

## The Show Must Go On

"A man of the house of Levi went and married the daughter of Levi." (Shemos 2:1)

During these trying times, I am often asked what would be appropriate behavior. I believe that we all understand that at this time when all of *klal Yisrael* is bleeding and in danger, it is not exactly the time to be taking a vacation. I would like to relate an incident which shows "Who is like The People of Israel?!"



Someone booked a vacation before the war started. On *Isru Chag*, he called to tell me that he understands that it is improper to go on vacation. He then asked me how much he is obligated to lose, as the reservation was nonrefundable. He also mentioned at the time, "I don't know how much I could enjoy myself even if I went, so it probably wouldn't even be a 'vacation'." He called the hotel to cancel. The Jewish owner immediately said, "I understand perfectly, and I will give you a credit for use after the war." Taking into consideration that the owner understood that he would not be having any income for some time, one realizes how this was a truly generous approach, as expected from our Jewish brothers.

What about getting married at this time? Should one push off his wedding because of the woeful state of *Klal Yisrael*? In this week's parsha we find the answer. *Klal Yisrael* was being persecuted by Pharaoh, who commanded that all babies be thrown in the Nile! Yet during this same period, Amram ultimately decided to get married and have more children.

Reb Yechiel Yaakov Weinberg (otherwise known as the *Sredai Aish*) discussed this idea during the Holocaust, at which time people continued to get married. He quoted the

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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*.
- No *Pele Yoetz* shiur on Shabbos Afternoon.
- No *Mishnayos* shiur on Sunday.
- The Rav returns on Tuesday and **hopes** to give his *halacha* shiur at 20:15. Look for an update on Tues.

THE RAV  
IS OUT

## Lifecycles

The Kehilla offers condolences to **YitzY Berlin** on the loss of his father, **Eliyahu Berlin**. The *Shiva* has ended.

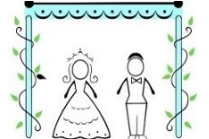


הַמָּקוֹם יִנַּחֵם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שָׂרָר אֲבִלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם

Mazel Tov to **Baruch and Tammy Labinsky** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Kalman and Chava Labinsky** this past Shabbos morning.



Mazel Tov to **Shimon and Bathsheva Fraiss** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter **Deborah** to **Isaac (Yitzhak) Gee** of Beit Shemesh. The Kehilla is invited to attend the *chupah* at Lev HaRama (Nahar Hayarden, Armonim Hall) on Jan. 7 at 18:30.



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### לוח שבת פרשת שמות

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:13/16:33	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:35	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:53	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:25	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:13	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	✗	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	16:10	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:53	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:30	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:53	מעריב ב'

# Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:



**SUNDAY 21:15: CANCELLED**

**TUESDAY 20:15: Hilchos Chol Hamoed** (The Rav returns on Tuesday. Look for a confirmation of the shiur via Email and instant messaging on Tuesday).

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)

While the Rav is away from his Halacha Shiur this Tuesday, here are 2 questions from the upcoming Q&A book on Chelek Gimel (Shabbos) from [RBSsemicha.com](https://RBSsemicha.com)

## Q&A: Shabbos Pain Relief

**Q** Sarah was in severe pain from an ear infection. The doctor prescribed 3 tablets of 500 mg Amoxicillin (antibiotics) each day for 7 days, and Sarah took the first tablet shortly before Shabbos. But 8 hours later, she was in pain and wanted to take the second tablet – but no one in the family could find the bottle! Her husband Reuven walked down to Rebbetzin Cohen's apartment on the first floor of their apartment building, and fortunately she had some spare antibiotics. The only problem was that there was no *eruv* in the city – or in their building. Is Reuven permitted to carry the antibiotics back to his apartment?



1. No; 2. Yes, but he must do so in an unusual fashion, such as wearing the tablets under his hat; 3. Yes, and he can do so in any fashion he wants.

**A** 2. Yes. When someone is sick, a Jew may violate a Rabbinic prohibition, but only in a non-standard way (*shinui*) to heal him. In this case, Reuven may carry the medicine in an unusual fashion, such as under his hat. OC 328 Halachos of Refuah page 51

## Q&A: Shabbos Pain Relief - Gentile Style

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**A** Yes. Reuven is permitted to ask a gentile to violate even a Torah prohibition to help a sick Jew on Shabbos. OC 328 Halachos of Refuah p. 51

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כן, אנו שמחים כי אנו מקדמים ביאת הגאולה על ידי בניית עוד בית נאמן בישראל.

אבל, כל זה נוגע לדברים שהם חלק מהמחויבויות או מהצרכים הפיזיים שלנו. אבל בלוי רק "לעשות חיים" ללא מטרה ספציפית, כשכלל ישראל בצער, זה לא מתאים.

יש לי חבר שממשיך להשתתף בקבוצת האימון השבועית שלו. אבל הם עושים הפסקה באמצע כל פגישה כדי לומר תהילים בשביל כלל ישראל, כדי לא לשכוח את המציאות בה אנו נמצאים.

שנזכה לשמחת הגאולה השלימה, ולא יהיה לנו עוד כאב או צער.

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gemora (Brachos 6b), which tells us that one who makes a choson and kallah happy, it is as if he rebuilt one of the ruins of Jerusalem. He explained that while the destruction is going on, those who get married – showing their belief and conviction that the Jewish people will persevere by perpetuating *Klal Yisrael* – are actually building a home on a foundation of the ultimate *emunah* and *bitachon* (that Hashem will redeem us). Getting married at an ominous time for *klal Yisrael* is actually bringing us closer to the redemption as Hashem sees our confidence in his promise.

Yes, if there is a mitzvah to be done, even in trying times, we look to fulfill it. And as with all mitzvos, it should be done with *simcha*.

I believe a simple implementation of this idea is actually found at every wedding, during the joyous *chupah*. How can we rejoice and be happy when there is no *Beis Hamikdash*? The *chosson* at this time takes a moment to remember Jerusalem when he breaks a glass. This is to show that we know that without a *Beis Hamikdash*, things aren't good. Nevertheless, we are joyous because we are taking a step forward towards bringing the redemption by building another Jewish home.

However, all this is regarding things which are part of our obligations or physical needs. But just to have a "good time" for no specific purpose when *klal Yisrael* is in pain is out of place.

I know someone who continues to participate in his weekly exercise group. But they stop in the middle of every session to say Tehillim for *klal Yisrael* in order not to forget the reality which we are in.

May we merit to have the ultimate *simcha* with no further pain or sorrow.

## 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 will be erased on Rosh Chodesh Shevat, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



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Tuesday mornings in the Hall

09:05-09:45

For the Zechus and Shemira of Klal Yisroel

## עונג שבת

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20:30 לימודים בבית מדרש

21:00 עונג שבת באולם

מתחזקים בתורה ומחזקים את עם ישראל



## Learning and Oneg Shabbos

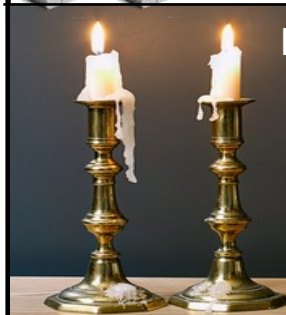
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Only **full members** as of Midnight on Motza'ei Shabbos, January 27 can vote, so ensure that your membership is in order before this time.



## Mevarchin Rosh Chodesh Shevat

הַמֹּלַד יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם הַמֵּישִׁי,  
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חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי שְׁמוֹנֶה בְּבֹקֶר.

The *Molad* will be Thursday, 45 minutes and 4 *chalakim* after 8 in the morning (Israeli Clock Time 8:32).



רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ שְׁבַט יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם הַמֵּישִׁי  
הַבָּא עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Thursday.

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## ההצגה חייבת להימשך

וַיֵּלֶךְ אִישׁ מִבֵּית לִוִּי וַיִּקַּח אֶת־בִּתְּלֹוֹי: (שמות ב:א)

במהלך התקופה הקשה הזו, שואלים אותי לעתים קרובות מה היא התנהגות מתאימה. אני מאמין שכולנו מבינים שבזמן הזה, שבו כלל ישראל סובלים ונמצאים בסכנה, זה לא בדיוק הזמן לצאת לחופשה. אני רוצה לספר מעשה שמדגים "מי כמוך ישראל!"

מישהו הזמין חופשה לפני תחילת המלחמה. באסרו חג הוא התקשר להגיד לי שהוא מבין שזה לא ראוי לצאת לחופשה. אז שאל כמה הוא חייב להפסיד, מכיוון שהקרטיסים לא ניתנים להחזר.



הוא גם העיר, "אני לא יודע כמה יכולתי ליהנות גם אם אלך, אז כנראה שזו אפילו לא תהיה 'חופשה'". הוא התקשר למלון כדי לבטל את ההזמנה שלו. בעל המלון, שהיה יהודי, אמר מיד, "אני מבין לגמרי, ואני אתן לך קרדיט לשימוש לאחר המלחמה". בהתחשב

בכך שהבעלים הבין שלא יהיו לו הכנסות במשך זמן מה, מבינים עד כמה זו הייתה גישה נדיבה באמת, כמצופה מאחינו בני ישראל.

מה עם להתחתן? האם לדחות את החתונה בגלל מצבו העגום של כלל ישראל? בפרשת השבוע אנו מוצאים תשובה. בני ישראל נרדפים על ידי פרעה, שציווה "כל הבן הילוד היאורה תשליכוהו!" (שמות א:כב) אולם באותה תקופה, עמרם החליט להתחתן ולהביא ילדים נוספים לעולם.

ר' יחיאל יעקב ויינברג (השרידי אש) דן ברעיון זה בתקופת השואה, תקופה שבה אנשים המשיכו להתחתן. הוא הביא את הגמרא (ברכות ו:ב), שאומרת שמי שמשמח חתן וכלה, "כאילו בנה אחת מחורבות ירושלים". הוא הסביר שבזמן שהחורבן עדיין איתנו, אלו שמתחתנים ומקימים משפחות חדשות – ובזה מגלים את אמונתם ובטחונם שהעם היהודי יתמיד – בעצם בונים בית על בסיס אמונה שלמה וביטחון (שה' יגאל אותנו). להתחתן בזמן מאיים עבור כלל ישראל מקרב אותנו אל הגאולה שכן ה' רואה את אמונתנו בהבטחתו.

כן, אם יש מצווה לעשות, גם בתקופות קשות, אנו משתדלים לקיים אותה. וכמו תמיד בכל המצוות, צריך לעשותה בשמחה.

אני מאמין שיישום פשוט של הרעיון הזה נמצא למעשה בכל חתונה, במהלך החופה השמחה. איך אפשר לשמוח ולשמח כשאין בית המקדש? בשביל זה החתן מזכיר את ירושלים בשבירת הכוס, כדי להראות שאנחנו מכירים בכך שבלי בית המקדש, המצב שלנו לא טוב. אף על פי

המשך בעמוד 3

Weekday times until Parshas Vaera	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת וארא
	06:20, 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, 16:40	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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