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יוצא לאור כל עש"ק ע"י תלמידי ישיבת בית המדרש לתורה

לעילוי נשמות מאיר ב"ר אליהו שמשון ומחלה ב"ר שמואל סטקר ויהודה לייב ב"ר יעקב ושרה לאה ב"ר שמואל קליין
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THE EARLIER THE BETTER

"וְרָאָהוּ הַכֹּהֵן בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וְהָיָה הַנֶּגַע עָמַד בְּעֵינָיו לֹא פָּשָׂה הַנֶּגַע בְּעוֹר וְהִסְגִּירוּ הַכֹּהֵן שְׁבַעַת יָמִים שְׁנִית" וַיִּקְרָא יְגִיָּה

"And the Kohen shall look at it on the seventh day, and, behold, the affliction remained in its appearance, and the affliction did not spread on the skin, then the Kohen shall close him off a second time for a seven-day period."

Vayikra 13:5

already look forward to moving ahead with a ruling of being tahor once the week is over. However, if the person is stubborn and refuses to amend his misdeeds which have caused this plague, the reaction also intensifies. The tzara'as spot will reflect the condition, and the Kohen will declare it to be tamei.

The person can still do teshuva, but the situation is now a bit more complex.

The lesson for us is that the earlier a person is willing to sincerely consider his misdeeds, the easier it is for the process of teshuva to succeed. If a person is only willing to respond once the situation has deteriorated, the difficulty in doing teshuva is likewise increased, and completing the procedure is more of a challenge.

STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS

"זֹאת תְּהִיָּה תוֹרַת הַמְצָרֵעַ בַּיּוֹם טְהִרְתּוֹ וְהוּבָא אֵל הַכֹּהֵן" וַיִּקְרָא יְדִבְ

"This shall be the law of the metzora on the day of his purification: and He shall be brought to the Kohen." Vayikra 14:2

Rabbi Yanai nonetheless continued pleading with him to sell him his wares. Finally, the peddler came to Rabbi Yanai and presented him with a bound copy of Sefer Tehilim and pointed to the verses (34:13-14), "Who is the man who wishes life, who loves days to see good? Guard your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit."

Then said Rabbi Yanai, "I have been saying this pasuk all my life, never realizing how simple it was until this peddler came and showed me." This is why, continues the Midrash, Moshe exhorted Bnei Yisrael with the pasuk, "This is the Torah law of the metzora." The word "מצרע" - "metzora" - is divisible into its component parts, "מוציא שם רע" - one who spreads rumors that damage another's reputation.

This Midrash and its narrative are famous. They are constantly cited to emphasize the life-sustaining qualities of shemiras halashon. One aspect of the entire narrative, however, is hardly emphasized. The peddler stood in the middle of the street proclaiming, "Who wishes to buy an elixir of life?" Everyone who heard this announcement presumably ceased whatever he was doing in anticipation of the unique opportunity to purchase this amazing product. Didn't they know that "life"

Rabbi Yechezkel Levenshtein, former mashgiach of the Ponovizh Yeshiva, points out that the entire episode of the metzora teaches us important lessons regarding the process of teshuva. There are various levels and degrees of sin, and, accordingly, there are different approaches in remedying these conditions.

If a person is fortunate, he will respond to the first indication that he has sinned, and he will interpret the first sign of trouble as a signal to repent. As soon as the Kohen puts him in quarantine for one week, he can

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cannot be bought with money? Also, when it became apparent that the peddler's intentions were simply to emphasize the importance of guarding one's tongue, why didn't they berate him for "wasting" their time?

In **Darchei Mussar, HaRav Yaakov Neiman**, 5"ז, draws an important conclusion from this Midrash, which carries in it a profound lesson for all of us. Those people were surely on a high spiritual plane. Consequently, they were well aware of the peddler's intention. They appreciated the quality of a spiritual life. The mention of an opportunity for longevity was understood as an opportunity for the development of a spiritual life.

HaRav Neiman notes that very few of us would actually stop whatever we are doing just to hear a dvar Torah, or share in a spiritual experience. We are so absorbed in our mundane activities that we are unable to take note of a spiritual opportunity when it appears before us. An observant Jew whose life is guided by the Torah should view material pursuit as a means rather than an end in and of itself.

GETTING THE MESSAGE

"כִּי תָבֹאוּ אֶל אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי
נֹתֵן לָכֶם לְאַחֲזָה וְנִתְּנִי נָגַע
צָרַעַת בְּבַיִת אֶרֶץ אֲחֻזְתְּכֶם"
וַיִּקְרָא יי"ד:ל"ד

"When you come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of tzara'as in a house of the land of your possession." Vayikra 14:34

A woman was invited into the palace, but was frightened when she saw a stick and a whip near the door. The king quickly assured her that the weapons were exclusively for use with the slaves. For her, however, the king had prepared only food and drink. So, too, is it in regard to the plagues described in these parashios. The Jewish nation was very frightened of the threat of being contaminated with the various symptoms. Hashem reassured them that they should not worry. "These are for the nonbelievers. For you, though, all I have in mind is that you enjoy and benefit from the land." -- Midrash

Hashem promises us that not only will our observing the Torah protect us from all harm, but also that (Devarim 7:15): "All the maladies which were placed upon the Egyptians...will be placed upon your enemies." Furthermore, David HaMelech begged Hashem (Tehillim 6:2): "Hashem, do not rebuke me in your anger." He then immediately continued to attempt to redirect the anger of Hashem by requesting that His anger be vented towards the gentile nations, just as we find (Yirmiyahu 10:25): "Pour out your rage upon the nations who do not know you." What is the meaning of this constant reference to punishment, maladies and wrath which is removed from the Jews and placed upon the nations?

Ksav Sofer notes that apparently the anger of Hashem can serve a very constructive purpose. By maintaining a constant awareness and fear of Heavenly retribution as a consequence of sin, the Jewish people can always remain repentant and obedient. Nevertheless, we pray and hope that these tragic events occur only externally, away from our people. Let our enemies suffer, yet all the while we will observe their misfortune and take it to heart. By seeing that tragedy and harm do exist in the world at large, we can respond with a fearful heart even though we do not personally suffer directly. We are quite capable of "getting the message" even from afar. In the parable of the Midrash, the woman who visited the palace clearly saw the weapons and she reacted, although she was not directly threatened even for a moment.

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May we always merit to be deserving of only the benefits which this world has to offer, yet remain fully loyal to Hashem, knowing that the hardships which the gentiles may experience remain only potentially threatening to us.

PROTECTING PROPERTY

"וְצֹה הַכֹּהֵן וּפְנֵי אֶת הַבַּיִת בְּטָרִם יָבֵא
הַכֹּהֵן לְרִאוֹת אֶת הַנֶּגַע וְלֹא יִטְמָא כָּל
אֲשֶׁר בַּבַּיִת וְאַחַר כֵּן יָבֵא הַכֹּהֵן לְרִאוֹת
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"And the Kohen shall command, and they shall clear the house when the Kohen has not yet come to look at the affliction, so that everything in the house should not become impure; and afterward shall the Kohen come to look at the house." Vayikra 14:36

For all the while that the Kohen does not become involved with it, the law of impurity does not take effect. -- Rashi

Why does the Torah command that the afflicted house be emptied before the Kohen arrives? It could have allowed the Kohen to arrive, and if he intended to declare the house as truly contaminated, we could then empty the house quickly before the declaration was officially made. The halacha is that once a Kohen arrives at his decision that the house is to be quarantined, he cannot delay in making his official declaration that the house is "tamei". If the

house had not yet been evacuated, at that moment, as the verdict is about to be pronounced, everyone would rush to retrieve whatever items possible from the house in order to save them from becoming tamei. Obviously, due to the time limitation, people would choose those items which were most valuable first, and the lesser items,

such as the earthenware pots, would be lost. However, now that the Torah instructs us to remove all items before the arrival of the Kohen, "there will not be any impurity upon any of the items of the house". Without exception, everything would be saved, including the cheaper and simpler items which otherwise would have been the first to be lost.

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Or Hachaim notes that the Torah is hereby showing its concern for the fiscal welfare of the owner of this house, in that the earthenware vessels will be saved. They would have otherwise been lost either due to the fact that they would have been subject to ritual contamination without the ability for renewed purity, or because they would have been left behind in the last-minute rush to save items of value before the Kohen would have pronounced his ruling.

Halachic Corner

Pirkei Avos Chapter 2

Zmanim for Parashas Tazria-Metzora 5773

	Krias Shma - Sat.	Tefila - Sat.	Sunset	Sunrise	Sunset
According to the Gaon of Vilna	9:33	10:39	Friday	Sat.	Sat.
According to the Magen Avraham	8:57	10:15	7:20	7:28	7:29

There are various customs regarding one's position during Kiddush. Some stand only when saying the first four words - "יום הששי ויכלו השמים", and then sit for the remainder of Kiddush. Some stand from the words "יום הששי" until the word "לעשות" and then sit down before saying the bracha "בורא פרי הגפן". Some stand for the whole Kiddush. Anyone fulfilling his obligation in Kiddush with the person reciting the Kiddush should follow the custom of the reciter. If the reciter stands, the listener should stand, and if the reciter sits, the listener should sit.

The cup is lifted with both hands and then held only in the palm of the right hand. The fingers should extend upward and envelop the cup. During the recital, the cup should be held at least one טפח (about 3 1/2 inches) above the table. A left-handed person holds the cup in his left hand. One should not wear gloves while holding the Kiddush cup. One should look at the Shabbos candles when beginning the passage "ויכלו". *אליהו רבה* says that one should look at the candles from "ויכלו" until "לעשות". While saying the brachos "בורא פרי הגפן" and "אשר קדשנו", one should look at the Kiddush cup. This serves as a visual aid to help one concentrate on the mitzvah at hand. However, the Kiddush is valid בדיעבד (after the fact), regardless of how the cup was held, and even if it was not held at all, as long as it was at least on the table.

Questions for Thought and Study

1. How is an animal similar to a baby in regard to its holiness? Why do they share this characteristic? See Ohr Hachaim 12:3
2. Why are the babies originally called "male" ("זכר") or female ("נקבה") and then changed to "son" ("בן") or "daughter" ("בת") in Pasuk 12:6? See Meshech Chochmah 12:6
3. How is the "צרעת נושנת" - "old tzara'as" - a fitting blemish for the sin of the one who gets it? See Kli Yakar 13:11
4. Why are we stricter with people who have tzara'as than with those who have other טמאות (impurities) in that we do not allow them to stay together even if they are equally afflicted? See Rashi 13:46
5. Why does the Torah say in Pasuk 14:2 that the metzora is "brought" ("והובא") to the Kohen, yet the next pasuk says that the Kohen goes out to the metzora? See Ramban 14:2
6. Why does the Torah use the double expression "וְאִם דָּל הוּא וְאִין דָּו מְשֻׁנֵּת" - "if he is poor, and his means are not sufficient"? Isn't this redundant? See Ibn Ezra 14:21

This Week Likutei Peshatim is Sponsored

By the המדרש לתורה - Hebrew Theological College wishing mazal tov to Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Avraham Friedman and his wife Tamar on the marriage of their granddaughter, Chava Baila Rubin, to Mordechai Kahan; and to HTC Board member Rabbi Shabsai Wolfe and his wife Debby on the birth of a grandson, Amiel Shoshan, born to Yedida & David Shores.

Save the date! The Ninety-first Annual Banquet of Hebrew Theological College will be held on Sunday, December 15th, honoring Rabbi Dr. Jerold Isenberg, celebrating his decades of devoted leadership in our Yeshiva.

Last Chance! Saul Silber Memorial Library of HTC invites the community to their 11th annual Used Book Sale. Hebrew and English Sefarim on Tanach, Gemara, Halacha, Sidurim and more will be available at greatly reduced prices. New seforim have been added since last Sunday! Additional markdowns throughout the day! Come this Sunday, April 14th, from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Questions? Please call the library at 847-982-2500.

Yeshiva Women of Hebrew Theological College reminds all of our members and friends of our Spring Conclave celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, to be held this Sunday, April 14, 2013, at 10:30 AM, at HTC. Rabbi Michael Myers will speak on "Is a Democratic State a Contradiction in Terms?". Segments from the video "Israel from the Inside" will be shown. Luncheon will be served. Women and men are invited. For reservations call 847-982-2500.

Blitstein Institute invites students, alumni, & women in the community to a hands-on workshop: Killer résumés & cover letters, with Wilma Nachsin, Certified Career Coach at Jewish Vocational Service. Bring your résumé and cover letter. Wednesday, April 17, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, in the Blitstein Institute Library, 2600 Touhy Ave. For more information or to R.S.V.P. please email scohen@htc.edu.

By the המדרש לתורה - Hebrew Theological College announcing that Rabbi Avraham Friedman's Sunday Morning Gemara Shiur will not meet this Sunday, April 14, and will resume Sunday, April 21.

Sgt. Benjamin Anthony is coming to Chicago next Shabbat, April, 19-21! Sgt. Anthony is a veteran combat reservist in the IDF and founder of Our Soldiers Speak, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the proud truth of Israel's soldiers to communities and campuses worldwide. The community is invited to hear Sgt. Anthony at the following locations:

Oneg Shabbat at 9:00 PM sponsored by Beis Medrash Mikor HaChaim at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ari Shabat, 3010 Sherwin; at 8:45 AM Shacharis and meet & greet at Cong. Adas Yeshurun's Yom Ha'atzmaut Kiddush; at Seudah Shlishit at Cong. KINS following 7:00 PM Mincha; at a Motzaei Shabbat event sponsored by YU Torah Mitzion Kollel of Chicago at Kehilat Chovevei Zion at 9:15 PM; & at a Sunday morning breakfast and lecture at Hebrew Theological College at approx. 8:15 AM.

Hebrew Theological College's 35th Annual Nachman Patinkin Memorial Lecture will take place Sunday, May 19, 10:30 AM, at 7135 N. Carpenter Road, Skokie. Featured speaker will be Rabbi Dr. Jerold Isenberg, Chancellor, Hebrew Theological College. Topic: "התפילה לשלום המדינה - The Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel: Prayer, Poetics and Polemics". The Nachman Patinkin Memorial Scholarship awardee will be announced at this lecture.

Hebrew Theological College's Gourmet Torah at Shallots Bistro will take place next Thursday, April 18, 12:15-1:00. (Please note change of time.) Rabbi Michael Myers will speak on "The Zionist Idea and Religious Leaders' Support". Complimentary appetizers as well as a discounted menu available for shiur participants. Men and women invited to attend. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zisook at 847-982-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.

Yeshivas HaKayitz 2013 Enrollment is still open. If you didn't receive our mailing please call our office 847-982-2500 or visit www.yhk.htc.edu. Yeshivas Hakayitz is the residential summer camp of HTC and is open to boys completing 6th through 10th grades. Camp dates: July 9 - August 6, 2013.

Cong. KINS, in conjunction with Blitstein Institute, will resume its weekly Shabbos Shiur on Shabbos, Parashas Tazria-Metzora, April 6, 5:00 PM, at Cong. KINS, 2800 North Shore. Speaker: Rabbi Menachem Rosenbaum.

Are you downtown? Got 5, 15, 30 or 45 minutes? Learn and daven at M. Geller, Ltd, 29 E. Madison, Ste 1805. 1:05 PM, 30 minute shiur; 1:35 Mincha; 1:47, 5 minute dvar Torah. Shiurim led by Rabbanim from: Mon.- HTC- Rabbi Ari Sendic; Tues.- Chicago Community Kollel- Rabbi Moshe Sterman; Wed.- Arie Crown- Yosef Shapiro; Thurs.- Chabad- Rabbi Leibel Moscowitz. Info: 312-984-1041.

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Join Rabbis Akiva Tatz, Yitzchak Breitowitz, and Dovid Kaplan at the 12th annual Ohr Somayach Yom Iyuv Evening of Learning: "Making it Real - Beyond the Superficial to a Meaningful Life", on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 PM, at The North Shore Center For the Performing Arts in Skokie. Doors open at 6:30 PM. To pre-order discounted tickets, call 888-647-5666 or order online at www.ohr.edu. Tickets will be available at the door.

Agudath Israel of Illinois will be having a Post-Pesach Shaimos Collection this Sunday, April 14th, at the Wi-Fi Tech Center (not the Wi-Fi building), 7532 N. St. Louis (just south of Howard), from 1:00-3:00 PM. Cost is based upon volume. All shaimos must be well-wrapped/taped in sturdy bags and/or boxes. Condensing your shaimos and only packing things that are definitely shaimos saves you money. For additional information please call 773-315-7255.

Amy Kahan Memorial Lecture, Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Congregation Or Torah, 3800 Dempster, Skokie, from 11:00 to Noon, with optional chavruta learning before from 10:00-11:00. Shuli Taubes will speak on "The Chosen Son: Tragedy or Triumph? An In-depth Exploration of the Stories of Abel and Joseph". Ms. Taubes is a popular speaker in the New York area and a teacher at SAR High School.

Kehilat Chovevei Zion cordially invites you to attend our JUF Event, this Sunday, April 14, 10:30 AM, featuring a presentation by Amy Beth Oppenheimer, Director of Faces of Israel, acclaimed documentary on "Marriage, State and Religion in the Jewish Homeland". 4000 Church Street, Skokie. For more information, please contact Sandi Kaplan at 312-444-2841 or email congs@juf.org.

Avivah Zornberg is back! Please join TLC of Northbrook for this year's Ruth Fiddler Memorial Lecture as Dr. Zornberg speaks on "She Was What He Had Missed: On The Loss Of Women". Monday, April 15, at 7:30 PM, at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook (just off the Edens). Call 847-272-7255 or go to torahlearningcenter.com to purchase tickets or for more info.

Looking for more ways to make your dollars stretch at the grocery? Thinking about ways you can eat better? Please join us for Food Sense. April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 10:30-11:45 AM, at The Ark, 6450 N. California. Questions? Please call program co-sponsor CJE SeniorLife, 773-508-1073.

Please join us at the 25th Annual Tea for the Joan Dachs Hachnosas Kallah Fund, this Sunday, April 14th, at 7:30 PM, at the home of Mrs. Chaya Suri Weiss, 6256 Central Park Avenue. Our guest speaker is Rebbetzin Ruchie Slatos of Savannah, Georgia, renowned speaker and noted mechaneches. She will be speaking about "Generating Simcha and Enthusiasm into our Home". There will be a delicious homemade dessert buffet. Hope to see you there!

Please join Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation AG Beth Israel, Sunday, April 21, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM, as we welcome Earle Martin, author of "The Boy Who Saved My Life", a story about how Charlie, his grandson with autism, rescued his soul. "The Boy Who Saved My Life" illustrates how opening ourselves to those with special needs can bring immeasurable gifts to us. Continental breakfast served. RSVP 847-674-5035, Shirley Craven, for this program at LJCAGBI, 7117 Crawford, Lincolnwood.

Ambassador Yehudah Avner, a close advisor to many of Israel's Prime Ministers, including Menachem Begin, and author of the book "The Prime Ministers", will be the Scholar-in-Residence at KJBS May 10-11, 2013, Parashat Bamidbar. He will speak Friday night following dinner (reservations required); Shabbat morning following the 9:00 AM davening, and at 6:50 PM, 45 minutes before Mincha. Please contact the Shul at 773-539-7779 or kjbsoffice@gmail.com for more information.

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Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue is pleased to present a lecture in easy Hebrew by Dr. Eli Cohen. Shabbat, April 20, at 12:00 PM, at 8825 East Prairie Rd., Skokie. Dr. Cohen will speak about his experiences as a young Jew in Muslim Baghdad & some of his challenges as an immigrant to Israel.

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel is pleased to announce that Rabbi Asher Lopatin, of Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation, will be our Scholar in Residence on Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 AM. Please join us to hear this renowned scholar at our community program. There is no charge but please RSVP to LJCAGBI at 847-676-0491.

Make A Good Marriage...Great! An Educational Workshop for couples married 5-12 years. Providing skills to communicate more effectively, navigate differences, establish financial goals. Two sessions: on Sunday, May 19, & Sunday, May 26. 10 AM to 1 PM, at WiFi. Presented by Mrs. Michal Cohen & Rabbi Yitzchok Kolsky. Registration is filling quickly. Please email goodmarriagegreat@gmail.com or call Mrs. Goldie Kacev 773-603-9813. A community initiative of Bais Medrash Binyan Olam.

Yeshivas Meor HaTorah looks forward to greeting you Wednesday, May 1st, at the Crown Plaza O'Hare for their Annual Banquet honoring Rabbi & Mrs. Ephraim and Rena Kletenik and Rabbi & Mrs. Yirmiyohu and Faith Neuman. For reservations and journal ads please call the Yeshiva office at 773-465-0419 or go to www.ymhtchicago.org.

Join the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel for two special programs this Sunday, April 14: "Rabbi Soloveitchik on Three Great Lives" with Rabbi Reuven Brand, special shiur commemorating the 20th Yahrzeit of Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, zt"l, 9 AM, at Or Torah, and a Yom Hazikaron Azkara and multi-media presentation in partnership with the CRC, 8:00 PM, at KINS. For more info 773-973-6557/info@chicagotorah.org.

JCC Chicago is hiring dynamic, high energy & creative Aquatics Staff, Early Childhood Counselors to work with 4 & 5 year olds (college graduates with experience working with preschoolers preferred) and male Counselors (graduating high school and older); previous experience in a camp setting preferred. Staff training week June 17-21, camp runs June 24 - August 9. Apply online at www.gojcc.org.

Rabbi Ben Tzion Shafier of the "Shmuz" is coming to Chicago! Project Shalom Bayis invites men and women to our Eighteenth Annual Benefit to hear Rabbi Shafier speak on "Marriage, A Work in Progress", this coming Wednesday, April 17, at the WiFi Building, 8170 N. McCormick Ave. Doors open 7:30; program at 8:00. For further information, please call 773-203-3976 or 773- 251-0955.

Agudah Day Camps reminds parents that registration is now open for PDC2, Bnos & Munchkins 5773/2013. Don't let your child(ren) miss out on 8 weeks of unforgettable summer fun & excitement! Special 7th grade programs in both PDC2 & Bnos. By registering now, you not only insure a spot for your child(ren) but you also begin to earn a free session of camp with our new "Many Happy Returns Rewards Program". Various sources of financial aid still available. Call 773-279-8400 or email daycamp@aicamps.com for more details.

ATT Yedios Klaliyos Program in conjunction with cRc – Round 1, A Smashing Success! Nearly 150 students from all ATT schools took their first Yedios Klaliyos test last Sunday. Every student who participated in this voluntary program made our community proud with their diligent efforts, impressive test scores, and excellent decorum. Special thanks to Rabbi Dovid Rifkind, Program Coordinator, for organizing the program details. Level 2 test for top scoring students is on April 21 at 3:00.

The ATT / cRc give a special thanks to the volunteer proctors for administering the Yedios Klaliyos tests and to Mrs. Chani Belsky and Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov for the use of their Scantron machine for grading the tests.

Binyan Ariel Learning Center's Dirshu Daf Yomi B'Halachah Shiur, given by Rabbi Aaron Lauer, is now learning Mishna Berura Vol. 5. Be a part of the largest daily Halachah program in the world, Mon.-Fri., at Or Torah, 3800 Dempster, after 8:00 Shacharis, followed by Gemora Daf Yomi given by Rabbi Yisroel Gluck. Join our Pirkei Avos shiur every Shabbos 35 minutes before Mincha, based on the Rambam. Parsha: Weds., 8:15 PM at OTW. For info or a chavrusa at your convenience: 847-858-0188.

Sema Menora will host the Miriam Brody Religious Zionist Maot Chittim event in memory of her parents, Rabbi Louis J. ז"ל and Rebbetzin Lillian ח"ו Chaimovitz, in the home of Leah Polin, 8620 Keeler, Skokie, Wed., April 24. Registration 6:00 PM, program starts at 6:15, buffet reception following program. Esther F. Samber will review "Ten Green Bottles" and Rebbetzin Chaya Small will share her Shanghai memories. New donors welcome. Call 847-677-7901 (Sema) or 847-679-0444 (Leah) to RSVP by April 21.

Congregation Adas Yeshurun invites the entire Chicagoland Jewish community to join us in honoring Rabbi Zev and Michal Cohen for over 30 years of leadership and devotion at our annual Banquet on Sunday, May 5th, at the Westin O'Hare. To place an ad and make reservations, www.adasyeshurun.com/dinner or call 773-465-2288.

Congregation Adas Yeshurun invites the community to our early Mincha minyan at 1:30, followed by a Mussar Seder, now learning Sha'arei Teshuva, given by Rabbi Zev Cohen. Everyone is invited to attend this Mussar Seder, either in person or by calling in. Please call the shul office for details at 773-465-2288.

Rabbi Meyer Juzint's "The Chain of Miracles" is available in print from Kesser Maariv Press! In it, Rabbi Juzint describes the times Divine Providence saved him from certain death during the Holocaust. For more information, call 847-679-9800 or visit www.KesserMaariv.org. We hope to publish more of his works in the future.

Hurry and sign up for Bnei Akiva of Chicago's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Dinner, Monday, April 15th, 2013, at Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, 8825 East Prairie Rd., Skokie. Don't miss out on a special first time 45 minute balloon show extravaganza at 7:00 PM - Ages 3+. Mincha starts at 6:45 PM and at 7:00 PM there is Yom HaZikaron Ceremony. Please call Aviva Robinson with any questions 847-679-5826. Go to the online registration at goo.gl/oWMqp.

Matan B'Seter Bambi, helping Israeli families in crisis since 1973, invites you to be inspired by Rachel "Bambi" Chalkovsky, legendary Baalat Chesed of Jerusalem, at our annual benefit on Monday, April 22, 8:00 PM, at the home of Neeli Engelhart, 2941 Pratt. For more info: Vivian Bloch 847-675-3565.

J-Life Outreach and Congregation Khal Chassidim invite the Chicago Jewish community to a special presentation at Khal Chassidim, 6757 N. Richmond, on Sunday, April 21, at 11:00 AM, by Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich: "Learning and Keeping Torah in 1970s Soviet Gulag".

Rabbi Mendelevich opened a new chapter in the Soviet Jewry struggle for freedom & survival by attempting to commandeer a small aircraft to freedom in 1970. He will discuss the following 11 years in Soviet prisons & labor camps struggling to preserve his humanity & Jewish identity along with other Jewish political prisoners. Don't miss this opportunity to hear 1st hand account of the difficult chapter of recent Jewish history & stories of unreal courage, strength & commitment by ordinary Jews under challenging circumstances.

Park Plaza invites the community to join us for 3 exciting guest speakers in celebration of Yom HaAtzma'ut. This Shabbat, Apr. 13, 6:30, Rabbi Danny Kroll will be speaking on "Advocacy for Israel in Washington." On Sunday, April 14, at 2:00, Bob Schwartz, Senior Policy Analyst at the Israeli Consulate, will discuss "Israel's Strategic Situation". On Yom HaAtzma'ut, Tuesday, April 16, at 2:00, Rabbi Shalom Hammer, in Chicago on a speaking tour from Israel, will speak on "Israel: Struggle for Survival, Vision of Continuity". Please save the date of June 3, 2013 and join Young Israel of Skokie as we honor our Rav, Rabbi Gershon Schaffel, with a dinner at the Crowne Plaza Metro. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Henschel Plotnick.

The Great Jewish Family Festival. Sunday, Lag B'Omer, April 28, from 3:00-9:00 PM at Old Orchard. Better than ever, featuring: the Aerial Storm Circus, entertainment zones, rides, parade, non-stop entertainment, all-you-can-eat BBQ, giant bonfire with Even Shisiya. Admission price covers everything. Advance purchase discounted wristbands and more details: www.JewishFamilyFest.com or call 773-262-2770. Brought to you by Chabad of IL, Westfield Old Orchard & Hungarian Kosher.

Congregation KINS is proud to announce that we will be honoring Joel and Jenny Jacobson and Ari and Neeli Engelhart at our upcoming Annual Ad Banquet Wednesday June 5, 2013. Save the date!

By the Vinitzky family, wishing hatzlocha to Machon Miriam Chana, the new seminary for post high school women opening in Chicago. The seminary offers a variety of programs and options. Volunteer, teaching, or program info: 773-649-9869 or info@machonmiriamchana.org.

Join Arie Crown Hebrew Day School at Wrigley Field for the Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds game, Sunday May 5th at 1:20 PM. Suggested donation. For more information and tickets email ariecrownCubs@gmail.com.

Young Israel of Skokie invites the community to an informative and stimulating presentation featuring Rabbi Shalom Hammer, a scholarly & motivational lecturer for the Israeli Defense Forces. His topic is "Israel's Vision of Continuity: A Rabbi's Journey - A Soldier's Story". Rabbi Hammer teaches at Yeshiva Hesder Kiryat Sderot and Menachem Begin Israel Government Fellows. The presentation will take place at Young Israel of Skokie, 3740 Dempster, Skokie, on Wednesday, April 17, 8:15 PM.

TorahTechs Tech tip of the month: over Pesach there was a lot of discussion about certain "Pesach Seder" videos on YouTube. Please be aware that YouTube is a video-sharing website and, although they claim to have age restriction filters in place (including "Safety Mode"), they rely on the discretion of its viewers. Therefore their filters are very easy to get around, allowing access to uncensored content. For more information go to www.TorahTechs.com.

We are excited to announce that the Westin Hotel O'Hare (River Road) has completely remodeled its banquet halls and has also added an Open Air Skylight in the La Salle Ballroom Chupa Area. Our sincere thank you to HaRav Shmuel Fuerst, שליט"א, for his guidance in this matter. - Goldman Segal Kosher Caterers.

Yosef Ben-Zev wishes mazal tov and continued success to Shaya Goldmeier on his recent promotion. Join us on Sunday night, April 14th, at 7:15 PM, at the Goldmeier home, for a free video screening. This will show you a way to reduce your debt, pay your tuition, and become financially free, all while helping other people do the same. With Pesach Sheini coming, you now have a second chance at creating financial freedom from being a slave to your debt and your boss.

Wishing mazal tov to our grandson Efi on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We are so proud of you. - Bubbie Annie & Zaidy Pinchas and Bubbie Freda.

By Dorothy Starr-Aplebaum, and the Starr and Wagschal families in loving memory of Donald Starr, הרב דוד בנימן בן הרב זעליק, husband, father, grandfather, on the occasion of his 19th yahrtzeit on אייר ב'. A pure נשמה resting in the heaven above, yet always vividly palpable in his family's hearts forever on earth. צדקתו עומדת לעד.

By Inger and Leonard Sapphire-Bernstein in loving memory of Dr. Enoch J. Sapphire, ז"ל, on the occasion of his sixth yahrtzeit on the 7th of Iyar.

By Shaney & Harvey Goldstein in memory of her father, Rabbi David Kirshenbaum, ע"ה, on the occasion of his yahrtzeit on 13 Iyar, and in memory of his mother, Helen Goldstein, ע"ה, on the occasion of her yahrtzeit on 7 Iyar. (Ezras Israel)

By the Pinkus, Schiller, Jacobs, Chait, Gersten, Wiederman, Zuckerman, Wengrow, Meyer, Berkowitz, and Albin families in loving memory of Tola Pinkus, ע"ה, טייבא שרה בת הרב טוביה גוטמן, on the occasion of her fourteenth yahrtzeit on אייר ד'. Her memory is cherished by all who knew her.

By the Marshak and Carron families, in loving memory of our wife, mother, and grandmother, Dorothy Marshak, ע"ה, דבורה בת ישראל משה, on the occasion of her thirteenth yahrtzeit on 9 Iyar. We miss her warmth and care every day. She was a true eishes chayil. May her memory be for a blessing.

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Answers:

1. An animal can't be brought as a sacrifice until its eighth day of life. A male baby must be in its eighth day of life before he has his Bris. This is true regarding both of them because both need to be infused with the holiness of Shabbos to have the spiritual strength to serve Hashem.
2. In Jewish law a child is considered viable at thirty days. Therefore, after thirty days it is considered a "son" or a "daughter" but not when the child is just born.
3. The skin appears healthy on the surface but is moist and infected underneath. This is similar to the sinner, who appears righteous but speaks inappropriately behind one's back.
4. Because the person with tzara'as caused people to be separated by his leshon hara, he is totally separated from any contact with other people.
5. One explanation is that he is not actually "brought" to the Kohen but the Torah is telling us that his purification is not complete until he is seen by the Kohen who goes to him. Another explanation is that he is brought to the Kohen even against his will, to become purified.
6. First the Torah is indicating that he is poor in his spiritual state in that he has sinned. The second "poorness" refers to the sinner's lack of funds.

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