



PARSHAS VAYERA

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“BECAUSE YOU HAVE PASSED BY YOUR SERVANT.”
(Bereishis 18:5)

Rashi comments: “This [to be my guest] I request of you because you have passed by, for my honor.”

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz cites the Talmudic principle that when someone gives something to a distinguished person, the fact that the person accepts your gift is considered as if you received something from him. Giving to an important person is actually taking.

Who is considered distinguished? In the eyes of an arrogant person everyone is considered small. He belittles everyone. A person with humility though considers everyone to be important. He honors and respects every human being. Therefore he considers giving to any person as a personal favor to him.

If the president or one of the biggest CEO’s came to your home as a guest we would be full of joy to serve him and be certain he has the most enjoyable experience possible. It would be very easy to do any amount of work to honor him and assist him. We would feel great pleasure and consider it a great merit that he came to my home and accepted what I gave him with joy.

For our forefather Avraham that was his attitude towards every person. Every individual was considered distinguished and important. Whenever Avraham gave anything to another person he considered it as taking from that person. He saw three people walking. They seemed like ordinary nomads passing by. What was Avraham’s reaction? He ran to greet them and bowed down before them. He personally felt more honor in their coming to be his guests than we would feel if the greatest people of our generation were to visit us.

This is what Rashi meant “for my honor”. From every action and every movement of Avraham it was noticeable that he felt they were doing him an act of kindness. This is the new way of looking at acts of kindness. I am not doing kindness for another person, rather the other person is doing an act of kindness for me.

For this week let us try when we are involved in giving kindness to someone to feel how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to make someone feel special and important.

Have an empowering Shabbos!

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ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos, Parshas Vayera Nov 11
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:30 PM CL 4:30 PM

Shabbos, Nov 12
Shacharis 8:45 AM
Mincha 4:15 PM
Shabbos is over 5:38 PM

Sunday, Nov 13
Shacharis 8:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 4:25 PM

Mon -Thurs, Nov 14-17
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:25 PM

Fri Erev Shabbos, Parshas Chayei Sarah Nov. 18
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:25 PM CL 4:23 PM

HALACHIC INSIGHT

Often, the need arises on shabbos to remove a pot from the blech to take food out and to replace it after. it might also be necessary to transfer food from one blech to another. these actions are known as chazarah, returning food to the blech. This resembles cooking and is only permitted under certain conditions.

We learned earlier that there is a problem of putting new food even fully cooked onto a blech on shabbos that was not there at the beginning of shabbos. Returning food to a blech which was taken off on shabbos is permitted. However, to be exempt from the prohibition of initially placing food onto a blech and to qualify as returning to a blech five conditions must be met.

1. The flame to which the food is being returned must be covered.
2. The food must be fully cooked.
3. The food must still be warm when returned to the blech.
4. The pot should not have been set down during the entire time it was off the blech.
5. Your original intention when removing it was to return it to the blech.

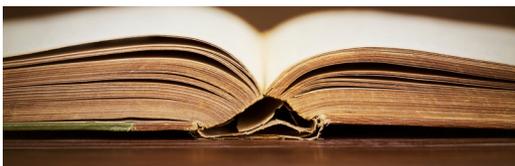
next week we will explain each one in detail

MAZEL TOV!!

Mazel Tov Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe & Shoshana Zeffren on the bris of their son Yehuda Boruch! Mazel Tov to the entire family. May he grow to Torah, Chupa, and Ma'asim Tovim.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Yehuda & Leah Wolin on the birth of their daughter Shaindel! Mazel Tov to the entire family. May she grow to Torah, Chupa, and Ma'asim Tovim.

CLASSES



Wednesdays 10am - Mesilas Yesharim (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 8pm- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 9:15pm – Mishmar (R. Kalatasky)

Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting (John Ghermezian)

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal)

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha – (Sender Russel)

Shuir on Inyanei Shabbos - 15 minutes before Mincha – (R. Kalatsky)

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