

WEEKLY UPDATES

Dvar Torah

"Rabbi Zweig on the Parsha

"And you shall safeguard the matzos"(12:17)

The literal interpretation of the verse is that one should approach the preparation of the matzos with extreme caution, for the slightest delay could cause the dough to become "chameitz" – "leavened", thereby invalidating the matzos for use on Pesach. Rashi cites a Midrashic interpretation which states that by changing the vowels, the word "matzos" can be read as "mitzvos", making the verse an injunction requiring us to perform all mitzvos with "zrizus" – "alacrity"; When a person has the opportunity to perform a mitzva, he should not allow it to become "leavened", rather he should perform it immediately.

The comparison that the Midrash draws between the preparation of matzos and the performance of mitzvos raises the following difficulty: If a person prepares the matzos without the necessary alacrity, he invalidates them. However, while not the preferred manner, procrastination in the performance of mitzvos does not invalidate them.

Additionally, the following Talmudic dictum requires explanation: "A person should always involve himself in Torah and mitzvos, even with improper motivation, for through their performance, he will come to do them with the proper motivation." Why does the performance of a mitzva with improper motivations have merit, while the performance of a mitzva with proper motivations but without alacrity is compared to valueless chameitz?

If a woman sends her child to buy some groceries, he goes out of a sense of obligation to his mother. If, when he returns, his mother informs him that she forgot a certain item, the child will make another trip to the store, albeit reluctantly. If this scenario persists, each time the mother asks him to make another trip, the child's reluctance will build, until he will get to the point where he resents his mother having asked him to go in the first place. He may, in fact, even voice his resentment by speaking disrespectfully to his mother. It would have been preferable for his mother not to have asked him to go altogether, for what began as an act of respect, spiraled into a flagrant display of disrespect. However, if the mother would offer her child a monetary incentive, then the child would perform the task happily. The explanation for this is as follows: The longer a person performs a task with resistance, the greater his reluctance will be. He will reach a point of such great resentment, that he will loathe performing this task. However, incentives would alleviate his reluctance, and he may even come to enjoy performing the task.

A person may have the correct intentions in the performance of a mitzva, but if he performs it in a lax manner, he indicates that he is doing it with resistance. This resistance can grow to the point where he loathes the performance of the mitzva. Therefore, Chazal refer to a mitzva performed without alacrity as chameitz. On the other hand, if a person performs a mitzva enthusiastically, he may come to love the performance of that mitzva, even if that enthusiasm is generated by rewards or incentives. Therefore, Chazal encourage such behavior.

1.12:17 2.Pesachim 50b From :Torah.org

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv	4:35 PM
Candlelighting	4:35 PM
Shachris	7:00 AM and 8:45 AM
Sof Zman Krias Shema	9:19 AM
Mincha (Shabbos Afternoon)	4:20 PM
Maariv	5:40 PM
Shabbos Ends (60 minutes)	5:54 PM
Many people are going away for winter break, please join us!	

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Shachris -Sunday	7:15 and 8:30
Shachris -Monday-Friday	6:30 and 8:30
Mincha/Maariv - Weeknights	4:40

[Click HERE for the monthly calendar](#)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazel Tov to

Kyle Harris and Lexi Ohriner
on the their upcoming wedding. May they
build a Bayis Ne'eman B'yisroel!

We would love to share in your simcha by
announcing it here.

KIDDUSH

Rabbi Levine will be giving a shiur at the Hashkama kiddush located in the new ATC extension in the back. Kiddush after the 8:45 minyan is available for sponsorship.

You too can sponsor Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos by clicking below:

<https://ahavastorahcenter.org/kiddush-sponsorship/>

SNL

SNL continues this week (see flyer for details)

TEEN MINYAN

The Teen Minyan will be meeting this week at Rabbi Maryles house.

BNOS

There is no Bnos program this week.

BIKUR CHOLIM

Our dear friend Gil is still in Sunrise Hospital and he appreciates visitors!

CHOLIM LIST IS UPDATED

Please click [here](#) to add a name.

ERUV STATUS

The eruv is up!

Thank you to the tireless eruv checkers. Eruv repairs come at a significant expense. Partner with us for the zechus of maintaining our eruv by donating [here](#).

KINYAN HAMASECHTA

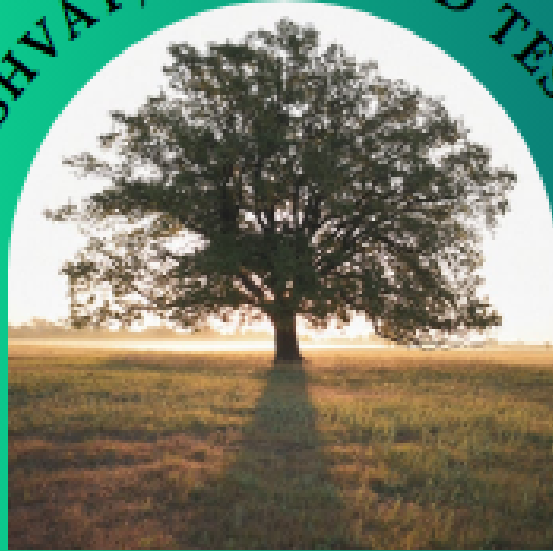
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Mazel Tov to the new ATC board of directors. Through the input of our esteemed Kehilla, we have put together an excellent group of people ready to roll up their sleeves and bring our Shul and community to a new level of Achdus (unity) and Kedusha (holiness). The board, including the two newly-elected members, are:

- Anthony Bock, President Emeritus
- Rabbi Yehuda Maryles
- Rabbi Michoel Paris
- Zack Plotzker
- Avi Wiederman
- Yakov Weil, President

One open spot will be filled within the next 14 days by the board, per the bylaws. B'H, the Shul has been filled with the ruach of Torah and Chesed throughout the week, and we look forward to adding more programming and excitement. We represent you and would love to hear feedback at board@ahavastorahcenter.org.



כולל חיים יצחק
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NIGHT KOLLEL BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM

Week of Beshalach

SUNDAY
8:30 PM -Tu'Beshevat ,Teshuva and Trees: A mystical connection. A shiur for Women
8:45 Daf Yomi

MONDAY
7:30 Kinyan Mesechta: Gemara Makkos
8:45 Daf Yomi

TUESDAY
7:30 Kinyan Mesechta: Gemara Makko
8:45 Daf Yomi
8:45 Beki'im B'Halacha - Sephardic Halacha Group

WEDNESDAY
7:30 Kinyan Hamasechta - Gemara Makkos
8:45 Daf Yomi

THURSDAY
7:30 Kinyan Hamasechta - Gemara Makkos
8:45 Daf Yomi

Limited shiurim due to winter break

For more information, please speak to Rabbi Klier or Rabbi Rubin

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TO PARENT-CHILD



SATURDAY NIGHT LEARNING

LEARN WITH PARENTS! RAFFLES! PRIZES!

Opening Night Nov. 11!

6:15-7:00	6:45-7:30
11/11: #1	1/6: #6
11/18: #2 s	1/13: #7
11/25: NO SNL	1/20: #8
12/2: #3	1/27: NO SNL
12/9: NO SNL	2/3: #9
12/16: NO SNL	2/10: GRAND FINALE
12/23: #4	7:30-8:30- ONE LOCATION!
12/30: #5	

SPECIAL PRIZE
IF YOU ATTEND AT LEAST 7 SESSIONS!

Locations Throughout the Valley!

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

PARSHA QUESTION CORNER

Questions:

- Why are the last three plagues grouped together in Parshas Bo? What do they have in common? (See Abarbanel 10:1)
- Exactly how many men left Egypt? How was this number similar to the number of Bnei Yisroel that entered Egypt? (See Rabbeinu Bachya 12:37)

1. All three plagues had darkness. Besides the obvious plague of darkness, there was also darkness during the plagues of the locusts and the killing of the firstborns.

2. They left with "about" 600,000 men. When Bnei Yisroel entered Egypt, they had approximately 70 people (they actually had 69). In both cases, Bnei Yisroel was less than the number quoted, but Hashem was "with them" to complete the number mentioned in the Torah.

Answers:

אנו רצים והם רצים

Something Super is coming to
Henderson on February 11

*AN AHAVAS TORAH CENTER AND
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EVENT TO REMEMBER!*