

P' Ki Tetze • פ' כי תצא

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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"All that is Good!"

כִּי תִקְצֹר קְצִירְךָ בַשָּׂדֶךְ
 וְשָׁכַחְתָּ עֹמֵר בַּשָּׂדֶה לֹא
 תָּשׁוּב לְקַחְתּוֹ לְגֵר לִיתּוֹם
 וְלְאַלְמָנָה יְהִיָּה לְמַעַן יִבְרַכְךָ
 ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה
 יְדֶיךָ: (דברים כד: יט)

(When you reap your harvest in your field, and you forgot a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.)

So great is the mitzvah of Tzedakah and Chesed that the entire world rests upon its foundation. Our parasha highlights this mitzvah that is commanded regarding orphans and the destitute. It is precisely this importance that leaves us puzzled with the explanation that the Torah gives us for the purpose of this mitzvah, namely: "that the LORD your God may bless you..." Is this the ideal that the Torah wants us to strive for in performing the mitzvah of tzedakah? Do I give tzedakah in order to receive a reward?

The Holy Alshich explains this verse and illuminates for us a key to the fulfillment of this mitzvah and Torah and mitzvot in general:

Hashem is telling us: "See how many commandment exist regarding the stranger, the orphan and the widow? Don't think that it is for their benefit that I command you to have compassion for them, for you would be mistaken. Don't you think that I have enough to provide for them? Rather, I want that this mitzvah be performed for the sake of Me blessing you.

Hashem is saying that He could have given the poor person a livelihood that would be satisfying enough. Nevertheless He did not do so because he wanted us to do this on our own, namely to perform a mitzvah and a kind deed. And through this we would be fit to be blessed by Hashem.

These are precisely the words of R. Chanayeh in masechet Makot:

"רצה הקב"ה לזכות את ישראל לפיכך הרבה להם תורה ומצוות"

(Hashem wished to confer merit upon Israel; therefore He gave them Torah and mitzvot)

R. Chanayeh teaches us that the purpose of the abundance of mitzvot bestowed upon us by Hashem is for us to merit and to give us the opportunity to fulfill good. And through this we can become good people fit to be blessed by God.

With God's help we look forward to beginning a new year at Kollel Torah MiTzion Montreal, looking forward to studying Torat Eretz Yisrael, which is the key to illuminating the darkness in our lives. Above all, we invite you to come and become partners with us in our classes and programs that are filled with the Torah of Eretz Yisrael.

And through our learning of Torah and fulfillment of Mitzvot may we merit the guarantee of Hashem:

וַיִּצְוֵנוּ ה' לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת כָּל הַחֻקִּים הָאֵלֶּה לִירְאָה
 אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְטוֹב לָנוּ כָּל הַיָּמִים לְחַיֵּינוּ
 כְּהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (דברים ו: כד)

(And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.)

Shabbat Shalom, Rav Yishai Lisner

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 honour the memory of
 Reuven Salit
 (Reuven ben Chaim Pesach, z"l)

9th of Elul 5769
 August 29, 2009
 Haftara: Isaiah 54:1-10
 Shabbat Begins: 7:23pm
 Shabbat Ends: 8:24pm

STORY OF THE WEEK

A REAL JEWISH MOTHER

A renowned personage of the old Jewish settlement in Jerusalem was the holy **R' Dovid Biederman**, a scion of *Rabbinic* and *Chassidic* lineage. He was known as a *Tzaddik* among *Tzaddikim*. His only concern in life was whether or not he was living up to the expectations of his Creator.

Once, R' Dovid decided to undertake the arduous, almost day-long trek on a donkey from Jerusalem to the gravesite of *Rachel Imainu*. He set out early in the morning, right after the conclusion of the sunrise minyan. The entire way he contemplated and organized the prayers he would say there. He wanted to be sure not to forget anything, since it was only infrequently that he had the opportunity to make the journey.

When he finally arrived he saw that he was not alone. A woman with a number of small children had already arrived and was making herself at home in the monument's domed chamber. She had already spread out a blanket and laid the youngest child down to sleep. When R' Dovid arrived she was busy preparing the evening meal.

R' Dovid was incredulous. Did she have no regard for the sanctity of the site? Didn't she realize where she was? How could this woman busy herself with such mundane matters in such a Holy place?

R' Dovid approached the woman and in a less than friendly tone demanded an explanation.

The weary woman looked up at R' Dovid from her seat on the floor and replied softly, "I would think that our Mother Rachel would be pleased that we are eating and resting here."

R' Dovid felt suddenly faint and uneasy. He realized that he had been making the journey to Rachel's Tomb for decades and had not even begun to understand what it represented. Here was a simple unlearned woman, yet she possessed a profound grasp of the true holiness of Rachel's Tomb. What had he been doing here all those years!? He now understood that Rachel was the mother who wept and prayed for her children. Her desire is only that we should have some relief, some comfort in life, some peace of mind in order to better serve *Hashem*.

From that day on, whenever R' Dovid travelled to the Tomb of Rachel, he made sure to bring with him a meal which he would share with all the others who came to entreat our mother Rachel to intercede for them and bring their prayers on high.



Time to be a King

How can one identify a King? There are two key indicators of a king: a palace and a crown. What happens, however, when the king is not in his palace and his crown is not on his head?

We are beginning a new year here at the Kollel, a new year of study and connection to our roots, a year that we look to go up a level on our ladder of connection to God and to ourselves.

How appropriate it is to begin this new year in the month of Elul, the month in which we learn that: "HaMelech BaSadeh" (the king is in the field). Hashem leaves his "palace" and comes to us, ready to greet us and is waiting for us to come close to him as well.

This is the time in which we must put the crown on our heads, namely the crown of Torah. This crown is available to every Jew in any place and waits to be placed on our heads in order for us to become kings and come closer to our kingship.

I am certain that we will have a successful year at KTM and I hope that each one of you in our special community will become true partners in this success.

Shana Tova, Rav Ido Tauber.

Halacha MiTzion with Rav Shlomo Aviner Netilat Yadayim in the Bathroom

Q: Is it permissible to wash "netilat yada'im" in the bathroom?

A: It is generally forbidden to wash "netilat yada'im" in a bathroom, and, on the contrary, if you just enter a bathroom you have to wash "netilat yada'im." This is what is written in the Gemara, but more recent authorities explain that our bathrooms are clean. This is similar to what the Gemara calls the "bathrooms of the Parsa'im" which was a hole and an incline which took the refuse outside of the bathroom.

Our bathrooms are slightly different. The refuse is not immediately taken away, but it is completed cleaned. There are those who therefore explain that if someone enters the bathroom, they do not need to wash "netilat yada'im" when they leave. This applies even more so if there is a bathtub, washing machine, etc. It is not simply a bathroom, but a multi-functional room. The blessing must be recited outside and it is certainly preferable to wash "netilat yada'im" if there is someplace else.

KTM 2009-2010: A Look Ahead

As KTM Montreal enters into its 11th year bringing a taste of Israel to Montreal, we are excited to welcome back our Rosh Kollel, Rav Yishai Lisner, to head the 2009-2010 team. Rav Lisner and his wife Sarit are joined by Rav Ido Tauber and his wife Shira, who has taken on the leadership of Bnei Akiva Montreal. We also welcome three new bachurim: Ariel, Gil & Izhak. We have also partnered with Hebrew Academy to bring a Bat Sheirut Leumi, Rachel, who will help us with our high school girls' programming. The team is ready for action and is looking forward to another successful year.

This year we will continue our longstanding tradition of bringing to the community quality Torah study and creative programming. We are also developing new ways to transmit Torat Eretz Yisrael, including an online study group, online Ask the Rabbi forum, recorded lectures which will be posted online and more.

We are always open to your suggestions and we look forward to greeting you in the Kollel.

Shana Tova, Eddie Shostak, Executive Director.

2009-2010 KTM STAFF



Rav Yishai & Sarit Lisner, Rosh Kollel

Rav Lisner, 31, grew up in Tel Aviv and is a graduate of Ohr Etzion Hesder Yeshiva. In the army he was a paratrooper and he fought in the Second Lebanon War of 2006. He received Rabbinical ordination from the

Rabbanut HaRashit through HaRav Chaim Druckman, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Ohr Etzion and head of Yeshivot Bnei Akiva. He also received a B.Ed. from Moreshet Yaakov.

Sarit Lisner, 29, received a B.Ed. degree in Special Education, specializing in communication disorders. She served her National Service in "Ulpanat Chafetz Chayim", which included private tutoring for students with academic and social difficulties. The Lisners have 4 children; Matanel, 6, Avia, 4, Shachar, 2 and baby Roni. The Lisners enter into their 3rd year of shlichut in Montreal.



Eddie Shostak, Executive Director

Eddie Shostak, 29, received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from McGill University, he studied at Yeshivat Ohr Somayach of Montreal, Yeshivat Noam HaTorah in Montreal, and is currently studying towards Rabbinic ordination. He was student President of McGill Hillel and Montreal Hillel. He has been involved in Jewish education both through informal educational programs and formal teaching. Eddie also serves as Administrator for the Rabbinical Council of America—Montreal Region Conversion Beit Din. Eddie and his wife, Ahuva, have one child, Talia Ashira.



Rav Ido & Shira Tauber, Avreich Family

Rav Tauber, 27, is a graduate from Yeshivat Netiv Meir. He studied at Yeshivat Hesder Birkat Moshe in Ma'aleh Adumim for 7 years. He studied towards a Teacher's Diploma in

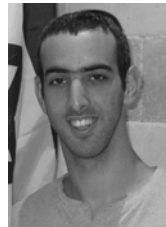
Lifshitz College, in partnership with Yeshivat Hesder Birkat Moshe and towards a B.Ed Degree in Moreshet Yaakov College, in partnership with Yeshivat Hesder Birkat Moshe. In

the army, Rav Tauber completed a Paratrooper course followed by NCO course and he commanded a "Nachal Hareidi" troop.

Shira Tauber, 27 is a graduate of Midreshet Amaliah in Jerusalem. She then joined a "garin" of girls, who studied in Midreshet Ein Hanatziv in kibbutz Ein Hanatziv. Shira was a commander in the IDF and taught English and History to soldiers. She then studied Special and regular education in David Yellin Teachers Seminary, and worked as a tour guide for the Western Wall Tunnels. The Taubers have 2 children, Ayala, 3, Dov, 1 and Ariel, 6 months. This is the Taubers enter into their 3rd year of shlichut in Montreal and Shira her first as shlichat Bnei Akiva.



Ariel Chesner, 23, made aliyah from Cleveland, Ohio with his family at the age of five to Maale Adumim. He studied at the hesder yeshiva in Alon Shvut called Yeshivat Har Etzion ("Gush"). Ariel served in an I.D.F. infantry unit ("GIVATI") as a machine gunner. After the army, he worked as a madrich for the "overseas program" at the yeshiva. Ariel loves reading, learning, movies, nature and pretty much anything that is fun.



Gil Klempert, 23, comes from Kiryat Mozkin, which is a beautiful town near Haifa, right by the sea. He studied in the Hesder Yeshiva of Naharyia where he enjoyed learning Gemara, Hasidut, and Emunah. Gill served in the army as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade and was stationed on the Gaza strip and in Hebron. Gill plays the clarinet, has completed the Magen David Adom first aid course, and is supervisor for Kashrut for the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.



Izhak Lauber, 22, comes from Ramat Gan, which is in the centre of Israel. He studied at the Hesder Yeshiva of Akko where he enjoyed learning Talmud, Mussar and Midrash. Izhak served in the army as an artilleryist, mostly in charge of defending the Golan as well as Gaza and in the Shomron. Izhak worked as a guide for the 11th grade of Amit Kenedy High School. He was also a guide for The "Jewish

Journey" program in the old city of Akko. Izhak enjoys playing basketball and training in Thai boxing.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU AT THE KOLLEL