

### Sweeter Than Revenge

*Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord. (Vayikra 19:18)*

The Mesilas Yesharim writes (11:78):

*The sins of hatred and revenge, as well, are very difficult for the deluded heart of human beings to avoid. For a person is very sensitive to his humiliations and suffers great pain because of them, and thus, revenge is sweeter to him than honey, for it alone gives him comfort from the pain of the insult.*



Even though revenge is sweet, the Torah still tells us that one is not permitted to take revenge! How does one overcome this seemingly natural desire, and even more difficult, how does one not bear a grudge?

In the classic case of revenge, Reuven asks Shimon to borrow his lawn mower, and Shimon says no, because Shimon is worried that it will get damaged while in Reuven's possession. The seasons change, and Shimon approaches Reuven to borrow his snowblower. Reuven remembers quite



clearly that he was not given the lawnmower when he requested it. It seems from Chazal that without the first incident in the summer Reuven would have lent the snowblower. Yet now Reuven is considering not lending the snowblower so that he can take revenge on his friend Shimon. The Torah demands that Reuven instead increase his love for his fellow Jew, which will overcome his desire to take revenge, and he will then act according to his inherent desire to help another Jew. This is the approach of Rav Baruch Mordechai Ezrachi ZT"l (1929-2023), to help us understand that our love for our fellow man must be greater than our desire to take revenge.

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בית מדרש  
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רמת בית שמש

Ahavas Shalom  
INVITES THE RBS  
COMMUNITY TO

# Lag B'Omer IN THE PARK

**BRING CASH** FOR THE REFRESHMENTS!

**20:15**  
AYALON PARK  
Entrance on Lachish across from Ahavas Shalom Shul

HOTDOGS, COTTONCANDY, POPCORN, REFRESHMENTS, SPLIT-THE-POT RAFFLE

QUIZ FOR THE KIDS WITH RABBI TEICHTAL!

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY ARI GOLDWAG  
PLUS KUMZITZ BY ISAAC AND RUBENSTEIN

WORDS OF CHIZUK FROM HARAV ZACHARIASH SHLIT"A  
FREE ENTRANCE | PROCEEDS FROM FOOD AND RAFFLE GO TO BENEFIT AHAVAS SHALOM

### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Acharei Mos/Kedoshim לוח שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:40	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:00	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:48/19:08	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:10	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:28	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema - M. A.	08:20	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema - G'ra	09:11	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	18:00	מנחה ב'
<b>Pirkei Avos Shiur</b>	<b>18:24</b>	<b>פרקי אבות</b>
Sunset	19:29	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:06	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:29	מעריב ב'

Sponsored by Ari and Rochel Waldman In Memory of Ari's Mother  
**Esther bas Menachem**  
Whose Yahrzeit is the 15th of Iyar.

## Proper Payments

Do you have an outstanding obligation to the kehilla and want to pay it? There are several ways to pay, but *please do not put cash into the tzedakah box!*

If you want to pay in cash, please give it to a vaad member such as Binyomin Rubenstein or Aryeh Beer; or Lev Seltzer. However, these are the preferred methods of payment:

- Nedarim Plus terminal next to the front door
- Online at [www.ahavasshalom.org/nedarim](http://www.ahavasshalom.org/nedarim)
- [PayPal.me/ahavasshalom](https://www.paypal.com/ahavasshalom)
- American Friends at [ahavasshalom.com/donate](http://ahavasshalom.com/donate)

Please remember to include a note explaining the purpose of your donation.



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I would like to address the second Mitzva in this verse, "Lo Sitor", do not bear a grudge. Reuven has an issue with Shimon, which is why even if he does not take revenge, and does lend the snowblower to Shimon, he may feel the necessity to chastise Shimon, by stating, "I am not like you – I WILL lend you my snowblower!" However, though Reuven wants to teach Shimon that even if one prefers to not lend out his items, he should leave his comfort zone and lend it anyway, (as we are all Jews). Instead, he is transgressing "lo sitor". Reuven's obligation was to overcome his desire to teach the lesson, as Shimon may have had a good reason for not lending the lawn mower and therefore did no wrong. Under those circumstances, by Reuven lending the snowblower to Shimon and "saying his piece", the lesson that he would like to impart will not be imparted.

What we learn from these two ideas is that to help ourselves and to help the people around us, the Torah gives us exact methods and situations when and where lessons should or should not be imparted. We should always think before we act, to make sure that we are reacting in the way Hashem wants us to.

## 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](mailto:office@ahavasshalom.org).



## אבות ובנים

Starting this week:

# CHOCOLATE

# CHASE

Come 4 times by Parshas Behar/Bechukosia and get a

## CHOCOLATE BAR!

### 17:00-18:00

### SHABBOS AFTERNOON!

Treats for all participants

17:30-18:00 Junior Avos uBanim

Summer Sponsorships: 50₪ Nosh, 150₪ Chocolates  
Contact Shlomo Hollander for details



## Boi B'Shalom

Starting 18:40 Friday Afternoon  
(30 minutes before the last mincha)



## GMACH SMACHOT

IF YOU SUFFER A LOSS CONTACT THE GMACH TO BORROW ITEMS NECESSARY FOR A SHIVA HOME,  
[ahavasshalom.org/smachot](http://ahavasshalom.org/smachot)  
Or call 054-566-5083 OR 050-203-0584

## COMMUNITY CARE

Do you know someone in our Kehilla who is unwell?  
Please let us know so that we can arrange home/hospital visits and meals.  
Contact: Alan Rubenstein 054-398-8570

You can also inform the Ahavas Shalom Vaad.



## Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will be in the merit of your choosing. Just 120₪ per sponsorship, which is announced via a notice on the "Netziv Hayom" board in the shul, as well as an announcement in this newsletter. To sponsor a day please contact Mrs. Zakoo [Netziv@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:Netziv@ahavasshalom.org).



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7 Iyar sponsored by the Zakoo Family

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THEN BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER ONLY 100₪ PER MONTH via NEDARIM PLUS

ENHANCE YOUR COMMITMENT BY SUPPORTING OUR SHUL AND BEIS MEDRASH.

## Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishmayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Sefiras Ha'Omer*

All 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)

המשך מעמוד 4

אדם מעדיף לא להשאיל את חפציו, עליו לעזוב את אזור הנוחות שלו ובכל מקרה להשאיל אותם, (שכן כולנו יהודים), סוף סוף, הוא עובר על "לא תטור". חובתו של ראובן הייתה להתגבר על רצונו ללמד את שמעון לקח, שכן ייתכן שלשמעון הייתה סיבה טובה לא להשאיל את כליו ולכן המוסר אינו ראוי לו. בנסיבות אלה, בכך שראובן הוכיח את שמעון לאחר שהשאיל לו את הכלי שלו, הלקח שהוא רצה להעביר לא יועבר.

עלינו ללמוד משני הרעיונות הללו, שכדי לעזור לעצמנו ולאנשים סביבנו, התורה נותנת לנו שיטות ומצבים מדויקים מתי והיכן יש להעביר או שלא להעביר מסרים. עלינו תמיד לחשוב לפני שאנו פועלים, כדי לוודא שאנו מגיבים לפי רצון ה'.

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The Tuesday Halacha shiur is learning *Hilchos Sefiras Ha-Omer*—see how well you do with these questions

## Q&A: Fast with a View?

Q Esther Goldberg married Dovid Lipshitz on Lag B'Omer at Terrace on the Park. Should they fast on the day of their wedding according to a) the M.B. and b) the A.H.?



A M.B.: It is a debate as to whether to fast or not, so they should speak with their local Orthodox rabbi. A.H.: They must fast. While Lag B'Omer is considered a "holiday", it is NOT a "holiday" that is mentioned in the *gemora*.

OC 573; M.B. 7; A.H. 2

## Q&A: Have a New Peach

Q Avidan stopped by his uncle and aunt's home in the Old City a week after Pesach to say "hello." "Have a peach," his aunt offered "It is the first one of the season!" As this is during the *omer mourning* period, what should Avidan do according to the M.B.?

- 1) Eat the peach and do not say *shehecheyanu*.
- 2) Eat the peach and say *shehecheyanu*.
- 3) Refrain from eating the peach.



A 2. He should eat the peach and say *shehecheyanu*. While the M.B. suggests not eating foods during the **three weeks** which would require a *shehecheyanu*, the M.B. does not say this regarding the *omer* period. However, there are still those who will avoid purchasing fruits which require a *shehecheyanu* during the *omer* mourning period, and everyone should follow their own custom.

OC 493; M.B. 2

**NEW!** Rbssemicha.com has started a new course on *Choshen Mishpat*.

## Q&A: You've Got Mail!

Q Mr. Brochstein and Mr. Goldberg agreed to have their case adjudicated in front of the Boca Beis Din, but the first available court date was after Pesach when Mr. Goldberg would already be back in his home up north! Can the Beis Din allow the two litigants to submit their claims via email?

- 1) No. A Beis Din must be able to see the expressions on the faces of the litigants as they make their claims and responses.
- 2) Yes. If both parties agree, a Beis Din can accept claims via email.
- 3) Yes. A Beis Din can require both parties to submit their claims via email, even if one or both parties insist on a "live" hearing in front of the Beis Din.

A 2. While ideally a Beis Din should be able to see the faces of the litigants as they make their claims, if both litigants agree to having the case tried via email, then the Beis Din is permitted to conduct the entire hearing via email.

CM 13:3

