

Becoming A Ba'al Chesed

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Avraham Avinu treated his guests royally. As a result, *klal Yisrael* merited many "perks" from Hashem (See *Bava Metzia* 86b). But did Avraham Avinu really do *hachnasas orchim* at all? After all, his visitors were really *malachim* in disguise who didn't really need anything. So though he put in the effort, did he really fulfill the *mitzvah*? It is as if someone woke up early to put on tefillin only to discover they were invalid! A great amount of effort, but no *mitzvah* was actually done.

The Chofetz Chaim (Yisrael Meir ha-Kohen Kagan 1838-1933) addresses this question in his work *Ahavas Chesed* (*chelek gimmel*, 2nd perek in the footnote). Yet I would like to share with you a different approach which I saw. The *Medrash* tells us that Iyov, despite being a great host with a tent open on all four sides, still didn't hold a candle to Avraham Avinu. But why was his hospitality considered that much less? The answer which I saw was that Iyov's *hachnasas orchim* was reactive, done to take care of the momentary needs of his guests in difficult times. Whereas Avraham Avinu proactively looked for opportunities to do *chesed*.

For many years I had the following question: If there were no travelers because Hashem made it very hot, why did Avraham Avinu want guests to come? Let them all stay in their air-conditioned tents! The answer to this question is that Avraham Avinu wanted to do *chesed* because it is the way of Hashem to do *chesed*, and by doing *chesed* he will be emulating Hashem. Therefore, even though the guests had no real needs, Avraham still accomplished his goal of emulating Hashem.

This was the level of Avraham Avinu's desire to do *chesed*. And due to this attitude, he was chosen as a representative of Hashem in this world.

Many times we also find ourselves in situations where we would like to do *chesed*. However, most of the time it is because we see a person in need, and our heart goes out to them. But this is not our pursuing *chesed*; rather, it is

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Alan and Elaine Rubenstein on the wedding of their grandson Yared Posnasky to Dalia Dickson from Raanana this coming Monday, November 10.



Mazel Tov to Shlomo and Lisa Messinger on the wedding of their daughter Talia to Gilad Pollak from Yad Binyamin. Mazel Tov also to William Preiss, the grandfather of the kallah.



The Ahavas Shalom Kehilla is invited to a
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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayeira

לוח שבת פרשת וירא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:08/16:28	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:30	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:48	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	07:56	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:42	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz Shiur	15:50	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	16:05	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:47	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:24	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:47	מעריב ב'

Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: **HILCHOS YOM TOV**

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because Jews are by nature merciful, and we have difficulty seeing our fellow Jews in pain. To be true children of *Avraham Avinu* demands that we are not merely concerned by someone else's lack, but that we should be proactively chasing opportunities to do *chesed*, thereby emulating the ways of *Hakadosh Baruch Hu*.

For example, when we drive to a wedding, we often have room in our car, yet we don't ask around to see if someone is in need of a ride. There may be many good



reasons to not offer a ride, such as when we have a private phone call to make, or have designated this time to spend alone with our wife. But instead of finding reasons why we can't offer people a ride, we should be proactively looking for ways to do acts of *chesed* to make the world a better place. Even when we have legitimate reasons for not giving a ride, it should bother us that we weren't able to do *chesed*.

This is the true *mida* of *Avraham Avinu*. And this is the type of *chesed* that will set us apart from the rest, turning us into the ultimate children of Hashem.

המשך מעמוד 4

לאנשים, אנחנו צריכים לחפש באופן יזום דרכים לעשות מעשי חסד ולהפוך את העולם למקום טוב יותר. אפילו כשיש לנו סיבות לגיטימיות לא לתת טרמפ, זה אמור להטריד אותנו שלא הצלחנו לעשות חסד.

זוהי המידה האמיתית של אברהם אבינו. וזה סוג החסד שיבדיל אותנו משאר, ויהפוך אותנו לבנים של הקב"ה.

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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 15:50 on the topic **יתרון**.



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Did you know that the questions that appear in this newsletter come from the RBSsemicha.com

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Q&A: Sign of the Times: A Halachic Thumbs-Up?"

Q "Levy, the stock went down, and is now at the price you wanted to buy it, at \$3/share. Should I buy one million shares for you?" Levy looked up at Jonathan, thought for a moment, and then gave a thumbs-up. But at the end of the trading day when it came time to close the finances on the deal, the stock had fallen to \$1/share, and Levy was balking at transferring the \$3 million to cover the trade. Both Levy and Jonathan ended up in the Yorkville Beis Din, and while both parties agreed to the series of events that occurred, Levy claimed that a "thumbs up" sign was not a *halachically* binding sign, as it was not mentioned in the *gemora*, whereas Jonathan said that in the trading world - or at least in his office since he arrived there many years ago - a "thumbs up" meant that the other party agreed to the trade. How will the Beis Din rule?



1. With Levy - the "thumbs up" is non-binding.
2. With Jonathan - the "thumbs up" is binding.

A 2. With Jonathan, who says that the custom of the workplace is that a "thumbs up" is a binding sign, and therefore Levy will have to pay for the trade. It does not matter that this sign is not mentioned in the Torah or the *Gemora* - the custom of this workplace will override the signs mentioned in the Torah. C.M. 3; PT 2

Q&A: Can Boca Bench the Yorkville Beis Din?

Q Mr. Goldberg lost in his monetary case against Lenny (the "louse") in the Yorkville Beis Din. When Mr. Goldberg went to Florida for the winter, he mentioned the case to Rabbi Goodman, and even showed him the transcript of the case and the final judgement. Rabbi Goodman looked over the papers and shook his head saying, "There are just so many mistakes in this ruling that it makes me want to cry!" Can Mr. Goldberg ask the Boca Beis Din to get involved and perhaps retry the case? 1) No. 2) Yes, and they can retry the case based on the transcripts and final written judgement. 3) Yes, but they must have both litigants appear before them.

A 1. No. Once a Beis Din has judged a case, neither litigant is permitted to take the case to another Beis Din. It is forbidden for any other Beis Din to re-hear or re-try the case. Note: there is an exception in Israel, the Rabbanut Beis Din has been set up with the ability to appeal a ruling of a local Beis Din to the "Beis Din Hagadol". Since all parties go to the local Beis Din knowing that this is the case, it is permitted to appeal a ruling from a local Beis Din to the Beis Din Hagadol. C.M. 3; PT 7

להיות בעל חסד

וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו ה' בְּאֵלֶיךָ מִמָּרָא וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב פֶּתַח-הָהָרָהל כָּחֵם הַיּוֹם:
(בראשית יח:א)

אברהם אבינו אירח את אורחיו במלוא ההדר והכבוד. בעקבות זאת, כלל ישראל זכה לשפע "הטבות" מה' (ועיין בבא מציעא פ"ב). אבל האם אברהם אבינו באמת הכניס אורחים? הרי האורחים שלו היו למעשה מלאכים בתחפושת, שלא באמת היו זקוקים לשום דבר. אז למרות שהשקיע מאמץ רב, האם באמת קיים את המצווה? זה כאילו מישהו קם מוקדם כדי להניח תפילין, רק כדי לגלות שהן פסולות! מאמץ עצום, אבל המצווה לא נעשתה.

החפץ חיים עוסק בשאלה הזאת באהבת חסד (חלק ג', פרק שני, בהערות). ואולם, רוצה אני לשתף אתכם בגישה אחרת ששמעתי. המדרש מספר לנו שאיוב, למרות שהיה מארח גדול שגם לו היה אוהל פתוח מכל ארבעת עבריו, עדיין לא הגיע כלל לקצה נעליו של אברהם אבינו. אבל למה אירוחו נחשב נחות כל כך? התשובה שראיתי הייתה שאיוב עשה הכנסת אורחים בצורה תגובתית, כדי לטפל בצרכים הרגועים של אורחיו בזמני צרה. בעוד שאברהם אבינו חיפש באופן יזום הזדמנויות לעשות חסד.

שנים רבות שאלתי את עצמי את השאלה הבאה: אם לא היו עובדי דרך כי ה' עשה חום נורא, למה אברהם אבינו בכל זאת רצה שאורחים יבואו? שיישארו כולם באוהלים ממוזגים שלהם! התשובה היא שאברהם אבינו רצה לעשות חסד מפני שזוהי דרכו של ה' לעשות חסד, ועל ידי מעשה חסד הוא ילך בדרכי ה'. לכן, אפילו שהאורחים לא היו בעלי צרכים אמיתיים, אברהם עדיין השיג את מטרתו – להדמות לה'.

זה היה רמת הרצון של אברהם אבינו לעשות חסד. ובגלל הגישה הזאת, הוא נבחר לייצג את ה' בעולם הזה.

רבים פעמים אנחנו נתקלים במצבים שבהם אנחנו רוצים לעשות חסד. עם זאת, רוב הזמן זה כי אנחנו רואים אדם במצוקה, והלב שלנו יוצא אליו. אבל זה לא חיפוש חסד מצדנו; אלא מפני שיהודים הם מטבעם רחמנים, ואנחנו מתקשים לראות יהודים אחרים סובלים. כדי להיות בנים אמיתיים של אברהם אבינו, נדרש מאיתנו שדרוג: לא רק להיות מוטרדים מחסרונם של הזולת, אלא לחפש באופן יזום הזדמנויות לעשות חסד, ובכך לחקות את דרכיו של הקב"ה.

למשל, כשאנחנו נוסעים לחתונה, לרוב יש לנו מקום במכונית, אבל אנחנו לא שואלים סביב אם מישהו זקוק לטרמפ. יכולות להיות סיבות רבות טובות לא להציע טרמפ, כמו שיש לנו שיחת טלפון פרטית לעשות, או שהקדשנו את הזמן הזה לשוחח עם האישה שלנו. אבל במקום למצוא סיבות למה אנחנו לא יכולים להציע טרמפ

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Weekday times until Parshas Chayei Sarah	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת חיי שרה
	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	מנחה	
	12:30, 16:26	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מעריב	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00		

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