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Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shlishit. * (Sunset - 18:18). 17:45

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. *

Arbit Motzei Shabbat. 19:09

Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 07:30). 06:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 17:15

Mincha & Arbit. 18:00

Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit. 18:00

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Shemini - P. Parah** 18:13

Tzav 5779 (Leviticus 6-8)

Mar 17, 2019 | by Rabbi Kalman Packouz

GOOD MORNING! The world faces many challenges. What are we to do? My teacher, Rabbi Noah Weinberg, wrote the following article, "World Repairs," which I hope will clarify and give food for thought:

Poverty. Terrorism. Depression. Our world is in desperate need of repair. Divisiveness and violence must urgently be replaced by kindness and compassion. We need to find ways to make a positive difference in the world -- to turn the pain into positive change, and to lead humanity back on the road to peace.

This is not just a global problem. It is highly personal as well. If someone spills ink on the floor, and asks you to clean it up, you might say, "Hey, you

made the mess -- you clean it up." But when it comes to world problems, nobody will say: "I didn't cause the problem, so why should I do anything about it?" Everyone agrees we should try to help. If you knew how to cure cancer, you'd cancel your vacation. We're all responsible.

The Hebrew word "tzedakah" is commonly translated as "charity" or "tithe." But this is misleading. "Charity" implies that your heart motivates you to go beyond the call of duty. "Tzedakah," however, literally means "righteousness" -- doing the right thing. A "tzaddik," likewise, is a righteous person, someone who fulfills all his obligations, whether in the mood or not.

The verse says: "Tzedek, tzedek you shall pursue" -- "justice, justice you shall

pursue" (Deut. 16:20). There's a basic human responsibility to reach out to others. Giving of your time and your money is a statement that "I will do whatever I can to help." That's the Jewish concept of *Tikun Olam* -- repairing the world.

Aside from helping those in need, we have many other financial obligations -- family, savings, even basic living expenses. So how much are we expected to help? Should we drop everything and run off to Africa to stop the famine?

The Torah recommends giving 10 percent. (Hence the popular expression "tithing," meaning one-tenth.) The legal source is Deut. 14:22, and the Bible is filled with examples: Abraham gave Malki-Tzedek one-tenth of all his possessions (Genesis 14:20); Jacob vowed to give one-tenth of all his future acquisitions to the Almighty (Genesis 29:22); there are mandated tithes to support the Levites (Numbers 18:21, 24) and the poor (Deut. 26:12).

Ten percent is the minimum obligation to help. For those who want to do more, the Torah allows you to give 20 percent. But above that amount is unrealistic. If you give too much, you'll come to neglect other aspects of your life.

Of course, don't just impulsively give your money away. The Almighty provides everyone with income, but it comes conditionally: Ten percent is a trust fund that you're personally responsible to disperse. God is expecting you to spend His money wisely.

If you were running a humanitarian foundation, you'd make a thorough study

of the best use of your money. It's the same with *tzedakah*. When you choose one project over another, you have to calculate why it is more effective than the other. Consider it the "Your-Name-Here Save the World Foundation."

Put this money aside in a separate account. That way it will be available when the need arises. And it is a constant reminder of your obligation to help.

There are so many possible projects: the poor, the sick, the uneducated, drug abuse, domestic violence, the homeless. Which one should you pick?

Tzedakah begins at home. If your parents are hungry, that comes before giving to a homeless shelter. From there it is concentric circles outward: your community, then your country. (For Jews, Jerusalem and Israel are considered as one's own community, since every Jew has a share in the homeland.)

Once you've defined "who" to give to, what's the best method to do so? Maimonides lists eight levels of *tzedakah* in order of priority (Laws of Gifts to the Poor 10:7). Many people think the highest level is to give money anonymously. Actually, there's an even higher level: helping a person to become self-sufficient. This includes giving him a job, or a loan to start a business.

This is the source of the Jewish concept of a free loan fund, called a *Gemach*. If you help someone start a business, he can feed himself and 10 other people besides. As the old saying goes: Rather than give him fish to eat, teach him to be a fisherman. This

represents a higher level of *Tikun Olam*, because now the fisherman can go out and help others. You've really fixed something.

There's actually one higher level of *tzedakah*: being sensitive to someone before he's in trouble. As the Sages explain: It takes one person to support something before it falls, but after it falls, even five people may not be able to lift it. (see Rashi, Leviticus 25:35)

Tzedakah is not only helping people financially, it's also making them feel good. If a hungry person asks for food, and you give it to him with a resentful grunt, you've lost the *mitzvah*. Sometimes giving an attentive ear or a warm smile is more important than money.

You can also protect someone's self-esteem by giving even before he asks. The bottom line is that every person has unique needs. It is our obligation to help each one accordingly.

What if you offer someone a job and he's too lazy to work? Then you don't have to give him anything. The Talmud (*Baba Metzia* 32b) says: If he doesn't care about himself, then you're not required to care about him, either.



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

This week's Torah portion includes the laws of: the Burnt Offering, Meal Offering, High Priest's Offering, Sin Offerings, Guilt Offerings and Peace Offerings. It concludes with the portions of the Peace Offerings which are allotted to the Priests and the installation

ceremony of the Priest for serving in the Sanctuary.

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Dvar Torah

*based on Love Your Neighbor by
Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

The Torah states:

"And the Lord spoke to Moshe saying: Speak to Aharon and his sons, saying: 'This is the Law of the Transgression Offering, in the place where the Burnt Offering is slaughtered shall the Transgression Offering be slaughtered before the Lord; it is most holy' " (Leviticus 6:17-18).

Why does the Torah emphasize that the Transgression Offering must be made in the exact same place as the Burnt Offering?

The Talmud (*Yerushalmi Yevomot* 8:3) explains that they were offered in the same place in the Sanctuary to save from embarrassment those people bringing a sin offering; anyone witnessing the event could assume that the offering was brought as a Burnt Offering (which is not a sin offering) and not necessarily as an atonement for one's transgression.

Our lesson: We must be very careful not to cause someone embarrassment or discomfort when they have done something improper in the past and now regret it. Never remind anyone of past misdeeds. Always do whatever you can to protect people from embarrassment.



Shabbat Shalom,
Kalman
Rabbi Kalman
Packouz

Mazal tov to: Susie & Ronnie pinto on the birth of their new grandson, the son of Carolyn and Isaac Steel.

Mazal tov to: Amanda & Mayer Attar and Natalie Tanne on the birth of the new baby girl, the Daughter of Donna and Jonathan Tanne.

Mazal tov to: Gracie and Maurice Rashty on the engagement of their Daughter Sandy.

Hot Kiddush: presented by the family of Meir Sabah Levy and sisters Gilda and Shula ה"י, in memory of their late Mother, Violette Levy ה"ה.

Seuda Shelishit: presented by David Gigi ה"י, in memory of his late father Haim ben David ז"ל.

Birkat Hailanot: Sunday 2nd Nissan 5779 / 7th April 2019, we will recite Birkat Hailanot in front of the Synagogue after Shahrit, at about 08.45.

Condolences: we are sorry to announce the passing away of (Rosette Gareh) Rosette bat Sassoon Raymond ה"ה, the mother of Golda Bernard ה"ה, we wish her long life and free of sorrow. Shiva will be held on Sunday 24th between 10.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 17.00 at: 10 Old Park Grove Enfield EN2 6PW. Prayers will recite at the Enfield & Winchmore Hill Synagogue, 53 Wellington Road, Bush Hill Park Enfield, EN1 2PG, Sunday 24th at 20:00 Please make every effort to attend for a minyan.

Shiur for ladies. We are pleased to announce that a shiur for ladies by rebbetzin chava Sebbag on Tuesday mornings based on mesilat yesharim. For more information please call 07751 434 797.

Introductory talk by Eliyahu kelman: Deepen Soul Connections in dealing with challenges, events & people in our lives. Codes embedded in the Torah and kabbalah Sunday 31st March - 19.45, in the Synagogue hall, Refreshments.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

01 Adar Mr Yaakov Georgy	22 Adar Mr David Gigi
02 Adar Mr Asher Moses	22 Adar Mr Charles F. Silas
04 Adar Mr William Yadid	23 Adar Mr Benny Benaiah
08 Adar Mr Fouad Yadgar	24 Adar Mr Albert Ibrahim
13 Adar Mr Elie Menahem	24 Adar Mr Aziz Ibrahim
16 Adar Miss Florence Ruth David	26 Adar Mr David Gigi
18 Adar Mr Solomon Judah	27 Adar Mr Ghassan Cohen
19 Adar Mrs Rosalind Broomer	29 Adar Mr Sabah Rashty
19 Adar Mr Mayer Levy	29 Adar Mr Peres Rashty
19 Adar Mrs Gilda Aslan	29 Adar Mr Morris Rashty
19 Adar Mrs Shulamit Rachamim	

Quote of the Week

How happy are the pessimists!

What joy is theirs when they have proved there is no joy

March 28th - Thursday For men and women



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