

Planting Seeds of Purity

"and Yitzchak was forty years old when he took Rivka to wife, the daughter of Besuel the Arammian of Paddan-aram, the sister to Lavan the Arammian." (Bereishis 25:20)



In last week's parsha, Chazal taught us that when Yitzchak brought Rivka into his home as his wife, the same miracles that took place in Sarah's tent returned: the blessing in the dough, the cloud of holiness over the tent, and Shabbos candles remaining lit all week. However, in this week's parsha, the Torah reminds us again that Rivka was the sister of Lavan and the daughter of Besuel, and Rashi emphasizes that despite being raised in a house of wicked people, she remained righteous. But why repeat this? We already knew this from last week's parsha!

I would like to share with you a thought from the *Beis Haleivi* (Yosef Dov Soloveitchik 1820-1892). The Gemora in *Chagiga* recounts that at Acher's (Elisha ben Avuyah) bris, the *gedolei Yisrael* were in attendance. As they delved into Torah, a heavenly fire surrounded them. When it was explained to Acher's father that this was a spiritual fire, he declared that he wanted his son to also be a *Talmid chacham* like these men. Chazal tell us that because his desire for his son to become great was for the wrong reason, it caused Acher to become an *apikorus*. Chazal also teach that one should begin a Mitzva even for the wrong reasons, as it will lead to doing it for the right reasons. The *Beis Haleivi* asks that if so, in Acher's case, despite the father's wrong intentions, Acher should still have eventually become a righteous man. Why did it have such negative results? He explains that when it comes to educating a child from a very young age, the initial influences must be rooted in purity.

Let us return to Rivka. Some *Meforshim* say that when Rivka came to the house of Avraham and Yitzchak, surrounded by righteous people, she was able to rise

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Shlomo and Brocha Hollander on the birth of a Grandson to their children Yehoshua and Ella Hollander in Afula.



Mazal Tov to Peretz and Debbie Dissen on the birth of a grandson to their children Yitzy and Nechami Dissen. The *Shalom Zachor* will take place at Hakshiva (Sorek 14), from 20:30 to 22:30.



Mazel Tov to Peretz and Debbie Dissen on the Bar Mitzva of their grandson Shuey Poss.



Mazal Tov to the great-grandfather Mr. William Preiss on the above two simchas!

12:45 Mincha?

The Kehilla is pondering changing the time of the first mincha during "winter time" to 12:45 to accommodate the Ahavas Shalom Kollel—just as we used to have mincha at this time to accommodate the Bet Zvi Kollel. If you have an opinion on this change, please voice it at:

ahavasshalom.org/1245mincha

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Toldos לוח שבט תולדות

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:00/16:20	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:22	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:40	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochin Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:03	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:50	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz Shiur	15:40	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	15:55	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:40	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:17	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:40	מעריב ב'

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to the occasion and replace Sarah. But to be a mother of *klal Yisrael*, it is not sufficient to be circumstantially righteous. One must have it instilled from infancy. Therefore, Rashi highlights that even when she was in the house of Besuel and Lavan, surrounded by wicked people, her roots were still pure. The Torah repeats the decadent environment of her upbringing to underscore that despite this she was righteous from her youth. Her innate, untainted holiness destined her to be a mother of *klal Yisrael*.

In our lives, creating a 100% pure environment for the education of our children may seem impossible. But at least we must recognize that the level of purity that we attain will affect our children as well.

The common refrain – “He is only a child. Let him be. When he grows up, we will give him a proper education” – has a hidden danger. Rivka’s story shows that it is never too early to properly educate. *Chazal* in this week’s parsha tell us that when Eisav would offer sacrifices to idols, it did not bother Rivka as much as it bothered Yitzchak because she was somewhat inured to it from what she witnessed as a small child. Though she left her home when she was three years old, that exposure had an impact on her decades later. I am sure that many of us can think back and recall fleeting moments from our formative years, which though trivial, still affect our character and our conduct.

The sacred duty of *chinuch* entrusted to every parent is both immense and vital. Hashem understands that we may at times make mistakes. However, our job is to shoot for excellence, starting at the youngest of years.

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מפני שהייתה כבעה מעוצלה לזאת, ממה שראתה כילדה קטנה. אף על פי שעזבה את ביתה כשהייתה בת שלוש שנים, החשיפה ההיא השפיעה עליה עשרות שנים אחר כך. אני בטוח שרבים מכם יכולים להיזכר ברגעים חולפים משנות הילדות היוצרות, שאף על פי שנראים זעירים, עודם משפיעים על אישיותנו ועל הנהגותינו.

החובה הקדושה של החינוך שמופקדת על כל הורה היא גם עצומה וגם חיונית. ה' מבין שאנחנו עלולים לעשות טעויות לפעמים. עם זאת, התפקיד שלנו הוא לשאוף למיצוינות, החלה משנות הילדות הצעירות ביותר.

Mazel Tov to Meir

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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. The list is erased each Rosh Chodesh, so you'll need to resubmit the names after a month if they are still relevant.

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Pele Yoetz Shiur

Rav Zachariash's shiur for men on *Pele Yoetz* continues this week 15 MINUTES before the last *mincha*. This week, the shiur will begin at 15:40 on the topic יגיעה.



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Q&A: But Never on a Friday?

Q Elky and Hertzl met with the secretary of the Yorkville Beis Din to schedule the date of the giving of the *get*. "Those dates don't work for me," said Elky. "Friday the sixth would be much better." Can the Beis Din accommodate Elky's request for a session on Friday?

2. Yes, but only if they begin before *chatzos*.
3. Yes, but only if they begin before *plag hamincha*.
4. No.

A 3. No. Beis Din is not allowed to judge a *get* on Friday. We are concerned that they may rush the proceedings and not give it their full attention because of Shabbos, possibly leading to mistakes.

C.M. 5:2; B.H. 4

Q&A: Surprise! You're Paying Half!

Q Moe Shapiro took a small piece of cake at the Kiddush, to which Mr. Goldberg said, "Moe, at least take a BIG piece - you're paying for half of this Kiddush!" "What?" said a surprised Moe. "We agreed that I would have a small Kiddush for my mother's Yahrzeit upstairs and you would have this large Kiddush for your daughter's Aufruf here in the social hall!" Moe and Mr. Goldberg argued back and forth until finally Mrs. Shapiro and Mrs. Goldberg got involved and suggested that the men take their argument to Rabbi Cohen right now and get a judgement. Can they do this?

2. Yes.
3. Yes, but the discussions must be done outside of the synagogue.
4. No. Judges cannot render judgements on Shabbos.

A 3. No. A judge is not allowed to judge money issues on Shabbos, lest he write down the claim or judgement. Nevertheless, if Rabbi Cohen did render a judgement, it is valid.

C.M. 5:1; B.H. 1

Q&A: I Like The Night Life

Q Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Goldberg could not reach an agreement regarding payment for the Kiddush, and decided to take their case to the Yorkville Beis Din for adjudication. As they filled out the forms, both men asked the secretary if they could meet at night, as their schedules were very busy during the day. Can the Beis Din accommodate their night time request?

A Yes, this is allowed because both parties requested to be judged at night. While the S.A. states that one should not begin judgement at night time, if both sides agree, then Beis Din can judge them at night.

Note: This is regarding a Beis Din of 3 judges. According to the A.H., if the litigants go to a single judge, they are required to make a *kinyan sudar* (קנין סודר) before this judge is permitted to render judgement at night.

C.M. 5:2 B.H. 8; A.H. 9

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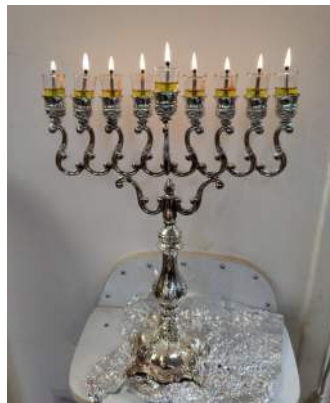
SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

HILCHOS CHANUKAH 20:15 TUESDAY

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

שרשים טהורים

ויהי יצחק בן-אֶרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בְּקָחָהּ אֶת-רַבֵּקָה בִּתְּוֹאֵל הָאֲרָמִי
מִפְּנֵי אֲרָם אֲחֹת לִבְנֵי הָאֲרָמִי לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה: (בראשית כה:כ)

בפרשת השבוע שעבר, לימדנו חז"ל כי כשיצחק הביא את רבקה לביתו כאשתו, אותם ניסים שהיו באהל שרה חזרו: "נר דלוק מערב שבת לערב שבת, וברכה מצויה בעסה, וענן קשור על האהל" (רש"י בראשית כד:סז). אולם בפרשת השבוע, התורה מזכירה לנו שוב כי רבקה הייתה אחות לבן ובת תואל, ורש"י מדגיש: "אלא להגיד שבחיה, שהיתה בת רשע ואחות רשע, ומקומה אנשי רשע, ולא למדה ממעשיהם (בראשית רבה סג,ד)" (שם כה:כ). אבל למה לחזור על זה? אנחנו כבר ידענו זאת מפרשת השבוע שעבר!

אני רוצה לשתף עמכם מחשבה מבית הלוי. הגמרא במסכת חגיגה מספרת כי בברית מילה של אחר (אלישע בן אבויה) הגיעו גדולי ישראל. כשהם עסקו בתורה, אש משמים סביבה אותם. כשהוסבר לאביו שזו אש רוחנית, הכריז האב כי הוא רוצה שבנו יהיה גם הוא תלמיד חכם כמו האנשים האלה. חז"ל אומרים כי מפני שרצונו של האב לגדל את בנו לתורה הייתה מסיבה לא ראויה, זו גרמה לאחר להיות אפיקורס. מאמר חז"ל אחר מלמד שצריך אדם להתחיל במצוה אף על פי כוונה לא נכונה, כי יותר יביא לעשותה לכוונה נכונה. בית הלוי שואל: אם כן, במקרה של אחר, למרות רצונו הלא ראוייה של האב, אחר עדיין צריך היה להגיע בסוף הדבר להיות צדיק. מדוע יצאה תוצאה שלילית כזאת? הוא מסביר כי כשמדברים על חינוך ילדים, מגיל צעיר מאוד ההשפעות הראשונות חייבות להיות שורשיהן בטהרה.

נשוב לרבקה. המפרשים אומרים כי כשרבקה הגיעה לבית אברהם ויצחק, בסביבת אנשים צדיקים, היא יכלה לעלות לכתר ולהחליף את שרה. אבל כדי להיות אחת מאמהות של כלל ישראל, לא מספיק להיות צדיקה נסיבתית. צריכה שתהיה משותלת מנעורים. לכן רש"י מדגיש כי אפילו כשהייתה בבית תואל ולבן, בסביבות אנשי רשע, שורשיה עדיין טהורים. התורה חוזרת על סביבת הילדות המשחיתה שלה כדי להדגיש כי למרות כל זה, הייתה צדיקה מנעוריה. קדושתה הטבעית, הטהורה, יעדה אותה להיות אם לכלל ישראל.

בחיינו, יצירת סביבה טהורה ב-100% לחינוך ילדינו נראית כמעט בלתי אפשרית. אבל לפחות חייבים אנחנו להכיר בזאת כי רובד הטהרה שאנחנו משיגים ישפיע על ילדינו גם כן.

הפזמון הנפוץ – "הוא רק ילד. תנו לו. כשיגדל, ניתן לו חינוך נכון" – מחביא סכנה נסתרת. סיפורה של רבקה מורה כי אין זה מוקדם מדי לחנך באופן טוב. חז"ל בפרשת השבוע מלמדים אותנו כי כשעשו הקריב קרבנות לעבודה זרה, זו לא הפריעה לרבקה כמה שהפריעה ליצחק,

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זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת ויצא	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	12:30, 16:21
מעריב	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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