

# P' Ki Tavo • פ' כי תבוא

## PARNAS HAYOM ELUL

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

### 7 Elul

Gabi Cohen in memory of Brother, Meir Cohen (Meyer Mikhael ben Yitzchak, z"l)

### 8 Elul

Rabbi Sidney Shoham in memory of Father, Harav Yechiel Dovid ben Harav Shmuel Yosef, z"l

### 8 Elul

Remer/Bratin family in memory of Husband, Father & Father-in-law Joseph Remer (Yehudah ben Aharon, z"l)

### 11 Elul

Kamal Gabay in memory of Father-in-law, Menashe Mashaal (Menashe ben Yehezkiel, z"l)

### 13 Elul

Norman Sternthal in memory of Father, Joel Sternthal (Yoel ben Yehuda Nachman, z"l)

### 20 Elul

Renee Lieberman in memory of Father, Max Brooks (Mordechai ben Benzion Chaim HaLevi, z"l)

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## "True Joy"



וּבְאוּ עֲלֵינֶךָ כָּל הַקְּלָלוֹת  
 הָאֵלֶּה וּרְדִפוּנֶךָ וְהַשִּׁיגוּנֶךָ עַד  
 הַשְּׁמֵדֶנֶךָ כִּי לֹא שָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹל  
 ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשָׁמֵר מִצְוֹתָיו  
 וְחֻקֹּתָיו אֲשֶׁר צִוְּךָ : וְהָיוּ בְּךָ  
 לְאוֹת וּלְמוֹפְתִים וּבְזָרְעֶךָ עַד  
 עוֹלָם : תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר לֹא עֲבַדְתָּ  
 אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְטוֹב לֵב מְרֹב כָּל :  
 (דברים כח)

(And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because you did not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. And they shall be upon you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, when everything was abundant.)

The Torah reveals to us that the root of all the calamities that would befall the Jewish people are because "you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, when everything was abundant".

The Meshech Chochma (Devarim 28:47) illuminates this verse in a novel way. The Torah tells us that the reason why we did not serve Hashem properly was because we were only joyful when everything was in abundance. In other words, in order to serve Hashem properly, a Jew must live with satisfaction with what he has. Just as our sages taught (Avot 4:5): "Who is rich? One who is satisfied with his lot." And just as the verse states (Devarim 26:11):

"ושמחת בכל הטוב אשר נתן לך ה' אלקיך"

(And you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you)

A person's joy must be rooted in the fact that God gave it to him.

The Mechech Chochma further explains that the problem in not serving Hashem properly does not lie in the fact that you did not have joy in your life. You were joyful. Rather, the problem lies in the fact that the joy that you did have only existed because "everything was abundant". You were only joyful when what you had was more than "normal". This is the root of the problem! In reality Hashem provides with no mistakes and His goodness reveals itself in all things even the most simple and the most regular things.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon all of us to be joyful and to be thankful for all that we have and to understand that all that we have has its origins in the kindness of Hashem. The responsibility ultimately falls on us to see that Hashem's kindness is found in every corner and to recognize that our lives themselves are a kindness of Hashem.

R. Levi said in the name of R. Hannayeh (Breishit Rabbah 14): "After each and every breathe that a man takes, he must exalt the Creator. What is the reason?"

כל הנשמה תהלל י-ה (תהלים קט)

(Let everything that has breath praise the LORD)

**Shana Tova and may you be blessed with true joy, Rav Yishai Lisner.**

## TRIBUTE CARDS

With your donation of \$18.00 or more KTM will send a card to mark the occasion of a birth, anniversary, engagement, marriage, speedy recovery, holiday greetings, birthday, or in memory of.

## This week's Daf is sponsored by:

Edie and Phil Friedman  
 in honour of  
 the bar mitzvah of their son  
 Charlie.

16th of Elul 5769  
 September 5, 2009  
 Haftara: Isaiah 60:1-22  
 Shabbat Begins: 7:10pm  
 Shabbat Ends: 8:10pm



## Familiar Voices from Israel Reflections of Former Montrealers

There are a lot of transitions to make when you come from Montreal to Israel. Perhaps the most radical is the realization that in Israel – unlike Montreal – not everyone is all “happy clappy” all the time. Here in Israel, when people are in a bad mood and have no patience for you, they let you know. For example: In Montreal, you can come to the check-out counter at IGA and the girl at the checkout counter may have just had a huge fight with her parents, broke-up with her boyfriend and may be getting fired at the end of her shift. Despite all her personal troubles she will greet you with a big smile, and cheerily ask you if you have your Air Miles card! After all, why should her personal life be your problem? In Israel, however, that “kupaet” (Hebrew for girl at the checkout counter) is going to make sure that you know that her life is in shambles! (That means, don’t dare to ask for one of the specials at the counter!)

But in reality, it is not out of cruelty that the “kupaet” is expressing her anguish to you, rather she is crying-out to you for support, even though you have never met her. There is a deep connection between you and the “kupaet”; just as brothers and sisters are not ashamed to express their discontent one to the other – especially over something the other did – here in Israel on a whole, we are open with one-another, and look at one-another as a shoulder to lean on. Our

sages tell us that the great praise of Joseph’s brothers was that they were unable to speak well of him (Rashi, Bereishit 37:4). The brothers took an honest approach towards their brother; with this approach they would ultimately be able to work things out!

This is not only my personal theory; the reality is that people here in Israel really view one-another as family members. For example: When you stop someone to ask directions in Montreal, you address him/her as sir or maam (if not, they you just call them “excuse me”). Here in Israel, even when addressing a complete stranger, you call them “achi”, my brother, or “dod”, uncle.

This is a wonderful, revolutionary, healthy way of living – and it only happens between Jews here in Israel.

We should all learn from the people of Israel: We should really look at all Jews as our brothers and sisters, and to be more honest – with our brothers and sisters, and with ourselves.

*“Behold how it is good and how it is pleasant that brothers dwell together and in unity.”* (Tehillim, 133:1)

**Shabbat Shalom, Ari Faust.**



## Service of the Heart: Thoughts on Prayer with Ariel Chesner

Welcome to my little Tefila Corner. A section of this year’s Daf Parasha will be devoted to words of inspiration and short commentaries on our daily tefila. Enjoy!

What is tefila? Tefila is built mainly of two parts: praise of Hashem and asking Him for help and salvation for our problems. One might say that if his problems were not solved that means his tefila was worthless. Is this indeed so? Is the only purpose of our tefilot that they should be answered?

When one prays during the Amidah for a sick person, he visualizes that individual and creates an emotional bond with him. The same idea applies for the tefila for the Beit Hamikdash, namely, we visualize Yerushalayim now as opposed to how it would be different if there was a constant presence of Hashem there. This is true for all the things we say throughout tefila. By understanding this we see that tefila has another important role: to connect us to our emotions and to Am Yisrael.

This understanding also expands to 2 other areas: 1. our connection to Hashem, namely while praying we are in a private conversation with our Creator and we share our deepest and most secret fears and feelings with him and 2. Middot (attributes); if what we said above is true-that praying strengthens our connection with the person we are praying for then it should have the same affect on us when we are praying for a certain "middah". When we pray for Hashem to forgive us for our sins or that he shall bring us closer to him, this awakens and strengthens those feelings that we have within ourselves.



## Day to Day Lessons: Short Fables with Izhak Lauber

This section of the Daf Parasha will be devoted to short stories with lessons from daily life in Israel. I was very happy by the way I was welcomed into this community and through this corner, I would like now, to welcome you into mine.

In the days of the month of Elul month we turn our thoughts to the process of teshuva. We examine our behaviour towards our friends and Hashem. Before I arrived in Montreal, I hosted a BBQ for my friends in the national park of Ramat-Gan. In the park there were a lot of people who were jogging through the park right near our BBQ. Suddenly, I recognized a person that was in the group of joggers. Without thinking, I shouted something in his direction. My intention was to invite him to join in our fun, but he understood differently.

After he passed through, I became worried that I may have insulted him and now that he was gone, I may never have a chance to ask for his forgiveness. Then I realized that this could be an everyday occurrence. It takes only a few moments to hurt somebody and sometimes, because it happens so fast you don’t even realize that you offended the person.

For every sin there is forgiveness, but to miztvot between friends, Hashem does not forgive us until we go out and ask forgiveness from the people we hurt. The month of Elul is the month where we should be extra careful and pay extra attention to how we conduct ourselves with our friends and with people who we meet.



### WOMEN'S CORNER

This week's parasha begins with the arriving to the Land of Israel. After receiving the Torah, wandering the dessert for 40 years and facing very difficult challenges, Hashem brought Am Yisrael into Eretz Yisrael.

For me, this time of the year is full of challenges. In a way I feel as if I am starting a car and the engine is not responding to the turn of my key. I need to put my foot on the gas peddle and give it a few extra pushes to get it going.

As I look around, I see most mothers in the same situation as me. They all have the same concerned expressions on their faces as they attempt to get back into the routine. One mother faces the challenge of accompanying her child to a new daycare, another is expecting a baby and another is beginning a new job.

Then suddenly amidst all this chaos of preparing and organizing, it suddenly hits us: Rosh Hashana is around the corner! Then comes Yom Kippur! How can I prepare myself properly for these important days when I'm occupied with so many other things?

The answer I give myself is that the proper preparation must come from thinking about the little things that bring happiness to my life. I must remember those precious moments of a smile, a laugh, a schmooze, or the satisfaction from a successful activity.

This year, with God's help, as the Shlichat Bnei-Akiva and as a Shlichat of the kollel, I am looking forward to a great and amazing year where the little things I do brings me to even higher and better places.

**Shana Tova, Shira Tauber.**

### 2009-2010 BNOT SHEIRUT

Sheirut Leumi is an alternative voluntary national service in Israel. Volunteers are between the ages of 18 and 21. Sherut Leumi gives young women (and occasionally young men) exposure to a number of environments in Israeli society and Jewish communities abroad. Service typically requires working 30-40 hours/week over 12 to 24 months. Volunteers have the option of doing either one or two years of the National Service.

We are blessed in Montreal to host 5 Bnot Sheirut this year. Three of them are based in Hebrew Academy, two of them in Solomon Schechter Academy, and all five make up part of the staff of Bnei Akiva Montreal.

**Rachel Ben Sander**, 20, comes from Nokdin, a small settlement near Yerushalayim. She Studied at Ulpana Kiryat Arba. Last year, she did her sherut leumi in Shadmot Mechola (Jordan valley). In the morning she was in school in Sde Eliyahu and in the afternoon she organized Peiluyot for kids in a yishuv called Hemdat. Rachel likes reading, dancing, traveling, being with friends, talking and sleeping.

**Zvia Florsheim**, 19, comes from Jerusalem. Last year she was Bat Sherut in a youth village in Kfar Chasidim where she was a madricha for boys in grades 10, 11 and 12. Zvia likes music and taking trips.

**Einat Meshorer**, 19, comes from Petach Tikva. She studied at Ulpanat Darchei Noam in Petach Tikva. Last year she did her National Service at Amit High School in Ra'anana where she worked as madricha for girls in the 9th grade. Einat enjoys singing, dancing, spending time with family and friends and especially likes chocolate and mangos.

**Shani Rotem**, 18, comes from Efrat. She studied at Ulpanat Rush-Zorim in Gush-Etzion. Last year she was a "Komonarit" (Head of Snif) in Rehovot. Shani enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

**Nathalie Vered**, 19 comes from a little Moshav near Ben Gurion Airport, named Tirat Yehuda. She studied in Ulpanit Yeshrun in Petach Tikva. Last year she was Bat Sheirut in the Ulpan of Ra'anana, where she taught Hebrew new Olim. Nathalis enjoys tennis and chocolate, and she also speaks French.



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**This Month's theme:** The Bnei Akiva Himnon (anthem)

**WHEN:** Shabbat, Parashat Ki Tavo September 5, 2009

**MIFKAD @ 6:00pm**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD AT 7:00PM**

**WHERE:** Hebrew Academy (5700 Kellert, C.S.L.)

**\*Donuts sponsored by CAMP MOSHAVA CANADA**

**\*If you would like to sponsor a Bnei Akiva snack, please call Shira Tauber 514-501-9694.**



**YOM IYUN IN PREPARATION  
FOR THE YAMIN NORAIM  
Sunday, September 13, 2009**

**@ Kollel Torah MiTzion**

Lieberman Beit Midrash of the Hebrew Academy

**Shacharit: 8:00am**

**followed by breakfast and lecture**



**TOPIC: "Getting Closer to the Yamin Noraim"**

**Rav Yishai Lisner & Rav Ido Tauber**

**This learning program is sponsored in honour of the yarhzeits of:**

Olga Rein (Toyva bat Shlomo, z"l), beloved mother of Jeff Rein & Harriet Miller (Chana Leah bat Chaim Leib, z"l), beloved mother of Cindy Faust

**ELUL & TISHREI @ KTM**  
**PREPARATION for the YAMIM NORAIM**

<b>NIGHT LEARNING</b>		MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 14 • 21	TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 8 • 15 • 22 • 29	WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 9 • 16 • 23 • 30	THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 10 • 17 • 24 • OCT. 1
	<b>8:15-9:00PM</b>	<p><b>“Mimaamakim...”</b> (from the depths) with Rav Ido Tauber                      This class will explore the chapters of Tehilim that are associated with the period of Selichot, including: Le'David, Shir HaMaalot, and more...</p>	<p><b>Parashat Hashavua</b> with Rav Yishai Lisner                      An in depth look at the weekly parasha using the commentaries of our sages and other Torah commentaries with a special focus on relating these teaching to our daily lives.</p>	<p><b>The Rambam's Hilchot Teshuva</b> with Rav Ido Tauber                      This class will explore one of the most important and foundational Jewish texts on the topic of Teshuva. Themes covered will include: free will, the World to Come and the love of Hashem.</p>	<p><b>A Deeper Look into Hilchot Sukka</b> with Rav Yishai Lisner                      This class will explore the laws of Sukka with an emphasis on their deeper meanings using classic texts.</p>
	9:00-9:15PM	<b>MAARIV</b>			
<b>9:15-10:00PM</b>	<p><b>Individual Study Groups</b> with Kollel Staff                      Study groups: Bekiut Gemera, Classic Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Please call our office to join an existing group.</p>	<p><b>Individual Study Groups</b> with Kollel Staff                      Study groups: Bekiut Gemera, Classic Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Please call our office to join an existing group.</p>	<p><b>Individual Study Groups</b> with Kollel Staff                      Study groups: Bekiut Gemera, Classic Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Please call our office to join an existing group.</p>	<p><b>Individual Study Groups</b> with Kollel Staff                      Study groups: Bekiut Gemera, Classic Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Please call our office to join an existing group.</p>	<p><b>Individual Study Groups</b> with Kollel Staff                      Study groups: Bekiut Gemera, Classic Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Please call our office to join an existing group.</p>

**NEW** NIGHT DAF YOMI— with Rabbi David Rothchild—Sunday-Thursdays, 8:15-9:00pm (Begins Sunday Sept. 6)

<b>WOMEN'S BEIT MIDRASH</b>		<b>HIGH SCHOOL &amp; ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>		<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>
<p><b>The High Holidays: A Deeper Look</b> with Rabbi Sidney Shoham                      Explore the high holidays with one of Montreal's most beloved lecturers.  <b>TUES., 9:30am SEPT. 8 • 15 • 22 • 29</b></p>	<p><b>Tehilim Group</b>                      Completion of the entire Book of Tehilim and prayer for those who are ill.  <b>TUES. 10:30am &amp; WED. 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>BEKIUT CLUB</b>                      AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING PROGRAM</p> <p align="center"><b>MONDAY—THURSDAY</b>                      4:30 — 6:00PM  <b>BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8</b></p> <p align="center">Please call our office for more information.</p>		<p><b>Pre-Selichot Program</b> with Adath Israel Congregation, Noam Jewish Centre &amp; MiBereishit.                      • Saturday, September 12 @ 11PM</p> <p><b>Yom Iyuv</b> (see inside for details)                      • Sunday, September 13, 2009</p> <p><b>Simchat Beit Hasoeva</b>                      • Thursday, October 8, 2009</p>

Kollel Torah Mitzion has a core faculty of graduates from Hesder Yeshivot in Israel who come here to serve as teachers and role models in our community. The core of the Kollel is the Beit Midrash which features a full schedule of classes as well as a drop-in center with a warm atmosphere where all, regardless of background, feel comfortable.

**Rosh Kollel:** Rav Yishai Lisner  
**President:** Rafi Faust  
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