

## All From The Boss

"And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Mo'av with him. And Balaq said to him, What has the Lord spoken?" (Bamidbar 23:17)

RASHI: WHAT HAS THE LORD SPOKEN? — This was a language of mockery, as if to say, "You are not your own master" (Midrash Tanchuma, Balak 13).



A simple man inherited \$10,000 and sought guidance from a financial advisor before any every investment decision. The advisor consistently recommended the most profitable options, leading the man to extreme wealth. Over time, he began to believe that he himself had a natural aptitude to make good investment decisions. One day someone offered him a business deal. He responded, "Let me consult my financial advisor first". The other person derided him, saying, "Can't you decide on your own?" Stung by the taunt, the man felt pressured to prove his business acumen, and he invest without advice --- and the deal failed.

In a similar scenario, another man was put to the same test. But when mocked, he said, "Say what you will – I am still consulting my advisor."

A third fellow was in the same situation, but over the years he had studied business himself. When he was offered the deal, he confidently made his own decision.

We typically admire the third man most, respect the second, and view the first fellow negatively for not recognizing his own lack of business acumen.

The Torah (23:17) recounts Balak asking Bilam, "What did Hashem say?" Rashi citing Chazal notes that Balak was mocking Bilam, "You have to ask Hashem? You can't decide on your own?"

Reb Itzele Volozhiner (1780 –1849, the son of Reb Chaim Volozhiner) explains that Balak was suggesting that Bilam actually had no power. This reminds me of a Chassidshe Rebbe who had his Gabbai deliver his decisions to the chassidim. If at some point the Gabbai assumes that he himself is on the same level as the Rebbe and could make his own decisions, he risks not only his role as Gabbai, but also could cause damage to others.

Though Bilam was given a great amount of power by Hashem, it was imperative that he understood that he didn't have a right to make any decisions on his own. This

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## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Avrohom Shlomo and Dr Caroline Lindsey on the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren, Ruchama and Eli Schauder. Mazel Tov, too, to Grandparents Avrohom and Rebecca Asher and Dr and Mrs Schauder (Manchester, UK)



## NEW PEREK-Kinyan HaMesechta



Join the Ahavas Shalom Kinyan HaMesechta Chabura as we begin the **Eighth Perek of Sota** on **Monday** at 08:20. This is a great time to join, and there are only two more *pereks* left until we complete all of Sota!

The group meets in the Hall Sun-Thu 08:20 to about 09:05.

### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Balak לוח שבת פרשת בלק

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:59	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:19	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:10/19:30	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:32	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:50	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	09:14	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>
Mincha 3	19:00	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:50	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:27	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:50	מעריב ב'

## Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

**SUNDAY 21:15:** ~~Mishnayos~~ *Mikvaos*

**TUESDAY 20:15:** *Halachos of the 3 Weeks*

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)

## Ahavas Shalom Community Kollel

The Ahavas Shalom Kollel has been open for more than half a year, and the sweet sounds of Torah learning can be heard each morning from a group of *Avreichim* learning *Gemora Be'iyun*.



There is also a unique opportunity for **you** to learn with one of these *Avreichim* during the first hour of the Seder (09:15-10:15). Contact Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen (052-762-4727) and arrange your *chevrusa* now!

## Stay In Touch!

Visit [Ahavasshalom.org/list](https://Ahavasshalom.org/list) to subscribe to our email list and get notifications directly to your inbox!



You can also sign up for the shul's instant communication group on the same page!

## 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).



## STORY TIME With Rabbi Seltzer

Friday Night in the Hall while the Rav gives his Drasha



FYI: Picture taken over 1000 seconds before sunset Friday

## אבות ובנים

17:00-18:00

17:30-18:00 Junior Avos uBanim

SHABBOS AFTERNOON! Treats for all participants



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## Boi B'Shalom

**Starting 19:02 Friday Afternoon**  
**(30 minutes before the last mincha)**





## Siddurim Donation

The Kehilla thanks **Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Binder** for their recent donation of bound siddurim, in memory of Shmuel's father. *Yasher Koach!*

We are always interested in expanding our library, so if you would like to donate *sefarim* or *siddurim* in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact **Yehuda Nyssen** (050-412-0515) to make arrangements.



## You're Paying for WHAT?

Please help our office staff by IDENTIFYING the purpose of any payment you make, which can be done on the "notes" field in NedarimPLUS or PayPal—or just send a separate email to Mrs. Zakoo (office@ahavasshalom.org). Thank you!



## 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).



15 Tammuz sponsored by the Fader Family

לע"נ אליעזר בן ברוך ז"ל

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was his test: curse or bless independently, or was he bound to follow Hashem will?

On a simple level, Bilam deciding for himself might seem greater, but in reality, true greatness lies in being the trusted "mouthpiece" of Hashem. In regard to our case above, it is true that the third person's self-reliance is often admirable. But if the advisor was the world's greatest, then the second person – who humbly seeks guidance – is the wisest one.

The late philanthropist Moshe Reichman once remarked that success in business is 97% Divine assistance (*siata dishmaya*), and 3% business skill (*hishtadlus*). He then added that the 3% is not essential, and often hinders more than it helps.

When we succeed, we often say, "It is all from Hashem." I believe that the more we actually internalize this truth, the greater we become.

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משהם עוזרים.

כשאנו מצליחים, לעיתים אנו אומרים, "הכל מאת ה'." אני מאמין שככל שאנו מפנימים אמת זו יותר, כך אנו הופכים לאנשים גדולים יותר.

Questions that appear in this newsletter come from [RBSsemicha.com](http://RBSsemicha.com).

*RBSsemicha.com is now learning Choshen Mishpat.*

Test yourself with the questions below:

## Q&A: The Sneeze that Shook the Chuppah

**Q** Yitzchak Tzvi stood under the *chupah* next to his bride. His friend Avidan and Rabbi Montrose were his witnesses, who had just examined the ring and verified that it was worth a *perutah*. Just as Yitzchak Tzvi put the ring on his bride's finger, Avidan let out a sneeze that shook the world! The photographer captured the moment of the ring going on the finger, and Avidan's eyes were closed at that moment. When Avidan opened his eyes again the ring was already on the bride's finger. What should be done now?

- 1) Nothing. The wedding is 100% valid.
- 2) They **should** repeat putting the ring on the finger, as **some** opinions say that the marriage would not be valid without proper witnessing of this particular action.
- 3) They **must** repeat putting the ring on the finger, as **all** opinions say that the marriage would not be valid without proper witnessing of this particular action.

**A** 2. Yitzchak Tzvi **should** take off the ring and put it on his bride again. The witnesses are supposed: to see each other; see the bride and groom; and see the groom putting the ring on the bride. Without all three, some hold that the wedding is invalid. However, others argue and hold the wedding to be valid. Therefore, it is recommended to repeat the action so that they are married without any doubt.

EH 42:4; PT 12

## 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.

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## Gmach Smachot

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NECESSARY FOR A *SHIVA* HOME, [ahavasshalom.org/smachot](http://ahavasshalom.org/smachot)

Or call 054-566-5083 OR 050-203-0584

## עצה טובה

יָבֵא אֵלָיו וְהָנוּ נֶצֶב עַל-עֲלָתוֹ וְשָׂרִי מוֹאֵב אֶתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בְּלֶקֶת מִהֲדַבֵּר יְהוָה: (במדבר כג:יז)  
רשי: מה דבר ה'. לשון צחוק הוא זה, כלומר אינך ברשותך (שם):

אדם פשוט ירש \$10,000 ופנה לייעוץ מיועץ פיננסי לפני כל החלטת השקעה. היועץ המליץ בעקביות על האפשרויות הרווחיות ביותר, מה שהוביל את האיש לעושר רב. עם הזמן, הוא התחיל להאמין שיש לו כישרון טבעי לקבל החלטות השקעה טובות. יום אחד, מישהו הציע לו עסקה. הוא השיב, "תן לי להתייעץ קודם עם היועץ הפיננסי שלי." האדם השני לעג לו ואמר, "אתה לא מסוגל להחליט לבד?" פגוע מהלעג, האיש הרגיש לחץ להוכיח את יכולתו העסקית והשקיע ללא ייעוץ - והעסקה נכשלה.

במצב דומה, אדם אחר עמד באותו מבחן. כשלעגו לו, הוא אמר, "תגיד מה שתגיד - אני עדיין מתייעץ עם היועץ שלי."

אדם שלישי היה באותו מצב, אך במהלך השנים הוא למד עסקים בעצמו. כשהוצעה לו העסקה, הוא קיבל החלטה בביטחון על סמך הידע שרכש.

בדרך כלל, אנו מעריצים את האדם השלישי ביותר, מכבדים את השני, ומביטים על הראשון בשלילה משום שלא הכיר בחוסר היכולת העסקית שלו.

התורה מספרת שבלק שאל את בלעם, "מה דיבר ה'?" (במדבר כג:יז) רש"י, בצטטו את חז"ל, מציין שבלק לעג לבלעם, "אתה צריך לשאול את ה' אתה לא יכול להחליט לבד?"

רבי איצלע וולוז'ינר (בנו של רבי חיים וולוז'ינר) מסביר שבלק רמז שבלעם חסר כוח אמיתי. זה מזכיר לי רב חסידי שממנה את הגבאי שלו להעביר את החלטותיו לחסידים. אם בשלב מסוים הגבאי חושב שהוא ברמה של הרבי ויכול לקבל החלטות בעצמו, הוא מסתכן לא רק באובדן תפקידו, אלא גם בגרימת נזק לאחרים.

אף שבלעם קיבל כוח רב מאת ה', היה הכרחי שיבין שאין לו זכות לקבל החלטות עצמאיות. זה היה המבחן שלו: האם יוכל לקלל או לברך באופן עצמאי, או שהוא מחויב לפעול לפי רצון ה'?

ברמה הפשוטה, נראה שאם בלעם מחליט בעצמו הוא אדם גדול יותר, אך במציאות, הגדלות האמיתית טמונה בהיותו "שופר" נאמן של ה'. במקרה שלנו לעיל, נכון שהעצמאות של האדם השלישי לעיתים מעוררת הערצה. אך אם היועץ הוא הגדול בעולם, אז האדם השני - שמבקש הדרכה בענווה - הוא החכם ביותר.

הנדבן המנוח משה רייכמן אמר שהצלחה בעסקים היא 97% סייעתא דשמיא ו-3% כישרון עסקי (השתדלות). הוא הוסיף שאותם 3% אינם הכרחיים, ולעיתים מפריעים יותר

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## זמנים צום י"ז בתמוז

17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz (Sunday) — Times for the Fast

Start of Fast	<b>04:19</b>	תחילת הצום
Shacharis	<b>06:10</b> <b>*07:15</b> <b>08:10</b>	שחרית
Mincha	<b>13:20</b> <b>15:15</b> <b>19:10</b>	מנחה
Sunset	<b>19:50</b>	שקיעה
End of Fast	<b>20:07</b>	סוף הצום
Maariv 1	<b>20:10</b>	מעריב א'
Maariv 2	<del><b>21:00</b></del>	מעריב ב'



Note that the minyon at 21:00 will not meet.

Also, The Rav's Mishnayos shiur will not meet.

\*Hall אולם

# PIRKEI AVOS

## WITH RAV AVOHOM BARUCH ZACHARIASH

This week starting around 18:24.

מתפלל באופן קבוע ב'אהבת שלום' משתתף בשיעורים או בתוכניות הילדים שלנו?

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## Small Change to Big Mincha

Due to changes in sunrise and sunset, the time for **Mincha Gedolah** (Sun-Thu) will switch to **13:21** on Thursday 17-July. It will return to 13:20 on July 27, and return to 13:15 on August 21.



Weekday times until Parshas Pinchas	'i(Fri)	'h(Thu)	'd(Wed)	'g(Tue)	'b(Mon)	'a(Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד פרישת פינחס
	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	06:10, 07:15*, 08:10	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:57, 19:29	13:21, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15, 19:10	מנחה	
	*Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:10	מעריב	

HaRav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Sh'lita, Rav Su-Fr 08:30-09:15 and Su-Th 19:15-20  
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