



25th of Tevet Jan 25th 2025 CANDLE LIGHTING 5:40pm Shabbat Ends at 6:40pm

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<u>Announcement:</u>

Shabbat Schedule

Shir Hashirim	5:30pm
Minha	5:45pm
Followed by Kabbala	at Shabbat &
Arvit	

Candle Lighting:	5:40pm						
Shaharit Netz Minyan	6:05am						
Shaharit:	8:45am						
Youth Minyan	9:15am						
Zeman Keriat Shema 9:14/9:50am							
Children's Programs:	4:25pm						
Shiur Pirke Avot:	4:25pm						
Minha:	5:10pm						
Followed by Seudat Shlishit &							
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Shabbat Ends:	6:40pm						
Avot Ubanim: Motsac	e Shabba						
Rabbenu Tam	7:12pm]						

Rosh Hodesh Shevat will be Wednesday Night And Thursday January 30th

We would like to remind the Kahal Kadosh that ones seats are reserved for them until <u>half an</u> <u>hour</u> after the Tefila starts which then becomes open to the public.

Please Contact <u>Dr. Ari Benmergui</u> for any Aliyot related request.

Please contact the Office for all inquiries about your pledge account by email: <u>info@hechal-</u> <u>shalom.org</u> or at (305) 867-6024

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>SUNDAY</u>

Shaharit	6:35am
Shaharit #2 Hodu	8:30am
Minha	5:50pm
Followed by Arvit	_

<u>Monday</u> <u>To Friday</u>

Shaharit:	6:35am
Daf Yomi	7:40am
Beki'im Bahalacha	8:10am
Shaharit #2 Hodu	8:00am
Hok LeIsrael	8:50am
Minha	5:50pm
Followed By Arvit	
Shiurim	6:15pm
Kinyan Masechta	6:30pm]

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Avot Ubanim \$150, <u>Kiddush \$500</u>, <u>Premium Kiddush \$750</u>, <u>Platinum Kiddush \$1000</u>, <u>Seudat Shelishit \$350</u></u>, Weekly Bulletin \$150, Weekly Daf Yomi \$180, Daf Yomi Masechet \$2500, Yearly Daf Yomi \$5000, <u>Weekly Breakfast \$200</u>, Daily Learning \$180, Weekly Learning \$613, Monthly Rent \$3500, Monthly Learning \$2000, Children's Shabbat Program \$500, Weekly Youth Program \$360. Thanking you in advance for your generous support. Tizke Lemitzvot!

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LEARNING OF THE MONTH



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In Honor of Rabbi David Hanania Pinto and the Keila of Or Oziel For the Hatzlaha and Bracha of Messoda Haya Bat Hanina and Moshe Ben Simon For the Refua Shelema of Karine Messoda Bat Simha Colette. For the Success of our Soldiers, and for the Safe return of the Hostages AM ISRAEL HAÏ We truly appreciate it. In this Merit May Hashem Bless you & your Wonderful Family with all the Berachot in the Torah Amen

We would like to Wholeheartedly Thank our Dear Friends, **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gad** for generously Donating the TORAH LEARNING of **TEVET 5784** Leiluy Nishmat his Dear Father Naftali Gad Bar Nisan & Lea the 21st of Tebet Tihye Nishmato Tzerura Bitzror Hahayim Amen! We truly appreciate it. In this merit may Hashem Bless you & your wonderful family with all the Berachot of the Torah. Amen.

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We would like to Wholeheartedly Thank our Dear Friends, **Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Castiel** for generously Donating the TORAH LEARNING of TEVET 5784 for the Refoua Shelema of Esther Bat Ruth In Memory of Isaac Ben Dona z"I Rica Bat Gimol z"I We truly appreciate it. In this merit may Hashem Bless you & your wonderful family with all the Berachot of the Torah. Amen. Or Oziel

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<u>THE PEREZ FAMILY</u>

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(It is YOUR Community, make the most of it!) Miscellaneous Announcements:

- This Week's Congregational Kiddush
- This Week's Seudat Shelishit has been Kindly Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Alain Albergel in memory of His dear Mother Eshter Bat Hanina z"l. Tihye Nishmata Tzerura Bitzror Hahayim Amen!
- This Week's Breakfast has been kindly sponsored by Mrs. Simy Cohen in memory of Solita Bat Simha z"l. Tihye Nishmata Tzerura Bitzror Hahayim Amen!
- This Week's Daf Yomi is available for Sponsorship.!

WEEKLY SHIURIM:

Daf Hayomi: 7:35am Sun. - Fri. (Rabbi Elmaleh) **Beki'im Bahalacha:** 8:10am Sun. - Thurs. (Rabbi Elmaleh) **Hok LeIsrael:** 8:50am Sun. - Fri. (Rabbi Zafrani) <u>Kinyan Hamasechta:</u> Every Weeknight. (Rabbi Elmaleh) <u>Semichat Chaver:</u> Tuesday Evenings. (Rabbi Elmaleh)

Donors Column

We Sincerely Thank you for your generous contributions this Week! We truly appreciate it! Hashem should Bless them with Health, Happiness, Parnasah Tova, Success, & All the Berachot of the Torah Amen!

Mr.Eytan Guigui Mr. • • Mr. Ynnick Ayache • The Children's program Mr. Isaac Kassin Mr. Fred Sellam in 4:15pm with Rabbi Mr. Abe Esses • Mr. Romain Ferrier Fried, Rabbi Ariel Co-Mr. Yosef Ezekiel hen, & Moshe Mr. Fradji Koskas Benmergui.

The Board of Directors:

Dr. Ari Benmergui (President)								
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Mr. Arnaud Sitbon (Board Officer)	Dr. Ronny Aquinin (Board Officer)	Mr. Sammy Maya (Board Officer)						

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Happy Birthday in January:		בס"ד
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• <u>8th:</u> Mr. Amichai Shoshan		Messoud Ben Esther Azoulay z"l (Grandfather of Mr. Anthony Azoulay)
• <u>10th:</u> Mr. Samuel Cohen Scali	•	<u>7th:</u> David Guenoun Bar Shelomo z"l
• <u>11th:</u> Ohr Yisrael Shimon Lahmi	•	(Father of Mr. Abraham Guenoun z"l) 8 th : Yaacov Elian z"l Bar Yoram & Sylvia
• <u>13th:</u> Simcha Amram		(Nephew of Mrs. Ruby Mouyal)
• <u>18th:</u> Leanna Ammar	•	<u>9th: Haim Mamou Ben Eliezer z"l</u> (Cousin of Mr. Laurent Becker)
Mr. Romin Ferrier	•	<u>10th:</u> Miriam Edderai Bat Rajel z"l (Grandmother of Dr. J.J. Edderai)
• <u>20th:</u> Mrs. Sara Maya		Sarah Bat Sete z"l
• <u>22nd:</u> Eliyahu Aquinin		(Grandmother of Mr. Moises Benmergui) Moise Ben Aicha & Eleazr z"l
• <u>27th:</u> Mrs. Adina Benmergui		(Grandfather of Mrs. Yael Cohen)
 Mr.Yosef Eliyahu Benmergui <u>30th:</u> Miss Batsheva Elmaleh 	•	<u>12th:</u> Coty Benarroch Bat Sol z"l (Mother of Mr. Vidal Benarroch & Mrs. Sol Aquinin)
• <u>Jotn.</u> Miss Datsneva Elinalen	•	<u>13th:</u> Rahel Bat Simha z"l
• <u>31st:</u> Mrs. Daisy Chocron	•	(Mother of Mr. Alberto Cohen) <u>14th:</u> Eliyahu Tapiero Ben Miriam z"l (Father of Mr. Jacky Tapiero)
Happy Anniversary To:	•	<u>15th:</u> Eliyahu Delouya Ben Esther z"l (Grandfather of Mr. Jacky Werta)
• <u>7th</u> : Isaie & Nicole Bouhadana		
Nahalot of Tevet:		David Mamane z"l (Brother of Mr. Habib Mamane)
	•	<u>16th:</u> Celine Hasiba Bat Ramo z"l (Aunt of Mr. Jacky Werta)
• <u>1st:</u> Yehoshua Belecen Bar Clara z"l (Uncle of Mr. Alberto Belecen)	•	<u>18th:</u> Solita Bendayan Bat Simha z"l
Yizhak Hacohen Bar Esther z"l (Father of Mr. David Cohen)		(Mother of Mrs. Evelyn Belecen) Shemuel Maya Ben Malkuna z"l
Serge Shlomo Ben Henriette Rosenblum z'l		(Father of Mr. Shabetai Maya z''l)
(Father of Mrs. Gigit Bouhnik)	•	<u>20th:</u> Rebecca Behar Bat Sultana z"l (Cousin of Mr. Shabetai Maya z"l)
• <u>2nd</u> : Rachel Bat Moshe Amsellem z'l (Grandmother of Mr. Fred Sellam)	•	21st: Naftali Gad Ben Leah & Nisan z"l (Father of Mr. Michael Gad)
• <u>3rd:</u> Bilha Bat Jana Carciente z"l (Mother of Mrs. Jeannete Kamhazi)	•	25 th : Esther Therese Albergel Bat Hnina z"l (Mother of Mr. Alain Albergel)
Daniel David Amar Ben Mazal Tov z"l (Father of Mrs. Jeannine Furhmann)		Freha Bat Simha Elbaz z"l (Maman Petite) (GrandMother of Dr. Jean Paul Courchia)
Saadia Lasry Bar Simcha z"l		

Saadia Lasry Bar Simcha z"l (Grandfather of Sr. Moises Benmergui)

Membership benefits:

Participating in the growth of the synagogue community and contributing to its daily operations are key aspects of synagogue membership.

However, Hechal Shalom membership provides numerous benefits that contribute to personal, spiritual, and community well-being. These typically include:

Spiritual Growth and Meaning:

Access to regular religious services, including Shabbat and holiday prayers. Opportunities to engage with spiritual leaders and participate in Torah study or educational programs for adults, teenagers and youths.

Community Belonging:

Membership in a supportive community that celebrates life events and offers comfort during difficult times.

Social activities that foster friendships and connections among members.

Community Support: A network of congregants to assist during illnesses, bereavement, or other challenging times.

Counseling, support and direction from the Rabbi and staff.

Lifecycle Services:

Support for significant life events such as weddings, Berit Milah's/baby naming's, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and funerals and Azkara/Nahala/Yarhzietz. Members get first rights over Aliyot, Haftarot, and Services.

Educational Opportunities:

Access to adult education classes, family programming, teenager and youth programs. Opportunities to deepen knowledge about Jewish Laws, Ethics, outlooks (Hashkafa) , history, culture, and traditions.

Cultural and Social Programs for all ages:

We offer Weekly Children's learning programs for boys, girls, and teenagers. Weekly Father and son program and Hazanut program. Participation in cultural events and holiday celebrations. Membership usually includes tickets to High Holy Day services (e.g., Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur) with discounted rates. All Community events including Hanukkah Party, Seudat Purim, Lag Baomer, and Shavuot Lunch & Simchat Torah Lunches are either free or at discounted rates. All Shabbaton meals at discounted rates.

Charitable and Volunteer Initiatives:

Opportunities to participate in tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world) initiatives. Use of Synagogue Facilities: Use of synagogue facilities for religious private events for free.

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Weekly Inspiration

The Missing Years of the Egyptian Exile

(Rabbi Eli Mansour)

In the opening verses of Parashat Vaera, we find Hashem's pronouncement of the "Arba Leshonot Geula" - "four expressions of redemption." He told Moshe to convey to Beneh Yisrael His promise that He will "take you from the suffering of Egypt" ("Ve'hoseti"), He will "save you from their labor" ("Ve'hisalti"), He will "redeem you with an outstretched arm" ("Ve'ga'alti"), and He will "take you to Me as a nation" ("Ve'lakahti"). The Gemara famously teaches that the four cups of wine we drink at the Seder on the night of Pesach correspond to these four promises.

One of the approaches taken to explain the significance of these four expressions was presented by the Shem Mi'Shmuel (Rav Shmuel Borenstein of Sochatchov. 1855-1926), who writes that Hahere refers to the shem redemptions from the subsequent exiles. Already then. during the Egyptian exile, Hashem informed Beneh Yisrael that just as He was bringing them out of this exile, and extricating them from persecution and suffering, He would also deliver them from the exiles they would endure in the future. The first of the four expressions, "Ve'hoseti," which speaks of Hashem bringing the nation out of a foreign land, alludes to the Babylonian exile, at the conclusion of which Hashem brought the Jews back from exile to the Land of Israel. The second expression foresees Hashem rescuing Beneh Yisrael from danger -"Ve'histalti," and thus refers to the rule of Persia, when Beneh Yisrael were saved from Haman's decree of annihilation. The third of the subsequent exiles was the period of Greek persecution, when Beneh Yisrael faced a grave spiritual threat, as the Greeks forbade them from practicing their religion. Hashem thus promised, "Ve'ga'alti" - that He would redeem them from this spiritual danger. Finally, Hashem promises to deliver us from our current exile, the fourth and final exile. assuring us that He would take us as His nation for all eternity ("Ve'lakahti").

The question, however, arises, why do we commemorate these four promises through the drinking of four cups on the night of Pesach, as we celebrate the Exodus from Egypt?

The answer emerges from a discussion in the work Torat Haim (Rav Abraham Haim Schorr, d. 1632) regarding a different question, relating to the duration of the Egyptian exile.

The Torah in Parashat Bo (Shemot 12:40) states that the Egyptian exile lasted a total of 430 years. In truth, Beneh Yisrael spent just 210 years in Egypt. Many commentators explain that the 430-year period began from the time Abraham was informed that his descendants would be enslaved. The Torat Haim, however, advances a different theory. He claims that indeed. Hashem decreed a lengthy period of suffering, but He mercifully ended the exile earlier. Tradition teaches that the period of harsh labor began at the time of the birth of Miriam. Moshe Rabbenu's sister, who was 86 at the time of the Exodus. Thus. Beneh Yisrael endured only 86 years of slave labor - one-fifth of the 430 years of slavery that were decreed

upon them. The remaining fourfifths were delayed to the future. The four subsequent exiles, the Torat Haim explains, took the place of the missing years of the Egyptian exile. The amount of suffering that would have been experienced in 86 years of grueling slavery and degradation in Egypt were transferred to each of these four periods, and this is how the period of 430 years was completed.

The Torat Haim explains that this is why we drink four cups of wine on Pesach night. The word "Kos" in Gematria equals 86, and thus the four cups of wine signify the redemptions from the four subsequent exiles - consistent with the Shem Mi'Shmuel's understanding of the four promises made by Hashem in our Paracelebrate sha. As we the redemption from Eavpt, we reflect on the fact that Hashem shortened the period of bondage in Egypt, delaying them to the future. He then delivered us from the first three of those four exiles. and we eagerly anticipate the imminent redemption from our fourth and current exile, may it unfold speedily and, in our times, Amen.

Believing in the Future

(By Rabbi Joey Haber)

Parashat Vaera begins with Hashem's response to Moshe Rabbenu, who, in the final *pesukim* of last week's *parashah*, expressed his angst over the plight of *Beneh Yisrael* in Egypt. Hashem had sent him to Pharoah to demand that he allow *Beneh Yisrael* to leave, but Pharaoh not only refused, but made things much worse – ordering that *Beneh Yisrael*would now have to find their own straw for bricks but produce the same number of bricks every day. Moshe cried to Hashem, and Hashem replied:

וארא אל אברהם אל יצחק ואל יעקב בקל שד-י, ושמי ה' לא נודעתי להם.

Hashem told Moshe that he had appeared to the *avot* (patriarchs) – Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov – with the Name - אקל שד-י, but not with the Name *Havayah* (the Name spelled *yud*, *heh*, vav and *heh*)

Most of the commentators explain that Havayah is the Name of Hashem that signifies His mercy and compassion, and this was not shown to the avot. Hashem made promises to each of the avot, assuring them that a great nation would emerge from them, which would reside in the Land of Israel. But none of the avot ever saw this happen: each of them died well before there was an Am Yisrael residing in Eretz Yisrael. Nevertheless, they did not question or challenge Hashem. They lived with firm belief that these promises would eventually be fulfilled.

The secret to this faith can be found in a *pasuk* in last week's *parashah*, Parashat Shemot.

When Hashem first appeared to Moshe in the burning bush and commanded him to return to Egypt and inform *Beneh Yisrael* that they would soon be leaving, He told Moshe to convey to them that His Name was האהיה אשר אהיה "I shall be that which I shall be" (3:14). What is the meaning if this Name – אהיה אהיה אשר איז?

The word אהיה in the future tense. It means that whatever is happening now, things will be better in the future. This Name holds the secret of Jewish optimism. Hashem was telling Moshe that even in the darkest periods, the Jewish People must continue holding onto this belief – that things can and will turn around for the better. We have always lived with this spirit of hope and positivity, knowing that no matter what we're going through, Hashem is holding our hand and will get us through it. We don't break or give up. We hold our heads high, and handle whatever life throws our way with the confidence that a brighter future awaits.

This is the secret to the faith of the *avot*. They did not see the fulfillment of Hashem's promises, but they believed with all their hearts that these promises would eventually be fulfilled.

I saw this optimism on full display when I visited Israel in the midst of the war, several months after October 7th I visited, among other places, the ruins of Be'eri, the site of the Nova festival massacre, and the ward of Tel Hashomer hospital where wounded soldiers are treated many of whom are missing limbs. Wherever I went, I was amazed by the spirit of the Israeli people, by their hope and optimism. Despite all they had gone through, they were smiling. I spoke with a wounded IDF soldier who had lost a leg and who told me with a big smile that he was so grateful to be alive, and that he wished he could return to battle to continue the fight.

This is the meaning of אהיה אשר the unwavering belief that no matter how bad things seem now, no matter what we're struggling with, Hashem is with us, and He will get us through this and turn things around for the better.

Let us try to cling to this faith, to always believe in the future even when today is challenging, and to trust that Hashem is always holding our hand and helping us at every step along the way.

Until One

(BY Samy Maya)

Hashem sends the Makka of Dever that would kill off the Egyptian animals, while the Jewish owned animals would stay alive. Pharaoh sends his messengers to check if in fact the Jewish animals stayed alive. The report comes back:

וַיִּשְׁלַח פַּרְעֹה וְהִנֵּה לֹא־מֶת מִמְקְנֵה יִשְׁרָאֵל עַד־אֶחֲד וַיִּכְבַּד` לֵב פַּרְעֹה וְלָא שָׁלַח אֶת־הָעָם:

Until one did not die. Rashi points out that until one means that there was an animal that was jointly owned by an Egyptian and a Jew. That animal did not die because Hashem would have to kill half the animal for the Makka to take place and since an animal cannot half die, Hashem let it live.

Pharaoh saw that this Egyptian animal stayed alive and used it, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, to rebel against Hashem further. He reasoned: it must be that Hashem is not all powerful because He could not kill this half-owned animal. But really, what Hashem was doing was giving Pharaoh an opportunity to repent. Dever would have forced Pharaoh into submission, it was one of the worst of the Makot, as per the Haggadah. Leaving the half Eqyptian owned animal alive opened an opportunity for doubt of Hashem's power. Without this doubt, Pharaoh would have been compelled to give in to Dever, but the doubt gave him the opportunity to choose! Choose to view the side that declares Hashem the sole master of the universe or choose to look at the one tiny bit of evidence to the contrary. Pharoah chose to look away.

After Yam Suf and after the Egyptian army drowned, the pasuk tells us:

ַוּיָשָׁבוּ הַמַּיִם וַיְכַסָּוּ אֶת־הָרֶכָּבֹ וָאֶת־ הַפָּרָשִׁים לְכֹל חֵיל פַּרְעָה הַבָּאִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם בַּיֵּם לְא־נִשְׁאַר בָּהֶם עַד־אֶחֶד:

The waters covered up the entirety of the Egyptian army... until one did not remain alive. The Medrash tells us that just as in Makkat Dever it means that one did survive, here at Yam Suf, one did survive, Pharaoh.

לפע"ד: Perhaps the same language is used in both cases to teach something else as well. Maybe it is a אידה כנגד מידה punishment against Pharaoh. It seems Hashem is teasing Pharaoh. As if Hashem is telling Pharaoh as He saved him from drowning at Yam Suf, you wanted to deny Me because *until one*, עד אחד, was left alive. But wow you know and understand why I left that one animal alive during Dever... to give you an opening to do teshuva.

Pharaoh had two choices after Dever. He would either focus on the one small detail despite overwhelming evidence or do teshuva (which proves Pharaoh always had some kind of freechoice). If Pharaoh chooses to accept Hashem, he does teshuva on the spot. If he denies Hashem at this moment, the teshuva would have been delaved until Yam Suf. The outcome would have been the same, just whether it would have happened after Dever or after Yam Suf. The will of Hashem will always happen, it is how the person gets there is the question.

Until one remained alive, save Pharaoh. Now, with these words at Yam Suf, עד אחד, Pharaoh realizes what happened during Dever... he was given a choice to do teshuva, but did not grab it. Now, at Yam Suf, he is being given the same choice. Pharaoh could have yet again claimed just as he did after Dever... the same werful, as he could not kill the king of Egypt! He couldn't kill that one animal and now He can't kill me... giving Pharaoh an opportunity to make a choice to do teshuva yet again.

The Medrash tells us that this time, he took the opportunity! Pharaoh repented and ran away from Egypt only to become the king of the city of Nineveh. Eventually, the city became corrupt and Hashem wanted to destroy the city. A prophet appears and tells him to do teshuva... right away Pharaoh remembered the last time a Jew appeared at his doorstep telling him to do teshuva. Immediately, the entire city repents. Pharaoh taught his city the concept of teshuva.

A hidden lesson in our perasha is that Hashem is always giving us a choice. Don't think the opportunity to do teshuva applies only to more righteous people... that Hashem is always giving them a choice and a chance to make the right decision and become better. But Hashem even gives an opportunity to people as evil as Pharaoh... he didn't take the opening when he first saw until one, but the next time he saw un*til one...* he took the opportunity to do some kind of teshuva. Hashem used Pharaoh to teach us that if He gives opportunities to people like Pharaoh, all the more so anyone slightly better! Often, we think it is too late to become better or we do not have the confidence in ourselves to become better, but we always have to know that Hashem is giving us that opening and is helping us get through it, as difficult as it may seem.

Food for thought

The Moroccan

King Who Saved the Jews

During World War II, Sultan Mohammed V of Morocco demonstrated remarkable courage by protecting the country's 250,000 Jews from persecution under the pro-Nazi Vichy regime. His actions, taken at great personal risk, saved the largest Jewish population in the Arab world from deportation and death.

A Historic Jewish Presence in Morocco

The Jewish community in Morocco dates back to 70 CE, following the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. By 1492, after the Spanish Inquisition, many Sephardic Jews fled the Iberian Peninsula and settled in Moroccan cities like Fez, Marrakesh, and Casablanca. These Jews became integral to Moroccan society, contributing to trade, craftsmanship, and intellectual life.

Despite periods of anti-Jewish violence, Jews and Muslims in Morocco enjoyed a long history of coexistence. By 1940, Morocco's Jewish population was the largest in the Arab world, representing 10% of the country's total population. However, this coexistence came under threat with the rise of Nazi influence during World War II.

The Vichy Regime and Antisemitism in Morocco

In 1940, Morocco was a French protectorate under the control of the Vichy regime, which collaborated with Nazi Germany. The Vichy government implemented antisemitic laws in its territories. including Morocco. Jews were expelled from schools, fired from government positions. and barred from certain professions. were confined to Many

overcrowded mellahs (Jewish quarters), where food shortages, disease, and poor living conditions became rampant.

Over 2,000 Jews were sent to forced labor camps across Morocco, where they endured starvation, disease, and brutal treatment. The Vichy regime also began preparing for the mass deportation of Moroccan Jews to Nazi death camps in Europe, where millions of Jews were being murdered as part of the "Final Solution."

Mohammed V's Defiance

Mohammed V ascended to the throne in 1927 at just 17 years old, leading the Alawi dynasty, which claimed descent from the Prophet Muhammad. Though his powers were limited under French colonial rule, he was respected by Moroccans and seen as a defender of sovereignty and justice.

When the Vichy regime introduced antisemitic policies, Mohammed V rejected them outright, insisting that Moroccan Jews were equal citizens. He declared, "There are no Jewish citizens, there are no Muslim citizens. They are all Moroccans." His refusal to collaborate with the Vichy regime delayed the enforcement of antisemitic laws in Morocco.

The king's most notable act of defiance occurred in November 1941 during Throne Day, a national celebration. Mohammed V invited prominent Jewish leaders to sit alongside French and German officials at the royal banquet, publicly rejecting the marginalization of Jews. This act embarrassed the Vichy authorities and underscored the king's unwavering stance against antisemitism.

Operation Torch and the Liberation of Morocco By 1942, the Nazis were planning the systematic extermination of Jews in North Africa, as evidenced by the January 1942 Wannsee Conference, which outlined the "Final Solution." The Vichy regime in Morocco began creating lists of Jewish citizens, likely for deportation to European death camps.

However, on November 8, 1942, Allied forces launched Operation Torch, landing in Morocco and Algeria. After days of fighting, Vichy forces in North Africa surrendered. The Allied victory in Morocco and Algeria thwarted Nazi plans to deport Jews from the region, ensuring their safety.

Mohammed V's Legacy

King Mohammed V's refusal to comply with Vichy orders and his commitment to protecting his Jewish citizens saved 250,000 lives. Moroccan Jews remember him as a hero, and he has been posthumously honored by Jewish organizations, including the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the World Jewish Congress.

Today, nearly one million Jews of Moroccan descent live in Israel, where they maintain a deep connection to their Moroccan heritage. In 2020, as part of the Abraham Accords. Morocco reestablished diplomatic relawith Israel. tions further highlighting the enduring legacy of Mohammed V's inclusive vision.

Mohammed V's courage and moral clarity during a dark time in history remain an inspiration. He is celebrated as "The Moroccan King Who Saved the Jews" and a symbol of justice and humanity.

Daily Halacha

May a Man and Woman Drive Alone Together in a Car?

(Daily Halacha)

Is it permissible for a man and woman to take a trip together alone in a car? For example, if a man is driving somewhere, and the woman who lives next door needs a ride to that location, may she ride with him even though there is no one else in the car, or does this violate the prohibition of Yihud (forbidden seclusion)?

The Halachic authorities rule that as long as there are other people on the road, either motorists or pedestrians, who can look into the car, it is permissible for a man and woman to ride in a car alone together. This is permissible even at nighttime, since it is possible for other people to look into the car, and this helps preclude the possibility of inappropriate behavior.

However, Rav Moshe Feinstein (Russia-New York, 1895-1986), in one of his responsa, wrote that while this is permissible according to strict Halacha, in the interest of Seni'ut (modesty) it should be avoided when possible. Even though there is no technical Issur (prohibition), it is best to avoid such a situation, unless this would cause tension and enmity, such as if the woman would feel slighted by the man's refusal to give her a ride, for example.

This Halacha is codified in the contemporary work Minhat Ish – Hilchot Yihud (section 2, p. 54; listen to audio recording for precise citation). The author (Rav Eyal Shraga) adds that it is especially important for a man to avoid being alone in a car with a woman driving. When the man is the driver, his mind is focused on

the road, but this of course is not the case when the woman drives, and thus this situation should certainly be avoided if possible.

Furthermore, a man and woman should not sit next to each other in a car. Although it is permissible for a man and woman to ride alone together, as mentioned, this is when the passenger sits in the back, and not next to the driver. This is the ruling of Rav Shemuel Wosner (contemporary) in his work Shebet Halevi (vol.10, 237), where he writes that proper standards of modesty dictate that a man and woman should not sit next to each other when driving alone in a car. He cites the adage, "Harhek Min Ha'ki'ur U'min Ha'domeh Lo" -"Distance vourself from what is inappropriate and from what resembles it." Therefore, while it is permissible for a man and woman to ride together alone, the passenger should sit in the back.

Summary: It is permissible for a man and woman to ride alone together in a car if they are driving in a place where there are pedestrians or other motorists in the area. This should preferably be avoided, but it is permissible, especially if refusing would cause tension and enmity. If a man and woman do ride alone together, the passenger should sit in the back, and not next to the driver.

hidz Corner

Acquiring

Resilience

Why Were Only Some Trees Uprooted?

In Lakewood, New Jersey there is a row of houses that was built with each house featuring precisely the same landscaping as its neighbour, down to the large tree on each front lawn. Surprisingly, during "Hurricane Sandy" (Oct '12), some of these trees fell, while others remained standing. People wondered. "All of the trees were planted at approximately the same time, positioned in approximately the same location and exposed to the exact same stormy weather conditions. Why were some trees able to withstand the hurricane while others were not?"

After some investigation, it was revealed that the trees which were watered by automatic sprinkler systems collapsed, while those without automatic sprinklers remained firm. However, this answer caused even more confusion. Why would the trees that had been watered so consistently be the ones to topple over? Surely, those trees had been better irrigated and should have been stronger and betteroff than the trees that had to rely on just rain alone?!

Eventually, the following fascinating explanation was presented. The trees that did not receive water on a consistent basis had to spread their roots deep into the ground to access the water that they needed. Thus, these trees were firmly rooted and able withstand the gale-force to winds. However, the trees that received their water easily never had to develop deep roots. These trees' roots remained just beneath the surface and were therefore not strong enough to survive the storm.

Become Deeply Rooted – Resilience!

This story [Living Emuna Vol. 1 page 90] teaches us a powerful lesson. When things seem difficult, it is for our benefit. Adversity forces us to dig deeper into ourselves and to find strength that we may have otherwise never known we had. Challenges root us and makes us better able to withstand whatever storms come our way. In other words, facing difficulties develops our resilience and gives us the ability to face even hurricane-force nisyonos.

Let Us Learn from Yosef Hatzadik

The ability to remain resilient in the face of all difficulty is mentioned about Yosef Hatzadik at the beginning of this week's Sedra. ('פרק א' פסוק ה') – מצרים יויסף היה – (פרק א' פסוק ה') – במצרים and Yosef was in Mitzrayim. Rashi asks, don't we already know that Yosef was in Mitzrayim? Rashi explains that in all situations, whether it was living in the kedusha of Yaakov Avinu's house, as a pitiful slave or as a great ruler, Yosef stayed firm in who he was and didn't waver.

May we go in Yosef's ways, laying down deeper and deeper roots with each challenge and developing the ability to withstand any nisayon that blows our way.

La Paracha En Français

Pourquoi D.ieu endurcit le cœur de Paro

(Extrait du livre: Dans La salle du Tresor)]

« Va trouver Paro le matin, au moment où il se dirigera vers les eaux ; tu te tiendras sur son passage, au bord du fleuve ; et le bâton qui a été changé en serpent, tu le prendras en main. » (Chémot 7, 14-15)

Rachi commente : « "Au moment où il se dirigera vers les eaux" : pour ses besoins. Car il se faisait passer pour un D-eu, sans besoins physiques. Il se levait de grand matin, et sortait vers le Nil dans le but de se soulager. » L'Eternel ordonna à Moché d'aller vers le fleuve, au moment où Paro s'v trouverait pour faire ses besoins, de sorte à lui démontrer qu'il connaissait cette habitude et était conscient de la tromperie que représentaient ses prétentions à la divinité. Suite à cet incident, il aurait été logique que Paro éprouve de la honte devant Moché et revienne sur son refus opiniâtre de libérer les enfants d'Israël. Cependant, il endurcit son cœur et continua à se faire passer pour un D-eu.

Une de mes connaissances m'a demandé pourquoi D.ieu a puni Paro, alors qu'll avait endurci son cœur lors des cinq dernières plaies, lui retirant ainsi son libre arbitre. Le Ramban propose une explication au verset « Le Seianeur endurcit le cœur de Paro et il ne leur céda point » (Chémot 9, 12). Il fait remarquer que, pour les cinq premières plaies, il est écrit « le cœur de Paro s'est endurci » ou « Paro a endurci son cœur », alors que, à partir de la plaie de la grêle, la Torah emploie l'expression « le Seigneur endurcit le cœur de Paro ». Le Ramban en déduit que, lors des cinq premières plaies, c'est Paro qui, de sa propre initiative, endurcissait son cœur. Par contre, lorsque la grêle ainsi que les plaies suivantes sont survenues, il désirait se repentir et non pas endurcir son cœur, mais D.ieu le lui a endurci. Aussi, pour quelle raison Paro a-t-il été puni ?

Paro affermissait son cœur après chacune des cinq premières plaies et continuait, avec effronterie, à prétendre être un D-eu, même devant notre maître Moché, qui l'avait surpris en train de faire ses besoins au bord du fleuve. Après avoir frappé Paro de cinq plaies et constaté qu'il choisissait chaque fois de rendurcir son cœur, c'est-à-dire optait pour le mal, l'Eternel le punit en lui retirant cette liberté d'action. Paro n'avait donc plus le choix que de continuer à se comporter conformément aux incitations des forces du Mal se trouvant en lui. Car. selon la voie qu'un homme se fixe, on lui détermine du ciel la suite de son parcours en lui retirant le libre arbitre, l'obligeant en guelgue sorte à poursuivre dans la voie pour laquelle il avait au départ opté.

Avant que l'Eternel ne frappe l'Egypte par la grêle, Moché avait prévenu Paro et ses serviteurs que celui qui désirait être épargné des ravages de cette plaie devrait s'abriter à l'intérieur de sa maison et y faire entrer toutes ses possessions. Ceux aui crurent en D.ieu suivirent ces directives et ne furent pas touchés par la grêle, alors que ceux qui n'eurent pas foi en Lui ne prirent pas ces précautions et furent frappés (cf. Chémot 9, 20-21). Comment comprendre que certains n'aient pas cru en l'Eternel, alors que, lorsque la plaie des poux était survenue, les maavaient déjà giciens fait remarquer à Paro « Il s'agit là du doigt de D-eu » (ibid. 8, 15)?

Dans son ouvrage Kessef Mezoukak. le juste Rabbi Yochiyahou Pinto, de mémoire bénie, propose l'explication suivante. S'il est vrai que, dès l'arrivée des premières plaies, Paro et ses serviteurs ont été sujets à une certaine prise de conscience et ont désiré se repentir, cependant, ce remords demeurait encore purement extérieur et ne provenait pas du tréfonds de leurs cœurs. C'est la raison pour laquelle ils n'ont pas tous rassemblé leurs possessions à l'intérieur des maisons. suite à l'avertissement de Moché. Autrement dit, lorsque le repentir reste purement verbal, l'homme demeure le même impie qu'il était auparavant ; il croit seulement avoir des regrets, mais, en réalité, sa démarche de retour est hypocrite et ne peut donc être agréée.

Rabbi Yochiyahou Pinto explique de la façon suivante le verset : « L'Eternel dit à Moché : "Va chez Paro, car Moi-même J'ai endurci son cœur et le cœur de ses serviteurs, afin que Je place Mes signes au milieu d'eux." » (Chémot 10, 1) Lorsque le Saint béni soit-Il constata que Paro ne s'était pas repenti sincèrement, mais uniquement de façon superficielle, II endurcit son cœur, dans le but de le frapper encore par les sauterelles, l'obscurité et la mort des premiers-nés, pour qu'il finisse par se repentir intégralement.

Toutefois. l'Eternel continua à endurcir le cœur de Paro, même suite à la dernière plaie - la mort des premiers-nés - pour qu'il poursuive les enfants d'Israël jusqu'à la mer des Joncs. En quoi était-ce nécessaire ? En réalité, lorsque la mort des premiers-nés est survenue, Paro ne s'est repenti que parce qu'il craignait en être lui aussi touché, et non par soumission devant le Tout-Puissant. Ceci illustre à quel point on tient rigueur à l'homme pour son comportement.

Cette étude nous livre un enseignement important : il ne suffit pas de se repentir verbalement, mais cela doit surgir du tréfonds du cœur. Or, si nous désirons nous assurer que notre repentir provient bien de l'intériorité de notre être, il nous incombe de procéder à un examen de conscience scrupuleux. Car, un homme ne se repentant que verbalement, et non parce qu'il a le cœur déchiré, demeurera dans son impiété et ne pourra réellement se repentir ; dès lors, il ne parviendra jamais à craindre la parole divine.

Reflexion Semanal

Un diálogo respetuoso

(Por Rabbi Abraham Twerski)

"D-os habló a Moshé y a Aharón y les encomendó acerca de los hijos de Israel y acerca del faraón, rey de Egipto, para sacar a los hijos de Israel de la tierra de Egipto" (Éxodo 6:13)

Este versículo parece redundante. Sólo dos versículos antes, la Torá dice: "D-os habló a Moshé diciendo: 'Ve y habla al faraón, rey de Egipto, para que envíe fuera de su tierra a los hijos de Israel" (Éxodo 6:10-11). Rashi explica que el segundo versículo implica que D-os les dijo que hablaran respetuosamente al rey de Egipto.

¿No es esto un poco extraño? Moshé iba a advertirle al faraón sobre las diez plagas que sufriría. En el palacio, ante la presencia de todos los ministros, Moshé iba a hablar duramente al faraón. ¿Cómo podía ser eso respetuoso?

Ray lehudá Leib Chasman dice que no había manera de evitar dar las advertencias al faraón. Sin embargo, aunque había que decir lo que se debía decir, todavía podía decirse con respeto y no con indianación. De hecho. vemos que cuando Moshé le contó al faraón acerca de la plaga de los primogénitos, un momento en el cual Moshé estaba enojado, sin embargo dijo: "Entonces todos estos siervos tuyos descenderán a mí y se postrarán ante mí, diciendo: 'Vete, tú y todo el pueblo que te sique'" (Éxodo 11:8). Rashi dice que Moshé en verdad quería decir que el propio Faraón se inclinaría ante él y le suplicaría que sacara a los israelitas de Egipto, pero por respeto al rey dijo: "todos estos siervos tuyos descenderán hacia mí y se inclinarán ante mí". (Or Yahel, 2).

La Torá nos está enseñando que incluso cuando debemos reprender o castigar a alguien, debemos esforzarnos para evitar insultarlo. Esto también es importante al disciplinar a los niños. Obviamente, los niños deben ser reprendidos cuando hacen algo malo, y a veces es necesario castigarlos. Sin embargo, debemos ser cuidadosos para hacerlo de una forma que no humille ni aplaste al niño.

Los niños que fueron insultados al ser disciplinados probablemente desarrollen sentimientos de vergüenza y no se valoren a su mismos, algo que puede acompañarlos durante toda su vida. Si los padres entendieran cuán destructivo es para sus hiios tener baia autoestima, serían mucho más cuidadosos al disciplinarlos. El abuso emocional de un niño es una ofensa tan grave como el abuso físico. Sin embargo, padres a quienes nunca se les ocurriría quebrar un brazo o una pierna a su hijo, no piensan demasiado en las palabras que salen en una reprimenda.

A los niños se les debe enseñar lo que está bien y lo que está mal, pero se los debe ayudar a mantener su dignidad.

Nahalot

Nahala of HaRav Yitzhak Kaduri the 29th of Tevet

Harav Yitzchak Kaduri, died January 28, 2006), was a renowned Mizrahi Haredi rabbi and kabbalist who devoted his life to Torah study and prayer on behalf of the Jewish people. He taught and practiced the kavanot of the Rashash.

His blessings and amulets were also widely sought to cure people of illnesses and infertility. In his life, he published no religious articles or books.[2] At the time of his death, estimates of his age ranged from 103 to 118, and his birth year is still disputed. His funeral which was held in Jerusalem drew over half a million followers in what was described as the largest funeral in Israel's history.

He went to study at the Shoshanim LeDavid Yeshiva for kabbalists from Iraq. There he learned from the leading kabbalists of the time, including Rabbi Yehuda Ftaya, author of Beit Lechem Yehudah, and Rabbi Yaakov Chaim Sofer, author of Kaf Hachaim. He later immersed himself in regular Talmudic study and rabbinical law in the Porat Yosef Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City, where he also studied Kabbalah with the Rosh Yeshivah, Rabbi Ezra Attiya, Rabbi Saliman Elivahu father of Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu), and other learned rabbis.

In 1934, Rabbi Kaduri and his family moved to the Old City, where the Porat Yosef Yeshivah gave him an apartment nearby with a job of binding the yeshivah's books and copying over rare manuscripts in the yeshivah's library. The books remained in the yeshivah's library, while the copies of manuscripts were stored in Rabbi Kaduri's personal library. Before binding each book, he would study it intently, committing it to memory. He was reputed to have photographic memory and also mastered the Talmud by heart, including the adjoining Rashi and Tosafot commentaries.



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