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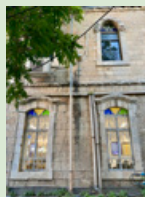
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I made Aliyah in two stages, first in 1970 from Washington DC, and from NYC in 1977. This photo was taken in Jerusalem near the shuk. I've been participating in an online international photo club for over a year and I continually learn and practice new techniques, concepts and themes. This week was "Wabi Sabi", Japanese for "Flawed Beauty". Nothing is perfect or permanent. Embrace and accept imperfection. These ideas mesh equally with many threads of Jewish philosophy - and inspired me to capture the image of a beautiful synagogue/study hall whose infrastructures are exposed on the building's exterior walls.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

 The Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz is observed on Thursday (July 2).
The Fast concludes at 8:08pm (in Jerusalem)

 *Shlosha DePuranuta* (or *Telat DePuranuta*, meaning "Three [Haftarot] of Affliction") refers to the three special prophetic readings (Haftarot) read on the three consecutive Shabbatot between the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz and the Fast of the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av). This solemn period is known as the Three Weeks or *Bein HaMetzarim* ("Between the Straits"). During this time, the Haftarot shift from the regular weekly Torah portion to prophecies of reprimand, warning, and impending doom from the Books of Yirmiyahu and Yeshayahu.

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Magen Avraham	8:26-8:30
Sof Zman Tefila	10:21-10:23
(According to the Gra and Baal HaTanya)	
Chatzot (Halachic Noon)	12:42-12:44
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Yerushalayim/Maale Adumim	7:13	6:20	8:31	7:11	6:19	8:29
Aza Area (Netivot, Sderot et al)	7:30	6:22	8:33	7:29	6:21	8:31
Beit Shemesh/RBS	7:32	6:21	8:32	7:30	6:20	8:30
Gush Etzion	7:28	6:20	8:31	7:27	6:19	8:29
Raanana/Tel Mond/Herzliya/K.Saba	7:30	6:22	8:34	7:29	6:21	8:32
Modiin/Chashmonaim	7:29	6:21	8:32	7:28	6:20	8:30
Netanya	7:31	6:22	8:34	7:30	6:22	8:32
Be'er Sheva	7:28	6:21	8:31	7:27	6:20	8:29
Rehovot	7:30	6:22	8:33	7:29	6:21	8:31
Petach Tikva	7:13	6:22	8:33	7:11	6:21	8:31
Ginot Shomron	7:29	6:21	8:33	7:28	6:20	8:31
Haifa / Zichron	7:22	6:23	8:35	7:20	6:22	8:33
Gush Shiloh	7:28	6:20	8:31	7:27	6:19	8:30
Tel Aviv / Givat Shmuel	7:31	6:22	8:34	7:29	6:22	8:32
Givat Zeev	7:33	6:20	8:31	7:32	6:19	8:30
Chevron / Kiryat Arba	7:28	6:20	8:31	7:27	6:19	8:29
Ashkelon	7:30	6:22	8:33	7:29	6:22	8:31
Yad Binyamin	7:30	6:22	8:33	7:29	6:21	8:31
Tzfat / Bikat HaYarden	7:24	6:21	8:34	7:23	6:20	8:32
Golan	7:29	6:20	8:32	7:28	6:19	8:30
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Those who regularly attend *shul* on Shabbat morning know how important a good *baal koreh* (Torah reader) is to the service; someone who pays attention to the different emphases of the words and letters, reads clearly, and not too quickly but not too slowly either. For most of my life, I grew up in *shuls* that were blessed with such readers. Every Shabbat, they stood ready and willing when the need would arise, and they read from the Torah beautifully.

Because of that, apart from my own Bar Mitzvah, I was rarely asked to help with the reading of the weekly portion. Instead, I had the privilege of sitting and listening, and I was able to develop an ear for good reading. If you pay attention, you can really tell when a reader has prepared more than just knowing the next word, and that effort is itself a way of honoring the Torah.

The first *parsha* I was ever asked to prepare after my Bar Mitzvah was this week's *parsha*, Parshat Pinchas. The year after my own Bar Mitzvah in Israel, my mother took me to the United States for my cousin's wedding. She asked whether I would be willing to learn Parshat Pinchas so that I could read it in America before my grandparents, aunts, and uncles. I answered her with an enthusiastic yes. But I needed to practice, and having a teacher again would help.

So my father asked Rabbi Tzvi Liker, a neighbor of ours in Ma'aleh Adumim, if he would learn it with me, and he did. I loved the time we spent together, and he really put his soul into our learning. Before I left for

America, I asked him to record the *parsha* so that I could keep reviewing it, which he did on a cassette tape. I sat on the plane with a Walkman and headphones, listening to it and reading again and again. There was no internet then, no clip to pull up on YouTube; the tape was all I had. And *baruch Hashem*, the reading that Shabbat in America went great. From then on, I fondly remember Parshat Pinchas as the first *parsha* I ever prepared as an adult.

But it was far from my last. I can clearly recall one of my earliest NCSY Shabbatonim. Sitting there in the *shul* on Shabbat morning, I realized that no one had been asked to prepare the reading. Quickly looking through the reading, I went up to read. With so little time to prepare, inevitably, I made mistakes, but got through it with a kosher reading. Afterwards, I sat down and began to think about the irony. So much planning goes into an NCSY Shabbaton: signing the contract with the hotel, registering the teenagers, designing the flyer and the multimedia presentation, setting the menu with the caterer, choosing the right advisors and flying them in, preparing the decor, the various Shabbat gatherings like *onegs* and *tishes*, deciding who will speak at the *ebbing* and who will lead *havdalah*, even buying the tall *havdalah* candle for after Shabbat... An enormous amount of love and effort goes into it, and a real *yashar koach* is due to the NCSY teams in Israel and America, and to everyone who builds Shabbatonim to inspire our youth.

But the entire reason we gather is to show

our teenagers the beauty of Torah. What is it worth if the decor is beautiful, the skits are brilliant and funny, and the food is wonderful, and then, at the most important moment of all, the reading of the Torah, that is the one thing we did not prepare? A young person notices. It sends a message to them, intentionally or not, of what we value and want to emphasize. From that moment on, I took it upon myself that for any Shabbaton I helped run, the very first thing I would arrange was an advisor to prepare the Torah reading, months in advance, so that the Torah would never be the thing left unprepared.

All of these memories came back to me this past week when a friend from my *shul*, Yonatan Elman, sent me a flyer for an initiative that our shul, Neve HaGivah, has just begun. Even though our *shul* is also blessed with fine readers, they are encouraging the younger members of our community, boys who have become Bar Mitzvah over the last few years, to take on a section (one *aliyah*), learn it well, and step into the cycle of the readings. He approached my son Mordechai Tzemach and asked him if he would like to choose an *aliyah* in *Devarim*. I was thrilled when he did.

The fact is, the more you do it, the easier it gets. *Baruch Hashem*, I read from the Torah every Shabbat at *mincha* in a *minyán* near my home, and I know from personal experience that learning a *parsha* is like learning to ride a bike. You never really forget it. Read it once a year, or even every other year, and it becomes yours, drawing you closer to the *parsha*, to the Torah, and ultimately to the *Ribono Shel Olam*.

Being a *baal koreh* is less a talent and more a skill. It takes hard work. Sure, it comes more easily to some than to others, but today, with recordings waiting on YouTube or Spotify to play straight into your ear, so many more



people are in a position to learn and to share with the community. Yonatan's initiative is aimed at our youths, and yet I would suggest that those of us in our 30s, 40s, and 50s might take it upon ourselves as well. Choose a *parsha*. It can be six months from now, or a year from now. And if it is truly not for you, there are other roles waiting to be filled at *shul*: serving as a *gabbai*, sharing a Torah thought, or cooking a meal for a new mother or someone in need in the community. Every one of these matters.

It is an amazing power to learn a *parsha* and carry it with you, able to read it again year after year. A Torah community is built from each of us taking up our own portion, and when we draw the next generation into that work at a young age, *be'ezrat Hashem*, it will stay with them for decades to come.

So I am praying for the success of this beautiful endeavor, and especially for our younger generation, who, with Hashem's help, will gain from it, as will the entire community. A heartfelt *yashar koach* to Yonatan Elman for beginning it, and to everyone who steps forward to take up a role in the life of the community.

Wishing you all an uplifting and inspiring Shabbat,

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College Students Are Choosing Israel Again

This summer, hundreds of young Jewish adults are taking part in the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Israel with OU's Israel Free Spirit through Taglit-Birthright Israel, with many more participants expected in the weeks ahead.

From Michigan to Arizona, Berkeley to New York, college students and young adults from every walk of Jewish life are joining our Taglit-Birthright Israel trips to explore the country, connect with their heritage, and build friendships that often last long after the trip ends.



Alongside our classic 10-day journeys, Israel Free Spirit continues to operate volunteer trips launched by Birthright in response to October 7, in partnership with OU communities across the United States and Canada. These Birthright volunteer trips provide participants with the opportunity to support Israeli communities while experiencing firsthand the strength, resilience, and diversity of Israeli society.

This summer also included an unforgettable Yachad Birthright trip, bringing young adults of all abilities to Israel for a meaningful and inspiring journey filled with connection, growth, and joy.

As bus after bus arrives, the impact is impossible to miss. Young Jews are returning to Israel, meeting Israelis, building community, and discovering a deeper sense of connection and belonging. In the process, they are learning that Israel is not simply a place they visit - it is a living part of their own Jewish story.

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ALIYA-BY-ALIYA SEDRA SUMMARY

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PARSHAT PINCHAS



1ST ALIYA (BAMIDBAR 25:10-26:4)

Pinchas, son of Elazar, son of Aharon halted the plague. He will merit the covenant of peace, of priesthood. Those killed by him were Zimri, the prince of a family of Shimon and Kozbi, the daughter of a prince of a family of Midian. Harass the Midianites due to this enticement. G-d instructs Moshe and Elazar to take a census of the men over the age of 20.

The parsha begins half way through a story. A Jewish man and a Midianite woman engaged in illicit relations apparently in a rather public fashion at the end of last week's parsha. And not just any man and woman but the prince of a tribe with the daughter of a prince of Midian. Royalty. Leaders. Pinchas grabbed a spear and killed them.

Our parsha begins with praise of Pinchas for that act. The opening section of a parsha always gets outsized attention. The praise of Pinchas grabs our attention.

But the violence is unsettling.

There are two aspects to this story. Moral outrage. And violence. For which one is Pinchas praised? The moral outrage? Or the violence? The message or the method?

This is not the first story in the Torah of moral outrage over the union of a Jew and non-Jew that resulted in violence.

The story of Dinah and Shechem is a parallel to this story. In that story it was a Jewish woman Dina and a non-Jewish man

Shechem; here a Jewish man and non-Jewish woman. In that story Shimon and Levi slew the males of the city; in this Pinchas does. There Yaakov watched, as the next generation acted. In this, Moshe stood by as Pinchas acted. In that story Yaakov was not happy, for that was not his way. And here? Moshe does not respond.

Both stories are the stories of the new generation settling scores with violence. There it was the sons of Yaakov. Here it is Pinchas, the son of the new Kohen Gadol, Elazar.

The stories are of moral outrage. "Can our sister be treated such?" the brothers said to Yaakov. But Yaakov was not happy with the method, the violence.

Here too Pinchas is outraged. Perhaps he is concerned that this act of a leader sets a very bad example; it destroys the needed aversion to the lure of non-Jewish women that will be ever so prevalent once we enter the Land.

Moral outrage is desirable. Especially standing up to power. We don't want those in power to be above the law, beyond reproach.

The method, though, is unsettling. Violence? Killing? In the verse stating Pinchas was rewarded with a covenant of peace there is a "vav" in the word peace that is broken in the middle. The Talmud states as well that taking the law into one's own hands in the manner Pinchas did is "halacha v'ain morin ken", may be the law but don't publicize it. Don't teach it. Don't follow it.

Violence in the name of religion is dangerous. We know it in our own time.

We can feel outrage at times. And feel like we should act, even with violence. But don't do it. Violence is not for us.



2ND ALIYA (26:5-51)

The census of each tribe is done, listing the families and the census count of each tribe. The census total is 601,730 men over the age of 20.

Though my summary of this aliya is rather terse, it is in fact a lengthy aliya of 47 verses. The purpose of this count is to prepare for the dividing of the Land, instructions for which are in the next aliya. The census is preparing for the imminent conquest and division of the Land.



3RD ALIYA (26:52-27:5)

The Land is to be divided according to this census; those with more, receive more. The plots are given by lottery. The tribe of Levi is enumerated, though they will not receive land allocations. None of those of the census of Moshe and Aharon are alive for this census, save Yehoshua and Calev. The 5 daughters of Zelophchad question Moshe and Elazar: though our father left Egypt, he has no male heirs to enter the Land. Why should his name be forgotten? Let us claim his portion. Moshe brought their query before G-d.

The claim of these daughters is a legitimate claim. We ought to have a family portion in the Land. In the narrative of transition of leadership, Elazar is getting his first lesson from Moshe: we don't know it all. Nothing wrong with a leader, even Moshe, saying "I don't know".

And perhaps this is an introduction to governance in the Land. Pay attention to the aggrieved. However insignificant their number. We just made a census of over 600,000 people, all of whom are part of the division of the Land. And then 5 women come with a claim? No matter that they are just 5 people.

Pay attention to them. Society will be judged on its attention to all of its people.



4TH ALIYA (27:6-23)

Moshe is told that the daughters of Tzelophchad are correct; their father's portion will be allotted to them. Moshe is told to ascend the mountain and gaze at the Land of Israel for he will not enter it. Moshe asks for a successor. G-d instructs him to transfer his leadership to Yehoshua in front of all the people. He did so in front of Elazar and all the people.

Moshe, the humblest of all, when reminded that he will not enter the Land, initiates the transition, the one to take his place. *He* initiates the search for the new leader. A self-serving leader will never pursue a successor when his ego convinces him that no one could possibly fill his shoes.

However, when the leader is altruistic, serving not himself but his people, well, then it's different; they can be served mighty fine by me or by someone else. Moshe initiates the topic of succession. For in his service of the people, he wants their success whether through him or his successor.



5TH ALIYA (28:1-15)

The Communal Offerings.

There are specific offerings for specific occasions that are My bread, My pleasant aroma. **Daily:** 2 lambs, one in the morning, one in the evening, accompanied by flour with oil and wine. Like was brought at Sinai. **Shabbat** Mussaf: 2 additional lambs with their flour, oil and wine. **Rosh Chodesh** Mussaf: 2 bulls, 1 ram, 7 lambs, with their flour, oil and wine and 1 goat sin offering.

Every day there is an offering done in the Temple, the daily offering of a lamb in the morning and in the afternoon. Very simple. On special occasions there is an additional

offering, the Mussaf. The special occasions include Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh and in the upcoming aliyot, all the holidays of the year. At the end of the parsha, I have appended a chart of these offerings, to make the patterns easier to see, visually.



6TH ALIYA (28:16-29:11)

Pesach is on the 14th of the 1st month. On the 15th begins the 7-day holiday of Matza. The first day is a holiday. The Mussaf for each day of Pesach: 2 bulls, 1 ram, 7 lambs, with their flour, oil and wine and 1 goat sin offering. The 7th day is a holiday. **Shavuot**: the new grain offering is brought. Mussaf: same as Pesach. **Rosh Hashana**: is a holiday, a day of Teruah. Mussaf: the same as the others except only 1 bull, not 2. **Yom Kippur**: is a holiday, a day of affliction. Mussaf: same as Rosh Hashana.

The daily tamid and the Mussaf offerings

are communal; brought on behalf of the entire nation of Israel. But the placement of these communal sacrifices here seems out of place. Didn't we have a pretty exhaustive description of the sacrifices in Sefer Vayikra? Why is this section about sacrifices out of place, delayed until here?

These offerings are the offerings of our people, as a people. We approach G-d as a people. In the march to the Land, the covenant that the Jewish people will inhabit the Land is a covenant with the Jewish people as an entity, Am Yisrael.

We live in two worlds. Our private life. And as a part of a glorious nation, the Jewish people, Am Yisrael. The holiness of the holidays was emphasized in Vayikra. Holiness is a personal experience. The holidays are also communal, national, moments of approaching G-d as a people. Hence, this parsha belongs here as part of the march of the nation to the Land of Israel.



7TH ALIYA (29:12-30:1)

Sukkot: the first day is a holiday. Mussaf: 13 bulls, 2 rams, 7 lambs with their flour, oil and wine and 1 goat sin offering. The 2nd day of the holiday has the same Mussaf except only 12 bulls. The 3rd day is 11 bulls. Each of the 7 days has one less bull, with all the other offerings the same. **Shemini Atzeret**: is a holiday. Mussaf: the same as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Immediately apparent from this chart are the groupings: Pesach and Shavuot, the uniqueness of the extra offerings of Sukkot, and the pairing of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

But Shmini Atzeret is odd. Its offering is not the same as Pesach and Shavuot. It is the same as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Shmini Atzeret has an element of the gravity, the weightiness of the high holidays, unlike the normal yom tov days.

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	BULLS	RAMS	LAMBS	GOAT
WEEKDAY DAILY NOT MUSSAF	0	0	1 morning 1 evening	0
SHABBAT	0	0	2	0
ROSH CHODESH	2	1	7	1
PESACH (ALL DAYS)	2	1	7	1
SHAVUOT	2	1	7	1
ROSH HASHANA	1	1	7	1
YOM KIPPUR	1	1	7	1
SUKKOT DAY 1	13	2	14	1
SUKKOT-2	12	2	14	1
SUKKOT-3	11	2	14	1
SUKKOT-4	10	2	14	1
SUKKOT-5	9	2	14	1
SUKKOT-6	8	2	14	1
SUKKOT-7	7	2	14	1
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HAFTORAH YIRMIYAHU 1: 1-2:3

This week's *haftorah* is the first of a series of three "*haftorot* of affliction." These three *haftarot* are read during the Three Weeks of mourning for Yerushalayim, between the fasts of 17 Tammuz and 9 Av.

Yirmiyahu speaks of how Hashem appointed him as prophet — despite his initial reluctance to accept the task — and tells of the encouragement Hashem gave him to fulfill his crucial mission.

He then describes two prophetic visions he was shown. The first featured an almond tree branch. Hashem explained that just like an almond tree is very quick to blossom, so too Hashem will carry out his plan — to punish the Jews for their sins — in due haste.

The second vision was that of a boiling pot

whose foam was directed northward. Hashem explained that this was an allusion to the afflictions the Jewish people would suffer at the hands of the people from the north of the Holy Land, namely Babylon. Hashem will cause the kingdoms of the north to lay siege on Yerushalyim and Judea and He will pass judgment on the Jewish people due to their abandonment of His ways and their idol worship.

Hashem then encouraged Yirmiyahu to deliver the prophecy and not to fear the Jewish populace who would certainly not take kindly to such harsh words.

The haftorah ends with a reassuring prophecy to the people: "Go and call out in the ears of Jerusalem, saying: so said G-d: 'I remember to you the loving-kindness of your youth, the love of your nuptials, your following Me in the desert, in a land not sown. Israel is holy to G-d, the first of His grain; all who eat him shall be guilty, evil shall befall them, says G-d.'" ■

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“in that he was **very jealous** for My sake among them” (25:11) - (כה'יא) **בקנאו את קנאתי** בתוכם


Why the emphasis and repetition of Pinchas acting from jealousy? Rashi explains that the term “jealousy” denotes one who strives to take vengeance for the sake of something.

The Chatam Sofer (Rabbi Moshe Sofer 1762-1839, Pressburg) gives a deeper understanding. Pinchas had observed Zimri’s firm determination and resolve in carrying out his act of evil. Pinchas felt the need to imitate the same will and effort to remove the idolatry introduced here. One can find this idea in the very words of the Pasuk. “Pinchas was zealous with My passion”. Pinchas would adopt the same eagerness that he had witnessed “in their midst”, from Zimri’s actions. The sinners set the tone of the drive needed by Pinchas to overcome this spiritual threat,

The Chovot HaLevavot (Bahya ibn Paquda 1050-1120, Spain) relates a story of a person who returned to the righteous path by pondering upon the nature of man. The person concluded how beneficial it would be to mirror the intensity and passion the sinner has when committing a sin and employ these characteristics in fulfilling a mitzvah.

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This insight into the mysterious workings of the human psyche turns out to be more than just common-folk wisdom. In medieval rabbinic literature, it is the unknown author of the Sefer HaChinuch who consistently uses the maxim, "After one's actions, one's feelings follow." For him, this psychological fact is the reason for many of the rituals of Judaism. They are designed to provide us with a pattern of activity which will implant in us a desired set of inner attitudes and feelings.

Thus, for example, all of the many and detailed rituals which comprise the Passover service serve the purpose of stimulating inner

attitudes of freedom and gratitude.

Not only were medieval rabbis aware of this profound psychological truth, but the much later thinkers also prescribed action and activity as a way of influencing one's inner emotional life. William James, more than one hundred years ago, noted in his *Principles of Psychology* that outer behavior has a powerful effect upon internal emotions. In the psychological jargon of the late nineteenth century, this was known as the James/Lange theory.

We all have witnessed this phenomenon in our everyday lives. We know kindergarten teachers whose baby-talk and immature classroom conversational styles have influenced their out-of-school personalities, so that even in adult conversation they demonstrate a peculiar childishness. And I know personally of several *shochetim*, ritual slaughterers, who have consciously fought the tendency toward cruelty to animals, which their profession has instilled in them. The fact that some of the wisest women I know are kindergarten teachers, and some of the gentlest fellows around are *shochetim*, is simply testimony to the efforts they have invested to undoing the powerful impact of the behaviors which they perform every day.

What about the soldier, the person whose task involves violence and the harming of other people? Does his behavior, however necessary to defend his life and the lives of his dear ones, change him into a violent and cruel human being? I think that the answer is yes, and I have spoken to many soldiers who have corroborated this and report feeling hardened

and callous after their battlefield experiences.

It is no wonder then that Pinchas, the hero of this week's Torah portion, after he thrusts a spear through the viscera of a Jewish prince and a Midianite princess, is granted the "covenant of

peace." He committed a bloody act of violence, warranted only in rare and extreme situations, and that single act posed the danger of his deep internal transformation from a priest of peace to a violent murderer. The Almighty found it necessary to bless him with a special gift, His own Divine Brit Shalom.

It was none other than Golda Meir, whose womanly wisdom found expression in the remark, "We can perhaps someday forgive you for killing our children, but we cannot forgive you for making us kill your children."

In the context of recent battles in which the Israeli army was engaged, we must recognize that today's soldiers, to whom I have spoken, resent being forced to kill and are fully aware that violent behavior produces an inner streak of violence that must be expunged. I take this opportunity to stress what we all should know and tell the world, that the Israeli army is uniquely careful to avoid unnecessary acts of violence, and debriefs its soldiers after they emerge from the tests of battle in a manner designed to avoid the incubation of cruel psychological tendencies, and to restore sensitivity toward the lives of others.

There are times when each of us must act sternly, in a tough and harsh manner. Sometimes we must discipline others and be quite strict with them. At those times, we must vigilantly avoid permitting those justified behaviors to affect who we are and how we really feel. We must struggle to retain our humanity, gentleness, and compassion, even when our outer behavior necessitates firmness and even

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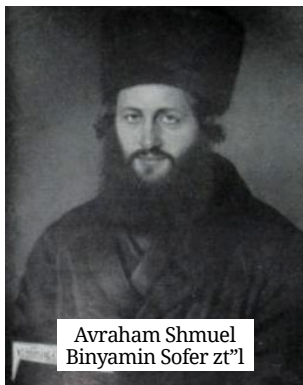
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On Parents and Teachers

Just beneath the surface of this week's parsha is an exceptionally poignant story. It occurs in the context of Moses' prayer that God appoint a successor as leader of the Jewish people.

One hint is given in the words of God to Moses: "After you have seen you also will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was." Rashi is intrigued by the apparently superfluous word "also" and makes the comment that "Moses desired to die as Aaron had died."

In what sense was Moses envious of his brother? Was it that he, like Aaron, wished to die painlessly? Surely not. Moses was not afraid of pain. Was it that he envied his brother's popularity? Of Aaron it was said that when he died, he was mourned by "all the Children of Israel", something the Torah does not say in the case of Moses. This too cannot be the answer.



Avraham Shmuel
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Moses knew that leadership does not mean popularity. He did not seek it. He could not have done what he had to do and achieve it.

The Ktav Sofer gives what is surely the correct interpretation: Aaron had the privilege of knowing that his children would follow in his footsteps. Elazar, his son, was appointed as High Priest in his lifetime. Indeed to this day Kohanim are direct descendants of Aaron. According to Ktav Sofer, Moses longed to see one of his sons, Gershom or Eliezer, take his place as leader of the people. It was not to be.

Rashi arrives at the same conclusion by noting a second clue. The passage in which Moses asks God to appoint a successor follows directly after the story of the daughters of Zelophehad, who asked that they be permitted to inherit the share in the Land of Israel that would have gone to their

father, had he not died. Rashi links the two episodes: "When Moses heard God tell him to give the inheritance of Zelophehad to his daughters, he said to himself, 'The time has come that I should make a request of my own - that my sons should inherit my position.' God replied to him, 'This is not what I have

decided. Joshua deserves to receive reward for serving you and never leaving your tent.' This is what Solomon meant when he said, 'He who keeps the vineyard shall eat its fruit and he that waits on his master shall be honoured.' Moses' prayer was not granted.

Thus, with their ears attuned to every nuance, the Sages and Rashi reconstructed a narrative that lies just beneath the surface of the biblical text. What happened to Moses' children? Was he, the great leader, inwardly disappointed that they did not inherit his role? What deeper message does the text communicate to us? Is there something of continuing relevance in Moses' disappointment? Did God in any way provide him with consolation?

Moses and Aaron epitomise the two great roles in Jewish continuity - *horim* and *morim* - parents and teachers. A parent hands on the Jewish heritage to their children; a teacher does likewise to their disciples. Aaron was the archetypal parent; Moses the great example of a teacher.¹ Aaron was succeeded by his son; Moses, by his disciple Joshua.

The Sages at various points emphasised that Torah leadership does not pass automatically across the generations. The Talmud states:

Be careful not to neglect the children of the poor, for from them Torah goes forth, as it is written, "the water shall flow out of his buckets", meaning "from the poor among them" goes forth Torah. And why is it not usual for scholars to give birth to children who are scholars? Rabbi Joseph said that it might not be said that Torah is their legacy. Rabbi Shisha, son of Rabbi Idi, said that they should not be arrogant towards the community. Mar

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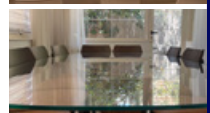
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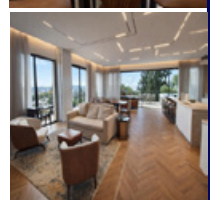
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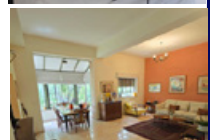
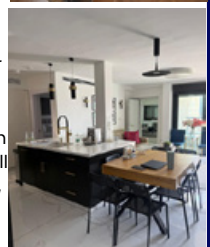


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Were Torah leadership to be dynastic, a matter of inheritance, Judaism would quickly become a society of privilege and hierarchy. To this, the Sages were utterly opposed. Everyone has a share in Torah. It is the shared patrimony of every Jew. Nowhere is this more clearly stated than in the great words of Maimonides:

With three crowns was Israel crowned -- with the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of sovereignty. The crown of priesthood was bestowed on Aaron ... The crown of sovereignty was given to David ... The crown of Torah, however, is for all Israel, as it is said, "Moses commanded us the Torah, as an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob." Whoever desires it can win it. Do not suppose that the other two crowns are greater than the crown of Torah, for it is said, "By Me, kings reign and princes decree justice. By Me, princes rule." Hence we learn the crown of Torah is greater than the other two crowns.

This is one of the great egalitarian statements in Judaism. The crown of Torah is available to whoever seeks it. There have been societies which sought to create equality by evenly distributing power or wealth. None succeeded fully. The Jewish approach was different. A society of equal dignity is one in which knowledge - the most important kind of knowledge, namely Torah, knowledge of how to live - is available equally to all. From earliest times to today, the Jewish people have predominantly been communities built around schools, sustained by communal funds so that none should be excluded.

The Sages drew a strong connection between home and school, parent and

teacher. Thus, for example, Maimonides rules:

A duty rests on every scholar in Israel to teach all disciples who seek instruction from him, even if they are not his children, as it is said, "And you shall teach them diligently to your children." According to traditional authority, the term "your children" includes disciples, for disciples are called children, as it is said, "And the sons of the prophets came forth."²

In the same vein he writes elsewhere:

Just as a person is commanded to honour and revere his father, so he is under an obligation to honour and revere his teacher, even to a greater extent than his father, for his father gave him life in this world, while his teacher who instructs him in wisdom secures for him life in the World to Come.

The connection runs in the opposite direction also. Consistently throughout the Mosaic books, the role of a parent is defined in terms of teaching and instruction.

"You shall teach these things diligently to your children."

"It shall come to pass that when your child asks you ... thus shall you say to him."

Education is a conversation across the generations, between parent and child. In the one verse in which the Bible explains why Abraham was chosen as the father of a new faith it says, "For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just." Abraham was chosen to be both a parent and an educator.

Moses was therefore denied the chance to see his children inherit his role, so that his personal disappointment would become a source of hope to future generations. Torah leadership is not the prerogative of an elite.

It does not pass through dynastic succession. It is not confined to those descended from great scholars. It is open to each of us, if we will it and give it our best efforts of energy and time. But at the same time, Moses was given a great consolation. Just as, to this day, Kohanim are the sons of Aaron, so are all who study Torah the disciples of Moses.

Some are given the privilege of being a parent; others, the privilege of being a teacher. Both are ways in which something of us lives on into the future. Parent-as-teacher, teacher-as-parent: these are Judaism's greatest roles, one immortalised in Aaron, the other made eternal in Moses. ■

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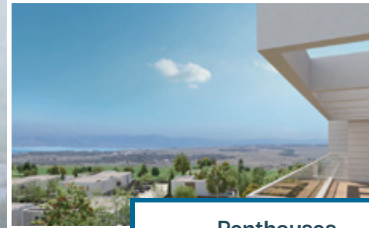
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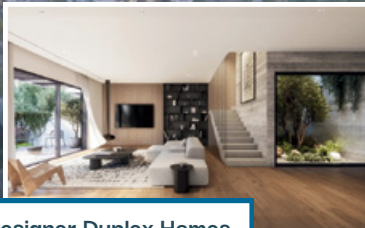
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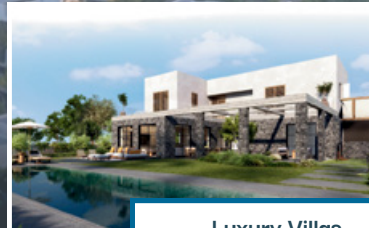
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Why Yirmiyahu? Because!!

In the closing years of the eleventh century, Rabbi Avraham ben David [Ra'avan], quoted the tradition found in the p'sikta that the first two p'rakim of Sefer Yirmiyahu were to be read as the haftarat for the first two Shabbatot of the "Three Weeks". Since these days, known by Chazal as "t'lat d'puranuta" [the three weeks of 'calamity'] lead to Tish'a B'Av, it is no surprise that our ancient scholars would have established these prophecies, depicting the sins of Israel and their likely punishments, to be read on these Shabbatot.

We might wonder, however, why these specific nevuot were chosen. After, all, anyone familiar of the books of nevi'im acharonim, the latter prophets, would know well of the many prophetic admonitions that warned the nation what would befall them were they to refuse to atone for the sins. Indeed, the books of Yishayahu, Yechezkel, Hoshe'a, Amos, Micha and others, are filled with the prophetic entreaties for the sinful generations to abandon their corrupt ways.

Why then, did Chazal specifically choose Yirmiyahu's messages to open these days of sadness?

Truthfully, the answer would seem to be

quite simple!

It was Yirmiyahu who would live through the tragic era.

He would be imprisoned and be thrown into the pit.

He would be the navi who was denigrated and despised throughout his service

It was he who would witness and suffer through the destruction of the Mikdash

And it would be this tragic prophet who shed his tears as he wrote Eicha

He certainly was the fitting choice to have his warnings passed down to the future generations as a perpetual reminder to the nation.

Rav Ya'akov Meidan asks a similar question. However, he does not wonder why Chazal decided to select Yirmiyahu's **haftarot** – for, as we saw, our scholars understood what Yirmiyahu *would* go through in the **future** years, which made his message even more powerful. Rather, he asks why Hashem selected this specific **individual** to prophesy to the doomed generation **even before this person was born!!!** Our haftarah reveals this decision of G-d in His *first* words to Yirmiyahu: "B'terem etzorcha babeten y'da'aticha....**navi lagoyim n'taticha**" – "Even before I formed you in the womb... I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations!"

This is a remarkable statement...and one that brings us to the question: Why did G-d choose Yirmiyahu *before* he was even born? What possible reason did Hashem have for deciding on this yet-to-be-born child as His

navi? Simply...what made him so special **before** he was capable of doing anything at all?

Rav Meidan reminds us that, as the opening of our haftarah states, Yirmiyahu was a Kohen, dwelling in Anatot. This portion of land was inherited by the priestly family of Evyatar, the Kohen Gadol during the reign of David HaMelech. It is quite probable, therefore, that Yirmiyahu was a direct descendant of Evyatar, and that would also mean that his roots go back to the High Priest, Eili, who died upon hearing of the destruction of Mishkan in Shiloh.

This tragedy was seen by Chazal as a punishment for Eili Hakohen, the High Priest of the time, who failed to condemn his sons' defilement of the holy Mishkan. Years later, Evyatar was banished from the priesthood, a penalty that was seen as part of the G-d's "curse" of Eili's family. [see M'lachim A 2: 26-27].

The centuries passed and as Eili's descendant stood before a sinful nation – a generation who also defiled the sanctity of the Mikdash - he prophesied the fall of the Bet HaMikdash with the stinging words: "K'Shilo y'hyeh habayit hazeh!", "This Temple shall fall as did Shilo!" [Yirmiyahu 26; 9].

The scion of a Kohanic family -those who were burdened with the blame for the destruction of the first Mishkan - was surely the perfect person to stand before the sinful nation and remind them of the fall of the previous sanctuary.

Truly, who was more fitting to teach the future of what their sins will bring, than the heir of those who carried that burden! ■

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Tzelofchad's Sin or Merit?

Following the plague in the wilderness, the Torah recounts a new census of the Jewish people, listing each *shevet* in preparation for entering the Land of Israel. Immediately afterward, Hashem commands:

“לאלה תחלק הארץ בנחלה במספר שמות”

*To these shall the land be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names.*¹

The implication is clear: those who will inherit the land are specifically this new generation, while the previous generation, who forfeited their portion through sin, has passed on.

Rashi, citing the Gemara in Bava Batra (110a), describes a complex process of inheritance in which the land is, in a sense, distributed through both the living and the deceased. Yet, in the midst of this system, an unexpected claim emerges from the

1. Bamidbar 26:53

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daughters of Tzelofchad.

They approach Moshe with a powerful argument:

“אבינו מת במדבר... והוא לא היה בתוך העדה הנועדים על ה' בעדת קרח... כי בחטאו מת ובנים לא היו לו”

*Our father died in the wilderness... but he was not among those who rebelled with Korach... rather, he died through his own sin, and he left no sons.*²

The Gemara (Shabbat 96b) probes this statement. What was Tzelofchad's sin?

Rabbi Akiva identifies him as the *mekoshesh eitzim*, the man who violated Shabbat by gathering wood. However, Rabbi Yehuda ben Beteira strongly objects: and criticizes Rabbi Akiva - “*Akiva, whether you are correct or not, you will be held accountable.*”

If Rabbi Akiva is correct, then he is revealing what the Torah intentionally concealed. And if he is incorrect, he is casting aspersions on a righteous individual.

Instead, Rabbi Yehuda ben Beteira suggests that Tzelofchad was among the *ma'apilim* - those who, after the sin of the spies, attempted to ascend to Eretz Yisrael against Hashem's command.

Yet this raises a fundamental difficulty. Rabbi Yehuda ben Beteira criticizes Rabbi Akiva for revealing a sin, yet he himself attributes a different sin to Tzelofchad. What, then, is the difference?

The *Menachem Tzion*, Rav Menachem Mendel M' Romanov, a talmid of Rav Elimelch M'Lizhansk, offers a profound insight. While both opinions assign wrongdoing to

2. Bamidbar 27:3

Tzelofchad, they are not equivalent.

The sin of the *mekoshesh* reflects a breach of Shabbat, an act of disobedience without redeeming context. In contrast, the sin of the *ma'apilim* was born out of an overwhelming love for Eretz Yisrael. They were prepared to risk their lives to enter the land promised by Hashem.

That love of Eretz Yisrael transforms the narrative. Even though their actions were misguided and contrary to Hashem's command, the depth of their longing for the land mitigates the failing. It is not considered a *motzi la'az* to associate Tzelofchad with the *ma'apilim*, because their sin was intertwined with extraordinary devotion. As the *Menachem Tzion* explains, the very willingness to sacrifice for Eretz Yisrael carries such spiritual weight that it can outweigh significant deficiencies.

This idea is not confined to the generation of the wilderness. Throughout history and especially in more recent times, Jews have risked everything to build, defend, and sustain the Land of Israel. Many who may not have been fully observant of Torah and mitzvot nevertheless displayed profound dedication and self-sacrifice for the land. Who can measure their merit? We are not tasked with calculating heavenly accounts. But the Torah

teaches us something essential: love for Eretz Yisrael, especially when expressed through sacrifice, is of immeasurable value.

Perhaps this is the deeper message of Bnot Tzelofchad. They did not claim that their father was perfect. On the contrary - "כי בחטאי מת". He had shortcomings. But that was not the full story. A person is not defined solely by their failures, but by what they love, what they strive for, and on behalf of what they are willing to sacrifice.

Tzelofchad may have erred, but if he was among the *ma'apilim*, then his life was animated by a burning love for Eretz Yisrael. That type of love endures, elevates and redeems. And so, as we reflect on our own lives, the question is not only: *Where do we fall short?* But also: *What do we love deeply enough to give ourselves over to?*

If we can cultivate within ourselves even a fraction of that passion - for Torah, Am Yisrael, and for Eretz Yisrael - then those aspirations themselves carry immeasurable weight. So many in our generation have sacrificed their lives on behalf of the land of Israel and for the people of Israel and even though they may not have observed all other mitzvot, who are we to judge their holiness? May we merit not only to inherit the land, but to truly love it, build it, and elevate ourselves through it. ■

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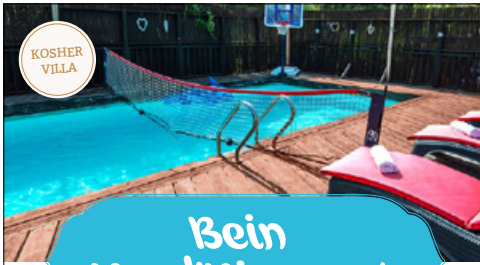
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Leadership Lessons

Moshe Rabbeinu is nearing the end of his life and with it, his mission as the leader of *Am Yisrael*. He asks Hashem to name his successor, to which Hashem replies, “*Kach lecha et Yehoshua Bin Nun ish asher ruach bo, ves-amchta et yadcha alav...Venatata mei-hodcha alav lema'an yishmi'u kol adat Benei Yisrael*—Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man of spirit, and you shall lay your hand upon him...You shall bestow **some of your majesty** upon him so that all the congregation of the children of Israel will take heed.” (*Bamidbar 27:18-20*)

Rashi teaches, “**some of your majesty**. But not all of your majesty. Thus, we learn that the face of Moshe was [radiant] like the sun, whereas the face of Joshua was like the moon.” “**The elders of that generation said: The face of Moshe [was as bright] as the face of the sun; the face of Joshua [was] like the**

face of the moon. Woe for this embarrassment, woe for this disgrace, [that we did not merit another leader of the stature of Moshe.] (*Bava Batra 75a*)

How are we to characterize this shame and humiliation that the elders bemoaned?

The simple, natural understanding is that of *yeridat hadorot*. The new generation looked to Yehoshua as a great leader and believed in his greatness. The elders, however, experienced Moshe Rabbeinu’s guidance and instruction and felt that Yehoshua paled in comparison, similar to the moon’s light as a mere reflection of the sun’s. Thus, Yehoshua felt a shame and embarrassment vis a vis the senior members of the people.

We find a similar predicament in the time of Ezra Hasofer, when the Jewish people returned to Eretz Yisrael to build the second Beit Hamikdash in Jerusalem. The young people raised their voices with joy and praise to Hashem for allowing them to lay the foundation for the Temple, while the elders wept with anguish and heartache. (*Ezra 3:11-12*) Rav Scheinerman in *Ohel Moshe* explains that not only were they lamenting the glory and splendor of first Beit Hamikdash, but they were also grieved that the people had no idea how inadequate the new Temple was in comparison to the previous one. They cried because the people did not even know what they were missing! Likewise, the gap between Moshe Rabbeinu and Yehoshua was so great, itself, a shame and humiliation.

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different perspective. He says that the elders were not in any way critiquing Yehoshua, after all, he was the successor chosen by Hashem! Rather, their comment came from self judgement. They looked at Yehoshua and saw him as a reflection of Moshe Rabbeinu; they understood that he was the chosen to lead the people because of his willingness to be a *mesharet*, to serve Moshe Rabbeinu with selfless devotion. The elders realized that had they invested more effort to serve Moshe Rabbeinu they too could have reached such great heights as Yehoshua did! Woe to the humiliation they felt having missed a golden opportunity that was within their reach!

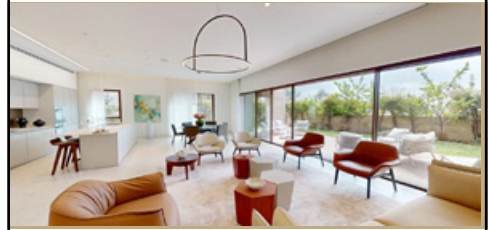
Throughout our lives, each of us is presented with numerous fortuitous moments that can potentially help us grow and propel us to become greater versions of ourselves. How unfortunate it would be to look back with regret at not having taken advantage of such special opportunities. Let us strive to live with intention, asking Hashem for His continued guidance and direction toward spiritual growth and genuine connection. ■



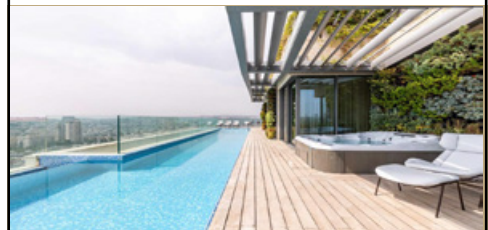
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This week we commemorated the fast of the seventeenth of *Tammuz* which began the period of the Three Weeks which of course culminates with *Tisha B'Av*.

During these next three weeks, as we recall the tragic events of *Churban bayit*, contemplate the incredible pain we have experienced as a nation throughout this past year, and reflect upon the many other difficult episodes in the annals of Jewish History, we must also look to the future. This entire period of course, we are meant to look inward and work to bring change in this world in order that we should merit to experience redemption, greet *Mashiach Tzidkeinu*, and see the *Beit HaMikdash* be rebuilt.

Indeed every single day we recite these words three times asking *Hashem* to rebuild *Yerushalayim* and the *Beit HaMikdash*: "*Uvnei Oto B'Karov BYameinu Binyan Olam-May you Rebuild it in our days, so that edifice may stand for eternity*"

The great Chasidic Master, *Reb Naftoli Tzvi of Ropshitz zy'a* suggests an important idea in understanding this *bracha*. The word

B'Yameinu can be understood to mean either in our days, or alternatively **with or through our days!**

The way we spend our days, what we do with our days, can either contribute to building the *Beit HaMikdash*, or *chas v'shalom* prevent its completion. The *Ropshitzer's* keen insight, spells out for us the sacred task which really we are charged to fulfill each and every day, and with increased fervor during these three weeks. Our actions, how we fill our days have a direct impact on the process of building the *Beit HaMikdash*.

Similarly, *Rabbi Avraham Schorr shlita*, in *Sefer HaLekach V'Halevuv* points out that during these days of *Tamuz* and *Av* it is particularly important to work on our speech, the words we use, the things we say, the way we speak to one another and about one another. Our *Chazal* teach us that the Second Temple was destroyed due to *Sinat Chinam*. *Rav Avraham Schorr* explains that unwarranted hatred is rooted in, is the result of inappropriate speech.

Our *Chazal* teach us in *Masechet Shabbat*, that one of the fundamental questions which each of us will be asked after 120 years, when we leave this world, is *tzipita liyishua*- Did you anticipate and long for redemption.

The Netivot Shalom, the Slonimer Rebbe zy'a, explains that there is a fundamental difference between the simple belief in the concept of redemption and anticipating



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that redemption. Anticipating redemption is one of the fundamental tenets of Jewish life, not simply to believe intellectually or conceptually in the idea of redemption, but to believe that that redemption, that better tomorrow for the entire world is indeed within our reach. The true question explains the Rebbe, is how much do we really want that redemption? Have we demonstrated strongly enough that we believe it is within our sight and reach? Are we empowered to do everything we are personally capable of to contribute to making the world a better, safer, morally sound place?

Rebbe Moshe M'Kobrin zy'a taught that these days of the three weeks are ultimately parallel to the three weeks between *Rosh HaShana and Shemini Atzeret*. Just as an artist who is preparing a joyful colorful painting, often first lays down a darker, black and white sketch, upon which that later colorful beautiful masterpiece is built, so too we should be blessed to emerge from these three weeks of reflection on the darker more painful episodes of our people, to welcome a brighter, promising, and joy filled tomorrow.

Yehi Ratzon in these important days, during these three weeks of reflection, may we merit to heed these three powerful teachings, and may the growth we will *iy'h* achieve in each of these areas help bring about that brighter tomorrow we have been waiting for- for so, so long.... ■

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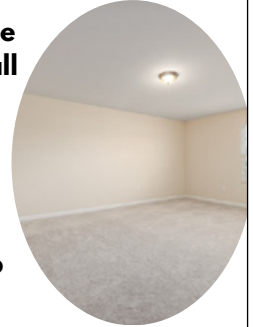


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While at a *sheva brachos* for the son of a renowned talmid chacham in Bnei Brak, Rav Zilberstein heard the following *ma'aseh* from the *ba'al simchah* about a dramatic day in Europe, before the War.

There was a cheder student who struggled to maintain the behavioral standards expected by the school. He was known to be wild and unfazed by disciplinary actions, making his *rabbeim* crazy whenever he would get into trouble. One day, the *melamed* heard a strange bleating sound

coming from the shul adjacent to the cheder. When he went to see what was going on, to his great shock, a goat jumped out of the *aron kodesh*. When the *melamed* returned to class, all eyes were on the usual culprit. The *menahel* soon arrived, and the boy admitted to the prank, but the *menahel* decided this was



Rabbi Yitzchok Zilberstein

the final straw and announced that he would be expelled from cheder.

Frowning and standing as tall as he could before the *menahel*, the child retorted, "With respect due to the *Rov*, the *Menahel*, I will not leave the cheder. And... please know that I hereby summon you to the Beis Din!" All

were stunned to silence while the young boy strode out the door and down the street to the Beis Din, where he begged the secretary for an audience. Bewildered, the *menahel* and *melamed* followed behind.

When the door to the Beis Din opened to the unlikely crew, the boy stepped forward and confessed, "Your Honor, I understand that what I did was wrong, and *I* deserve to be punished. But kicking me out of yeshivah will not only affect the rest of *my* life, it will also affect my future offspring... Did the *menahel* consult with them? Did he take their lives and spiritual well being into account?"

The *menahel* and *Av Beis Din* stared at each

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other in surprise for a full minute. While he may have been a trouble-maker, the boy was clearly very sharp! Needless to say, he was given another chance, and he soon settled down in cheder. In fact, from that day on, he began to focus his unconventional intensity and lack of inhibition upon his Torah study — and excelled above many.

“And I...” paused the *ba'al simchah* with emotion, “I am the great-grandson of that trouble maker!”

Almost forty years after the initial counting of Am Yisrael in the Desert, everyone from the *Dor haMidbar* has passed away. A new generation has grown up and is ready to enter Eretz Yisrael in their stead. In the wake of the *mageifah*, the horrific plague which Pinchas has ended, Hashem now instructs Moshe and Elazar to conduct another census and engage in *chalukas ha-Aretz*, to divide and assign regions of the Holy Land as tribal inheritances:

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“The land, moreover, is to be apportioned by lot... Each portion shall be assigned by lot, whether for larger or smaller groups.... The inheritance shall be apportioned between the numerous and the few, according to lot...” (26:56)

Instead of allowing power, influence or coalition politics to determine where each *Shevet* would go, Rashi explains the Torah’s intent in making it *הַגּוֹרָל*, *עַל־פִּי*, according to a lottery system: שנתחלקה ברוח הקודש, “The Land was divided by means of the Divine Spirit.” Similarly, when Yehoshua leads the nation into Eretz Yisrael, it is *עַל פִּי הַיְיָ נָתַן לוֹ*, “in accordance with Hashem’s word.” (*Yehoshua*, 19:50)

Rebbe Yissachar Dov of Belz (*Imros Kodesh*, Pinchas) adds that the portions of Eretz Yisrael were assigned according to unique spiritual character traits that matched the qualities of the geography. Each location corresponded to the *shoresh ha-neshama*, the spiritual root of each tribe. Only the Ribbono shel Olam, in His infinite wisdom, knows the true hidden potentials and abilities of each tribe. Only Hashem knew the strengths and talents hidden beneath the occasional appearance of ‘trouble-making’. Identifying the deeper spiritual stature of each tribal founder and their offspring needed to be accomplished through *Ruach haKodesh*.

Our sedra describes the first *Shevet* to receive their inheritance: “Reuven, *b’chor Yisrael*, Israel’s firstborn: the descendants of Reuven were the *Chanochi* family (הַחֲנִי) from *Chanoch*; the *Palu’i* family (הַפְּלִיאִי), descendants of *Palu*...” (26:5)

Rashi notes the spelling of the family names in this verse, and offers that it is in response to the nations who had cast aspersions on their lineages. Our enemies had attempted to denigrate them, saying, “How can they trace their lineage by their tribes? Do they really think that the Egyptians did

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not exploit their mothers? If [the Egyptians] mastered the bodies [of the Hebrews], all the more so [did they exercise authority over] their wives.” For this reason, proclaims Rashi, the Ribbono Shel Olam appended His Name to the names of these families, adding the letter ה to one side and the letter ם to the other side (הַחֲנִיכִי and הַפְּלֵאִי). This was as if to say, ‘I bear witness that these are the sons of their fathers!’

In relation to the Tribes, David haMelech too refers to Hashem as a testifying ‘Witness’: ששם עלו שבטים שבטי י-ה, עדות לישראל, “There ascended the tribes, the tribes of God (ה-י), testimony to Israel” (*Tehilim*, 122:4). Hashem’s Name (ה-י) is again testifying for them; whatever question may be raised regarding the holiness and purity of our identity, God Himself vouches for us. It is for this reason, throughout the text, that the names of the

families begin with a ה and end with a ם.

As we recognize the Creator’s willingness to testify on our behalf, to stand up for us ‘in court’ and to proclaim his belief in us, how can we not become deeply patient, humble and kind in the way we see and judge others? Each of us lives out a story consisting of many chapters. Only Hashem knows how many chapters there will be and how the narrative will unfold. May there always be a sweet and happy ending, with revealed good in store for us all!

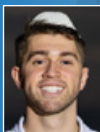
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 “The grandchildren of Haman learned Torah in Bnei Brak...” (*Gittin*, 57b) ■

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The nickname for Sefer Bamidbar is Chumash HaPekudim, the Book of the Censuses. The sefer begins with a census in Parshat Bamidbar and concludes with a second census in Pinchas. Of course, these two censuses could not have been more different. The first took place in the second year after Yetziat Mitzrayim and was intended to count soldiers and prepare for what was expected to be an immediate entry into Eretz Yisrael. The people were brimming with hope, optimism, and anticipation as they prepared to march into the land that had been promised to them centuries earlier.

THE GENERATION THAT NEVER ARRIVED

The second census of Pinchas is a more somber counting. History has been rebooted, and a new generation now stands poised to enter Israel. This second census served a dual purpose. Once again, it was meant to register all capable soldiers in preparation for the eventual wars of conquest. It was also intended to determine who would inherit the land. For this

reason, the population was counted by families and not merely by shevatim. Presumably, families would want to receive adjacent parcels of land in order to remain together and preserve family continuity. The earlier census was purely military, whereas this census was intended to facilitate the allocation of land in the new settlement of Israel.

As the Torah itself records after the counting:

לְאֵלֶּה תִּחְלַק הָאָרֶץ בְּנִחְלָה בְּמִסְפַּר שְׁמוֹת

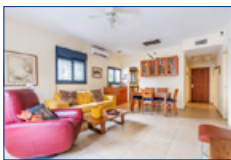
“To these shall the land be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names.”

Facing the entry into Israel and the eventual allocation of lands, surely there was joy, but also a tinge of sorrow. The original generation, meant to inherit the land, was no longer with us. The generation to whom Hashem had promised, “And I will bring you to the land,” was no longer there. They had perished in the desert, never living to see the fulfillment of that promise. Even amid the excitement, there must have been a measure of melancholy as we prepared to inherit a land that should have passed through an earlier generation.

MORE THAN AN INHERITANCE

The Torah sought to ensure that this new generation did not view the land as theirs alone. The inheritance would be structured in a way that preserved the memory of those who never arrived. For this reason, the Torah

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consistently refers to the inheritance as a nachalah rather than merely a yerushah:

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“To these shall the land be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names.”

לְרַב תְּרַבֶּה נַחֲלָתוֹ וְלִמְעַט תִּמְעָיֵט נַחֲלָתוֹ אִישׁ לְפִי פְקָדָיו יִתֵּן נַחֲלָתוֹ

“To the larger group you shall increase its inheritance, and to the smaller group you shall decrease its inheritance; each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were counted.”

אִךְ בְּגוּרֵל יִחְלַק אֶת הָאָרֶץ לְשְׁמוֹת מִטּוֹת אֲבֹתָם יִנְחֵלוּ

“However, the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of their ancestral tribes.”

עַל פִּי הַגּוּרֵל תִּחְלַק נַחֲלָתוֹ בֵּין רַב לְמְעַט

“According to the lot, shall its inheritance be divided, between the many and the few.”

Within the span of just four pesukim, the Torah repeats the word nachalah six times. A nachalah is more than an inheritance. The word evokes a river or stream, a *nachal*, that flows from an earlier source. The current generation about to enter Israel stood *downstream*, receiving waters that had begun their journey long before they arrived. The land was being given to them, but it had first been promised to their parents and grandparents.

INHERITING THROUGH THE PREVIOUS GENERATION

Unlike a river, however, the original allocation and inheritance of Eretz Yisrael flowed backward before it flowed forward. A river moves in only one direction. Gravity carries water downstream. This river of inheritance first flowed backward to an earlier generation before continuing forward to the next.

The first inheritance in halachic history,

the allocation of Eretz Yisrael, functioned in a highly unusual manner. Rather than passing directly to the generation that entered the land, it first flowed backward to the generation that had left Egypt. Each member of the new generation that entered Israel received a portion in the land. However, those portions were legally attributed, or “sent back,” to their fathers’ generation, the generation of Yetziat Mitzrayim. Only after the parcels of land had reverted to the previous generation did the inheritance pass forward once again to the children who actually settled Israel. This was not merely a legal gimmick. It had a profound impact on how the land itself was allocated.

Consider two branches of the same family. One branch had nine adult children who entered Eretz Yisrael, while the other had only one. Under a straightforward system, the first branch would receive nine portions of land and the second branch would receive one.

That is not what happened. The ten descendants together initially received ten portions. Those portions then reverted to their common ancestor, who had left Egypt but died in the desert. At that point, the land was divided equally between his two family branches. Each branch received five portions. The branch with nine children now shared five portions among nine heirs, while the branch with one child inherited five portions alone.

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As a result, inheritance was not determined solely by the number of people who entered the land. The allocation first flowed backward to the previous generation and only then forward once again to the generation that settled Israel.

This was the only inheritance in history that first moved backward before moving forward. It flowed upstream to a previous generation before returning downstream to the next. It was, in a sense, a backward-flowing river.

This reverse inheritance acknowledged the sacrifice and courage of the pioneering generation that endured slavery in Mitzrayim and followed Hashem into the wilderness. They had suffered terribly in Egypt, and overlooking their role in this journey would have been morally insensitive, especially given their tragic fate in the anonymous sands of the desert. Their suffering in Egypt, their courage at the Yam Suf, and their encounter at Sinai all helped pave the way for the eventual arrival in Israel. By routing the allocation of the land through the previous generation, the Torah paid tribute to their accomplishments while preserving the memory of a generation that never lived to see the fulfillment of its dream.

STANDING DOWNSTREAM

This first inheritance scheme in Eretz Yisrael, this backward-flowing river, epitomizes our broader responsibilities in modern-day Israel. We have been granted the extraordinary privilege of returning to our homeland. Generations dreamed of this opportunity but passed from the world before attaining it. We did not receive this land solely through our own merits. We received it because of the faith, sacrifice, and perseverance of those who stood upstream before us.

Standing downstream carries

responsibilities. The responsibility to maintain faith even during the difficult periods we are experiencing. The responsibility not to allow this strong river to splinter into narrow rivulets of division and discord. The responsibility to make difficult decisions not only through the lens of immediate needs, but with an awareness of the history that brought us here and the obligations that history imposes.

Most importantly, those responsibilities require ensuring that the river continues to flow. We are not standing on its banks as spectators. We are standing within the current of Jewish history itself. Waters are flowing toward us from generations that came before, and they will continue flowing long after we are gone. Our task is to preserve the strength and direction of that current so that future generations may travel farther than we did and reach places we cannot yet imagine. Many of our challenges will not be solved quickly. Some may take generations to resolve. But life in Israel is lived within a river, not within a moment. Recognizing that should provide both perspective and patience.

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The Voice That Endures

The following is a dvar Torah regarding the Haftorah assigned to Parshat Pinchas when it does not fall in the Three Weeks. This Shabbat the Haftorah is the special Haftorah for the Three Weeks (Yirmiyahu chapter 1).

After the extraordinary events on Har HaCarmel, Eliyahu HaNavi is told, “Go out and stand on the mountain before Hashem.” What follows is one of the most unforgettable scenes in Tanach. A mighty wind tears through the mountains. Then comes an earthquake. Then a fire. Yet after each phenomenon, the Navi emphasizes, “Hashem was not in the wind... Hashem was not in the earthquake... Hashem was not in the fire.” Only afterward comes the קול דממה דקה — the still, small voice.

Why does Hashem reveal Himself in this way?

The Malbim offers a remarkable explanation. After discussing the deeper, mystical dimension of the vision, he turns to what he calls כפי הנגלה — the straightforward meaning of the text. There he writes that Hashem was teaching Eliyahu that במחנה רוח ורעש ואש אין ה' — “Hashem is not found in the camp of the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but rather in the still, small voice.”

The Malbim is not suggesting that Hashem cannot reveal Himself through displays of overwhelming power. Rather, this is the lesson that Eliyahu himself needed to learn. Until this point, his mission had been marked by extraordinary acts of zeal. He declared a drought, called down fire from heaven, and oversaw the execution of the prophets of Baal. Those actions were necessary at those moments in Jewish history. But Hashem now teaches him that they cannot become the enduring model of prophetic leadership.

The Malbim makes this explicit. He writes, וממנו ילמדו שלוחיו ונביאיו בל יסערו סער, בל ירעשו רעש, ובל יבעירו אש — “From this, His emissaries and prophets should learn not to storm like the wind, not to shake like the earthquake, and not to kindle fire.” The wind, the earthquake, and the fire are no longer merely natural phenomena. They become metaphors for a style of leadership. A prophet is not meant to overwhelm people through force or spectacle.

The Malbim then points directly to Eliyahu himself, writing, כמו שעשה אליהו בקנאתו לה' — “as Eliyahu had done in his zeal for Hashem” — when he shut the heavens and slew the prophets of Baal. Hashem is not



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criticizing Eliyahu's devotion or questioning the necessity of those actions. Rather, He is teaching him that extraordinary measures, however justified in moments of crisis, are not the way hearts are ultimately won.

How, then, should a prophet lead? The Malbim concludes with one of the most beautiful descriptions of Jewish leadership: וימשכו רכים — “They should draw the people with cords of love and with gentle words.” The phrase בעבותות אהבה deliberately echoes the words of the prophet Hosea, בחבלי אדם אמשכם, בעבותות אהבה, — “I drew them with human cords, with bonds of love.” Hashem's preferred way of bringing people close is not through fear, but through love; not through coercion, but through compassion; not through spectacle, but through quiet influence.

Perhaps this is why the phrase קול דממה דקה appears in another of the holiest moments of the Jewish year. During the Avodah service of Yom Kippur, as we recount the Kohen Gadol's entry into the Kodesh HaKodashim, we describe the nation's response by saying that they heard a קול דממה דקה. The author of the piyut intentionally echoes Eliyahu's experience. One might expect the climax of Yom Kippur to be marked by thunder, heavenly voices, or an overwhelming display of Divine majesty. Instead, the moment of greatest closeness to the Shechinah is associated with a still, small voice. The deepest awareness of Hashem is often experienced not through noise and spectacle, but through profound stillness.

Immediately afterward, Eliyahu receives his next mission: to appoint new leaders and to call Elisha as his successor. His final task is no longer to call down fire from heaven, but to ensure that the future of Klal Yisrael will be built through faithful transmission—from



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The haftorah leaves us with a powerful lesson. There are moments in Jewish history that require courage, conviction, and even dramatic action. Eliyahu's zeal had its place. But the future of Torah is not sustained by wind, earthquake, or fire. It is sustained by the קול דממה דקה — by leaders who draw people close בעבותות אהבה ובדברים רכים, with bonds of love and gentle words. In a world that often celebrates the loudest voices, the Navi reminds us that the voice that changes lives, and the voice through which Hashem is most often found, is the quiet one. ■



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Whether we realize it or not, each of us lives with an internal mantra, a recurring message that quietly plays in the background of our minds throughout the day. For some, it is hopeful: *Things will work out.* For others, it is discouraging: *This is too hard. I can't do it.* Most of the time, we aren't even aware that these thoughts are shaping our perspective, our decisions, and ultimately, our lives.

But what if we could consciously choose the message that would define our day? Chazal gave us exactly that opportunity every morning. Before we check our phones, before we get dressed, before we even wash Netilat Yadayim, they instructed us to say six simple words:

מודה אני לפניך מלך חי וקים – *I acknowledge and am grateful before You, living and eternal King.*

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1	מודה	I begin with gratitude. My life is a gift.
2	אני	I bring my true self into my relationship with Hashem.
3	לפניך	I live before Hashem in every moment.
4	מלך חי וקים	He is my living and eternal King. He is actively involved in every detail of my life, always.

These six words set the direction of my day.

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Modeh Ani is not simply the first Tefillah of the morning. It is the first thought we are meant to place into our minds. Chazal intentionally omitted Hashem's Name so that these words could be recited the very moment we awaken, even before going to the bathroom or washing our hands. If there is one idea that should become our daily mantra, it is this one.

That idea became especially real for me this week. A family member was involved in a serious car accident. Baruch Hashem, she walked away completely unharmed. But after hearing what happened and seeing the pictures, it was impossible not to think how differently the story

could have ended. All week, I kept thinking about how fragile life really is. We live with an incredible sense of security, assuming that tomorrow will come, that our loved ones will return home safely, that life will simply continue as it always has. Yet the truth is that every breath we take, every heartbeat, every ordinary day, exists only because Hashem continually wills it to be so.

If we were truly aware of how many dangers Hashem saves us from every single day, or how completely dependent we are on Him for every moment of our existence, we would probably find it impossible to function. Perhaps that is why Hashem allows us to live with the comforting illusion of independence. We are meant to build our lives, make plans, go to work, raise families, and move forward without constantly feeling overwhelmed by our vulnerability.

That being said, Chazal taught us to acknowledge that reality once each morning and to let it shape the way we approach the rest of the day. The goal is not to fill us with fear, but with gratitude. By recognizing our dependence on Hashem at the very beginning of the day, we can spend the hours that follow with greater purpose.

For just a few moments, before the emails, the errands, the responsibilities, and before yesterday's worries have a chance to return, we recite these words. These six words are not merely a Tefillah. They are our daily mission statement, the lens through which we are meant to experience the entire day. The mindset with which we begin our morning has the power to shape everything that follows. In fact, **Rav Chaim of Volozhin** writes that one who begins the day by reciting Modeh Ani with proper awareness and intention is granted the merit and ability to serve Hashem throughout the day. Our first

thoughts do not simply begin the day, they set its direction.

Rav Shimshon Pincus in his book *Nefesh Shimshon* explains that every word of Modeh Ani is carefully chosen to build the proper worldview. Let us look at the first half of this remarkable Tefillah.

מוֹדֵה – The Tefillah does not begin with “אני”. It begins with “מודה.” That is no accident. We live in a culture where everything revolves around the self. Even our spiritual lives can become centered on *my* inspiration, *my* growth, *my* experience, and *my* connection. Modeh Ani teaches us to begin somewhere else. Before I think about myself, I acknowledge Hashem. Before I focus on what I want or what I need, I recognize that my entire existence is a gift. Gratitude is not merely something I express from time to time; it is meant to define the way I live. My entire existence is one continuous expression of מודה, of recognition, appreciation, and humble acknowledgment that everything I have comes from Him.

אני – Only after beginning with Hashem do we return to “אני.” Judaism does not ask us to erase our individuality. On the contrary, Hashem wants each of us to serve Him with our unique personality, talents, struggles, and strengths. A relationship cannot exist

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without two participants. If we serve Hashem mechanically, without bringing our authentic selves into the relationship, our Avodat Hashem becomes dry and routine. The goal is not to eliminate the “אני,” but to place it in its proper position, after מודה.

לִפְנֵי – The essence of Jewish living is contained in this one word: לפניך. My life is lived before Hashem - not only in shul and not only while learning Torah or doing mitzvot, but in every conversation, every business decision, every interaction with family, and every private thought. Hashem is always present, and spiritual growth begins when we train ourselves to live with that awareness.

מִלְפָּנֵי חַי וְקַיִם – Before whom do I stand? Not an abstract Creator who fashioned the world long ago and stepped back. I stand before a מִלְפָּנֵי חַי וְקַיִם, a living, eternal King who is actively sustaining every moment of creation and intimately involved in every detail of my life.

This is the mindset Chazal wanted to become our daily perspective.

A few days ago, I had the opportunity to learn Modeh Ani together with my 12-year-old son. To my great surprise, the next morning when I went to wake him for school, instead of the usual groaning and complaining, he immediately jumped up and, with a

big smile, recited the words of Modeh Ani.

I'm not sure this will continue to happen every morning (wishful thinking!) but it taught me something important. When these words are not only said, but understood, they begin to shape the way a person wakes up, and by extension, the way a person lives. The internal mantra we begin our day with is not theoretical, it becomes the lens through which reality is experienced. This is exactly what Chazal gave us. Before anything else can define us, we are given six words to define ourselves with: gratitude, awareness, and the recognition that our lives are a gift from Hashem.

May we be zocheh to approach Modeh Ani not as routine, but as a daily renewal of perspective, so that the very first words of our day will continue to shape everything that follows. ■

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Avot 1:5 - Rav Kook on Pirkei Avot: Tzniut and Discovering Dignity

“Do not converse excessively with a woman. This was said concerning one’s own wife; all the more so with the wife of one’s friend.” (Avot 1:5)

The vital lesson relayed in the above Mishnah emphasizes the worthiness and nobility of maintaining the laws of tzniut (modesty). The classic commentary of Rabbeinu Yonah on this Mishnah offers a straightforward lesson to be gleaned from this statement. By engaging in excessive chatter with women, one incites his own evil inclination. One may legitimately claim to be overwhelmed by passion only when he himself did not provoke it.

Rav Kook’s exquisite volume on character development, *Midot HaRa’aya*, compiled by his son, Rav Tzvi Yehiudah, presents eighteen primary character traits that a Jew must pursue. Indeed, the *mida*, attribute, of Tzniut (modesty) is included among those enumerated.

It is widely known that the Torah and the earliest codifiers of halacha established strict boundaries in this area and thus the unique

domain of tzniut stands out as one of the defining features of the halachic community. Laws such as *yichud* (not being alone with the opposite gender) or *mechitza* (separation during prayer) are two well-known examples of the halacha’s concern with maintaining a sacred and healthy social structure.

A Jew places inestimable value on the purity of marriage and of family life. Regulations and practices which may appear at first glance to some as slighting the opposite gender are actually meant to achieve a higher goal. Moreover the halacha is deeply concerned that ill-advised social interactions do not deteriorate and lead to much more serious transgressions.

As an example of the lengths we go in the area of modesty, Rav Kook cites a striking halacha found in the *Shulchan Aruch* which states that there is a prohibition against sending regards to a woman via her husband (*Kidushin* 70a). Although friendship and camaraderie are generally very positive things, the value of modesty often necessitates setting boundaries over common courtesy to help ensure sanctity within the Jewish community which strives to maintain purity. (*Midot Hara’aya*, Tzniut, *piska* #1)

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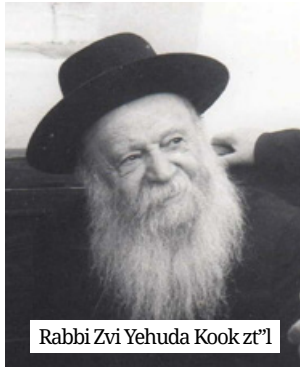
Kook took a decisive stand regarding a communal fundraiser in which there would be performance with both men and women singers participating. Rav Kook tried dissuading the organizers from following through with this planned event.

On the eve of Yom Kippur, 5666 (1905) soon after Rav Kook's arrival in Jaffa, he issued a proclamation that was posted in Jaffa and appeared the following week in the newspaper HaChavtzelet (14 Tishrei 5666):

"I come here to proclaim before the entire nation of Hashem who dwell in our holy city and its environs that for a few weeks I have politely requested, with peaceful appeal, that the women of the society Ezrat Nashim not establish a theatrical [evening] on behalf of their society. Theatrical productions in general, especially with women and men signing together, are forbidden to us by the law of our holy Torah, and heaven forbid that we should perform acts of upright charity via sinful means.

"The very idea of raising charity with soirees and theoretical production is anathema to all who are straight of heart. And it is well-known that this causes more damage in debasing people's moral spirit than it provides benefit, which is [only] temporary, short lasting assistance..."(Translated in 'Charity Elevates A People,' Tau, p. 118)

Although we immediately think of Rav Kook's tolerance and abiding compassion for others, one sees in the above proclamation, an example of times when Rav Kook took a principled position and firmly called out what he considered flagrant transgression of the law.



Rav Kook in his loving way was reluctant to condemn the less observant, so it is significant to see that Rav Kook publicly expressed his deep concern when he witnessed denigration in the realm of tzniut.

It is also noteworthy to observe Rav Kook's assertive language regarding the character trait of Tzniut in Midot Hara'aya: "The attribute of tzniut (modesty) holds great importance in the world...which forms the foundation of both the spiritual and physical realms" (Midot HaRa'aya, Tzniut, piska #1). In fact, Rav Kook calls the attribute of tzniut a "foundational" principle that "holds great importance in the world."

Rav Kook emphasized that maintaining boundaries between the genders is clearly not meant to be a slight or to disrespect the opposite gender in any way. Quite the contrary. The halachic boundaries were sensibly instituted to safeguard and protect the sanctity and the intimacy of marriage. By reserving romantic energy for one's spouse rather than dispersing it through causal interactions, these boundaries preserve the special, exclusive nature of the marital relationship and maintain a healthy and vigorous social structure.

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Shadows surround me, and darkness descends; fog thickens, the sun becomes dim for me.

The sun shines, rays of light emanate; yet for me they are dark. O Heavens!

[She] lies in the grave, but is still alive; there is no end to the heartbreak, for agony never stops...

I cry out loud, deafen ears, breathe into the dust, and it rises to heaven.

Thoughts of confusion, great is the turmoil. That my soul was abandoned, in its crooked path.

To the light, it seems that I have been saved. I will immerse myself in Torah, because her face I can no longer imagine.

My longing hope, from your lovely friendship; here it is burned, like a pure sacrifice.

...Like a pillar of light floating in the air, it passed by so fast and has now disappeared. And just before she dried up, she gave birth to a daughter for me. (Pinkasei HaReiyah 1, pp. 80-83, translation Schwartz, The Spiritual Revolution of Rav Kook, p. 210) ■



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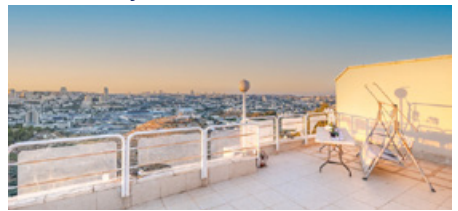
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לעילוי נשמת
 יואל אפרים בן אברהם עוזיאל זלצמן ז"ל

Question: I have a *ma'aser kesafim* account from which I write checks and do bank transfers. I also give small amounts of money to poor people who collect in *shul*. Can/should I deduct these donations from my *ma'aser* “ledger” or give it from “my own” money?

Answer: There are two approaches to the halachic logic of *ma'aser kesafim*. *Minchat Asher* (Devarim 22) discusses whether *ma'aser kesafim* is an extension of *ma'asrot* on agricultural produce, or a recommended way of fulfilling one’s *tzedaka* obligations. The latter seems to be the mainstream approach (see Rambam, *Matnot Aniyim* 7:5; *Shulchan Aruch*, *Yoreh Deah* 249:1).

There are also two main benefits from the *mitzva* of *tzedaka*: 1. Making funds available to the needy; 2. Involving the giver in an act of

generosity. At times, there is tension between the optimization of these gains. For example, because of #2, it is better to give small amounts of *tzedaka* many times (Rambam to Avot 3:15), but this can be practically inefficient for organizations (see our attempt at a balanced approach in *Living the Halachic Process II*, F-3). We do not want to take a stand on the question of efficiency in giving small contributions to individual collectors who already traveled to your *shul* (their major overhead), and the impact of the difficulty of vetting them. It is, though, both spiritually regrettable and halachically questionable to turn down a poor person without giving him a small donation (see *Shulchan Aruch*, YD 247:1; *Rama*, YD 249:4). Your system is therefore understandable, balanced and common.

The short answer to your question is that you may deduct what you give in *shul* from your *ma'aser* ledger. *Tzedaka* is *tzedaka*, whether it is to an organization or to an individual. Where there is a *machloket* is whether the *tzedaka* you give when you have an empty *ma'aser* account and obligation can later be deducted from future *ma'aser kesafim* (see *Ahavat Chesed II*:18:2), and even there we are lenient (*Tzedaka U'mishpat* 5:11). But it is clear that if you have a *ma'aser* “*pushka*” at home and are approached by a collector on the street, you can give him “pocket money,”

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and then reimburse yourself from the *pushka*. In the same vein, you may write down the contributions and take out money from the *tzedaka* account or give less next time you replenish your account.

The question is whether you should want to. There is a kabbalistic approach that it is better to give 10% than more than that (Shiyarei Knesset Hagedola, Tur YD 249:1). However, we clearly hold that giving more is laudable (see Shulchan Aruch, YD 249:1). It therefore makes a lot of sense to use the bank account for the 10% and give as you determine appropriate beyond that (if you can afford it). This works well in countering a “problem” with the *ma’aser kesafim* system – it “only” requires discipline to calculate and take off the money. However, the actual donations to not include generosity – one gives to Reuven not from his own pocket but by depleting available funds earmarked for the community of the needy. This compromises gain #2 above. If for certain contributions you make you do not seek reimbursement from the *ma’aser* ledger, those actions (which can be many in certain *shuls*) is a better fulfillment of the Rambam’s multiple small contributions idea.

This is not to criticize the pure *ma’aser* system, which in most cases, probably has caused its followers to give more than they otherwise would have (we cannot prove this contention). It is true that indications are that the regular use of such an accounting was not prevalent in Talmudic times (see Tosafot, Ta’anit 9a; Bava Kama 56b; I cannot explain further in this forum). However, there was an analogous

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system that was prevalent in Talmudic times – an enforced appraisal by the local *tzedaka* committee (see Bava Batra 8b), after which people were not expected to give additional *tzedaka* (see *ibid.* 43a). Apparently, while that system limited flexing the generosity muscles, it helped keep the poor of many communities alive and reasonably taken care of. ■

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Why Them and Not Korach? Messages from Camp Dror

One of the most striking moments in Parshat Pinchas is the request of the daughters of Tzelofchad. They approach Moshe with a claim that, at first glance, sounds like a challenge to the existing system:

לָמָּה יִגְרַע שֵׁם אָבִינוּ מִתּוֹךְ מִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ כִּי אֵין לוֹ בֵּן?
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“Why should our father’s name be diminished from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father’s brothers.” (Bamidbar 27:4)

Their request is ultimately affirmed by Hashem Himself:

כֵּן בָּנוֹת צִלְפַּחַד דִּבְּרֹת

“The daughters of Tzelofchad speak correctly.” (27:7)

But this raises an interesting question. We just read about another group that challenged the leadership and the status quo: Korach and his followers. They, too, came forward with a complaint. They, too, felt that something was unfair. Yet one group is praised and becomes part of the eternal Torah, while the other is swallowed up by the earth.

What did the daughters of Tzelofchad understand that Korach did not?

Part of the answer lies in the language each group uses. Korach’s challenge begins with an accusation:

וּמִדַּע תִּתְנַשֵּׂא

“Why do you exalt yourselves?” (Bamidbar 16:3)

His focus is on what others have and why he does not have it. The daughters of Tzelofchad ask a different kind of question:

לָמָּה יִגְרַע שֵׁם אָבִינוּ

“Why should our father’s name be diminished?”

Their concern is not themselves. It is their father, their family, and their place within the larger story of the Jewish people.

But perhaps the deeper distinction is not simply the difference between two versions of “why.” It is the difference between asking, “Why don’t I have what I deserve?” and asking, “How can I contribute? How can I fulfill my responsibility?”

Korach saw leadership as a privilege. He looked at the positions held by Moshe and Aharon and wanted a greater share for himself. The daughters of Tzelofchad saw inheritance not as a privilege, but as a responsibility. They were not seeking honor. They were seeking a way to carry forward their father’s legacy and maintain their family’s connection to Eretz Yisrael.

That is why Hashem validates their request. Their challenge was not rooted in entitlement. It was rooted in commitment.

This distinction feels especially relevant as

camp season begins.

Camp is one of the few places where we live, almost around the clock, as a true community. It teaches us that healthy communities are built by people who ask, “How can I help?” rather than “What am I getting?”

I often tell campers this on pizza night. If everyone rushes to the table worried only about making sure they get enough slices for themselves, suddenly there isn't enough. Everyone feels pressured, everyone feels shortchanged, and the experience becomes about taking.

But something remarkable happens when people think differently. When everyone is looking around to make sure the next person has enough before taking for themselves, somehow there is enough. The atmosphere changes. The meal becomes about the community rather than the individual.

That is the difference between Korach and the daughters of Tzelofchad.

Korach looked at the community and asked what it owed him. The daughters of Tzelofchad looked at the community and asked how they could continue to be part of it. Korach pursued privilege; they embraced responsibility.

The lesson of camp—and perhaps the lesson of this parashah—is that strong communities are not built by people demanding a bigger piece for themselves. They are built by people who care about the whole pie.

When we shift our focus from privilege to responsibility, from “Why don't I have more?” to “How can I contribute more?”, we create the kind of community that allows everyone to thrive. That is true in the desert, true in camp, and true wherever Jews come together to build something larger than themselves. ■



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In 2017, Israeli singer-songwriter Hanan Ben Ari released a song called “Wikipedia”. It quickly became one of the most popular songs in Israel. The reason was simple: everyone could recognize themselves in it.

The song runs through a long list of stereotypes that Israelis hold about one another:

Every left-wing person is a traitor.

Every Haredi is a criminal.

Every settler is an extremist.

Every politician is corrupt.

The list continues, touching every sector of society. Then comes the refrain:

“Don’t summarize me on Wikipedia.”

The message is powerful because it exposes something deeply human. We all want to be understood as individuals, yet we are quick to reduce others to labels. We resent being placed in a box, but we are apt to place others in one.

As Tisha B’Av approaches, this message feels especially relevant.

Tisha B’Av is the day on which we mourn the destruction of both Temples. Chazal teach us that the First Temple was destroyed because of the cardinal sins, but the Second Temple fell because of *sinat chinam* — baseless hatred between Jews.

For many years I struggled to understand this. Could hatred alone really destroy the spiritual and national center of the Jewish

people? Of course, Chazal were teaching us something profound. The Temple represents the place where all Jews came together before Hashem. Once we stopped seeing one another as brothers and sisters and began seeing each other as categories, factions and enemies, the foundations of that unity began to crumble.

Today, that lesson feels painfully contemporary.

We stand in the midst of a difficult war on multiple fronts. At the same time, Israel is entering another election cycle. The arguments are familiar. Some blame the Haredim for not serving in the army. Others blame secular Israelis for their influence over the courts, the media and the security establishment. Some blame the right. Others blame the left. Social media amplifies every disagreement until it feels as if entire sectors of the Jewish people are defined by a single issue.

The danger is not disagreement - Jews have always embraced debate. The danger is when disagreement turns into stereotyping. When “some Haredim” becomes “the Haredim.” When criticism of a policy becomes the condemnation of an entire community. When we stop seeing individuals and begin seeing caricatures.

Recently, I heard a beautiful idea from a group of bereaved families who have been meeting with people from every sector of Israeli society. Despite their differences, they discovered a remarkable sense of unity. Before discussing the issues that divided them, they first spent a few moments speaking about the values that they shared. The

atmosphere in the room was transformed.

Let's give this idea a name: "Before We Argue."

Before we criticize another group of Jews around the Shabbat table; before we share a sweeping generalization; before we explain why "they" are the problem, let us pause for ten or thirty seconds and ask a simple question: "What do we have in common?"

We all want our children to be safe. We all want a secure future for the Jewish people. We all care about Israel, even when we disagree passionately about its direction. We all carry the burden of Jewish history and the responsibility of Jewish continuity.

That brief pause may not eliminate disagreement — nor should it — but it can change the tone of the conversation. It reminds us that the person sitting across town is not a stereotype. He or she is a fellow Jew who shares many of the same values that are important to us.


Perhaps this mindset shift can be one small antidote to *sinat chinam*. Not pretending that we have no disputes, but remembering that our shared destiny is greater than them all.

This Tisha B'Av, as we mourn the destruction of the past, perhaps we can each adopt the practice of recalling what unites us "Before We Argue."

Because, if it was division that brought us into exile, then it is understanding that could lead us home. ■

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The Qualities of a Leader

After G-d told Moshe to view the Promised Land from a distance:

Moshe spoke to G-d saying: “May Hashem, G-d of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a leader over the congregation. He shall go out before them and come in before them, and take them out and bring them in. And so the congregation of G-d shall not be like sheep that have no shepherd.”

G-d said to Moshe:

“Take Yehoshua the son of Nun, a man who has the spirit in him...” (27:15-18)

Moshe’s quest for a successor prioritized the qualities of leadership: “He shall go out before them and come in before them, he shall take them out and bring them in”.

Rashi explains this refers to a person of great spiritual merit who will successfully lead them at the head of military campaigns as Moshe had in the recent wars of Sichon and Og, and Yehoshua in the earlier confrontation with Amalek.

The Sforno, as Rashi, interprets “He shall go out before them and come in before them” as a military leader, but he goes further in explaining “He shall take them out and bring them in” as being suitable as an administrator of national affairs. Moshe’s prayer to G-d was that the leader would know how to lead the people in times of war, and in times of peace.

Thus Moshe himself did not nominate a successor for his manifold inspirational and management tasks. He approached G-d as the “G-d of the spirits of all flesh” to pick out the one who should take over his mantle of leadership when the time came. G-d, Man’s creator, knew who truly was the right person for that role. Rashi, based on the Midrash Tanchuma, indicates that Moshe hoped that the position would go to one of his sons, Gershom or Eliezer. It was not to be so: G-d replied by making it clear that it would be his student Yehoshua who would continue his work and traditions.

Possibly, Moshe justified in hoping that G-d would consider the leadership to come from his offspring for the following reason. In the Torah, we hear nothing of Gershom and Eliezer once they arrived with Yitro. But maybe Moshe felt that at least one of them may have had hidden qualities that he himself didn’t know of, even though he was their father. In addition, they may have had unnoticed potential. History has shown repeatedly

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that although some people grow into successful leaders, others are propelled into greatness through the force of the responsibilities and the circumstances of their office. They then show dimensions and capacities that no-one would ever guess they ever had. This would especially be true where the 'spirit of G-d' would fall on them (c.f. Shmuel I 10:11-12 – "Is Shaul also among the prophets?").

But it was not to be. G-d, who sees the insides of people's minds and knows how they think, informed Moshe gently that it was to be his disciple rather than his son that was to take his leadership forward into Eretz Yisrael. Gently in that although Moshe approaches G-d firmly and decisively by speaking to G-d in the stronger *piel* form with 'Vayedaber', G-d, sensing Moshe's disappointment, changed the tone and replied to him in the softer *kal* form of 'Vayomer'.

Thus in considering his two sons, perhaps Moshe was like many parents of all generations who suffer fears and apprehensions as they watch their children grow up from close quarters: so much so that a person much further away can see the big picture more clearly. As they emerge as successful people in their work and in their communities, their parents shake their heads in pride with a "Whoever would have thought of it?" (Perhaps Gershom or Eliezer might have been the same, given the chance.) Indeed, those who know them in other contexts and have seen them at a greater distance may see the whole picture, and are thus less surprised.

But however well intentioned, in the case of Moshe as the parasha tell us, it was not to be. ■

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A New Era in Fertility

Last time we spoke about the options to become parents for women without a uterus. In recent years, science has opened a surprising third option for women unable to carry a pregnancy; uterine transplants. What once sounded like science fiction is now a real, albeit rare, medical procedure offering new hope to many.

The idea isn't entirely new. Scientists began experimenting with uterus transplants in animals as far back as the early 1900s, and by the 1960s, researchers had even achieved successful pregnancies in transplanted uteruses in dogs. Still, moving from animals to humans proved incredibly difficult. The uterus has a complex network of blood vessels, and like any transplanted organ, it can be rejected by the body's immune system. For decades, the concept remained more theoretical than practical.

Everything changed in 2014. In Sweden, a woman gave birth to a healthy baby after receiving a transplanted uterus, the first success of its kind in the world. This breakthrough made global headlines and marked the beginning of a new era in fertility treatment, transforming years of research into real-life possibility.

Since then, the field has grown steadily. Today, more than a hundred uterine

transplants have been performed worldwide, leading to dozens of births. The process itself is complex; a uterus is transplanted from either a living or deceased donor; the recipient undergoes in vitro fertilization (IVF), and doctors carefully monitor the pregnancy over many months. Unlike other organ transplants, the uterus is usually temporary, it is removed after one or two pregnancies to avoid the risks of lifelong immune-suppressing medication.

Despite this progress, uterine transplants are still far from routine. The surgery is long and delicate, involving significant risks for both donor and recipient. Patients must take medications to prevent rejection, which can have side effects and require close medical supervision. There are also ethical questions, especially when healthy donors undergo major surgery purely to help someone else have a child.

Cost and access remain major barriers. The procedure is expensive and currently available only in a small number of specialized medical centers around the world. As a result, it is still out of reach for most people who might benefit from it.

Even so, uterine transplantation represents a remarkable step forward. It is not just about medical innovation; it is about expanding what is possible for people who dream of experiencing pregnancy themselves. As techniques continue to improve, what is now rare and experimental may one day become a standard part of reproductive care.

More on this next time. ■



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His Family Doesn't Like Her

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 מאיר יצחק בן יוסף אליהו הכהן ז"ל

Akiva asks: I set up a candidate and all is going well with them, except that the family doesn't like who he is dating. They don't think she fits in with the family and they are not supporting him. Meantime the couple is very aligned and happy. How should I advise him? Should he break up or keep dating?

Aleeza answers:

One of the hardest situations in dating is when the couple is happy, aligned, and moving forward - but the family is not on board.

When a member comes to you and says, "Everything is going well, but my family doesn't like the person I'm dating," my advice is usually not to rush toward a break-up. Instead, slow down and gather more information.

Families often see things that a person in

the relationship may miss. Sometimes their concerns are valid. Other times, their concerns have more to do with their own expectations, preferences, or fears than with the actual compatibility of the couple.

The first step is to encourage your member to keep talking with their family. Not arguing. Not defending. Listening.

Ask questions like:

"What specifically concerns you?"

"What do you see that worries you?"

"Is there something about her character, values, or behavior that concerns you, or is it more about how you imagined my future spouse would be?"

The more specific the concerns become, the easier they are to evaluate.

Next, help your member examine an important question: "Am I actually more similar to my family, or am I different from them?"

Many people assume they need a spouse who fits perfectly into their family system. But that isn't always true. Sometimes a person has different goals, interests, personality traits, or life aspirations than the family they grew up in. In those cases, the partner may fit them beautifully even if the partner doesn't naturally fit the family.

The goal is not to find someone who matches the family, although that would be ideal. However the true goal is to find

someone who matches the person building the marriage.

That said, there is one area where family concerns should be taken very seriously: values.

If the family is identifying a genuine conflict in core values, life goals, religious outlook, character, integrity, family building, or other foundational areas, those concerns deserve careful attention. A healthy relationship requires alignment on the things that matter most.

But if the couple is aligned in their values, enjoys being together, treats each other well, and is building a healthy connection, family discomfort alone is not usually a reason to end a promising relationship.

May you be blessed with the wisdom to hear the concerns of others without losing sight of the truth in front of you, and may

every member you guide be led toward a relationship built on clarity, alignment, respect, and lasting love.

Blessings, Aleeza ■

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A Quiz That Went Beyond the Questions

“For the first time in Israel: a Bible Quiz for special education students. We are honored and delighted to invite you to share in this moving, first-of-its-kind event.”

That was the festive invitation to an event I was privileged to emcee last week at Kibbutz

Ashdot Yaakov. For the past 18 years, the kibbutz has been home to the Life Skills College, founded by Yardena Amsalem for her son, Eran, who has special needs, and for other young people like him.

About a year ago, Yardena decided to do something revolutionary – to hold a Bible Quiz for young people with special needs. The

enthusiasm was tremendous. AKIM centers, the network for students with disabilities, and other therapeutic frameworks joined the initiative and began preparing. And then the big day arrived.

Each institution sent a team of representatives. The event featured a roster of speakers as well as a distinguished panel of judges. And the questions were anything but easy!

I told the contestants that they may be called “people with disabilities,” but when it comes to the soul and its connection to Torah and to God, there is no such thing as disability. That connection rises above the limitations of the body.

Once the quiz began, they proved my point. Their command of the material, which was on sefer Bereshit, the Book of Genesis, was remarkable. They cited dates, years and facts, but also, the deeper messages and meaning.

One contestant stood out: Bat-El Maimon from Kibbutz Mizra. She struggled to get the words out, fighting with real determination to give answer after answer.

At one point, I asked what is symbolized by the new name, Yisrael, given to our forefather Yaakov. Bat-El answered: “The ability to struggle and to withstand challenges.”

In that setting, her answer carried extraordinary meaning.

There was no single winner. At the end, everyone received the same certificate, and two participants went up to sing “Kanfei Ru’ach” — “Wings of Spirit.”

Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook, who wrote the words to that song, set out on what became



known as the Journey to the Moshavot, visiting the kibbutzim and moshavim of northern Israel, which at the time were distant from Judaism, and often alienated from it.

About a hundred years later, in those very communities, a Bible Quiz like this was held, with contestants from Ashdot Yaakov and Mizra. And the contestants themselves sang Rabbi Kook's words: "Human being, rise upward, rise; you have wings of spirit."

Rise Up!

Last Tuesday, the wedding of Miriam Shani and Ofek Dotan took place at the "Tzon Kedar" farm near Ma'ale Adumim. I met Miriam a short time after the tragic death of her husband, Captain Uri Shani, who fell on Simchat Torah. We will never know how many people were saved thanks to his resourcefulness and courage, and that of the team he commanded, in valiant battles that lasted long hours.

Miriam then came with their baby, Roi, to an event in memory of Uri. "Roi is just starting to walk," she told me. "When I see falling and getting up, and walking a few more steps and falling and getting up again, I think about myself. It's a message for me and for all of us. We have to fall and get up, to insist on continuing to walk and to grow."

I shared her words at the time, and they gave strength to many. This week, I saw Miriam herself get up. Little Roi has long since been walking. He ran among the guests, while his mother built a new home in Israel, with Ofek.

Anyone who was at that chuppah felt a special holiness that's hard to put into words.

Shuli, Uri's mother, welcomed the guests with hugs. "Since Simchat Torah I've been praying for this moment. I said to God: we will cope, we will overcome, but Miriam — don't leave her alone."

Yehoshua Shani, Uri's father, heads the "Forum of Heroism," which brings together hundreds of bereaved families. He has a great deal to say — about leadership, about spirit, about unity — but on this evening his only words consisted of one of the Seven Blessings that the couple asked him to recite under the chuppah. ■



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