Kenesseth Israel Bulletin

March 6, 2020

י' בַּאֲדָר תש"פ - פרשת תצוה

From the Rabbi

"AND YOU SHALL COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY BRING TO YOU PURE OLIVE OIL BEATEN FOR THE LIGHT TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN ALWAYS." (Shemos 27:20)

The Medrash explains that the Almighty does not need our light but you shall make light for Him just as He makes light for you. It is similar to a blind person walking along with someone and the person with sight led the blind person the entire way. When they reached their destination, the sighted person asked the blind person to please go into the dark house and light the fire so he can see. "I want you to do this" said the sighted person, "so you will not feel indebted to me. Now you have done something for me in return."

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented that from here we see what total kindness is. There could be many ulterior motives when we do kindness for someone else. The ultimate kindness is to do it without any expectations for anything back in return, even a thank you. When we do a favor for someone our attitude should be to totally help the next one and it should not have anything to do with me.

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- Rabbi Kalatsky will give his Hilchos Shabbos class at 8:35 AM
- Rabbi Goldberger will give a Parsha shiur Friday night in his home at 8:30 PM
- Rabbi Kalatsky will be giving a women's class Sunday March 8th @ 8pm, at the home of Miryam Schloss 2630 Raleigh Ave: Living in the moment
- This weeks kiddush is sponsored in honor of all the people finishing mesechta berachos!
- Please see attached mir flier for the back of the bulletin
- Minneapolis NCSY/JSU will once again be selling in lieu of mishloach manot cards. These lovely cards come packaged 10 for $18. Please contact Mindy Daitchman @ (952)715-2248 daitchmanm@ncsy.org or Bella Smith at 612-799-8523 or to place an order.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with our amazing Purim event. If you are available to help with setup, decor, serving etc please reach out to Rivkah Russel of Tzipporah Leah Kalatsky.
- Jewish Community Day @ MOA, A Day of Community, Discounts & Fun for All Ages! Sunday, APRIL 19, 2020 - 1:00 – 7:00 PM Registration is located outside the Parkview Event Center in Nickelodeon Universe. For more information and to register, click on the event page on either the Sabes JCC or St. Paul JCC website.

"Every beginning is difficult."

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Many people feel resentment towards people who show no appreciation or gratitude for what they did for them. While it is true they should feel gratitude that is not the reason for the kindness but a byproduct. When I can step into kindness just for kindness then I will be free of many negative feelings and uncomfortable situations to the people who don't appreciate all I have done for them.

For this week if we feel unappreciated for the good we have done we should say to ourselves that this is an opportunity to bestow kindness in the fullest sense and revel in the ability to give in such a powerful way.

Have a stupendous Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

Dvar Halacha

By: Rabbi Dr. Avraham Klein

Intoxication on Purim

At the end of the Megillah, we learn of obligations of Purim beyond that of reading the Megillah (Esther 9, 22): "...לעשות אותם ימי משתה ושמחה ומשלוח מנות איש לרעהו ומתנות לאביונים." – "… to observe them as days of drink and rejoicing, and of sending portions to one another and gifts to the destitute."
These obligations are Rabbinical in nature, since the Megillah is not part of the Torah itself. However, the first obligation in the list is reminiscent of a Torah obligation (Deut. 16, 14): "...ושמחת בחגך אתה ובנך ובתך ועבדך ואמתך והלוי והגר והיתום והאלמנה אשר בשעריך." – "And you shall rejoice on your festival, yourself, your son, your daughter, your slave, your maidservant, the Levite, the proselyte, the orphan and the widow who is in your cities."
'Rejoicing' in the context of festivals implies eating meat and drinking wine (Bavli Pesachim 109a). In the megillah we are told that Purim is a day of "drink and rejoicing". From this one might conclude that on Purim there is a requirement to drink as part of a festive meal. Such indeed is the understanding of the Rambam (Megillah 2, 15): "How is the obligation of this feast? That one should eat meat and prepare as fine a meal as one can, and one drinks wine till one gets intoxicated and sleeps of intoxication." However, the Tur (Orach Chaim 695, 1-2) has a different view: "One should be expansive with the feast of Purim. And one should become intoxicated until one does not know between 'cursed is Haman' and 'blessed is Mordechai'." The Tur obviously sees "drink" and "rejoicing" as separate obligations. Furthermore, he explains that "drink" = "become intoxicated", and is not just something done to accompany the food. The Tur's terminology is taken from the Bavli (Megillah 7b) -

מיחייב איניש לבסומי בפוריא עד דלא ידע בין ארור המן לברוך מרדכי

- but he translates it from Aramaic to Hebrew, indicating that the Haman/Mordechai reference should be understood literally. The Rambam too seems to refer to this passage when he speaks about going to sleep – but he does not interpret it literally. Interestingly, the Shulchan Aruch (ibid.) brings the obligation to drink using the original Aramaic wording, so it is not clear whether he holds with the Tur's or the Rambam's interpretation of the Bavli's passage. However, the Ramah (ibid.) explicitly holds with the Rambam and forbids drinking to oblivion.
One additional comment: it seems that the Rambam holds that not only is the drinking part of the festive meal, but so are Mishloach Manot (and possibly Matanot La'Evyonim). The proof of this is that right after discussing the festive meal and drink brought above, he states: "and *also* one must send two portions of meat… to one person". As a final note, it is also worth quoting the Rambam's final words regarding the obligations of Purim: "It is better to give greater gifts to the poor then to make greater the feast and the sending of portions to friends, for there is no rejoicing as great and glorious as giving joy to the heart of the poor, orphans, widows and proselytes…"

Food For Thought: May we fulfill the obligation to drink with spirits other than wine?

I'd be delighted to discuss suggested FFT answers with readers!

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	Friday erev Shabbos פרשת תצוה	Shabbos פרשת תצוה Zachor	Sun day	Monday Taanis Esther	Tuesday Purim!	Weds Shush an Purim	Thurs	Friday erev Shabbos פרשת כי תשא
March	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adar	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Shachris	6:30 AM	8:45 AM Zachor not before 10 AM 2nd 11:10 AM 3rd 5:00 PM	8:00 AM	Fast begins 6:23 AM 6:30 AM	K'vasikin 7:10 AM Megilla reading 7:55 AM 2nd reading 10:45AM 3rd 4:40 PM	6:30 AM		6:30 AM
Mincha	5:50 PM	5:35 PM	6:55 PM	6:45 PM Fast ends 7:58 PM	2:00 PM	6:55 PM		Early Mincha 5:45 PM
Candle lighting	5:50 PM			Megilla reading 8:05 PM				6:03 -6:10 PM
Havdalah		7:00 PM Move clock forward 2AM						

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