

The War that Never Ends

"And Elazar the Kohein said to the soldiers who came, going to the war..." (Bamidbar 31:21)



The Torah describes how the spoils of war were to be divided among the victors. The Satmar Rebbe (Rabbi Yoel Teitelbaum 1887–1979), questions the wording: why does it say "going to the war" rather than "the soldiers returning from battle"?

He answers by using an insight from *Chovos Halevavos*, which recounts a man addressing victorious soldiers returning from battle, "You believe you have won the war? That was merely the *small* battle. Now begins the *great* battle." This "great battle" refers to the struggle against the *Yetzer Hara*, the evil inclination. This battle intensifies specifically after the victory.

People who are victorious tend to feel entitled, that others are beholden to them, and may even fall into infighting. Success in the battlefield can plant seeds of which could lead to one's future downfall, unless one learns to be cautious after moments of triumph, and approaches these moments with humility.

The Satmar Rav explains that the wording "going to war" after the war was over, implies that a greater battle looms even after triumph. He continues that this is why the mitzvah of *Hechsher Keilim* (kashering vessels) comes right after the war. *Klal Yisrael* had to ensure that there was no residue of secular influence within us, nor even in our possessions.

Consider an example relatable to our daily lives: Imagine someone with a daily struggle to get up in time for davening. One day, he conquers his evil inclination and arrives at shul early. Feeling a sense of accomplishment, he imagines that he has plenty of time until davening starts, so he starts chatting with one friend, and then another friend—and before long, he's late for davening again! Was this truly a success, or did the *Yetzer Hara* subtly prevail?

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GROWTH THROUGH TISHA B'AV WITH RAV ZACHARIASH SUNDAY

JUL 27

20:15-21:00

SHUL HALL • FOR WOMEN

1Y"H SHIUR WILL BE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE ON AHAVASSHALOM.ORG



Service Notice:

This is the last week that the 19:00 Mincha Minyon will meet on Shabbos Afternoon. The minyon will resume again next summer.

זה השבוע האחרון של מנחה בשעה 19:00 בשבת. המיניון יתחדש שוב בקיץ הבא.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Matos-Masei לוח שבת פרשת מטות-מסעי

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:54	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:14	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:04/19:24	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:26	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:44	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:26	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:19	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	18:00	מנחה ב'
Pirkei Avos Shiur	18:24	פרקי אבות
Mincha 3	19:00	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:43	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:20	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:43	מעריב ב'

Communal Kinos

We sincerely hope that the Geula will arrive this year, and instead of Kinos, we will be singing praises to Hashem with hearts full of joy. But in the event this does not occur...

In light of the inspiring presentations the past few years, the Rav enthusiastically supports participation by members of the Kehilla in introducing the Kinos on Tisha B'Av morning. Presentations should be approximately 2-3 minutes in length to share with the Kehilla your thoughts, feelings and explanations on your chosen Kina.

The list of available kinos is found at ahavasshalom.org/kinos. Check this page also to see which kinos you may have presented in a previous year so that you can select a different Kina for this year.

Please contact Peretz Dissen (Peretz@ahavasshalom.org or 054-566-5084) with the Kina you would prefer to introduce, and an alternate or two in case of conflicting requests, or to be assigned one.

– "כל המתאבל על ירושלים –
זוכה ורואה בשמחתה"

Tisha B'Av



Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim 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

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

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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.



אבות ובנים

17:00-18:00

17:30-18:00 Junior Avos uBanim

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Boi B'Shalom

Starting 18:56 Friday Afternoon
(30 minutes before the last mincha)

Summer Schedule:

BBS meets this week and next week
And then goes on a break until P' Shoftim (Aug 29)



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Defeating the *Yetzer Hara* is a lifelong process, and victory should not be judged by every battle that is won. We see examples of this nowadays as well. After the 7th of October, not only did Israel respond successfully, but it brought about a great amount of unity in *klal Yisrael*. But with time, the *Yetzer Hara* found a foothold and turned that victory into an anchor for disagreement in *klal Yisrael*. Similarly, immediately after the bombing of Iran, there was a feeling of unity and again, as time passed, it became a source of division. We see from here that winning the battle does not guarantee winning the war. (In regard to worldly matters, it is essential to understand that if we serve Hashem properly, He will make the leaders of all the countries do what is beneficial for the *ruchnios* of *klal Yisrael*.)

There was a Rav who attended a modest Shabbos *Sheva Brachos* in America. He turned to those around him and remarked, "These *baalei simcha* got it right. It's refreshing to see people who haven't been swayed by the pressures of secular society to go 'over the top.'" Sitting beside him was a guest from a poor, religious town in *Eretz Yisrael*. Surprised, the guest responded, "What are you talking about? I'm astonished by how extravagant this *Sheva Brachos* is!"

In that moment, the Rav realized something profound: the *Yetzer Hara* had been victorious. The secular culture of America had subtly transformed luxuries into perceived necessities—not just for those around him, but for him as well. Just when he thought the *Yetzer Hara* had been conquered in exile, he recognized that it was, in fact, celebrating a quiet triumph.

Even after moments of personal or communal success, we must remain vigilant. We cannot afford to relax our guard or remove our hands from the wheel. The *Yetzer Hara* is relentless—it never gives up.

May this lesson inspire us all, and may it serve as the catalyst to bring about the immediate arrival of *Moshiach Tzidkeinu*.

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

Questions that appear in this newsletter come from RBSsemicha.com.

The Rav's Tuesday shiur is learning the laws of the three weeks. Are you ready? Test yourself with these questions:

Q&A: 9 Days of Wedding Prep

Q After months of cajoling, Mr. Kagan finally convinced Zion to propose to his daughter Kayla. They needed to find an appropriate hall for a wedding in Elul, but it was now the "nine days" and Kayla was concerned that if they didn't book something immediately, they would have to delay the wedding until after the end of Sukkos! May they look for a hall and then book it during this time period?



A Yes. Kayla is permitted to do this because she feels that if she doesn't find a hall right now and only looks for it after Tisha B'Av, she probably would not find any available halls and would have to schedule the wedding for a later time. Likewise, she may begin preparations for her wedding dress and Zion's suit. She may even purchase items for the wedding that are inexpensively priced right now, so that she will not have to spend more money for them after Tisha B'Av.

OC 551; Shaar Hatzion 12

PIRKEI AVOS WITH RAV AVOHOM BARUCH ZACHARIASH

This week starting around 18:24.

המשך מנצח 4

מבטיח ניצחון במלחמה. (בענייני העולם, עלינו להבין שאם נעבוד את ה' כראוי, הוא יגרום למנהיגי העולם לפעול לטובת הרוחניות של כלל ישראל).

רב שהשתתף בשבת שבע ברכות צנועה באמריקה פנה לסובבים אותו ואמר: "בעלי השמחה עשו זאת נכון. משמח לראות אנשים שלא נסחפו אחר הלחץ החברתי להגזים." לצידו ישב אורח מעיירה חרדית בארץ ישראל, שהגיב בתדהמה: "על מה אתה מדבר? אני המום מהפאר של השבע ברכות הזו!" באותו רגע, הרב הבין תובנה עמוקה: היצר הרע ניצח. התרבות באמריקה הפכה בחשאי מותרות לצרכים הכרחיים – לא רק עבור הסובבים אותו, אלא גם עבורו. ממש כשחשב שנצחו נגד היצר הרע, הוא זיהה שהיצר הרע בעצם חוגג ניצחון שקט.

גם לאחר רגעי הצלחה אישיים או קהילתיים, עלינו להישאר ערניים. איננו יכולים להרפות או להסיר ידיים מן ההגה. היצר הרע אינו מוותר לעולם.

יהי רצון שתובנה זו תעורר אותנו, ויעזור להביא משיח צדקנו במהרה בימינו.

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.



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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.



Donate a Sefer!

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!



Times are Changing!

The first weekday Mincha returns to 13:20 on Sun., July 27. It will switch back to 13:15 on Aug 24, Rosh Chodesh Elul.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

המלחמה הנצחית

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹדֶזֶר הַכֹּהֵן אֶל-אֲנָשֵׁי הַצָּבָא הַבָּאִים לְמַלְחָמָה... (במדבר לא:כא)

התורה מתארת כיצד יש לחלק את שלל המלחמה בין אלה שנצחו במלחמה. הרבי מסאטמר, רבי יואל טייטלבוים, תמה על הניסוח: מדוע נאמר "הבאים למלחמה" ולא "הבאים מן המלחמה"? הוא משיב תוך הסתמכות על תובנה מחובות הלבבות, המספר על אדם שפנה לחיילים שחזרו מנצחים מן הקרב ואמר: "אתם חושבים שניצחתם במלחמה? זו הייתה רק קרב קטן. עכשיו מתחילה המלחמה הגדולה." המלחמה הגדולה מתייחסת למאבק נגד היצר הרע, המתגבר דווקא לאחר הניצחון.

אנשים שמנצחים נוטים להרגיש שמגיע להם הכול, שאחרים חייבים להם, ולעיתים אף נופלים לסכסוכים פנימיים. הצלחה בשדה הקרב עלולה לזרוע זרעים שיובילו לנפילה עתידית, אלא אם נלמד להיות זהירים לאחר רגעי ניצחון ולהתמודד עמם בענווה. הסאטמר רבי מסביר כי הניסוח "ההולכים למלחמה" לאחר שהמלחמה הסתיימה מרמז על קרב גדול יותר הממתין לאחר הניצחון. הוא מוסיף כי זו הסיבה שמצוות הכשרת כלים מופיעה מיד לאחר המלחמה – כלל ישראל נדרש לוודא שאין שום השפעה חילונית שנותרת בתוכנו או בחפצינו.

דוגמה יומיומית: נניח שמישהו מתקשה לקום בזמן לתפילה. יום אחד הוא מצליח, מגיע מוקדם לבית הכנסת ומרגיש מלא הישג. משום שהוא חושב שיש לו די זמן, הוא משוחח עם חברים, מאבד את תחושת הזמן, ובסוף מאחר לתפילה. האם זהו ניצחון אמיתי, או שמא היצר הרע ניצח בחשאיו?

המאבק ביצר הרע הוא תהליך לכל החיים, ואין להכריז על ניצחון בכל קרב שנראה כמוצלח. אנו רואים זאת גם בימינו: לאחר השביעי באוקטובר, ישראל לא רק הגיבה בהצלחה, אלא גם חוותה אחדות גדולה בקרב כלל ישראל. אך עם הזמן, היצר הרע מצא דריסת רגל והפך את הניצחון לעוגן למחלוקות. כך גם לאחר ההפצצה באיראן – בתחילה הייתה תחושת אחדות, אך עם הזמן היא הפכה למקור למחלוקות. מכאן אנו למדים כי ניצחון בקרב אינו

מתפלל באופן קבוע ב'אהבת שלום' משתתף

בשיעורים או בתוכניות הילדים שלנו?

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	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	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:50, 19:21	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	מנחה	
	Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	מעריב	

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