



Ohr Yerushalayim News

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Minyanim Next Week

There will be a second minyan for Shacharis every day next week during the holiday season.

Sunday - Asoroh B'Teves

A reminder that Sunday is Asoroh B'Teves. The Ta'anis starts at 6.27am. There are two minyanim for Shacharis at 7.00am and 8.00am. Mincha and Maariv are at 3.30pm and the Ta'anis ends at 4.47pm.

Rov's Gemara Shiur

The Rov's Gemara shiur will be starting Maseches Shabbos this week. Shiurim take place on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8.20pm at 48 Waterpark Road.

Please contact the Rov for further information

Mishnayos Shiur

We will be starting to learn Mishnayos Shabbos this week in the Rov's Mishnayos shiur between the second Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos.

Looking To The Future

Please see the back page for details of the get-together sessions with the Rov, facilitated by Dave Levine.

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Imperfections Of Others Never Go Away Yitzchok Steinhaus

The Gemorah tells us, when a person travels on a journey he must always include an element of learning Torah, even something as small as the Halachic rule "Yochid V'rabim Halacha C'rabim". A dispute between an individual and a group, the Halachic ruling follows the view of the group despite the strength of the individual.

The Minchas Yitzchok explains; Hashem has many names. One of the more obscure names is spelt **Yud Vov Hey Cof** this name represents the "Shem Shmira" the guardian name of Hashem. The letters of this name allude to the first letters of the Halacha "Yochid V'rabim Halacha C'rabim", hence the Gemorah mentions that specific Halacha in relation to learning on a journey.

After the brothers found out their interrogator and captor was none other than their long lost brother Yosef, Yosef sent the brothers back to Yakov with a message "Al Tirgazu BaDerech" Do not tally on the way. (45:24) Rashi explains, Yosef advised the brothers not to delve into Halachic matters on the journey home. What was the meaning of this message Yosef gave his brothers?

Answers Rabbi Chaim Kaufman zt"l, Yosef was concerned that should the brothers start discussing Halachic issues they may come onto the Halacha of Yochid V'rabim Halacha C'rabim. This in turn may cause the brothers to justify their original actions. They sold Yosef as a Rabim, a group, whilst Yosef remained the individual and once again, despite all they had just been through, see the imperfections of Yosef. For this matter Yosef advised them not to discuss any Halacha so as not to come to such a situation.

A story is told about a young man who travelled through many foreign lands in search of a master craftsman from whom he could learn a trade. After a while he returned home and announced to his family that he had become an expert designer of chandeliers. I have become so talented in my new-found trade, he explained, that my work far surpasses even the greatest masterpieces of my teacher. Then, realising that the family was a bit dubious about the measure of his success, he asked his father to invite the leading chandelier craftsmen in the city to view a sample of his own creation.

The craftsmen came and carefully examined the young man's work. They all agreed that they had never before laid eyes on such a monstrosity. It's a disgrace to our entire profession, said one, though this particular piece right here is quite good. It's absolutely hideous, said another, but that particular piece over there is excellent. It should be burned, said a third, so that others need not suffer the experience. However, he added, that piece there is perfection itself.

When they had gone, the young man approached his father and said, now you know that I was not exaggerating at all, I am indeed the master of all master craftsmen. His father looked at him in bewilderment. What do you mean? He exclaimed. You heard their conversation; your chandelier is a monstrosity!

I heard, replied the young man. However, did you notice that each of the craftsmen admired a particular piece of my work, but no two craftsmen admired the same piece? For when I was abroad I studied the work of each of these men. Then I decided to make a chandelier which combined all of their imperfections. Today you saw every craftsman recognise the imperfections of his associates, while pointing to his own mistake and seeing it as nearly perfect.

The Week Ahead

שבת פרשת ויגש

Candle Lighting and Shabbos	3.39pm
Mincha	3.44pm
Seder Halimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	10.16am
Mincha 1st Minyan / 2nd Minyan	1.30pm / 3.49pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	4.19pm
Maariv & Motzei Shabbos	4.54pm
Ovos uBonim	5.54pm
Sunday 1st/2nd Minyan - טבת	7.00am/8.00am
Sunday Mincha & Maariv	3.30pm
Monday / Thursday	7.10/8.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	7.20/8.20am
Mincha & Maariv Mon - Thurs	3.40pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	3.50pm (Shabbos 3.45pm)

The Aleph-Beis of Relationships

Rabbi Label Lam (Torah.org)

And now it was not you who sent me here but G-d; He has set me as a father to Pharaoh... (Breishis 45:8)

As a father: As a friend and as a patron. (Rashi)

The Maharal from Prague explains why Rashi includes both roles of "friend" and "patron". If he would have said "friend" alone then we would have been left with the misimpression that his relationship with Pharaoh was limited to being some kind of coequal. Therefore the term "patron" is employed which implies that he guided Pharaoh the way a father guides his child. The term "patron" is insufficient because that would signal that he, Yosef had some kind of authority over Pharaoh. Pharaoh was in fact the King and Yosef was his subject. The power of his influence was due to his "friendship" rather than legal authority. Therefore the description "patron" also needs also to be tempered by the term "friend".

In trying to understand the meaning of Rashi we may also have stumbled upon a clear definition and a reliable job description. What is the task of a father?

The Chovos HaLevavos writes the following unqualified "if" "then" formula for success in relationships: "If a person has a wife or relatives or friends or enemies he should rely on G-d that he will be saved from being overly busied and troubled by them. He should try to fulfill his obligations to them and satisfy their needs with a full heart, and he should not put his burdens upon them. He should be concerned about things that are good for them and he should be reliable to them in all their matters. He should teach them good and correct conduct in matters of Torah and matters of the world, that which will help them in the service of The Creator... And these good things that he does for them should not be so that he will receive a reward for this and not with the intention that they will help him when he will need their help, and not because he loves honor and he seeks the praise they will give him for this, and not to rule over them but rather his intention should be only to fulfill the Mitzvos of his Creator, to keep His Torah, and to carry out his obligations to them. Anyone who is busy with their needs for any of these agendas will not achieve what he hopes to achieve in this world and his efforts will have been in vain and he will lose his

reward in the next world. However, if he benefits others only with the intention to serve G-d, then G-d will help him so that goodness will redound to him in this world and He will place his praise in their mouths and He will increase his esteem in their eyes and he will have earned a great reward in the world to come."

It was 21 years ago that I asked a Rebbe of mine the secret of raising a wonderful Jewish family. He told me, "Don't get personally involved!" His words mystified my wife and me for a long while. We had one little baby at the time and he was the apple of our eye. Every gurgle was poetry. We had taken hundreds of rolls of film in the first few months alone. (We have no pictures of his brother, our second child, at that age.) Are we to be cold and distant? It took years to appreciate the profundity of his words.

Sometimes a parent has to be like a judge. Coolly banging the gavel and declaring, "Motion denied!" What about emotions!? Are they denied? No! I have a phrase, "Feelings are real to the feeler, but they don't rule." The good parent has to float like a boat. The boat is in the water, touching the waves, but not being pulled down into the water. If a boat is not equipped to be a submarine and it becomes submerged in the swirl of emotions, it's lost. The best part of the boat must float securely above the cries, focusing on what's best for the child. "I know you want xyz dear! The answer is still "NO!"

We can learn practically from Rashi's definition of an AV (Aleph-Beis). Yosef was both a friend to Pharaoh, and a guide. His ability to direct Pharaoh was not based upon legal leverage. He didn't have that type of authority. Rather it's an outgrowth of trust that develops when one senses that somebody is doing things for his good. Simply that's what a father does. It's also the **Aleph-Beis of relationships!**

Brainteasers

Here is this week's brainteaser based on the sedra:

1. There is a 12-world posuk whose translation by אונקלוס is identical to the original. Which is it?
2. Another 12-world posuk whose translation by אונקלוס is one word different to the original. Which is it?

Answer Next Week ...

Last Week's Answer

1 In which two ways is the Maftir this week unique

It's the longest Maftir and the only one which spans two Sedras

2. Where else apart from Chanuka can one find the phrase 'מעוז צור ישועתי' ?

In the סליחה entitled שחר קמתי סליחה said on the 3rd day of סליחות

Make Your Voice Heard



Looking to the future, the Rov will be holding a series of informal get-togethers facilitated by Dave Levine.

These sessions are an opportunity for members to discuss any issues of concern together with suggestions as to how our Kehillah should look over the next 3-5 years.

We will hold three sessions:

Ladies and girls	Sun Dec 27th 8.30 pm
Men	Tues Dec 29th at 8.30 pm
Boys (from 12 years and upwards)	Wed Dec 30th at 7.00pm

All sessions will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs Dave Levine, 4 Mayfield Road, Salford.

Please confirm to Dave if you can attend on 07875 538735 or via email davidjblevine@gmail.com.