

The Power of Giving

"And they said to Moshe as follows, 'The people are bringing more than enough for the labor of the work that Hashem has commanded them to perform'" (Shemos 36:5)

I am often asked if it is worthwhile to donate to a particular charity. To determine the right response, I have to look at several factors. If the donor has only a small amount of money, one worthy cause he is considering may not be affected by his donation in any significant way, while there may be another charity that is less "worthy", but his money will make a greater impact. What is the right choice to make?

The Rambam, when discussing a related question, says that giving *tzedakah* is an opportunity to make great gains in one's *midos*. The Mishna in *Pirkei Avos* (3:15) says: "*Hakol lifi rov hamaaseh*". The Rambam explains this to mean that if one has \$1000 to give away, he is better off giving \$1 to each of 1000 people rather than \$1000 to a single person. The reason for this is that the 1000 acts of giving more readily make him into a "giving and caring person" than the one act of giving a significant sum. Since part of the reason for performing *mitzvos* is to make us into better people, the more times we give the better we become.

Jews throughout the world – regardless of affiliation or *hashkafa* – are known for being "givers". One accountant in America mentioned to me that when he does a Jewish tax return, the least the person gives is 10% and very often more. Whereas the average non-Jewish tax returns have charitable deductions of 1, maybe 2%.

Where does this trait come from? The *Beis Yisrael* of Ger (Rabbi Izrael Alter 1895-1977) teaches us that this trait was inculcated into *klal Yisrael* by the inauguration of the Tabernacle. The verse says that each person "*asher yidvenu lebo*" whose heart is generous. The *Beis Yisrael* says that when Moshe said those words, he put the trait of giving generously into the Jewish people until the end of time.

Our goal is to be a *nediv lev*, a generously giving person. If when we are asked for *tzedakah*, our minds start calculating how important the cause is, then our minds are in the wrong place. Assuming the cause is legitimate, our first thought should be, "How much can I afford to give?". Our forefathers in the desert had to be stopped by Moshe from giving more than what was necessary. This should be our

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Lifecycles

Mazel tov to **Shimon and Elisheva Goldwater** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Yehuda**. The Kehilla is invited to a Kiddush after davening in the Hall.



Mazel Tov to the **Rav and Rebbetzin** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Yitzchak Zev and Rochel Perlstein**. Shalom Zachor in the Zachariash home 5/3 Lachish.



Mazel Tov to **Gedalia and Ettie Spira** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Rivka Leah and Chaim Oberlander**. Shalom Zachor in the Spira home 40/2 Lachish. Bris on Tuesday.



Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: CANCELLED: Mishnayos - Mikvaos
TUESDAY 20:15: Hilchos Pesach

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

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayakhel לוח שבת פרשת ויקהל

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:14/17:34	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:36	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:54	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	07:59	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:44	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Hagadah Shiur	16:45	פסח הגדה
Mincha 2	17:10	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:55	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:32	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:55	מעריב ב'

Matzah Baking

Join the Kehilla for baking Matzas on Sun Apr. 6 from 17:00 (approx.) at the Matzah Chabura Bet Shemesh factory.

The prices for boxes of Matzah will be:

- Hand made/machine ground: 220₪ 1kg; 110₪ ½kg
- Hand made/hand ground: 275₪ 1kg; 145₪ ½kg

DISCOUNTS for FULL members:

10₪ off the 1kg boxes and a **5₪ off** on the ½kg boxes!

The following are also available for your convenience (we are not participating in their production):

- Machine made (square)/machine ground: 95₪ 1kg
- Matza Meal (*Kemach Matzah*): 45₪ ½kg box

DISCOUNTS for FULL members: 5₪ off each item!

Order and pay at ahavasshalom.org/matza

Or Contact Peretz Dissen 054-566-5084 (whatsapp) or matza@ahavasshalom.org

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goal as well. We should be feeling restrained when we can't give more than what we can afford.

We have just celebrated Purim, the happiest day of the year. We are so happy to read the Megilla and relive Hashem's Divine Providence for us in the exile. We are also so happy to give our friends *Mishloach Manos* and to eat our festive meals. But the mitzvah that is supposed to bring us the most *simcha* is *Matanos laeveyonim*.

As the Rambam writes (*Hilchos Megilah and Chanukah 2*):

It is better to give more money to poor people than to spend on the meal and Mishloach Manos. This is because the greatest happiness that one can attain comes from making the poor people happy...

May we merit to take the spirit of our Purim giving and continue it throughout the year.

Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim



With Chodesh Nissan approaching, we're gearing up for another month of learning in the shul's *Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim*. Please consider sponsoring a day of YBHZ for 300₪ and keep the sound of Torah alive in Ahavas

Shalom. Sponsorship details at Ahavasshalom.org/YBHZ

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הפרטית של ה' עבורנו בגלות. אנחנו גם כל כך שמחים לשלוח לחברים שלנו משלוח מנות ולאכול את סעודת פורים. אבל המצווה שאמורה להביא לנו הכי הרבה שמחה היא מתנות לאביונים. כמו שכותב הרמב"ם:

"מוטב לאדם להרבות במתנות אביונים מלהרבות בסעודות ובשלוח מנות לרעיו, שאין שם שמחה גדולה ומפוארה אלא לשמח לב עניים ויתומים ואלמנות וגרים, שהמשמח לב האמללים האלו דומה לשכינה שנאמר להחיות רוח שפלים ולהחיות לב נדכאים" (הלכות מגילה וחנוכה פרק ב)

שנזכה לתפוס את רוח הנדיבות שלנו מפורים, ולהמשיך בה לאורך כל השנה.

אבות ובנים



AuB Motza'ei Shabbos at 19:25!

Boys aged 7+ learn for 1 hour

Season Finale!

Ice cream sponsored by Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen and family.

Pizza and treats sponsored by Rabbi Yitzchok Rubin and family



The sponsor for Yeshivas Mordechai Hatzaddik was Peretz Disen and family.

Summer Sponsorships: 50₪ Nosh, 150₪ Chocolates
Contact Shlomo Hollander for details

Scenes from Purim 5785



Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Gershon Fern, Mrs. Shuli Harris, Mrs. Merav Lasker, Mrs. Elisheva Goldwater and the team that helped with packing and delivering the Mishloach Manos to all Ahavas Shalom Members!

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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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

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 PESACH—see how well you do with these questions

Q&A: An Inflammable Bedikah

Q Levy tried to make sure the workers at "Consumer's Oil" were happy, so he made sure that the employee "break room" was stocked with donuts and other Entenmann's baked treats. Since the employees sometimes walked around the site with these treats, Levy had to do a *bedika*. When Levy checks all the barrels of oil, the oil transfer stations and the oil delivery trucks, should he use a candle, as mandated by *halacha*?

A No. Oil is highly flammable and could ignite if the flame of the candle comes in contact with it. Even though Levy is doing a mitzvah of *bedikas chometz*, he may not rely on the merit of this mitzvah to save him from the conflagration that might ensue should the candle's flame come in contact with the oil.

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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.



PESACH SHIURIM

THE HAGADAH
SPECIAL SHIUR FOR MEN FROM
RAV ZACHARIASH
SHABBOS AFTERNOON 16:45-17:10



PESACH PREP
SPECIAL SHIUR FOR WOMEN FROM
RAV ZACHARIASH
MOTZA'EI SHABBOS 20:45-21:30



BOTH SHIURIM ARE TAKING PLACE 22-MAR-2025

Sefer Clean Up

All private sefarim were moved to the bottom shelves.

Do you still have a sefer here?

Please either take it home or if you still use it, put it on one of the top shelves.

Any sefarim still here on April 6th will be deemed *hefker* and the librarians will do with them as they see fit.



Reminder: Spring Forward

Reminder: The clocks moved *forward* one hour Friday morning, March 28. Below is the general davening schedule for the summer:



- Shacharis: 06:20, 07:15, 08:10 (08:15 Friday)
- Mincha: 13:15, 15:15
- Maariv: 20:15 (in the Beis Medrash except on Tuesday when it will be in the Hall), 21:00.
- Erev Shabbos: Mincha: 13:30, 20 minutes before *Plag*, 18 minutes before sunset.
- EARLY SHABBOS: Starts THIS coming week Parshas Pekudei & continues all summer until Rosh Hashanah.
- Shabbos Shacharis: 08:15.
- Avos uBanim: 60 minutes before the third Mincha (17:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).
- Shabbos Mincha: 13:30 and 45 min. before sunset (will change to 18:00 and 19:00 once Pirkei Avos begins).

משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

כוחה של נדיבות הלב

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֹא-אֵמַר מִרְבִּים הָעָם לְהִבְיָא מִדֵּי הָעֶבְדָּה לְמִלְאכָה אֲשֶׁר-צָנָה יִקְנֶךָ לַעֲשֹׂת אִתָּהּ (שמות לו:ה)

הרבה פעמים שואלים אותי אם כדאי לתרום לצדקה מסוימת. כדי לקבל את ההחלטה הנכונה, אני צריך להסתכל על מספר גורמים. למשל, אם לתרום יש רק סכום כסף קטן, ייתכן שארגון הצדקה ראוי, אבל לא יושפע מתרומתו באופן משמעותי, בעוד שיכול להיות ארגון אחר שפחות "ראוי", אבל הכסף שלו ישפיע יותר. מהי הבחירה הנכונה?

הרמב"ם, כאשר הוא דן בשאלה קשורה, אומר שמתן צדקה הוא הזדמנות לשפר מאד מדותיו של האדם. המשנה אומרת: "הכל לפי רוב המעשה" (אבות ג:טו). הרמב"ם מסביר שאם יש לאדם 1000 לתת, עדיף שיתן 1 לכל אחד מ-1000 איש במקום 1000 לאדם אחד. הסיבה היא שמעשה הנתינה של 1000 פעמים הופכת אותו יותר לאדם נותן ואכפתי מאשר לתת פעם אחת בלבד. מכיוון שחלק חשוב מהסיבה לקיום מצוות הוא להפוך אותנו לאנשים טובים יותר, ככל שאנו נותנים יותר פעמים כך נהיה טובים יותר.

יהודים בכל העולם - ללא קשר לשיוך או חשקה - ידועים כ"נותנים". רואה חשבון אחד באמריקה הזכיר לי שכאשר הוא מחשב החזר מס של יהודי, בדרך כלל תרמו לפחות 10% ולעיתים יותר. ואילו להחזרי המס הממוצעים של אינם יהודים יש תרומות לצדקה של 1, אולי 2.2% מאיפה קבלנו התכונה הזו? הבית ישראל מגור מלמד אותנו שתכונה זו הוטבעה בכלל ישראל עם חנוכת המשכן. הפסוק אומר ש"כל איש אשר ידבנו לבו". הבית ישראל אומר שכאשר משה אמר את המילים הללו, הוא הטמיע את תכונת הנתינה הנדיבה בעם היהודי עד קץ הימים.

המטרה שלנו היא לתרום בנדיבות לב. אם כשאנחנו מתבקשים לתרום, אנחנו מתחילים לשקול כמה חשוב הצדקה, אז הגישה שלנו שגויה. בהנחה שהארגון לגיטימי, המחשבות הראשוניות שלנו צריכות להיות כמה אנחנו יכולים לתרום. משה נאלץ לעצור את אבותינו במדבר לתרום יותר מהצורך. זו צריכה להיות גם המטרה שלנו, להרגיש מעוכבים כשאנחנו מוגבלים במה שאנחנו יכולים להרשות לעצמנו לתרום.

זה עתה חגגנו את פורים, היום הכי שמח בשנה. אנחנו כל כך שמחים לקרוא את המגילה ולחיות מחדש את ההשגחה

המשך בעמוד 2

Learning and Oneg Shabbos

- 17:06 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)
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	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:15
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	13:30, 17:19, 18:41
ערב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	*Hall

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