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decided to be entirely dedicated to serving the city. The Rav and his son each have their own unique, precious and holy roles within the city. If a person would have the opportunity to rely on a pot of food for the fire belonging to two people, never gets fully heated or completely cooled down (it just remains warm).

Some thoughts and Ideas based on... (4) Rav Yechezkel Sarna

A Gedolim incharacter for R’ Shneur Zalman of Liadi.

Yahrtzeits of our Gedolim

R’ Yosef Chaim Shneur Kotler, born in Slutzk, Russia, to R’ Yitzchak Kotler, born in Slutzk, Russia, to R’ Yaakov Yitzchak. In 1940, he escaped to England. There he learned in Bais Yakov. He led by his father, R’ Isser Zalman Meltzer, and attended Yeshivas given by R’ Yechezkel Sarana and the Brisker Rav. In 1947, he joined his father in Yeshivas. He became Reb Yisroel Breslover in 1962. He transformed Yeshivas from a 200 to almost 1000 students. A Yakov of the community of the Breslov Talmidei Chabad in the USA. He also pioneered establishing community centers in other countries, and served on the top of the Breslov Talmidei Chabad and Yeshivas. He devoted his life to help refugees from Russia and Iran.

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The Fourth Offense

 közביה המקברת את גנות

— Who is deemed a fool? Someone who goes out alone at night, who sleeps in a cemetery, and who tears his clothing (בָּחוּר מִצְּוָה). Such a person is exempt from doing misvot or from getting punished, and his business transactions are not considered valid. However, the person who goes on to say that he just did one action, i.e. he spent the night in the cemetery, I might say that he did it in order to conjure up evil spirits for magical purposes (see ר. ה: א, יב: ו, ב). If he just went out alone at night, I might say that he needed fresh air. If he just walked around with a torn garment, I could say that he was lost in thought and did not realize what he was doing. But if he did all of them, he has the קהל of a fool. He becomes like an ownerless ox who gored an ox, a donkey, and a camel — that is, an untrained animal that has a tendency to cause harm to other animals.

“Why can’t the explanation for his conduct be that he wants to perform magic, needs fresh air, and got distracted? Why does this mean that he is a fool? The answer is that the 3 constitute a הבת. I do not need to try find three different excuses when one is valid. However, the 

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An Ahavas Chessed Moment

If a large mixed group of people came to borrow money and there is not enough money for everyone, then the priority of lending is based on their level of קדושה, holiness. Usually this means that a רעה gets before a רעה, a רעה before a רעה, a רעה and is superior in קדושה, then his needs take precedence, and he receives the first allotment. The same rule of precedence applies to a נקבהRamah’s wife, even if he is not around.

Questions of the week

1. Why were the laws of נקבה מצות קדש taught immediately after the incident with קדש?
2. Why was the pledge of promising the נקבה מגילה a ברכת קהל called a ברכת קהל מכתשת קדש? — a covenant of salt?

An introduction to מימות גדולות שומרי תורה

• During שבועות (the three weeks from ערב שבת עד יום ט, ס, ט’), one should not make a party, unless it is a סעודת אָמָה. A סעודת אָמָה one should not have a live band. Some even forbid playing a tape with music at a סעודת אָמָה.

Reviewed by R Gedalyahu Eckstein

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

After R' Shneur Kotler succeeded R' Aharon Kotler, the enrollment at the school began to expand and R' Shneur was suddenly forced to raise funds day in and day out. The annual convention of 1000 people would gather for a long weekend to discuss the state of Torah and community related affairs, was a brief respite.

R' Yaakov Kamenetzky, the oldest member of the congregation at that time, was the highlight of the keynote session on Torah and community. R' Yaakov would always try to find a way to sneak up to the dais, usually through a back door, to avoid having the entire crowd arise upon seeing his presence.

In R' Shneur’s first year as Rebbe, R' Yaakov departed from his usual behavior. He engaged the much younger, R' Shneur in conversation outside the large ballroom and waited until everyone took their seats. Then R' Yaakov took R' Shneur by the hand and said, "I think it is time we took our seats." He proudly held R' Shneur by the arm and escorted him to the dais as the throng of people rose in awe.

R' Shneur, stunned by R' Yaakov’s apparent departure from his trademark humility, asked him why he did not go through the back as was his usual custom.

"R' Shneur," he explained, "your Rebbitzen is sitting in the auditorium. The entire year she sees you in a much-dishonored light. You run from donor to donor in order to keep the open and all she sees are people knocking on your door with their problems. Yet she stands beside you faithful and unwavering. It is time that she sees that you get a little geburah." My rebbe, this was a lesson that R' Shneur would remember his entire life. He would constantly encourage his talmidim to grow spiritually in their Torah study by personally getting involved. His greatest honor was the geburah he gave to his talmidim.

Your Rebbe,

Your Rabbi

Story from an 'inikke' of R' Yakov Kamenetzky

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ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE FOLLOWING WEEK...

PLEASE HURRY UP, WE ARE DAVENING MINCHA BEFORE PLAG HAMINCHA. REMEMBER WE WILL BE DAVENING KABOLAS SHABBOS AT PLAG HAMINCHA TIME.

OY! I MUST RUN AND REMIND MY WIFE TO HURRY UP TOO...

WITH PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE THE RAV BROKE THE CITY’S OLD HABIT...

GEBBE, IT’S AMAZING! OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE NOW SAYING, “NOVARDOKERS ARE READY FOR K’RIAS SHEMAY AL HAMITAH WHEN WE ARE STILL SAYING L’CHO DOD!!”

BORUCH HASHEM! I WILL TELL YOU WHY I CHANGED THE OLD MINHAS!

I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE WATER CARRIER THAT REGULARLY NEEDED TO WORK LATE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

SINCE THE RAV CHANGED THE MINHAS, I CAN’T START COOKING SO LATE FOR SHABBOS. PLEASE CAN YOU DELIVER THE WATER EARLIER IN THE WEEK...

SURE!

BECAUSE THE RAV’s CHANGES...