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It was already late afternoon on Erev Kippur and saw the elderly Rav running. where are you Hamafsekes [the last meal before Yom Kippur] Learning from our Leaders Hildesheimer was eating the Seudah Кְהִלָּה Hildesheimer was eating the Seudah קְהִלָּה Kеlіl Yisrael Learning from our Leaders Yisroel! A visiting Herr Lehmann, rabbiner with an emergency, the rule is take it - but return it as quickly as possible. Rabbiner, the rule is:

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To Go In His Ways

The due date of the loan the borrower was not able to repay his debt, to give the person lending the money some sort of collateral (וֹמָא was found guilty after the officer stated his side of the story.)[1]

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**An Ahavas Chesed Moment**

*Any loan of a substantial sum of money usually requires the borrower to give the person lending the money some sort of collateral (a security that is at least equal in value to the loan that is held until the loan has been fully repaid). Usually, the collateral is given before the money changes hands. However, if the lender did not request collateral and on the due date of the loan the borrower was not able to repay his debt, then the lender may not force the borrower to bring him collateral; he also cannot take any collateral without full permission.*

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### Questions of the week

1. Why does mention מִיתַת אַהֲרֹן between the incidents of מִצְׁוָה and מִצְוָה אָרוֹן?

2. Where in this week’s קְרַפֶּת do we find a מִצְלַע that the of מִצָּלַע is to daven with the heart?

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

Dear Rabbi,

Once someone brought his three-year-old son to the home of R’ Yaakov Yisroel Kanievsky from Russia, known as the Steipler Gaon, so that the Steipler Gaon could start the boy’s first haircut, reminding him that he had also been a barber at the boy’s bar mitzvah.

The Steipler Gaon commented with a smile, “If someone had made such a request to the Brisker Rav in his youth, he would have answered right away, ‘I am not a barber.’”

The boy’s father spoke up quickly, “But I do not mean for the Rebbe to give him a complete haircut. Just one cut, a few strands!”

Even so, the Steipler Gaon was still quite uncomfortable to have such an honor thrust upon him. With a little reluctance, he picked up the scissors and fulfilled the request, only because he could never turn down anyone asked of him. Then he gave the boy a very warm b’racha, and the father and son left.

A few days later, the father returned to the Steipler to share with him the happy news that he had just been blessed with another son. The Steipler Gaon answered him in a very perturbed manner.

“For the last few days I just have not had any peace. Why did I have to make such a fuss over your son’s haircut? Why should I refuse any Jew’s request of me? What possessed me to bring the Brisker Rav into the story? When you asked me to cut the child’s hair, I should have done it graciously. Really, all of this is only because of my own bad moharam, and I have to ask your forgiveness. Please tell me that you forgive me completely.”

My Rabbi, the Steipler was so agitated by the remote possibility of having hurt another person’s feelings, that he begged for forgiveness. Imagine if we intentionally hurt a friend’s feelings, how much more so must we beg for his forgiveness!

Yi’hi tov u’katom.

Your Rabbi.

—Rabbi Paysach Krohn

Sage Sayings

A few days later, the Steipler once heard the Steipler Gaon muttering to himself one night, “I have many outstanding debts to pay!” The friend understood he was referring to his learning obligations. He tried to reassure him by saying he could pay off his ‘debt’ the next day. The Steipler shook his head and said, “I may not pay off my debt to the teacher, but if I haven’t paid him off, I’ll pay him off tomorrow! —No! No! Tomorrow I will have new debts!”

—Rav Koeve, Brisker Rebbe

Understanding Davening

A psalm of David, to my God and my salvation, who rejoices in me. (Psalm 18:16)

It is a widely accepted custom to recite this prayer on weekdays at the strokes of the sixth hour. This is based on the statement of the Rambam that the phrase, “A psalm of David, to my God and my salvation,” refers to a passage from the Psalms in which King David offers his prayers to God. The phrase, “who rejoices in me,” indicates that the person is happy to have a relationship with God. This is a reminder to us that we should be happy to have a relationship with God as well.

Erev Shabbos Learning Contest

The latest Pirchei Newsletter contest is designed to make your Yom Tov Sheminit befitting and memorable. During the weeks leading up to Erev Shabbos, learn at least 45 minutes before every Yom Tov Sheminit in your home, in your local community, or at your Yeshiva. Learn for an hour or more and get an additional raffle entry. There is no particular subject to learn — you can even review material previously covered.

To participate, submit your weekly email to shnayimikrahcontest@gmail.com by Monday 2:00 pm. Please include your name, grade, school, city, state, and phone number. Your email will be entered into a drawing to win a beautiful set of manekhot and hakolos from the Steipler Gaon’s sons.

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My dear children, Papa had an emergency and ate by himself quickly. He asked that we bentch without him.

Oy, vey... what could have happened? Der Rabbiner is always here early!

R’ Yisroel Salanter was in Berlin that Yom Kippur and saw the elderly Rav running.

Herr Rabbiner, R’ Hildesheimer, where are you running to?

Oy, R’ Yisroel! A visiting commanding officer has refused to grant his Jewish soldiers leave on Yom Kippur! This is illegal - I researched the military ruling.

The officer read the ruling from the military regulations manual...

Rabbiner, you were right! Your concern is to be admired. Leave of absence is granted to all Jewish soldiers in this battalion!

Officer, thank you, and may you be blessed!

R’ Ezriel was born in Halberstadt, Prussia (Germany) to Reb Lieb and a Siegel Hildesheimer. From age 17 he became a Schüler, disciple of R’ Yaakov Ettlinger (The Gerrer) in Altona. In 1844, he married Henrietta Hirsch (a descendant of the Rema). He merited that he never needed to accept pay for his rabbinical activities. In 1851, he became Rav of Eisenstadt (capital of the Herzegowina), Hungary. He founded a school and a yeshiva that attracted many students. In 1869 he took over a new school in Berlin called Lehmann’s. He established a religious school, as well as a yeshiva that he opened with 30 former students. A hardworking, fearless and dynamic leader, he often advocated on behalf of the government and even had strong ties with the court of Kaiser Wilhelm. Aided by Reb Levi Lehmann, he energetically fought against the new tide of Reform. Although frequently engaged in Yiddish for his own benefit, he advocated for the Jews of Germany/Austria/Prussia, and even Abyssinia/Persia. A master in Talmud and Halacha, he authored many mikves and Sefer Hadorim, and was emunah in the Rebbe and among others.

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