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Dvar Torah - Looking Up by Rabbi Yisroel Y. Niman



From early childhood on through our teenage years and even into adulthood, we are constantly being told stories and *medrashim* about our *Gedolim*. On a simplistic level, this is done to inspire us to emulate their ways and follow in their footsteps.

Chazal tell us we should constantly ask ourselves “מתי יגיעו מעשי למעשה אבותי - *When will my actions reach the level of the actions of my fathers?*” Recognition of our forebears’ tremendous holiness and perfection will not just inspire us, but will enable us to more closely emulate their ways. Realizing the tremendous capacity that is imbued within the human being will open up new vistas of spiritual perfection.

This week’s Parsha provides us with an keener insight into the greatness of our *Gedolim*. Moshe says “ראו קרא ד’ - בשם בצלאל - *Look, Hashem has called by name Betzalel...*” Hashem chose Betzalel to build the Mishkan. The *Daas Zekanim* explains that even Moshe was surprised when learning that Betzalel, and not Moshe himself, was chosen for this very special task. Hashem explained the reason for this was that the Mishkan was being built as a *Kapporah* (atonement) for the sin of the Golden Calf.

Since Bezael's grandfather Chur was killed as a result of the incident of the Golden Calf, it was appropriate to give his grandson the *zchus* to build it.

Upon analysis this seems quite puzzling! If the *mishkan* was being built to atone for the *Eigel*, Betzalel would be the one most likely to have some reluctance to help atone for their actions! Any human being would have deeply ingrained feelings of hatred for the individuals who killed his grandfather, and those feelings would naturally hinder the *simcha* and excitement needed to build the *Mishkan* with the proper *kavanah* and emotions!

It must be that Hashem knew that Betzalel would not harbor any resentment towards his grandfather’s killers, and that he would be able to rise above the normal emotions that we would expect him to feel at such a time. What a model of human perfection! What an enduring lesson for all future generations!

May we be *zocheh* to be motivated and inspired to utilize the almost limitless capacity for greatness and perfection that each and every one of us has embedded within us, as evidenced in our *Gedolim*.

Dvar Halacha—Interruptions in Pesukei D’Zimra

by David Alishayev and Shalev Peleg, Grade 9

The *Shulchan Aruch* states that generally, one may not interrupt between *Baruch She’amar* and *Yishtabach*. This prohibition doesn’t merely forbid idle chatter; it also forbids one from instructing the *gabbai* to say a *Mi Shebeirach*, and prohibits a Yisroel to go up to the Torah for an *aliyah*. The *Mishna Brurah* rules that a person can’t interrupt even in order to say *Baruch Hu u’Varaach Shemo* because it isn’t mentioned in the Gemorah.

However, there are exceptions to this general rule. One may answer *amen* to any *bracha*. One is also able to in-

interrupt to make a *bracha* like *Asher Yatzar*, answer *Kaddish*, *Kedusha*, *Barchu* and *Modim d’Rabbanan*, recite *Krias Shema* and *Birkas HaTorah*.

If a man is the only Kohen in the shul and he is between *Baruch She’amar* and *Yishtabach*, he may be called to the Torah, but may not instruct the *gabbai* to say a *Mi Shebeirach*. If the *gabbai* started to say a *Mi Shebeirach* on his own, one is able to tell him his name, in order not to embarrass the *gabbai*.

The Weekly Quiz

Name a four-letter Hebrew word that contains the same letter four times, the root of which can be found in this week's Parsha?

Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to Quiz@ytcteam.net. The first correct answer submitted will be announced in the next Spotlight. You need not be a student to participate. Hatzlochah!

Answer to last week's question:
Q. During the time of the Second Beis HaMikdash, which family was responsible for making the קטורת and why were they fired?

A. The House of Avitnas was responsible for compounding the Ketores. They had the ability to make the smoke from the Ketores rise straight up in a column. They refused to disclose the secret and were replaced. When the Chachamin saw that no one else could do the same, they were restored to their original position.

YTC Spotlight

Yeshiva Learnathon a Tremendous Success!

Thank you all for making the 15th Annual Learnathon such a tremendous success! Kudos to the many sponsors of the event. We would particularly like to thank our many guest Rabbonim and mechanchim who prepared intriguing and enlightening *Shiurim*, and traveled from all around South Florida to our Yeshiva to deliver them:

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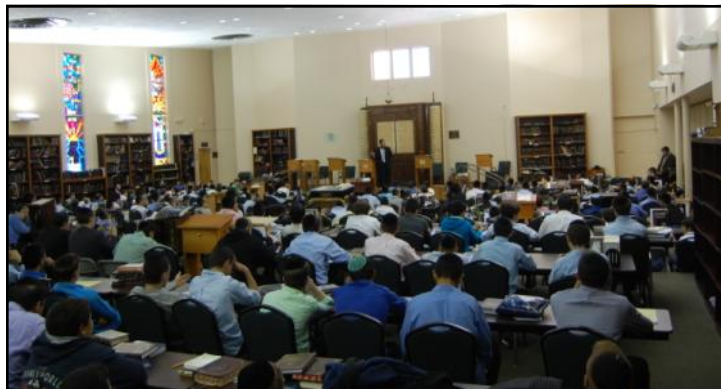
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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Glazer's 9th grade *Bekiyus Shiur* upon completing the 8th *Perek* of *Gitten*! To celebrate, the young men went on a kayaking expedition through the waters of Biscayne Bay. Afterward, they cooled off with ices.

צאתכם לשלום!



We wish a warm **צאתכם לשלום** to our 12th grade as they depart Monday for Eretz Yisroel!