

Be Re-Source-ful

"Come together and listen, sons of Yaakov; listen to Yisrael, your father." (Bereishis 49:2)



Perhaps one of the most challenging issues in *chinuch* is to have one's children conform to that which is "right", yet give them the freedom to have personal expression (see *Meshech Chochmah Parshas Bechukosai* 26:44). Obviously, a framework is needed in order for us to know where we have flexibility. Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky (1891-1986) wrote regarding this week's parsha that though Yaakov gave each of the individual tribes a *bracha* relating to their personal qualities, abilities, and ultimate perfection, this was done with all of the *bnei Yisrael* being there together. Why? Yaakov wanted his sons to see that though each son/tribe had a different job, nevertheless they had to work together as a unit to achieve the ultimate goal.

This idea is similar to a symphony orchestra, where besides the many types of instruments (horns, strings, percussion, etc.), there will be multiple musicians playing the same instrument. Each instrument has a different sound, and each musician plays differently even on the **same** instrument, yet all of them combine together to properly execute the musical piece.



This analogy to the symphony helps us understand how each tribe, and each of the individuals in the tribes has his own qualities, yet together they create the group of 600,000 souls called "*Klal Yisrael*." And

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. **Shmuel Binder** on the birth of a granddaughter.

**עונג שבת**

ילידים מכיתה ד' ומעלה
עם הרב נפתלי קפלן

20:30 לימודים בבית מדרש
21:00 עונג לבחורים באולם

מתחזקים בתורה ומחזקים את עם ישראל

**Learning and Oneg Shabbos**

Join us this *Leil Shabbos*

20:30

Learning in the Beis Medrash
OR

Parsha shiur from R' Avishai Hill
"Yaakov Avinu's Golden Years"

21:30

Oneg Shabbos in the Hall

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayechi**לוח שבת פרשת ויחי**

<i>Erev Shabbos</i>		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:08/16:28	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:30	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:48	שקיעה
<i>Shabbos Day</i>		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochin Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:23	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:11	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	15:50	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	16:05	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:48	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:25	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:48	מעריב ב'

Netziv Hayom

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לע"נ ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקוב ע"ה

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

Q&A: Fifi's Fractured Foreleg Frustrates Feldenkrantz

Q Mr. Feldenkrantz was walking in the park with his dog Fifi when a bunch of boys who were running around the park crashed into her. Fifi was knocked down, and when she tried to get up, she was limping on her left foreleg. Fifi was in pain, but was also too big for Mr. Feldenkrantz to carry to the Midtown East Animal Hospital (of course, without an *eruv*, he would not be able to carry her anyway). May Mr. Feldenkrantz ask a gentile to take Fifi to the animal hospital for treatment?



A Yes. It is permitted to ask a gentile to take Fifi to the animal hospital due to the prohibition of *tzaar baalei chayim* — not causing suffering to an animal. *OC 332 M.B. 9*

Q&A: Shabbos Day Apple Pickin'

Q On a lovely Shabbos afternoon in the autumn, as Lloyd Sheldon was taking out his trash, he met his gentile neighbor, Trevor, who was holding a wicker basket filled with tantalizingly bright red apples. "Are those from your tree?" asked Lloyd. "Yes, this is the first batch from my tree this year — I picked them just now. They are as scarlet as a Limerick sunset, don't you think? Please, take one for yourself and one for your lovely wife," said Trevor. May Lloyd accept the apple and eat it on Shabbos?

A No. It is forbidden to accept and eat the apples on Shabbos, even if Trevor picked them for himself and not for Lloyd the Jew. This is because when Shabbos started, the apples were still connected to the tree and were, therefore, considered *mukzeh* for all of Shabbos. Additionally, there is a Rabbinic prohibition against eating anything that falls from a tree on Shabbos, lest one come to pick fruit on Shabbos itself. However, as soon as Shabbos is over, Lloyd may accept the apple and eat it. *OC 325 M.B. 22*

אבות ובנים



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AuB for ages 3-7 is still Shabbos afternoon
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just as in the orchestra there is a conductor who is necessary to bring it all together, so too does *klal Yisrael* need its leaders throughout the years, from Moshe Rabbeinu on, in order to succeed.

It is important to understand that we cannot perform a symphony without each and every instrument, and each musician must understand and acknowledge that they are part of a unified group – the symphony orchestra. Therefore, Yaakov made sure that all the tribes were together when he gave different *brochos* to each and every individual son, in order that all would know that these different avenues of service of Hashem are legitimate, essential and part of the greater picture of *klal Yisrael*. In fact, the *Gemora* tells us that though many specific tribes were compared to different animals (Yehuda is like a young lion 49:9; Yissachar is a bony donkey 49:14, etc.), the other 11 tribes also had a piece of that “strength” in them.

However, if a quality is not borne out of the mutual plan of the entire group, then it is unacceptable. We can be flexible as long as we are staying in the framework of one of the paths that the Torah allows.

Reb Yaakov elsewhere in this week's parsha explains, “Even though zealotry is sometimes necessary, there is a formula, according to the Torah, that has to be followed in order for it to be a positive act, and if it is not directed by the Torah, it falls out of bounds.” This, he explains, is the difference between Shimon and Levi. Both were chastised together after the incident of Shechem, yet Levi's zealotry appears throughout Jewish history as the proper procedure to follow, whereas Shimon's zealotry, though it is rooted in the same source, seems to have drifted away from the proper course (see *Emes L'Yaakov*), and therefore was unacceptable.

In fact, this idea is echoed in the *Magen Avrohom* (68), who tells us that each of the tribes had a different *nusach* of *tefillah*. (The *Arizal*, according to many, was the one who ‘merged’ these different versions of prayer to be the most “user friendly.”)

The following *chasidische* story should be a point of reflection in our own lives. When the *Bnei Yissachar* (Tzvi Elimelech Spira of Dinov, 1783–1841) was a young man, he felt that in order to reach his ultimate service of Hashem, it would be necessary to know which tribe he was from. Being that the *Chozeh of Lublin* was known to have *ruach hakodesh*, he decided to ask him. He walked into the room and without even being asked, the great *Chozeh* looked at him and said, “Here comes a Jew from the tribe of Yissachar.”

I wish that we too had a clear vision as to what our ultimate personal goals are. The *Vilna Gaon* on *Mishleh* (16:4) writes that if we were able to be intellectually honest with ourselves and do soul-searching, we too could find our personal mission in life and with the help of Hashem fulfill it as part of the ultimate group: *Knesses Yisrael*.

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 1 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



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 15:50 on the topic **חילול השם**.



Kinyan Hamasechta

Join the Chabura and make a “Kinyan” on Mesechta SOTA!

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.

המשך מעמוד 4

למעשה, המגן אברהם כתב רעיון דומה, שלכל אחד מהשבטים היה נוסח אחר של תפילה. (והאריז"ל, לפי רבים, שילב את הגרסאות השונות הללו של תפילה כדי להיות הכי “ידידותי למשתמש”).

הסיפור החסידי הבא צריך להיות נקודת התבוננות בחיינו. כאשר הבני יששכר היה בחור צעיר, הוא הרגיש שכדי לעבוד את ה' כראוי, הוא צריך לדעת מאיזה שבט הוא. היות שהחווה מלובלין נודע כבעל רוח הקודש, החליט לשאול אותו. הוא נכנס לחדרו ולפני שנשאל, הביט בו החווה ואמר: “הנה נכנס יהודי משבט יששכר”.

הלוואי שגם לנו היה חזון ברור לגבי מטרת החיים שלנו. הגאון מווילנא על משלי (טז:ד) כותב שאם היינו מסוגלים להיות כנים עם עצמנו ולעשות חשבון נפש, יכולנו גם אנו למצוא את שליחות חיינו ובעזרת ה' למלא אותה – כחלק מהקבוצה הכי משמעותית: כנסת ישראל.

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 just erased on Rosh Chodesh Teves, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



