

PARSHAS CHUKAS BALAK

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky June 30, 23| 11 Tamuz, 5783

AND THE ALMIGHTY WAS ANGRY THAT [BILAAM] WENT
AND AN ANGEL OF THE ALMIGHTY STOOD IN THE WAY FOR AN
".ADVERSARY AGAINST HIM
יַחריאַף אֱלֹהִיםֿ כִּי־הוֹלְהָ הוֹא וֹיִתִיצַּב מִלֹאַךְ יְהוֹּה בְּדֶּרֶךְ לְשְׁטְן לוֹ וְהוֹא רֹכְּב
על־אַתְנוֹ וִשְׁנֵי נְעָרָיִו עִמּוֹ:
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(bamidbar 22:22)



Commentators explain that the angel that stood in Bilaam's was an angel of mercy that wanted to prevent him from transgressing. In verse 31 we read that the angel had a drawn sword.

Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin commented on this that at times an angel of mercy who is trying to save a person will appear to him as an adversary who is out to harm him.

When a person has many faults, he will often have friends and relatives who try to influence him to improve. He is likely to view their nagging as irritating and painful and see them as adversaries. The truth is though that they have his best interest in mind. He should not be angry with them and should even be appreciative that they care enough to want to see him succeed. When someone tries to have a positive influence on you thank him for it.

We also see another lesson from this verse. Sometimes an angel of mercy has to be willing to take a more aggressive stance to prevent someone from hurting himself and others

True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture. For instance, a parent who allows his child to do whatever he wants because of how upset the child gets not getting his way might allow his child to do all kind of things that are destructive both spiritually and to his physical wellbeing. When you really care about someone, you do not want him to harm himself and will be willing at times to be strict in order to protect him and allow him to develop into the best person he can be.

For this week have your child follow through on something he has started even though it might be hard for him. This will allow him to acquire the necessary skills for maximum success when he steps into adulthood.

Have a stupendous Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Chukas-Balak June 30

Shacharis 7 AM
Early Mincha 7:10 PM, Light Candles 7:26-7:35 PM
Regular Candles 8:45 PM

Shabbos July 1

Shacharis 8:45 AM Pirkei Avos 7:30 PM Relevant Halachos 8 PM Mincha 8:30 PM Shabbos is over 9:54 PM

Sunday July 2

Shacharis 8:30 AM Mincha/Maariv 8:45 PM

Monday- July 3

Shacharis 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 8:45 PM Latest Kiddush Levana- 2:37 AM CDT

Tuesday July 4 Legal Holiday Shacharis 8:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 8:45 PM

Wednesday July 5

Shacharis 7 AM Mincha 8:45 PM

Thursday July 6 Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz

Fast Begins 4:21 AM Shacharis 7 AM Mincha 8:30 PM Fast Ends 9:48 PM

Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Pinchas July 7

Shacharis 7 AM Early Mincha 7:10 PM, Light Candles 7:25-7:35 PM Regular Candles 8:43 PM

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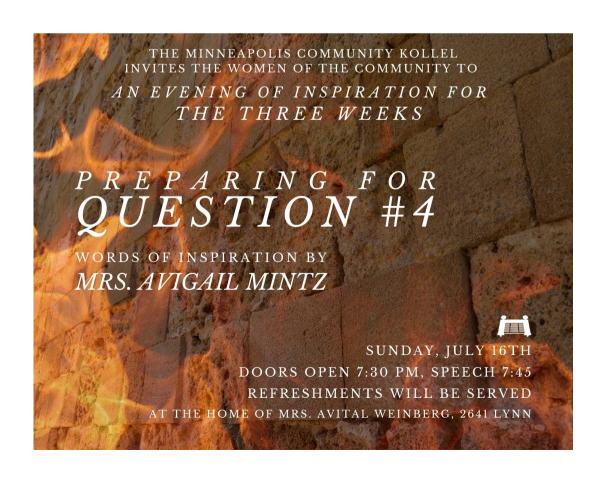
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9:20 AM
CHAVRUSA
LEARNING
9:25 AM
SHIUR 10:00 AM

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7.4.23 INDEPENDENCE DAY





HALACHIC INSIGHT

Chicken skin is generally not considered waste, but part of the food itself and may therefore be separated from the rest of the chicken. However, if a person dislikes the skin or does not eat it for health purposes, it is considered a waste for him.

The following items are not considered mixtures and are not subject to borer.

Ice cubes in a drink, though solid, are considered part of the drink. It is therefore permissible to pour from a narrow spout pitcher even though the spout prevents ice cubes from escaping.

Large objects in a liquid like slices of lemon are not considered mixed at all since they remain absolutely and clearly defined, it is therefore permissible to pour a drink from a pitcher that contains slices of lemon even if the spout prevents the fruit from escaping. A number of poskim hold whole and broken matzah are not considered a mixture and can be sifted through to find the whole pieces. Water filters where the water in it of itself is drinkable and a person would drink it are allowed since we don't see the impurities as a separate entity from the water. Therefore, the use of a specialized filter on the kitchen sink is permitted unless the water is actually impure.

However, a finicky person who is disturbed by even minor impurities may not use such a filter on shabbos.

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