

Using Your Brain

"Aharon carried the names of Bnei Yisrael on the breastplate on his heart, when he came into the Holy place, as a remembrance in front of Hashem forever." (Shemos 28:29)

The two pieces of the Kohein Gadol's clothing that the Torah speaks the most about are the *Choshen* (breastplate) and the *Tzitz* (headplate). Why does the Torah describe at length specifically these two pieces of clothing?

Rav Yosef Ber Soloveitchik (1903-1993, quoted in the *Pardes Journal*), gave a eulogy on Rav Chayim Ozer Grodzinsky (1863-1940). He said that there are some Rabanim who know much *halacha* in their heads, but don't carry *klal Yisrael's* problems in their heart. This is an allusion to a disconnect between the *Tzitz* (one's Torah knowledge) and the *Choshen* (one's caring about all the different facets of klal Yisrael in his heart). A true Torah giant combines both of these attributes, when *paskening* a question or giving advice, as otherwise their Psak or advice may not take all of the pertinent information into account.

This kind of a situation seems to have also cropped up in the story of *Megilas Esther*. What do you think the headlines in the Shushan Jewish Times were when Mordechai refused to bow down to Haman? There were definitely those who said that Mordechai, with his religious fanaticism, sold *klal Yisrael* down the river. In reality, it was actually the opposite. This was the catalyst to restore *klal Yisrael* in Hashem's favor and cause the redemption to come.

Rav Shach (Elazar Menachem Man Shach 1899-2001) once had a question about how to handle a certain student. He went to the Brisker Rav (Rav **Yitzchok Zev Halevi Soloveitchik** 1886-1959) to ask advice. Rav Shach's idea was to do something which was more on the liberal side. The Brisker Rav said not to do it. Rav Shach walked out and told the people that they can go ahead with the suggestion that Rav Shach made. Somebody, who had overheard the conversation, asked Rav Shach: "Didn't the Brisker Rav say not to do it?". To this, Rav Shach that if the Brisker Rav meant to not do it under any circumstances, he would have been screaming. The fact that he just said it in a normal tone meant that he was leaving it up to me to make the final decision. That person later told the Brisker Rav what Rav Shach said, and asked the Brisker Rav, what

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to the Chairman Emeritus on the birth of a grandson to his children **Mordechai Eliyahu and Chanala Seltzer**. Shalom Zachor at the Pogrow home (Refaim 13/1)!



PARSHAS ZACHOR For Women



09:40
(approx)

During the regular *leining*. LIMITED seating for women in the Ezras Nashim, and standing room in the shul courtyard in front of the main doors.

Note that time is approximate, and the leining will take place without delay as part of the *maftir* leining.

10:40

Women can use these areas:

- Ezras Nashim
- Lachish side of men's section (behind curtain)
- Shul courtyard in front of the main doors.

16:35

In the Hall. Please be on time—many women have come 2 minutes late and missed it!

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Tetzaveh

לוח שבת פרשת תצוה

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:05/17:25	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:27	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:45	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:10	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:54	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz Shiur	16:45	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	17:00	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:45	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:22	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:45	מעריב ב'

Delivery Volunteers Needed

Please help the *Neshei* deliver the Mishloach Manos packages on Purim day. Contact Mrs. Shuli Harris if you can help. 058-329-5812 or shuli@ahavasshalom.org.



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he thought of Rav Shach's decision. The Brisker Rav responded that Rav Shach understands things very well.

We see from this story, that true *Gedolim* have the ability to read between the lines and see things that the regular person can't see. Where does this come from? This comes from their brain, which is full of all the Torah that they have learnt. This is how the *Tzitz* is related to the *Choshen*. The combination of a thorough Torah understanding with their big hearts gives them the ability to give direction in worldly matters.

I told this story to a friend of mine whose grandfather learned with Rav Shach in Kletzk. His grandfather said that in Kletzk, one couldn't speak to Rav Shach about anything besides Torah, as he didn't have any interest or understanding in anything else.

This seems to me to be the exact recipe necessary to become a true *gadol biyisrael*. Those people who are fully focused on their learning will have the tools necessary to deal with what Hashem throws at them and to help those who seek their advice.

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

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.



המשך מעמוד 4

של הבנה יסודית בתורה עם ליבם הרחב מקנה להם את היכולת לתת עצות חכמות.

סיפרתי את הסיפור הזה לחבר שלי שסבא שלו למד עם הרב שך בקלצק. סבא שלו אמר שבקלצק אי אפשר היה לדבר עם הרב שך על שום דבר מלבד תורה, כי לא היה לו עניין או הבנה בשום דבר אחר.

זה נראה לי המתכון המדויק הדרוש כדי להפוך לגדול אמיתי בישראל. למי שממוקד לגמרי בלימוד התורה, יהיו הכלים הדרושים להתמודד עם מה שה' זורק להם ולעזור למי שמבקש את עצתם.

אבות ובנים



AuB Motza'ei Shabbos at **19:20!**

Boys aged 7+ learn for 1 hour

You can also sponsor the Prizes, Treats or Ice Cream for just 150 ILS contact Shlomo Hollander for details

Special AuB on Purim Day 11:15-12:15!



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.

8 Adar sponsored by the (David) Brown Family

לע"נ חוה בת ישראל ע"ה



Megilla with the Kehilla

Join the Ahavas Shalom Kehilla as we finish the entire Mesechta Megilla on Purim Night.

The learning will officially begin at 22:00 Purim Night (Mar 13) and the Rav will lead the *Hadran* at 22:45, followed by light refreshments. See the poster on the door to sign up—or just show up on PURIM NIGHT!

(Need more than 45 minutes to complete a daf? Please consider learning a little this Shabbos or during the week.)



GMACH SMACHOT

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

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Purim!*

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

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 16:45 in the hall on the topic **יראה**.



Leil Shabbos Learning and Onegs

יש לי זוג - ושיבת שבוע

Dozens of Men and Boys are learning every Leil Shabbos in our Beis Medrash Sponsor all the programs over one Shabbos for just 250₪



Questions that appear in this newsletter come from RBSsemicha.com. Four volumes of questions are now available in print. See rbssemicha.com/books for more information.

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

Q&A: Zachor or Megillah

Q Poor Moishe! He was doing well in his yeshiva in Detroit, but his parents insisted that he come home to visit either the Shabbos before Purim or a few days later, on Purim day itself. Unfortunately, there was no minyan where they lived in Indiana, so he would have to daven on his own. Given these two choices, which day is more important for him to stay in Yeshiva?

- 1) Shabbos before Purim (when they *lein Parshas Zachor*).
- 2) Purim Day (when they *lein the megillah*, as well as a portion of the Torah).

A 1. Hearing Parshas Zachor is a Biblical commandment, and may only be performed with a minyan of men. There is no commandment for an individual to hear the Torah on Purim day, and an individual may read the *megillah* on his own. OC 685 M.B. 16; A.H. 7

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.



Matzah Baking

Join the Kehilla for baking Matzas on Sunday April 6 (Nissan 8) from approximately 17:00.

Ordering and payment will be online

at: ahavasshalom.org/matza

Prices for 5785 are not finalized yet.

Last year the price was 200₪/kg (Hand made (machine ground))

Questions? Contact **Peretz Dissen** Voice/WhatsApp:

054-566-5084 or write matza@ahavasshalom.org

Get updates on baking: ahavasshalom.org/matzachat



FAST OF ESTHER

תענית אסתר – יום ה'

Start of Fast	4:41	התחלת התענית
Shacharis	6:10, 7:15¹, 8:10	שחרית
Mincha	13:00, 15:15, 17:10	מנחה מחצית השקל!
Sunset	17:49¹⁵	שקיעה
End of Fast	18:04	סוף תענית
One should not eat until after hearing the <i>megilla</i> reading אסור לאכול עד סוף קריאת מגילה		

Purim – פורים

Maariv	18:10	מעריב
Add'l Megilla Reading	20:15⁴	קריאה לנשים
Megillah with the Kehillah	21:45 Siyum 23:00	מגילה עם הקהילה
Shacharis	06:00¹² 07:30² 08:30¹³	שחרית
Add'l Megilla Reading	10:15⁴	קריאה לנשים
Avos uBanim	11:15-12:15	אבות ובנים
Mincha	12:30, 13:00⁵, 17:32	מנחה

¹ Takes place in the Hall

² Women are invited to hear the megilla in the *ezras nashim* as part of the 06:00 and 07:30 minyonim. These minyonim will begin the **megillah without delay**, so please try to be in the room no later than 40 minutes after the minyon begins.

³ The 08:30 minyon will **not** have an *ezras nashim* available. Please consider an earlier minyon or the additional reading at 10:15.

⁴ Women can sit anywhere in the Main Beis Medrash (except for the 2 rows directly in front of the Aron, which are reserved for men).

⁵ This is a **special** Mincha led by Rabbi Ari Goldwag, and typically lasts for 45 minutes. *Come and sing along!*

Boi B'Shalom

Meeting every Erev Shabbos 30 minutes before Mincha.

This week at 16:57



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

שימוש במוח

וְנִשָּׂא אֶהָרֶן אֶת־שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּחֶשֶׁן הַמִּשְׁפָּט עַל־לִבּוֹ בְּבֹאֹ
אֶל־הַקֹּדֶשׁ לְזָכְרָן לְפָנַי־קִנְיָן תָּמִיד (שמות כח:כט)

שני בגדי כהן הגדול שהתורה מדברת עליהם הכי הרבה הם החושן והציץ. למה דווקא שני בגדים האלו?

הרב יוסף בער סולובייצ'יק (מצוטט בעלון הפרדס), הספיד על הרב חיים עוזר גרודזינסקי. הוא אמר שיש כמה רבנים שיש להם הרבה הלכה בראש, אבל לא נושאים בלב את הבעיות של כלל ישראל. זה נרמז בנינוק בין הציץ, המייצג את הידע התורני של האדם, לבין החושן המייצג את האכפתיות מכל ההיבטים השונים של כלל ישראל בלבנו. גדול בתורה אמיתי משלב את שתי התכונות הללו, שהן הכרחיות כשפוסקים על שאלה או נותנים עצות, שכן בלעדן הפסק או העצה עלולים שלא לקחת בחשבון את כל המידע הרלוונטי.

מצב כזה קיים גם בסיפורה של מגילת אסתר. מה לדעתך היו הכותרות ב"חדשות שושן" כשמרדכי סירב להשתחוות להמון? בהחלט היו מי שאמרו שמרדכי בקנאות שלו בגד בכלל ישראל. במציאות, זה היה למעשה ההיפך. זה היה הזרז להשיב את חנו של כלל ישראל בעיני ה' ולגרום לגאולה לבוא.

לרב שך הייתה פעם שאלה איך לטפל בתלמיד מסוים. הוא הלך להרב מבריסק לבקש עצה. הרעיון של הרב שך היה לעשות משהו שהוא יותר על הצד המקל. הרב מבריסק אמר לא לעשות זאת. הרב שך יצא ואמר לאנשים שהם יכולים להמשיך עם הצעתו המקורית. מישהו ששמע את השיחה, שאל את הרב שך: "הלא הרב מבריסק אמר לא לעשות את זה?". הרב שך הסביר שאם הרב בריסקר התכוון לא לעשות זאת בשום פנים ואופן, הוא היה אומר זאת ביתר שאת. זה שהוא פשוט אמר את זה בטון רגיל פירושו שהוא משאיר את ההחלטה הסופית בידו. מאוחר יותר סיפר אותו אדם להרב מבריסק את מה שאמר הרב שך, ושאל אותו מה דעתו על החלטתו של הרב שך. הבריסקר רב פשוט השיב כי הרב שך מבין את הדברים היטב.

אנו רואים מכאן, שלגדולי תורה אמיתיים יש את היכולת לקרוא בין השורות ולראות דברים שהאדם הרגיל אינו רואה. מאיפה זה בא? זה בא מהמוח שלהם, שהוא מלא בכל התורה שלמדו. וזה הקשר בין הציץ לחושן. השילוב

המשך בעמוד 2

Learning and Oneg Shabbos

- 16:57 Boi BeShalom Kids' programs (Girls and Boys)
20:45 Boys: Learning followed by Oneg Shabbos at 21:15
20:45-21:45 **Bochurim**: Learning with special snack table
20:45 **Adults**: Beis Medrash Learning or *Alshich Hakadosh* shiur from R' Avishai Hill followed by Oneg Shabbos 21:45

זמנים	יום	א' (Sun)	ב' (Mon)	ג' (Tue)	ד' (Wed)	ה' (Thu)	ו' (Fri)	Weekday times until Parshas Ki Sisa
שחרית	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	06:10, 07:15 [*] , 08:10	06:00 [*] , 07:30, 08:30 [*]	
מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15, 17:10	12:30, 13:00, 17:32	
מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	18:10	*Hall	

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