

Know Your Place

Hashem called to Moshe, Hashem Spoke... From here we learn that any Talmid Chacham that doesn't have the ability to differentiate, a carcass is better than him. (Vayikra Raba 1:15)

Did you ever notice that people who have all the answers often don't know much about the subject? For example, everyone understands that we must somehow achieve security in the Middle East, and some people think they have come up with an original way to solve the problem. But if they honestly delve deeper into their "solution", they soon realize that it is riddled with so many difficulties that it isn't even close to a "solution".

This week someone came to me with a complaint about the way the administration in a certain school disciplines their students. But as the conversation unfolded, it became evident that there were more facts that were not originally presented to me! I then asked this person, "What is your experience in the world of education? Which methods of punishment have you seen implemented which have been successful? Which methods have you seen that were failures? To what would you attribute the successes or failures of these methods?" Obviously, for this parent and most parents in general, the answer would be "none" to all of the above. Yet we persist in thinking that our opinion is relevant.

I believe that sometimes it is necessary to be humbled. I would like to share with you a thought which I saw by Rav Nosson Meir Wachtfogel (1910-1998) the *mashgiach* of Lakewood. The *Medrash* (Bereishis Raba 8:10) equates *Moshe Rabbeinu* to *Adam Harishon*. Moshe asked permission before entering the *Kodesh Kadoshim*, which was a proper request, as if he would not have asked, he would have been called a person without *daas* – where even a carcass would be better than him. The *Medrash* equates this to *Adam Harishon*, whom the Angels were about to mistake for G-d, and therefore Hashem made Adam fall asleep so that the Angels would realize that he is not G-d, but merely a human who is G-d-like.

The implication of the *Medrash* is that there was something wrong with the way that *Adam Harishon* carried himself that necessitated that he go to sleep. Reb Nosson explains that if the Angels could confuse him with G-d, then obviously there must have been some lack in showing his

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Bentzi and Aliza Back** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Aharon**! The *Aliyah L'Torah* will take place this Shabbos at *Nekuda Tovah* (Refaim 19). Shacharis 08:30 immediately followed by a *Kiddush*.



Mazel Tov to **Yehuda and Tamara Nyssen** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children **Ariel and Sarah Nyssen**!



PARSHAS ZACHOR For Women



09:40 (approx)

During the regular *leining*. LIMITED seating for women in the Ezras Nashim, and standing room in the shul courtyard in front of the main doors.

Note that time is approximate, and the *leining* will take place without delay as part of the *maftir leining*.

10:40

Seating available in the Ezras Nashim, and standing room in the shul courtyard in front of the main doors.

17:30

In the Hall. Note the new time after *Mincha*! Please be on time—many women have come 2 minutes late and missed it!

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayikra

לוח שבת פרשת ויקרא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:15/17:35	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:37	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:55	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	07:58	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:43	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	16:30	פלא יועץ
Zemiros Shiur	16:45	שיעור
Mincha 2	17:05	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:56	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	✖	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:00	מעריב ב'

Delivery Volunteers Needed

Please help the *Neshei* deliver the Mishloach Manos packages on Purim day. Contact Mrs. Shuli Harris if you can help. 058-329-5812 or shuli@ahavasshalom.org.



Ready for Purim? Another question from the Q&A book from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: Remember Who Is Leining

Q For the last 20 years, Moshe Amar read *Parshas Zachor* immediately before Purim at the Beis Knesses Ohr Haganuz. Even though Mr. Amar was not very learned, his *leining* was impeccable: His voice remained as clear as ever and his pronunciation was perfect. Unfortunately, their Rebbe departed this



world a year ago and now the new Rebbe — the old Rebbe's son — demanded that *he* should read this *parsha* because it was such an important mitzvah. May the new Rebbe take this mitzvah away from Moshe Amar?

A No. The Rebbe may not take away the mitzvah of *leining* from someone who already has a *chazakah*. If he took the mitzvah away, it would give Moshe Amar a bad name, as people would think that he was removed because he was doing something wrong, when in fact he is (and was) reading the *parsha* perfectly.

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Shabbos Afternoon Learning:

16:30-17:05 Individual learning in the *Beis Medrash*

OR Shiurim in the *Ezras Nashim*:

16:30-16:45 *Pele Yoetz Shiur* from the Rav. Topic: **PURIM!**

16:50-17:10 *Shabbos Zemiroshiur* from Avishai Hill.

Don't Be Left Out!



When you have a simcha (or R"l a sad event), it is so *easy* to have it included in the next newsletter! Just send an email to lev@ahavasshalom.org! **Deadline is 11:00 Thursday.** Reminder: Sending an instant message, an email, or speaking to anyone else will probably result in your announcement not making it to the newsletter!

אבות ובנים



16:05-17:05

SHABBOS AFTERNOON!

Chocolate Bars and Treats for all participants

16:35-17:05 Junior Avos uBanim



Thank you to the Broker Family who sponsored AuB last week!



ישיבת ארדכי הצדיק

11:15-12:15 On PURIM DAY

All participants will receive a chocolate bar, treats, prizes, and will be signed up to receive a special prize (at a later date) from AUB headquarters.

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subordination. This, he says, was enough for *Adam Harishon* to be punished. He cites in his piece that Rav Aharon Kotler (1892–1962) at one point disagreed vehemently with one of the Rabbis of the previous generation on a certain subject. Afterwards, there was some kind of fire in his home, and he understood that this was a punishment for not following the dictum of *Pirkei Avos* (2:10) “but beware...all their (the *chachamim*’s) words are like coals of fire.”

Even when one, who is qualified to do so, disagrees with his superiors, which one is permitted to do so when qualified, it does not give him the right to speak about them with disrespect. I believe that in the Megillah we find this idea. Mordechai did not bow down to Haman and there were those who looked at this behavior negatively. In hindsight many of us understand that Mordechai’s actions must have been correct, for we see that it brought about the desired result, saving himself together with all the Jews. While coming to that conclusion is definitely better than judging him unfavorably, it does not mitigate our obligation to try to comprehend Mordechai’s ways. In fact, the *sefer Ze’ev Yitrof* goes into great detail to explain why specifically Mordechai was *the* person who was able to do this and it could not have been accomplished by anyone else. In brief, even when one sees things done by great people, that does not give them the right to mimic their actions, for one has to realize that they may be lacking the background, knowledge and perspective which are necessary to execute these actions properly.

As Moshe Rabbeinu did, we should humble ourselves and wait for a message from those above us to lead us in the right path, so that we should also be blessed to have the Divine Presence rest upon us.

Good Shabbos and a *Freilichen Purim!*

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אין זה מפחית את חובתנו לעבוד על הבנת דרכיו של מרדכי. למעשה, ספר זאב יטרוף מרחיב בפירוט מדוע דווקא מרדכי היה האדם שהיה מסוגל לעשות זאת ולא כל אחד אחר. בקצרה, גם כאשר אנו רואים דברים שנעשו על ידי אנשים גדולים, זה לא נותן לנו את הזכות לעשות כפי שהם עשו, שכן עלינו להבין שמן הסתם חסר לנו הרקע, הידע וההשקפה הנחוצים כדי לבצע פעולות אלו כראוי.

כפי שעשה משה רבנו, עלינו להשפיל את עצמנו ולחכות להודעה מגדולים מאיתנו שויבילו אותנו בדרך הנכונה, כדי שנזכה גם שהשכינה ישכון עלינו.

גוט שבת און א פרייליכען פורים!

Megilla with the Kehilla

Join the Ahavas Shalom Kehilla as we finish the entire Mesechta Megilla on Purim Night.

Due to the lateness of sunset, this year we are suggesting that participants learn a little on

Shabbos so that they can complete their learning within the allotted time on Motza'ei Shabbos.

The learning will officially begin at 22:00 Purim Night (Mar 23) and the Rav will lead the *Hadran* at 22:45, followed by light refreshments. See the poster on the door to sign up—or just show up on PURIM NIGHT!



Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

~~SUNDAY 21:15: Mishnayos~~ CANCELLED

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos* **PESACH!**



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

Past shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos

Pele Yoetz Shiur

NEW TIME! Due to scheduling conflicts, the shiur will meet this week at 16:30 in the *Ezras Nashim* on the topic **פורים**.



Order you Matzah NOW!

Easy ordering online at ahavasshalom.org/matza
Hand made (machine ground) 200מ/kg
Full price list is online.

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Voice/WhatsApp: 054-566-5084 or write matza@ahavasshalom.org



Join the Kehilla for baking Matzas on Apr 16/Nissan 8 at approx. 17:30.

Get updates on baking: ahavasshalom.org/matzachat



Purim - פורים

End of Shabbos*	18:33	צאת שבת*
Maariv	19:00	מעריב
Add'l Megilla Reading	21:00 ⁴	קריאה לנשים
Megillah with the Kehillah	22:00 Siyum 22:45	מגילה עם הקהילה
Shacharis	06:00 ¹² , 07:30 ² 08:30 ¹³	שחרית
Add'l Megilla Reading	10:15 ⁴	קריאה לנשים
Avos uBanim	11:15-12:15	אבות ובנים
Mincha	12:30, 13:00, 14:00	מנחה
Maariv	19:00, 20:00, 21:00	מעריב

*Do not do work until 18:33. Then say these exact words before working: "Baruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh Lechol."

*איסור מלאכה והכנה עד 18:33. זכור להגיד "ברוך המבדיל" בלי שם ומלכות לפני שעושים מלאכה

¹ Takes place in the Hall

² Women are invited to hear the megilla in the *ezras nashim* as part of the 06:00 and 07:30 minyonim. These minyonim will begin the **megillah without delay**, so please try to be in the room no later than **40 minutes** after the minyon begins.

³ The 08:30 minyon will **not** have an *ezras nashim* available. Please consider an earlier minyon or the additional reading at 10:15.

⁴ Women can sit anywhere in the Main Beis Medrash (except for the 2 rows directly in front of the Aron, which are reserved for men).

Reminder: Spring Forward

Reminder: The clocks will be moved *forward* one hour **NEXT** Friday morning, March 29. Below is the general davening schedule for the summer:



- Shacharis: 06:20, 07:15, 08:10 (08:15 Friday)
- Mincha: 13:15, 15:15 (note the first Mincha will be 13:16 on Sunday).
- Maariv: 20:15 (in the Beis Medrash except on Tuesday when it will be in the **Hall**), 21:00.
- Erev Shabbos: Mincha: 13:30, 20 minutes before *Plag*, 18 minutes before sunset.
- EARLY SHABBOS: Starts **NEXT** week Parshas TZAV and continues all summer until Rosh Hashanah. (There will not be "early Yom Tov" on Pesach, April 23).
- Shabbos Shacharis: 08:15.
- Avos uBanim: 60 minutes before the third Mincha (17:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).
- Shabbos Mincha: 13:30 and 45 min. before sunset (will change to 18:00 and 19:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).

משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריה

תכיר את מקומך

"ויקרא אל משה וידבר ה'" מיכן אמרו כל ת"ח שאין בו דעת, נבלה טובה הימנו (ויקרא רבה וילנא פרשה א סימן טו)

שמתם לב שאנשים שיש להם את כל התשובות לרוב לא יודעים הרבה על הנושא? למשל, כולם מבינים שאנחנו חייבים איכשהו להשיג ביטחון בארץ, ויש אנשים שחושבים שהם מצאו דרך מקורית לפתור את הבעיות. אבל אם הם באמת מעמיקים ב"פתרון" שלהם, הם מבינים עד מהרה שה"פתרון" רצוף בבעיות רבות.

השבוע הגיע אלי משהו עם תלונה על האופן שבו הנהלת בית ספר מסויים משמיעה את תלמידיו. גם הורים רבים אחרים היו מודאגים. אבל ככל שהשיחה התגלגלה, התברר שהיו כמה עובדות שלא הוצגו לי! לאחר מכן שאלתי אותו, "מה הניסיון שלך בעולם החינוך? אילו שיטות ענישה מוצלחות ראית מיושמות? אילו שיטות כושלות ראית? למה היית מייחס את ההצלחה או הכישלון של השיטות הללו?" ברור שעבור הורים אלה ורוב ההורים בכלל, התשובה היתה "לא ולא" לכל האמור לעיל. עם זאת, אנו ממשיכים לחשוב שדעתנו הולמת.

אני מאמין שלפעמים יש צורך להיות מושפל. אני רוצה לשתף אתכם במחשבה שראיתי אצל הרב נתן מאיר וכטפוגל, המשגיח של ישיבת לייקווד. המדרש (בראשית רבה ח:י) משווה את משה רבנו לאדם הראשון. משה ביקש רשות לפני כניסתו לקודש הקדשים, שהיתה בקשה ראויה, שאם לא היה מבקש, היה קוראים לו אדם שאין בו דעת – שאפילו נבלה טובה ממנו. המדרש משווה זאת לאדם הראשון, שהמלאכים עמדו לטעות בו כאלוקים, ולכן ה' גרם לאדם להירדם כדי שהמלאכים יבינו שהוא לא אלוהים, אלא רק אדם שהוא בצלם אלוהים.

המשמעות של המדרש היא שמשוה לא היה בסדר בדרך שאדם הראשון נשא את עצמו שהצריך לו לישון. ר' נתן מסביר שאם המלאכים התבלבלו בינו ובן ה', אז ברור שהיה חוסר במראה הכפיפות שלו. זה, לדבריו, הספיק לאדם הראשון שיקבל עונש. הוא מצטט במאמרו שהרב אהרן קוטלר חלק פעם בחריפות נגד אחד מרבני הדור הקודם בנושא מסוים. לאחר מכן, הייתה איזושהי שריפה בביתו, והוא הבין שזהו עונש על כך שלא הנהג לפי המשנה בפרקי אבות (ב:י) "וְהָיוּ זְהִיר בְּגִחְלָתָן (של החכמים) ... וְכָל דְּבָרֵיהֶם בְּגִחְלֵי אֵשׁ."

גם כאשר מי שמוכשר לכך חולק על הגדולים ממנו, אין זה נותן לו זכות לדבר עליהם בחוסר כבוד. נראה לי שבמגילת אסתר אנו מוצאים את הרעיון הזה. מרדכי לא השתחוה להמן והיו אילו שגיניו בהתנהגות זו. לאחר מעשה רבים מאיתנו מבינים שמעשיו של מרדכי ודאי היו נכונים, שכן אנו רואים שזה הביא לתוצאה הרצויה, והציל את עצמו יחד עם כל היהודים. אמנם להגיע למסקנה זו עדיף בהחלט מאשר לשפוט אותו לרעה, אך

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Weekday times until Parshas Tzav	ה' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת צו
	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	06:00*, 07:30, 08:30*	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:20, 18:42	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	12:30, 13:00, 14:00	מנחה	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 20:00, 21:00	מעריב	

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