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כרשה: תרומה הפטרה: וה' נתן חכמה לשלמה... (מלכים א' ה:כו-ו:ג)

דף יומי: מועד קטן כ"ד ותן טל ומטר לברכה משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם ברכי נפשי (שבת מנחה)

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Torah Thoughts

וְעָשׂוּ לִי... וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכָם (שְׁמוֹת כה: ח).

They shall make a Sanctuary for Me — so that I may dwell among them.

The תורה does not tell ישראל to make a Sanctuary so that 'ד' can dwell in it; rather, the תורה says that the purpose of the Sanctuary is so that 'ד' can dwell inside every individual. This means that every person must prepare himself for the שְׁכִינָה, Divine Presence, to enter and pervade him.

In order for us to become a semblance of the מִשְׁכָּן, we must study the structure of the מִשְׁכָּן and understand what the מִשְׁכָּן was. The תורה tells us, וְעָשִׂיתָ אֶת הַקְּרָשִׁים לְמִשְׁכָּן עֲצֵי שֵׁטִים עֹמְדִים — *You shall make the planks of the מִשְׁכָּן of acacia wood, standing erect* (שְׁמוֹת ט: טו). שׂוֹי explains, *this means that the length of the planks shall be standing upright along the walls of the מִשְׁכָּן*. From here we infer that a בֵּן תוֹרָה has to stand erect when he leaves the יְשִׁיבָה. Even when he is outside on the street among others, he has to feel that he possesses the truth — the only truth — as the פְּסוּקָה says, וְנִגְבְּהָ לִבּוֹ בְדַרְכֵי ד' — *His heart was elevated in the ways of ד' (ו: יז)*.

The מוה"ל, R' Shlomo Miller, related that in his youth, when he was learning in the יְשִׁיבָה in Haifa, his ראש יְשִׁיבָה once had to travel out of the city, and he was asked to accompany the ראש יְשִׁיבָה. In those days, there were no settlements along the highway. All one could see for much of the journey was mountains, sea and unsettled

land.

At one point, the ראש יְשִׁיבָה asked the young R' Shlomo, "What so you see there?"

R' Shlomo looked in the direction the ראש יְשִׁיבָה was pointing, but he did not notice anything unusual.

"Look carefully," the ראש יְשִׁיבָה urged him.

Looking closely, he noticed a [10 years old] Arab boy, leading a huge herd of cows, bulls, sheep and goats.

"What can we learn from that?" the ראש יְשִׁיבָה asked him.

R' Shlomo did not know what to answer.

The ראש יְשִׁיבָה continued. "This young gentile is greatly outnumbered by his flock of animals. It would stand to reason that he should be influenced by them, and get down on all fours and walk just as they do. Why doesn't he do that? Because even he understands that he is a human being, and he is superior to the animals of his flock."

This is what we learn from the planks of the מִשְׁכָּן that stood erect. When we go out in the street, we should stand erect and not bring ourselves down by emulating the behavior of the two-legged beings we see out there in the street, even though they represent the vast majority of the humans in the world. We must recognize that they are on a lower level than us and as such we should certainly neither envy them nor their foolish ways.

Adapted from: Aleinu L'shabei'ach (with kind permission from ArtScroll)



Yahrtzeits of our Gedolim

ד' אדר א' 5601 – 5670 1841 – 1910
 R' Eliezer (also known as Laizer) was born in Chernian, Lithuania, to אברהם שמואל ר' Gordon, a תלמיד of R' Chaim of Volozhin זצ"ל. He learned at R' Yisrael Salanter זצ"ל's ישיבה in Kovno with R' Yitzchak Blazer זצ"ל, R' Simcha Zissel Ziv זצ"ל, and R' Naftali Amsterdam זצ"ל. He first served as a רב in Kovno for 3 months, before becoming the רב of Kelm, where he opened a ישיבה. Then he went to Slabodka for 6 months, and then to Telshe, to become the רב and ראש ישיבה. In 1897, he hired R' Leib Chasman as משגיח to help combat the influence of the השקלה. After a fire destroyed the Telshe ישיבה, R' Laizer went to London on a fund-raising mission and was נפטר there. He was buried in the Edmonton Federation Cemetery in London.

Gedolim Glimpses

In Telshe, R' Eliezer (Laizer) Gordon זצ"ל was deeply involved in communal affairs. At that time, מצה bakeries employed men, women, and even children during the day and throughout most of the night. R' Laizer issued strict orders to close all of Telshe's מצה bakeries by 11 p.m. His official reason for the order was that after that time the workers were too tired to maintain scrupulous כשרות standards. However, he told his family that his real purpose was to protect the workers from being exploited and overworked.



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On Temporary Leave

וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקִּדְשׁ ... וְכֵן תַּעֲשׂוּ (שְׁמוֹת כה: ח-ט)

They shall make for Me a מקדש...and so shall you do.

לְדוֹרוֹת וְלְדוֹרוֹת (סְנֵהֲדָרִין ט: ו) גְּמָרָא quotes רש"י for generations. The words תַּעֲשׂוּ וְכֵן seem redundant. This teaches us that all the vessels to be made for מִשְׁכָּן that are mentioned are to be included in all future generations, i.e., in any future בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ. Also, if any of the כְּלִים needed replacing, the new ones would need to be made the same way.

The אָמֶת explains לְדוֹרוֹת, for generations, homiletically. Every generation needs to have the same involvement and excitement in the building of the House for י' ד.

אֵיךְ לֹא יִשְׁלַח בְּנֵהוּ בְּמִיּוֹם הַיּוֹם וְהָרֶבֶב בְּמִיּוֹם הַיּוֹם - Any generation that does not see the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ built in its days, it is as if it was destroyed in its days. If a generation does not merit to have a strong enough will, if they would have had a strong enough will, it would have been built.



As the Jordanian army fought for the Old City of Jerusalem, the Jews living there were forced to retreat along with the soldiers. With the deafening sounds of mortar shells exploding in the background, laced with strings of machine-gun fire, the Old City had become a fierce battleground.

The scene was incredibly emotional. Leaving the most sacred city in the world triggered deep yearnings and emotions in the hearts of its local residents, but they had no choice — the time had come to leave their homes, לְשִׁבוּת, and shuls — in short, everything that was dear to them.

Disregarding the danger they faced, R' Ezra Attia, ראש ישיבה, and his colleague, R' David Laniado, went to rescue ר' בן ציון Chazan, who was hiding out in his home, waiting for the last possible moment to leave. When they reached his house, they were immediately moved to tears. ר' בן ציון was sitting on the floor,

לַמְּחִילָה of the city with the chapter of תְּהִלִּים על נהרות בָּבֶל, שֶׁם יִשְׁבְּנוּ גַם בְּכֵינוּ, בְּזִכְרֵנוּ ... צִיּוֹן.

R' Ezra cried bitterly at seeing this heartbreaking sight. When he composed himself, he mustered the strength to ask, "ר' בן ציון, what about the treasure houses of סְפָרַיִם? What happened to them?" His voice cracked as he feared the worst.

"They were all burned."

ר' בן ציון burst out crying as they then recited the קִינָה of שְׁאֲלֵי שְׂרֹפָה בְּאֵשׁ, which we read on תְּשַׁעָה בְּאָב, lamenting the burning of wagon-loads of the תְּלִמוּד in France in the year 1242.

"What about the shuls?" Again R' Ezra's question expressed doubts and worries.

"Many have been destroyed!"

As they sat on the floor mourning יְרוּשָׁלַיִם, the time had finally come for them to take leave of the city. R' Ezra placed his hand on ר' בן ציון's shoulder. "ר' בן ציון, don't cry. The time will come again soon when יְרוּשָׁלַיִם will be rebuilt. It won't be long until these מְקוֹמוֹת קְדוּשִׁים will once again be in our hands."

Not long afterward, יְשִׁיבַת פּוֹרֵת יוֹסֵף was rebuilt in a new location. At the ground-breaking ceremony, R' Ezra quoted a פְּסוּקָה from מִנְּחֵיחוֹ (58:12), one quite fitting for the occasion: מוֹסְדֵי דוֹר וָדוֹר תִּקְוָמָם, אַנְטִיקוּוּט וְעוֹלָם, אַנְטִיקוּוּט וְעוֹלָם, and you will restore generations-old foundations, אַנְטִיקוּוּט וְעוֹלָם, and they will call you, 'repairer of the breach,' and 'restorer of paths for dwelling.'

R' Ezra elaborated on this פְּסוּקָה: Found in the הַפְּטִירָה we read on כְּפֹר, it is י' ד's promise to every person that no matter what has been destroyed, it can be rebuilt. Whether it is a person who has lost his way or a nation that has lost its country, we can recover and reclaim that which we have lost ... but only if we truly want to.

Adapted from: **Several Sources** (with kind permission)

Focus on Middos

Dear תְּלִמִּיד,

R' Eliezer (Laizer) Gordon, ז"ל, the founder of the Telshe Yeshiva, married the daughter of R' Avrohom Neviazhsky, ז"ל. R' Laizer had a well-deserved reputation as one of the most outstanding young men in Eastern Europe. When R' Laizer became engaged to Sarah Miriam, it was agreed that his father-in-law would fully support him. In those days, it was common practice that the son-in-law used to live in the father-in-law's house. That is how R' Laizer was supported.

One community after another approached R' Laizer and asked him to become their רב. As a matter of courtesy, every time a community approached him regarding

becoming their רב, R' Laizer would respectfully ask his father-in-law for permission to take on the position. Invariably, his father-in-law insisted that R' Laizer remain with him, sitting and learning. R' Laizer's kind father-in-law told him not to worry, promising to continue to support him. This scenario repeated itself year after year.

Finally, the mother-in-law told her husband, "It is already time to have our son-in-law move on. We can not support him here forever." This seemingly logical argument did not persuade R' Avrohom.

He replied to his wife, "My dear wife, who knows whether we are sustaining R' Laizer with our money, or he is supporting us with his

תּוֹרָה? We never really know, who is supporting whom?"

Eventually, R' Gordon accepted a position and became a community רב. The day after he left his father-in-law's house, his father-in-law passed away.

My תְּלִמִּיד, who is helping who? This lesson does not only apply to תּוֹרָה learning; it applies in many other areas as well. Guiding a friend as he is going through difficult times may be the זְכוּת you need to protect yourself from facing similar challenging circumstances.

הֲיָה זְכוּתוֹ בְּרוּדָה!

בְּיָדֵינוּ,

רְבִי יָרָא

Story adapted from: **Rav Frand on the Parashah** (ArtScroll)

- The תְּרַגּוּם is read to understand the meaning of the תּוֹרָה. Therefore, it is important to understand difficult words when being סְדָרָה מַעֲבִיר.
- One who has difficulty understanding the תְּרַגּוּם, may substitute רש"י; אִם יָרָא שְׂמַיִם, should learn both. For the רש"י with no פְּסוּקָה, he should read the פְּסוּקָה three times.

Reviewed by R' Gedalyahu Eckstein

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

Halacha Corner

הלכות שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום



The 8th International Pirchei שובי"ם Contest

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All entries received before this Monday at 7:00 p.m. will be announced in the following week's newsletter (over 380 entries to date).

Below are the current contestants:

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LEARNING FROM OUR LEADERS

ONCE, A WEALTHY MAN CAME TO VISIT THE CHOFETZ CHAIM.

RABBEINU,
THE WINTERS ARE FRIGID
IN THIS PART OF RUSSIA AND
I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW MY
APPRECIATION BY LEAVING
REBBI THESE.

THESE ARE AN
EXPENSIVE PAIR OF
FUR-LINED GLOVES
- THANK YOU! BUT
I CANNOT ACCEPT
THESE...

PLEASE - REBBI, I
INSIST. IT WILL MEAN A
LOT TO ME IF THE RAV
ACCEPTS.

AFTER SEEING HOW MUCH IT MEANT TO HIM,
THE CHOFETZ CHAIM ACCEPTED THE GLOVES.

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE CHOFETZ CHAIM
BOARDED A TRAIN WITH A FEW OF HIS
תלמידים. HE WAS TRAVELING TO AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

IT'S A LITTLE
STUFFY IN HERE.

I'LL OPEN THE
WINDOW.

THE FUR-LINED GLOVES WERE PLACED
IN THE CHOFETZ CHAIM'S COAT POCKET.

A GUST OF WIND SUDDENLY CAME...

REBBI! ONE OF
YOUR GLOVES JUST
BLEW OUT OF THE
WINDOW!

WITHOUT HESITATION, THE CHOFETZ CHAIM
IMMEDIATELY REMOVED THE SECOND
GLOVE FROM HIS POCKET AND QUICKLY
THREW IT OUT OF THE TRAIN WINDOW.

REBBI!?!?

MY SON, IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO
FIND THE FIRST GLOVE, HE WILL HAVE NO USE
FOR IT ON ITS OWN. THE OTHER GLOVE IS OF NO
USE TO ME. MAY THE PERSON WHO FINDS THE
FIRST GLOVE AT LEAST BE ABLE TO MAKE USE
OF BOTH OF THEM.

ר' ישראֵל מאיר הלֵהוּ בֶּגֶן זְצ"ל WAS BORN IN ZHETEL, POLAND, TO אַרְיֵה זָאב AND ר' פּוּלְקוֹ דְבוֹרוּשָׁה. AFTER HIS FATHER WAS נִפְטָר WHEN HE WAS 10 YEARS OLD, HIS MOTHER MOVED WITH HIM TO VILNA TO FURTHER HIS תּוֹרָה LEARNING. AT THE AGE OF 17, THE חֶפֶץ חַיִּים MARRIED HIS STEPFATHER'S DAUGHTER, פְּרִיִדָּה EPSTEIN, AND SETTLED IN RADIN. THE חֶפֶץ חַיִּים SUBSISTED ON A SMALL GROCERY STORE WHICH HIS WIFE MANAGED AND HE DID THE "BOOKKEEPING". IN 1869, HE OPENED THE RADIN יִשְׁבִּיבָה. HIS NAME IS BASED ON HIS FIRST WORK, סֵפֶר חֶפֶץ חַיִּים, WHICH WAS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE סֵפֶר WRITTEN SOLELY ON THE LAWS OF לְשׁוֹן הָרַע. HE LATER WROTE 24 OTHER סֵפָרִים, INCLUDING HIS MAGNUM OPUS, THE מִשְׁנֵה בְּרוּרָה, WHICH HE SPENT 25 YEARS WRITING. AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֲגֻדַּת יִשְׂרָאֵל, THE חֶפֶץ חַיִּים WAS VERY INVOLVED IN JEWISH AFFAIRS AND ALL OF HIS סֵפָרִים WERE WRITTEN IN ORDER TO HELP IMPROVE יִשְׂרָאֵל. כָּלֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

