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Rav Pam on the Haftaros

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THE POWER OF TEFILLAH

Shoftim13:2-25

The relationship between the parashah and the haftarah is clear. The parashah contains the laws of the nazir, while the haftarah describes how a malach told a simple, childless couple that they would become the parents of Shimshon, the great Judge of the Jewish people, who would be a lifelong nazir from

Manoach prayed to Hashem and said, "Please, my Lord, may the man of G-d whom You sent come now again to us and teach us what we should do with the lad who is to be born" (13:8).

The haftarah begins with the appearance of a malach to the barren wife of Manoach with the news that she would have a son who would begin to save *Israel from the hand of the Philistines* (13:6).

Manoach prayed to Hashem that the malach return and explain exactly what was required to raise their expected child as a life-long nazir, something which did not exist until that time and for which there were no clear guidelines in the Torah (see also

The Midrash (Bamidbar Rabbah 10:17), noting the unusual word used for prayer, says: Why are the prayers of the righteous CONTINUED ON PAGE 83



Publisher's Message

Making it Happen

A Tribute to Mrs. Aliza Grund ע"ה

This week we read Megilas Rus, a fascinating story which highlights the power of women. At the decisive moment, Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Rus clung to her. Orpah left that night, never to return; but Rus became a heroine of the Jewish people. Words are cheap and gestures are meaningless, but Rus was a woman of action, of integrity, of commitment.

A few days ago, Klal Yisroel lost such a woman. We lost a woman of action, when Mrs. Aliza Grund, was niftar after battling illness. True to form, she carried on her important work with all her energy, determined till the very end. She left behind a beautiful mishpacha, led by her husband R' Avrohom Abba, himself an exemplary baal midos tovos who proudly encouraged his wife to carry on her commitment to the Klal, in its many facets.

A product of her illustrious parents - her father the legendary Agudah leader, Rav Chaskel Besser, z"l, and ybl"c her mother Rebbetzin Ahuva Besser - she built a home and empire of chesed. Mrs. Grund was co-President of N'shei Agudas Yisroel for over a quarter century, working round the clock for the good of her people. Her activities included raising and distributing funds to yesomim in Eretz Yisroel, hachnosas Kallah, and running the organization's myriad events.

The travel agency she founded and ran became a chesed machine second to none. Countless individuals were helped in their time of need, including *niftarim* on their way to *kevura* in Eretz Yisroel. This included the remarkable incident when Mrs. Grund convinced an airline to stop a plane going down the runway, return to the gate, and pick up a niftar for transport to Eretz Yisroel - and this was not even for a client, but purely for *chesed shel emes*.

Even more remarkably, she was zoche to assist another niftar, even after her own petirah. A family from Brazil wanted their niftar to have proper taharah in New York, on its way to kevurah in Eretz Yisroel. Somehow the family ended up on a different airline than the niftar, who now lacked shemirah. Mrs. Grund's family, who were on the plane accompanying her to her kevurah, were the de facto Shomrim for the niftar, continuing her legacy of chesed shel emes.

Possessing a magnetic, dynamic, and vivacious personality, Mrs. Grund was able to be a bridge of peace between irate passengers and airlines, between people at odds with each other, and a Kiddush Hashem to all who knew her. She was a forceful advocate for what was right, for all that our people hold near and dear. She was a woman who will be truly missed.

At the levaya, her husband summed up her power of persuasion, her determination to get things done. He said "I believe that in Shomayim she will find out what is keeping Moshiach from coming, make some calls, and make it happen." May his thoughts come true, may we all be zoche to the coming of Moshiach speedily in our times.





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Letters to the Editor

Skirts Above the Knees

Just a friendly notice to the women and girls of our community: the Halacha is that women must make sure the knees are covered, both while standing and sitting. The unfortunate new trend of wearing skirts above the knee does not make it permissible. Please consider whether risking your olam haba is worth the momentary pleasure of pushing the limits for the sake of being in fashion and emulating those who are clearly falling victim to the yetzer hora.

Rivka F.

Supermarket Illegalities

A letter writer complained about wrongful business practices in a specific, but unnamed, kosher supermarket. The issues listed include products sold after expiration date and prices not as advertised. I would like to point out two things: One, that's actually illegal: businesses are by law forbidden to sell expired products or advertise prices incorrectly. Two, this should really be taken up with the store in question, not published without names in a letter to an editor. What are we readers supposed to do about it?

RebYidd23

FJJ Publisher's Message

Mordy, you undoubtedly receive mailbags full or flooded inboxes with accolades about your publisher's messages. You are just too modest to print them. I hope you let this one slip through. Last week's message "Hashem's Embassy" was truly outstanding and inspiring. May Hashem give you the strength to spread Torah to and inspire the klal for many years to come.

Danny Fischman

Non-Affordable Weddings?

I'm looking for some direction regarding weddings from the *oilam*.

I am Iy"H making a chasuna soon. The halls I have called locally in Brooklyn even on the *takuna* packages are starting at 12,500 plus the package of music etc, another 3500.

Even this "takuna" package is way beyond my budget.

Is there a more affordable wedding hall out there that I am not aware of that is nice and affordable?

How do people who barely make it through the month (between tuitions and food bills) afford a 20,000\$ plus wedding? Are there no venues for a 5,000\$ wedding? Anyone have any ideas? I would love to hear them!

Looking For Direction For An Affordable Wedding In Brooklyn

Niagara Falls, RSRH, and Rabbi Miller

In last week's edition of the FJJ there was a letter "signed" by "Staycationing in Flatbush" (whomever this may be) saying that when Rav Avigdor Miller was asked "What is your opinion of a high school taking their students on a trip to Niagara Falls?," he replied, "My opinion is that it's nothing at all. You have to travel so far, and spend so much money to see Niagara Falls."

In light of the following, I have to wonder if Rabbi Miller actually said this. And, if he did say this, then it raises in my mind the following question:

Anyone who has visited Niagara Falls cannot help but be impressed by the magnificence of the sight. It is truly something that shows one the power of Hashem and his works.

Upon returning from a visit to Switzerland, Rabbi Shamshon Raphael Hirsch, zt"l remarked, "Now I can answer properly when Hashem asks me in the world of truth, 'Did you see also My Switzerland?" In his Collected Writings VIII page 259 Rav Hirsch wrote "All you who stay at home will one day have to atone for your staying indoors, and when you desire entrance to see the marvels of heaven, they will ask you, 'Did you see the marvels of G-d on earth?' Then, ashamed, you would mumble 'We missed that opportunity'" (Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch Architect of Torah Judaism for the Modern World by Rabbi Eliyahu Meir Klugman, page 320.)

Professor Yitzchok Levine

Seeing Niagra Falls & Staycationing in Flatbush

The writer of this rant in last week's FJJ is not only self-righteous, but also so (sadly) ignorant that I don't know whether to laugh or cry. 45 years ago, on a graduation trip to Washington DC with my Bais Yakov High School 12th grade class, Reb. Yudkowski, my Navi teacher, chastised some girls who refused to go in to the newly constructed Kennedy Center because they saw it as a monument to the secular arts. She told the busload that the construction was so beautiful that we had to see it so that we could appreciate the gift HaShem gave man in giving him the chochmo to construct something beautiful; that we have a chiyuv to see the beauty that HaShem created in the world so that we come to a greater appreciation of the niflaos haBorei. Is this guy serious? Niagra Falls is nothing? A lot of water falling off a cliff? It's the yetzer harah? How sad for him that he cannot

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תהילים

חולים: דבורה בת אסתר בריינדל יעקב בן יוכבד רפאל משה דוד בן גיטל לאה רפאל חיים בן זיסל יצחק שמעון בן חיה מלכה דבורה בת דינה מניה יוסף בן גיטל חיה בת חנה קלמו בו חיה בלומא . . . אלישבע אמת בת שרה חיים בו רחל דוד בן פנינה יצחק זאב בו עדינה הרב מתתיהו חיים בן עטל יחיאל בן ציון בן מיכל יוסף אליהו בן בילא . ליבה יהודית בת יוכבד נחמי' בן מלכה גיטל רינה חי' בת לאה גיטל רינה בת יאל תמר עדי נה בת קינא שולמית אברהם בן לאה חיים שרגא פיבל בן רחל מרדכי דוד שמחה בן מרים משא טובה משה זאב בן רחל רפאל בצלאל מרדכי בן חנה רייזל שמואל בן רבקה שרה מלכה בת פייגא פרדיל גולדה בת מרים הינדא שרה בת יענטיל ר' שלמה חנן בן חנה זיסל יצחק שמואל בן פשע שרה . צירל בת אלתר רבקה יואל בו יטל . רפאל חיים ישעי בן חיה ר' שמעון בן ליזה לוסיה רבקה לאה בת חנה מנוחה משולם נתן יהודה בן טשארנה יצחק בו דבורה אפרים בן רבקה רפאל חיים צבי בן לאה חיה אסתר בת פייגא יענטא ר' ישראל אברהם בו שיינא רחל . ר' ישעי' יעקב בן רייזעל ר' יגל בו יעל אליעזר בן רחל שמחה בת מרים מנחם מנדל בן פערל דינה אסתר הינדה בת שפרה דב ישעיה בן אסתר ר' משה יצחק בן סירל צבי מנחם בן אסתר

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2 large ripe tomatoes, cored and thinly sliced

3 large eggs

3 large egg whites

2 cups (500 mL) buttermilk

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Fresh basil leaves, cut into thin julienne strips, for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350 F (175 C).

With a sharp bread knife, cut the bread into slices 3/4 inch (2 cm) thick. Rub one or both sides of each bread slice with the cut sides of the garlic clove halves, using more or less depending on how garlicky you want the strata to be. Then, cut the bread into 3/4-inch (2-cm) cubes.

Lightly coat the inside of a 12-by-10-inch (30-by-25-cm) baking dish, gratin dish, or a heavy nonstick 10-inch (25-cm) skillet with the nonstick

Spread the bread cubes in the dish in a single, even layer. Evenly sprinkle half of the cheese over the bread. Evenly layer the bell pepper strips and tomato slices on top, and then sprinkle the remaining cheese evenly over the

Put the eggs and egg whites in a mixing bowl, and beat them lightly with a fork. Add the buttermilk, red pepper flakes, oregano, and salt and pepper to taste, and beat until thoroughly combined. Pour the egg mixture evenly over the ingredients in the baking dish.

Bake the strata until it looks slightly puffed up and the top is golden brown, 45 minutes to an hour. Remove the dish from the oven, and let it set at room temperature for at least 10 minutes before using a large serving spoon to scoop it onto individual serving plates. Garnish with fresh basil, if you like.

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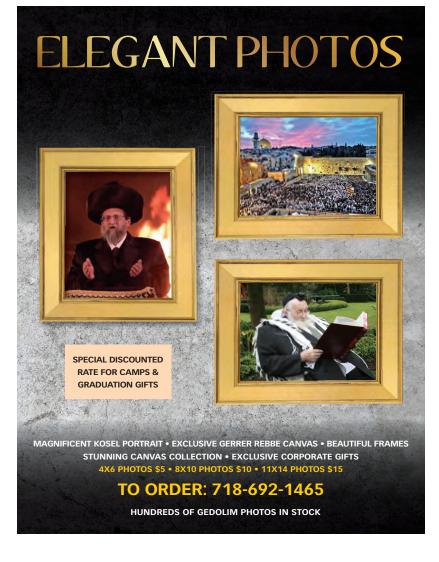


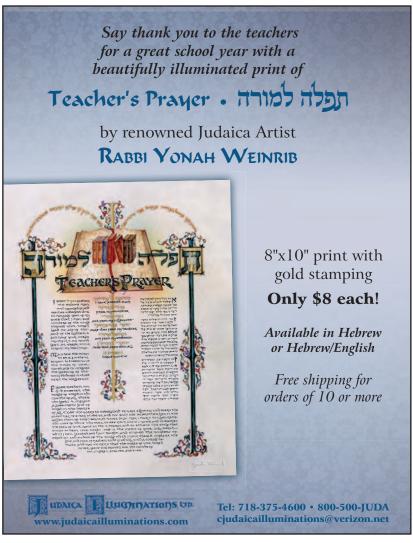
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Parashas Naso — The Sota And The Nazir

In Parashat Naso we read the laws regarding a sota, a woman whose husband had suspicions about her and warned her not to seclude herself with a specific man. If two witnesses testified that she violated her husband's warning and secluded herself with that man, then the husband would bring her to the Bet Ha-Mikdash, where she was given special waters to drink. If she had committed a sin, then the waters would kill her by causing her body to burst. If, however, she is innocent, the Torah bestows blessing upon her and her offspring.

Immediately following this section, the Torah proceeds to discuss the laws of a nazir, a person who makes a vow to abstain from wine and other grape products. The Gemara asks why the Torah chose to present these two topics in juxtaposition with one another, and explains, "A person who sees a sota in her disgrace will distance himself from wine." The Torah speaks about the *nazir* immediately following its discussion of the sota because a man who witnesses the spectacle of a sota in the Bet HaMikdash will respond by assuming the restrictions of a *nazir*.

Why is becoming a *nazir* the appropriate reaction to witnessing the *sota* ritual?

People are, by nature, very impressionable. Everything a person sees and hears has a strong impact on his mind and character. When a person sees the frightening consequences of the sota's behavior, he is, on the one hand, inspired to abstain from sinful conduct. But at the same time, seeing a person who had committed such a grievous sin dulls one's sensitivity to the severity of this kind of sin. If until now one could never have even imagined committing such a terrible crime, when he sees someone who indeed perpetrated this crime it moves closer to the realm of possibility. The sin does not appear too distant or taboo anymore; it is already within the range of consideration.

Appropriately, then, such a person will want to take upon himself the restrictions of nezirut. The sota's downward spiral was possibly initiated with "social drinking," a casual encounter over a glass of wine. Wine clouds a person's intellect and causes him to say and do things that he would never have considered saying or doing before drinking. A person who has seen a sota, an experience which, as mentioned, causes his revulsion toward such sinful conduct to erode, should therefore take precautions to avoid the same dangerous pit into which the sota had fallen, and might declare himself a nazir.

Is a ladder *mukseh* on Shabbat? Is a screw that falls from a chair on Shabbat or a button that detaches from a shirt on Shabbat considered *mukseh*? May one move a ladder on Shabbat?

A. Halacha distinguishes in this regard between ladders used primarily for construction and house repair, and ladders used indoors for purposes such as reaching the top shelves of bookcases and the like. Ladders used mainly for activities that are forbidden on Shabbat, such as construction, are indeed deemed mukseh on Shabbat and may not moved. By contrast, stepstools and other kinds of smaller ladders that are used for permissible purposes, such as reaching for books, do not have the status of mukseh on Shabbat. One may therefore move such a ladder on Shabbat for any reason, even to protect it, such as bringing it inside to protect it from the rain (Menuhat Ahava, Helek 1).



Maran Harav Ovadia

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Sunset

The last two decades of Harav Ovadia's life were extremely fulfilling: He published more *sefarim* in those years than in his years in the Rabbanut, and he was able to reap the *nahat* of watching both his own family and the broader Sephardic community that he had nurtured grow into beautiful trees that bore delectable fruit.

On a personal level, however, the joy of those years was mitigated by the loss of Rabbanit Margalit, a blow from which he never really recovered.

David, a member of New York's Syrian community, merited to have a particularly close relationship with Harav Ovadia. He relates that one Friday night, he was fortunate enough to eat with the Yosefs. As the family sang Eishet Hayil, he noticed tears at the corner of Harav Ovadia's eyes as he thought of his own eishet hayil—and this was fifteen years after she had passed away.

From the day of her passing, 19 Menahem Av 5754/1994, Harav Ovadia dedicated his every achievement to her memory. Each Torah volume he published from that time on carries words of dedication in her name, Margalit bat Zakiya, and he credits her with his Torah accomplishments, noting how she selflessly and single-handedly tended to the home and the children so he could be free to study Torah.

He had promised her that she would be an equal partner in the merits of the Torah he learned and taught, and now he was fulfilling that promise.

Their marriage, devoted as it was to Hashem's Torah, was exemplary on every level. The two loved and respected each other so much that they could not bear to see the other in the slightest pain. During the periods when Harav Ovadia was under attack for his *piskei halacha* or for defending Torah, she would rise up like a lioness against those who sought to malign her husband. If someone whom she perceived to be undermining Harav Ovadia ever called the house or tried to gain an audience with him, that person was certain to receive an earful from the feisty Rabbanit.

Harav Ovadia was no less defensive of her. When right-wingers began to protest outside his home after he ruled that Israel would be halachically required to cede land for lasting peace, he voiced his objections to these demonstrations at a *shiur* on Motza'ei Shabbat. "If they want to protest against me, that's fine," he said. "But they yell at Rabbanit Margalit when she leaves or enters my home. Why are they bothering her? What did she do wrong?"

Having traversed more than fifty years with the Rabbanit — half a century throughout which they struggled through every challenge together and celebrated every triumph together — Harav Ovadia was understandably crushed by her final illness and passing. At the end of the *shiva*, his children gathered to discuss what they could do to help their father now that the Rabbanit was gone.

Some felt that at a relatively youthful 73, he should remarry. Others felt that a rotation should be established, in which each child would take a turn living with him in his Har Nof apartment, where he had moved from Rehavia a few months before the Rabbanit fell ill.

Rav Moshe Yosef recounted how Harav Ovadia ended the debate.

"During Ima's hospitalization, my family had stayed with Abba, tending to all his needs. But we thought that was a temporary measure, that Ima would recover and we would go back to our own home

"One evening after Ima's *shiva*, Abba called me into his study. 'I heard what you're discussing,' he said. 'I don't want to remarry. Are you prepared to care for me? Are you willing to come live here?'

"I said to him, 'Of course I want to live here. It's a *z'chut* for me!'

"But then he said, 'It's not your decision to make, it's your wife's, because the burden will fall on her, not on you. Call her."

Rabbanit Yehudit filled in the rest of the story.

"When I entered Harav's study, he asked, 'Are you willing to come live here?'

"I started to cry. 'As a descendant of the Abuhatzeira family,' I said, 'serving talmidei hachamim comes naturally to me. It will be a zchut for me; I will see this as the crowning achievement of my life."

Harav Ovadia was very pleased with her reply. On the spot, he telephoned his oldest child, Rabbanit Adina Bar-Shalom, and said, "Rav Moshe and Rabbanit Yehudit are staying here to live with me. Please stop planning anything else, and don't look for a *shidduch* for me. This is what I want."

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"And Dovid buckled up his sword over his armor and he tried to go, for he had no prior experience [with armor]; and Dovid said to Shaul, "I cannot go with these because I have never tried." And Dovid removed them from himself. (Shmuel I 17:29)

Dovid had just volunteered to confront Goliyas (Goliath) in battle. Shaul had accepted Dovid's offer and had given him his own sword and armor. Since Dovid had never worn such weapons before, he did not know how heavy they were. Only after he wore them for the first time did he realize how cumbersome they were. Consequently, he decided to take them off and confront Goliyas with only his slingshot.

As the Malbim explains,

"Since Dovid never had any experience with these before, he did not know if he would be able to walk with such armor or not. Therefore, he initially attempted to go because he 'had no prior experience.' And that is why he thought that he would be able to walk with them. Only afterwards, 'And Dovid said I cannot go with these because I have never tried.' And I am not used to this."

Armor and weapons are adultsized implements that the young Dovid had never even tried to wear or carry. Initially, he thought he would be able to use them. Only once he was wearing them did he realize how heavy they were. It was at that point that he changed his mind and decided to remove them and face Goliyas unencumbered.

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Driving: Permits and Parental Permission



Driving a car is another adult activity that children and adolescents think is much easier than it is. Only once they get behind the wheel do they first appreciate how complicated and challenging driving really is.

When adolescents reach the age at which they are legally allowed to drive a car, they are all extremely eager to get their licenses. Their parents may feel they are still too young and immature to be granted permission to drive. And these parents may feel terrified and the prospect of their irresponsible child getting behind the wheel of a car.

When a child requests permission to learn to drive it is both a parenting challenge and an opportunity. How to meet the former and maximize the latter is the subject of this article.

No words strike more fear into the hearts of parents than, "I want to get a driver's license."

You feel caught off guard. Your head is spinning and your thoughts are racing.

"Where did the years go? It seems just like yesterday I was teaching him how to ride a bike and now he wants to drive a car!"

You may also be apprehensive about the implications.

"Can I really trust him with a driver's license? He could go wherever he wants, whenever he wants. And he could go with someone I find unacceptable. How on earth will I ever sleep at night knowing he is out on the road with his friends doing who knows what at all hours of the night?"

Finally, you may feel caught between a rock and a hard place.

"On the one hand, if I let him get a license and something 'happens,' I would never forgive myself for letting him learn to drive. On the other hand, if I try to hold him back, he will resent me for that and we will be even more alienated from each other than we are now. Furthermore, if I do not let him get a license, he'll just end up in his friends' cars. And they are not any more mature than he is."

In order to steer safely through the minefield of teen driving, you need to understand what driving means to a teenager, how this can be a positive move and not negative, and how to take full advantage of this parenting opportunity.

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At-Home Treatments Can Often Heal Dry, Cracked Heels

Eucerin or Cetaphil, several times a day. Some moisturizers contain keratolytic agents - such as urea, salicylic acid or alpha hydroxy acid - that help soften and exfoliate the skin, but they may cause slight stinging or irritation.

Foot soaks - in warm, plain or soapy water for about 20 minutes - may be helpful. Follow up with a loofah or foot scrubber, then coat your heels with a petrolatum-based ointment, such as Vaseline or Aquaphor. You might want to use petrolatum-based moisturizers before you go to bed, as they can feel a bit greasy. Slipping on a pair of socks over your moisturized feet may help lock in moisture overnight.

If these measures don't help, or if your heels become swollen or inflamed, talk to your doctor or a dermatologist. You may need a prescription ointment with stronger moisturizers or a steroid cream to relieve inflammation. Bandages or a special tissue glue

can protect and hold the edges of the cracks together so that they can heal. Wearing supportive shoes and losing excess weight also may help relieve pressure on vour feet.

If you have other skin conditions, such as psoriasis or eczema, you'll want to consult with your doctor as well, as this may affect treatment. If you have diabetes, it's especially important to take good care of your feet. Cracked heels that are left untreated may lead to infection and ulcers. (Adapted from Mayo Clinic Health Letter) - Lawrence E. Gibson, M.D., Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

READERS: If you're looking for a way to increase your physical activity, you might want to consider joining a walking group.

In a survey published early this year in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, investigators looked at data from studies involving close to 2,000 participants

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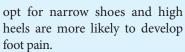
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Q: I just bought my third pair of gym shoes, and none of them seem to be comfortable. Could I be tying them wrong?

A: Today's mass-produced shoes often don't accommodate the quirks of individual feet, which may be wide or narrow or have arches that are high or low. Retying your shoes can make adjustments for those differences, and in some cases, ease your pain.

Foot pain might stem from any of a variety of issues, such as

bunions, hammertoes, corns, calluses, ingrown nails, pinched nerves or neuromas, and heel pain from plantar fasciitis. Many of these problems can be aggravated by improperly or even properly fitted footwear. Women who



Depending on the source of the pain, taking a few minutes to adjust the laces of your gym shoes could be a good first step to help alleviate soreness. It is certainly worth a try to see if this would decrease any pain or discomfort during walking or any athletic activities. While there is no evidence-based medical research to validate that varying your lacing method can bring pain relief, there's little reason not to give it a shot.

Adjusting your shoelace placement is easy to do by repositioning the laces in the eyelets, which are the small holes that run on either side of the tongue of your shoe through which you thread the laces. You can target your specific foot problem by changing which eyelets the laces pass through.

If your feet are wide, try lacing your shoes horizontally instead of using an overlapping X pattern. If your shoes feel too tight in spots, try skipping a few eyelets at intervals to ease pressure at those points.

If you're having pain in your heels, be sure to tie your laces tightest in the spot closest to your heel and loosen them in the front, toward your toes. Anchor the laces at the top by making a loop at the last eyelet before you tie it closed.

While some achy

feet may be helped by a quick shoelace adjustment, in other instances pain may signal something more significant that warrants a doctor's attention. Depending on the issue or problem, you should see their doctor about foot pain if it doesn't get better despite wearing different shoes and changing how you tie them.

Pay particular attention to symptoms that may signal an urgent problem, such as a foot or toe that is hot, red or swollen. These symptoms may indicate a stress fracture, infection, arthritis or gout.





Closer to G-d

The fact that truth is identified with G-d gives it its supreme importance. The more truthful one is, the closer one is to Him. The more one strays from the truth, the more distant one is from Him.

King David says, "Who may dwell in Your tent? ... One who ... speaks the truth from his heart" (*Psalms* 15:1). The Talmud gives an example:

The sage, Rav Safra, was praying, and someone offered him eighty gulden for an item he was selling. Rav Safra could not interrupt his prayer and remained silent. The customer, assuming that Rav Safra had rejected the price, offered him one hundred gulden. After he finished praying, Rav Safra sold the item to him for eighty gulden. Rav Safra told the man, "When you offered me eighty gulden, I mentally agreed to the price, but was unable to tell you. I must keep my unspoken word" (Makkos 24a, Rashi).

Our tradition brings down numerous stories of the Sages, who were masters of truthfulness.

Rebbe Elimelech of Lizhensk said, "I am certain of being admitted to Gan Eden. The Heavenly Tribunal will ask me, 'Melech, did you learn Torah properly?'

"I will say, 'No.'

"They will ask, 'Melech, did you daven appropriately?'

"Again, I will say, 'No.'

"They will ask, 'Melech, did you give sufficient tzedakah?'

"Once again, I will say, 'No.'

"They will say, 'He tells the truth. Let him enter Gan Eden."

The Seer of Lublin said, "I prefer a rasha (wicked person) who believes he is a rasha to a tzaddik who believes he is a tzaddik. Why? Because the rasha knows the truth, whereas the tzaddik is lying to himself. No person should think of himself as a tzaddik."

There was a man known as "Reb Yosef, the truthful one," because he was widely respected for his impeccable integrity. He was approached by a person who said, "I have some contraband merchandise, and if I am found with it, I may be sent to Siberia for life. If I put it in your house, the police will never suspect you."

Reb Yosef wanted to save the person from lifelong imprisonment, but did not want to compromise his integrity. "How much is your merchandise worth?" he asked. "Fifty rubles," the man replied.

Reb Yosef said, "Wait here." He borrowed fifty rubles, an appreciable sum, bought the merchandise, and set fire to it. He saved the man from imprisonment without compromising himself.

Rebbe Refael of Bershid was a champion of truth. When his wife bought a silver-plated candelabra for Shabbos, Rebbe Refael said, "You should not have spent so much money."

His wife said, "It was not expensive. It is not real silver, just silver plated."

Rebbe Refael said, "Then it is a false-hood. You must get rid of it."

A man was suspected of a crime for which the punishment was lifelong exile to Siberia. The judge said that if the two great rabbis, Rebbe Moshe of Savran and Rebbe Refael of Bershid, would testify to the person's honesty, he would dismiss the charges. Although the person was less than honest, Rebbe Moshe felt that it was permissible to testify in his behalf, because otherwise he would be exiled for life and his family would be destitute. Rebbe Refael could not make peace with this, yet he knew that his refusal to testify would be taken as proof that the person was dishonest.

Rebbe Refael prayed tearfully all night, and died in the midst of his weeping. He was thus spared from having to say an untruth.

Rebbe Yisrael of Salant delivered a lecture on the Talmud, and someone in the audience raised a question about a point he had made. Rebbe Yisrael thought for a few moments, then excused himself and stepped down from the pulpit. He explained, "I had three responses to this man's question, each of which would have satisfied him. However, in my heart I knew that they were not true, so I discontinued the lecture."

Rav Yechezkel Levenstein was a close friend of Rav Yitzchak Sher, and when the latter died, it was assumed that Rav Levenstein would deliver the eulogy. Rav Levenstein refused, and later explained. "I lost a dear grandchild just three weeks ago. I was afraid that during the eulogy, I might think of my grandchild and cry. People would assume that I am crying for Rav Yitzchak Sher, and that would be dishonest of me."

Let us remember, "Hashem, your G-d, is truth," and strive to be close to Him.

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Rav Moshe Feinstein

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At the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Moshe left Amtsislav and rejoined his father in Starobin, where they studied together and where he began teaching local youths. His shiurim gained broad acclaim and he was quickly hailed as a young giant of Torah and psak.

During the second year of the war, with the Czar's army being mauled on the western front, a conscription order was issued for all young men of Moshe's age. Aside from the dangers of fighting in a war, serving in the Russian Army meant forced transgression of certain mitzvos, and of course little time for Torah study. To Moshe and his parents, these considerations were sufficient reason to seek a deferment from service through any means available. He traveled many miles to see an attorney who was said to have connections with government officials. However, the attorney proved to be of little help and Moshe began his journey home empty-handed.

On the way back to Starobin, Moshe stopped off in Smilovitz where the Chofetz Chaim and his yeshivah had been forced to relocate because of the war. Moshe headed for the yeshivah's beis midrash to seek the blessing of the Chofetz Chaim, whom he had never met.

When Moshe entered the beis midrash, he found the Chofetz Chaim with his most famous disciple, Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman. As Reb Moshe retold the story to his students half a century later, "I went to see the Chofetz Chaim and he was sitting with Reb Elchonon. We spoke in learning and when he saw that I knew (ven ehr hot gezehn az ich ken), he gave me his blessing."

The Chofetz Chaim had heard much about the "Starobiner Iluy" and was concerned when Moshe explained the gravity of his situation. The Chofetz Chaim and Reb Elchonon both rose and escorted their young visitor from the beis midrash. The Chofetz Chaim then turned to Moshe and said:

Chazal tell us, Whoever accepts upon himself the yoke of Torah — the yoke of government and of worldly responsibilities are removed from him. It would seem that, rather than "removed from him," a more proper phrase would have been "are not placed upon him."

There is, however, a fundamental message in this carefully worded

statement of Chazal. One whose deeds are purely for the sake of Hashem will merit that even decrees that have already been proclaimed upon him will be removed.

With these words, the Chofetz Chaim bade Moshe farewell. Not long afterward, the government proclaimed that, in view of the successful mobilization of the Russian Army, all callups of rabbis were suspended until further notice. In that proclamation, Reb David saw a legal way to protect his son from the draft. Uzda, Moshe's birthplace, was seeking a new rav at the time, so — at Reb David's suggestion — they accepted Moshe as their Rav. His trials were not over, however, because he was ruled too young and able-bodied for a deferment. Nevertheless, he eventually succeeded in gaining an exemption. Despite the superficially natural means through which he gained his freedom, he attributed his success to the Chofetz Chaim's blessing.

More than half a century later, someone mentioned a halachic issue to Reb Moshe which had been debated by 19th-century poskim. Reb Moshe replied that in this matter, he followed the opinion of Rabbi Dovid Friedman of Karlin, and quoted the latter's teshuvah on the subject. Then, he remarked parenthetically, "I came across this teshuvah during the First World War when I had to travel somewhere because of a draft notice I received. While I was waiting to see someone, I entered a beis midrash and found a sefer of R' Dovid's teshuvos."

The fact that Reb Moshe, at that unsettling hour, had the ability to study the teshuvah and retain it so that he could quote it over fifty years later illustrates the degree to which he had already accepted upon himself the "yoke of Torah."

The Young Rav

When Reb Moshe was invited to serve as Rav in Uzda, the inhabitants were filled with pride over the glowing reports concerning their former Rav's son. Twenty years old and as yet unmarried, Reb Moshe assumed his first rabbinic position. Soon after Reb Moshe's arrival, his former melamed publicly served him, like a servant before his master. Reb Moshe was visibly upset that his rebbi had accorded him such honor. However, the melamed had a different view, saying that his

The Chofetz Chaim's Blessing

heart was filled with joy when he saw how great his talmid had become.

Years before, Reb Moshe's father had declared his confidence that his son would become a respected posek. In Uzda it became clear that Reb David's words were indeed prophetic.

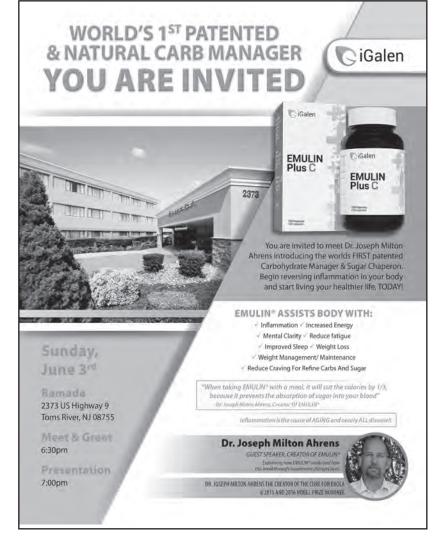
In his very first year as Rav, a delicate halachic query was brought to him, involving a man and woman who had been wed in a marriage ceremony whose validity was questionable. After carefully reviewing the case, Reb Moshe issued a thirteen-page teshuvah in which he concluded that the ceremony was invalid, thus permitting the woman to remarry without obtaining a get. Forty-four years later, this teshuvah too was published in Igros Moshe.

Reb Moshe's halachic rulings were also sought by many people outside of Uzda, for already then his psak was known to be clear, concise, and based on a knowledge of Torah that was breathtaking in range and dazzling in depth.

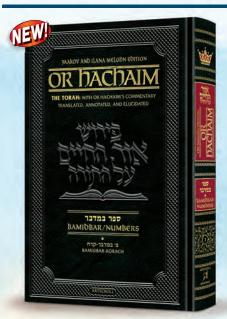
In his first years in Uzda, Reb Moshe wrote an intricate teshuvah (also found

in Igros Moshe) on the complicated laws of ribis (interest). Many years later, Rabbi Tuvia Goldstein, Rosh Yeshivah at Yeshivah Emek Halachah, expressed amazement to Reb Moshe that he could have had such a broad scope of knowledge at so young an age. In one of only two occasions when Reb Tuvia saw him display a touch of pride, Reb Moshe responded by commenting that he had sent the teshuvah for review to Reb Isser Zalman Meltzer, and his former rosh yeshivah had lavishly praised the piece as emes l'amitah, the quintessential truth.

Reb Moshe had a brother, Reb Yaakov, Hy'd, who was married to a relative of the famed Rav of Brisk, Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik. During Reb Moshe's years in Uzda, he received a letter from Reb Chaim, saying that he had heard much about him and inviting him to come study with him. Reb Moshe would have readily accepted the invitation but for the responsibility he felt toward the Jews of Uzda.







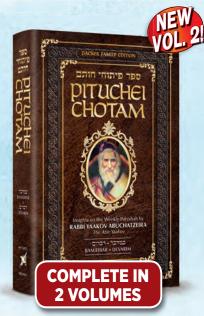
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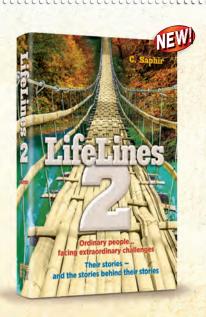


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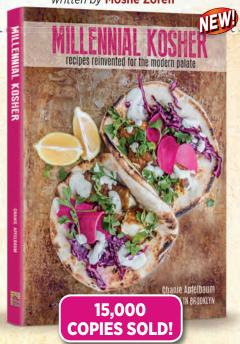
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SARAH KATZIN

Rabbi Avi Cassel spoke recently at the closing session of the spring semester RAJE Leadership Program. Rabbi Cassel is the director of the North American Division of Olami, the renowned global outreach organization that includes RAJE and college campus programs worldwide. He has a special connection with Russian Jews because in the past he directed Olami programs in Russia. He even surprised the students by opening



his remarks with a few friendly phrases in Russian!

His message was about living inspired and inspiring others and it was very fitting for the occasion because the highlight of the closing session of a RAJE Leadership Program semester is when a panel of former RAJE students share their stories. These inspiring young people literally understand where the listeners are coming from and describe where they are on their journeys one or two or a few years down the line. The current students are about to go on their trip to Israel so hearing from the panelists helps them not only to make the most of that trip but also inspires them to continue their spiritual journey by going to learn in Yeshiva and making commitments to Torah and Mitzvos.

Marlene, who serves as a student representative of Olami at NYU, encouraged the students to search for their unique roles in the mission of the Jewish People to be a Light to the Nations.



CHINUCH for Today

RABBI HENOCH PLOTNIK, NOTED MECHANECH AND SPEAKER

As the school year is winding down the minds of parents and students alike are shifting focus to summer plans. Whether camp, or perhaps a visit to grandparents or the like may be anticipated, most parties involved have their focus somewhere else. Who can blame them? Are we not familiar with the words of Rashi, that Klal Yisrael left Har Sinai like a "tinok habore'ach mibais hasefer", as a child who runs away from school! Even Chazal understood that burning desire to move on after a long and sometimes difficult school year experience. But some of us still have some unfinished business.

I recall penning a note to a colleague who was active in *kiruv*, acknowledging his efforts, in particular a presentation that I happened to be present at. To this day, decades later, whenever I come across him (he no longer lives here) he does not fail to mention the *chizuk* he got from it and how he keeps it on top of his memorabilia pile. It's not like I wrote a masterpiece akin to the Iggeres HaRamban in there, but the simple acknowledgement of what he did or said was enough to fuel him to do it some more. By the same token, our children's teachers, be it the *rebbeim, moros*, or any other category of instructor, have also had a long year.

I recall hearing a *vort* in the name of one of the Gedolei Chassidus on the abovementioned words of Rashi that we were taken to task for running away from Har Sinai like little children leaving school. One could ask, why Rashi didn't use a stronger allegory that they left like the Rebbe runs away from school after a hard day! And the answer is, THAT happy they weren't! Although this is purely a "*vitz*", a humorous *vertel*, there is a tiny truth to it as well. The teacher is exhausted both emotionally and physically. If a parent has never stood in front of a classroom the experience is indescribable as well as draining. Our teachers are doing the parents' job-truly. And they multiply it by many times, trying their best to give every student their best. We all know this. But do we all plan how to express it? Forget the gift, write a note detailing how you have seen the teacher's impact on your child. You can be over the top and effusive with praise, they won't mind. And on a tough day when the Rebbe or Morah wonders if it was all worth it, or if he/she should have been an accountant like their parents urged years ago, the note will reappear on the top of the pile and remind them why they ran TO school instead of the other direction.

Give it some thought...now. It may be the most important thing you planned for the entire summer.

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NASO TRUE GREATNESS

"All the days of his abstinence for the sake of Hashem he shall not come near a dead person" (*Bamidbar* 6:6).

The Baal HaTurim gives an intriguing reason for the prohibition against a *nazir* coming into contact with the dead. There is a fear that if the *Shechinah* rests on him as a result of his *nezirus*, people might speculate that it is because he consults with the dead, which is prohibited by the Torah. In other words, there is a possibility that people will attribute his *kedushah* to negative sources.

The question that arises is how does abstaining from wine for a period of thirty days and letting one's hair grow catalyze *kedushah*? We fear what people are going to think. Obviously, something about this *nazir* makes him stand out. How did he become the recipient of such *kedushah* literally overnight?

Rabbi Sholom Levin, zt"l, derives from here that it is not how long or great one's actions are that make them stand out. It all depends upon one's machshavah, the purity of one's intentions. When one acts solely for the sake of Heaven, he can achieve incredible heights. He does not have to save the world or make some phenomenal transformation. All he has to do is take the smallest steps in a positive direction, but with a pure heart. It is the small things that one does that make a difference. Thirty days of pure devotion, sincere emotion from the depths of one's heart, increase one's kedushah — as long as the focus is on Hashem.

Moshe Rabbeinu was walking in the wilderness when he noticed a burning bush. Chazal tell us that all Moshe did was take three steps toward the bush. In a different exposition, they say that all he did was turn his head slightly in the direction of the bush. Yet, Hashem told him, "You took pains to turn aside to glimpse. I swear to you that I shall reveal Myself to you." What great deed did Moshe perform? What did he do that merited such an incredible reward?

Rabbi Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler, zt"l, explains that it was Moshe's small action, his hishtadlus, that made the difference. He did not have to stop. He could have easily kept on walking and ignored the sight, as many people would. He did not, however. He made an effort to see it; he got involved. That small initiative defined his greatness. It is not the large things we do that define us. It is the little things, the caring for those that will not necessarily earn us a plaque, the modest kindnesses, the small acts of thoughtfulness - these define a person.

What a valuable lesson for our children. In today's world we are taught to grab the limelight, put ourselves on center stage. Anything less just won't do. What a mistake! Hashem is not looking for the attention grabbers. He is seeking those who are living *l'sheim Shamayim*. It's those pure thoughts that will earn the large rewards and help us reach great heights.

Sometimes our children will ignore performing small acts of *chesed* because they may go unnoticed. This is a blunder. It's essential to teach our children that it's not necessarily the action that defines who we are, but rather our intentions.

How many people remain behind to clean up after a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos? Very few. There are no accolades for such deeds because there is no one left to see it. However, one who lingers and is not pursuing honor and recognition is truly the great one.

This is a lesson that my very own father, he should live and be well, has taught us. He has been buying the food for Shalosh Seudos in his shul for decades. But it doesn't end there. After all the members go home following Maariv, my father remains behind to clean up. My father is not looking for any recognition or award. It's just his mindset. He's doing what needs to be done. Regardless of the grandeur of the action, it's the purity of the heart. This is the example my parents have set for us and we can emulate for our children as well.



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Nachas Notes

It is very gratifying to me to see more and more FJJ columnists addressing parenting concerns. The various techniques and reassurance offered by these sagacious writers reflect the unfortunate fact that parenting continues to be an extremely difficult endeavor. Perhaps the expression l'fum tza'ara agrah, usually translated as, "according to the effort shall be the reward," could also be understood to mean "when it's really hard, you know that the stakes must be very high." Why do I say that? Because when it is so incredibly hard, why not just give up? I think parents don't give up because there is so much at stake. This is the life of a child we're talking about. It's a tremendous responsibility but it's also a wonderful opportunity to mold and help to grow another Ben or Bas Torah in our community, in Hashem's world

So when someone reads the article and says, "that sounds great but it won't work in my home," what do I say to them? I ask them to describe their home to me, the ambience, the tone and feel of their home and the nature of their conversations with their children. I believe them when they say that they really did master the technique but it didn't work. And then what?

Let me share with you an excerpt from the preface to my, b'ezras Hashem, forthcoming book, on this matter:

Techniques are all well and good but they require competent technicians. If you don't have the presence of mind to be able to apply the technique when it counts, then all the methods in the world won't help you. Here's a story that illustrates this point:

Mendel was fascinated by the intricate wooden key chain his brother Sammy had made in camp. When Mendel went to camp the next summer, he couldn't wait for arts and crafts so he could make one just like it. The arts-and-crafts counselor, Tzvi, showed Mendel how to hold the knife and handed him a block of soft wood.

Mendel tried to cut on the line that Tzvi had drawn on the wood, but his hand slipped and he gouged the wood. Mendel became angry and frustrated. He poked at the line on the wood with the point of the knife, but it glanced off the side and he cut his finger with the blade.

Tzvi walked over and reviewed how to hold the knife and where to make the cuts into the wood. But by then Mendel had lost all patience. He angrily picked up the block and stabbed at it again, chipping off another chunk instead of cutting the groove he had intended.

Mendel understood the techniques, but he was not a capable technician. The michsholim of anger and frustration tripped him up, preventing him from utilizing the lessons he had learned.

Mendel didn't need to know more about knives and wood. He needed to know more about what happened to Mendel when he became frustrated and angry.

Three things happened to Mendel as a result of his anger and frustration:

Mendel did not succeed in making the wood into a key chain.

Mendel damaged the wood so that it became even harder to make it into a key chain than it was before he started.

Mendel cut himself.

This realization might have been an incentive for Mendel to think about what made him so annoyed and frustrated. By being aware of his frustration, he could pull himself back and calm down before continuing.

Mendel realized that angrily attacking the wooden block was just making things worse. He took a deep breath and decided to go out for a five-minute walk. When he returned, he asked Tzvi to review once again how to hold the knife and where to make the cuts into the wood. Then Mendel picked up the block, carefully positioned the knife, and began to cut the groove as he had intended.

The *nimshol* for parents is obvious. This book will, of course, offer many

It Wouldn't Work in My Home

good techniques. But along with the techniques, you will learn to become a better technician so that you can wield those tools effectively. Tools are worthless if they are not handled properly. When that happens:

You will likely not succeed in your goal. You may cause damage that will be harder to repair afterward, and you will hurt yourself in the process.

In each chapter I will present a middah to build you as a parent and provide techniques for raising your child. I will show you how the middah serves to build you into a more competent technician, less susceptible to the michsholim many parents struggle to overcome.

I will show you how you can overcome the michsholim when they happen to you and regain a state of nachas, tranquility, so that you can use the techniques that you have learned effectively. Like Mendel, you will learn that it's a good idea to take a deep breath and think the situation through calmly before proceeding.

That's what I wrote in the preface, but as I think about it now I think that it's more important to think about yourself in the situation rather than just thinking about the situation as it involves your child. What you think to yourself about how the situation reflects on you? Are you thinking to yourself, "My child disrespected me. My child never listens to me. I am failing as a parent?" I would rather you think about yourself as safe and not threatened in any way, and that your child failed to meet an expectation.

If you are feeling threatened and off-balance you will not be able to wield the very best parenting tools successfully.

And remember: the very best parenting frame of mind consists of savlonus, empathy, and compassion.

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High Quality Jewish Education in the Spotlight as Secretary DeVos Makes Historic Visit to Orthodox Girls' High School

Fulfilling a promise made at an Agudath Israel of America's leadership mission to Washington in March, 2017, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos paid a historic visit to Manhattan High School for Girls, spending more than three hours sitting in on classes and meeting with students, faculty and board members. The visit to the school was facilitated by Agudath Israel of America and, in addition to being Secretary DeVos' first official trip to a Jewish school, is believed to be the first such visit by any sitting Secretary of Education.

After being welcomed warmly by Agudah executive vice president Rabbi Chaim Dovid Zwiebel and school principals Mrs. Tsivia Yanofsky and Mrs. Estee Friedman-Stefansky, Secretary DeVos sat in on classes in Scriptures, forensic science, English literature and music. The secretary listened during a class on Jewish history and genealogy as students shared their families' stories of escaping Nazi persecution in Poland during World War II, telling

the teens how her family members in the Netherlands helped Jews escape to safety during the Holocaust.

Board members and teachers discussed their commitment to educational excellence that prioritizes strong religious studies while also offering a top tier secular curriculum during a roundtable meeting with Secretary DeVos, observing that the school prepares students for success in later life without compromising on their Jewish values in any way. Describing the school as "a holistic learning environment," the secretary expressed her admiration for the high standards in evidence that imbued the girls with a clear level of confidence.

An informal lunch meeting with students had girls sharing their high school experiences freely with Secretary DeVos, discussing extra-curricular activities, today's technological challenges and political matters. Several students spoke enthusiastically of their willingness to travel several hours daily to enjoy the school's stellar academics and



Secretary DeVos appeared touched by one girl who told of the school's support during her battle against leukemia, noting that she hoped to become a pediatric oncology nurse so that she could repay the many kindnesses shown to her during her own illness.

Before leaving the group, Secretary DeVos told the girls how much she enjoyed speaking with them, remarking, "I am very, very impressed with everything I have seen and heard. I know you will be successful in whatever you do."

At the conclusion of the visit, a pair of twelfth graders presented Secretary DeVos with several gifts, which included a framed illuminated teacher's prayer, written in both Hebrew and English. Both Mrs. Yanofsky and Mrs. Friedman-Stefansky emphasized that Manhattan High School was honored to introduce Secretary DeVos to the world of Jewish education, giving her a firsthand look at students who are both well-educated and deeply committed to their religious roots.

"The resounding message around the table was that we do not live bifurcated lives," said Mrs. Friedman-Stefansky. "We empower our students with interdisciplinary knowledge and a range of skills they need to contribute to the greater world around us. Secretary Devos expressed her support of the value we place on the arts and cultivating empathy and respect for others."

"It was a distinct pleasure to serve as a prototype of the many fine Orthodox Jewish institutions throughout the United States," added Mrs. Yanofsky. "Today our students were ambassadors for the Jewish community and I am deeply appreciative for this unique opportunity."

Secretary DeVos's visit to Manhattan High School and a second visit to Yeshiva Darchei Torah in Far Rockaway are both the result of continued advocacy by the Agudah on behalf of yeshiva parents.

"Agudath Israel has worked with Secretary DeVos for more than a decade trying to give all parents the opportunity to choose the best and most appropriate school for their children," said Rabbi A.D. Motzen, the Agudah's National Director of State Relations. "We are proud that the Secretary's first school visits in New York City are to two of the Orthodox community's finest schools."

With the number of students enrolled in Jewish schools nationwide increasing annually while other nonpublic school constituencies have seen their numbers dwindle, Secretary DeVos's visit was long overdue, said Rabbi Zwiebel.

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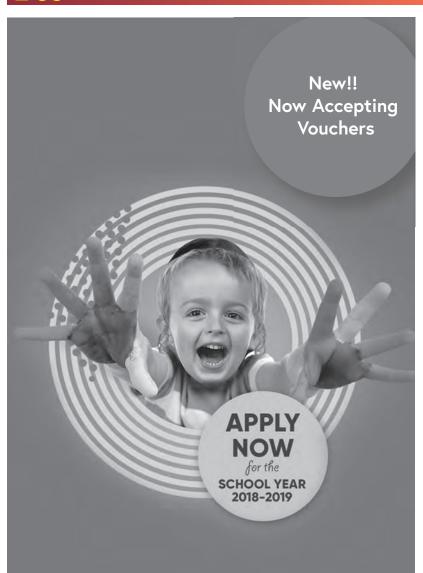
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Power Points on the Parsha

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"...may G-d bless you and protect you..." (Bamidbar 6:24)

The blessing creates the necessity for protection. A poor man once woke up to see a burglar climbing through his window. "It's good that you came," the poor man said. "Maybe together we could find something of value around here!" Spiritually, too, a person with greater sensitivity requires greater protection. A secular man once told the Gerrer Rebbe, "I don't understand why religious Jews are so concerned about seeing improper sights, I see those sights all the time and they don't affect me!" The Rebbe replied, "A Bedouin can walk barefoot all day on the burning sand and is not bothered by it at all; yet if you had a grain of sand in your shoe it would bother you to no end. But you would not suggest removing your shoes to live like a Bedouin, as there are many advantages to living a more civilized life. It is much better living a more spiritually sensitive life too."

"...this was the dedication of the Altar...twelve silver bowls, twelve silver basins..." (*Bamidbar* 7:84)

The Torah lists each of the prince's gifts at the dedication of the Tabernacle. At the end, the Torah lists the sum total of all the gifts given by the princes, although that seems somewhat unnecessary. Rashi comments that the gifts were the same individually as they were all together. Rav Moshe Feinstein explains that the Torah is teaching us that one's behavior in public must be the same as it is in private.

The students of a great Greek philosopher once visited their teacher at his home. They were surprised to find him devouring a large piece of chicken with such gusto. They asked him, "Our master, how is it that the great one can stoop to such baseness?" He responded, "In the classroom I am the great philosopher; at home I am but a regular person."

"...a man or woman who will take a Nazirite vow of abstinence for G-d..." (Bamidbar 6:2)

Although the Torah does not usually eschew an ascetic lifestyle, sometimes it is necessary to "build fences" in order to avoid sin. A student of Rav Shimon Shkop, Rosh Yeshivah of Grodno, once asked him why so many Jews could be found who were meticulous in their general *mitzvah* observance, yet when it

came to shaving their beard they would use a razor, thus transgressing Torah law. Rav Shimon responded that since in the times of the Talmud men usually grew their beards, the Rabbis did not feel it necessary to create fences to prevent transgressing this prohibition. Without a safeguard, it is very easy for a person to slip and transgress Torah prohibitions.

...what a man gives to the *kohen* shall be his... (*Bamidbar* 5:10)

A middle-aged wealthy lawyer was forced to retire early due to health reasons. The man purchased annuities to support himself comfortably for forty years. He became friendly with the Ponovezher Rav and donated generously to the yeshivah. When the man reached his upper eighties, he sadly told the rav that his income had dried up and not only could he not support the yeshivah anymore, but he would even have to sell his house. The rav was distraught. "This cannot be," he said. "For forty-five years you have supported the Ponovezh Yeshiva, both in Europe and in Israel. Tzedakah is a two-way street, benefiting both the donor and the receiver. You have helped us until now, and now we will help you." For the next two years, until the man passed away, the Ponovezher Rav put the man on the yeshivah's payroll as a fundraiser, redirecting some of the former donor's money back to

"...a man or woman who will take a Nazirite vow of abstinence for G-d..." (Bamidbar 6:2)

The Talmud explains the juxtaposition of the section about the Nazir and the section about the suspected adulteress, because wine and levity lead to immoral behavior. An Orthodox Jewish writer wrote an article for a magazine ridiculing society's "new morality." The article was given to Rav Gedalia Schorr, Rosh Yeshivah of Torah Vodaath, for review. The sage approved the article, but insisted that the humor in the article be removed. The writer asked Rav Schorr, "Doesn't the Talmud encourage mockery of idolatry? Why is this any different?" Ray Schorr explained that there is a big distinction between the two. Idolatry tries to present itself as something serious and intellectually satisfying. Ridiculing it thus destroys this image. Promiscuity, on the other hand, works in the opposite manner; it entices through levity and titillation. The more

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humorous it is presented, the more it actually entices others. Alcohol, which also creates an atmosphere of silliness, often leads to immoral behavior.

"...a man or woman who will take a Nazirite vow of abstinence for G-d..." (Bamidbar 6:2)

The purpose of taking a Nazarite oath is in order for one to learn self-control and not allow himself to overindulge in physical pleasures which can lead to sin. It is interesting to note how abstaining from wine and letting one's hair grow for a mere thirty days can teach self-control in all areas of physical pleasure. The ba'alei mussar explain that even a small resolution can accomplish great things within a person. Rav Shlomo Wolbe says that the key to successful change lies in taking small, yet consistent, steps. A doctor recommended that a patient exercise twenty minutes daily to maintain good health. The patient claimed he didn't have an extra twenty minutes each day, but he agreed to a two-and-a-half hour regimen of exercise on Sundays when he had more time. Rather than being healthy, that type of regimen could actually be harmful. It is only through small changes that a person can effect overall change.

He will bring her offering...he will not place incense upon it. (Bamidbar 5:15)

The Midrash explains that her sacrifice does not have incense (levonah) since the Matriarchs were called levonah, and the sotah strayed from their ways. Ray Henoch Lebowitz points out that it is amazing that a woman who has acted immorally should be taken to task for merely not following in the ways of the Matriarchs. He explains that it is necessary to set one's sights as high as possible. Rav Mordechai Gifter would say that if one reaches for the stars, he may not reach them, but he will certainly not get stuck in the mud. This woman only behaved as she did because she did not strive to emulate the Matriarchs.

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A: So, your father and sister own a property together and want to add you on title, presumably because you live there and your dad is thinking about the day when he no longer will.

To answer your question, we have to make some assumptions based on your question. We've seen situations where a parent adds a child to the title of the parent's home. The parent usually does this for "estate planning" purposes. That is to say, the parent wants the property to go to a specific kid upon the death of the parent.

As we've written in the past, we don't recommend that parents handle their estate planning this way, mostly because it can be messy and there can be unintended tax consequences to suddenly add a kid to the title to a home.

There are other ways to make sure that title of a parent's home passes on down to the children without adding them to the title.

We have to assume that your sister was added to the title to give your dad some peace of mind that upon his death your sister would own the home. Years later, your dad decided that it might be unfair to have his home only

Home Ownership Change Could Affect Real Estate Taxes

to your sister and not to you, so now he wants to have the title to the property be in everyone's name equally.

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Equality among children sounds good on the surface. But there are some flaws to this logic. The first is that parents can't assume that a child will outlive them. If a parent intends to pass that child's share to their child's children (their grandkids), the joint ownership of the home may unintentionally cause only one child to become the sole owner of the home.

How does that work? Let's say all three of you are joint owners of the home with rights of survivorship. Your dad may want you and your sister to end up as joint owners of the home, but if she dies first and your dad later dies, you will become the sole owner of the home. Her children would be excluded from inheriting their mom's share of the property.

For this reason, and some federal tax reasons that we have discussed many times in our columns, we think there are smarter ways for parents to own the property. Parents may own the home in a living trust and designate who will become the owner of the home when the parent dies. A living trust can take into account the various life changes that may occur from the day the trust is set up until the

The parent might also choose to write (and sign) a will that will designate the beneficiaries of his or her estate, and also name the heir(s) who will end up owning the home upon the parent's death.

Wills can contemplate many life changes that may occur from the time the will is executed until the date the parent dies. In some states, but not many, the parent can own the home in a land trust that would only control the title to the residence but allows the property to avoid probate. The land trust, as with the living trust, will designate who will own the home upon the death of the parent.

In some situations, the parent can sign a transfer on death (TOD) instrument that designates who gets the home when the parent dies. There are some people in the real estate community who don't like transfer on death instruments, but we bring it up here as an option for those who, for whatever reason, don't want to create a trust and don't want to write a will, but want to have something that will be better than nothing to address this issue.

Finally, let's talk about your future tax issue. You've asked a question about the property's real estate taxes. Many taxing authorities will limit increases or freeze the valuation of a property for real estate tax purposes until the property ownership changes. However, most taxing bodies exempt ownership transfers for estate planning purposes from valuation increases. Having said that, we suggest that you call your local tax assessor's office or real estate taxing body and ask them how they handle ownership changes.

If your dad executes a will, the will does not change the ownership of the home. But if your dad conveys title to you, that change could trigger a reassessment by your taxing body. You'll need to verify this. On the other hand, if your dad puts his property into a living trust, the conveyance to the living trust should not affect the manner in which the property is and will be assessed. In any case, you're better off talking to the local taxing body officials to get confirmation.

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An Outstanding Loan Payment

And give it to the one to whom he is indebted (5:7)

Dov borrowed \$100,000 from his friend Meir. When the loan came due, Meir asked Dov to repay the loan promptly as Meir owed \$100,000 to the bank and would face severe penalties if he would not repay his loan on time. Dov visited Meir's bank without Meir's knowledge, and informed them that Meir did not have the money to repay his loan. Dov made the following proposal to the bank's manager. Dov would pay the bank \$60,000 today, if they would erase Meir's loan totally. Otherwise, Dov would pay them nothing, and the bank would have to struggle to get their money from Meir, and they would risk never being paid. The bank manager researched the options, and decided to accept Dov's offer. When Meir heard what had hap-

pened he asked Dov to pay him the remaining \$40,000, since he had only given the bank \$60,000. Is he justified? The Shulchan Aruch rules: One who sent an agent to collect a loan from an idolater who, by mistake, overpaid the loan, the profit belongs to the messenger. If however, the messenger was sent to repay a loan and the lender denies having loaned the money, the messenger must return the money to the one who sent him. The S'ma explains that any new income belongs to the messenger, whereas any money that belonged until now to the one who sent him, remains in the owner's possession. According to this, since the bank's agreement to forgive \$40,000 is not new income, it would seem that Dov would still have to give Meir his money.

However, the *Shulchan Aruch* rules that a widow who wishes to forgive a debt

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owed to her late husband has no right to do so, since it is not hers to forgive, and it must be repaid to the man's heirs. The *Taz* explains that this is specifically when the heirs have other funds to pay the widow her *kesubah*. But if she can collect her *kesubah* only from the repayment of this loan, she is considered the owner of the loan and may forgive it.

In our case, since Meir owes the bank, and Dov owes Meir, it is as if Dov owes the bank.

And if the bank manager forgave "Dov's" loan, he would not have to pay the difference to Meir.

However, since in actuality the bank, in accordance with its protocol, would never try to collect from Meir's debtor, there would be no real obligation from Dov to the bank. Therefore, it would seem that the bank cannot forgive the debtor's loan either. On the other hand, if the bank would come to a Jewish court, they could collect the money from Dov, and therefore maybe they could indeed forgive Dov's loan.

It should be noted that the bank does not actually erase the discrepancy between the original loan and the amount that was repaid; rather they pay it to themselves as a bank expense. Therefore it could be that Dov paid the loan in full, between his money and the bank's money.

Would You Care for Another Cheese Blintz?

And erase it into the bitter waters (5:32)

Nachman stopped at a local restaurant on his way home from work. He wanted a snack after a hard day in the office. When he arrived home, his wife greeted him with a special milchige meal that she had prepared in his honor. He was very surprised, as they usually ate fleishig, and his recent snack had been fleishig. Nachman knew that if he would tell his wife he had already eaten she would be very upset. He was not able to withstand the test that was put in front of him, and ate the meal that was prepared for him. Does he need to atone for his actions? Nachman did not do the right thing by not admitting to his wife that he was *fleishig*. Although eating milk after meat is only a Rabbinic prohibition, it should not have been violated for the sake of shalom bayis. Telling his wife would not have created such a rift, and is therefore not similar to the case of a sotah, where one is instructed to even erase the Name of Hashem for the sake of restoring shalom bayis. If he was afraid of his wife's reaction, he could have told her that when he was passing by the restaurant, he was stopped and invited for a *seudas mitzvah*, and could not refuse. One may alter the facts to maintain peace.

In our case, where he already transgressed the prohibition, he should establish a fixed time to learn the laws of milk and meat, as well as a chapter of *Sha'arei Teshuvah* on the detrimental effects of eating forbidden foods.

Shalom Bayis —At What Cost?

And erase it into the bitter waters (32:5)

Mr. Kahn lent his car to his son. • His son was caught by a police camera traveling 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. Since the car was registered in Mr. Kahn's name, he received a summons to appear in court. Mr. Kahn pleaded guilty, and since he had a clean record, he was given just a fine, and sent home. Had he told the court that the driver had been his son, his son's license would have been revoked for two years, as his son is a repeat offender. Mr. Kahn lied to protect his son's marriage, which was troubled, and losing his license would add to the strife and put the marriage in jeopardy. Was Mr. Kahn justified? Driving a car is a great responsibility. For this reason, the law requires one to have a license. If the son deserves to have his license revoked, he does not have the right to drive. Even if we could justify Mr. Kahn's dishonesty in order to save his son's marriage, what right does the son have to drive for the next two years? The son is a possible menace to society, and a potential murderer, since he does not respect traffic regulations. Therefore, despite his precarious marital state, there is great doubt as to whether his father was allowed to lie.

Since Mr. Kahn already did his damage, he should approach a beis din to request that they sternly warn the son never to violate the traffic regulations. They should require the son to place a very large sum of money to be held in escrow as insurance for his being careful. In addition, they should warn him that he will be ostracized from the community and punished to the extent that he will learn his lesson well if he continues to violate traffic safety laws. Only then will Mr. Kahn have atoned for not allowing his son to face the consequences of his reckless actions, and enabling him to continue driving.

Hilchos Shabbos Initiative

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The Chofetz Chaim writes in the name of R' Yonasan Eibishitz that if one does not learn Hilchos Shabbos very well, it is impossible not to be oveir on a forbidden act on Shabbos.

1. Is it permissible to place a swing or hammock on hooks that are attached to a tree?

Although it is permissible to use a swing that is attached to hooks on a tree, it is not permissible to place a swing on the hooks on *Shabbos*, since this is generally a permanent attachment.

2. Is it permissible to attach a garden hose to an outdoor spigot, or a portable sink to an outdoor faucet?

One should not attach a hose to an outdoor spigot or a portable sink to an outdoor faucet. One should also not replace a piece of a gutter that became disconnected.

3. Is it permissible to replace or tighten an air conditioning vent? Is it permissible to replace or reposition a ceiling tile or spot light?

One should not replace an air conditioning vent that became displaced. Similarly, one should not reposition an air conditioning vent that became loose, or to tighten a loose screw.

A ceiling tile or plastic tile beneath a light bulb should not be replaced if it came out of its frame. Loose spot lights should similarly not be pushed, repositioned.

4. Is it permissible to replace a link of a necklace or bracelet if it became detached on *Shabbos*?

It is not permissible to be replaced.

Note: It is not permissible to attach a pendant to a necklace for the first time (i.e. the pendant was not previously on this necklace).

5. Is it permissible to take apart the bottom of a cardboard box (that is taped or glued on the bottom) for the purpose of disposal?

An empty cardboard box (e.g. from a grocery delivery or a box of cereal etc.) should not be ripped open in order to tear or fold the box for the purpose of disposing it.

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The Person in the Parsha

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"Uniformity and Uniqueness"

One of the interesting paradoxes of human life is our tendency to copy one another and to try to "fit in" with friends and acquaintances, while simultaneously trying to be distinct from others, and to be our "own person."

The pressures of conformity are very strong in all human societies. People who are different are often treated as outcasts. And each of us determines our behavior with an eye toward others' opinions. We want to be part of the group, part of the crowd.

The pressures that human groups—large and small—exert upon each of us result not only in conformity, but in uniformity. Groups demand that all members act in accordance with their norms and its standards. Behavior which breaks the mold of uniformity is seen as threatening, even bizarre.

And yet, we all feel the need to assert our uniqueness, our own precious individuality.

One of my personal favorite cartoons shows a crowd of penguins, looking identical, all black and white. In the center of the horde is one penguin with a barely noticeable red bow tie. The cartoon's caption has that penguin saying, "I got to be me."

Obviously, conformity is necessary for a society to function efficiently, and to maintain its equilibrium. Individual

self-expression is also necessary, to introduce new coping methods into the social process.

There are dangers to both tendencies, that which demands uniformity, and that which allows for the individual's urge for autonomy and self-assertion.

Countless times in history, we have witnessed terrible dangers intrinsic to crowd behavior. We have seen the negative effects of cults, which encourage blind conformity to group norms. We have seen entire nations unquestioningly following cruel calls for the genocide of targeted populations.

We have seen the urge to be different result in equally harmful and dangerous behavior. Individuals who just want to be noticed will resort to serial murders of innocents, or to venting their rage by spraying a school campus with bullets. Self-expression carried to the extreme.

Apparently, there are good sides and bad sides to both social conformity and individualistic behavior. The secret lies in the balance between the two.

In the Torah portion, *Parshat Naso*, even the casual reader will be troubled by the repetitive description of the offerings of the twelve tribal princes. Each of them contributes an absolutely identical set of celebratory gifts to the tabernacle. The uniformity of the twelve sets of gifts is absolute. It seems

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as if each of the twelve princes strove to totally conform to the others, and none dared defy the standards of the rest of the group. An example of conformity, if there ever was one.

The congregants in the synagogue who hear the Torah reader repetitively chant the monotonous lists of contributions often feel bored and ask, "Why the repetition, and why the uniformity?"

Here, the rabbis of the *Midrash* help us out. They take a different, deeper, and more perceptive view. Motivated by the same discomfort as today's *Torah* listener, they exclaim, "Their gifts are all identical, but each has his own unique intention."

Although the gifts all shared common explicit language, the thoughts and emotions behind each gift differed from prince to prince. Each lent a different *kavanah*, a distinct unspoken meaning, to his gifts. And that meaning was based upon the unique nature of each prince and the tribe he represented. The gifts were all the same; the underlying intentions were as different as one can imagine. The lyrics were identical; the melody, different.

The rabbis speculate at some length as to the nature of these implicit intentions. They wonder as to how the prince of the tribe of Reuben might have expressed his tribe's uniqueness in contradistinction to the prince of the

tribe of Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and so forth.

All human societies contain the tension between the pressure to conform and the inner urge to be distinctive. Religious societies contain that tension all the more. Judaism, for example, requires conformity to an elaborate set of behavioral guidelines. The casual observer of a group of Jews at prayer, or at the Passover *Seder* table, or circling the *bimah* with their palm fronds during the holiday of Succoth, will see a group of people who seem to be obsessively imitating each other.

But the observer who is familiar with the inner lives of those who comprise that group of Jews will realize that each person's prayer is different and reflective of his or her unique experience. Everyone around the *Seder* table is responding to different religious memories, and each of those who are circling the *bimah* is doing so with a very distinctive and unique set of religious emotions.

If there is a lesson to be gained from this perspective of our *parsha*, it is this: Religious behavior calls for a great deal of uniformity, but also insists that each individual draw from his or her own wellspring of inspiration.

We all must be the same, yet we all must be different. This paradox is true of all human societies. It is especially true of the society of Jews.



"A man's holies shall be his, and what a man gives to the Kohain shall be his"

Rashi brings the Medrash which expounds this *posuk*; one who holds back from properly giving Trumah and Ma'aser, in the end he will be left with a tithe- what he was supposed to give- of his original wealth. But one who gives as he should in the end merits the blessings "shall be his". Not just the tithe but a wealth many times greater than what he gave to the Kohain.

We can add here an amazing explanation from the Vilna Goan. We say every Friday night in the Mishna of Bema Madlikin, "one who puts out a fire out of fear of thieves or for sick

person to sleep is not held accountable for his actions. But one who does so to save on the oil or on the wicks is guilty of desecrating the Shabbos." The Goan points out that grammatically the word "k'chas" to have pity on, should not require the "kaf" in front of it. Rather it should say "chas" one who has pity, why do we need the extra "kaf" which means as if he is having pity. The Goan explains that the extra "kaf" is indeed appropriate. The "kaf" here is a prefix implying an illusion, meaning to say "as if he has pity on the oil". This person is putting out the flame as if he is saving on the oil, to this the Mishna says that he is chayav, but the truth is that he is not saving anything from doing an avaira rather

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he thinks that he is saving money. This is the reason for the extra "kaf".

Even though when you look at the world around us you will see countless people who seem to be profiting from doing the wrong things, you should know that this is a mistake. Even though a person may seem to be enjoying himself in this world he is merely eating up whatever reward he had coming to him in the next world. As Chazal tell us a bit of pleasure in this world can take up multiple times of rewards from the next world.

The Rosh Yeshiva of Itri used to give a *mashal*, sometimes you'll find a luxury hotel in middle of a dessert where they charge exorbitant prices for every little service. Yet in this

hotel you'll find numerous business men who are enjoying its amenities without paying a penny for their visit. Rather it is their companies back home who are footing the bill. You also have numerous hotel staffers who are also enjoying the hotel yet also do not pay a penny.

A person who does Hashem's will and properly lives his life as a servant of Hashem; even though he may be enjoying himself in this world he will not have to pay his bill in the next world. It is only he who does not follow the Torah, does not give Trumah and Ma'asar as instructed that will find himself with a large bill for all his worldly pleasures when he comes to the next world.

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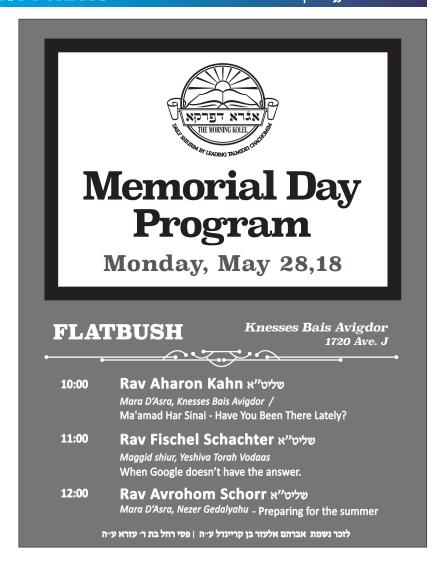
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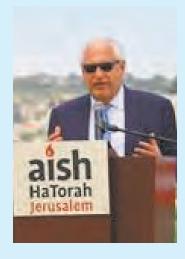
Aish Hatorah Hosts Ambassador David Friedman and White House Faith Leaders

Aish HaTorah was honored to host Ambassador Friedman, Deputy Ambassador Aryeh Lightstone and a delegation of White House Faith Leaders together with the Latino Coalition for Israel who requested to house a celebration of the US embassy move to Jerusalem at the Esteemed Aish HaTorah Dan Family World Center.

"A weekend in Jerusalem has the Muslims praying on Friday, the Jews on Saturday and the Christians on Sunday. People of all faiths come here to worship at the Western Wall and are all welcomed peacefully." Rabbi Steven Burg, CEO of Aish HaTorah addressed the crowd over the sunny Aish rooftop luncheon.

Ambassador Friedman said, "Today is a very special day for me as it marks the one year anniversary of my role as ambassador, and I promised that by the end of the first year, the US embassy would be in Jerusalem. We made it remarkably close."

The White House Faith Leaders were instrumental in lobbying the embassy move to Jerusalem. Aish Rooftop was the ideal venue to host the multicultural group who celebrated in joy and prayer for Israel's continued success.













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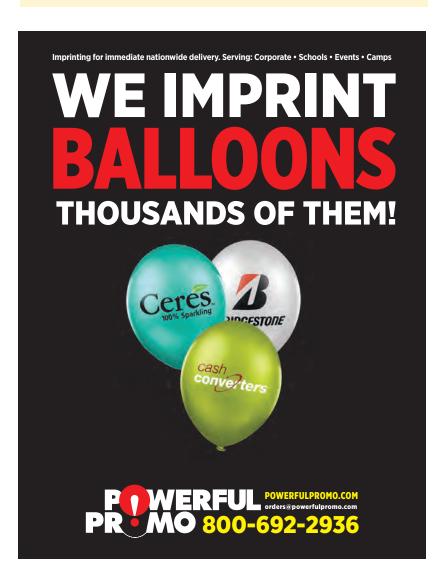
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Processed Foods 101-What to Eat Safely?

ROCHELLE ROTHMAN

I hope you enjoyed the *Yom Tov* of *Shevuous!* Now, we look forward to the coming summer months ahead. Many of us following a healthy food plan may have struggled with the many varieties of calorie-laden and heavy sugar delicacies put before us for our *Shevuous* meals.

We read articles every day in health magazines, warning us to be careful eating *processed* foods. When your doctor cautions you that you are at risk for diabetes — you may think certain foods are off limits. And some, like candy or canned fruit in heavy syrup, *are* best eaten in moderation. But just because a food is processed or packaged doesn't mean it's automatically on the list of things you shouldn't eat. In fact, some processed foods can be beneficial for meal planning, and help you control your blood sugar levels.

What does *processed* food really mean? It simply means a food has been changed from its original form. Technically a "*processed food*" is any food that's been changed prior to you eating it, according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. That means foods like bagged spinach can be considered processed foods, as the greens have been trimmed and washed before they make their way to your kitchen. Foods like jarred pasta sauces (with added preservatives and spices) and frozen microwave dinners are also considered processed foods because they've been prepped and have had ingredients added to them.

When nutritionists — and many health articles — refer to "processed foods," they're typically referring to products that are heavily modified and contain a long list of ingredients. Many packaged snack foods, sweets, frozen prepared foods, sugary drinks, and packaged meats fall into this category. Many of these foods have minimal nutritional value, so limiting them in your diet can do your health a lot of good.

Nutritionists agree that not all processed foods should be avoided. Pick up any package or can of food next time you go food shopping, and read the ingredients list. You will find that although there are many hard-to-pronounce chemicals and additives on those foods, they also consider canned and cooked beans as processed. These are just simply beans and nothing added at all!

What do nutritionists and dieticians recommend for us to eat when a person is diabetic or pre-diabetic. Most people would do well to follow these tips to maintain their health as well.

Here is a list shared for you to pick and add to your grocery list.

Whole-Grain Bread

Carbs don't have to be off limits when you have diabetes. In fact, choosing the right ones can actually help you better control your blood sugar levels and promote a healthy weight, which can increase insulin sensitivity. "Bread made from 100 percent whole grains actually has much more fiber and protein than white and many

multigrain breads," says Natalie Rizzo, RD, who's in private practice in New York City.

While fiber can help stabilize blood sugar, **protein** can help make you feel fuller for longer — meaning you may be less likely to binge on food that isn't diabetes-friendly. Shop for a loaf with a whole-grain first ingredient — such as "whole-grain flour," "whole-wheat flour," or "whole-oat flour" — and that contains at least 3 grams (g) of fiber and 4 g of protein per slice, with no more than 3 g of sugar. Try a tuna or turkey sandwich on whole-wheat bread and a side salad drizzled with an olive oil-based dressing, suggests Rizzo.

Canned Chickpeas

"These are one of the most versatile kitchen staples I recommend to my clients living with diabetes," says Lori Zanini, RD, CDE, author of *Eat What You Love Diabetes Cookbook*, who is based in Manhattan Beach, California.

Look for the no-salt-added version, as regular versions can contain an ample amount of sodium — something you want to limit when you have diabetes, in order to help lower both your blood pressure and your risk for heart attack and stroke, according to the American Diabetes Association. Just rinse and drain, and you're good to go!

"Not only are canned garbanzo beans (another name for chickpeas) an excellent source of fiber, which helps improve blood glucose and lipid levels, but they also offer magnesium," says Zanini. "Magnesium is an essential mineral that is often too low in people with diabetes." The mineral may help people with diabetes better control their blood sugar levels, and a review published in September 2011 in the journal *Diabetes Care* found that getting enough magnesium could help lower your risk of developing type 2 diabetes in the first place.

Add chickpeas to a green salad, or give 'em a roast for a snack: Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with dried thyme and black pepper, then cook for 20 to 30 minutes at 375 degrees Fahrenheit, suggests Zanini.

Canned Salmon and Tuna

"These are a convenient way to quickly add some anti-inflammatory benefits to any meal," says Zanini. "Additionally, both canned tuna and canned salmon are great sources of protein, which takes longer to digest than carbohydrates and will not raise blood glucose levels." Both are rich in the omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA — and a study published in January 2014 in the journal *Diabetes Care* found that men who regularly consumed higher amounts of these omega-3s had a significantly lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Zanini recommends making salmon cakes: Combine a 6-ounce (oz) can of salmon with 1 egg, ¼ cup whole-wheat bread crumbs, and 2 tbsp diced red pepper. Then form into patties and sauté in olive oil over medium-high heat for 5 to 10 minutes.

Aim to eat two 4-oz servings of fatty fish weekly, prioritizing lower-mercury

Almond Crescents

2 cups flour ½ tsp. salt 1 cup margarine, Smart Balance ¼ cup sugar ½ tsp. almond extract

½ tsp. almond extract

1 cup ground almonds

3 oz. semi-sweet chocolate

1 Tbs. margarine



Instructions

In a Tupperware Thatsa Bowl, cream margarine, sugar and almond extract. Add flour and salt. Stir in almonds. Seal bowl and refrigerate overnight. Form 1-inch balls and flatted to form crescents. Bake on greased cookie sheet 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Coat warm cookies with confectioner's sugar. Drizzle with mixture of melted margarine and chocolate. Freezes great in any Tupperware Freeze-it container; or for everyday use, store in Modular Mates for that just baked taste! Yield: 5 dozen

options. You can learn more about the mercury content in various types of fish on the American Diabetes Association website. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), canned salmon and canned light tuna are low-mercury foods, while albacore tuna is higher in mercury. The EPA recommends eating up to 12 oz per week of low-mercury foods and only 6 oz per week of high-mercury foods.

Full-Fat Salad Dressing

Don't fear the fat! "You may think fat-free salad dressing is the best choice, but you may be better off choosing regular dressing that uses a monounsaturated fat as its main ingredient," says Toby Smithson, RDN, CDE, author of *Diabetes Meal Planning and Nutrition for Dummies*, who is based in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This means dressings with olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil, and avocado oil are all up for grabs.

Here's why: Adding healthy fat to your salad may help you better absorb carotenoids — such as lutein and zeaxanthin — from your salad veggies, according to a study published in June 2012 in the journal *Molecular Nutrition & Food Research*. "Carotenoids are associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, a condition more prevalent in people with diabetes," says Smithson. The calories add up, though, so make sure to limit your portion to a 1- to 2-tablespoon (tbsp) drizzle.

Yogurt

Yogurt, especially the Greek variety, is full of protein, which helps keep you feeling fuller for longer. While you'll see sugars on the nutrition panel of unsweetened yogurt, these are naturally occurring lactose sugars. "Certain yogurts, like ones with fruit on the bottom or candy pieces in them, can be loaded with sugar — but many omit the added sugar entirely," says Rizzo.

Not used to plain yogurt? You might think it tastes bitter, but you can easily sweeten it without any added sugar by topping it with sliced fruit or cinnamon — which has its own blood sugar benefits, according to a study published in August 2011 in the *Journal of Medicinal Food*. Add a little healthy fat, such as 1 tbsp of almond butter or 2 tbsp of chopped pecans, to amp up the yogurt's tide-you-over power. Personally, I enjoy the Greek Probiotic brand in Vanilla, made by Norman's. I add a handful of almonds to it and a sprinkle of cinnamon. More ideas: "Blend it in a smoothie with frozen fruit, or use it as a savory topping to tacos as a stand-in for sour cream," suggests Rizzo.

Dark Chocolate

"People with diabetes tend to think anything sweet is forbidden, but dark chocolate can fit into a healthy meal plan for people with diabetes," notes Smithson. Regularly eating this sweet treat may offer protective benefits for your ticker — including a lower risk of both heart disease and stroke, according to a study published in August 2015 in the journal *Heart*. "Many of the benefits of dark chocolate are related to cardiovascular health, and people with diabetes are at twice the risk of developing heart disease," says Smithson.

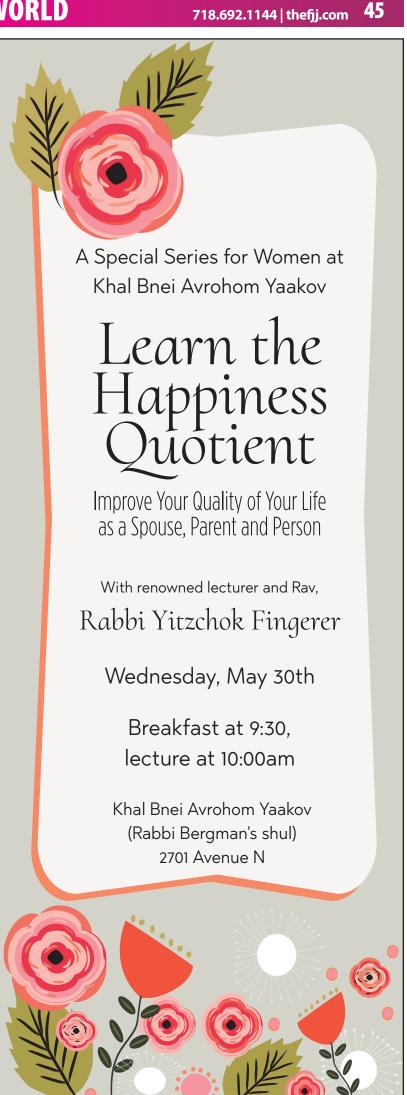
Look for a dark chocolate with a cacao content of at least **70 percent**. Typically, the higher the percentage, the more benefits you'll get. And of course, moderation is important: Have 1 oz (one to two chocolate squares) a few times a week to once daily, advises Smithson. "Chocolate, even dark chocolate, comes along with fat and calories," she says. I received requests for my Almond Crescents recipe from my cookbook, *Not Just A Cookbook*. One woman called me and said her children love them so much, they insist she bake these cookies **every** week for *Shabbos*. They polish them off so quickly!

Remember, NOW IS THE TIME to invite some friends and family over for a quick Tupperware demonstration where I will share my great recipes, tips and tricks for the summer! We are in the last week of our 70th Birthday celebration of SUPER SALES!

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Yemima Mizrachi Speaks

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V'Yaseim Lecha Shalom: Let Peace Reign

When we achieve the delicate balance of employing our feminine traits for the right purpose, we have a beautiful life in this world and the World to Come. How can we merit this wholeness, this ideal balance of *gashmiyus* and *ruchniyus*?

The Sfas Emes (Naso 5650) tells us that we can merit this combination through the power of the priestly blessing, which we find in Parashas Naso. Yevarechecha Hashem v'yishmerecha...v'yaseim lecha shalom — "May Hashem bless you and safeguard you... and establish peace for you" (Bamidbar 6:24–26). True peace reigns in the home when its inhabitants seek to protect its sanctity, when the focus is on keeping it a sacred place.

In the *haftarah* of Parashas Naso, we read about a childless woman, Manoach's wife, who was informed by an angel that she would soon bear a child who will begin to save the Jewish nation. The angel then proceeded to

teach her the laws of *nezirus*, because her child would be a *nazir* from birth. Indeed, this woman, whom our Sages call Tzlelponis, merited giving birth to Shimshon HaGibbor.

Why did the angel appear first to Tzlelponis and not to Manoach? Answering this question, the Kli Yakar provides us with a powerful insight regarding the importance of peace in the Jewish home. Manoach and his wife had an ongoing conflict over who was at fault for their childlessness, with each blaming the other. Only when peace would reign between the couple, the angels knew, would they be worthy of being blessed with a child. Thus, the angel appeared to Tzlelponis and informed her that she was the barren one.

Look at the power of *shalom*, dear women! If the angel had appeared to Manoach to confirm that he was right, it would have only exacerbated their quarrel. By appearing to his wife instead, the angel taught us how sensitive we must be in maintaining the peace in our home.

Parashas Naso

As part of the *sotah* procedure, the Kohen was commanded to inscribe the curses for an unfaithful woman, which included Hashem's Name, on a scroll and erase it in water. The woman was then instructed to drink the water, and if she were indeed guilty it would cause her to die a horrible death. This procedure was performed only to confirm one thing: the wife's loyalty to her husband. To create this sacred peace, *shalom bayis*, Hashem allowed His Name to be erased (Shabbos 116a).

So much depends on the *akeres habayis*, the Jewish woman. Especially in today's world, when few things remain sacred, we must work hard to ensure that not everything that happens in the home becomes public knowledge. Sometimes, if we just stop to think, we can hold our heads and wonder, where has the concept of privacy flown off to? No, not every gift should be displayed, and not every family moment must be shared. The more we work to build strong walls around our home, the safer a place it will be.

Our Sages ask, "How can a woman assist her husband?" And they answer that a man brings home wheat, and the wife grinds it and bakes bread, and he eats from it; he brings home flax, and she spins it and sews clothing for him and he wears it (Yevamos 63a). What does this mean? The woman has a unique role in the Jewish home: she is here to take whatever comes through the door of her home and turn it into a homemade creation, an item that is used in the household in order to nourish and serve its inhabitants. When a woman makes her home a central place, the place where gashmiyus is used for ruchniyus, our Sages tell us, she "lights up his eyes and stands him on his feet" (Yevamos 63a).

Imagine the power you have, dear women! With your innate ability to create, to adorn, to make this world a more beautiful place, you have the capacity to bring *shalom bayis*, true peace, into this world. And when your home is a peaceful cocoon, it will be the safe haven for you, your husband, and your precious children.



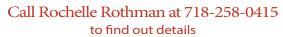




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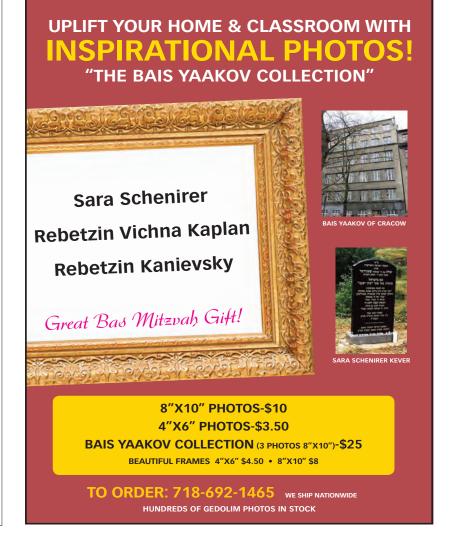
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From THEIR Daughters' Hearts

ESTIE FLORANS, ARTSCROL

A Twinkle In His Eye

Rabbi Uri Shraga Hellman

Continuation

"Oisg'cheshbened in everything..." Mrs. Nechama Silverman, second daughter of Rabbi Hellman, adds...

On a weekly basis, one of the teachers presented my father with a piece of cheesecake. One afternoon, she noticed the piece of cake on his desk, untouched. She asked him what was wrong.

He responded. "We need to decide whether one of our students can remain in the school or be dismissed. So, today I am fasting."

My father was oisg'cheshbened in everything he did. He hardly ever dismissed a student from the school, and only did so as a last recourse — fasting throughout that day.

I can't recall his ever deviating from his daily schedule. He would arrive a considerable time before Shacharis each day, and continued with this routine even in his later years, although it meant rising much earlier due to the limitations of his Parkinson's disease.

He joined the Mirrer Yeshivah in Poland, for he was told that he would gain much under the Mashgiach, Rabbi Yerucham Levovitz. My father merited learning under the Mashgiach for approximately one year until the Mashgiach's petirah, and received semichah from both Rabbi Leizer Yudel Finkel, Rosh Yeshivah of Mir, and Rabbi Meir Abovitz, Rav of Novaradok.

But he was not destined to remain in Mir, either. The Nazis' evil spread across Europe, as did the Soviet threat. Poland's Jews were in imminent danger.

Along with many other Lithuanian yeshivos, the Mirrer Yeshivah escaped to Vilna, where the situation was relatively safer. My father was with the Mirrer Yeshivah in Keidan, their temporary home, when he received a message that a prominent Rosh Yeshivah wished to see him.

What could the Rosh Yeshivah want from me? My father wondered.

The Rosh Yeshivah's future daughter-in-law was having trouble obtaining a visa to leave Europe. Her *chassan* had already left to America and the Rosh Yeshivah wanted to know if my father, a German citizen on Lithuanian soil, would be willing to take her out of the country as his "wife." (A German citizen had greater access to obtaining an exit visa from Vilna, and was permitted to have his "wife" accompany him.)

My father acquiesced. After all, his doing so would save a life.

The next day my father and the Rosh Yeshivah's future daughter-in-law went down to the government office, but some of her papers were missing. They planned to return the next day.

But that was not to be.

That same day, my father related the "mock-shidduch-rescue-mission" incident to his good friend and roommate, Rabbi Avraham Newhouse.

"Wait," Rabbi Newhouse exclaimed, "I have a real shidduch for you!" He proceeded to tell my father about Bluma Sher, the daughter of Rabbi Nachum Sher. A talmid of the Volozhiner Yeshivah, Rabbi Sher was known throughout Europe as the "Kretinger Masmid," and was the Mashgiach in the Kamenitz Yeshivah before becoming the Rav in Doig, Lithuania.

After making inquiries and meeting with my grandfather, my father asked the Rosh Yeshivah to absolve him from his commitment, as he now had an opportunity to help his true *zivug* escape Europe. Of course, my father helped arrange for someone else to accompany the Rosh Yeshivah's daughter-in-law.

My father held this story dear to his heart. In his own words: "It demonstrates the tremendous hashgachah pratis that played a role in my marriage to my life's partner, and ultimately, was the reason she survived the war."

My parents left as *chassan* and *kallah*, eventually finding refuge in China via separate routes. Finally, with the help of Rabbi Meir Ashkenazi, Rav of Shanghai, my mother arrived in Shanghai, China, where she and my father were reunited and married, and where my brother Moshe was born. My mother survived typhus and several bouts of malaria during their stay in China.

In 1946, my parents arrived in America with one child and another on the way. By this time, my mother knew that her family had perished. My parents settled near my mother's uncle, Rabbi Yom Tov Lipman Levine, a Rav in East New York, and a *talmid* of the Netziv, Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin.

It was at that time that the seed which would eventually sprout and impact the world of Jewish education took root.

Rabbi Yisroel Shurin, a Rav and teacher in Bais Yaakov of Williamsburg (and son-in-law of Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetsky), notified my father that the school was looking for a teacher. Would he like to apply for the job?

My father asked, "Which subject is available for me to teach?"

"Dikduk," was the response.

My father demurred, claiming a lack of proficiency in the subject.

Rabbi Shurin suggested, "Take off a week from your regular *sedarim* to study *dikduk* in order to prepare yourself to teach it."

My father agreed. He later said that Rabbi Shurin taught him, "In America, zogt men nisht az men ken nisht," that in America, one does not say he is unable to do something.

In 1953, my father was appointed as assistant principal of Bais Yaakov High School of Williamsburg, and around ten years later became principal in Bais Yaakov High School of Boro Park, where he remained for the rest of his life.

My father's dedication to chinuch habanos and willingness to help others extended into the cramped quarters of our Williamsburg apartment. Two Hungarian girls, Holocaust survivors and the only two cousins remaining from their whole extended family, were enrolled in Bais Yaakov. They had been sent from Sweden by Rabbi Binyamin Zeev Yacobson (aka Jacobson), and his wife, along with other refugee girls, and welcomed by Rebbetzin Vichna Kaplan into the school. However, they had no relatives and no place to stay. My parents and older siblings shared their tiny home with these girls who were not much younger than my own mother. My family became their family, with my parents marrying them off when the time came, so that they, too, could establish their own homes. By the time I was born, they were no longer living with us but were still considered part of our family.

In a recent conversation with one of these women, she fondly recalled the way my father would never leave the house in the morning without wishing my mother, "Ah gutten tug." Often, my mother was busy with the children and didn't hear him. My father repeated himself until my mother responded, wanting to make sure that she knew he was wishing her a good day.

Our kitchen table served as a refuge to some of the *alter Mirrer bachurim* who had not yet married. Not only did my parents feed these lonely bachelors supper on a steady basis, but they received emotional nourishment,

To be continued

good feelings.



Building Your Self Image

RABBI ZELIG PLISKIN, ARTSCROLL

Some people need positive feedback to believe that they really have increased their level of confidence and courage. Someone might spontaneously say to such a person, "I see that you're really brave." In the "old days" he might have argued, "I'm really not." But after realizing that he really has this confident and courageous pattern in his repertoire of behavior, he will be able to say, "I might not have seen myself this way before, but clearly I have the ability to be this way now."

Some people who might be envious or a bit mean might comment, "You really aren't like this. You are just speaking and acting this way."

I would like to suggest that the recipients of these attempts at putting them down retort, "And you aren't really envious or mean, you are just speaking and acting this way." But since that wouldn't be the way to win friends and influence people, it's better to say, "When you study the Rambam you will see that speaking and acting in a positive way is the way to integrate and internalize a positive pattern." And it could be much better to say, "You're right. This pattern isn't my automatic pattern yet. My goal is to keep it up and little by little there will be progress."

Since we have the free will to choose our present thoughts, words, and actions, we therefore can choose positive patterns in a moment of a profound decision. Then, when we continue the positive pattern every day, the neural pathways in our brain make this behavior more automatic.

Some people claim, "I'm not a very good actor. I can't just act like a person with confidence and courage. I can't just act like a person with a positive self-image."

It is true that some people seem to naturally have greater acting abilities than others. But the vast majority of young children are skilled at acting. Most three-year-old and four-year-old children "act" when they play with their toys and their dolls. They can play "make believe" with great skill. You were once three and four years old. Most likely when you were too young to be self-conscious about the way you acted, you were able to speak and act like the way you wanted to play.

You can still play as if you were a great actor, if you will stop judging

yourself. Don't make any negative comments and just act like a person with a great self-image. Do this for a few minutes when you are by yourself.

Say to yourself, "I can act like a super-confident, empowered person. I can speak like this when I am by

negativity often enough that you believe it. Stop playing this limiting role. For just a short while, play the role of someone who can speak and act like a person with a positive self-image. Just play this role for three or four minutes. If that's too long, do it for two minutes,



myself. I can raise my hands and say out loud to myself, 'I am a person who can choose to speak and act the way I wish' when I am by myself."

Keep repeating this until you sound convincing.

When you feel comfortable doing this when you are alone, you can keep practicing and mentally seeing

or for thirty seconds. But keep doing this over and over until you are ready to say to yourself, "I see I can do this for thirty seconds."

Once you are able to speak and act as if you have a great self-image for even thirty seconds, you will have this pattern stored in your brain for a lifeImagine if you had a great personal coach who would constantly be there to whisper inspiring, encouraging, and empowering messages in your ear, reminding you to speak and act the way you wish to be. This great coach believes in you and knows that you have great abilities. This would make it much easier for you to be the way you wish to be. Your inner mind knows what you want to be like. Let the whispering of your inner mind inspire, encourage, and empower you.

to speak and act this way, with inner

I've asked many people how they developed a positive self-image.

I told someone with the most positive self-image that I was writing a book on self-image. "You probably always had a positive self-image," I said to him.

"What makes you think that?" he asked me.

"Your positive way of being looks totally natural. You don't look like someone who is trying to seem more confident and self-assured than you really are. You probably grew up with a positive self-image."

"I'm afraid that you're wrong about that," he replied. "I had a strong inferiority complex. Years ago, someone I shared this with retorted, 'You don't have an inferiority complex. You are inferior!'

"That was a cruel joke. I felt very down about myself, and this statement just added to my feelings of being inferior. A sentence I once heard from a rabbi helped me: 'You become the way you act.'

"I repeated this to myself over and over again, 'You become the way you act.'

"This was a turning point in my life. I wanted to become much more than I already was. I made a list of the ideal traits and qualities that I wanted to make my own. I decided to behave the way I would if I actually had these behavior patterns. I kept this up for many years. I enjoyed the process and I saw progress. I appreciate that you say that my self-image looks natural. It is spontaneous now. I'm sure that anyone who acts the way he wishes to be and keeps it up will successfully become more like his ideal."

To be continued

SAY TO YOURSELF, "I CAN ACT LIKE A SUPER-CONFIDENT, EMPOWERED PERSON"

yourself being this way when you are around others. One day you will feel confident to do this in the presence of others. If it goes well, then you will know with greater clarity that you can be this way. If it doesn't go as well as you wished, then you can continue practicing and visualizing.

If you claim that you can't act this way, you should realize that you are just acting as if you can't do it. I'm positive you really can. All human beings can. Because you've acted another way for so long, you've convinced yourself that you can't act this way. But it's only an act now, too. And the reason you are so convincing is that you've repeated this

time. And since your brain is always with you, you can repeat this behavior pattern many times.

Your self-image will then be, "I am a person who can speak and act as if I had a great self-image for a short time."

Let me share a secret with you. If you can consistently speak and act as if you have a great self-image, and you are happy that you have received the gift of being able to have it, you'll always be able to enjoy playing this role throughout your life. It won't matter if you can "really" do this, or if you can just feel happy that you can play the role: You will always be able



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Boys Have Their Say

Dear Mrs. Rose,

We are a group of boys ages twenty five plus learning in a prominent *yeshiva*. We are all in *shidduchim*, most of us already for at least two years. We are basically all bright, focused, nice boys trying to do it right. I guess our "basherts" just haven't come yet. Now the question.

Why is it that all the *shidduch* issues, crisis, situations, all the articles in the press, media etc. seem to only focus on the girls plight. Articles scream "save our daughter" from being left out. It's all about the girls, the girls, the girls!! What about us boys? No one seems to think or feel that we also have it hard. Those of us who haven't found Miss Right yet, and are still in a *yeshiva* setting are stuck in dorms. Girls live in the comfort of their homes. We are still only sitting and learning, can't move on with our lives because that great girl will not go out with us if we incorporate a plan into our lives. The girls are moving ahead with their schooling, doing *chesed*, volunteering etc. Just look at a girls resume' and you will see a very busy and productive person. Not that learning isn't prime and important, but we are still in one place, day in and day out.

Yes, we do get many more names and dating opportunities, but numbers do not a *shidduch* make. We have to wait for our day to shine the same as that girl, our wait comes without any sympathy from anyone. And yes it may take a while till we give that yes, given we have more names to checkout, but after giving that yes and after that date, the girls very often say no, and not a chance for another try. You see, it's the girls that are often way ahead of us, just by nature of their schooling, exposure,...... Somehow we are made to feel that we are on the one hand the cause for girls not getting married, and on the other hand the solution if we date a certain way...So Mrs. Rose, are we justified in our feelings? Waiting to hear from you.

Single Boys in Waiting

Dear Single Boys in Waiting,

Woah! Heavy question in a very heavy situation. Firstly, I'd like to share that the majority of *shidduchim* that I was *zoche* to be part of this year were boys between the ages of 25-31. "Yesh Tikvah!!" Your *basherts* are called out, you are looking for your *shaliach*. You can all send me your resumes!! Given the seriousness of this question, I will Iy'h address it in the next article. *To be continued*.......

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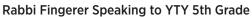




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Here Today Gone Tomorrow

For those of you who may not have noticed, winter unofficially ended on January 95, 2018. But seriously folks, we did have a long and difficult winter unless you enjoy frigid temperatures. But right now for a brief period we are enjoying and experiencing spring, a season of fresh greenery a new start and growth. If I were to be asked which is your favorite photographic season it would be a tossup between autumn and spring. While autumn has its lovely colored foliage, spring gives us greenery, flowers budding and a certain degree of freshness.

I was hoping to have an assortment of spring photography to share with my readership; but alas they have not come in as of yet. So perhaps the next best thing is to share with you lovely examples of spring photography, hopefully this will encourage all of you to submit your own work before the season changes once again.

We are about to take a photographic tour of a Brooklyn landmark; Prospect Park (1)

This view of Prospect Park always intrigues me; for while the foreground presents foliage green grass and a park like setting, the contrast of the apartment houses in the background makes it kind of interesting.(2)

I love this view of the park which shows us a walking path surrounded by foliage. What else is there to say. (3)

The inclusion of a subject gives the viewer some idea as to the magnitude of the foliage in which he appears to be totally enveloped.

Rather than bore you with my own comments, I wish to present a few more photos of Prospect Park.(4, 5)

By now I think you get the idea; so let's all get to work on it and see what comes in next week.











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I Never Pictured Brooklyn this Way

My Entire Perspective Changed this Shabbos at BJX

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ERIC **G**OLDSTEIN

The word "Inspirational" has become one of the most overused adjectives in the modern lexicon, with people describing films, music, and classes as such, ultimately dulling the power and connotation of the term. Yet when I reflect on my first, of what I know will be many, Shabbos experiences at the Brooklyn Jewish Xperience, the word that immediately comes to mind is nothing other than inspirational. Naturally, this requires some explanation.

Having just returned from a two year stay in Jerusalem, I did not

know exactly what to expect upon setting foot in the BJX Beis Midrash. I have spent numerous Shabbos nights at various locales, Hillel's, Chabad houses, synagogues, but I can honestly say that the passion and enthusiasm at BJX was unparalleled. The moment that the chazzan began chanting the opening notes to *Echu*

N'ranana, the energy never wavered. Looking around the room, I took note of the wide array of Shul attendees. The Beis Midrash was packed with men wearing traditional black and white, while others dressed with a bit more pizzazz, yet among the singing and dancing, those superficial differences quickly melted away as the room morphed into a powerful cacophony of men, Jews singing their hearts out in praise of the unifying factors between us. That sense of unity makes it all the more powerful when everyone in the room simultaneously takes their three steps back in silence to begin the Amidah. It became clear to me that the crowd did not flock to BJX simply for the high energy of a Friday night service, but also to fulfill their Halachic duty with pride and enthusiasm.

Of course, Shabbos does not consist of only Friday night. The Davening experience on Saturday morning was equally powerful. Packed with powerful chanting and a moving Torah service, the morning was punctuated by a Drasha given by Rabbi Yitzchok Fingerer. Tackling an incredibly eventful

week both from a Jewish as well as worldly perspective, the Rabbi spoke with fervor and intensity, eagerly encouraging each of us to look around and acknowledge Hashem's perpetual activity in our everyday lives. He focused on the ideas of Emunah and personal responsibility as enumerated in the week's parsha, translating and elucidating text thousands of years old into easily understandable yet thought provoking ideas for everyone listening in. Having spent the past few years in the presence of some remarkable Rabbis and lecturers from across the globe,

> I can attest to Rav Fingerer's charisma and effective use of rhetoric, turning what some may consider to be dry literature into heart-gripping concepts.

> Especially notable were the learning opportunities I had with the Baal Teshuvah students. As a Baal Teshuvah myself, I was blown away by the

sheer drive and dedication that these BJX students live their lives with. Living a Torah life is not easy, but it became clear that BJX provided them with the positive environment necessary to learn and grow.

The rest of Shabbos followed suit with classes on Pirkei Avos as well as mysticism, eventually concluding with a musical Havdalah service. Needless to say, my first Shabbos experience at BJX surpassed any and all expectations, yet I have not even touched upon the real star of the weekend: the community. Having just moved to Flatbush a number of days ago, I cannot express how grateful I am for the warmth and welcomeness that I experienced interacting with various members of the Shul and the families that I had the privilege to spend time with. There was not a moment where I felt any sort of judgment or negativity, something that is incredibly hard to find in most communities these days. Needless to say, I will definitely be making my way back to BJX and am looking forward to using this inspiration to propel me through this week as we prepare for the receiving of Torah.

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The Upside And Downside of Rising House Prices

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A couple of months ago, I noted that the housing market has a problem: There are too few homes for sale. Persistently low inventory means that there are a lot of frustrated would-be buyers out there spending weekends at open houses. It also has led to home prices continuing to rise at a more than 6 percent clip from a year ago.

Adding to the pressure for homebuyers is the fact that mortgage rates increased to a seven-year high of 4.8 percent in April, pushing the National Association of Realtor's mortgage affordability index to its lowest level since the end of 2008. Even with prices and mortgage rates up, many still want in on the housing market because they are worried that increases will persist or because renting has become less affordable.

As interest rates rise, refinancing becomes less compelling. Refinancing activity has slowed down to 10-year lows, but there may be other ways for current homeowners to save a few bucks. For those who bought property with less than 20 percent down, now is a great time to see if you can eliminate your private mortgage insurance (PMI).

PMI acts as an extra layer of protection for the lender if you stop making payments on your loan. Many don't focus on PMI after the closing because premiums are usually added to the mortgage payment. But with prices up, there could be a good opportunity to find extra

To remove PMI, you need to demonstrate that you have at least 20 percent equity of the original value of your home. "Original value" generally means either the contract sales price or the appraised value of your home at the time you bought it, whichever is lower. (If you have refinanced, the appraised value is at the time you refinanced.) The equity in your home could have increased due to rising prices or to additional

payments you have made to reduce the principal balance of your mortgage to 80 percent, or a combination of both of those scenarios.

When the mortgage balance drops to 78 percent, the mortgage servicer is supposed to automatically eliminate PMI, but that does not happen as quickly as many would like. For my math-challenged pals, to calculate whether your loan balance has fallen to 80 percent or 78 percent of the original value, just divide the current loan balance the amount you still owe - by the original appraised value (most likely, that's the same as the purchase

To speed up the PMI removal process, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau notes that you must meet these requirements:

-The cancellation request must be in writing.

-You must be current on your payments and have a good payment

-You might have to prove that you don't have any other liens on the home (for example, a home equity loan or home equity line of credit).

-You might have to get an appraisal (costs vary, but they are usually about \$500-\$700) to demonstrate that your loan balance isn't more than 80 percent of the home's current value. Before shelling out this dough, confirm with the lender whether or not it is necessary or helpful in the process.

For those who have Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans, the process for removing mortgage insurance is different than for conventional ones. Your best bet is to contact your lender and ask them what they require to drop the insurance. As a reminder, FHA loans are available to borrowers with FICO scores of at least 580 and require as little as a 3.5 percent down payment.

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Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Doubles Shares of Teva

Investment giant Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway doubled its stake in Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.



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It owned 18.8 million shares at

the end of 2017—a 1.8 percent stake worth \$358 million.

Berkshire published its holdings as of March 31 after the close of trading on Wall Street, showing it now owns 40.5 million shares—a 3.45 percent stake in Teva. The announcement shot Teva's share price up by nearly 5 percent in after-hours trading.

The price dipped slightly when Buffett announced that he had not personally picked the stock.

The news is a boon for Teva, which has suffered serious decline in recent years. Its 2016 acquisition of generic drug-maker Allergan left the company in serious debt just as Teva's star treatment for multiple sclerosis, Copaxone, was eligible for generic competition.

The downturn led to the resignation of multiple upper-echelon executives, including Teva's CEO, and the plummeting of Teva's New Yorklisted shares by 50 percent.

Teva has been making a turnaround in 2018, with revenues higher than anticipated.





Arbitration Clause

It is very difficult to force an uncooperative party to come to beis din. While beis din can exert strong communal pressure on a non-compliant party, there is no guarantee that the pressure will prove effective. The most effective way to avoid such issues is to include a dispute-resolution clause in all contracts. The clause should specify that any issues will be resolved through binding arbitration by a beis din. If executed properly, such a clause is legally binding and will force the parties to submit any dispute to a beis din.

Specifying a Beis Din

When a dispute arises, there is often strong disagreement over which *beis din* should adjudicate the issue. The parties involved will often try to ascertain which *beis din* will be most sympathetic to their claims. Choosing a *beis din* can become a difficult and time-consuming battle.

Worse, an unscrupulous party may attempt to have the case tried by an ad-hoc corrupt *beis din*. Such incidents are not unheard of and can cause tremendous difficulties.

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To avoid these problems, the parties may include a specific *beis din* in the dispute-resolution clause. When a contract is first signed, the parties generally have sufficient goodwill and trust to agree upon which *beis din* to use if necessary. Later, if an issue arises, the parties will be bound to use the *beis din* that they originally agreed upon. A sample specific dispute resolution clause can be found in Appendix I.

Two business partners from Tanzania expand their business to the United States. Before initiating the venture, they hire a top Tanzanian law firm to draft the necessary documents and partnership agreements.

Years go by. The new division is wildly successful and develops into a hugely profitable business. However,

the partners begin to argue. The situation deteriorates and they decide to dissolve the partnership. The buyout negotiations quickly fail and the partners begin what proves to be a messy and protracted litigation.

During the discovery phase of the trial, the partners present various documents to support their claims. They are confident that the Tanzanian attorneys had done their job well, and that their interests are well protected.

This proves to be a mistake. The Tanzanian documents had been drafted in Swahili, and were based on legal traditions that were radically different than those of the United States. In form and in substance, the documents are deemed unacceptable and unenforceable in the U.S. legal system.

When the partners receive the verdict, they are shocked. Unable to comprehend that they had blundered by using a Tanzanian lawyer, the partners blame the judge. They conclude that the judge is incompetent, corrupt, and probably incapable of reading plain Swahili.

All too often, people come to a din Torah with documents and agreements that are simply incompatible with Choshen Mishpat. When beis din issues its ruling, the losing party cannot accept the fact that his documents were not drafted according to halachah. He concludes that the dayanim are incompetent, corrupt, and incapable of reading plain English.

In addition, many clauses that are common in legal documents can lead to violations of various mitzvos or to prohibitions. To avoid these pitfalls, and to guarantee that a contract will be honored and enforceable by a beis din if necessary, one should have all contracts reviewed by a competent ray or dayan.

Introduction

Middos are not counted among the 613 mitzvos of the Torah. Rav Chaim Vital explains that proper middos are the prerequisite and foundation upon which the Torah is given. Without the necessary middos, it would be impossible for a person to serve Hashem properly. He would struggle to perform mitzvos, and would ultimately not succeed. Because an unrefined middah will cause a person to violate multiple commandments, it is too broad to be counted as one specific sin.

In a sense, a person needs to be more particular about his middos than about a specific mitzvah, since achieving one proper middah will empower him to perform many future mitzvos.

The root of any violation of Lo Sachmod is jealousy. Yet as Rav Chaim Vital explains, Lo Sachmod is just one of the many prohibitions that a person whose personality is controlled by envy will violate. If he is unable to obtain the item he covets legitimately, he will eventually come to cheat, steal, or even murder in his uncontrolled quest to fulfill his desires.

Lo Sachmod is unique in that the prohibition is based on an emotion. One is not allowed to covet an item that belongs to someone else. Jealousy is a very human emotion; how can we be expected to overcome human nature?

The Ibn Ezra explains that we are only jealous of something that that we believe could be ours. When we see a friend or classmate being successful, we feel jealous. But when we see a king of royal lineage bask in the splendor of his riches, we don't feel a bit envious.

The difference is clear. We recognize that we are not kings. We were not born into royal families, and we don't yearn for something that we know cannot possibly be ours. But we might be envious of our neighbor, who we believe is no more capable than ourselves.

Lo Sachmod teaches us that our friend's possessions are out of reach. Hashem has given each person what is appropriate for him and anything belonging to another is no more in reach than is royalty.

If we would live with this emunah, we would never be tempted by another's possessions.

There are two related prohibitions regarding coveting — "Lo Sisaveh" and "Lo Sachmod."

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How To Find The Energy To Keep Moving Forward

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Q: I have been through so many challenges in my career and life this year that I just want to take a permanent nap. How can I find the motivation to keep going when my get up and go has run out? I read all these books where it sounds like successful people run on constant expresso and have abundant energy. Can you succeed when you get exhausted?

A: Yes, realize a lot of people that write books and do motivational speaking are selling themselves and their brand more than telling the truth. You can succeed when you get exhausted if you realize that occasional exhaustion or burnout is simply part of being human.

Consider the ocean tides; there are times the tide comes in and times the tide goes out. Imagine if the ocean was constantly judging itself when the tide went out and tried to resist the pull of gravity?

There are simply times where our energy is high and we feel able to tackle the world. There are other times where our energy is low and a permanent nap sounds like an excellent idea. Success means we ride the wave when our energy is abundant and we allow ourselves to rest when we need to do so.

We all are rather melodramatic. We get thirsty and think we can drink an entire lake. We get hungry and think we can eat everything in the fridge. We get tired and think we will never again feel energized. We forget all these states are temporary and a little water, food, or rest can go a long way.

If you force yourself to be peppy when your tide is going out you'll get more exhausted and get very little accomplished. If you judge yourself and trudge on you simply won't get the rest or break your body, mind and heart is demanding.

Ironically if we are willing to surrender and take the necessary break, our gas tank will refill. We can then hit the road toward our goals once more. The bottom line is, success does not require avoiding the normal outgoing tides.

Success depends on surrendering to the reality of your energy. If you fuel up when you are low and throw yourself into work when your energy is high, you'll do just fine.

A difficulty many of us have is trusting ourselves and our inner experiences. We often try to run our work decisions with our heads. The truth is our head should be the servant of our heart, not the other way around. Listening to our heart we know when to move and when to rest.

Think creatively about the best way to get a deep restful experience. Let your imagination run wild with where and how you might best recharge your batteries. Then deploy operation recharge. Remember all your goals, work and challenges will be right where you left them when you return energized and ready to tackle them.

The last word(s)

Q: You talk frequently in your column about getting to know your inner world. Can you describe what you mean when you recommend your readers get to know themselves?

A: Yes, our inner world is as vast as outer space, as mysterious and one of the unexplored frontiers of modern life. Getting to know ourselves means we bring curiosity and humility to observing how we operate and what is really driving our behavior and decisions.

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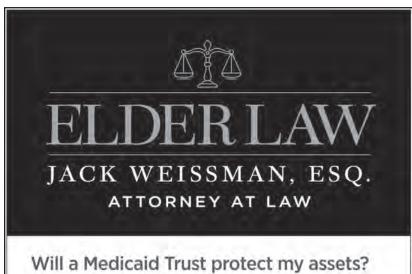
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I Was at The Gaza Border, We Did All We Could To Avoid Killing

AISH / KINLEY TUR-PAZ

I'm writing this for my good friends, my moral humane friends, and for all those who are concerned and angry over the Palestinians killed and injured on the border with Gaza.

In the biblical Exodus from Egypt, when the Egyptian army drowned in the Red Sea just before overtaking the Israelites, our sages say that G-d prevented the angels from singing and rejoicing, scolding them with the words "my creations are drowning in the sea and you are singing?!"

I write these words with great caution, and from a sense of mission. I can understand and identify with all of those good and moral Zionists who fear that the many Palestinian victims may be our fault, the result of mistakes made by our side. I'm writing because I am one of the few who was there, in uniform, in the reserves, but I was there. Yes, right there on the fence where the demonstrations are happening. It was last Friday, but I saw it with my own eves; I was on our side of the fence but I could see and hear and understand everything. I want to testify from my firsthand knowledge, not a theoretical point of view. Because I was there.

I want to testify that what I saw and heard was a tremendous, supreme effort from our side to prevent, in every possible way, Palestinian deaths and injuries.

Of course, the primary mission was to prevent hundreds of thousands of Gazans from infiltrating into our territory. That kind of invasion would be perilous, mortally dangerous, to the nearby communities; would permit terrorists disguised as civilians to enter our kibbutz and moshay communities, and them from reaching the fence. In addition, over the past few weeks there have been serious efforts to save the lives of children and civilians who have been pushed to the front lines by the Hamas, who are trying to hide behind them in order to infiltrate and attack Israel.

When there is no alternative, and live ammunition must be used to stop those who storm the fence, the soldiers make



would leave us with no choice but to target every single infiltrator. That's why our soldiers were directed to prevent infiltration, in a variety of ways, using live ammunition only as a last resort.

The IDF employs many creative means of reducing friction with Gazans and uses numerous methods, most of which are not made public, to prevent heroic and sometimes dangerous efforts not to kill and to only injure those on the other side. The IDF stations senior commanders at every confrontation point to ensure that every shot is approved and backed up by a responsible figure with proper authority. Every staging area has an especially large number of troops in order to make sure that soldiers are not put into life-threatening situations where they will have no choice but to fire indiscriminately.

A situation where thousands of people rush you is frightening, even terrifying. It is extremely difficult to show restraint, and it requires calm, mature professionalism. Sixty-two dead is an enormous number. But I can testify from my first-hand experience, that every bullet and every hit is carefully reported, documented and investigated, in Excel spreadsheets. Literally. I was there and I saw it with my own eyes.

This isn't the time or place to discuss the situation in general and the desperate plight of the residents of Gaza. I'm not interested in starting a political discussion here, although I do have a clear position. What I'm trying to do is present, for everyone who really wants to listen, the extent of the IDF's enormous effort to protect Israel's borders while minimizing injuries and loss of life on the other side.

And despite all this – the situation on the border with Gaza is deteriorating. I hope that we won't be called up again soon for reserve duty to protect our country. But if we are, we will go with the knowledge that we are serving a morally just cause. We do not rejoice when we must go to war, but we also don't go like sheep to the slaughter.

Bedouin Town of Bir Hadaj, Crime Capital of The Negev

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Most of the houses of Bir Hadaj were built illegally on Jewish-owned land that was seized by force.

The Israel Police and General Security Service announced the capture and arrest of a crime and terror cell from the Bedouin town Bir Hadaj in the Negev. All 5 suspects have been charged with damaging the IDF's security installations on the Israel-Egypt border in order to facilitate their drug-smuggling operation.

Bir Hadaj has long been the capital of crime and drugs in the Negev Desert. The bands of marauders who infiltrate the IDF base at Tze'elim—stealing



everything they can get their hands on, from weapons to the personal belongings of soldiers serving on the base—come from nearby Bir Hadaj.

The hothouses that have sprung up on the training grounds at Tze'elim, where a well-known crime family from Bir Hadaj has been growing marijuana, were exposed by the NGO Regavim's hidden camera. The vandalism that has battered nearby Kibbutz Revivim also originates in Bir Hadaj.

Most of the houses of Bir Hadaj were built illegally on Jewish-owned land that was seized by force. The lawful owners of the land, represented by Regavim's legal department, petitioned the District Court, as well as the Supreme Court, but their land has not been returned to them.

Israel Is World's First Country to Attack with F35's

JNS

Israel Air Force commander Major General Amikam Norkin told foreign air force commanders that Israel was the first country in the world to carry out military attacks with F35 stealth fighter jets.

At a conference in Herzliya, Norkin showed commanders a photo of an



Israeli F35 jet circling over Beirut, and revealed that Israel's harsh response to

an Iranian attack against Israel on May 10, came after the Iran fired 32 missiles at Israel from Syrian territory— more than the 20 missiles originally reported.

"We attacked twice in the Middle East with the F35. We're the first in the world to do so," Norkin said.

Israel responded to the Iranian attack by decimating over 50

Iranian military targets in Syria. IDF Spokesman Ronen Manelis called the airstrikes, "one of the greatest operations of the Israel Air Force in the past decade."

Norkin also praised Israel's Arrow, Iron Dome and David's Sling aerial defense systems for their 85% success rate at intercepting foreign missile fire.

Hamas Founder Professes to Tricking Palestinians to Join Riots Against Israel

The co-founder and senior leader of the Hamas terror organization acknowledged to an interviewer that the group is intentionally deceiving Gazans into taking part in violent riots against Israel along the security fence, according to a translation released by Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

When asked why Hamas and Palestinian Authority-controlling Fatah could not agree on a united platform, given their stated policy of peaceful resistance, Mahmoud al-Zahar told an Al Jazeera interviewer that Hamas is using "clear terminological deception."

'This is not peaceful resistance," said al-Zahar. "Has the option [of violence] diminished? No."



"So when we talk about 'peaceful resistance,' we are deceiving the public," he stated. "This is a peaceful resistance bolstered by a military force and by security agencies, and enjoying tremendous popular support."

He bolstered his comments by adding: "When you have weapons that are being wielded by men who were able to prevent the strongest army in the region from entering the Gaza Strip for 51 days, and were able to capture or kill soldiers of that army—is this really 'peaceful resistance?' "

Israel's Spy Chief: It Is A Great Pleasure to Steal from The Persians

Mossad Director Yossi Cohen made an unusual comment, all but conceding that his agency was responsible for the recent daring raid on Iran's nuclear archive.

Speaking at an event marking the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, Cohen said, "It is a great pleasure to steal from Persians," Israeli public broadcaster Kan reported.



revelation by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on April 30 that Israeli intelligence had obtained a large trove of documents - amounting to 55,000 printed pages and 183 compact disks of data - detailing Iran's nuclearization efforts over the years.

In his presentation, Netanyahu made the case that the 2015 Iran nuclear deal was based on Iranian lies because the documents showed Iran had never actually abandoned its efforts to seek a nuclear bomb and had kept its archive to maintain its expertise and capabilities.

According to The New York Times, the operation was carried out by the Mossad in January, about two years after the agency discovered that the archive was stored in a small, nondescript warehouse outside Tehran.

At the Shavuot event, Cohen said that after the revelation of the operation, he was approached by his counterparts in other spy agencies who said they were willing to help Israel.

"I told them that they could help Israel by voting for Israel in Eurovision," Cohen quipped, referring to the international song contest won by Israel.

New Weapon Against Rioters: 'The Choco Drone'

ARUTZ SHEVA

The Defense Ministry's directorate of research and development of weapons and technological infrastructure (Mafat) revealed, in the context of disturbances on the Gaza border and in Judea and Samaria, a new development that will help IDF soldiers disperse rioters with nonviolent means.

The "Choco Drone" project was developed by Mafat and in cooperation with the Israeli defense industry, especially for the events of the current week, particularly "Nakba Day."

This week, the drone began its operational activity in the Gaza Strip, with its operation defined as successful. With the new development, IDF forces are not required to reach a point close to the border - all operations are carried out



from the air according to the decision of the commanding officer in the field.

The drone is designed to carry heavy weights and is suitable for a variety of uses as well as for low-altitude flying. The ability to disperse rioters was not among its planned uses, but when the need arose, its designation was changed within a short period of time.

The drone was fitted with a shell capable of holding a large quantity of bags containing foul-smelling substance - known as "chocolate."

The drone has the ability to release, as needed, those bags from the air onto the ground below. The bags burst, the content disperses the rioters. It is important to note that this is a development that has been tested and is not harmful even in cases of direct contact.

Amid Rising Tensions, Israel Expels Turkish Diplomat

JNS

Israel summoned the Turkish Consul General in Jerusalem and expelled him from the country, following Turkey's expulsion of the Israeli consul general from Ankara.

The diplomatic incident continues increasing tensions between Turkey and Israel, which escalated following Turkey's outrage over Israel's defensive efforts to repel thousands of Hamas-led attackers on the Gaza security fence, which resulted in as many as 60 deaths and approximately 2,000 injuries.



Turkey also summoned Israel's consul gen-

eral in Istanbul and demanded that he leave the country until further notice.

A war of words has escalated between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Erdoğan fired the opening salvo, calling Israel "a terror state" with an "ugly visage" that "carries out genocide in Gaza."

Netanyahu responded that Erdoğan "is among Hamas's biggest supporters," and as such "understands terrorism and slaughter."

Erdoğan responded that "Netanyahu is the PM of an apartheid state that has occupied a defenseless people's lands for 60-plus years in violation of U.N. resolutions" and "has the blood of Palestinians on his hands."

"Want a lesson in humanity?" Erdoğan added. "Read the Ten Commandments." Netanyahu then replied: "A man who sends thousands of Turkish soldiers to occupy northern Cyprus and invades Syria will not preach to us when we defend ourselves from an attempted invasion by Hamas. A man whose hands are stained with the blood of countless Kurdish citizens in Turkey and Syria is the last one to preach to us about combat ethics."

Ankara also recalled its ambassadors from the United States "for consultations" and called an emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Turkish opposition parties called for the annulment of the reconciliation agreement between Israel and Turkey.

The PA: US Embassy in Jerusalem is A Ticking Bomb

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Official PA daily op-eds: Opening of US embassy is "a war crime" and "an American military base" Trump is "stupid," "a moron," and "needs rehabilitation in a mental hospital" US and Israeli officials in Jerusalem are "a gang of Zionist robbers celebrating its theft" Israel is "satanic Zionist plant"

Continuous hate speech against the US is being published in the official PA daily in response to the US moving its embassy to Jerusalem. The cartoon depicts the embassy as a ticking bomb. It shows three domes in Jerusalem: (left to right) the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Dome of the Rock, and the new "US Embassy" as a large hand grenade. [Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 16, 2018]

An op-ed in the same official daily called the embassy itself "an American military base" and its opening of it "a war crime":

"How can it be that Israel's future will be full of shining promises of peace, as [US Presidential Advisor Jared] Kushner said while representing his President Trump at the inauguration of an American military base (sic., the US embassy) in occupied Jerusalem? Those who were present at the inauguration ceremony of Trump's embassy in Jerusalem are partners in a war crime ..."

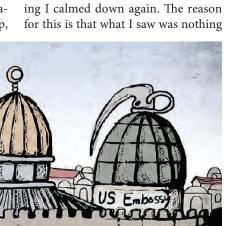
[Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 15, 2018]

Another said the embassy was an "outpost" to be "uprooted" and that the US is now "the enemy":

"[US President] Donald Trump, who issued the ominous Jerusalem declaration... continues in his unparalleled stupidity to talk about peace... The US has no place in the Middle East peace. It has lost its position, qualification, and credibility. Donald Trump,

He referred to the officials as a "gang" seven times:

"Before I watched the Zionist ceremony establishing the American outpost in occupied Palestinian Jerusalem (i.e., the opening of the US embassy in Jerusalem on May 14, 2018) I was very concerned... However, after watching I calmed down again. The reason for this is that what I saw was nothing



who transformed it [the US] from a mediator into an enemy, is leading the hostility...This outpost (i.e., the US embassy) that Trump has established in our Jerusalem will be uprooted, and what will remain is the face of free Palestine."

[Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 16, 2018]

One writer portrayed the US and Israeli officials in Jerusalem as "a gang of Zionist robbers celebrating its theft."

more than a gang of Zionist robbers celebrating its theft, just like a gang of bank robbers who just finished the robbery and are now happy with what they stole, laughing hysterically and not believing that they now have millions in their possession!

What confirms this impression – that this is the celebration of a Zionist gang of robbers who stole the history and land – is the almost complete international absence...

affairs and refused to cooperate with

the lies directed against Israel," tell-

ing Cartes "we always remember that.

Thank you Horacio. Thank you, and

thank you Paraguay." He also thanked

After I watched the gang of robbers I felt great relief, because what I saw was an isolated gang acting outside of the framework of time and space, outside of the framework of history and law; a gang led by [US President Donald] Trump and [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu, together with blonde model Ivanka [Trump] and her little Zionist husband [Jared] Kushner. More importantly, when the dust cleared the gang was exposed in its wretched celebration, and most importantly – Jerusalem is still preserving its Palestinian Arab identity."

[Official PA daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, May 16, 2018]

Another called to Gaza to "sprinkle your pure blood over their heads [of the moron Trump and his staff]":

"Gaza... Your enemies and the robbers of the land and the homeland are vampires who are shepherded by a rebellious cowboy (i.e., US President Donald Trump)... as history is slaughtered, the facts are turned upside down in the name of the wretched promise of the moron Trump and his staff who are obsessed with Armageddon – sprinkle your pure blood over their putrid heads that are contaminated with the conduct of capitalists, that are mired in the bog of robbing the peoples and planting the satanic Zionist plant in the inhabited home and homeland."

[Official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, May 15, 2018]

New Paraguay Embassy Inaugurated in Jerusalem

JNS

The new Embassy of Paraguay in Jerusalem was opened in the Malha Technological Park, attended by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Paraguayan president Horacio Cartes, dignitaries, officials, and guests.

The new embassy is the third to open in Jerusalem. The United States opened its Jerusalem embassy on May 14, followed by Guatemala two days later, also at the Malha Technological Park.

"The opening of the embassy holds special meaning, because it expresses the sincere friendship and the brave solidarity between Paraguay and Israel," Cartes said at the inauguration ceremony. "Our friendship is based on shared values, such as democracy, tolerance and dignity, lack of discrimination and peaceful coexistence," and added, "this is a historic day that strengthens ties between Paraguay and Israel."

Cartes announced just last month that he was committed to relocating the Paraguayan embassy to Jerusalem before the end of his presidential term in August, a decision made all the more controversial due to reports that president-elect Mario Abdo Benitez was not consulted.



At the event, Prime Minister Netanyahu told Cartes that the opening of the embassy marks "a great day for Israel, a great day for Paraguay, a great day for our friendship."

He added that, "Paraguay, before but especially under your leadership, took a very bold stance in international the nation for its part in saving Jews from the Holocaust by enabling thousands of Jews to emigrate to the country prior to World War II.

Cartes praised Israel as a "country that courageously defends its right to live in peace and is building a praiseworthy, economically prosperous state that ensures its future and that of its children"

At a meeting earlier in the day with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, Cartes expressed love for the Jewish state, saying "this is my second visit to Israel as president, but now I'm sure I will visit more often. I feel at home in Israel."

"Many ask me why we decided to move the embassy to Jerusalem, and to that I can respond: We're putting things in the right place," Cartes added. "We don't owe you anything, and you don't owe us anything. This is the right thing to do."

Palestinian officials expressed outrage at the move, with senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official Hanan Ashrawi calling on all world nations to shun and boycott America, Guatemala, and Paraguay for recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Honduras, the Czech Republic, and Romania are also in beginning stages of moving their Israel embassies to Jerusalem.

Hamas Turns Away Supplies from Israel, Including Bandages, IV Fluids and Fuel

JNS

Despite reporting a dire need for medical equipment, the Hamas terror organization turned back two shipments of medical supplies for their populace because the goods bore labels from the Israel Defense Forces.

Israel expedited deliveries of medical equipment into Gaza through the Kerem Shalom Crossing, which Israel had reopened a day earlier after Palestinians burned it.

Four of the supply shipments were sent from the Palestinian Authority, two from the United Nations Children's Fund, and two from the Israel Defense Forces' Technological and Logistics Directorate.



The IDF reported that its shipment included IV fluids, bandages, disinfectants, hospital gowns, pediatric supplies and fuel for hospital generators.

Though the Hamas-run Gaza health ministry has been stressing the dire need for more medical supplies, Hamas refused to accept those from Israel, turning the two Israeli trucks around even after they had passed through the crossing.

Hamas called Israel "the murderers of our people," and said Israel was "trying to improve its black image" by sending humanitarian aid.

Also, Hamas forbade 14 trucks laden with food and diapers from entering Gaza, only allowing in medical equipment.

More than 60 Palestinians were killed, including at least 50 members of Hamas, when masses of people organized by the group attacked the Israeli border, shooting at IDF soldiers, throwing gas bombs and rocks, flying incendiary kites and trying to break through the fence into Israel. As many as 2,000 rioters were injured.

The IDF called the riots "unprecedentedly violent," saying they only used live fire as a last resort.

Hamas also attempted to incriminate Israel by suggesting that IDF soldiers caused the death of an 8-month-old baby who inhaled tear gas, but a Gaza doctor told the Associated Press that the baby had a pre-existing medical condition that likely caused her death.

J'lem Mayor Says Entertainment Complex Won't Close on Sabbath

ARUTZ **S**HEVA

An entertainment and cultural complex built in a former 19th century train station in Jerusalem will continue to operate on Shabbat, the city's mayor said.

Mayor Nir Barkat told the local news website *Kol Ha'ir* that he will allow the First Station complex to continue to operate as it has, since it opened five years ago, despite a motion passed recently.

The Jerusalem municipal council passed the motion sponsored by the haredi Orthodox parties to close the complex on Shabbat by a vote of 15 to 10.

The final decision lies with the district committee of the Finance Ministry which could take up the issue.

"As the person under whose leadership the station was built, Mayor Nir Barkat is certain there will be no change at the station and it will continue to operate according to the status quo in Jerusalem," a statement from Barkat's office said.

Under the status quo, restaurants as well as cultural and leisure activities can remain open on Friday night and Saturdays. It is not the first time that haredi Orthodox factions have tried to shut down the complex's activities on Shabbat.

Rare Jewish Coins Found in Temple Mount Excavation

Five exceptionally rare ancient coins from among the very first ever minted by Jews were discovered on the Temple Mount, evidence of Jewish activity at the disputed site. The small coins – three in pristine condition and two showing signs of wear – were discovered as part of the Temple Mount Sifting Project, an archaeological initiative started in order to sift thousands of tons of dirt illegally excavated and dumped in the Kidron Valley by the Islamic Waqf in 1999. The Waqf excavations compromised the archaeological integrity of the Temple Mount and sparked outrage in Israel, leading many to suggest that the Waqf was intentionally attempting to eradicate evidence of two Jewish Temples which stood on the Mount for many years.

The sifting project, which has operated since 2004 in the Emek Tzurim National Park, aims to salvage religious and historical artifacts from the rubble, as well as to educate the public about the veracity of Jewish history on the Mount.

The newly-discovered coins bear the letters "YHD," or Yehud, the Aramaic name for the biblical kingdom of Judea, and are dated to the end of the $4^{\rm th}$ century BCE. According to one of the co-directors of the project, Zachi Dvira, only five other coins of this kind have been found in the 150 years of archaeological digging in ancient Jerusalem sites.

Dvira noted that Jewish pilgrims would bring offerings of first fruits of the season to the Temple around the time of the Shavuot holiday, and would often convert their value to silver in the days of the Second Temple.

He also noted that the Temple was a center of commerce and public administration, making it a prime site for finding coins.

"These were the first coins ever minted by Jews," Dvira said in an interview with Israel's Ynet news. "They express the people's return to their land after the Babylonian exile, and their ability to hold and maintain diplomatic ties with the ruling empire—then Persia—similar to our relations with the United States today."

He noted that the New Israeli Shekel also bears the letters YHD, exactly as they appear on the newly unearthed coins.

Though state funding for the project halted in 2017, the Temple Mount Sifting Project is now aiming to bring mobile sifting units of Temple Mount dirt to Israeli schools and communities, enabling children to learn about Jewish history in Jerusalem and to participate in the sifting themselves.

More than half a million artifacts have been pulled from the rubble so far by over 200,000 participants, including 6,000 ancient coins.

In May 2017, UNESCO adopted a resolution denying Jewish connection to Jerusalem. In October 2016, the international body said the Jewish people have no ties to the Temple Mount.

6 Houses in Sderot Hit by Machine Gun Fire

ARUTZ SHEVA

Six houses in Sderot were struck by machine gun fire from the Gaza Strip.

The Sderot Municipality stated that "a short while ago, IDF aircraft were fired at. Bullets hit a number of houses in Sderot. There were no casualties but the houses were damaged. The municipality workers are on the scene to provide an initial response together with the security and rescue forces."

One of the damaged houses belonged to former Sderot mayor Eli Moyal.

Earlier, the IDF attacked an empty Hamas observation post in Gaza with a tank in response to the shooting at soldiers on the Gaza border. No casualties were reported in either incident.

In recent hours, IDF forces have left the Gaza perimeter communities, in light of the relative calm after the tense last few days. However, the IDF is maintaining its highest level of alertness in the area.



'Forbes' Global Summit Showcases Israeli High-Tech to The World

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Randall Lane, editor of *Forbes* magazine, said it loud and clear: "Bringing the entire world together in one place is something I always wanted to do. Israel has been a global crossroads of culture, religion and commerce, so I figured it was the natural spot to make it happen."

To that end, some 700 of the world's most influential young entrepreneurs from 38 countries converged on Israel for the first-ever "Forbes Under 30 Global Summit."

"Israel is a young country that is known as 'the startup nation,' so it is the perfect home," Lane told JNS.

Participants spent four days straddling Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, hearing from Israeli and international speakers. The conference opened at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, where women participants rung the bell to open the financial markets.

"Seeing the women on the podium, that was a really exciting message," said Lane. "It showcased the people we have to and want to accelerate."

On May 7, they heard a keynote address from Dr. Ruth Westheimer, she is a veteran of the 1948 Israeli War of Independence, having joined the Haganah as a teenager after moving to British Mandate Palestine from her native Germany. The 89-year-old shared how she helped start a country—she was trained as a scout and sniper.

Later, former NBA All-Star and serial entrepreneur Amar'e Stoudemire, together with David Fialkow, co-founder of General Catalyst, talked about the next steps for attendees who "made it" at such a young age. Their message was what career professionals do today does not define what they do tomorrow.

The group also heard from the father of Israeli high-tech Yossi Vardi and Waze founder Uri Levine, who spoke together with supermodel Bar Refaeli about how she made the pivot from fashion to fashion entrepreneur.

"Under 30s are just driven to succeed," said Lane. "They want real change, and they know that entrepreneurship is one of the best ways to make it happen."

A highlight was what Forbes calls the "Legendary Shuk Food and Bar Crawl," where participants took over the Machane Yehuda open-air market in Jerusalem, and the spice and produce stalls were turned into a dance club of sorts. The magazine arranged for Solomon Souza, Israeli muralist and U.S. artist, to paint a portrait of B.C. Forbes in the shuk. Participants painted a quote by his mural that says, "It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring, who reaps a harvest in the autumn."

Lane noted that the last day of the program, however, offered participants a chance to give back to Israel.

They took part in simultaneous pitch competitions at Jerusalem Venture Partners in Jerusalem and the Palestinian tech capital, Rawabi, where local startups worked with the "Under 30s" to hone in on their messaging and solidify their "go to" market strategies. After about two hours, they presented their pitches to the team. The winner gets to present their startup at the first-ever "Under 30 Summit Europe" in Amsterdam later this year.

"Too many events come to a country, do their thing and leave," said Lane. "We want to leave our host country better for being here."

'The networking is amazing'

Erel Margalit, founder of Jerusalem Venture Partners, spent the day with the group and offered advice about numerous topics. He told JNS that what he is looking for in a young entrepreneur is passion, new ideas and the ability to work with others. He also mentioned that today's entrepreneur needs to be open to change.

"Every business category is changing," said Margalit. "Insurance, retail, the hotel business, mobility, artificial intelligence, health care, food-tech—there are new industries and evolving industries. The pyramid is flipping on its head, and people need to show that



they can flip with it. Those are the people who will run great companies."

Of course, the people at this summit have already made it in some way.

"If you look around, you are going to see three future billionaires, a future prime minister of some country—these people are the future," said Lane.

Luke Massie from the United Kingdom said meeting the people was the most exciting part.

"People are trying to find answers to the most intractable questions and challenges," Massie told JNS. "Back home, a lot of people complain and leave it at that. Not here. These people highlight and challenge, and try to come up with a number of different answers."

Israeli participant Orel Hershkovitz said "the networking is amazing. Each one of these people brings something good to the table, and you can learn from him, share your own experiences and share connections."

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The summit was also an opportunity to showcase the best of Israel. Massie, for example, said he was struck by Tel Aviv's diversity. "Reading media, I would have expected a completely different experience," he said. "This place is really cool."

Julius Bachmann from Germany said Jerusalem surprised him in that "it is a cultural, old town, but it is really far ahead" of its time.

Even Andrew Maximo, a Jewish entrepreneur from Los Angeles who has been to Israel as a tourist many times, said the trip expanded his horizons.

"The business side of Israel is a different side," he said. "Seeing such a vibrant, thriving ecosystem with creative ideas and companies that have not been afraid to take creative risks—it is exciting."

Margalit said Israeli startups tend to be international from the get-go because the local marketplace is so small. As such, a summit likes this one opens young Israeli entrepreneurs to new opportunities to mesh their own culture and ideas with those of people from other countries.

When he founded Jerusalem Venture Partners 20 years ago, there were few high-tech jobs in Jerusalem, and young people were leaving the city in droves. Today, more than 20,000 people work in Jerusalem tech—and the prospects only seem to be growing.

"It is a city that has a history, but it needed a new narrative," acknowledged Margalit. "If innovation can change a city, it can change a county, and it can be a bridge between countries in the region and, ultimately, the world."

New Camel Law Passes Knesset Finance Committee

JNS

The Knesset Finance Committee approved the Camel Law, initiated by Regavim and Knesset member Bezalel Smotrich, for its second and third readings in the Knesset plenum. Regulations requiring identification and registration of camels by subcutaneous microchip were approved, as well as criminal responsibility for camel owners.

The law, which is scheduled for its final Knesset plenum hearing ("second and third reading"), was drafted jointly by Regavim, Smotrich (a resident of the Negev community Retamim) and other Knesset members.

Under the new legislation, camel owners will bear criminal responsibility for accidents and damages caused by their animals. Camels will be required to have a subcutaneous digital microchip recording the owner's details—similar to the microchips with which dogs and other pets are currently registered. Additionally, the new Camel Law will require owners to officially register the sale or transfer of ownership of all camels in a Ministry of Agriculture database.

Meir Deutsch, director of policy and parliamentary affairs at Regavim, explains that the law began to take shape almost three years ago, after the death of David Cohen of Retamim in a collision with a camel near the entrance to his home town.

"Since the legislative process began, three more people lost their lives in tragic, but avoidable, camel accidents," said Deutsch. "After the most recent accident, in which 13-year old Liel Almakias was killed, Knesset Finance Committee Chairman MK Eitan Cabel took up the cause and expedited the legislation's progress. We hope these new regulations will reduce the problem of wandering camels and help save lives."

Said Smotrich: "We approved an important piece of legislation today,



after intensive efforts. Residents of the Negev deserve to be protected by the state, and those who should be held responsible will be forced to take responsibility. With G-d's help, the danger to life and limb and the fatal collisions caused by wandering camels will soon be a thing of the past. Today, we took an important step towards this goal—better late than never."

Hamas Official Admits 50 of Those Killed in Gaza Protests Members of Terror Group

INS

A Hamas official admitted in an interview that 50 of some 62 Palestinians killed in clashes with Israeli security forces along the Gaza border were members of the Palestinian terrorist group.

"In the last rounds of confrontations, if 62 people were martyred, 50 of the martyrs were Hamas and 12 from the people. How can Hamas reap the fruits if it pays such an expensive price?" posed Hamas official Salah Bardawil in an interview with the Palestinian *Baladna* news outlet.



The revelation that many of the protesters killed along the Gaza border were members of Hamas confirms Israeli leaders' accounts that the Palestinian terrorist group was using opening of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem to score propaganda points.

"This proves what so many have tried to ignore: Hamas is behind these riots, and the branding of the riots as 'peaceful protests' could not be further from the truth," stated Israel Defense Forces' spokesperson Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus

Meanwhile, the IDF also reopened the Kerem Shalom border crossing into Gaza to carry some 53 tons of emergency medical aid into the coastal territory. The crossing had been previously damaged by riots and fire. However, Hamas refused to allow two IDF trucks bearing hundreds of lifesaving medical equipment to enter Gaza. The Israeli medical equipment was intended to assist Gaza hospitals to cope with the situation.

Brazilian Synagogue Damaged in Arson Attack

ARUTZ **S**HEVA

Vandals set fire to a synagogue in southern Brazil after painting threats to the Jewish community on its walls.

Flammable fuel was poured under the main entrance door of the Israelite Society of Pelotas building, and set it alight causing minor damage. The criminals also wrote pro-Palestinian messages on the wall as well as threats to the Jewish community, which should "wait" for an "international Intifada."

Local Jewish leaders said the attack was "an insult to democracy and freedom of speech and religion," and called for the involvement of federal authorities.

The synagogue's wooden door and furniture, glass windows, and electric installations were damaged.

"It is alarming that the tension in the Middle East translates into an attack on the Brazilian Jewish community. We have contacted the police authorities responsible for investigating and punishing the perpetrators of this criminal act of violence and religious intolerance," said Fernando Lottenberg, president of the Brazilian Israelite Confederation, the country's umbrella Jewish organization.

This was the third recent attack on the synagogue. In addition to pro-Palestinian slogans, calls for the release of jailed leftist ex-president Luis Inacio Lula da Silva had been written on the walls in previous attacks. Arrested last month for corruption, populist leader Lula was a strong supporter of the Arab world and his two terms as president were marked with a strong anti-Israel sentiment.



Founded in 1933, the synagogue is the central meeting point for the 70 Jewish families of Pelotas. The city of some 350,000 residents is located in the south of Brazil's southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul, which includes the country's largest population of German immigrants and their descendants and commonly sees neo-Nazi incidents.

Why Was This Paris Synagogue's Event Canceled?

ARUTZ **S**HEVA

Amid fears of anti-Semitic violence at anti-Israel protests in and around Paris, a synagogue of a southern suburb cancelled for undisclosed reasons an event featuring the city's chief rabbi.

The event planned with Rabbi Michel Gugenheim at the Yaguel Yaacov synagogue in Montrouge was postponed abruptly hours before it was scheduled to begin. The Consistoire, French Jewry's organization responsible for religious services, sent out an email to all of the recipients of its correspondence telling them the event had been postponed indefinitely.

The cancellation comes amid warnings by the National Bureau for Vigilance Against Anti-Semitism, or BNVCA, of an elevated risk for anti-Semitic violence at or around rallies planned over deadly clashes caused by violent Hamas-backed rioters near the Israel-Gaza border.

Contacted by *JTA*, a Consistoire spokesperson and the spokesperson of the Jewish community of Montrouge declined to divulge any information regarding the reason for the cancellation.

Other communal events are scheduled to take place as planned, including a lecture by Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein (Likud) at a hotel in central Paris that is being organized by the CRIF umbrella group of French Jewish communities.

Currently, an anti-Israel protest rally is planned at Republique Square, which is located about a mile away from the hotel where the CRIF event is scheduled to take place.

Another rally is being organized in the northern suburb of Stains, by its mayor, Azzedine Taibi.

BNVCA in a statement said that the Stains Jewish community has in recent years been severely depleted because of "insecurity, anti-Semitic violence and Palestine activism" there. It also warned the rallies organized by the mayor may trigger anti-Semitic attacks there and beyond.

In 2014, more than a dozen synagogues in France were targeted with firebombs or gunshots amid a wave of protests throughout Paris over Israel's

attacks on Hamas in Gaza. At the Don Isaac Abravanel Synagogue in Paris, dozens of Jewish men confronted more than 100 Arab men outside the place of worship, where hundreds of congregants were besieged for 20 minutes awaiting arrival of police.



At UN, Haley And Danon Defend US Embassy Move, Blaming Violence at Gaza Border on Hamas and Iran

INS

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikky Haley forcefully defend Israel's reaction to the protests along the border with the Gaza Strip that resulted in as many as 60 Palestinian deaths.

"I ask my colleagues here in the Security Council: Who among us would accept this type of activity on your border?" she posed. "No one would. No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has."

The emergency session at the Security Council was convened by Kuwait following the deaths of some 60 Palestinians along the border between Gaza and Israel, with many members of the council blaming the U.S. embassy relocation to Jerusalem as a cause of the violence.

"The unilateral decision by the US to move its embassy to Jerusalem does nothing but inflame spirits," said Sacha Llorenti, Bolivia's envoy.



However, Haley shot back, saying that the embassy was a "cause for celebration" and "reflects the will of the American people."

"It reflects our sovereign right to decide the location of our embassy.

peace more achievable, not less."

Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon accused Iran of helping to foment the violence in Gaza, saying "we do have indications of Iranian funding into Hamas."

Importantly, moving our embassy to

Jerusalem also reflects the reality that

Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. ...

"We know the riots are well-organized, well-funded and well-orchestrated by Hamas," he added. "Iran is supporting the riots in Gaza."

Danon also slammed Hamas's actions, saying the Palestinian terror group "values destruction over prosperity, death over peace," while saying Hamas deliberately put Palestinians in harm's way to score propaganda points.

"What would you do, each one of you, if a violent mob of tens of thousands were threatening your sovereign borders?" Danon asked members of the Security Council. "What would you do if your people were faced with terror attacks day in and day out? You must not give in to the cycle of death the Palestinians have created. You must call out lies when you see them."

Fatah Honors Murderers; Tournament Named After Arch-Terrorist Abu Jihad

JNS

Arch-terrorist Abu Jihad (Khalil Al-Wazir), who organized terror attacks in which 125 Israelis were murdered, has been made into one of the greatest heroes by the Palestinian Authority. One of the P.A.'s and Fatah's ways to promote Abu Jihad as a role model to Palestinians is by naming sports tournaments after him.

Thus, Fatah's Bethlehem branch org "Martyr Khalil Al-Wazir [Abu Jihad] and Loyalty to the Bethlehem District Prisoners [Futsal] Championship"

[Official Fatah Facebook page, May 1, 2018]

At this tournament, in addition to glorifying arch-terrorist Abu Jihad, Fatah also glorified other terrorists and murderers from the Bethlehem district who are serving numerous life sentences for murdering more than 100 people. The terrorists' families were invited to a ceremony and given honorary posters with pictures of their imprisoned terrorist relatives.

The terrorist prisoners who were honored by Fatah at the Abu Jihad Championship in the Bethlehem district included:

Ali Abu Hleil: Palestinian terrorist involved in two suicide bombings on buses in Jerusalem—one on Gaza Street



on Jan. 29, 2004, in which 11 were murdered, and one on Emek Refaim Street on Feb. 22, 2004, in which eight were murdered. More than 100 people were injured in the two bombings. Abu Hleil is serving 21 life sentences.

On Abu Hleil's poster is also written: "Heroic prisoner Ali Abu Hleil – life sentence"

Ahmad Salah: terrorist who is serving 21 life sentences for involvement in the two suicide-bombings mentioned above

Mahmoud Salem Sarahneh: Palestinian terrorist who sent four suicide bombers to carry out three attacks in Jerusalem in 2002 in which 14 were murdered, and one in Rishon Letzion in which two were murdered. Jerusalem attacks: in the Beit Yisrael neighborhood on March 2, 2002, 11 murdered; in the Kiryat HaYovel neighborhood on March 29, 2002, two murdered; and on Nevi'im Street on April 1, 2002, one murdered. Rishon Letzion attack: May 22, 2002, two murdered. Sarahneh is serving 17 life sentences

Ashraf Hajajreh: Palestinian terrorist who drove suicide bomber Muhammad Al-Shouani to Jerusalem's Beit Israel neighborhood, where Al-Shouani carried out a suicide attack on March 2, 2002, murdering 11 people. Hajajreh is serving 12 life sentences.









AFP Captions Call Jerusalem Parade-Goers Jewish 'Settlers'

JNS



Numerous Agence France-Presse photo captions generalized all participants in the Jerusalem flag parade as "settlers," despite the fact that the crowd hailed from across Israel, within the Green Line, as well as outside. A sampling of the misleading captions follows:



Israeli [sic] nationalist settlers wave their national flags in front of the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City on May 13, 2018, as they celebrate the Jerusalem Day with the dome of the Rock in the background. For Israelis, Sunday is Jerusalem Day, an annual celebration of the "reunification" of the city following the 1967 Six-Day War. MENAHEM KAHANA/AFP



Israeli youths hold their national flags in Jerusalem on May 13, 2018, as Israeli nationalist settlers celebrate the Jerusalem Day in the Old City. For Israelis, Sunday is Jerusalem Day, an annual celebration of the "reunification" of the city following the 1967 Six-Day War. Thomas COEX/AFP

An Israeli man confronts a Palestinian woman at Damascus gate in Jerusalem on May 13, 2018, as Israeli nationalist settlers celebrate the Jerusalem Day in the Old City. For Israelis, Sunday is Jerusalem Day, an annual celebration of the "reunification" of the city following the 1967 Six-Day War. Menahem Kahana/AFP

CAMERA yesterday contacted AFP to request a correction. The wire agency has yet to clarify.

On Facebook: Gazan Protestors 'Bring A Knife, Dagger, Handgun,' Kidnap Israelis, Murder Soldiers

JNS

Two Palestinian Facebook pages and a forum directing rioters in Gaza gave explicit instructions to murder and kidnap Israelis on May 14, the day the U.S. embassy opened in Jerusalem, as well as suggestions on how to accomplish this goal.

It is not clear if Hamas itself was the group sending these messages. What is critical is that Gazans were encouraged to bring weapons to the demonstrations and use these weapons to either murder or capture Israelis. Israeli soldiers may have been facing Palestinians who were using the cover of demonstrating civilians to attempt to break through the border with the goal of murdering and kidnapping

The following are the instructions to bring weapons, murder "soldiers and settlers," and kidnap Israeli citizens for use as bargaining chips to impose conditions on Israel:

"Rebelling young people, Treat seriously and do not take lightly the requests to bring a knife, dagger, or handgun, if you have one, and to leave them under your clothes and not use them or show them, except if you identify one of the [Israeli] soldiers or settlers. Do not kill Israeli civilians, instead hand them over to the resistance immediately, because this is the point that Israel fears, as it knows that the capturer can set any condition he wants." [Independent Palestinian Facebook page

"The Great March of Return", May 14, 2018]

The instructions also described how masses of Palestinians would "collectively" breach the security fence aided by bulldozers:

"At a certain time ... there will be a collective advance towards the barbed wire fence until we remove it with our strong hands and exposed bodies all at once, while being aided by loudspeakers and calls of 'Allahu Akbar' (i.e., Allah is greatest) by the masses. Therefore, do not advance individually, make do with the collective advance according to the instructions, because there will be bull-dozers at the back that will advance in order to completely remove the fence."

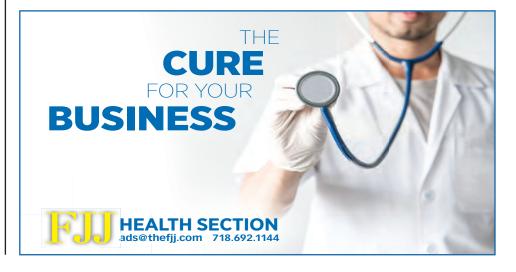


Gazans were instructed not to deal with "the wounded or the Martyrs" but to concentrate on "the battlefield":

"Do not busy yourselves with the wounded or the Martyrs (*Shahids*), as the medical teams behind us are ready for this. Just pay attention to the battlefield and act wisely and according to the instructions."

The portrayal of the events in Gaza by some news agencies as peaceful demonstrations is clearly false.

The Facebook page "The Great March of Return" was opened in March 2018 and states its goal as "live and continuous coverage of the activities of the Great March of Return." It posts updates from the march every few minutes and has around 6,000 followers. It is not clear if Hamas itself is involved in this page. The second Facebook page that ran the post is called "Gaza Now," [May 13, 2018] but the post was later removed from this page. Likewise, the instructions were shared in a forum thread on the "March of Return" protests on a Palestinian web forum named "PALDF." [May 13, 2018]



News Coverage of Gaza Border Clashes Comes Up Short

INS

As Palestinians in Gaza, backed by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups, continue to riot—setting Israeli fields aflame, throwing firebombs and stones, attacking Israel's border fence—and protest Israel's existence, and as Israeli soldiers struggle to keep the demonstrators from the country's borders, with tear gas giving way to live fire that has taken the lives of dozens of rioters, media coverage has often failed to accurately report on the clashes.

Below, we look at some of the recent coverage:

The New York Times

• A May 15 editorial in *The New York Times* strongly insinuates that Israel has not tried to deter rioters with tear gas and other nonlethal measures, but has used only live ammunition, saying Israel officials "are unconvincing when they argue that only live ammunition—rather than tear gas, water cannons and other nonlethal measures—can protect Israel from being overrun."

The insinuation is false, as even Times coverage has made abundantly clear. An April 23 piece referred to "clouds of tear gas." An April 27 story reported that "Thousands began streaming toward the barrier fence, setting off a tremendous barrage of tear gas from the Israeli side that did not deter many." An April 30 piece referred to Israeli soldiers "occasionally launching tear-gas barrages, sometimes using live fire." There have been "copious amounts of Israeli tear gas," the paper noted on May 5. "Israeli soldiers and snipers used barrages of tear gas as well as live gunfire to keep protesters from entering Israeli territory," reporters explained on May 14, the day before the misleading editorial appeared in print. "Inky clouds of smoke from burning tires piled high by the protesters to obscure the Israeli view were laced with spirals of tear gas fired from the Israeli side."

- Since the beginning of May (and as of this writing on May 15), New York Times news coverage of the Gaza clashes has failed to mention that Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, and organizes the protests and riots, is designated internationally as a terrorist organization—information necessary for readers seeking to understand why Israelis fear the worst if rioters, which include members of Hamas and other terror groups, breach the fence.
- A front-page story by Jerusalem bureau chief David Halbfinger on

May 15 asserts that "Palestinians, who hope to see the eastern part of Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state, see the embassy move as an abdication of any vestige of American impartiality in determining the region's future."

Although it casts the opening of the U.S. embassy as interfering with Palestinian hopes for a capital in the eastern part of Jerusalem, the piece fails Of course, Palestinians marching on the border are not "trying to leave," language that seems meant to evoke attempts to escape East Germany or defect from North Korea. As the leaders of the protest have repeatedly made clear, they are trying to erase the border separating Israeli towns from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. And at least some of those killed were trying to engage in terror attacks.



to explain that the embassy straddles Western Jerusalem and a demilitarized zone that had been under continuous Israeli long before Israel's takeover of the West Bank. The embassy compound was never part of the Jordanian-ruled West Bank.

• While *Times* coverage has acknowledged the violence, arson, and infiltration attempts by Palestinian rioters in Gaza, the newspaper persists in labeling Palestinians killed during such acts as mere protesters. For example, a May 15 news story by Declan Walsh reports that "At least 58 protesters had been killed."

NPR

On May 15, NPR Steve Inskeep misinformed listeners about the Palestinian "Nakba ['Catastrophe'] Day" mourning the creation of the Israeli state, Palestinians living in Gaza and the rioters who were shot.

• During a "Morning Edition" segment, Inskeep suggested the Palestinian rioter were shot because "they were trying to leave" Gaza:

We're in this territory at the western border of Israel where Israeli troops killed many people yesterday as they were trying to leave. ... Gaza protesters were approaching fences that wall off this Palestinian zone. It was the deadliest day in six weeks of protests. About Nakba Day, the NPR reporter said:

Big day for Palestinians, "Nakba Day"—the annual date where they mark the loss of land at the independence of Israel in 1948. It underlines the issue that Palestinians are highlighting with six weeks of deadly protest.

Unmentioned is that it was the 1948 Arab war of aggression to eliminate the new state of Israel and the flight of Palestinians during this war that resulted in the loss of their land, *not* Israel's independence.

• About Gazans:

Many people here are refugees, classed as refugees. Their parents or grandparents were driven off the land at the creation of Israel. They now live in terrible economic conditions and can't really get out of here very easily because it is walled off and fenced off.

Again Inskeep suggested that Palestinians were "driven off the land" to make way for an Israeli state. And again, no mention was made of the Arab war of aggression that resulted in the flight of Palestinians, many taking cues from their leaders. Nor was there any mention of the terrorism perpetrated by Gazans that prompted the erection of a fence to protect the Israeli border. Rather than presenting it as what it is—a barrier to prevent Gazans

from entering Israel—Inskeep is heard comparing the border crossing to a "prison" for Gazans.

Reuters

Reuters is among the news outlets stating on May 15 that an 8-month-old baby "died from tear gas that her family said she inhaled." The Associated Press, however, has reported that Gaza medical sources dispute that claim:

Gaza health officials are casting doubt on initial claims that a 9-monthold baby died from Israeli tear gas fired during mass protests on the Gaza border with Israel.

A medical doctor said that the baby, Layla Ghandour, had a pre-existing medical condition and that he did not believe her death was caused by tear gas. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to disclose medical information to the media.

Reuters and other news sources have not updated their reports to reflect the information uncovered by the Associated Press.

The Los Angeles Times

The Los Angeles Times' Alexandra Zavis incorrectly referred on May 14 to "the Nakba, or catastrophe, when hundreds of thousands of [the Palestinians'] forebears were driven from their homes during the 1948 war over Israel's founding." But historians have made clear that a large proportion of Palestinian refugees fled of their own accord, as the Arab world initiated a war to eliminate the newly established state of Israel.

CNN

The headline and first line of an article posted on CNN's website indicts Israel and portrays Gazan rioters as their innocent victims.

"Palestinians bury their dead as Israel defends bloody Gaza crackdown," the headline blares. Readers are then informed that

... Israeli troops fired on Palestinians gathered at the border to protest against the controversial relocation of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

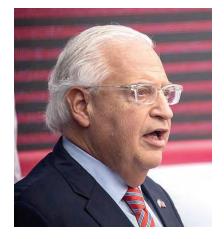
The term "crackdown" connotes punishment. The false suggestion is that Israel was punishing Palestinian demonstrators for gathering peacefully at the border to demonstrate against the embassy move rather than protecting Israeli citizens from a border incursion by a violent mob pushed by Hamas.

Ambassador Friedman: Hamas Breaching the Gaza Border A 'Suicide Bomb on A Large Scale'

Speaking to a group of evangelical faith leaders that serve as informal advisers to U.S. President Donald Trump, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said that moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is part of a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make the world a better place."

Overlooking the Western Wall and Temple Mount, on the rooftop of the Aish HaTorah Jewish learning center, Friedman thanked the faith leaders for their support and celebrated the move of the embassy, but cautioned, "Today is not a day to rest on laurels. We have a lot of work to do, and we are just getting started."

Addressing the deaths of nearly 60 Palestinians who were killed by Israel Defense Forces while trying to breach the border fence between Gaza and



Israel—what Israeli officials are saying was a cynical attempt to steal headlines from the embassy move—Friedman indicated that the embassy move has the potential to bring peace closer, as opposed to pushing the two sides farther away.

"We have been accused by many of being prejudiced against the Palestinians. We never have disputes with the Palestinian people. We only have disputes with Palestinian leaders," stated Friedman.

"We have a problem with a Palestinian leader [Mahmoud Abbas] who says that the Jews were responsible for their own deaths in the Holocaust, and we have a problem with Palestinian leaders who tell 14-year-olds that the Gaza border has been breached, and they can go ahead and march on to Jerusalem, only to find that the Israeli Defense Forces are waiting for them," said Friedman.

He added: "That's a suicide bomb on a large scale."

The ambassador told the group of high-profile evangelical leaders, organized by Pastor Mario Bramnick,

president of Latino Coalition for Israel, that it's the one-year anniversary of his taking office as ambassador.

"I hoped to get the embassy moved in my first year," said Friedman. "We cut it close."

Friedman related that Jerusalem has been the capital of the Iewish people for 3,000 years. "That is a fact. The facts haven't changed in 3,000 years. The way we approach the facts, with optimism and courage, is how the Trump administration approaches the region.

"We are trying to do something different," he continued. "Not to base our policies on hopes and dreams, but based on reality and facts, based on truth. Truth withstands the test of time. That's the way we have approached foreign policy. Any policy based on any other values is built on quicksand and won't survive."

Binghamton University to Host Alternative Graduation Ceremony for Jewish Students

JNS

For the first time to date, Binghamton University will host an alternative graduation ceremony to accommodate observant Jewish students and their family members who would otherwise be unable to attend graduation.

In the past, commencement activities held on Saturday and Sunday did not present difficulties to Jewish observant graduates and their families. But this year, commencement weekend fell during Shavuot, the two-day holiday that marks the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people.

Observant families would have had to arrive before the start of Shabbat on Friday and remain in the area until late Monday night or Tuesday since

vehicular travel, among other activities, is prohibited by Jewish law on a holiday.

Due to this confluence of events, the university held an alternative Tekes Siyum Commencement Ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18, in the Anderson Center Chamber Hall on campus. An alternate graduation Tekes Siyum dinner was held from

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May

"As I fielded calls from anxious parents, who cited financial constraints and other difficulties, I felt that I had to try to help make this joyous event less stressful for these families," said Rabbi Aaron Slonim, executive director and senior rabbi at the Rohr Chabad Center for Jewish Student



Life at Binghamton. "I had heard from colleagues that arrangements for alternate graduations had been made at other schools."

The rabbi noted that Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger responded positively to the idea and helped "put the pieces in place to make this happen."

This way, explained the rabbi, families were able to come to Binghamton on Thursday, enjoy a celebratory dinner that night at Chabad, attend the Tekes Siyum on Friday morning, and be home in time for Shabbat and the holiday that follows on its heels.

45 students signed up to participate in the alternative ceremony. Stenger and Provost Donald Nieman presided over the ceremony, with Risa Scharf serving as the student speaker.

Man Fires Red Paint Balls at Israeli Flag Flying in Philadelphia

ARUTZ **S**HEVA

An Israeli flag flying in downtown Philadelphia at the spot where a Holocaust memorial is under construction was sprayed with red paint.

The vandalism, was made by a paintball gun with red paint that was found in a nearby trash can.

Staff members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia were notified that a man was shooting paint at the flag rushed to the corner of 16th Street and Ben Franklin Parkway and were able to identify the man for police, according to the local ABC affiliate.

The man acknowledged that he was responsible for the vandalism when asked by police. He was taken into police custody.

Police told local media that they do not know why the man attacked the Israeli flag and are not calling it a hate crime. He faces charges of institutional vandalism, according to ABC6.

The attack on the flag came a day after nearly 60 rioters protesting near the Gaza border with Israel were killed by Israeli troops. Among the issues they were protesting was the opening of the American Embassy in Jerusalem.

The flags of hundreds of countries fly along Ben Franklin Parkland. The area next to the Israeli flag is fenced off for the construction of the Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza and already is the site of the Monument to the Six Million Martyrs, erected in 1964, and the first Holocaust statue established in a United States city, according to the local Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper.

"I'm very upset to learn of the desecration of the Israeli flag that hangs along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement. "Hate and anti-Semitism have no place in the City of



Philadelphia. While I understand that emotions are running high and there are many viewpoints stemming from recent violence against Palestinians and other protesters in the Gaza Strip, it doesn't warrant hateful acts of vandalism. Fortunately, due to the swift work of the Philadelphia Police Department as well as concerned residents, a suspect was placed into custody shortly after this incident occurred."

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The Washington Post

The Washington Post's coverage of the latest phase of the "Great Return March" evidenced many of the problems that CAMERA has previously documented (see, for example "Hamas Uses Human Shields and The Washington Post, The Daily Caller, April 4, 2018). A May 15, 2018 report ("Gaza buries its dead as death toll from protests at fence with Israel rises to at least 60") once again uncritically repeated casualty claims made by the Gaza "Health Ministry," a Hamas-controlled entity. Crucial context was missing elsewhere in the report, which noted that Israel had "blockaded Gaza after Hamas took control of the enclave in 2007," but failed to specify that this was due to the terror group's decision to launch terrorist attacks against the Jewish state. However, the report did quote Israeli journalist Ben-Dror Yemini, who noted the long history of Palestinian rejection of Israel's existence.

Another Post dispatch ("Israelis kill more than 50 Palestinians in Gaza protests, health officials says," May 14) repeated Hamas casualty counts. That report also claimed that "increasing economic hardship" and "wider despair" has "fueled frustrations in Gaza." However, the Post failed to inform readers that Gazans had recently set fire to the Kerem Shalom crossing, which is the "only way to bring diesel fuel into Gaza for operating generators for hospitals and other key facilities ("Palestinians set fire to gas pipes at

Kerem Shalom crossing," Ynet)." The Post omitted this act of self-sabotage, as well as any semblance of Palestinian independent agency and culpability for electing and supporting Hamas—a genocidal, anti-Semitic terrorist group—to rule Gaza.

To its credit, however, the Post did



cisely that.

The Baltimore Sun

note and document, anti-Jewish incitement in this particular report. The paper quoted a Gazan named Mohammed Mansoura, who proclaimed: "We are excited to storm and get inside ... to kill, throw stones." The paper also noted that "two other young men carried large knives and said they wanted to kill Jews on the other side of the fence."

Politico erred in trusting Hamas for casualty counts. A May 14 article, "Trump calls for peace as deadly protests flare up in Gaza," claimed that

essential information ("Trump, aides celebrate Jerusalem embassy, as border burns," May 15, 2018). The paper wrote that "the Trump administration in recent months has slashed U.S. aid to the Palestinians and programs that support them." Yet, the report failed to explain that cuts in American aid are due to the Palestinians insistence on paying terrorists and their families, and refusing to negotiate, as CAMERA has documented (see, for example "U.S. media are covering up Palestinians 'pay to slay' policy," The Washington Examiner, March 21, 2018).

Palestinians want "East Jerusalem" as

a capital, but failed to mention that

Palestinian leadership has rejected, on

numerous occasions, offers for state-

hood that would have provided pre-

Additionally, the paper claimed that the decision to move the embassy to Jerusalem is a "sharp departure from previous administrations," but omitted key facts: The decision is merely the implementation of the bipartisan 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act which the last three presidents, Republicans and Democrats alike, promised to implement in accordance with the wishes of the American people.

USA Today

A May 15 report, "U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem; Palestinians killed in Gaza protests," echoed Hamas casualty claims and, in 800 words, reduced Palestinian violence at the Israel-Gaza border to merely "protesters [who] threw stones at Israeli troops. Hamas is only mentioned twice and the group's stated desire to murder Jews and destroy Israel—as well as its decision to intersperse armed operatives among civilians—is never mentioned. Quotes from Hamas leaders like Yahya Sinwar, who exhorted "We will take down the border and tear their hearts from their bodies," are missing from its coverage.

The report also uncritically quotes a "Palestinian citizen of Israel," Safa Yasin, who claimed that the embassy move "cements Israeli control over Jerusalem." In fact, as CAMERA noted in The Times of Israel (" 'Days of Rage' and Bad Reporting," Dec. 7, 2017), the decision to belatedly implement the 1995 law does not do so, as U.S President Donald Trump noted in his December 2017 announcement.

'Forward' Forced to Backtrack on Professor Jordan Peterson Story

American magazine The Forward has been at the center of a media scandal after media watchdog CAMERA discovered that the magazine fabricated racist support for University of Toronto Professor Jordan Peterson.

"We closely monitor white supremacist media," said CAMERA analyst Dexter Van Zile, who himself has been the target of white nationalist attacks. "My colleague Jonah Cohen quickly proved that Forward journalist Ari Feldman misled readers that Peterson has support among far-right racist communities."

"The exact opposite is the case," said Van Zile. "Neo-Nazis and white nationalists vehemently hate Jordan Peterson. It's a demonstrable fact."

Cohen published his findings in a much-discussed article in the

Weekly Standard titled "The Shameful, Unethical Smearing of Jordan Peterson."

In the article, Cohen concluded: "In sum, what Feldman did was to 1) lie about a neo-Nazis' opinion of Peterson; 2) use that lie to suggest he has a vast neo-Nazi following at the Daily Stormer; 3) conceal all the Jews who like [Peterson]; and 4) seek out political partisans to smear him as a possible Holocaust-denier."

In response to Cohen's article, Michael Shermer, editor of Skeptic magazine which debunks myths and pseudoscience, tweeted: "The Forward just jumped the shark by going after Jordan Peterson & gets royally nailed for it by the Weekly Standard. Shameful disregard of the truth."

Cohen wrote, "Even the most superficial reading of Peterson's oeuvre



suffices to show he's an uncompromising enemy of anti-Semitism-and a real friend to the Jewish people."

The Forward was then forced to remove Feldman's false claims about neo-Nazi support for Peterson. It also had to change what it reported about Emory University professor Deborah Lipstadt, after she took Feldman to task for misrepresenting her comments in the article.

"When Feldman contacted me, I explicitly told him that I had never read Peterson's work and knew very little about him," wrote Lipstadt. But, she said, "my repeated assertions and qualifications about my knowledge of Peterson's arguments did not appear in his article thereby potentially skewing many readers' assessment of my remarks."

Van Zile called the Forward article "a textbook case of a media hit job." He said "what's most depressing is that the article dangerously undermined the meaning and significance of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust."

On behalf of CAMERA, Van Zile has sent two formal letters to Forward editor Jane Eisner asking that the magazine "acknowledge that Peterson is loathed by Jew-haters, neo-Nazis and white nationalists."

US Holocaust Museum Signs Cooperation Agreement with Morocco Archives

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The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., signed a cooperation agreement with the Archives of Morocco in Rabat on May 7 to share materials on the Jews of North Africa during the World War II held by each institution. The agreement will expand the museum's archival holdings on this understudied aspect of history and enable scholars from North Africa, Europe and around the globe to conduct research both in Morocco and at the museum.



The agreement follows a meeting in Morocco in October 2017 between Prince Moulay Rachid and a museum delegation that included director Sara J. Bloomfield. Participants discussed the importance of Holocaust education as a way to memorialize the victims and help educate people about the dangers of extremism and hatred.

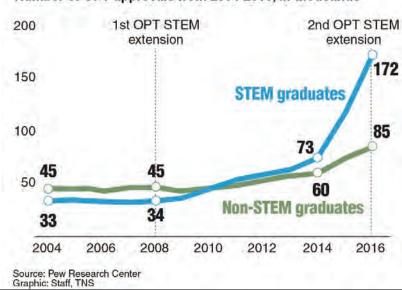
"The signing of this agreement with Morocco is an important step in the Holocaust museum's work in collecting archival documentation from North African countries and making them available for research," said Tad Stahnke, the museum's director of international outreach. "The museum signed an archival sharing agreement with the Moroccan National Library in 2008, and Morocco remains the only Arab nation with which we have an archival agreement."

In addition to Stahnke, those who spoke at the signing event included Jamaa Baida, director of the Archives of Morocco; Stephanie Miley, charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Morocco; the Hon. André Azoulay, senior adviser to King Mohammed VI of Morocco; and David Toledano, head of the Jewish community in Rabat.

Foreign graduates staying in U.S.

Federal training program (Optional Practical Training) sees 400% increase in foreign students graduating and working in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields from 2008 to 2016.

Number of OPT approvals from 2004-2016, in thousands



Dianne Feinstein Slams Nikki Haley Over Gaza

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Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D- Calif., said she was "deeply disappointed" in Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, for stopping the U.N. Security Council from investigating Israeli actions on the border with the Gaza Strip.

"I'm deeply disappointed in Ambassador Haley's decision to block a U.N. inquiry into the recent events," Feinstein, who is Jewish, said in a statement. "Without question there should be an independent investigation when the lives of so many are lost."

Israeli troops killed some 60 rioters attempting to breach the fence between Gaza and Israel, the same day that the United States dedicated its new embassy in Jerusalem.

The protests at the fence have been held weekly for close to two months, but intensified on the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel, leading to condemnations worldwide of Israel and the United States.

Haley used the threat of the U.S. veto on the Security Council to block proposals for an inquiry and berated the council for even considering the issue.

"I ask my colleagues here in the Security Council, who among us would accept this type of activity on your border?" Haley said.

"No one would," she said. "No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has. In fact, the records of several countries here today suggest they would be much less restrained."

Haley said that those who blame the embassy opening for the Gaza violence are "sorely mistaken."

"The violence comes from those who reject the existence of the state of Israel in any location," she said. "Such a motivation – the destruction of a United Nations Member State – is so illegitimate as to not be worth our time in the Security Council, other than the time it takes to denounce it."

Feinstein called on protesters to "remain peaceful," but appeared to lay much of the blame on the embassy opening and what she suggested was a lack of restraint by Israel.

"While protests must remain peaceful, Israeli forces must exercise greater restraint in the use of live ammunition," she said. "President Trump's decision to move the U.S embassy was a serious mistake that will reverberate throughout the region. U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital should have been resolved in the context of broader peace negotiations where both sides benefit."

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in a video posted on social media, also juxtaposed the embassy opening with the violence on the Gaza border. "The embassy move brought tensions to a boiling point," the Sanders video said.

The video described the protests as "demanding an end to the ten-year blockade" Israel imposed on the Strip after a season of intensive rocket fire on Israel, "an end to the occupation, and the right to return to their former homes inside Israel."

The implied acceptance of a Palestinian claim to "former homes inside Israel" is unusual for a senior U.S. lawmaker. Sanders, who in 2016 challenged Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination, is the first Jewish candidate to win major party nominating contests.

"Young American Jewish activists protested the embassy move," the video said, running footage of an IfNotNow protest in Washington DC.

The video said that Sanders and another 12 senators have written to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pomepo urging him to take steps to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza.





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10 Sivan

Ray Eliezer Rokeach of Amsterdam, the Maaseh Rokeach

Rav Ezra Harari Raful, mekubal of the Aleppo community

Rav Moshe of Rozvadov, son of Rav Eliezer of Dzikov (1894)

11 Sivan

Rav Shmuel Rosenberg of Unsdorf, author of Be'er Shmuel (1919). Son of Rav Yisrael Yona Zvi, Rav of Tisa-Ferred. At the age of 16, he attended the yeshiva of the Ksav Sofer. He became a Rav in Tchabba and later in Unsdorf, the latter for 37 years.

Rav Mordechai Brisk of Chanad, Av Beis Din Tashnad, author of Teshuvos Maharam Brisk (1944)

Rav Yitzchak Yaakov Weiss (1902-1989) author of Minchas Yitzchak; av beis din in Grosswardein. Romania before WW2, then in Manchester, England (1949-1969), and av beis din of The Eidah Chareidis in Yerushalayim (1972-1989). As a young child he learned under the Zhiditchover Rebbe of Delina, Reb Yehuda Zvi Eichenstein. He also had a daily 3 hour chavrusa with his father for many years, during which he learned the derech that his father had acquired from his Rebbe, the Arugas Habosem. For 13 years Reb Yitzchak Yaakov lived in Delina, until the First World War broke out in 1914. The family sought refuge in Munkatch, Hungary. In Adar 1944, the Nazis invaded Hungary and immediately started to erect ghettos. Rav Weiss recorded his harrowing trials and tribulations that he experienced in the war in the first volume of his sefer Minchas Yitzchak in a special section called "Pirsumei Nissa."

Rav Yehuda (Yeedle'le) **Horowitz of Dzikov** (1905-1989), the only son of Rav Alter Yechezkel, Rebbe of Dzikov, one of large chassidic dynasties in Galicia. Reb Yeede'le was born in Vishnitz where his father lived after he married the daughter of the Vizhnitzer Rebbe, the Ahavas Yisrael. When he was still a young

boy his father sent him to Tarnov to learn under the posek hador Rav Meir Arik, with whom he stayed for 5 years. In 1927 Reb Yeede'le married his first cousin. They were never zoche to have children and years later they divorced. In 1936 Reb Yeede'le accepted the position of dayan in Klausenberg. Every day for half a year Reb Yeede'le had a six hour chavrusa in Choshen Mishpot with his close friend Rav Yitzchak Yaakov Weiss (who later became rav of Yerushalavim and interestingly was niftar on the same day as Reb Yeede'le). In 1944, when the Nazis invaded Hungary, Reb Yeede'le escaped to Romania. In 1946, he moved to Eretz Yisrael. After a few years in Tel Aviv, Reb Yeede'le moved to Yerushalayim and made his home in the beis hamedrash of Rav Yosef Tzvi Dushinsky, the rov of Yerushalayim. He wrote many chiddushim in the margins of his sefarim – on virtually page of every sefer of the Chasam Sofer, on the Chida, the Maharsham, and Reb Meir Arik. In 1985, he traveled to London for what he had hoped would be a bried medical leave. Instead, he spent his final years there.

Ray Simcha Rubin, the Sassover Rebbe of London (2003)

Rebbetzin Rikel Brodsky. born on the Lower East Side, shortly after her parents, Rav Menachem Mendel Burnstein and his Rebbetzin Chava (nee Minsky) emigrated from Poland. Rikel was the youngest of eight siblings. An einikel of the Pnei Yehoshua and Ray Yaakov Emden. Ray Menachem Mendel had been the Rav of the shtetl Yadova, in Poland, a thriving kehilla that was later wiped out in the Holocaust. Rav Menachem Mendel opened a shul in the Bronx. She lost her mother when she was 11 and her father when she was 18. However, her devoted sisters and brother took care of her, marrying her off to a young refugee from the Mir, Rav Shamshon Brodsky, who had been close to Rav Chaim Shmulevitz. Rav Shamshon served as the Ray of a shul. Rosh Yeshiva of Zichron Moshe, and the menahel of Bais Miriam of the Bronx. Nearly thirty years ago, as the Bronx community slowly began to lose its character, the Brodskys moved to Flatbush. The Rav assumed leadership of Bais Medrash Rabenu Yaakov Moshe and a Rosh Yeshiva in Yeshivas Birchas Reuven, and later in Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael. The Rebbetzen was described as "the most powerful mussar sefer we could ever learn" by one of the talmidim. (1924-2005)

12 Sivan

YAHRZEITS OF THE WEEK

Ray Avraham Weinberg, Slonimer Rebbe, the Birkas Avraham

Ray Dovid Pardo of Saraievo. author of Chasdei Dovid on the Tosefta, and Maskil L'Dovid on Rashi,

Ray Chaim Yisrael of Pilov, son Rav Dovid of Kotzk (1905)

13 Sivan

Rav Ephraim Hakohen Katz of Vilna, the Shaar Ephraim (1678)

Rav Shraga Yair Rabinowitz of Biala'varzig (1912). The son of Rav Nosson Dovid of Shidlovitza and author of Aron Eidus.

Rav Yaakov Meir Biderman, Rav in Waraw (1941). Son-in-law of the Sefas Emes

Rav Yitzchak Eizek Weiss of Spinka, the Chakal Yitzchak (1875-1944). Born to Ray Yosef Meir, the Imrei Yosef, who was the founder of the Spinka court and a talmid of Rav Yitzchak Eizik of Zidichoiv. Rav Eizik'l succeeded his father as rebbe when Rav Yosef Meir passed away, in 1909. He was also Rosh Yeshiva Of Yeshivas Beis Yosef (named after his father). Rav Yitzchak Eizik was the leader of thousands of Spinka chassidim throughout Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania. He auhored Chakal Yitzchak. He, along with most of his followers, perished in the Holocaust, and the dynasty was rebuilt by his grandson, Rav Yaakov Yosef.

Rav Yaakov Mutzafi, Rav of the Sefardic Eida Chareidis in Yerushalayim (1900-1983). The son of Rav Ezra and Mazal Mutzafi, Rav Yaakov was born in Baghdad into a distinguished rabbinical family. He acquired most of his Torah knowledge from his grandfather, Rav Moshe. He also learned in the Beit Zilka Beis Medrash, where his chavrusa was Rav Salman Chuji Abudi, who later became an important dayan. Rav Yaakov married the daughter of Chacham Sasson Dangur, who appointed him rosh yeshivah of Dorshei Torah. After World War II, Rav Yaakov moved to Eretz Yisrael and served as the chazan and maggid shiur in the Shemesh Tzadka shul for thirty years.

Rav Raphael Yonah Tikochinsky (or Tikotinsky), Rosh Yeshiva of Yerucham. (1989)

14 Sivan

Rav Chaim of Volozhin (1749-1821). The most prominent student of the Vilna Gaon, Rav Chaim established the Volozhin yeshiva in 1803, which was to become the classic model of Lithuanian yeshiva. His most famous work was Nefesh Hachaim, in which he emphasizes the power of Torah study and fulfillment of mitzvos to bring a Jew close to G-d. He also authored Ruach Chaim, a commentary on Pirke Avos, and Nishmas Chaim, a collection of responsa.

Rav Moshe Horowitz, Bostoner Rebbe in New York

Rav Nissim Yagen, born in Yerushalayim to Chacham Yaakov, a regular at Rav Mordechai Sharabi's beis hamedrash. Rav Nissim was the oldest son in a family of 14 children. When he was 20, he went to Lakewood to learn with Rav Aharon Kotler and Rav Shneur Kotler for 4 years. He also became close to the mashgiach Rav Nosson Wachtfogel. He married a year later and continued his studies in several kollelim. During this time, he regularly attended the mussar shmuessim of Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz and Rav Shalom Schwadron. His first appointment was as rosh yeshiva of Yeshivas Ohel Moed. His first step in reaching out to the secular community was to organize a religious community in Givat Ada near Haifa on behalf of Yeshivas Ohr Somayach. He became the ray of the community which numbered 100 families. When he returned to Ierusalem a few years later, he was appointed the mashgiach in Yeshivas Or Baruch in Bayit Vegan. It was during the 1973 Yom Kippur War that Rav Nissim resolved to dedicate his life to helping Jews return to Judaism; shortly after the war, he founded Arachim. He may truly be considered among the founding fathers of the Teshuva Movement. In 1979 he founded Kehilas Yaakov Kollel on Yosef Ben Matityahu street for baalei tshuva which he continued to run until the end of his life. (1940-1999)

Rav Elazar Menachem Mendel Biderman the Lelover Rebbe (2001)

15 Sivan

Yehuda, son of Yaakov Avinu (Midrash Tadshe). born, in 1565 BCE, and Yahrtzeit, in 1446 BCE (or 1436

Rav Yitzchak of Posen, the rebbe of the Magen Avraham and the author of Sheilos Uteshuvos Be'er Yitzchak (1685)

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| R' Shmuel Goldstein, Husband | 1264 E 27th St | 5/29/18 |
| R' Benji Goldstein, Son | Flatbush | |
| R'Tzvi Goldstein, Son | | |
| R' Dovid Goldstein, Son | | |
| Mrs. Esty Berman, Daughter | | |
| R' Moshe Shuchat z"l | 688 Lefferts Ave. 1st Fl. | Tuesday |
| R' Avraham Lieb Shuchat, Son | Crown Heights | 5/29/18 |
| R' Menachem Gedaliah Shuchat, Son | | |
| R' Zev Nosson(Velvel) Shuchat, Son | | |
| R' Zalman Tzvi Shuchat, Son | | |
| R' Mordechai Yehuda Suchat, Son | | |
| Ms. Chaya Deorah Shuchat, Daughter | | |
| Mrs. Yocheved Leah Benoni, Daughter | | |
| Mrs. Rina Leah Cohen | 2471 Bragg St, Sheepshead Bay | Monday |
| (Kevelson) z"l | | 5/28/18 |
| R' Shimon Cohen, Husband | Not sitting at this address | |
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| Mrs. Chani Kevelson, Mother | | |
| R' Ezra Kevelson, Brother | | |
| R' Ari Kevelson, Brother | | |
| Mrs. Ita Lopin, Sister | | |
| Mrs. Aliza Grund z"l | 716 Ave J | Monday |
| R' Avrohom Abba Grund, Husband | Flatbush | 5/28/18 |
| Rebbitzin Ahuva Besser, Mother | | |
| Harav Shlomo Besser, Brother | | |
| R' Naftoli Besser, Brother | | |
| Mrs. Debbie Rosenberg, Sister | | |
| R' Menachem Dov Grund, Son | | |
| Mrs. Chasya Rivka Sender, Daughter | | |
| Mrs. Basya Berkowitz, Daughter | | |
| Mrs. Clara Neiburg z"l | 1101 E 19th St | Monday |
| R'Yosef Mitnick, Brother | Flatbush | 5/28/18 |
| R'Yitzchok Mitnick, Brother | | |
| R' Dovid Neiburg, Son | | |
| Mrs. Leah Lindin, Daughter | | |
| Mrs. Gizelle Irom z"l | 1126 49th St | Monday |
| R'Yisroel Irom, Husband | Boro Park | 5/28/18 |
| R'Yehoshua Irom, Son | | |
| R' Aron Irom, Son | | |
| Mrs. Esther Scheinwexler, Daughter | | |
| Ms. Lila Irom, Daughter | | |
| R' Moshe Gross z"l | 1448 50th St | Monday |
| R' Heshy Gross, Son | Boro Park | 5/28/18 |
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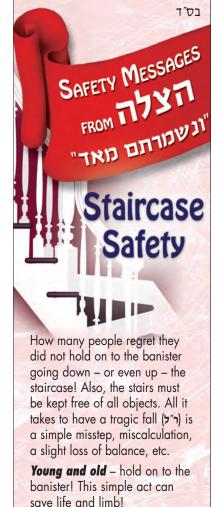
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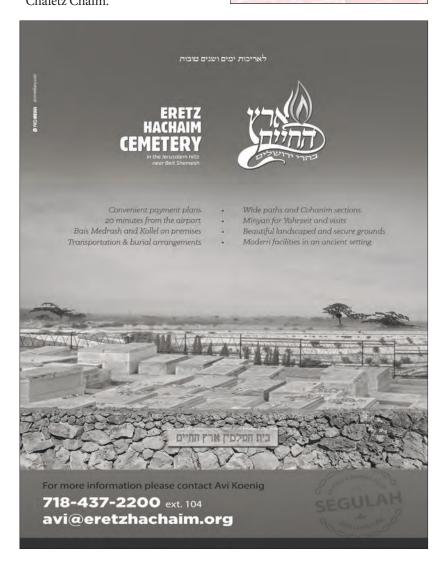
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Rav Mordechai Menachem Kalish, of Vorke (1868)

Rav Shalom Eliezer Halberstam of Ratzfort, son of the Divrei Chaim (1944)

Rav Gedalyah Nadel, son of Rav Reuven Heschel Nadel, born in the Lithuanian city of Shavel (1923-2004). When he was thirteen, his parents moved to Eretz Yisrael, and made their home in Balfouria, a small settlement in the Valley of Jezreel. He became the Chazon Ish's closest talmid. Though he never gained the prominence that some of the Hazon Ish's other confidantes assumed with the passing of the Hazon Ish in 1953, Nadel did become the head of the Vizhnitz yeshiva. Rav Chaim Kanievsky was Rav Gedalyah's chavrusa. At the advice of the Chazon Ish, when Rav Gedalyah was still young, he began to study in the Lomza Yeshivah in Petach Tikvah. He married the daughter of Rav Eliyahu Weiner, a student of the Chafetz Chaim.





Moshe Emes VeToraso Emes: Divrei Zikaron on Rav Moshe Pohrille zt"l

RABBI MOSHE BOYLAN

Introduction: Recently, the Derech Chaim Yeshiva honored the memory of Rav Moshe Pohrille zt"l, who was a Maggid Shiur in the Yeshiva for many years. The following are some of the Divrei Zichronos from family, friends and talmidim. Yehi Zichro Boruch.

Rav Moshe Pohrille was known for his *gevaldige hasmadah*. Yb"l Rav Yisroel Plutchok Shlita mentioned how Rav Moshe would enter the *beis medrash* and start learning, and only then remove his coat. This showed his great desire to start learning.

Once he expressed to a *talmid* why it should not be necessary to take a coffee break: Imagine a person is enjoying a great ice cream. Would he have to take a coffee break? Similarly, one that is enjoying limud HaTorah should not need to take a coffee break.

Another time Ray Pohrille had to learn outside the beis midrash due to a condition he had. A tzadik in the neighborhood went out of his way to take his son to see someone learning with such hasmadah. A talmid recalled how he heard a loud noise once late at night. He went to see what happened, and saw that a shtender had fallen down. This happened because Ray Pohrille was afraid that he would fall asleep learning. To prevent this, he stood up on a chair and learning with a shtender on the table, and somehow the shtender had fallen down, causing the noise. This showed how much effort Rav Pohrille put into learning with hasmadah.

Rav Moshe was considered one of the *chashuve talmidim* of Rav Shmuel Berenbaum *zt"l*. As a sign of the respect he was held in, the Mirrer Yeshiva (in Brooklyn) held a *hesped* for the entire Yeshiva in his memory. {This is rarely done for talmidei chachomim not officially part of the Yeshiva.}

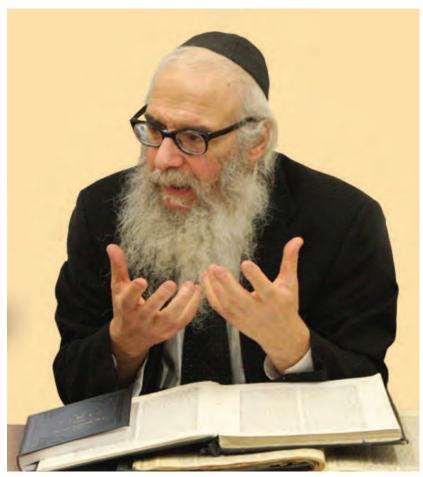
Rav Pohrille was also a very devoted *rebbi* to his *talmidim*. He truly fulfilled what Chazal tell us "banecha ailu talmidecha", your sons are your *talmidim*. A *talmid* once came back from Eretz Yisroel, and Rav Pohrille called him and asked him how he was doing. The *talmid* was embarrassed, as it is really the protocol that the *talmid* should call the *rebbi*. However, just like a father would ask how a son

is doing, Rav Pohrille did not stand on protocol and was first to ask his *talmid* about his life.

Chazal tell us that Torah begins and ends with *chesed*. This may be one of the reasons that we read Megilas Rus on Shavuos (which is zeman matan toraseinu), as this Megilah shows us the reward of

for him. Similarly, Hashem was giving him *yisurim* to help him. {This is the bechinah of gam zu letovah. Meforshim also say that this is the reason the churban happened in Chodesh Av, as even the greatest tragedies come from Hashem's love for us, like from a father to a son.}

Even though Rav Pohrille was



the gomlei chassadim. Rav Pohrille truly personified this dichotomy. While for himself he was makpid gamur to avoid any Bitul Torah, he had all the time in the world when someone else needed a chesed to be done. {This was also a midah seen by the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Shmuel zt"l. While he was a gevaldige masmid, he still was well known for the chesed he did for so many people.}

Once a *talmid* was embarrassed to make a phone call, and mentioned this to Rav Pohrille. He immediately made the phone call, even though this took away from his time and was not so respectful for him to have to do an errand for a *talmid*.

Besides his *hasmadah* and *chesed*, Rav Pohrille was also known for his Emunah and Bitachon, and his close relationship with Hashem. When he was not well r"l, he told his family that this is like a father that slaps his son out of his concern

a very intense person, he still had great calmness (menuchas hanefesh). This came from his feeling that he had to do whatever Hashem wanted him to do. Thus, he was not nervous about things, knowing that he was doing whatever was called for in the particular moment. His focus throughout his life was "vas vilt the Aiberster" (what does Hashem want?).

His concern for doing Hashem's will was such that even when he was in the hospital, one of the biggest things on his mind was solving the *halachic shailos* which arose during this period. If he couldn't resolve these issues during this period (due to the limitations of what was going on in the hospital) he would right down all of the *shailos*, so that Iy"H after he got better he would be able to resolve all of his *halachic* questions.

A maspid mentioned the words of Rav Yisroel Salanter zt"l: A

person can work on himself to the extent that he doesn't even have a *nisayon*, test to do what he should do. Nonetheless, he will still get rewarded for doing what is right, as he had to work on himself to reach such a high level. These words remind us of Rav Pohrille's high level, as he worked on himself to the extent that it was obvious for him to do what Hashem wanted.

Another thing Rav Pohrille represented which relates to Rav Yisroel Salanter was his ability to be concerned for other people's feelings in extremely difficult situations. A relative noted that when Rav Pohrille was maspid Rav Mordechai Rennert zt"l, he told over that even in the last tekufah of his life, when it seemed clear, bederech hateva, that he didn't have too long to live, he still lived a life without nervousness and outwards emotions. He didn't make everyone scared about his imminent death, instead trying his best to help everyone cope with the situation. It was very possible that internally he was undergoing a deep din vecheshbon about his actions, but he didn't impose this on his family. {This reminds us of Ray Yisroel Salanter. whose last act in Olam Hazeh was to tell the person who was taking care of him not to be worried about being in a room alone with a dead body.}

While this *hesped* was about someone else, a number of years later, Rav Pohrille acted the same way to his family. Even when he was going through terribly difficult periods, he did his best not to cause nervousness and bad feelings for his family.

Another middah tovah we can learn from Rav Pohrille is hakaras hatov. When he was in the hospital, many family members went to the hospital to help take care of him. During this time, the children's spouses had to take care of the children. When this took place, he made sure to thank these spouses for the extra time and effort they made to allow their spouses to perform bikur cholim and kibud av

We are *mispalel* that the *zechus* of the *tzadik*, Rav Moshe Pohrille *zt"l* should stand for his *mishpacha*, friends, *talmidim* and Klal Yisroel for *refuos*, *yeshuos* and the ultimate *geulah bimhayra beyameinu* Amen.

Upon The Petirah of Rabbi Moshe HaKohen Gordon zt"l

RABBI MOSHE BOYLAN

On Daled Sivan, the first day of Sheloshes Yemei Hagbalah, Klal Yisroel and particularly the Olam HaTorah felt the loss of Rabbi Moshe HaKohen Gordon *zt*"*l*.

Rav Osher Kalmanowitz, shlita, spoke at the levaya and highlighted the niftar's lofty upbringing - his father was close to Rav Aharon Kotler zt"l and many other Gedolei Yisroel. his mother was admired as a lofty woman by Rav Chaim Ozer, zt"l. His Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Shraga Moshe Kalmanowitz, zt"l, dispatched him on many missions of work for the klal, which he completed with zeal. He was determined and zoche to stay connected to the Mirrer Yeshiva throughout his life, learning there on a daily basis and davening there for all major tefillos.

Rav Kalmanowitz went on to explain that the Mizbeach was built with Avnei Shleimos, complete stones each of which were themselves sholeim, whole. In a similar way, due to his shleimos, the niftar had tremendous koach to bring sholom between couples. Because every part of him was shleimos, he was able to combine his energy and wisdom to spring into action and bring success to many difficult situations of sholom bayis. He accomplished a huge amount of chesed, investing his talent and energy to make his life and his home one of chesed.

Rav Eliezer Ginsburg *shlita* mentioned that it was significant that Reb Moshe was a Kohen, as he lived his life in accordance with the guidelines of Aharon HaKohen. Chazal tell us that one should be like a *talmid*, disciple of Aharon HaKohen, loving peace, running after peace, loving

people and bringing them closer

to Torah. These were middos tovos

which were seen by Reb Moshe.

When there was a disagreement be-

tween partners, spouses or others,

it was Reb Moshe who was able to

somehow make shalom between the

different people. This is the gevaldige

midah of Havaas shalom bein adam lachaveiro u'bein ish le'ishto, which leads a person to reward in this world and in Olam Haba.

Aharon HaKohen was also someone on whom is said "Ki sifsei Kohen yishmeru daas", the lips of the Kohen guard knowledge. This was also something we saw by the *chashuve niftar*. As a *bachur*, he was a *talmid* in the Mirrer Yeshiva (Brooklyn), and was close to his *rebbeim*, including especially the Mashgiach, Rav Tzvi Hersh Feldman *zt"l*. Even later on in life, when he had so many other obligations, like running a successful restaurant, he always was careful to

Rav Shraga Moshe Kalmanowitz, *zt"l*, and Maran Rav Eliezer Shach *zt"l*. Even though he was a strong minded person generally, he was *mevateil* his *daas* to their Daas Torah.

As mentioned, Reb Moshe followed in the path of Aharon HaKohen in terms of his *ahavas haberios*, loving other people and helping them. His friends mentioned that Reb Moshe was well known for being a "go to" person for any problems in life. He was able to discreetly go up to people and help them deal with various issues, be it *parnasah*, health or many other situations.

What made his gemilus chassad-



set aside a set time to learn Torah. This is one of the things the Beis Din Shel Maalah asks a person (after 120 years): Kavata itim laTorah (did you set aside times for learning Torah)

im even a bigger *maalah*, was the fact that he himself had many difficulties he was dealing with. Already, as a young *bochur* he lost his father and he had to undergo the trial of being



excuse for neglecting others. Instead he went out of his way to help others as much as he could. {Perhaps this is based upon the *mesorah* we have from Avrohom Avinu. His *gemilus chassadim* was done even when he was undergoing terrible pain from the Bris Milah. This is our *mesorah* of *maaseh avos siman labanim*, to likewise do *chesed* even when we ourselves are going through difficulties.}

Another aspect of *gemilus chassadim* he was known for was *hachasas orchim*, having guests. He would frequently have guests in a special *hachnasas orchim* place in his house, which helped so many people visiting New York (including many here to raise money or deal with medical issues).

In conclusion, there are three days of Sheloshes Yemei Hagbalah, which could be explained as being keneged, parallel to the three amudim of the world: Torah, Avodah and Gemilus Chasadim. The niftar was someone who had shaychus to all these amudim, setting aside time for learning, accepting the service of Hashem in trying circumstances and doing gemilus chassadim in so many different ways.



It is interesting that Reb Moshe was *niftar* in the days of preparation for Kabalas HaTorah, as he lived a life of accepting the Torah, both Torah She'bicsav and Torah She'Ball Peh. He was very close to his *rebbeim* and Gedolei Yisroel, including Maran Ray Shmuel Berenbaum *zt"l*, Maran

a *yasom*, orphan. He had to work very hard to develop a source of *parnasah*, and for many years his wife was not well. When she died, he was left with having to raise unmarried children without the help of a wife. Even though he had his own set of difficulties, he didn't let this be an



We are *mispalel* that he should be a *mailitz yosher* for his family, friends, the Olam HaTorah and *gantze* Klal Yisroel. May his *zechusim* help us to see the descendant of Dovid HaMelech, the Moshiach Tzidkeinu, come *bimehayra beyameinu*.

A Special Tribute to Mrs. Shulamit Manne on Her Yahrtzeit

Mrs. S. Salem

Last week Orot Sarah and Beit Yaakov D'Gur joined together to pay tribute to the irreplaceable Mrs. Shulamit Manne.

The Shulamit Manne student fund was introduced as an *iluy neshama* for Mrs. Manne. This fund will be assisting students that need tutoring. This fund really personifies Mrs. Manne's entire being of always helping others.

Mrs. Manne taught in Gur for 30 years and in Orot Sarah for 12 years, leaving a lasting impression on every student and staff member that she encountered. As each speaker at the event described Mrs. Manne's special qualities and attributes, it was as if everyone collaborated to write their speeches together, and it only solidified how true and real Mrs. Manne was. Principals, colleagues, and friends spoke of Mrs. Manne's tremendous dedication and motivation, her unstoppable goals and methods to reach each and every student. They spoke of her boundless love and dedication to her family. Many of us knew so much about her wonderful children and grandchildren. They were her number one priority no matter how professional and devoted to her teaching she was. Alumni spoke of how Mrs. Manne opened her home to them and tutored them free of charge just so that they can have the confidence to succeed. Mrs. Manne was so intellectual and knowledgeable in both limudei chol and limudei kodesh. She was so well-versed in Tanach and Jewish History. She was a true role model of what an isha ksheira is. Mrs. Manne was a righteous women who was so connected and close to Hashem. One midah that everyone spoke of that stood out the most was Mrs. Manne's Ehrlichkeit and emes. Stories poured out of her honesty, and that is when I said I have to share the ultimate story that portrays Mrs. Manne's emes.

For a few years Mrs. Manne and I marked the American History regents together, and we got to know each other well during those few hours. I used to update her on my search for a home to buy in Flatbush. I told her how hard it was and shared different let downs and experiences we were going through. Mrs. Manne kept telling me I wish you could buy my house. When I'm ready to sell you'll buy my house. It became our ongoing joke and I would remind her not to forget about me when the time comes. In the meantime we kept searching, offering, and getting disappointed. Unfortunately Mrs. Manne was diagnosed with an illness that took her life. When the family was ready to sell the house they knew of Mrs. Manne's colleague that wanted to buy it. It meant so much to the family to be able to carry out what Mrs. Manne wanted. The family displayed that they are "true" Manne's and their honesty was truly remarkable. The house wasn't even put on the market and we were the only ones to come see the house. We saw Yad Hashem and received Siyata Dishmaya every step of the way. Mrs. Manne's son in law, a wonderful broker in his own right made the experience so smooth and pleasant. The rest is history.

With tremendous thanks to Hakodosh Boruch Hu, last week we moved in to Mrs. Manne's house. We do feel the *kedush* ain the walls and know what a *zechus* we have to be living in a house filled with Torah and Yiras Shamayim. I am *zoche* to light Shabbat candles, make *challah* and raise children to be Ovdei Hashem just like Mrs. Manne did. We can only pray to have the *bracha* and *mazel* that the Mannes had *ad mea v'esrim shana*.

Michal bas Mordechai Shmaryahu Leshinsky on her Second Yartzeit Sivan 13

Who can forget Michal?

Michal who wore her incredible smile through thick and thin,

Michal who lit up a room when she walked in,

Michal who had an infectious laugh and was always a pleasure to be with, Michal who cherished her husband and children above all else,

Michal who cared for her children whether she was home or in the

hospital, Michal who did anything and everything for family, friends and even strangers, Michal who never wanted to impose on people, but insisted on helping others, Michal who had *hakoras hatov* for each and every act of kindness per-

Michal who insisted on helping others no matter her condition,

Michal who after having a procedure in the hospital still made me drive to a Hatzoloh call with her in the car even though she could hardly keep her head up,

Michal who was the one who stood by me when I went through my own painful procedures,

Michal who made a strong connection with everyone she interacted with, Michal who had more friends than anyone I know,

Michal who was a source of strength and advice for her siblings,

Michal who had impeccable taste,

Michal who rescued anyone with a sheitel or makeup emergency,

Michal who never wasted a moment,

formed for her and her family,

Michal who had nurses fight to have her as a patient,

Michal whose doctors were constantly shocked with how kind and understanding she always was,

Michal whose doctors cared so much that they came to the recent bar mitzvah of her son Avigdor,

Michal who always accepted with a full heart whatever Hakodosh Boruch Hu had in store for her,

No, no one could forget Michal,

Michal whose family finds it difficult not to miss her twenty-four hours a day,

Michal who is now in a better place,

Michal who is watching over all of us, doing her best to convince the One Above to maintain our good health and happiness,

Michal who is, and always will be, in our hearts,

And us, who are longing for the day when we reunite with her *bevias goel tzedek bimherah veyomainu amen*.

With continuous tears in my eyes, Her Father



We express our sincere condolences to

Mrs. Suri Rubin

and her family

on the loss of her father



Although we were not privileged to know Rav Weiss in his lifetime, we are awed by the accounts of his incredible Chesed, Ahavas Yisroel, and dedication to the Klal, traits that were zealously passed down from father to daughter.

May your heartfelt Avodah on behalf of each Bas Yisroel always be a Zchus and an Aliyas Neshama for your father z"tl.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

With appreciation for your endless dedication to Chinuch Habanos.

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Bet Yaakov Orot Sarah



Sometimes a man's life is changed by a single decision. When he makes the decision, he may not be aware of the enormous effect it will have on his future, but because of it, his life takes a new turn and is never the same afterwards.

In the following story, a personal decision to perform a mitzvah under the most difficult circumstances set in motion a chain of events that eventually influenced the history of an entire Jewish community.

I am grateful to Rabbi Simcha Bamberger of Manchester for telling me this story about his remarkable father, Rabbi Yitzchok Dov, who from early youth overcame one adversity after another, confronting every challenge with zeal and persistence. I am additionally grateful to Rabbi Shmuel Bamberger of Antwerp for providing additional details.

Yitzchok Dov Bamberger of the small town of Schonlanke, Germany (near the German-Polish border) was only six years old in 1924 when his father died suddenly on the day of his daughter's wedding.

Though his mother, Rachel Miriam was a *tzadeikes* and a woman of great fortitude, she realized she could no longer remain in Schonlanke with her four children, for it had only a tiny Orthodox community, and without a husband, she felt she could not raise her children properly there.

Mrs. Bamberger moved her family to Halberstadt, a German city, where the local ray, Rabbi Binyamin Auerbach, took a personal interest in her family's welfare. There, Yitzchok Dov and

his siblings were imbued by his saintly mother with fervent Yiras Shamayim and strict adherence to *mitzvos*.

In 1937 she realized she had to send him to a major yeshivah. With tears in her eyes and determination in her heart, she sent him, her youngest child, to Yeshivas Eitz Chaim in the small village of Heide, in the Belgian countryside, where he heard *shiurim* from one of the most remarkable *talmidei chachamim* of that era, Rabbi Mordechai Pogramansky (1903-1949). (Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman used to visit the yeshivah for a few weeks every year.)

Bullet Proof Virtue

Yitzchok Dov's happy days in the yeshivah ended with the outbreak of World War II. As a German citizen, he was suspected of being a spy for the Nazis and was expelled from Belgium, along with thousands of other Jewish foreigners, to the southern part of France, where he was interned in a filthy, foul-smelling detention camp in St. Cyprien outside of Perpignan, near the Spanish border. Anyone who tried to escape from the camp was shot.

The French detention camps were part of France's collaboration with Nazi Germany. In May 1940, the Germans had invaded France, and within weeks immobilized the hapless French army. In June, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the French Chief of State, surrendered and signed an armistice with Germany. Petain was put at the head of a puppet regime in southern France, with its capital in Vichy.

France's traditional anti-Semitism reared its ugly head under the guise of loyalty to the ruling Nazis. Foreign Jews who had escaped or were transferred to France were subject to imprisonment and deportation to German death

camps; more than 85,000 Jews were deported and barely 3,000 survived. In southern France, more than 5,000 Jews died as a result of French brutality.

Somehow, Yitzchok Dov was able to escape from St. Cyprien and make his way back north to Belgium. Yitzchok Dov came to Nazi-occupied Antwerp, seeking a visa to any safe haven. He thought that as a German citizen he could still get proper travel documents. However, when he came to the municipal office and realized that the German authorities were snatching Jews who came for visas and locking them up immediately, he ran outside the office and hid down the block, warning any Jew he saw, not to dare go into the building.

For three days he stood down the block of the municipal office warning Jews to stay away. One afternoon, a car suddenly bolted towards him. Two Nazi soldiers jumped out of the car and pulled him back into their vehicle. They overpowered him and drove him out of the city to the torment of the detention camp called Breendonk.

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Continuation:

But why does the Rema refer to "Egyptian milk" instead of using the more generic "pagan milk"? Of course, we could say that he uses this term merely because the source of this rule is the story of Moses and the Egyptian wet nurses. But this really seems insufficient reason for the Rema to refer to pagan milk as Egyptian. He seems to consider that Egyptian milk is more dulling to the Jewish heart than any other, and that the reason all such milk should be avoided is because it also has the Egyptian effect to a certain degree.

I think we may find the explanation in the Torah's warning (Leviticus 18:3), "Do not act in the manner of the land of Egypt where you dwelled, nor shall you act in the manner of the land of Canaan to which I am bringing you." The Torah singles out the Egyptian and the Canaanite as representatives of the highest form of depravity. An Egyptian is more than just an ordinary idolater. He is degenerate,

promiscuous and amoral, a product of exposure to the worst spiritual defilement in the world. Anyone who is the least bit familiar with the history of ancient Egypt knows that this is true.

These are the influences that are identified as "Egyptian" milk, the influences that are the essence of a society of lewdness and wanton behavior. These are the influences from which we must protect our children.

With Egyptian milk, you can't expect a child to be sanctified with *mitzvos*. With Egyptian milk, you can't expect him to have refined *middos* and a nobility of character. With Egyptian milk, you can't expect him to learn Torah with relish and delight. With Egyptian milk, you can't expect him to draw ever closer to G-d.

We look around today at the world in which we live, at the depravity of the modern "street," and we see all the abominations of Egypt and then some. Unfortunately, much as we try to protect ourselves, we are all

Egyptian Milk

exposed to this contaminated "street." The videos. The Internet, with all the worst that Egypt ever had to offer available to everyone at the press of a button. There is no need to go into further detail. We all know the situation. We are engulfed in a sea of Egyptian milk.

How can we preserve our pure hearts and spirits? How can we protect the spark of holiness within us? I don't know if in our condition we can appreciate the true meaning of purity and holiness. I don't know if in this corrupt galus, this deep spiritual exile in which we find ourselves, we can find our way to the levels of holiness expected of us without tremendous difficulties. But we have to make the effort to establish the havdalah bein Yisrael la'amim, that dividing line between us and the world.

Our children must be taught from the very earliest age where to look and where not to look; we cannot wait until it is too late. We must protect ourselves and our children from Egyptian milk. We must make rules and build fences. We must seek advice and devise strategies that will help us become holy in spite of the difficulties we face. Above all, we must send up our tears and our prayers to the Master of the Universe and plead with Him that our homes should be pure and our children should sparkle with holiness.

I want to add a small word of encouragement. We know that the task is difficult. Much more than difficult. We look around at the world, and it seems practically hopeless to create at best more than small islands of holiness. But it really is not so. There is no greater power in the world than *kedushah*, holiness. If we can improve, increase and refine the *kedushah* of our *yeshivos*, our synagogues, our schools and our homes, we can radiate holiness to the entire world and transform and uplift all of humanity.

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The Jewish Life Cycle – Celebration of Continuity

<mark>ust as the Jewish ca</mark>lendar is marked with individual dates which designate certain holidays and celebrations, so it is with the cycle of simchah within a person's lifetime. For each Yom Tov, Michtav m'Eliyahu speaks about the way we travel through the year from one Yom Tov way station to the next; we re-experience redemption during Pesach, the Giving of the Torah on Shavuos and the Divine Protection of Hashem during the Yom Tov of Sukkos. We energize ourselves through the celebrations of each Yom Tov and allow ourselves to become imbued with the teachings they afford us.

So it is with the way stations and milestones of a person's life. Often during childhood parents celebrate the simchos of their children, with each kiddush, bris and pidyon haben. The upsherin, birthdays, bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah

enable parents to watch as their children grow from toddlers to young men and women as servants in Hashem's army. As parents are zocheh to see their children grow, mature and develop they are offered the gifts of nachas as they walk their children down to the chupah... and the cycle iy"H continues anew. Their children become parents, parents become grandparents, and generations are united in their celebration of Jewish continuity.

In the generations after the churban of Europe, we can appreciate this gift all the more. Many families were torn asunder during that horrific time period and many despaired of ever starting or rebuilding again. Their strength and tenacity to wish to rebuild after years of deprivation and cruelty attests to the spirit and soul of a Yid. Parents who went through the war and were blessed with perhaps two or three children saw their generations increase as their children gave birth to new generations, rooted in the traditions of their forefathers and committed to perpetuating the cherished legacy of

the parents. This author recalls vividly how his own father z"l would barely be able to utter the words of Shehecheyanu when he pronounced the Kiddush at the Seder of his own children, surrounded by the nachas of children and grandchildren. "Who would have believed that I would be able to sit at a Pesach Seder and see the nachas of generations?" Lav kol adam zoche – not every person merits such a gift, and he truly treasured, as many survivors did, the ability to rebuild and be enriched by their children's celebrations.

At the bris milah of an eight-day old Jewish boy, the assembled guests wish him, and the parents of the child, "Just as he entered the bris of Avrohom, so may he enter a life of Torah, chupah, and good deeds!" When a baby girl is born, parents and grandparents are showered with the good wishes of friends and relatives, "You should raise her to merit a ben Torah, and a life with a chupah and good deeds – you should live in good health to dance at her wedding!"

Becoming bar or bat mitzvah is a very special time in the life of a young man or woman. It's a time for reflection and contemplation, looking back at past accomplishments and forward to the challenges and successes that life will hopefully bring. But most of all, it's a time to express profound gratitude to Hashem for reaching this wonderful milestone in life.

The bar and bat mitzvah is not merely an obligation to be mindful of one's lineage. It is much more. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the paramount importance of continuing a legacy that has kept the Jewish people alive through the millennia. Despite extreme hardship, overwhelming duress and even persecution and discrimination, the eternal flame of faith has never been extinguished. Our ancestors did not lose sight of the standards and virtues that have maintained us as a strong and vibrant people.

There are many lessons that are taught in school, but the teachings of parents, family, rabbonim and peers may last long after the memory of the math and history exams have faded. The lessons are subtle but powerful. These are the values, ethics, and moral conduct that perhaps can only be taught by example. Honesty, integrity, humility, patience, and diligence are character traits that will be important in life, and these can be best acquired by being an astute observer. By watching teachers and rabbis, one should carefully seek out positive role models and learn from the timeless lessons of Chazal, the wellsprings of knowledge will be open to draw from - the resources are available, but it is up

to the individual to use them.

We live in an age of technological sophistication. At the touch of a keypad or swipe of the finger, we can be exposed to the best - and the worst - that life has to offer. It's all there for us to see, but we must take care to be discerning. We can learn the beautiful messages of life if we filter out the negative influences that are so pervasive, and treasure the teachings of those who guide us through life.

Connection to wedding??

Anyone who has been involved in any aspect of the marriage process, and surely when trying to find one's life-mate, is aware of the heavenly orchestration that takes place until the bride and groom stands under the chupah together. Retracing the steps of one's meeting the other, through a shadchan, friend or "chance occurrence," requires us to peer beyond the veil of the seemingly natural, to see hints of the Divine. The Midrash says (Bereishis Rabbah 58:4) that a Roman matron asked Rabbi Yose ben Halafta, "How many days did it take to

create the world?" He answered, "Six days." She followed her first question with another: "From that time on, with what had G-d been occupied?" He replied, "G-d has been organizing matches...the daughter of this one is for this man."

The matron scoffed at the idea that so exalted a Deity should deign to be involved – for so many thousands of years – in a seemingly simple task that needed no Divine intervention. That night, she played "matchmaker." She arbitrarily paired a thousand maids and servants together, eager to show Rabbi Yose that any human being could easily accomplish G-d's Divine occupation. The next morning proved her dramatically wrong. The maids and servants emerged from their rooms, beaten, bruised and loath to come near their newfound "partner." She understood the wisdom of the Jewish sage, and indeed, how difficult a task it was to arrange the eternity of a family. "If it is simple in your eye," the Sage said, "it is as difficult in the Eye of Hashem as the Splitting of the Sea. What does Hashem do? He sometimes will pair them together almost against their will, bringing the circumstances about to bring one to the other."

In Jewish life we often live from milestone to milestone. The birth of a child, a bar or bat mitzvah, a wedding, and the cycle of simchah continues to the next generation. The emotional investments in raising a child are enormous; can there be a greater nachas felt by parents than when they see a child's growth and maturity in life? The profound feelings of parents as they walk a child down to the chupah are hard to describe; a child has grown, a new home is being built, another link in the family's golden chain is being added – forever.



Young Israel of Brighton Beach - Mr. Yaakov Stern (Hebrew/English)

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Parsha Pilpul

RARRI RERACH STEINEELD

Torah with Derech Eretz

In the Haggada we say, "Had Hashem brought us before Har Sinai and not given us the Torah that would have been enough." What exactly would we have gained by just standing at Har Sinai and not receiving the Torah? One answer could be that we received good middos at Har Sinai. The Gemara in Nedarim, daf chof says that the posuk describing Bnei Yisroel at Har Sinai saying "the fear will be shown on your faces," is referring to "busha." If a person does not possess the midda of "busha," it is a sign that his forefathers did not stand at Har Sinai. We find that on the first day the Bnei Yisrael camped at Har Sinai they were "k'ish echad belev echad." That was the only time there was no machlokes. It would seem that the fact that they arrived at Har Sinai brought them the madreiga of not having machlokes.

Bnei Yisroel were able to receive good middos at Har Sinai because at mamad Har Sinai they were forgiven for the sin of Adam Harishon. The Gemara in Shabbos, daf kuf mem vov explains that the reason the non-Jews can handle shratzim is because their body is not cleansed from the sin of Adam Harishon. The original snake, while causing Adam and Chava to sin, also injected them with a poison that would not leave until matan Torah. This poison is the cause for middos ra'os. That is why Klal Yisroel, who had the poison removed at Har Sinai,

are recognized by the following three simanim; they are "rachmanim," "bayshanim," and "Gomlei Chasadim."

With this we can understand why we needed to go to Har Sinai first, before being mekabel the Torah. The Torah can only last and survive when followed by people with good middos. The Torah never tells us to have good middos. It is a pre-requisite to its observance. We find that the majority of kinyanim in Avos with which the Torah can be obtained are regarding good middos. For example, "erech apayim," "lev tov," and "sameach bechelko." Half of the forty eight kinyanim are connected to good middos. The only way we can connect with Hashem and his Torah is if we act with the middos of Hashem. The Gemara in Shabbos, daf kuf lamed gimel, amud bais explains that the word "ve'anvehu" stands for ani vehu domim - Hashem says Bnei Yisroel and I must be similar.

It was integral for Bnei Yisroel to receive the derech eretz and good middos at Har Sinai to enable them and their descendants to become a vessel that could receive and learn the Torah Hakedosha.

May we be zocheh to Torah with Derech Eretz.

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compared to a pitchfork? Just as a pitchfork turns over the grain on a threshing floor and throws it from one place to another, so, too, the prayers of *tzaddikim* "turn over" the attribute of Hashem from *middas hadin* to that of *middas harachamim*.

The Gemara stresses that *tzaddikim* have the ability to overturn difficult situations with their power of *tefillah*. That is why it has been a tradition from time immemorial for Jews facing hardships in life to turn to their Torah leaders for blessings and prayers, asking them to intercede in Heaven on their behalf.

Nevertheless, it is important to realize the ability of each person, no matter what his or her spiritual level, to pray to Hashem with sincerity and feeling, which can overturn Hashem's strict judgment, earning them boundless mercy instead. Many people underestimate their *koach hatefillah* and thereby forgo opportunities to overcome their difficulties with the power of *tefillah*.

Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin devoted a major part of his classic work, Nefesh HaChaim, to the topic of proper tefillah. Some of his insights are deeply mystical and profound and (seemingly) above the abilities of the average Jew. Nevertheless, many others are practical and down to earth and can be easily understood and adapted by anyone who devotes effort to improve his Divine service. One of the sobering points Rav Chaim makes is a comment on the pasuk in Amos (4:13), He recounts to a person what were his deeds. The Gemara (Chagigah 5b) says that this means that at the time of each person's judgment before the Heavenly Court, they will recount for him, every single word he spoke. Even for the most

intimate conversations between husband and wife there will be a reckoning!

The Nefesh HaChaim offers another insight into that pasuk which underlines the power of tefillah of every person. Many people consider tefillah a matter of rote. It is routine to say a chapter or two of Tehillim for a sick person, but does that really bring him a refuah sheleimah? Friends take upon themselves a regimen of prayers to help an older single find a shidduch. Years go by and there is no change in the single's status. An unemployed person prays for a job, but months and months pass without even an interview. These are but some of the many situations in which a Jew knows that he should pray for salvation but is discouraged by the feeling that it will make no difference.

To this, the *Nefesh HaChaim* says that they will recount to a person what his words and prayers *could have* accomplished, had they been uttered sincerely and with firm *emunah* and *bitachon* in Hashem. *Tefillah*, like a pitchfork, has the power to overturn Hashem's *middas hadin* to *middas harachamim*. The source of this is Manoach, who the Gemara (*Berachos* 61a) says was an *am ha'aretz*, although he was righteous. Yet, he was *zocheh* to a great son like Shimshon, who became the judge and savior of the Jewish people for two decades (see 16:31).

A person should not underestimate his power of *tefillah*. Had he *davened* sincerely, the sick person could have been healed, the single person could have found a *shidduch*, the unemployed person could have found a job.

The power of *tefillah* is not limited to renowned rebbes and *tzaddikim*. It is the eternal heritage of every Jew, no matter what his spiritual level, as long as it is done with heart and soul. May we all strive to master it!

Rabbi Avraham Zalman -Everything Belongs to Hashem

SHAUL KASSIN

One time Rabbi Avraham Zalman The Rosh Yeshiva of the Novardok Yeshiva in Warsaw went to eat his lunch. The woman who prepared his daily lunch told him, "The

cat ate your butter." Everyday all that Rabbi Avraham had to eat was bread and butter. There were no refrigerators in those days, so the butter was kept on a shelf in the pantry.

The woman said, "The cat jumped onto the shelf and ate your butter." Rabbi Avraham proclaimed, "It can't be!"

The woman replied, "Of course it can. My butter was kept in the cabinet and yours was on a shelf and the cat ate yours."

Rabbi Avraham stated, "It has to be a mistake, the cat couldn't eat my butter." The woman exclaimed, "But I saw it with my own eyes."

Rabbi Avraham responded, "A person has to understand what his eyes are seeing. If the cat ate the butter, it means that it was the cat's butter and not mine. My butter, no one would be able to eat. Everything belongs to Hashem and He decides who is allotted what."



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(ו:ב) "איש או אשה כי יפלא נדר נזיר"

"If a man or woman will express a Nazirite vow ..."

The Ibn Ezra notes that the term "פְלּיִ פּלֹא" is used to describe the vow which the *Nazir* takes, because such an act is a פֿלא - a wonder. If, when the entire world is engaged in the pursuit of pleasures, one lone individual consecrates himself by abstaining from luxuries, this is truly an amazing feat.

Similarly, when the Torah commands the *Nazir* to refrain from defiling himself to even his closest relatives, it gives as the reason: (ז:ז) "רשני אלקיו על ראשוי" - "for the crown of his G-d is on his head." The Ibn Ezra explains that this "Crown of his G-d" refers to the sovereignty of a person who is in control of his desires. Such a person is a true king, for he is the master over his life. People who cannot resist temptations are servants to their desires.

"זה קרבן [נחשון בן עמינדב]" (ז:יז)

"This is the offering of ..."

The Midrash notes that the word Zeh is used in reference to the song which Bnei Yisroel sang after Krias Yam Suf in which they pointed and said, "Zeh Keili" - "this is my G-d". This is meant to teach us that the offerings of the princes were as beloved to Hashem as the Shiras Hayam.

What is the correlation between these two incidents?

The *Maharsham* notes that one who discovers something on his own is to be praised more highly than one who heard about it from someone else.

At Kri'as Yam Suf the Divine revelation came to each person, and everyone was able to point - on his own - and say, Zeh Keili - this is my G-d. By the same token, the Ohr Hachaim notes, each of the Nesi'im understood on his own exactly what to bring as a sacrifice, and they miraculously all brought the identical offering completely independently, without having discussed the matter with the other Nesi'im.

HALACHIC DISCUSSIONS

(not to be relied upon for Halacha L'Ma'aseh)

Chazal tell us (Brachos 32b) that if a Kohein killed someone, he may not Duchen.

The Shulchan Aruch (O.C. 128:3) rules that even if a Kohein killed accidentally, he may not Duchen.

The Rema (ibid.) writes that if the Kohein did Teshuva, he may Duchen. The Mishna Berura writes that this applies even if he killed purposely, but repented.

The Shevet Haleivi (VIII:172) and the Lehoros Nosson (VIII:2) were asked that since Chazal (Baba Metzia 58b) say that one who embarrasses his friend publicly is considered as though he he killed him, if a Kohein embarrassed someone publicly, may he still Duchen?

Both respond that although embarrassing someone in public is a very serious sin, it is not considered as though the Kohein killed someone with his own hands. Thus, one may still use his hands to Duchen.

However, another factor should be considered - if the Kohein hates the congregation or they hate him, then there is a *Sakana* for him to Duchen (see M.B. 128:37).

פרשת נשא

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

- 1) Which righteous woman threatened to become a Sota?
- 2) What did Shmuel and Avsholom have in common?
- 3) What did Yoseif send Yaakov to remind him of [something that they had learned from this week's Parsha]?
- 4) When was a private *Korbon [Korbon Yochid]* offered on Shabbos? In whose merit did this take place?
- 5) How is this possible: the more Kohanim in a Shul, the less Kohanim go to *Duchan*?
- 6) On the first day of Shavuos we read about a person whose name was "Tuvia". On the second day we read about someone named "Tov". Who were these two people?
- 7) Who killed Orpa?
- 8) If they began *Chazaras Hashatz* with a Minyan and a person left, the *Shatz* may conclude the *Chazaras Hashatz* without a Minyan (Orach Chaim 55:3). It such a situation, would it be permissible to have *Duchaning*?
- 9) If one carries someone *Tomei* into the Beis Hamikdash, is the carrier *Chayov Koreis*?
- 10) Does death atone for sins that are between man and his fellow man?
- 11) Can a woman who is an *Arusa* (who received Kiddushin but did not have *Nisu'in*) become a *Sota*?
- 12) If the husband or wife is blind, can the womar become a *Sota*?
- 13) Can a *Koton* (minor) become a *Nozir* and bring the Korbonos?
- 14) If a husband warns his wife not to have Yichud with two of her brothers or with her father and brother, and she does have Yichud with them - does she become a Sota?
- 15) If a Kohein performed a Bris Milah on a baby who died from the Milah, R'L', may the Kohein continue to *Duchen*?
- 16) If a Shli'ach Tzibbur made a mistake in Chazoras Hashatz [e.g. he forgot to recite *Ya'aleh V'yavoh*] and did not become aware of his mistake until after the Kohanim Duchened, when he repeats the Shmonah Esrei [or part of Shmonah Esrei] is it necessary for the Kohanim to Duchen again?
- 17) Who was the father of *Golyas*?

ANSWERS

- Chana [Shmuel's mother] threatened that if Hashem did not give her a child she would become a Sota and be found innocent. Hashem would then have to fulfill His promise of giving a child to an innocent Sota (see Brachos 31b).
- 2) Shmuel and Avsholom were both Nezirei Olam (Rambam, Hil. Sota 3:12,16).
- According to the Hadar Zekeinim (from the Ba'alei Tosafos, Bereishis 45:27). Yoseif sent wagons to

Yaakov to allude to the wagons which were used to transport the parts of the Mishkan [Sheish Eglos Tzav] which he had learned about with Yaakov before he was sold. [In Parshas Vayigash, Rashi cites a Midrash that says that the wagons were an allusion to the Egla Arufa].

- Because Yoseif observed Shabbos in Egypt, he merited that his descendant - Elishama ben Amihud, the prince of Ephraim - sacrificed his Korbon on Shabbos when the Mishkan was dedicated (see Da'as Zekeinim 7:48).
- 5) If there are exactly ten people in a Shul and they are all Kohanim, they all go up to Duchan. If there are more than ten people who are all Kohanim, ten people remain at their seats while the remainder Duchan. Thus, if there are eleven Kohanim, only one would go to Duchan (Orach Chaim 128:25).
- One of Moshe's names was Tuvia (Vayikra Rabba 1:3). Ploni Almoni, in the Megillas Rus, was named Tov (see Rus Rabba 6:2).
- 7) Avishai ben Tzruya killed Orpa (Sanhedrin 85b).
- 8) No (Mishna Berura 55:10, 19).
- 9) Yes (Rambam, Hilchos Bais Hamikdash 3:16).
- 10) No (Minchas Chinuch 364:32).
- 11) No (Sota 24b).
- 12) No (ibid. 27a).
- 13) Yes if he reached the age of *Onas Nedarim* (see Rambam, Hil. Nezirus 2:13 and Ra'avad).
- 14) Yes (Rambam, Hil. Sota 1:3).
- 15) Yes (Orach Chaim 128:36).
- 16) The Sefer, Nesi'as Kapayim K'hilchasa (17:14) cites a Machlokes between contemporary Poskim concerning this issue.
- 17) According to the Chasam Sofer (Toras Moshe, Haftaras Parshas Naso), Golyas was the child of Shimshon and Orpah (from the time that Shimshon was in prison at the end of his life and after Orpah returned from Rus). Hagaon Rav Chaim Kanievsky shlita, in Le'mechaseh Asik (Shmuel I:17) writes that the source of this is the Tosefta D'targum. (Also see Sota 10a, 42b, and Sefer Hadar Yaakov V:16).

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When we study the chapters of the Torah dealing with Creation, it almost seems as though Chavah was created as an afterthought. Adam was created alone, and only afterward did Hashem say, "Lo tov heyos ha'adam levado — it is not good that man be alone; e'eseh lo eizer kenegdo — I will make him a helper corresponding to him" (Bereishis 2:18).

In his commentary to this verse, Ramban states that Adam HaRishon must have had a method of procreating even before Chavah was fashioned. All creatures were created male and female in order to procreate. If so, why was it necessary for Hashem to make Chavah into a separate being? Wouldn't it have been more convenient to be self-sufficient—to be able to bear and raise children without the need for another person? Isn't that total independence a utopian dream?

The answer appears in the verse quoted above. *Lo tov heyos ha'adam levado* — it is not good that man be

alone. There is something "not good" about being alone. The entire purpose of Creation is for us to perfect ourselves, and one of the most meaningful ways of doing so is by learning to do for others. In the words of Rav Chaim of Volozhin "Ki zeh kol ha'adam — for this is the basic principle of mankind: lo le'atzmo nivra — he was not created for himself, rak leho'il le'acheirim — but to help others, kechol asher yimtza bekocho la'asos — as much as is possible for him to do with the strengths he was given."

Had Adam HaRishon functioned on his own, he would have been lacking one of the keystones of humanity and would have been branded *lo tov* for life

We all entered this world as consummate takers. Anyone who has had a baby or has been in close contact with one knows that babies are the greatest takers. They never worry about anyone else. Their entire focus in life is to be fed, warm, dry, and cuddled, and they have absolutely no

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interest in how their needs affect you. They couldn't care less whether you had a hard day or whether you haven't slept for two nights. Their motto is, "Feed me; clothe me; diaper me; burp me; love me; take care of me."

And that lasts ...

Let's just say that it lasts for a while. A *long* while.

Pardon me for reminding you, but you, too, were born this way. You, too, were once self-centered, self-absorbed, and narcissistic. The *tachlis* (purpose) of life is to transcend that natural inclination toward taking and to become a giver. It is a lifelong endeavor, but if there is one turning point at which we must make the switch from taker to giver, that point is the day of our marriage. Marriage requires us to undergo a metamorphosis — to go from caterpillar to butterfly.

In marriage, we can no longer think primarily about ourselves. The "me" must become "we," and the "I" must become "us." That is the entire purpose of marriage, and that is why Hashem said, "Lo tov heyos ha'adam levado."

This does not mean that a person who never finds his or her *zivug* is doomed. One of the most famous *gabba'ei tzedakah* in Yerushalayim is a man who never married, and he is a giver of the highest degree. But the process of learning to be a giver is far more difficult if one is not married. The ideal situation, which is what Hashem had in mind for each of us, is to marry and have someone to whom to give.

There is a common misconception that one's love for another person increases when he or she receives from that person. The true way to build love is to give unconditionally. As we have mentioned elsewhere, the Hebrew word *ahavah*, love, is related to the word *hav*, to give.

Since giving builds love, we can perhaps understand the inordinate obsession people have for their pets. If children are the hardest thing in the world, pets are the easiest. They don't give you *agmas nefesh* (heartache), they don't need braces, they don't have to be accepted into a seminary, and you don't have to find *shidduchim* for them. But above all, you have to give to pets unconditionally.

That is why people are literally in love with their pets. They treat them better than they treat their children.

When I travel, I generally do not make conversation with my seatmates. I exchange pleasantries, and then settle in for a flight in solitude. Once, however, I was flying to Brazil, which is a 10-hour flight. When you are going to spend 10 hours sitting next to someone, you feel that you must make some attempt at conversation. My seatmate turned out to be a cardiac-care nurse who was on her way to a medical conference. She was obviously an intelligent individual. In the midst of an otherwise sensible conversation, she took out her wallet and said — and I'll quote verbatim - "I want to show you the love of my life." She flipped open her wallet and showed me a collage of her three children, lovingly surrounding the most prized member of the family: her dog. "This is the love of my life," she said, pointing to the dog — lest I foolishly assume that she was talking about her children.

"What kind of dog is it?" I asked, for lack of a better rejoinder.

"It's a Rottweiler," she said proudly.

I don't know much about dogs, but I do know that you stay far away from Rottweilers. But this was the *love of her life*. Why? Because she had to give so much to it. Now, unlike her children, her dog probably returned her love. It was probably very happy to see her. But that is not where her overwhelming love came from. It came from unconditional giving.

Lehavdil — to make a comparison from the ridiculous to the sublime — this is why Rabbi Akiva Eiger loved his wife so much. Aside from his greatness in learning, Rabbi Akiva Eiger was a perfect tzaddik, and as such, gave to his wife unconditionally. It is no wonder, then, that when his wife predeceased him, he felt such an extreme void.

When we look at episodes in the lives of our *gedolim*, we find many other Torah giants whose thoughtfulness and willingness to give to their wives made their marriages so beautiful. I could write an entire book of such stories, but I'll share the two that have had the most profound impact on me.

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appreciate the power and majesty of the Falls and thus recognize "mi boroh eileh"!

Sarah from Flatbush

Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, "a lot of water falling off a cliff," seriously? I am insulted on behalf of Hashem, its creator. Niagara Falls is one of the top natural wonders of the world, a magnificent example of the beauty of the world that Hashem has given us. What will the writer answer at 120 years when he stands before the Heavenly Throne and Hashem asks him, "Did you appreciate the beautiful world that I created for you?"

Yes, there are reasons, sensible ones, why one might object to expensive school trips that not everyone can afford, and which take students away from learning. But, that Niagara Falls "is just water falling off a cliff" is not one of them. It seems this was actually said by Rav Miller as part of his answer about the importance of school trips to the falls. I find this surprising, and obviously, I do not agree with it. Perhaps Rav Miller spoke so forcefully in order to emphasize his main point, which was that such school trips are unimportant and unnecessary. In the greater scheme of things what a school teaches its students within its four walls, and its hashkafa, should be the deciding factors in choosing a school for your children, and not what fancy trips the school takes. Perhaps that is what Rav Miller meant. I do not believe he meant to disparage the magnificence and beauty of Niagara Falls. Nor should we.

Niagra Falls, as a magnificent and beautiful of Hashem's creation, is worthy of our admiration. And I might add, useful as well. If Hashem, their Creator, were to stop the flow of this "water over a cliff", a large part of the Northeastern power grid would lose a major source of hydro-electric power.

Ma rabu ma-asecha Hashem, kulam b'chochma asita!

Hadassah Klayman

Our Wedding

My dear precious children,

I was so sure you all received the invitation to our wedding. This year, it even went viral on Whatsapp to be sure more of you saw it. I thank all of you who were so thoughtful and caring and joined in every way possible. It literally means the world to me that you were there and I will certainly never forget it. I realize for some of you it may have meant changing your plans and my appreciation is and will be eternal.

For those who wanted to share in our wedding from afar or not from where I usually find you, I also appreciate that you cared enough to think of me, although I was kind of hoping it would have been in our regular spot especially because my Mesader Kiddushin (your Rov) prepared so much for this wedding, and had hours of really classic and amazing material to share about our families way of life with you. What a shame you missed it. I even had your reserved seats arranged for you at your table.

You know kinderlach, I truly do love you no matter what you do or where you are, and really just that you care so much about me warms my heart and gives me much nachas. I also want you to know though that for each of you there is a special home we share where I try to find you. Your mokom kavua in your shul is where I look first. Some of you chose to go elsewhere for our wedding and also for the dancing (Simchas Torah). While it is true that wherever you are I am with you and I love you and I appreciate you, I just want you to take a few minutes and think about your Rov and your shul and what it feels like for them to not have you around for these special times.

You are correct when you think chatzee for me and chatzee for you. The half for me can be anywhere but it would be so much nicer to have it in our home (mikdash me'at) we share. The half for you entitles you to enjoy it however and wherever you would like but don't be selfish or short sighted and think that because it is for you therefore you can do whatever you want. Be thoughtful and mindful of others and realize that perhaps your decisions are hurting others. I don't like to see any of my children hurting. Especially the Rabbonim who over the years have asked that for Kabolas Hatorah and for Simchas Torah you stay with them.

Not sure if you remember but many years ago at the very first annual wedding I had with you I gathered you all at one spot to be together as one and it was the greatest wedding ever. Now, as you my children are dispersed all over the world, our home we share is in your Shul and it is there that I hope to see you. Just remember kids, the more you care about each other and do for each other and respect each other and join together with each other just gives me more of a reason to finally bring you your ultimate redemption and with that we will all once again celebrate our annual wedding in one central location - my 3rd and eternal home.

With all my love,

Hashem

PS - If you really want a truthful answer as to what is best for you and your family, talk to your personal Rov and ask him. You know me, if you ask your Rov and listen to him, I will be so happy with you in any decision you make.

"Kick Felder Out" ?? The War We Are Up Against

The Dems have declared an all out war on Senator Felder, and it's important that everyone in our district realize what we're up against in this election play.

I've attached the leaked document from Geoff Berman, Exec. Dir. of the Democratic Party:

An excerpt from Zack Fink's Spectrum NY1 News report on the leaked documents reads, "There are often a number of resolutions that are considered at the convention, and here is one that jumped right out. Check out the 4th one down. It says 'Removal of Senator Simcha Felder from the Democratic Party.' There is also a resolution urging the party to support Felder's primary opponent. Highlighted below in red."

Carl Campanille at the NY Post reported, "The state Democratic Party will likely pass a resolution at its convention to support a primary against rogue Brooklyn Democratic State Sen. Simcha Felder, who caucuses with the Republicans and whose vote is the only reason the GOP controls the chamber.

The party is also expected to consider another resolution that would seek to throw Felder out of the party.

The resolutions were included in leaked documents obtained by The Post in preparation of the party convention on May 23-24. Democratic Party executive director Geoff Berman confirmed that both resolutions are on the agenda, but declined to predict how the 400 delegates would vote."

Sheri Toiv

Derech Eretz (Proper Behavior) Precedes Torah

I wish to register my strong protest against the letter by CG in last week's issue entitled "Calling Out the Call Outer", in which the writer attacked Midwood Mom (MM) for calling out a recent Chillul Hashem by a "frum" driver near a local public high school. Instead of addressing the serious, important, and relevant issue MM wrote about, CG attacked and tried to discredit her with a personal attack about a different matter.

We recently went through Pirkei Avos as preparation for Shavuos, the Yom Toy which commemorates the giving of the Torah. We know that derech eretz kadma laTorah, derech eretz (proper basic human decency and courtesy) precedes (and lays the foundation for) Torah, as Pirkei Avos teaches, im ein derech eretz ein Torah. First one must be a mensch. The same Pirkei Avos teaches us about seven characteristics of a chacham (wise person) and seven of a golem (incomplete, unfinished, immature person). One of the seven is that a chacham is modeh al ho'emes (admits to the truth), even if he is wrong, while a golem, an immature, unfinished person, does not do so.

CG modeled the behavior of a *golem* in his attack on Midwood Mom. Such behavior is shameful in general, but especially so for someone who is allegedly '*frum*'. Golem Orthodoxy is a Chillul Hashem that does not represent the way of the Torah.

MM is someone that is not from the type of orthodox background shared by many readers of this publication. Nevertheless, she has a strong Jewish identity, is involved in Jewish matters, and, unlike others from such a background, reads the FJJ, which, in itself shows an interest and involvement in Yiddishkeit. To try to divert attention from her legitimate point by means an irrelevant personal attack is disgraceful. CG should repent and ask forgiveness for his shameful screed against MM.

Local Resident Disgusted by Chutzpah of Local Golems

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Bad Driving and Dangerous Behavior

I am responding to two letters that critiqued my letter published here on May 10th, in which I complained about a *frum* man who acted wrongly and dangerously while driving when there was a fire drill occurring at Edward R Murrow High School recently.

To Yoni Garber who questioned details of my letter: I guess you did not read my letter carefully, when I did state that the students and staff filed *outside* and there were members of the school staff who were directing traffic. One detail I did not include initially is that members of the staff held up STOP signs and used hand signals to direct the flow of traffic; legally this is their right. The fire drill took place not just inside the school but obviously, outside as well. STOP means STOP.

To CG, who takes me to task because I send my children to public school and "flaunt" my "Conservative Jewish views": my husband and I have our many reasons for sending our children to public school, and they really are

not your business. Do I "flaunt" my views? I express my views; "flaunt" has a much different connotation, a somewhat negative one at that.

I think both these writers miss a very important point or two about my letters: as the Granger radio advertisement goes, "Safety, safety, safety." Safe driving is a must and too many people do not drive safely. And social behavior is something that should be carefully presented. The man I wrote about (whom my daughter and her peers witnessed in action) carried on in an undignified fashion at this fire drill, and nearly hit an assistant principal who was directing traffic at the fire drill. And this man, who was identifiably frum, took video of minors and made idle threats to call this into the police.

As someone who was hit by a car when I was six months pregnant, whose brother was hit by a car when he was in elementary school, whose late father was friendly with a man whose wife was killed when she was hit by a car, and whose car was hit and totaled a week prior to my birthday in 2016 (the driver of the other car blew through a red light and crashed into mine), I am

very, very concerned about bad driving and dangerous behavior. I think everyone should be concerned about this, and I hope and pray that people of all faiths and creeds will drive safely.

Take my messages to heart.

Midwood Mom

The Volcano of Torah

Luckily for us, Shavuos is every day. The Zohar proclaims that the Torah is given anew every day. This conforms with the Mishna in Pirkei Avot that says, "A daily voice from Har Sinai proclaims, Wow to the disgrace of Torah."

My late relative, Rav Avrohom Genechovsky zt''l provided me with an insight that sheds light on nature and in turn the Volcano in Hawaii that has been erupting.

He said the outside of the earth is mainly covered in water, the center of earth is energized by fire and the inner core is rock-solid. Based on this he said that our behavior should be modeled after the makeup of the world. On the outside we should be malleable and flexible with our neighbors like water, our center should be guided by fire, namely the Torah,

and our inner core should be rocksolid in our beliefs like the inner core of earth.

The Volcano might make for exciting news, but it also exhibits the pouring out of fire from the center of earth that symbolizes what our center should be filled with on a daily basis, the fire of Torah.

Steven Genack





The Dead-Baby Strategy

JONATHAN S. TOBIN / JNS

When a Hamas spokesman acknowledged that 50 out of the 62 Palestinians reported killed during the May 14 assault on Israel's border with Gaza, that fact alone should have fundamentally altered the debate over what happened. Though the international press called the incident a "massacre" in which the Israel Defense Forces used "disproportionate" force, the fact that most of the fatalities were members of a terrorist group undermined the narrative about the "March of Return" being a peaceful demonstration for better living conditions for Gaza residents.

But what good are facts if all you're really after is more propaganda war against Israel? If someone like British shadow foreign secretary Emily Thornberry (the person who will be Britain's leading diplomat if a Labour Party that is tainted by anti-Semitism wins the next election in that country) could claim that Israeli snipers were shooting Palestinian children in the back while they ran for their lives, then clearly anything is possible.

So how much more will the actual death of a Palestinian baby feed the narrative of Israeli atrocities?

Palestinian apologists are now trumpeting the case of 8-monthold Layla Ghandour, who allegedly died as a result of inhaling tear gas while present at the melee along the border as proof that Israel is committing war crimes. While one can be appalled at the idea of anyone bringing an infant to a violent demonstration in which armed protesters organized by a terrorist group are charging an international boundary defended by troops, there's no arguing with the picture of a dead child.

While Hamas more or less admitted defeat by ending the protests earlier than expected because of the high price it was paying in terms of the lives of its own fighters, it can be said to have "won" the exchange with Israel because the image of Ghandour's mother weeping over her child's tiny body

might be all that anyone will remember from the recent bloodshed.

Like the death of Muhammad al-Dura a 12-year-old boy who was caught in the crossfire during a Palestinian assault on an Israeli border outpost at the start of the Second Intifada in September 2000 -Ghandour is now an icon of Palestinian resistance. It didn't matter that, as subsequent journalistic investigations proved, al-Dura's death was caused by Palestinian fire. All that mattered was the iconic photo of the boy in his anguished father's arms. The picture

said nothing about the fact that the incident was caused by Palestinian terrorism, let alone who shot him. But it swayed more minds than reasoned arguments.

So in that sense, it doesn't really matter whether the child was killed by tear gas (a Harvard University medical expert quoted in a New York Times story doubted it) or what bizarre set of circumstances brought the baby to the border. Nor does it stop left-wing Jews who purport to feel "shame" at the IDF's efforts to prevent a rampaging mob from entering Israel to commit mayhem and murder from bashing the Jewish state because it didn't rely solely on nonlethal methods of crowd control, like tear gas (which failed to stop Hamas operatives from trying to breech the border fence).

The fact that the supposedly peaceful demonstrators were hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails, and planting IED bombs and launching incendiaries, should have tipped off those criticizing the Israelis that they were being duped by Hamas. That the march's avowed purpose was "return," which signifies an attempt to wipe out the 70 years of history since Israel was born, also designates that the point of the effort was to re-ignite the conflict and eradicate Israel.



But whether or not you're inclined to treat dead Hamas fighters as if they were innocents, there's no arguing with dead babies.

As the New York Times noted, Ghandour was far from the only infant or child at the border recently. Pressured by Hamas to turn out to advocate for the erasing of the last 70 years of history and dispossess the Jews, Palestinians brought their children to the border as if they were going to a family picnic. As we saw during previous armed conflicts with Israel, Palestinian factions routinely use humans as shield. The presence of civilians protects their fighters, as well as provides a bonus in the form of bad press for Israel if non-combatants are harmed

While some Jews are ashamed that Israelis are prepared to use lethal force to defend their country, Hamas leaders feel no shame about putting Palestinian children in harm's way. In their eyes, the goal of destroying the Jewish state is so important that no action is too deprayed if it undermines Israel.

Hamas is correct about the effectiveness of these tactics, which are nothing less than acts of human sacrifice. In the face of such calamity, it's hard for some seemingly fair-minded observers like the *Times* David Brooks to think

clearly about Gaza. The situation is so egregious that they assume that no matter what Hamas does, they've come to believe it's somehow Israel's responsibility to prevent the Palestinians from purposing the deaths of these kids. Rather than analyze the conflict dispassionately, he and others simply see both sides as extremists.

But while horror at the death of an infant is our understandable first reaction to this incident, it doesn't absolve the world from calling out the barbarity of what the Palestinians are doing. A child's life is not a prop in a public-relations scheme. Nor does the Palestinian willingness to sacrifice their children obligate Israel to allow Hamas a chance to kill Israeli children, as would happen if the IDF let the mobs at the border have their way.

It may be ironic, but the more bestial the tactics employed by the terrorists, the more likely the rest of the world is to engage in a false moral equivalence between Hamas and their intended Israeli victims. Though, as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley rightly noted, no other country in the world would act with as much restraint as Israel has done, the Palestinians' dead-baby strategy seemed to have worked.

What If the Israelis Didn't Shoot?

STEPHEN M. FLATOW / JNS

It's been a month now since the Israeli government made its controversial decision to stop shooting back at the Palestinian mobs surging toward the Gaza fence. Let's see how things turned out.

At first, of course, Israel's leaders insisted that they had a right to defend the border. But eventually, the international pressure got to be too much. All those editorials in *The New York Times* accusing Israel of brutality. The constant hectoring by the hosts of cable TV's "Morning Joe" and "Andrea Mitchell Reports." The condemnations by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. The U.N. resolutions.

Then American Jews jumped on the bandwagon. At first, it was just the predictable groups—Jewish Voice for Peace and J Street denounced Israel. That's what they do. But then, Rabbi Rick Jacobs started squirming when the pundits on his favorite MSNBC talk show began criticizing Israel, and soon his Union for Reform Judaism was proclaiming how "alarmed, concerned and profoundly saddened" it was about the deaths of all those Gaza rioters. Not much alarm, concern or sadness about the border kibbutzim being devastated as flaming kites set their crops ablaze. But never mind all that.

The Anti-Defamation League, increasingly resembling the Obama administration for which its national director once worked, chimed in with "concern" of its own. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations dithered, unable to reach a consensus on what position to take. Right-of-center groups issued their usually verbose, over-the-top press releases that nobody took seriously. No wonder the Israelis felt so alone. They really were.

So Israel announced that its soldiers would cease firing and expressed the hope that the Gaza mobs would reciprocate. Unfortunately, the word "reciprocity" is not in the vocabulary of the Palestinian Arabs. As soon as the Israelis stopped shooting, the mobs rushed forward.



Not just the few thousand who happened to be at the border that day. Word immediately spread that the Zionist enemy had collapsed, and soon there were tens of thousands of Gazans streaming towards the border fence. Then hundreds of thousands.

The young men with knives and steel bars were followed by waves of women armed with empty bags. Older Israelis remembered scenes from the 1948 war, when an Arab military force was about to overrun some Israeli town, and neighboring Arab women would rush to the scene with their empty bags, anxious to loot the Jews' property.

What happened next wasn't exactly a surprise. After all, on May 14, Washington Post reporters Loveday Morris and Hazem Balousha had asked the would-be border-crashers about their intentions. Here's what they reported:

"We are excited to storm and get inside,' said 23-year-old Mohammed Mansoura. When asked what he would do inside Israel, he said, 'Whatever is possible, to kill, throw stones' . . . Two other young men carried large knives and said they wanted to kill Jews on the other side of the fence."

Mansoura was true to his word. As the Israeli soldiers retreated, Mansoura led a mob of hundreds across the border fence and through the fields of nearby Kibbutz Mefalsim. The kibbutz security men were hopelessly outnumbered. Mansoura and his comrades smashed their way into the communal kitchen, helped themselves to dozens of knives and then invaded the homes of the kibbutzniks. What happened next is too gruesome to recount here.

In the old days, the kibbutzim were American Jewry's pride and joy. More than a few J Streeters had spent a summer on a kibbutz, picking olives and fantasizing about how a more socialist, egalitarian Israel might gain favor in the eyes of Western intellectuals. Alas, now the kibbutzim in southern Israel just got in the way. Why did they have to build them so close to the Gaza border anyway? the Jewish peaceniks wondered with dismay.

Those two "young men with large knives" who told *The Washington Post* that "they wanted to kill Jews" kept their word, too. So did hundreds, and then thousands, of other Gazans. For Israel's leaders, the choice was between headlines about dead Palestinians or retreating. They ordered the army to continue its retreat. Border towns such as Sderot and Netivot were overrun. The slaughter was horrific.

Finally, at Ashkelon, the army dug in. Tel Aviv, after all, was just 36 miles away. The left-wing Israeli intellectuals who bitterly protested when the army was shooting rioters at the Gaza border changed their tune as the Palestinian mobs got within striking distance of the cafes on Dizengoff Street.

There was a brief lull in the violence as the Palestinians filled Molotov cocktail bottles with gasoline, and the Israelis positioned thousands of sandbags along Ashkelon's perimeter. Surely, now the world would see that the Palestinians were the aggressors, Israel's beleaguered leaders thought. Surely, now Thomas Friedman and the United Nations would stop criticizing Israel, they thought.

But as the firebomb-throwers surged forward again and the Israeli army shot back, it all started again. Headlines about the number of dead Palestinian "protesters." Liberal Jewish leaders expressing "sadness" over the "clashes." Pundits calling for Israel to stop using "disproportionate force." Ex-State Department officials pontificating about the need for Israel to "compromise."

And that's what it would look like, a month after the Israelis stopped shooting at the Gaza attackers.

DANIEL PIPES / JNS

The opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem marks a peak emotional moment for anyone wanting a secure and prosperous Israel; in that spirit, Donald Trump has been hailed as "the best thing that has happened to Israel in a long time."

Maybe. There's also reason to see the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital not as an end in itself but as one act of a three-part drama that ends badly for the Jewish state. Allow me to sketch this theory:

Trump cut his teeth as a real estate developer. He reached deals by giving stakeholders – partners, unions, neighbors, building inspectors, banks, etc. – what they wanted so they bought into his project. That's the art of the deal.

Turning to the Middle East, Trump has two grand priorities: reducing the Iranian threat and accomplishing the "ultimate deal" of bringing an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The two goals are related because the only way to build a powerful alliance against Iran is by including Israel, and that in turn means resolving the Palestinian issue, so that the Saudi and other Arab governments will fully cooperate with Israel. Therefore:

Step One: Give the Saudi leadership what it most wants – lots of attention and armaments.

Step Two: Do the same for Israel, giving it what it longs for – a U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

Step Three: Do the same for the Palestinians – "Palestine" with a capital also in Jerusalem, demanding in return their giving up the right of return and promising to live in peace with the Jewish state of Israel.

Boom, Trump has his anti-Iran alliance and his Arab-Israeli resolution. Nobel Prize, anyone?

There's just one big hitch: Palestinian leaders shamelessly say

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whatever they need to, to get some benefit, only to renege on their promises with alacrity; we've seen this many times before, most notably in the 1993 Oslo Accords. This deceit compels the Israelis to crack down with checkpoints, make arrests, and even shoot Palestinians, which then (as we are witnessing lately on the Gaza-Israel border) gets them called genocidal aggressors. So, this story ends very badly for Israel. Was Jerusalem recognition worth Palestine?

Trump has been radio-silent until now about Step Three plans because he needs the Jerusalem embassy ecstatically in place. That done, he can move on to the Palestinians, now with Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and everyone else speechless, mutely unable to complain after so lavishly feting Trump.

As Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said after a trip to Washington earlier this month, "There is no free lunch." Would that the embassy celebrants remember this truism and temper their euphoria, instead preparing themselves for the next, more troublesome round.

As I concluded an article along these lines three months ago, "I've been wrong many times about Trump in the past. I hope I am wrong this time too."



Israel Should Retaliate Against Turkish President Erdogan's Hostility

NADAV SHRAGAI / JNS

The "tourists" that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan started sending to Jerusalem a few years back so they could "reoccupy Al-Aqsa" have in recent months been tearing historical maps that document the Armenian genocide down from the walls of the Armenian Patriarchate. The spirit of their leader, Erdogan, who even now refuses to recognize that Turkey was responsible for the Armenian genocide, is alive and well among them.

However, Erdogan's megalomaniacal dreams are pulling him toward other things that happened in that same period, the final days of the Ottoman Empire and its dynasty of sultans. He is laying down plans for an Islamic caliphate and now, by recalling Turkey's ambassadors to Washington and Jerusalem, wants to send a signal to the world

that he is the leader and protector of Jerusalem.

On his way to the Turkish election on June 24, and his imaginary way to Jerusalem, anything goes – even the blood libels he spins against Israel, although only recently he slaughtered Kurds in Afrin, Syria.

Israel must not ignore the ridiculous statements from the Turkish president, bizarre though they might be, because many people in the Muslim street buy what he says. Erdogan's part in the Palestinian "march of return" and Hamas terrorism are certainly relevant for Israeli public diplomacy, like the details about how he provides Hamas with a haven abroad in Istanbul. We need to tell the world about this - today. We can already start disseminating what we know about Turkish money being transferred directly or indirectly to Hamas and about Turkish nonprofit groups - some government-run



- that pour money into Jerusalem. We can also take action. We need to quote the tenets of Hamas, an organization that aspires to wipe out the Jews and the State of Israel and that Erdogan sees as an ally rather than a terrorist group.

One of Hamas' openly declared goals is "death in the name of Allah," "our dearest wish," as it is described in the group's charter. Indeed, senior Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya noted recently, almost with satisfaction, that "the Palestinian people's march has tempted the enemy to spill more blood."

Al-Hayya's words require an explanation. It appears that they are best clarified by Fahti Hamad, former interior minister for Hamas and who headed some branches of Hamas' security. Hamad, who recently fell out with his colleagues in the Hamas leadership, said a few years ago that for the Palestinian people, "death has become an industry, and women excel. It has turned women, children, the elderly, and mujahedeen ["holy warriors"] into human shields. As they told the Zionist enemy: 'We long for death like you long for life."

Hamas has been implementing this belief system for years. It sanctifies the culture of death and martyrdom. In Operation Protective Edge in the summer of 2014, it set up bases and positions among the civilian population, in hospitals, schools, UNRWA facilities, mosques, and residential neighborhoods. It knowingly sent women and children to their deaths. For years, Hamas has prioritized building up its military strength over investing in its population. It elects to invest in terror tunnels and rockets and abandons the residents of Gaza to poverty, war, and hunger. Recently, Hamas sent them to die at the border.

We weren't the ones who spilled their blood. There is plenty of proof of that. We need to show it, repeatedly, without tiring, not only in the west but also to the Muslim and Arab world both in Israel and abroad that is being led by Erdogan's delusions. Israel sending the Turkish consul home should be the first step in a reassessment of how Israel and Turkey should maintain ties. Turkey has to understand that it, too, has something to lose.





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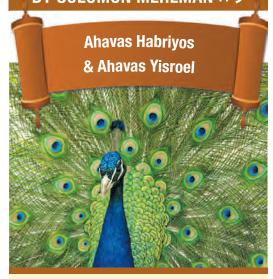
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I'm Paltiel, the Peacock, watch me strut!
My tail's a fan I can open up or shut.

Open, it shows the brightest colors yet! I make a much-admired and decorative pet!

Hashem gave me beautiful colors, but I'm not vain!
That's why "Ahavas Habriyos"
I will explain.

"Love of all G-d's creations" is its meaning true
The world and all its creatures should be loved by you!

Size or looks or beauty please do not compare! For all of Hashem's creations to Him are truly fair!

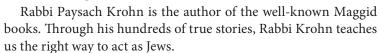
And "Ahavas Yisroel" means love for a fellow Jew What greater mitzvah is there for all of us to do?

The saying is that "Love makes all the world go 'round!" We love Hashem and with His love the world is crowned!

Making Hashem Proud by: Chaviva Kroen Pfeiffer



The Right Call



Rabbi Krohn also tells stories during his speeches, in a clear, exciting way that makes his listeners want to become better people.

He has traveled to cities across America and to many countries, delivering amazing speeches that inspire Jews.

Once, Rabbi Krohn was invited to speak in Toronto. For days he sat with his sefarim and notes, busily preparing his speech. On the day of his trip, Rabbi Krohn packed his carry-on suitcase and got ready to go. The car was already waiting outside to drive him to LaGuardia Airport. "Do I have everything?" he asked his wife as he put on his hat and jacket, grabbed his carry-on bag and laptop, and put his passport and cell phone into his pocket.

"Yes, yes, you have everything," she answered as she gave him a bag with some food for the way. "Have a safe trip. I know you'll be great."

At the airport, Rabbi Krohn checked in at the ticket counter. Then he joined the long line of people waiting to pass through security. When his turn came, Rabbi Krohn put his carryon bag on the conveyor belt and took baskets for his other items. In one he put his laptop, in another his hat and jacket, and in the last one he put his shoes, belt, and cell phone.

Security guards stood on both sides of the walkway directing people and watching them walk through security. After Rabbi Krohn passed through the metal detector, he collected his belongings from the counter and the bins. From there, he walked down a long hallway to the Air Canada gate to board his plane.

At his gate, Rabbi Krohn sat down to wait for boarding time. He was going over some notes when he noticed two security guards walking from gate to gate. They seemed to be looking for someone. People became nervous. Was there someone suspicious in the airport? Everyone watched as they moved through the terminal. Suddenly Rabbi Krohn noticed that the two men were coming closer to him. Rabbi Krohn stood up and cleared his throat. "Good afternoon, gentlemen. Is there something I can do for you?" he asked them.

"Sir, is this your cell phone?" one of them asked.

"Oh, no. I always keep my cell phone here in my left pocket," said Rabbi Krohn, reaching into his pocket. Then he exclaimed, "I can't believe this. My cell phone is missing!" He looked at the phone the security guard was holding. "How did you get my phone?"

"You left it in a bin at the security check," he answered.

"Wow, I can't thank you enough," said Rabbi Krohn. "What would I do without my cell phone? After my trip I would have had to go buy a new one, and I have over four hundred numbers programmed into this phone. Thank you so much." Then Rabbi Krohn added, "This is amazing. How in the world did you find me? There must be two thousand people in this terminal."

The guard answered, "Do you remember what you said to us as you walked through security? You said, 'Thank you, gentlemen, for being here. I feel safer because you're here.' Thousands of people walk through security every day. No one says a word. You thanked us for doing our job. When we saw that you left your phone behind, we decided we were going to find you even if you were the last guy in the terminal."

Rabbi Krohn was amazed. He had shown hakaras hatov, gratitude, to people who were just doing their job, and because of that he got his cell phone back. Rabbi Krohn told this story in many of his speeches, to teach people the great lesson of saying thank you. Since then, many people who have heard his speeches have been thanking security guards at airports. Recently someone called Rabbi Krohn and said, "When I went through security at JFK Airport in New York, I thanked the security guard for keeping us safe. He smiled at me and asked me, 'Did you also hear the message from the Rabbi?'"

Rabbi Krohn, who obviously looks Jewish, made a Kiddush Hashem, as he showed that Jews are grateful to others. The security guards were grateful and soon realized that Rabbi Krohn was teaching this lesson to many people. Every time another Jewish person thanks them, it is another Kiddush Hashem.





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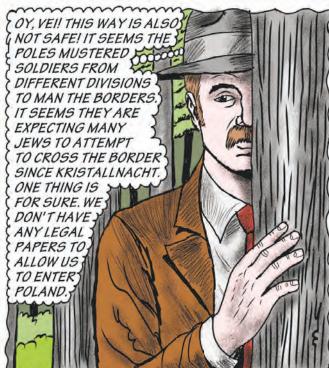


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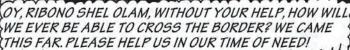
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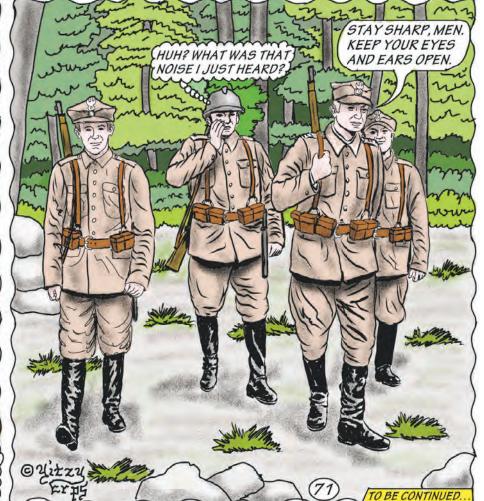
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

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The Traveling Doctor

And the angel of Hashem no longer showed himself (Haftorah Parashas Naso, Shoftim 13:21)

Even at the tender age of three, Yitzchak Meir'l showed signs of greatness. This child prodigy would later become famous as the Chidushei HaRim, the founder of the Gerrer dynasty.

Once, Yitzchak Meir's mother went to visit the Maggid of Kozhnitz and took her brilliant little son along. The Maggid was charmed by Yitzchak Meir's wit and wisdom, which were far beyond his years.

On the way back the child became ill. His body burned with a high fever and his mother was forced to carry him much of the way. She trudged along the road, feeling her own strength ebbing, when she spied a large flat stone by the roadside. She sank down upon it in exhaustion and burst into tears of frustration and helplessness.

Suddenly, she saw a traveler approaching. He stopped in front of her and asked, "What is the matter? Why do you look so distressed? Don't worry. I have some medicine that will make him well." He took out a small vial from a pocket and poured some liquid down the child's throat. Within minutes a healthy color returned to the boy's cheeks and his breathing became regular. His fever subsided. Heaving a sigh of gratitude, the rebbetzin got up and began walking with a new spring in her step, realizing that the crisis was over. The kind stranger accompanied her all the way to Magnishov, where she lived.

She went to her husband at once and told him of her adventures. "A great doctor happened to be walking along the same road. He gave Yitzchak Meir'l some medicine that brought him back to health," she said.

News of the marvelous episode spread quickly through the town and all the sick and the suffering hurried to see the great doctor and be cured. But, by the time they arrived, the doctor was no longer there. He had disappeared.

In later years, when R' Yitzchak Meir, the Gerrer Rebbe, told of his miraculous recovery, he would say, "The stranger was none other than Eliyahu Hanavi!"

The Stage Caused Forgetfulness

Nachson ben Aminadav of the tribe of Yehuda (7:12)

The Torah speaks of Nachshon differently from the way it does the other Princes. The Torah does not call him nasi of the Tribe of Yehudah, as it does the other nesiim of their respective tribes. Nachshon brought his offering first but the Torah did not want him to be boastful and therefore omitted his title. (Midrash)

The people of Simonya once came to Rebbe, that is, R' Yehudah Hanassi, asking for a leader. They wanted a scholar who would serve as a rabbi, teacher and judge. R' Yehudah selected R' Levi bar Sissi as the man best suited for the position. Confident in Rebbe's choice, the delegates from Simonya returned with their new rabbi. They erected a large platform in the center of the town square and placed R' Levi on it, so that all could see him. Then, they invited the townspeople to ask him all their *halachic* questions.

To everyone's surprise and disappointment, R' Levi did not even open his mouth. He sat there, dumbstruck. The people suspected that he was not well versed in the laws and decided to test his knowledge in *agaddah*. But, still, R' Levi's lips were tightly sealed; he did not utter a word.

Thoroughly disappointed with their new rabbi, the people of Simonya returned to Rebbe to complain that they had been misled. This man was not at all qualified to lead others.

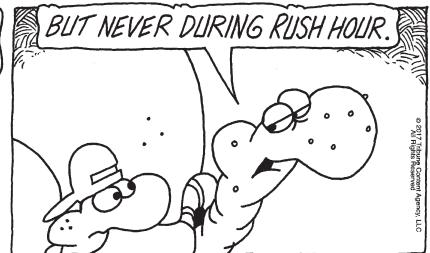
Rebbe asked them to repeat the questions they had asked at the welcome celebration. He summoned R' Levi and, to the delegation's surprise, R' Levi was now able to answer every single question with clarity and depth. He was also able to expound upon *aggadah*. Rebbe then asked, "Why did you not say these same words of wisdom in reply to the questions when they were first asked?"

R' Levi replied, "When I was in Simonya, I was led to a large, high platform and displayed in full view of all the people. I could not help feeling proud of all the honor being shown to me. But this same pride made me forget all that I knew; it struck me dumb."

(According to Midrash Rabbah Bereishis 1:2)









The **Shadows**

RABBI NACHMAN SELTZER, ARTSCROLL

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The news conference took place at the Dubai Hilton. Every major network had been alerted and the hall was mobbed with reporters and cameramen. At exactly 5:30 p.m., the five-member Atomic Energy Watchdog team took their places on the stage. The leader of the group, famous nuclear scientist Professor Raid Madash Khartoumi, walked up to the microphone.

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen." Every eye was upon him.

"I am sure you all shared in the excitement when Prime Minister Tamir announced his decision to allow a team of AEW inspectors in to visit one of Israel's most secure facilities—their previously unconfirmed nuclear headquarters. All of us were extremely optimistic about this unprecedented turn of events. This move on Israel's part would have been the first step in clearing up suspicions of her culpability in the Munich Meltdown."

The scientist's choice of words sent a stir of suspense through the large room. Every reporter sat at attention, while the cameras whirred

"Unfortunately," Professor Khartoumi said dryly, "the rejoicing was a bit premature. While the Israelis did allow our team into their brand-new, state-of-the-art facility, parts of the facility were still kept off-limits to us. Such restrictions raise very significant questions regarding Israel's good faith in this matter. Israel, of course, claimed that it wasn't safe for us to enter those parts of the building, and that they were closed for our own good. Nevertheless, this type of behavior does raise red flags.

"We can affirm that everything we did observe was operating in accordance with international regulations. It is also true that we found no sign of any missing or unaccounted-for nuclear bombs. However, since we were not granted *carte-blanche* access to all portions of the facility, we cannot and do not consider this inspection complete.

"From our perspective, Israel has not been cleared.

"Thank you."

United Nations, Manhattan, January 2014

"This session of the United Nations Emergency Council is hereby called to order," said the chairman of the committee, as he rapped on the desk with his gavel. "On the agenda is a resolution brought by the people of Palestine against the State of Israel.

"The nature of the resolution is as follows:

"Aggression toward the Palestinians on a day-to-day basis. Much construction taking place in areas in which it is illegal under international law. The use of armed force against innocent civilians. For this and much more, the Palestinian representative to the United Nations is proposing that we implement a series of sanctions against the State of Israel, effective immediately."

"If I may," interjected the Israeli ambassador to the UN.

"Go ahead," the chairman said tersely

"My country is doing all that it can to further the peace process. It has frozen construction in every possible place. It has barely even responded to the ongoing rocket threat from Gaza, preferring not to jeopardize what we do have. I fail to see how sanctions can possibly help this situation!"

"Thank you, sir. We will now vote."

Rafael Nativ, the Israeli representative to the UN, watched in horror as country after country voted in favor of the resolution. Even those countries whom Israel had always considered its friends were siding against her.

The contest was coming down to the wire. Nativ grew very tense. Would the United States vote in favor of the resolution, or issue a veto? America had always vetoed anything that would endanger Israel. But now, with the entire world coming out against Israel, would the Americans jump on the bandwagon as well?

His hands were shaking. He could feel his pulse racing at double speed.

Nativ forced himself to watch the proceedings.

"Canada?"

"Canada votes in favor of the resolution."

"Columbia?"

"Columbia votes in favor of the resolution."

Slowly but surely, every member nation voted. The situation looked bleak. Without the assistance of the United States, which as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council had the power to veto the resolution, the measure would pass. Heavy sanctions would be imposed on Israel! There was a momentous silence in the cavernous room. A tense, terrible, nail-biting silence.

And finally... "The United States?"

Silence. And then, "The United States votes in favor of the resolution."

All over the great chamber, jaws dropped open in unison and collective gasps were heard.

Rafael Nativ almost fainted. It had finally happened. America, the great bulwark and Israel's longtime friend and ally, had stood aside and allowed the unthinkable to happen.

The shield was down. Israel was now completely and irrevocably alone, its back to the international wall. It was 1948 all over again—except that, had the nations of the world been given a chance to rewrite history, they would no doubt have all voted to restore Israel to the Arabs, once and for all.

Charles Jaquale, Jerusalem, Israel

As a journalist for some of the most prestigious periodicals in the United States and Europe, I have reported from abroad for much of my life. I thought I had seen it all. I thought that things couldn't get worse in this mixed-up world of ours.

I thought wrong.

Israel is once again on the agenda. Not because there is any solid proof of criminality against the pariah of the universe. There isn't. The reason is because this is a country that is always in the wrong.

As Germany licks its wounds, buries its dead, purifies its atmosphere as best it can, and tries to put its affairs in order, a special team of Atomic Energy Watchdog agents descended upon Israel; their goal to ascertain that no funny business is taking place in the country of the Bible. Israel graciously allowed these strangers into her borders, but, strangely, this has not made the rest of the world happy. One would think that upon learning that all is in order with Israel's nuclear facility, the world would leave Israel alone. But the sad reality is different. Very different.

The team of inspectors was given an in-depth tour of the nuclear facility. But instead of being grateful that Israel was doing its utmost to cooperate, the inspectors complained that the Israelis weren't completely forthcoming during the inspection—although even they were unable to put their finger on what exactly was wrong.

"I just had the feeling they were hiding information from me" was the way one member of the team put it.

"There were a few places that we weren't allowed access to," complained another.

I'm fairly sure that Israel could explain why she did not allow the inspectors access to those few places. No doubt their refusal stemmed from a desire to protect the inspectors themselves inside the nuclear plant. But it doesn't really matter what Israel says. In the eyes of the world, she will always be in the wrong.

Personally, I think it's time Israel took a stand for itself and stopped worrying about world opinion. Because if it doesn't worry about itself, nobody else will.

Instead of coming out in favor of Israel, the United Nations has imposed sanctions on the tiny country that are somewhat harsher in degree than the ones that august body prescribed for South Africa at the height of apartheid. At the risk of sounding crude, I say let them all just admit that they are a bunch of anti-Semitic Jew-haters, and be done with it.

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 Maariv follows Mincha, 9:15

AGUDAS ACHIM OF MIDWOOD Rabbi Yosef Stern

1564 Coney Island Ave 718.252.7289

- Shacharis 6:40, Sun 7:30
- Mincha 10 min, pre-shkiah
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Shacharis 6:25, 6:40, 7:30, 7:50, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 Mincha 15 min, pre-Shkia. 1:05 Winter, 5:00 Summer D Maariv after last Mincha, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00

AGIJDAS YISROEL OF FLATBUSH Rabbi Moshe Weinberger

1302 Ocean Parkway 718.627.1947 Shacharis 6:00, 7:30

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- 2122 Avenue S 718.998.8029
- Shacharis Mon-Fri 6:20, 7:15, 8
- Mincha Mon-Thurs 1:40 & b'zman

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817 Avenue H

- Shacharis 6:25, 6:30, Sun 7:30
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SHMUEL Rabbi Eliezer Ginsbi

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- Shacharis 5:55, 6:30, Sun 7:30
- Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah
- Maariv 35 min. after shkiah

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924 East 10th Street 718.692.0960

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864 East 26 Street 718.253.2708 Shacharis 7, Sun 8 ▶ Maariv at shkiah

AHI EZER

Rabbi Shaul Maselton

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Mincha 15 minutes pre-shkiah

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Maariv after Mincha

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- Mincha 20 min. after shkiah
- Maariv 40 min. after shkiah

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- Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah Maariv Sun-Thurs after shkiah, 9, 9:45

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- Mincha 15 min. pre-shkiah, Summer 6 Maariy 9, 10:15

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- 3120 Bedford Avenue 718.377.7774 Shacharis 6:30, 7:30, Sun 6:30, 8
- Mincha Bizmano

Maariv after Mincha & 9 BAIS HAMEDRASH OF FLATBUSH

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1485 Fast 29 Street 347.248.2613 718.692.4393 ▶ Shacharis 6:55, Sun 8 ▶ Mincha 20 Min.

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Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah Maariv after Mincha, 9:30

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shkiah Maariv after mincha & 9:30

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Maariy 9:30

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Mincha Sun 15 min, pre-shkiah

Maariv Sun: after Mincha

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Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah

Maariv after Mincha, 8, 9

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Maariv after Mincha

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Maariv after Mincha, 8:45, 10

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Rabbi Y. Ari Azancot 1061 Ocean Parkway 718.252.9840 Shacharis 5:45, 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 8:00 Sun 6:15, 8, 9:15 ▶ Mincha 6:45

Maariv after Mincha

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▶ Shacharis 7:15 ▶ Maariv 9 CHIZUK HADAS

Rabbi Gornish 1421 Ave O 718 376 3755 718 757 8076 ▶ Shacharis 6:25 ▶ Mincha 7:30, Shabbos 1/2 hr. pre-shkiah ▶ Maariv 9:30

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7:15. Shabbos 9 Mincha 15-20 min. pre-

shkiah Maariv after Mincha

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shkiah, 8:45 **CONGREGATION PREMISHLAN**

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ETZ CHAIM OF FLATBUSH

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GINZEL YOSEF Rabbi Yosef Rosen

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1305 Avenue R 718.645.6605 Shacharis 7:15, 8:10 Mincha at shkiah Maariv after Mincha & 9

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1123 Avenue N 718.627.6052 **HORODENKE** Rav H. Ashkenazi 3011 Avenue K 718.252.9494

Shacharis 8 Mincha 4:30, 4:15 on

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short days ▶ Maariv 9:30

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Shacharis 6:30, 7:30 ▶ Mincha 10 min.

nre-shkiah Maariy 1 hour after shkiah

Maariv after Mincha KEHILAH OF MARINE PARK

Rabbi Baruch P. Meno

Maariy Mon-Thurs 9

pre-shkiah Maariv 9

3605 Quentin Road 646.339.3364 Shacharis 6:25. Sun 7:45 Mincha Sunday, 15 min. pre shkiah

KEHILAS MORESHES YAAKOV Rabbi Avraham Binsky 1749 Ocean Avenue 718.998.1237 ▶ Shacharis 7, Sunday 8 ▶ Mincha 40 min.

KEHILAS ORACH CHAIM **Rav Meir Scheinberg**

KEREM SHLOMO 1880 East 27th Street KESER YISROEL MORDECHAI

1002 Avenue M

Rabbi Meir Platnick 2016 Avenue L 646.436.7241 ▶ Shacharis 6:35 ▶ Mincha Sun 15 minutes pre-shkiah ▶ Maariv 8:30

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1922 Fast 8th Street 718 645 8006

Shacharis 7:15 ▶ Mincha 6:15

Maariv after Mincha & 10

shkiah & 10

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2220 Avenue L 718.506.6660 ■ Shacharis Sun 7:30 & 8, Mon-Fri 7, 7:45 Mincha 15 min. pre-shkiah ▶ Maariv at

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Rabbi Dov Stein 1542 Coney Island Ave. 718.338.4645 ▶ Shacharis Mon-Thurs 7, Sun 8

Maariv 8:45, Sunday 10 **KHAL BNEI AVROHOM YAAKOV** Rabbi Moshe Bergman

Shacharis Sun 6:40, 8 Mon-Fri 6:25, 7:30 Maariv 8

2701 Avenue N

KHAL KINYAN TORAH 1570 Coney Island Avenue (J-K) ■ Shacharis 7:30 ▶ Mincha 3:30 ▶ Maariv 9

Rabbi Avrohom Eisen 2422 Avenue I 917 566 1023 N Shacharis Sun 6:25, 8, 9, Mon-Fri 6:25, 8 ▶ Mincha

1:30 & 30 min. after shkiah ▶ Maariv after

Mincha, 8 in winter & 10 KHAL TALMIDEI HAYESHIVOS

Mincha Shabbos 1 hour pre-shkiah

1609 Avenue M enter @ Municipal lot Shacharis Shabbos 8:30

KHAL SHAR HASHAMAYIM

▶ Early Shabbos Mincha 5 minutes

Rabbi Chanoch Posy 2916 Avenue M

Shacharis Mon- Fri 6:25 **KHAL TUKAI** Ave K & Ocean Parkway

Shacharis 7:30

KHAL VERETZKY (LANDAU'S) Rabbi Landau Avenue L corner East 9th Street Shacharis 5:55, 6:30, every 30 min. until 11:30 ▶ Mincha 12:20, every 15

min. until 9:15 Maariv 9:15, every 15 min, until 1

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Rabbi Eliezer Dovid Rappaport 3203 Bedford Ave.

■ Shacharis 6:30

Maariv 6, 9:45

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▶ Shacharis 6:20, 7:45, Sun 7:20, 8, 9

Mincha 12:45, 1:45 & 15 min. pre-shkiah

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Mincha 15 minutes pre-shkiah

Maariv 40 min. after Mincha

Shacharis 6:30, 7:30, Sun 7:30, 8:30

KNESSES BAIS AVIGDOR Rav Aharon Kahn 1720 Avenue J 718.258.1380 ▶ Shacharis 7:30 Sun 8 ▶ Mincha 12:45, 1:45, 15 min. pre-shkiah Maariv 30 min.

after mincha, 8:15, 10 **KOL ISRAEL** Rabbi Raymond Harari

Maariv after Mincha

3211 Bedford Avenue 718.951.1417 Shacharis 6:10, 7, 7:45, Sunday 7:30, 9

Mincha 15 minutes pre-shkiah

KOL TORAH Ray Lipa Geldwerth 2022 Avenue M 718.232.4808

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Rabbi Moshe Scheinerm 2402 Avenue P 718.692.3309

- Shacharis 6:40, 7:30
- Mincha 15 min. pre-shkiah
- Maariv after mincha, 8:15, 9:30, 10

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- Mincha, 4 Maariy 10

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 Shacharis 7, Sun 8:15
- Maariv after Mincha

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Shacharis 7:30, Sunday 8

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- Mincha 15 minutes before plag Maariv follows Mincha, 9

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- Shacharis 7, Sun 8 Mincha 10 minutes pre-shkiah
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Maariy after Mincha

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- Maariy after Mincha. 9

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Mincha 4 ■ Maariy 10 **NEVE YAAKOV**

1359 Fast 9 Street

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Mincha 2

Maariy 8 **OHEL YITZCHOK**

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minutes pre-sunset Maariv after Mincha

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1279 E 24 St 718.377.9586/718.338.9633 Shacharis 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, & 9, Sunday 6:30, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30 Mincha 40

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Maariv follows mincha. 8 SEPHARDIC HOME

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Shacharis 9 Mincha 4 Maariv after Mincha

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SHAARAY ZION Rabbi Braun

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Maariv 8:30. Shabbos 60 min, after shkiah

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Corner of Ave S & E 21 St 718.376.6756 Shacharis 6:20, 6:50, 8, Sun 8, 9 Mincha 15 minutes pre-sunset

Maariv after Mincha SHAAREI SHALOM

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Maariy after Mincha

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Mincha Shabbos-10 min. pre-shkiah SHAREI ELIEZER

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after Mincha, 8:15, 9, 10 SHAREI HALACHAH

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Shacharis 6:20, 7:10 **SHAREI ZION**

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1741 East 3 Street 718.375.3895 Shacharis 6:30

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Rabbi Yitzchok Isaac Friedn 1643 East 21 Street 718.258.1643 Shacharis 6:40 Sun 7:45

Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah ▶ Maariv after Mincha, 8:30

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Rabbi Yecheskel Eichenstein 4017 Avenue P 718 338 0298 Shacharis 6:25, 7:00, 7:30, 7:55, 8:30, 9:05, Sun 7, 8, 9, 9:30

Maariv 10 min. after Shkia, 8:30, 10:15 TIFFRES TORAH

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Mincha 20/25 min. pre-shkiah Maariv 30 min. after Mincha, 10

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- Maariv after Mincha, 8, 9, 10

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Maariy after Mincha, 10

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Maariv 9:30, 10:30 YESHIVA CHOFETZ CHAIM 1271 East 35th Street 718.258.9006

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Mincha 2:45 ▶ Maariv 9:45 YESHIVA MIKDASH MELECH

Shacharis 6:25, 8

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Mincha 1:40 ▶ Maariv 6:30. 10 YESHIVA SHAREI TORAH

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Maariv 9:15, Sun 9:30 YESHIVAS OHR YITZCHOK

1214 East 15 Street 718.258.7007 ▶ Shacharis 6:30, 8:15 Mincha 12:30. 2:15 ▶ Maariv 9:35

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▶ Shacharis 7 ▶ Mincha 1:30 ▶ Maariv 10:15 YESHUOS CHAIM CHENTZKOVITCH

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Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah

Maariv 1/2 hr after Mincha, 10

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2818 Avenue K 718.258.6666 Shacharis 6, 6:05, 5:40, 6:40, 7:55 Sun 7, 8 ▶ Mincha 15 min. pre-shkiah

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Maariy After Mincha

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7, 8, 8:30

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1781 Ocean Parkway 718.376.6305 Shacharis Sunday 8 Shabbos 9

Maariv after Mincha

Rabbi S. Modes 619 East 76 Street 718.520.1800

Shacharis Sunday 8 Shabbos 9

2546 E. 7 Street 718.891.6767

Maariy after Mincha

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Maariv after mincha

Shacharis Shabbos 8:30 Maariv 10:05

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577 East 5th Street ▶ Shacharis 7:20, 8, Sunday 8:10

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Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah

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3007 Ocean Avenue 718.332.6231

Rabbi Dovid Simpson

1694 Ocean Avenue 718.692.2107 Shacharis 5:50, 6:50,7:30,8:30, Sun

Mincha 15 min. pre shkiah Maariy 40 min, after Mincha, 8:15

Rabbi Yisocher Goldberg

Mincha 10 min. pre-shkiah

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YOUNG ISRAEL SHEEPSHEAD BAY Rabbi Shimon Rabin

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