

Keep it Going

"He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the crown of his God is upon his head." (Bamidbar 6:7)



There are many different ways of approaching challenges, and especially as to how to use these challenges to further one's growth. I call this the "swimming pool phenomenon". There are people who will just jump into the pool and start swimming. There are others who will first put in a toe, then their foot, then their leg, and slowly get their whole body into the water. It is futile to argue which way is better because each person has their specific preference. But there are times when one of these styles will be more appropriate than the other.

This is also true in *Avodas Hashem*. Sometimes a person must take a quantum leap to get going; other times baby steps are necessary for steady, natural growth. One should examine the specific situation to determine which approach would be more effective.

The preferred approach for *Avodas Hashem* will also differ with one's age. The young and energetic usually have the ability to take great strides in short amounts of time. When people are older, they usually are more successful when they take small steps and improve gradually.

When the Torah tells us about a *kohen* not becoming *tamei meis*, it excludes 7 relatives: Father, mother, wife, brother, sister, son, daughter. In this week's parsha it discusses when a *nazir* can become *tamei meis*, but it omits becoming *tamei* for a son and daughter. Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky (1891–1986), asks, "Why are they not mentioned?" He answers based on the ideas we expressed above. Becoming a *nazir* changes one's lifestyle

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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 Naftali Kaplan**.
- No *Beis Elokim* shiur or Shabbos morning *drasha*.
- Pirkei Avos* shiur will be given by **Rabbi Yosef Brown**.

THE RAV
IS OUT

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 by 11:00 Thurs.



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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Nasso לוח שבת פרשת נשא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:54	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:14	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:05/19:25	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:27	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:45	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:11	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:06	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	19:46	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:23	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:46	מעריב ב'

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Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Yom Tov*

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

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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!



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in an immediate and drastic way. Therefore, this is more appropriate for younger people who do not yet have children, so there is no reason for the Torah to mention them! (n.b. The halacha is that they may become *tamei* to the son and daughter) However there are situations where something which happens to a person is like a splash of cold water on their face, and they realize that they should become a *nazir* even at an older age.

For example, this week's haftara speaks about *Shimshon Hagibor*, who was a different kind of *nazir*, as he was a *nazir* from birth. This was because Shimshon's mother received such a wakeup call and was told by an angel of Hashem that she had to become a *nazir* in order to merit birthing Shimshon.

Parshas Nasso is the longest parsha in the Torah. The *meforshim* tell us that the reason it follows Shavuot is because, since we just accepted the Torah, we are "on a roll", so we over-extend ourselves on this Shabbos in *limud hatorah*. Not only is the *parsha* the longest, but the *medrash* on *Parshas Nasso* is also the longest, because having just been invigorated to learn Torah, we put it to good use by learning more than we normally would.

This week, as we still have the adrenaline of Shavuot with us, we should all try to increase our *limud torah* and *kiyum hamitzvos*, in order to keep the Yom Tov spirit with us for a little longer.

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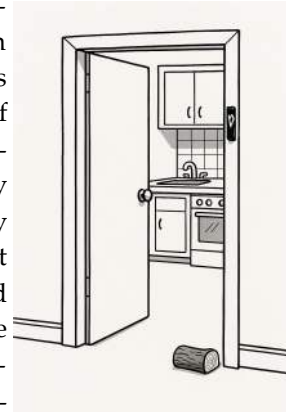
התורה לא מכבר, אנחנו ב"תקופה מוצלחת". ולכן בשבת זו אנו מתאמצים יתר על המידה בלימוד התורה. לא רק שהפרשה היא הארוכה ביותר, אלא שהמדרש בפרשת נשא הוא גם הארוך ביותר, משום שרק לאחר שהתעוררנו בלימוד תורה, אנו מנצלים את ההתלהבות הזו לטובה על ידי לימוד תורה רבה יותר ממה שהיינו עושים בדרך כלל. השבוע, כיוון שעדיין יש לנו את השפעת חג השבועות, כולנו צריכים לנסות להרבות בלימוד תורה ובקיום המצוות, כדי לשמור אצלינו את רוח יום טוב עוד קצת.

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

The Tuesday Halacha shiur has returned to learning *Hilchos Yom Tov*—see how well you do with these questions

Q&A: Log b'Doorway

Q Levy and Yocheved spent some quality time alone in Marty Lowenstein's cabin near Fallsdale on Yom Tov. In the living room, there was a large fireplace with a half cord of wood next to it, which Levy designated for Yom Tov use so they could have a fire during the chilly nights. During the first meal at night, Yocheved became frustrated because the door between the kitchen and living area had a self-closing mechanism, and she wanted to keep it open. May Levy take one of the smaller logs from the stack and place it on the floor to act as a doorstop?

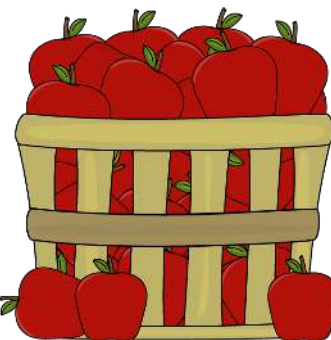


A No. While the log is not *mukseh* for use on Yom Tov in the fireplace, as Levy had designated it for such use, it is *mukseh* vis-a-vis all other purposes. However, if, before Yom Tov, Levy had designated the wood for other purposes or if this particular log had in the past been used as a doorstop, then he could use the wood (or that particular log) as a doorstop. OC 507; M.B. 15



Q&A: One Apple Up On Top

Q On Friday, Lloyd Sheldon noticed his gentile neighbor, Trevor, in his garden picking apples from his tree. As Lloyd left for *shacharis* on Shabbos day, he saw him out again with a ladder, seemingly picking another apple from the tree. When Lloyd came back from *shacharis*, Trevor was still outside and said to his Jewish neighbor, "You must come inside and take an apple. They are fabulous this year!" "I am most grateful for your offer," said Lloyd, "but because you picked the apples on the Holy Sabbath Day, I may not have them." "Worry not, me fine Jewish friend," said Trevor. "as I have only picked one of the apples today — one that was on the top branch. The rest — and there are at least 5 dozen — were picked on Friday." May Lloyd take one of the apples?



A No. We do not say that the one apple picked on Shabbos is *batul* to the rest of the basket. Since it is possible for Lloyd to wait until after Shabbos, and the entire basket will be permitted, he must wait until then. We do not treat the one forbidden apple as nullified compared to the rest of the basket. 507; M.B. 13

תחזיקו מעמד

לְאָבִיו וּלְאִמּוֹ לְאָחֵיו וּלְאָחָתוֹ לֹא-שָׁמָא לָהֶם בְּמָתָם כִּי נָזַר אֶלְקִיּוֹ
עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ: (במדבר ו:ז)

ישנן דרכים רבות ושונות איך לגשת לאתגרים, ובמיוחד כיצד להשתמש בהם כדי לקדם את הצמיחה האישית. אני קורא לזה "תופעת בריכת השחייה". ישנם אנשים שקופצים מיד לבריכה ומתחילים לשחות. ישנם אחרים שקודם כל יכניסו אצבע, אחר כך את כף הרגל, אחר כך את הרגל, ולאט לאט יכניסו את כל גופם למים. אף אחת מהדרכים אינה טובה יותר, כי לכל אחד יש העדפה אישית משלו. אבל ישנם מקרים שבהם אחד מהסגנונות הללו יתאים יותר מהשני.

זה נכון גם בעבודת ה'. לפעמים אדם צריך לעשות קפיצת מדרגה כדי להתחיל; פעמים אחרות צעדים קטנים נחוצים לצמיחה טבעית ויציבה. יש לבחון כל מצב כדי לקבוע איזו גישה תהיה יעילה יותר.

הגישה המועדפת לעבודת ה' תשתנה גם בהתאם לגיל. צעירים ונמרצים בדרך כלל מסוגלים לעשות צעדים גדולים בפרקי זמן קצרים, בעוד שאנשים מבוגרים בדרך כלל מצליחים יותר כשהם עושים צעדים קטנים ומשתפרים בהדרגה.

כאשר התורה אומרת לנו שאסור לכהן לטמא למתים, היא מוציאה מכלל 7 קרובי משפחה: אב, אם, אישה, אח, אחות, בן, בת. בפרשת השבוע היא דנה מתי מותר לנזיר לטמא למתים, אך היא אינה מזכירה בן ובת. הרב יעקב קמינצקי שואל מדוע הם לא מוזכרים? הוא עונה על סמך הרעיונות שהבענו לעיל. לקבל נזירות משנה את אורח חייו של אדם באופן מיידי וקיצוני. לכן, זה מתאים יותר לצעירים שעדיין אין להם ילדים, ולכן אין סיבה שהתורה תזכיר אותם! (שימו לב: לפי ההלכה הם מותרים לטמא לבן ובת).

עם זאת, ישנם מצבים בהם מתרחש אירוע המשמש כאזהרה לאדם, כדי שהוא יבין שעליו לקבל נזירות גם בגיל מבוגר יותר. לדוגמה, ההפטרה השבוע מדברת על שמשון הגיבור, שהיה נזיר מסוג אחר, שכן הוא היה נזיר מהרחם. הסיבה לכך הייתה שאמו של שמשון קיבלה מסר כזה ונאמר לה על ידי מלאך ה' שעליה להיות נזירה כדי לזכות ללדת את שמשון.

פרשת נשא היא הפרשה הארוכה ביותר בתורה. המפרשים מספרים לנו שהסיבה שהיא מגיעה מיד לאחר שבועות היא משום שמאחר שקיבלנו את

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