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Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei

Parnas Hayom

Adar

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“No One Can Stop Us”

At the beginning of the Parasha Moshe gathers all of Am Yisrael and commands them again to keep the Shabbat. Why does Moshe have to gather them for this mitzvah? And what is so significant about this mitzvah that it deserves this special ceremony? Why is Shabbat brought up again, we already know that we need to keep it?

The 'Netivot Shalom' (Slonimer Rebbe) explains that this incident had occurred right after Yom Kipur when G-d had forgiven Am Yisrael for the sin of the Golden Calf. The Gemara says: לא הטאו the purpose of Bnei Yisrael's sins are to teach us how to make Teshuva, to show us how they sinned and how they redeemed themselves. Moshe comes and tells Am Israel: "You have committed a very serious sin, but you have the ability to redeem yourselves. The solution for your sins is the Holy Shabbat."

The Gemara in Masechet Shabbat says that even if a person worships a different G-d like the generation of

Enosh, keeping Shabbat in a perfect way will bring him forgiveness, Shabbat has a great power, a power that no one can estimate how great it truly is.

Yet it is still difficult to understand how one who sinned so badly can keep Shabbat in such a manner. To truly keep Shabbat one has to love G-d and devote himself to G-d no matter what, and a person who commits idol worship states that he doesn't believe that G-d exists. Therefore, how can a person like this keep Shabbat? He symbolizes the exact opposite.

The answer is simple, the only way that a person like this can keep Shabbat and actually make Teshuva by that is if he makes himself part of a group, part of 'Am Israel'. An individual can't reach this kind of a level of keeping Shabbat, he doesn't have the power, but if a group of Jews unite for a great purpose and work together while getting along there is no limit to what they could achieve.

We learn in this Parasha about our special power: Unity. With unity and Shabbat we are unstoppable.

Shabbat Shalom, Matti Gottlieb, KTM

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- March 21, 2009
- 25th of Adar 5769
- Hafatara: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
- Shabbat Begins: 6:50pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:52pm



Story of the Week
with Rav David Zviel, KTM
The Horse's Reflection

A shop-keeper came to Rabbi Meir of Premislan. "Rabbi, I am ruined. Do you know what is happening across the street from my shop? Someone else is opening another shop. He will take all my business. I will lose my livelihood!"

Rabbi Meir said to the frantic man, "Sit down. You have sometimes taken your horse to drink from a pool of water, have you not?"

"Yes, Rabbi. But...."

The rabbi continued. "Have you ever noticed how the horse stamps in the water before drinking?"

"Yes, of course."

"Good. I will tell you why the horse stamps his hoof." The rabbi leaned forward in his chair. "The horse sees his reflection in the water. He doesn't know he is seeing himself; he thinks there is *another* horse at the pool. The horse is afraid there won't be enough water for both of them. So he tries to chase away the other horse by stamping."

The rabbi paused.

"But there is plenty of water for many horses. God's abundance flows like a river."

The rabbi leaned back in his chair and smiled. For the first time that day, the shop-keeper smiled back.



Women's Corner with Shira Tauber
Calm down Mr. Clean

I was searching the web, googeling "cleaning for pesach" "woman in pesach", looking to find tips suggestions on how to deal with this difficult time, three weeks before pesach, making sure to stay sane and calm. The links that came up varied from "dust is not chametz" and "children are not korban pessach", Rabbi's saying you can clean your house in half an hour to "I begin cleaning on Chanukah."

Every year this issue comes up, and women feel so pressured to disinfect their house from top to bottom of all chametz. Some arrive at Leil HaSeder and are so tired they can barely see. Some are so traumatized that they lock up the house and leave.

I think the right way lies somewhere in the middle, as the Rambam teaches us about "derech haemtza". A woman should clean her house to her satisfaction as long as she doesn't go overboard and feel as if she is a slave in Egypt. The Mikraei Kodesh who brings different halachot involving Leil HaSeder speaks about the importance of the women coming to Leil HaSeder calm and able to enjoy the Seder with her family and guests.

This is not a simple task, especially for the perfectionist amongst us, but we need to remember that this will be to our and our family's benefit.

Let this Passover pass over in calmness and happiness.



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AN URGENT CALL TO PRAYER

| Tamar Amar, daughter of Rav Itzik and Smadar Amar, former KTM Montreal Shlichim, is a regular, happy, joyful six year old girl. On the first day of Chanukah 5769, Tamar was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Right now the doctors are trying to reduce the size of the tumor and will be doing their best to help Tamar in the upcoming months. Please pray for her full recovery.

TAMAR DINA BAT SMADAR



Halacha MiTzion
with Rav Yishai Lisner

Cleaning the House for Pesach

While reading the lines that follow, most of us are already immersed in Pesach cleaning and Pesach Koshering. Just like any other mitzvah, it is incumbent upon us to clarify the boundaries of Halacha as it relates to Pesach cleaning and koshering.

The Torah states two negative commandments relating to presence of chametz on Pesach: 1. The prohibition of seeing chametz, and 2. The prohibition of finding chametz.

“שִׁבְעַת יָמִים--שָׂאֵר, לֹא יִמָּצֵא בְּבֵיתְכֶם” (שמות י"ב ט)
(Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses)

“וְלֹא-נֶרְאָה לָךְ חֶמֶץ, וְלֹא-נֶרְאָה לְךָ שָׂאֵר--בְּכָל-גְּבוּלְךָ” (שמות י"ג ז)
(and there shall no leavened bread be seen with you, neither shall there be leaven seen with you, in all your borders)

There is also a positive commandment to get rid of chametz from the house.

“אֶךָ בַּיּוֹם הָרִאשׁוֹן תִּשְׁבִּיתוּ שָׂאֵר מִבֵּיתְכֶם” (שמות יב, טו)
(the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses)

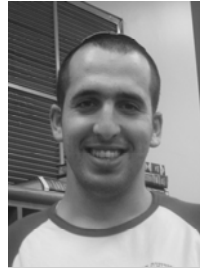
The Igrot Moshe writes (O”C 1:145): the presence of chametz that is less than a k’zayit does not violate the negative prohibitions of seeing or finding chametz on Pesach. A k’zayit is 2 7cubic centimeters; therefore, pesach cleaning should be efficient enough as to remove any chometz of that size or bigger. And we shouldn’t demand from ourselves or our children to clean with toothpicks or screwdrivers in the every crack or corner of the closets. (Except for the kitchen cabinets which may contain chametz and one must be careful that crumbs fall into the pesach food.)

The following are a few general pesach cleaning tips:

- A. One is obligated to clean all of his his possessions that are under his owner ship from chametz, including ones house, backyard, warehouse, office, car, mailbox, furnace, etc
- B. Places that are not likely to have chametz brought it to, have no halachic obligation for chametz cleaning (ex. Bathroom cabinets).
- C. In a house that has small children, one is obligated to clean all areas that have a probability that the children may have brought chametz.
- D. A place that was sold to a non-Jew does not need cleaning.

To summarize, it is said that we clean for pesach only in order to allow us to enjoy and to celebrate the holiday in a kosher and happy manner. Therefore, one should be careful that these mitzvahs not become a source of exhaustion or dispute. It is preferable to invest in your family’s preparation for the seder night than to clean another window or bedroom closet.

This way the seder night and the holiday of pesach will become a tremendous positive experience for your family and will be a source of believe in G-d, our Redeemer.



A Taste of Israel
with your tour guide, Ido Klein

Atlit Detainee Camp

When my grandmother arrived to Israel from Hungary in 1941, she wasn’t welcomed with a red carpet treatment. After travelling by train to Haifa, she was sent to a place near by, but at the same time so far away – the Atlit Detainee Camp.

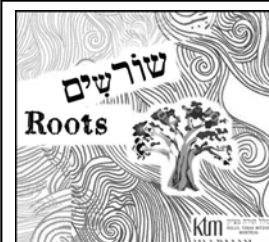
The famous detainee camp was originally built in 1938 for the the purpose of holding Italian captives. But, soon enough it had the camp turned into a Ma’apilim (Jewish pioneers, or, in British eyes, illegal immigrants) detainee camp. The camp had 100 wooden shacks, which could hold 3,000 people.

A Ma’apil going through the camp was expected to be there between 2 weeks and 23 months, and on average 8 months. At the end of his detainment, the Ma’apil got a certificate that allowed him to stay in mandated Palestine, a certificate which came on the account of other potential Olim.

The Hagana did not like the idea of having Jews detained in a camp, and on October 10, 1945 a force of the Palmach broke into the camp and released 208 detainees. This action was planned by Yitzchak Rabin.

After this, and the fact that the waves of Ma’apilim were growing bigger as a result of the end of WWII, the British decided they could not hold all the illegal detainees in that camp, and started shipping Ma’apilim to camps that were created in Cyprus.

After the creation of the State of Israel the camp was used as a temporary station for Olim, but a few years later, it was deserted and neglected. In 1987, President Chaim Herzog declared the place as a national heritage landmark. Today there is a museum working there which talks about the Illegal immigration and Ma’apilim.



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TUESDAY– 9:15-10pm • March 17, 24 & 31

Pur Hu Hagoral – Ido Klein

This not widely known book by Rav Shagar z”l, A modern Admo”r, deals with different aspects of purim. The article that this lesson will deal with tries to bring different approaches to read the Megila, using the Rambam classification about Hashgacha.

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Rabbi Michael Whitman

“Different Educational Paths to Your Child”

Rabbi Reuben Poupko

“The Passover Seder in Stories and the Midrash”

Barbara Freedman

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