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פרשה: תרומה הפטרה: זה' נתן חכמה לשלמה... (מלכים א' ה:כו-ו:יג)

פורים קטן יהיה ביום ו' הבא עלינו לטובה!

דף יומי: בבא קמא ק"ז משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם ותן טל ומטר לברכה ברכי נפשי (שבת מנחה)

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משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה

Torah Thoughts

ועשית שולחן עצי שטים ... (שמות כה: כג)

And you shall make a table of acacia (שטים) wood.

The שולחן was made of acacia wood, as were the ארון and מזבח. This was undoubtedly an extremely fine wood, suitable for the lofty purpose of being part of the holy מושכן.

רבנינו ב"ח finds an additional significance in the use of this wood, which is called שטים. He explains that the letters of the word שטים form an acronym for the words שְׁלוֹם, טוֹבָה, שְׁלֵוָה, and יְשׁוּעָה, which mean *peace, goodness, salvation and forgiveness*. This hinted at an important message for the nation: All the special gifts the Jewish people enjoyed, which these four blessings encompass, came to them through the conduit of the שולחן and the בית המקדש.

But what about in our times, when we no longer have these items? How can we continue to receive these 'timeless' gifts?

רבנינו ב"ח answers this question by citing a famous בזמן שביית המקדש קיים מזבח מכפר על אדם; " (כ"ז). חגיגה in גמרא בית — עבשיו שולחנו של אדם מכפר עליו. During the time that the בית המקדש was standing, the מזבח atoned for a person's sins.

Now that the בית המקדש is no longer standing, a person's table grants him atonement."

Which *table* atones for us and brings us blessings now that we no longer have the בית המקדש? Our dining room table! If we feed the poor, welcome travelers and host guests at our table, then the dining room table — or the kitchen table, for that matter — becomes our own personal מזבח of atonement.

רבנינו ב"ח concludes on an awesome note: "There is a custom among the pious people in France to construct their coffins from wood taken from their dining-room table."

Picture it: The people who have known the deceased, who have sat at his table, come to his funeral and see him being buried in a coffin that looks just like that table!

The message is clear, says רבנינו ב"ח. After 120 years, a person takes nothing of lasting value along with him to the עולם הזה. The only "things" that will accompany a person to the עולם הבא are the תורה that he learned, the מצוות that he fulfilled, the צדקה that he gave to people in need, and the goodness that he shared with others around his table.

Adapted from: Peninim on the Torah (with kind permission of Rabbi A.L. Scheinbaum)



Yahrzeits of our Gedolim

ט' אדר 5681 – 5761 ר' שמואל זצ"ל, born in Nuremberg, Germany, to ר' זושא Zahn and זושא Zahn, learned in the Wurzburg Seminary and became very close to ר' Weiss. In 1939, he escaped to England, where he joined and was a תלמיד מובהק of ר' משה Schneider. While ר' שמואל was yet a בחור, ר' Dessler invited him to join the Gateshead Kollel. In 1945, R' Zahn married Bergmann's daughter. In 1946, at the request of R' Dessler and R' Shakowitzky, he became a מנהיג שער, then a beloved ראש ישיבה, and eventually the רב of Sunderland in 1981. He wrote נגס (מחשבה) and בית שמואל. In the early 1990s he became נשיא אגודת ישראל (UK) and was the voice of Anglo Jewry.

Gedolim Glimpses

When R' Shammai Zahn זצ"ל visited R' Yisroel Yaakov Kanievsky זצ"ל, the Steipler Gaon stood up. R' Zahn was taken aback by the gesture of כבוד, but in his typical self-effacing manner exclaimed, "Surely the רבי is standing up for my white beard!" The Steipler Gaon replied with a smile, "Nein! Nein! There are many white beards that come to visit בני ברק that I do not stand up for!"



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One More Hello

... מאת כל איש אשר ידבנו לבו ... (שמות כה: ב)

... From every man whose heart motivates him ...

The **נשיאים** thought that they would fill any shortfall in the collections for the building of the **משכן**, but they had totally **underestimated** the generosity and kindheartedness of some of the **ordinary people**.

One evening in 1975, the staff of Camp Kol Rina met to explore some innovations in their summer program. A staff member had been a **מדרש** in the **אגודה** boys' camp in England. "We have a special day every summer called **קדוש השם** Day," he said. "Every bunk tries to make a **קדוש השם** — each boy on his own level." The staff liked the idea, and they implemented it.

That summer, R' Hillel David **שליטיא** gave **שעורים** to staff members. R' Lipa Geldwerth was one of the **רביים**. Upon hearing the idea of **קדוש השם** Day, R' David said to R' Geldwerth, "There is a **shul** here that I often drive by. It's always locked with rusty chains and looks as if it hasn't been used in years. I think it would be a beautiful thing if there could be a **מנן** in that **shul** one more time. Perhaps we could clean it up, or even make some repairs, and **daven** there. It would be a **קדוש השם**." R' Geldwerth agreed that it was a fine idea and enlisted the oldest bunk to carry it out.

R' Geldwerth located the man who had the **shul's** keys. On the appointed morning, R' David, R' Geldwerth, the boys of the oldest bunk, and a few older men from the area all came to the **shul**. One man wore a homemade cardboard **yarmulke**, another was wearing only his **יד** **שלי**, while a third sat bewildered staring blankly at an old **סדור**.

However, Izzy Brooks, who had his own **סדור**, wore his **טלית** and **תפילין** as though he put them on daily and was totally familiar with the davening. R' Geldwerth asked him to serve as **בצל תפילה**. Izzy readily accepted. After **שחרית**, R' Geldwerth approached Izzy, complimenting him on his davening. Izzy told him that he had not missed a Monday or Thursday **מנן**, when they read from the **תורה**, since the First World War!

"But isn't the **shul** closed?" asked R' Geldwerth.

"Ever since our **shul** closed," Izzy said, "I drive twice a week to the **shul** in Liberty in my truck."

"But this **shul** seems so clean ..." said R' Geldwerth. "And what about the Ezras Torah calendar on the back wall? I see it's turned to the right page for this month. Who does that? What is the story of this **shul**?"

Izzy sighed. "In 1907 my father came with our family from the town of Suvalk (Lithuania) to America. In those days, there were more than 30 farms owned by Jews in the area and there was a **מנן** three times a day, as everyone took turns davening on different farms on a rotating basis. After a while, my father said that it's not right that we don't have a regular **shul** to **daven** in. He was a carpenter, so one day, he and I began building this **shul**. We finished in 1912.

"We had a **מנן** here every single day, throughout WWI, the Depression, until WWII. During the war, many of the young boys were drafted into the army and it got harder to have a **מנן**. Afterwards, many boys didn't make it back, and some who did were no longer religious and didn't care to come to **shul**. So we struggled with the daily **מנן**. Then we could have a **מנן** only on **שבת**. The last time we had a **מנן** on Shabbos was in 1955. Since then, the **shul** is open only twice a year — on **יום כפור**, and on **פורים** — for the party." Izzy was embarrassed to reveal that the **shul** he loved was not even open on **ראש השנה**.

"But the **shul** is so clean! ... And what about the calendar?"

Izzy felt self-conscious. "You see," he began slowly, "I am the only one with the keys. Every **ראש חודש** I come here and wipe off all the dust from the tables, chairs and **קודש**. Then, before I leave, I turn the page on the calendar to the right month. I do it because this is the place where G-d lives. You see, the **שול** still has His soldiers."

Izzy Brooks lacked **נשיכה** training. Yet, his dignified care and concern for the **הקביה's** dwelling place in this world is a lesson in **קדוש** from which we can all learn.

Adapted from: **Reflections of the Maggid** (with kind permission from ArtScroll)

Focus on Middos

Dear **תלמיד**,

R' Shammai Zahn, **נצי"ל**, was a **גאון** not just in his learning but in his **מסירת נפש** for his **תלמידים**. Beginning in 1951, he would journey to Morocco in order to bring **תלמידים** to the yeshiva. He dedicated himself to these **תלמידים** and arranged their **פסח סדרים**, summer camps, wardrobes and even their weekly pocket money.

R' Zahn was once collecting for the **נשיכה** in a nearby town, West-Hartlepool, England. He finished his door-to-door collection late at night. He had no car, the last train returning to Sunderland had left earlier in the day and all the hotels were closed for the night. He somehow found his way to the local police

station and explained his predicament to the desk sergeant. He then requested permission to sleep in one of the cells. Respectful of the smiling Rabbi, the British policeman allowed R' Zahn to spend the night in a prison cell.

On another occasion, R' Zahn was returning from collecting for the **נשיכה** in Scandinavia. The seas were rough, and due to heavy storms, the return trip was very slow and rocky. His boat finally arrived on Friday not long after **שבת** had begun. He remained standing on the deck of the boat, unable to remove his luggage. A local priest passed by and asked why he did not disembark. R' Zahn then explained the **הלכות** of **שבת** that were pertinent regarding **מקצת**, **מלאכות הוצאה**, **תחום שבת**, and said that he

would stay on the boat unless a gentile could assist him. The priest got the message. Together they walked through the streets with the priest leading the way. He carried the **רב's** luggage, **טלית** and **תפילין** and checked him in at a local hotel.

My **תלמיד**, R' Zahn's beautiful heart and pure **מסירת נפש** was able to create a **ד' קדוש** and win over the heart of anyone he met. He lived the **תורה** he learned and his **מדות טובות** were his hallmark. Is it any wonder that he was **זוכה** to produce some of the greatest and most famous **מרבצי תורה** from England?

יהי זכרו ברוך!

בגידיות,

Your **רבי**

A letter from a Rebbi, based on interviews

- **יום טוב** of **פרישה** is not required for the **שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום**.
- One should read **וְזאת הברכה** on **השענה** **רבא**.
- One who reads **וְזאת הברכה** **עצרת** still fulfills his obligation.

- The **מנהג** is also to read / review the **הפטרה** before davening on **שבת** morning.
- Completing **שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום** showers us with many **ברכות**, including longevity. May we be all **זוכה** to complete it weekly.

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.

The 10th International Pirchei שמו"ת Contest

This week 17 of our 10th Annual Pirchei Newsletter International תרגום ופירוש contest.

In פירוש, a child must normally fulfill the complete מצוה. Regarding תרגום ופירוש, שנים מקרא ואחד תרגום was of the opinion that a child should be trained in stages, similar to our סדרות: 1st and 2nd grade (6+) should complete the פירוש until פירוש, 3rd grade (8+) until פירוש, 4th grade (9+) until פירוש, 5th grade (10+) until פירוש, 6th grade (11+) until פירוש, 7th and 8th grades (12+) complete the פירוש.

Is your school or city represented in the Pirchei International תרגום ופירוש contest? Every week is a new opportunity to enter this raffle! **Any** week you and your school can join and become part of this amazing פירוש. You can be part of hundreds of the children who are igniting the world with the פירוש of this unique פירוש as an פירוש!

It is not too late to enter the contest. To become a part of this amazing פירוש, please send a weekly פירוש 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 פירוש.

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THE PASSING OF A GREAT CHASSIDIC LEADER!

One might not expect to read a memorial about a Chassidic rebbe written by a secular Jew in Los Angeles, California. But this past Sunday as I awoke to the news of the passing of the Kaliver rebbe, Menachem Mendel Taub...

I MUST SHARE MY STORY...

It was a Friday night in September 2009, and my childhood best friend was to be married...

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PLACES OF WORSHIP AROUND TOWN... AND THIS IS THE KALIVER REBBE'S SYNAGOGUE.

WHO IS HE?

Our host began to tell me the story of the Kaliver rebbe, Menachem Mendel Taub.

...HE LOST HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. HE WAS TORTURED AND BARELY SURVIVED THE WAR UNABLE TO HAVE ANY FUTURE CHILDREN... HE IS A CHASSIDIC RABBI WITHOUT A BEARD OR CHILDREN...

WOW! THAT'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL! I WANT TO PRAY HERE!!

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY REMAIN OF A MAN WHO LOST SO MUCH? WOULD THERE BE A SENSE OF SADNESS IN HIS CONGREGATION?

I had attended many Shabbat services in my life but never one like this.

I MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THIS LANGUAGE, BUT I DON'T NEED TO! EVERYONE IS SO FULL OF JOY! HE HAS SUCH A WARM MELODIOUS VOICE, SO FULL OF VICTORY OVER HIS TORMENTORS! MY KNEES ARE BUCKLING... I FEEL FAINT...

יבנה המקדש,
עיר ציון תמלא...

I cried, but not tears born of sadness, tears moved by miracles... I returned home to Los Angeles and made immediate changes in my life. I began observing Shabbat religiously, and I now put on tefillin every morning six days a week... My life was forever changed by the briefest of encounters with the leader of the Kaliv hassidic dynasty...

THE KALIVER REBBE NEVER REALLY KNEW HOW MANY YIDDEN HE BROUGHT CLOSER TO HASHEM!

ר' רוזלר רבי (ROZLER REBBE) AND ר' יחיאל (YICHYAL) WAS BORN TO MENACHEM MENDEL TAUB. HE RELATED THAT HE HAD ONCE MISSED 3 DAYS OF LEARNING BEFORE WWII WHEN HE WAS ILL AND HE SAW HIS MOTHER SHED COPIOUS TEARS. HE MARRIED BEFORE WWII. HE FREQUENTLY INVOKED THE MEMORY OF THE JEWISH MARTYRS, AND ENCOURAGED THE RECITAL OF THE SHema YISRAEL. HE UPLIFTED AUDIENCES AND BROUGHT THEM CLOSER TO D BY SINGING MANY OF THE HEARTFELT SONGS THAT HE COMPOSED [INCLUDING THE FAMOUS "SZDL A KAKAS MaR..."]. HIS WRITINGS INCLUDED THE SHema YISRAEL: TESTIMONIES OF DEVOTION, COURAGE, AND SELF-SACRIFICE, AMONG OTHERS.

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