

Staying True to the Path

"This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you." (Shemos 12:2)



The first mitzvah in the Torah that is recorded as being given to Klal Yisrael is the mitzvah of "hachodesh hazeh lachem". This mitzvah commands Beis Din to hear testimony from witnesses that they saw the new moon and then proclaim the new month. Why was this mitzvah chosen to be the first?

I would like to suggest why this mitzvah *must* be the first mitzvah. The Gemorah tells us that the declaration of the new month by Beis Din could result in practical differences in the physical world. Chazal gave several examples of these differences. The point that Chazal are making is that Hashem gave over the way the world runs to klal Yisrael, and the opinions of the Beis Din can actually effect change in the physical world which we live in.

This is not only true regarding the physical world, but also regarding the spiritual world as well. The decisions of the Beis Din can actually outweigh the opinion of Hashem Himself! This is explained in the Gemorah in Bava Metzia, where there was a disagreement as to whether something was tahor or tamei. While Hashem sided with the minority vote, He was still outvoted by the rest of the Sanhedrin and we paskin against Hashem! Not only is this true regarding psak, but Rabbi Shimon Shkop (1860-1939) in his introduction to Shaarei Yosher says that

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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 Shalom Meir Waldman** (Rosh Chabura, Ahavas Shalom Kollel)
- No Beis Elokim shiur or Shabbos morning drasha.
- No Pele Yoetz shiur.

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bo

לוח שבת פרשת בא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:36/16:56	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:58	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:16	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:27	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 Shiur	X	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	16:30	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:17	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:54	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:17	מעריב ב'

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regarding the manner of learning and deduction, as long as one is learning in a Torah-true way, his opinion is valid. Therefore, the disagreements of *Beis Shammai* and *Beis Hillel* are two opposing views, yet both of them are considered G-d-given and correct (*Elu v'elu divrei Elokim Chaim...*).

There are those who question the approach to learning that Rav Chaim Soloveichik (1853-1918) introduced ("The Brisker Method", a reductionistic approach to Talmud study). Basically, our response is based on the principle that we are saying right now. Since his approach was gleaned from his Rabbis, it is as legal and proper as the way that Torah was learned 1000 years ago.

Going back to the original question, the explanation seems quite simple: The physical and spiritual worlds are both dependent upon what *beis din* says. As this is the underpinning of the world in which we live in, the best and necessary place for this *mitzvah* is right at the beginning. It has to be clear to all that the upcoming *mitzvos*, are in our *Chachamim's* hands.

Therefore, this week when we read "*hachodesh hazeh lachem*" we should understand that we have an obligation to stay true to our *mesorah* and bring it to a new level. Each and every person can add to the furtherance of the Torah, as long as he stays within the parameters of *Chazal*.

Perhaps with this we can understand the famous statement that whenever someone learning Torah comes up with a novel interpretation about a section of the Torah, we say that this "new" piece" of Torah was also given to Moshe at *Har Sinai*. Yes, we are empowered to grow in our Torah, but we should use these powers properly.

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אולי בכך נוכל להבין את האמירה המפורסמת "כל מה שתלמיד עתיד לחדש כבר נאמר למשה בסיני". כן, ניתן לנו לגדול בתורתנו, ואפילו לחדש, אבל עלינו להשתמש בכוחות הללו כראוי.

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: **NEW!!** *Hilchos Yom Tov*

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

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The Tuesday Halacha shiur is now learning *Hilchos Yom Tov* — see how well you do with these questions

Q&A: Yom Tov Egg & Mayo

Q Judy Goldberg knew her husband liked egg salad mixed with mayonnaise. So, she decided to serve it for lunch on *Yom Tov*. She made sure to buy the raw eggs before *Yom Tov*, but in order to keep her *erev Yom Tov* free to go to the gym, she thought she could boil them on *Yom Tov*, as cooking is permitted. May she make the egg salad on *Yom Tov* morning?

- 1) No. This type of dish can only be prepared before *Yom Tov*.
- 2) Yes, but she must prepare it using a *shinui*.
- 3) Yes, and she can prepare it normally.

A 2. Yes, but only if she prepares it using a *shinui* — some abnormal procedure. While ideally she should have made the eggs before *Yom Tov* (as cold hard-boiled eggs don't taste any better whether they were made fresh on *Yom Tov* morning or *erev Yom Tov*), she is, nevertheless, permitted to make the eggs on *Yom Tov* using a *shinui* — a non-normal procedure. This procedure may be to put the empty pot on the stovetop, which is abnormal, and then filling the pot with water, and finally putting in the raw eggs. Once the eggs are cooked, she would be permitted to prepare the salad from them in the normal fashion. However, in the future, she should make the eggs on *erev Yom Tov*, and not rely on this leniency.

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Q&A: Farm Fresh Challah

Q Moshe Rosenberg set aside a small part of his farm in Damascus, PA, to grow wheat. By Shavuot, the grain was ready to be harvested and made into bread for his Shavuot meals. The list below is of all the steps required to make bread — all of which are forbidden on Shabbos. At which step number may Moshe begin when making challah on *Yom Tov* itself?

- 1) Plant the seeds.
- 2) Water the seeds.
- 3) Harvest the grain
- 4) Separate the chaff from the grain.
- 5) Grind the grain into flour.
- 6) Mix water with the flour.
- 7) Knead the mixture into a dough.
- 8) Separate *challah* from the dough.
- 9) Bake the bread.



A Step #6 and onward (mixing the water with the flour until the bread is baked) are permitted. Steps 1 through 5 are prohibited as they could have been done before *Yom Tov* without any decrease in the quality or freshness of the challah.

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להישאר נאמן

הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רֹאשׁ חֳדָשִׁים רִאשׁוֹן הוּא לָכֶם לַחֲדָשֵׁי הַשָּׁנָה:
(שמות י"ב)

המצווה הראשונה שניתנה לכלל ישראל כפי שכתובה בתורה היא מצוות "החודש הזה לכם". מצווה זו מורה לבית דין לקבל עדות מאלו שראו את הירח ולהכריז איזה יום הוא ראש החודש. מדוע דווקא המצווה הזו נבחרה להיות הראשונה?

אני רוצה להציע את הסיבה שמצווה זו **חייבת** להיות המצווה הראשונה. הגמרא מספרת לנו שהכרזת ראש חודש על ידי בית דין עלולה לגרום להבדלים מעשיים בעולם הגשמי, וחז"ל הביאו מספר דוגמאות להבדלים אלו. הנקודה שחז"ל מעלים היא שה' נתן את ניהול העולם לכלל ישראל, ודעותיו של בית הדין יכולות למעשה לחול שינוי בעולם הגשמי שבו אנו חיים.

זה תקף לא רק לגבי העולם הגשמי, אלא גם לגבי העולם הרוחני. החלטות בית הדין יכולות למעשה לנצח אפילו את דעתו של ה' עצמו! כך מבואר בגמרא בבבא מציעא, שם הייתה מחלוקת אם הדין טהור או טמא. ה' תמך בצד המיעוט, אבל בכל זאת רוב הסנהדרין פסקו כאילו נגד ה'! לא רק לגבי פסק דין זה נכון, אלא שהרב שמעון שקופ בהקדמתו לספרו "שערי יושר" אומר שלגבי אופן הלימוד והחשיבה בתורה, כל עוד לומדים בצורה תורנית באמת, דעתו תקפה. לפיכך, חילוקי הדעות של בית שמאי ובית הלל למרות שהן דעות מנוגדות, נחשבים "אלו ואלו דברי אלוהים חיים".

הייתה התנגדות לגישת לימוד התורה שהנהיג הרב חיים סולובייצ'יק ("שיטת בריסקר", גישת צמצום ללימוד הגמרא). בעיקרון, התגובה שלנו מבוססת על אותו רעיון. כיוון שגישתו נלקחה מרבתי, היא כשרה וראויה כמו דרכי לימוד התורה מלפני 1000 שנה.

אם נחזור לשאלתנו, ההסבר נראה די פשוט. העולם הגשמי והרוחני תלוי במה שאומרים בית הדין. מכיוון שזוהי התשתית של העולם בו אנו חיים, המקום הטוב וההכרחי למצווה זו של קידוש החודש הוא ממש בתחילתו של כלל ישראל. צריך להיות ברור לכל שכל שאר המצוות, נמצאות בידי חכמינו.

לכן, השבוע כשאנו קוראים את "החודש הזה לכם" עלינו להבין שיש לנו חובה להישאר נאמנים למסורה שלנו, ועם

המשך בעמוד 2

Learning and Oneg Shabbos

16:28 Boi BeShalom Kids' programs (Girls and Boys)

20:30 Boys: Learning followed by Oneg Shabbos at **21:00**

20:30-21:30 Bochorim: Learning with special snack table

20:30 Adults: Beis Medrash Learning or *Alshich Hakadosh* shiur from R' Avishai Hill followed by Oneg Shabbos **21:30**

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Beshalach	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	מעריב	בשלח

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