



## Parnas Hayom – Cheshvan

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

### 2 Cheshvan

Isaac Silberman in memory of his father Moshe Silberman (Yisrael Moshe ben Yehoshua Isaac z'l)

### 7 Cheshvan

Drs. Bruce & Barbara Mazer in memory of brother & brother-in-law, Mark Samuel (Mordechai Aharon ben Michael z'l)

### 13 Cheshvan

Barbara Freedman in memory of her mother, Esther Lehrer (Esther bat Yitzchak Moshe z'l)

### 13 Cheshvan

Jeffrey Mandel in memory of his father, Aron Mandel (Aron ben Shlomo Yaacov z'l)

### 13 Cheshvan

Dr. Reuven Singer in memory of his grandfather Yitzchak Zvi ben Yisroel Dovid z'l

### 18 Cheshvan

Mireille Shostak in memory of her father Edouard Khaffif (Reuven ben Menachem, z'l)

### 18 Cheshvan

Efraim Kandelshein memory of his father-in-law, Hyman Busgang (Chaim ben Moshe z'l)

### 21 Cheshvan

Amos & Avi Sochaczewski in memory of their father, David Sochaczewski (Dovid ben Sendor Eliezer z'l)

### 24 Cheshvan

Kamal Gabbay in memory of his mother-in-law, Simcha Mashaal (Simcha bat Meyer z'l)

### 28 Cheshvan

Dr. Reuven Singer in memory of his grandfather Zvi Elimelech ben Dovid, z'l

*For more information on the KTM Parnas Hayom Project, please call our office at 514 486 5718.*

## “Welcome and Blessing”

*KTM Montreal will be hosting the 2008 Torah MiTzion North American Conference on November 13-16, 2008. Participating Kollelim will include: Atlanta, Washington, Memphis, New York, St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland. We will be featuring Divrei Torah from Torah MiTzion Shlichim in this special edition of the Daf Parasha.*

It is an honour to host the Annual North American Torah Mitzion Conference in our community. This conference unites together all the shlichim from neighbouring communities to one place, for internal training and learning of extra tools to use in their holy work in the different communities. We hope that the model of our own Montreal community together with our very own kollel, will add and contribute to the success of this conference.

This week's parasha, describes the details Avraham Avinu's Hachnasat Orchim (hospitality), from which chazal learn the proper ways of hachnasat orchim. The parasha emphasizes the fact that Avraham Avinu did anything he could do **himself** without sending a messenger to carry it out for him.

Indeed in our community we are blessed with amazing men and women who have sacrificed their time and spared no

effort to ensure a successful conference for all of us. I would like to thank all those who were involved in the planning, organization and execution of the week long programs and activities. I would especially like to thank the Executive Committee of the kollel, who work day and night for the kollel's success, and contribute selflessly to the entire community.

I would like to personally welcome our scholar-in-residence Rav Mordechai Elon, Torah MiTzion International President, Tzvi Schostak, and Torah MiTzion International Executive Director, Rav Boaz Genut and his staff.

I would like to conclude with the bracha God blessed Avraham:

“And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you...And I will give onto you, and to your descendents, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.” (Bereishit 17)

Rabbi Yishai Lisner, Rosh Kollel - KTM Montreal.

### This week's Daf is sponsored by:

Mindy, Michael, Shalom and Yardena Zobin in honour and celebration of the birth of their daughter and sister Batya Nina.

- November 15, 2008
- 17th of Cheshvan 5769
- Haftara: Kings II 4:1-37
- Shabbat begins 4:08pm
- Shabbat ends 5:11pm

## Halacha MiTzion - Rav Chagai Raviv, Cleveland

### When do Shlichim pray for rain?

In Israel the prayers for rain begin on the 7th of Cheshvan whereas in the Diaspora the date was set at 60 days after the autumn equinox. The question is when should Shlichim temporarily residing abroad begin their request for rain?

The Be'er Heitev brings three differing rabbinic opinions on the matter: (A) If a person leaves his wife and kids in Israel, even if he intends on staying abroad for a long period of time he begins on 7 Cheshvan since his family is in need of rain. (B) A person must request rain according to the place he is in at the given moment meaning a Shliach abroad would wait until that community began to pray for rain. (C) It depends on whether he intends on returning to Israel that year. If a Shliach has in mind to return to Israel this year, he will pray as they do in Israel, if not then he prays as Minhag Chutz L'Aretz. (Note. Some poskim say the "year" refers not to Rosh HaShanah but to the end of the period in question i.e. 60 days post-equinox).

The rabbis determined the question based on two related ideas. The first is the law that says if a person living abroad accidentally prays for rain after 7th Cheshvan he does not repeat the prayer as b'dieved (post factum) he has fulfilled his obligation. Therefore a Shliach abroad should follow the stringent opinion and begin praying for rain immediately after 7 Cheshvan since we see that doing so, at least b'dieved, one has fulfilled his obligation.

The Igrot Moshe offers another approach. In those countries that are actually already in need of rain by 7 Cheshvan (including the USA and Canada) the basis of the halacha to begin praying for rain only 60 days post-equinox is in contention between the Rishonim and was ultimately instituted according to the Minhag of the Diaspora. But, if there is no established minhag on the matter, one can default to the minhag of Israel. Therefore, in the case of a person temporarily residing abroad who intends on returning to Israel, or a person who has left behind family members in Israel, there is no established minhag that he must begin 60 days post-equinox and he may in fact pray according to the minhag of Israel (i.e. 7 Cheshvan).

An interesting question for discussion: what about a Shliach who moves abroad with his family for an extended period of time during which he returns to Israel for a visit.

### Cleveland Kollel

*Kollel Torah Mitzion of Cleveland was established in 1995, and was Torah Mitzion's first Kollel. After 2 years, in which the Kollel had no bachurim, the Kollel was reestablished under the leadership of the new Rosh Kollel, Rav Chagai Raviv - a Ra"m in Yeshivat Mevasseret for the last 16 years, and a Rav of a kehilla in Ramat Beit Shemesh. With Rav Chagai came four bachurim from Israeli Yeshivot: Noam Rhein, Nati Shachor, Evyatar Slamowicz and Eytan Isenberg. The Kollel operates during the morning and afternoon in the Fuchs Mizrachi School, and in the evening in the Kollel's Beit Midrash, which is located in the local Young Israel shul.*



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## Women's Corner

### Thirst for God - Tal Preechen, Chicago Kollel

In Israel they begin to request rain on the 7th of Cheshvan. This year Israel is experiencing a terrible drought and the need for rain is stronger than ever.

The following is an excerpt from the book Moonlight by Orah Rivkah Vingort- a story for the month of Cheshvan.

As I was sitting in my study, notebook and pen in hand, thinking about what I should write this month, I heard the sweet sound of my son's voice calling out from his bedroom- "water". Of course I got up, filled a cup with water and gave it to him as I gently caressed his cheek. I whispered goodnight and returned to my chair. A few minutes later, once again I heard him call out "water". A small groan escaped my lips as I stood up and repeated the process. The third time he called out for "water" I began to wonder how thirsty could he possibly be? Perhaps he simply wants a little attention and maybe it would be better if I didn't go into his room...? As these thoughts crossed my mind his voice became louder... "water".

"Water... cup... drink...". I gave in. I don't know what our eminent educators would say about it but I do know that my maternal heart could not hear those words and ignore them. I found myself hoping that our father in heaven would hear our cries of "water" and answer them even if they are not completely justified. Maybe God will not be able to ignore us if we purely and innocently cry out... "Water".

During this month of praying for rain, and after the world has been judged for water, may we be granted that same feeling of thirst and the same simple and innocent request that will bring us closer to the Creator.

### Chicago Kollel

*YU Torah MiTzion Kollel of Chicago is a new form of the Kollelim in North America. It combines both Americans and Israelis Avreichim which serve the wide community of Chicago in the 3 big neighborhoods of Skokie, West Rogers Park and Lincolnwood. The Kollel is based in the Ida Crown Jewish Academy which is one of the high schools in the city and in the evenings the Kollel have numerous programs including: open Beit Midrash, living room learning in various places, Shiurim and much more...*

### New York Kollel

*The NY works in two main areas: The first area is in the school- we work in SAR High School, teaching gemara and tanach to small groups from every grade, and the rest of the time we learn alone or hear shiurim from the rav kollel. At night we run a Community Beit Midrash (located in the SAR high school Beit Midrash) which we just started this year (until this year the kollel spent their nights in LSS in the Upper West Side) which mainly involves chavrutot with adults in the community and two weekly shiurim- a Baba Kama Iyun shiur by the vice principal and a shiur about Rav Moshe's Feinstein's method of psak by Rav Harel Gordin (our rav kollel).*

### St. Louis Kollel

*Through their dedicated Israeli shlichim, the Possick family and the Bnot Sherut Le'umi, Chen & Avigayil, the St. Louis Torah MiTzion Kollel promotes the ideals of Torat Israel, Am Israel and Eretz Israel. Together with members of the community, these shlichim provide educational activities in schools and synagogues that aim to strengthen Zionism, Jewish identity and Torah knowledge in all sectors of the Jewish community, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.*

## Fear of God in this Place

Rav Harel Gordin, Rosh Kollel -New York

Avraham asked his wife Sarah to pose as his sister once they enter Egypt "Please say that you are my sister, that it may go well with me for your sake, and that I may live on account of you". The Ramban takes him to task saying "Avraham unintentionally committed a grave sin in exposing his righteous wife Sarah to possible sin herself and he should have placed his trust in Hashem who has the power to help and rescue those in need. And here again, in our parsha, Avraham repeats his actions when he travels to Gerar "Avraham said of his wife, she is my sister." Further on, after Avimelech takes Sarah and is consequently warned in his dream that he going to die for taking her, Avimelech approaches Avraham and complains to him "What have you done to us, How have I sinned against you...? What did you see that you did such a thing?" And Avraham replies "Because, I said, there is but no fear of God in this place and they will slay me because of my wife".

Avraham does not merely defend his action by saying he feared for his life, rather he decided to justify the way he did it while simultaneously shedding light on what he had previously done in Egypt: "Moreover, she is indeed my sister, my father's daughter, though not my mother's daughter, and she became my wife. And so it was, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, Let this be your kindness which you shall do for me to whatever place we come, say of me: He is my brother."

From Avraham's viewpoint he is not deceiving anyone, rather he is simply hiding part of the truth and he is not intentionally abandoning his wife who regardless of their relationship would have been subject to the king's avarice and the threat of being taken to his palace. All Avraham is asking is for some consideration and help from Sarah that she protect him against the corrupt ways of the locals and maybe even grant him some sort of status as Sarah's brother which will possibly contribute to their joint survival.

One can ask why Avraham found it necessary to explain his actions, since the absence of fear-of-god in a place is the very source of its corruption and is reason enough for him to fear for his life, what possible good was there in revealing his reasons? And what connection is there between fear-of-god and Avraham's fear they would kill him "and they will slay me because of my wife"?

It seems that Avraham had to explain to Avimelech what Avimelech was unable to comprehend on his own. Avimelech saw himself as righteous "Oh God, will you slay a nation even though it is righteous? In the innocence of my heart and integrity of my hands have I done this". And it seems that Hashem acknowledges this by replying to Avimelech "'I, too, knew that it was in the innocence of your heart that you did this". However, we note the words "integrity of my hands" are conspicuously absent from God's reply. Avimelech was forced to return Sarah under the explicit threat of death and even then his cure was contingent on Avraham's praying for him "... for he is a prophet and he will pray for you and you will live". This implies that Avimelech was under the impression that by right Sarah should still remain with him.

Avimelech's innocence was expressed in the initial argument of taking Sarah when he thought she was single, but it did not signify how he would have acted had he known she was married. Here it is up to Avraham, as a prophet, to teach the king that justice and morals cannot take root without belief in divine justice- fear of god. Without fear of god it is impossible to maintain the morality and ethics ("integrity of hands") necessary to sustain a just and honourable society. This may be why it was not Avimelech alone that was punished rather his entire household and servants, they were all required to examine their actions "and the people were very frightened" and they all needed Avraham's prayers "Avraham prayed to God". Avraham teaches us it is the responsibility of the prophet to show everyone the roots of justice and ethics are established on a foundation of faith and fear-of-god.

## Messages from the Lay Leadership

**Rafi Faust - President KTM Montreal**

It is an honor for me to welcome Rav Elon and all our guests to the Annual Conference of Torah MiTzion Shlichim.

I feel that this is the proper time for "Hakarat Hatov" and to recognize just a few of the many individuals who have contributed so much to the success of Kollel Torah Mitzion in Montreal. It is quite remarkable how a dream of 4 individuals 10 years ago, Ami Drazin, David Novoseller, Joel Savage and Alvin Suissa, has become such an important institution in our community today. It never would have become a reality without the support from day one of Rabbi Poupko, Rabbi Shoham, Rabbi Steinmetz, and Rabbi Whitman, and the continued support up to this day from of all their respective shuls. The Hebrew Academy, where the Kollel is based, continues to be the pillar of support for the Kollel, and it is a tribute to their vision by continuing their unquestioned support during the many ups and downs over the years.

As I think of the many programs that today we take for granted: Bekiut Club, Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs, chavrutas, Bnei Akiva, etc, I wonder how many other families can stand up as very proud as I can and declare that "My family, my children would not be where they are today had it not been for Kollel Torah Mitzion in Montreal".

However, the most important recognition has to go to our Shlichim who leave behind family and friends, who put their lives on hold in order to come here with the sole purpose of giving us a little taste of what Kedushat Yisrael and Ahavat Yisrael really is.

One cannot thank Torah Mitzion without mentioning its founder Zeev Schwartz and all the current staff working full time, always looking for just the right shaliach or bachur for our Kollel. Without all of you we just wouldn't be!

To my Executive who work way beyond what can ever be expected, and to everyone else involved, thank you all.

"Vechol mi she'oskim betzarchei tzibur be'emunah, Hakadosh Baruch Huyeshalem secharam" (And for all those who deal in community affairs faithfully, the Holy One, Blessed Is He, will pay their salary) - from the Sabbath prayers.

**David S. Novoseller - Past President KTM Montreal**

KTM has had a tremendous impact on my life and my family's in so many ways. Our involvement in KTM stemmed from a need to seek out good role models for our children to emulate; people who live and breathe a Torah way of life. Carol and I have found this, in the shlichim who have come to the Kollel Torah Mitzion in Montreal. From the relationships that we have made with past shlichim to the education we have benefitted from in all the learning sessions and classes the Kollel gives, KTM Montreal has changed our lives. From their actions and their very way of life, the shlichim have reinforced and rejuvenated a passion in us all for the People of Israel, the Torah of Israel and the land of Israel. By their regular actions and speech alone the shlichim truly represent the kind of Jew we want to be and the kind of Jew I hope my children and the generations who follow become. Carol and I want to thank all the current and past Shlichim for the great sacrifice they made to come to Montreal and for their selfless dedication to Am Yisrael. We would also like to thank Hebrew Academy for having the vision to see the benefit and to become such a wonderful partner that transcends whatever results are visible to the regular observer. May KTM be blessed to continue and go from strength to strength for another 10 years and beyond.

## KTM Weekly Schedule Fall Session 1

### Sefer Kohelet - Eddie Shostak

Analysis of the wisdom of King Solomon in relation to: happiness, wealth, family, longevity, power, knowledge and wisdom.

**MONDAY**– 11am-12pm • Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17  
(At the Shaar Hashomayim)

### “Mahalach Haldeot” - Rav Ido Tauber

Analysis of one of Rav Kook's most important discourses describing the history of the Jewish people and the process of redemption of our generation.

**MONDAY**– 8-9pm • Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

### Business Ethics and Halacha – Rav Yishai Lisner

One of the great Jewish challenges is how to approach the world of business from a halachic point of view. This class will focus on issues such as interest, compensation, wages, partnerships and more.

**MONDAY**– 8-9pm • Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

### Eim Habanim Semeicha – Rav David Zviel

Written in 1943, Eim Habanim Semeichah is Rabbi Yisachar Shlomo Teichtal's comprehensive treatise on Settlement in Eretz Yisrael, Messianic Redemption, and Jewish Unity.

**MONDAY**– 9:15-10pm • Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

### Parashat Hashavua - 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.

**TUESDAY**– 8-9pm • Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

### The Rambam's Intro. to the Mishna - Rav Ido Tauber

Analysis of one of Maimonides' most important writings dealing with the development of the Oral Tradition, prophecy, the purpose of man and more.

**TUESDAY**– 9:15-10pm • Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

### Sefer Shmuel I – Rav David Zviel

The first Book of Shmuel features the biographies of four great Jewish leaders - the prophet Shmuel, his mentor Eli Ha Kohen, Shaul HaMelech, and David HaMelech.

**THURSDAY**– 8-9pm • Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 20, 27

**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

**Executive Director:** Eddie Shostak

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Shabbat Toldot - Nov. 29  
Details to follow.

## KTM Women's Beit Midrash

### Joseph & His Brothers - Rav Ido Tauber

This class will analyze this epic story from Sefer Bereishit, including Joseph's dreams, family politics, sibling rivalry and more.

**TUESDAY**– 9:30-10:30am • Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

### Tehilim Group

Completion of the entire Book of Tehilim and prayer for those who are ill. If you would like to add the name of someone in need of prayer, please email us at [info@ktmmtl.org](mailto:info@ktmmtl.org)

**TUESDAYS - 10:30am • WEDNESDAYS 4:00pm**

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