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מברכים ר"ח אדר (רח: יום ג-ד, מולד יום שני בשעה: חלקים 11 + 12:40)

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Torah Thoughts

ואלה המשפטים אשר תשים... (שמות כא: א)
And these are the ordinances that you shall place before them.

The ו, which serves as a conjunction, transforms the word אלה, these, to "and these." This indicates that there is a connection between this פרשה and the previous one, which detailed the עשרת הדיברות and the מוציא. מו"ק cites the מילתא which says that, just as those מצוות were given to us at הר סיני, these laws that are mentioned in פרשת משפטים, which are primarily לחברו אדם, between man and his fellow man, were also given to us at הר סיני. The question is obvious: Was it necessary to command us to observe "rational" logic-based מצוות that, for the most part, apply to all nations? Could they not have been decided by earthly Jewish courts?

R' Eliyahu Schlessinger, שליט"א, explains that the question itself indicates a lack of understanding about the essence of מצוות. He relates a comment he heard from the Admor of Pittsburgh, R' Avrohom Abba Leifer זצ"ל. On one of the Rebbe's fund-raising trips to the U.S. to raise money for his institutions in ישראל, he noticed that there were two steering wheels in the cab! On the left side was the driver's steering column with all of the gadgets necessary to drive the car. On the right, passenger side, was a steering wheel similar to the one used by the driver. The Rebbe asked the driver to explain this anomaly.

"Rabbi, I have a young son who bothers me endlessly when I drive. He always wants to control everything I do. To avoid any

problems, I made him a steering wheel that he can use while he sits with me in the front seat. Needless to say, the steering wheel is not connected to anything. It cannot in any way affect the direction in which the car is traveling."

The Rebbe derived a very important message from this episode. There are many who feel that they are steering the world. We are constantly opening the newspaper to read about the great movers and shakers of the secular world and the impact that they have on the way we live. It almost allows one to believe that they have some form of power. They are steering the car, turning the wheel right and left.

This is their mistake, and, in many cases, it is also ours. Yes, they are turning the wheel, but their steering wheel is not connected. What they do has no effect on the guidance of the world. It is the "other" steering wheel on the driver's side that controls the car. Those controls are in ה' hands. The other controls are present for the "young children" to "play with" as they please. Otherwise, they have no significance.

ה' has determined the "rules of the road" of life, the מצוות that are Divinely ordained. ה' has the real steering wheel, and He decides the direction in which we will travel. Thus, at סיני we also received those מצוות in פרשת משפטים that deal with human relationships. These מצוות, with their intricacies as expounded and elucidated by תנ"י, are part of the Heavenly steering column.

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Yahrtzeits of our Gedolim

ב' אדר 5678 - 5739 **1918 - 1979** **נפ"ל** **ר' משה** Schwab זצ"ל, the youngest child of R' Yehuda and Chana (née Erlanger), was born in Frankfurt, Germany. At 16, he went to learn in Kamenitz under ר' ברוך בער. From there he went on to Baranovich to learn under ר' אלתרן וסרמן. In 1938, he immigrated to England, and learned under ר' משה שניידר. Afterwards, he moved to Gateshead to learn in the פולל, where he became close to R' Dessler. In 1942, he married רחל, daughter of ר' דוד Baddiel, a founding member of the local חברה. In 1946, he joined the חברה and with his unusual שמחת החיים and הנגע לכת, שמתת החיים he had a תלמיד on each השפעה. The many stories of his חסד are legendary. His classic שיעורים on גמרא טובים are printed in ספר מערכי לב.

Gedolim Glimpses

R' Moshe Schwab זצ"ל would sometimes go on fund-raising trips for the חברה. One potential donor slammed the door in his face. R' Moshe went to a nearby telephone booth, called him up, and kindly explained that the action violated כבוד התורה. "Even if you choose not to give, you should never slam the door!" The donor begged R' Moshe for מחילה, invited him back inside, and gave R' Moshe a generous donation.



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The Power of Tears/Words

... אֶלְמָנָה וְיָתוֹם לֹא תַעֲנוּן (שְׁמוֹת כב: כא)

You shall not persecute any widow or orphan.

One tear. Who can imagine the power and influence of a tear shed by a poor widow, grieving over her loss, which is magnified every time she senses that vacuum in her life, the feeling of helplessness and loneliness that have now become her partner? Indeed, we cannot begin to calculate the value, the power and the influence generated by the tears of the broken-hearted. Every tear pierces through the heavens and is gathered before the Heavenly Throne, where the **הקב"ה** holds it close to Him, cherishing every drop.

R' Yitzchok Zilberstein, **שליטיא**, relates: It was time to elect a Chief Rabbi for **ירושלים**. The people were encouraged to vote for R' Chaim Yaakov Levin, a very suitable candidate for the position. When R' Levin heard this, he made it a point to see who else had been nominated. Noting that R' Betzalel Zolty, **צ"ל**, was also a candidate, he immediately said that under no circumstances would he run. After some time, he explained the reason for his refusal to his close friends.

Apparently, his father, the venerable R' Aryeh Levin, **צ"ל**, related that once he was walking through the alleyways of **ירושלים** at night when he came upon a woman mending socks by the light of a small torch. Perhaps today we cannot relate to this, but 70 years ago, when one's socks had a hole in them, they were repaired, not replaced. Usually, it was some poor woman who darned these socks for the meager pay she earned.

"Why are you doing this," asked R' Aryeh of the woman, "and especially with so little light?"

"I am a poor widow. With the few coins I make, I am able to pay the **רבי** who learns **תורה** with my orphaned son." The woman kept on sewing, as her tears trickled down on the socks that she was mending.

"Do you know who this widow was?" asked R' Chaim Yaakov. "She was R' Betzalel Zolty's mother! Is it possible to estimate the value and effect of her tears? R' Zolty should become the **רב** of **ירושלים**. His spiritual growth began on a field irrigated by the tears of a widow!"

Words are cheap, and emotions may run high. We might inadvertently say something that we regret later on. What we do not understand is that words have an effect and might cause irreparable damage to another person, as the following story illustrates: A certain **ישׁיב** related that as a young man he was a student at **ירושלים** in **קלנים**. The woman who came nightly to clean the floor would bring her children, who, because of their youth, could not be left home alone. Of course, the children did not grasp the importance of the **תורה** study going on in the **בית המדרש**. Thus, the noise level of these children often disturbed those who were learning.

One night, the noise level became intolerable for the student. He told the woman that it would be a good idea for her to discipline her children. Beset with enough difficulties, the woman said, "Would that you not experience **צער גידול בנים** (children problems)!" At the time, the young man felt the woman was telling him in a nice way, "You just do not understand my lot in life!". Undoubtedly, this was her intention. But these words, issued by a widow in pain, had a tragic effect.

Years went by. The young man met his **bashert**, and they married. They had a blissful marriage, except for one serious concern — they were not blessed with children. They traveled all over in search of the doctor, the drug, the miracle that would grant them children, to no avail. They were rapidly approaching middle age, and still no child.

Then he remembered the incident, many years earlier, concerning the cleaning woman, her children, his rebuke and her response. Suddenly, he realized that what he had understood as a passing comment about life was in truth a curse. He located the woman and visited her, begging forgiveness for his impatience and impudent remark made many years earlier. She was happy to forgive him and even added that those children were today great **תורה** scholars serving in positions of distinction throughout **ארץ ישראל**. Nine months later, the couple was blessed with a child, after 24 years of marriage.

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Focus on Middos

Dear תלמיד,

R' Moshe Schwab **צ"ל** had an unusual **כח** to be able to relate to both the hearts of young **בחורים** and to the depth of thoughts of **גדולי ישראל**. In a letter written by R' Dessler **צ"ל** to R' Moshe, asking R' Moshe to find him a room for the night in Gateshead, R' Dessler wrote: "If you don't manage [to find a room for me], I will stay with you and rest on your chair — as I would rather sit in a chair and talk with you than have a bed with many pillows."

About three months before R' Moshe was **נפטר**, he was travelling from Gateshead to Manchester in a small rented car that was being driven by a young **בחור**. As it was

speeding down the motorway at about 70 miles per hour, the car passed a large truck. The slipwinds from the truck blew the light-weight car off the road. The car rolled over quite a few times and was a total write-off. It was a **נס** that no one was hurt with more than a superficial cut. R' Moshe made a **סעודת הודאה** the very next day and thanked **ד'** for **נסים** that happened.

The **תלמיד** who had driven him to Manchester was away from **ישׁיב** for two weeks after the accident and was more than a little bit uncomfortable when he saw R' Moshe the first time. R' Moshe came over to him and greeted him with a big hug. R' Moshe told the **בחור** that, over the past two weeks, he had

received many letters from people about the accident, but he chose to respond to only one of those letters. This particular person had written about young **בחורים** often driving irresponsibly. "I wrote back to the person," continued R' Moshe, "The **בחור** drove beautifully, and I want you to know that if I had another opportunity to go again with the same **בחור**, I would not hesitate to do so!"

My **גדולי ישראל**, our **תלמיד** can be seen not just in how they interact with their peers, but in how they relate to and show their deep concern about everyone.

יהי זכרו ברוך!
רבי Your, **בגידות**

A letter from a Rebbi, based on interviews

- The **מזל** of **אדר** is **דגים**, fish. **אדר** is one of three months for which the **מזלות** are written in the plural form; the others are the **מזלות** of **תאומים**, *twins*, and **מאזנים**, *scales*.
- **ספר התודעה** explains: **חדש אדר** can be doubled (as it was last year), so its **מזל** is doubled as well (although it can be written in singular form).

Reviewed by R' Gedalyahu Eckstein

Since we only discuss 1-3 **הקלות**, it is important to consider these **הקלות** in the context of the bigger picture. Use them as a starting point for further in-depth study.



The 9th International Pirchei ם שובני Contest

This week 5 of the 6 weeks of our annual Pirchei Newsletter 9th International שובני contest and there are 500+ participants... It is not too late to enter the contest. To become a part of this amazing קדיש די פאקס, please send a weekly fax to 718 506 9633 or email to shnayimmikracontest@gmail.com signed by a parent – include your grade, name, school, city, state, zip, contact and fax #, and which פרשה. The rules of our שובני Contest: 1st and 2nd grade (6+) should complete the פרשה until 3rd, 3rd grade (8+) until שלישי 4th, 4th grade (9+) until רביעי 5th, 5th grade (10+) until חמישי 6th, 6th grade (11+) until ששי 7th and 8th grades (12+) complete the entire פרשה.

All entries received before this Monday at 7:00 p.m. will be announced in the following week's newsletter.

Below are the current contestants:

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Grade 2 – Eliyahu Bohensky, Yosef Shalom Kroll; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Baltimore, MD; Yechezkel Lowy; Yeshiva Karlin Stoln; Shmuel Bendett, Yitz Berman, David Dafner, Moishe Dov Deutsch, Yaakov Moshe Elkon, Yonah Fried, Aryeh Greenberg, Rephael Himy, Eliyahu Yochanan Idler, Nesanel Grade, Yisroel Klein, Avraham Yitzchok Hakohen Kupfer, Daniel Lipshitz, Menashe Salb, Shmuel Spitz, Menachem Tzvi Yakkobovitz; Yeshiva Torah Vodaas; Brooklyn, NY; Avrohom David Solomon; Yeshiva Derech Hatorah; Cleveland, OH.

Grade 3 (UK) – Asher Yochanan Herskine; Keser Torah Boys School; Gateshead, UK.

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Grade 4 – Yitzchok Binder; Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah; Toronto, ON; Moshe Gluck; Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim (TA); David Nosson Gerstein, Yisroel Yosef Kimchi, Binyomin Meyers, Yisroel Novice, Shimzy Victor; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Baltimore, MD; Pinchas Chapler; Yeshiva Shagas Aryeh; Lakewood, NJ; David Bachrach; Yeshiva M'kor Baruch; Passaic, NJ; Bentzion Amira, Dovid Balsam, Aryeh Bash, Simcha Chaimov, Yehuda Itzkowitz, Yitzchak Dovid Kanner, Yonah Kenigsberg, Yisroel Kolodny, Chaim Leibhard, Yisroel Moshe Levinson, Shimon Markowitz, Avi Ostrivitsky, Shlomo Paneth, Yitzchok Spira, Gavriel Spitz, Yaakov Tessler, Eliyahu Warman, Avi Zeigler, Eli Zelman; Yeshiva Torah Vodaas; Brooklyn, NY; Chaim Baldinger, Nosson Tzvi Balter, Shmuel Blumenthal, Avi Friedman, Yehoshua Goldberg, Tully Gross, Yosef Leichtung, Yisroel Meir Levin, Elisha Pilevsky, Yehuda Pinter, Shaya Russo, Ari Schwartz, Zevy Spiegel; Yeshiva Ketana of Long Island; Inwood, NY; Menachem Caro; Derech HaTorah; Rochester, NY; Shloimy Feifer, Shmuel Uziel Feifer, Aryeh Zev Hochhauser; Yeshiva Derech Hatorah; Cleveland, OH; Yitzchok Binder; Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah; Toronto, ON; Yoav Alon, Mordechai Bauminger, Yosef Beinenfeld, Simcha Davis, Baruch Dubrow, Asher Ellen, Pesach Gelb, Aharon Greenspan, Yisroel Mayer Kamin, Eli Katkovsky, Eli Komisarich, Leiby Morgenbesser, Yosef Newman, Shiloh Otkiney, Yoni Panayev, Shlomo Polak, Yosef Ribiat, Avrohom Rochkind, Moshe Shifrin, Akiva Tkachuk; Politz Hebrew Academy; Philadelphia, PA.

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LEARNING FROM OUR LEADERS

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IT WAS A COLD WINTER NIGHT...

THIS IS RABBI FELDMAN. I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR DISTURBING YOU SO LATE AT NIGHT, BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. THE HEAT JUST STOPPED WORKING A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND IT'S ALREADY GETTING VERY COLD.

RABBI, I'LL BE OVER WITHIN THE HOUR.

THE PLUMBER ARRIVED, AND THE HOUSE WAS ALREADY FREEZING.

SO, WHERE'S THE BOILER?

IT'S IN THE BASEMENT. LET ME TAKE YOU DOWNSTAIRS...

I WONDER WHY THE PLUMBER'S VAN IS PARKED OUTSIDE THE MASHGIACH'S HOUSE SO LATE.

ALL THE LIGHTS ARE ON IN THE HOUSE. LET'S CHECK IF EVERYTHING IS OK!

THE FRONT DOOR WAS UNLOCKED, AND THEY WERE EVEN MORE SHOCKED WHEN THEY FOUND THEIR REBBI RESTING ON THE FLOOR OF THE LIVING ROOM.

REBBI, WHAT'S GOING ON? AND WHY IS REBBI LYING ON THE FLOOR?

IT'S FREEZING IN HERE. IS EVERYTHING OK?

EVERYTHING IS FINE... I WOKE UP THE PLUMBER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO REPAIR MY HEAT. HE HAD TO GET OUT OF BED AND IS NOW IN THE BASEMENT WORKING TO FIX THE SYSTEM...

...IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT THAT I SHOULD SLEEP COMFORTABLY IN BED WHILE HE IS WORKING ON THE BASEMENT FLOOR...

ר' FELDMAN נִצְּיִל WAS BORN IN PINSK, BELARUS, TO R' AVROHOM SHMUEL AND CHASHA. HE LEARNED IN תּוֹרָה אֶהֱל תּוֹרָה (BARANOVITCH) UNDER R' ELCHONON BUNIM WASSERMAN, AND ALSO DEVELOPED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE מְשִׁיבָה (משגיח) ר' יִשְׂרָאֵל יַעֲקֹב, מְשִׁיבָה ר' לִיבְּרָחִים ר' לֵבֹוִיטִץ, WHO ASSIGNED HIM THE TASK OF SETTING UP THE מִדְרָשׁ בֵּית מִדְרָשׁ ר' צְבִי הִירֶשׁ. בְּיָמֵי מִלְחַמַּת הַיָּם, HE WAS ARRESTED AND SENT TO SIBERIA. IN 1945, HE WAS APPOINTED TO שֶׁרֶבֶת יוֹשֵׁבֵי הַפָּרִיז' ר' אֲבִרָמִים לִיבֶרמָן, A GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE מְשִׁיבָה ר' אֲבִרָמִים לִיבֶרמָן. IN 1950, HE MOVED TO AMERICA AND WAS INVITED BY R' AVROHOM KALMANOWITZ TO SERVE AS מְשִׁיבָה ר' אֲבִרָמִים לִיבֶרמָן OF MIR (BROOKLYN). HE DELIVERED FROM THE ALTER OF KELM AND NEVER MISSED OR REPEATED A שְׁעוּרָה FOR CLOSE TO 30 YEARS. HE WAS THE מְשִׁיבָה 'FATHER' OF HIS תַּלְמִידִים AND SERVED AS A BRIDGE TO THE KELMER מְשִׁיבָה OF EUROPE.



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