Telz-Stone? It would depend upon how much the wife feels that her special cake will enhance the dinner, compared to how much of effort it will be to travel back to get it.

When bringing *Maaser Sheini* up to Jerusalem, when do we say that the distance is too great? The more we appreciate the item, the less we see the distance as a sacrifice. Those who understood the value of eating one's own food in Jerusalem in order to enrich their spirituality, will say, "It is worth the trouble!" Others, who don't have this appreciation, will say "It is too far away" and will insist on converting their produce to cash first. Therefore, the verse above is not redundant. The length of the trip and

how one feels about that length depends on each person's values. We can learn this lesson from the story of Rav Idi, who traveled 3 months to learn in the Beis Medrash of Ray for one day, then turned around and traveled home for another 3 months. He was greatly praised for showing the value of one day even learning Torah (Chagiga 5b).



This idea, of taking advantage of our opportunities in *ruchnios*, can be referred to as the concept in business of "Price for Value". For example, there are people who live in Jerusalem who have the luxury of easily being able to go to the *Kosel*. Yet they refrain from doing so because they are afraid that without the anticipation and effort, their prayers there won't be quite as meaningful. The message that we must take from this *parsha* is to ensure that instead of complaining, "The trip is too long", we should sit back and enjoy the ride, thus creating a greater inner desire to serve Hashem.

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Question from the Q&A book from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: A Safe Visit?

Bernie Shapiro was in the hospital and made it known to the members of Kehillas Shaarei Shamayim

1. Hand Hygiene
2. Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that he was feeling lonely. Mr. Goldberg thought about visiting, but even though he was

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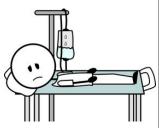
in good health, he was concerned about all the germs found in a hospital. He remembered reading how over 700,000 patients per year get sick from hospital-born contagions. According to the S.A., is there a mitzvah for Mr. Goldberg to visit his friend?

Yes, Mr. Goldberg has a mitzvah to visit. While it is a real possibility that a weak patient (or a weak visitor) can catch an illness at the hospital, the chances of a healthy visitor (who stays away from the quarantine rooms or other highly contagious patients) becoming sick is very small. The S.A. goes as far as saying that even if one knows for sure that a visitor will catch 1/60th of a patient's disease, he is still required to go, as such a small amount will not harm him.

YD 335:2; Shach 1

O&A: A Demurred Visit

"Dad, Mr. Goldberg is on the phone and wants to come visit today," said Joey Shapiro to his father Bernie as he lay in the hospital. "Tell him not now," said Bernie, "I have all these wires connected to my chest, and it would be just



too embarrassing. Plus, I am not in the mood to shmooze with him now." Should Mr. Goldberg visit Bernie if he thinks he can cheer him up?

No. If the patient does not want visitors because it will be a bother or an embarrassment, then there is no mitzvah to visit him. YD 335:2

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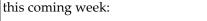


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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:



SUNDAY 21:15: Mishnayos - Mikvaos

TUESDAY 20:15: HILCHOS CHOL HAMOED

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

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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!

4 המשך מעמוד

של רב אידי, "רב אידי אבוה דרבי יעקב בר אידי הוה רגיל דהוה אזיל תלתא ירחי באורחא וחד יומא בבי רב" (חגיגה ה:ב). שהוא נסע 3 חודשים ללמוד בבית המדרש של רב ליום אחד, ואז הסתובב ונסע עוד 3 חודשים כדי לחזור הביתה. ושבחו אותו על שהראה את ערכו של אפילו יום אחד של לימוד תורה.

אפשר להתייחס לרעיון הזה, של ניצול הזדמנויות כאלו ברוחניות, בתור המושג בעולם העסקים של "מחיר תמורת ערך". למשל, יש אנשים שגרים בירושלים שיכולים להגיע בקלות לכותל. עם זאת הם נמנעים מלהגיע כי הם חוששים שללא הציפייה והמאמץ, התפילות שלהם שם תהיו פחות משמעותיות. המסר שעלינו לקחת מפרשה זו הוא להבטיח שבמקום להתלונן "הדרך ארוכה מדי", עלינו לשבת וליהנות מהנסיעה, וכך ליצור רצון פנימי גדול יותר לעבוד את ה'.

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

מרחק "יחסית" ארוך

וְכִי־יִרְבֶּה מִמְּךּ הַבֶּרֶךְ כִּי לֹא תוּכֵל שְׂאֵתוֹ כִּי יִרְחַק מִמְּדּ הַמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר ה' אֱלֹקֶיךּ לָשׁוּם שְׁמוֹ שֶׁם כִּי יְבָרֶכְךּ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךּ: (דברים יד:כד)

התורה אומרת לנו שמותר לפדות את המעשר שני שלו בכסף (מטבעות), להעלותם לירושלים, לקנות אוכל בכסף לאכול בירושלים. עם זאת, ברור גם שזו לא הדרך המועדפת, ועדיף להביא את הפרות עצמן לירושלים. בעיני זה צריד הסבר.

מלבד זאת, כנראה שהתורה חוזרת על עצמה. התורה מתחילה בכך שהדרך "רבה ממך", ולכן יש צורך לפדות הפרות בכסף, ואז מזכירה התורה "כי ירחק ממך המקום". ברור שאם היעד רחוק הנסיעה תהיה ארוכה.

כדי לענות על שאלות אלו, עלינו לחקור תחילה מדוע התורה רוצה שנאכל את הפרות עצמן בירושלים? הגמרא אומרת, " אדם רוצה בקב שלו מתשעה קבין של חברו" (למשל מזון קנוי) (בבא מציעא ח:א). נראה שההבנה של זה היא שבגלל המאמץ שהושקע בגידול הפרות, הוא מרגיש חיבור לה. בנוסף, כשהוא אוכל את זה, יש סיכוי גבוהה יותר שהוא יתרגש מאשר כשאוכל אוכל שנרכש מאחרים. לכן התורה מעדיפה שהאדם יזון רוחנית מפירותיו באווירה הרוחנית של ירושלים. רק אם זה לא אפשרי, מותר לפדות אותן בכסף למסע.

דמיינו את האירוע הבא. זוג מבית שמש יוצא לארוחת ערב אצל חברים בירושלים. האישה אפתה עוגה לקינוח, אבל עד שהם פונים לכביש מהיר 3855, האשה נזכרת, "אוי, שכחתי את העוגה! בוא נחזור הביתה ונאסוף אותו!". הבעל משיב: "תמיד אפשר לקחת עוגה בירושלים". האישה אומרת, "הכנתי את העוגה הזו במיוחד עבור החברים שלנו, וזה מה שאני רוצה להביא." הבעל מסכים, והם חוזרים לאסוף את העוגה.

אבל מה אם לא זכרו את העוגה עד שהגיעו לכניסה לירושלים! אפילו היא היתהמבינה אז שהם יצטרכו לקנות עוגה ממאפייה מקומית. אבל מה אם היא נזכרת בצומת אשתאול! שואבה! או אפילו טלז-סטון! זה יהיה תלוי עד כמה האישה מרגישה שהעוגה המיוחדת שלה תשפר את ארוחת הערב, לעומת כמה מאמץ יהיה לנסוע בחזרה כדי לאסוף אותה.

כשמעלים את המעשר שני לירושלים, מתי אומרים שהמרחק גדול מדי? ככל שאנו מעריכים את ההזדמנות, כך אנו רואים פחות את המרחק כבעיה. מי שהבין את הערך של אכילת מזון משלו בירושלים כדי להעשיר את הרוחניות שלו, יגיד: "שווה את הטרחה!" אחרים, שאין להם הערכה זו, יאמרו "זה רחוק מדי" ויתעקשו להמיר את פירותיהם לכסף. לכן הפסוק לעיל אינו חוזר על עצמו. אורך הטיול ואיך מרגישים לגבי אורך זה תלוי בערכיו של כל אדם. את הלקח הזה נוכל ללמוד מסיפורו

משך בעמוד 3

Weekday	'ı(Fri)	(Thu) ה׳	′τ(Wed)	'ג(Tue)	(Mon)ב'	א'(Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי
times until	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:10 , 07:15* , 08:10	06:10 , 07:15* , 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	שחרית	חול עד
Parshas	13:30, 17:18, 18:41	13:15 , 15:15	13:15 , 15:15	13:15 , 15:15	13:15 , 15:15	13:15 , 15:15	מנחה	פרשת
Shoftim	*Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	מעריב	שופטים

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