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## פרשת משפטים-שקלים

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### Dvar Torah - Finding True Happiness by Rabbi Yehuda Bergida



Are you happy? Are the people around you happy? We live in the wealthiest nation on earth, we are pursuing our dreams, and yet many people seem to not be enjoying their successes. How can we find happiness in our own lives? There

is an insight in this week's *Parsha* that can shed light on finding true happiness.

The Torah tells us that if someone steals an animal, he pays back double. If he steals cattle and slaughters or sells them, the thief must pay five times the value of the stolen animals. If he steals a sheep and does the same, the penalty is only four times the original value. Rashi explains that this inequity is due to the fact that the offender in the case of the cattle could lead the animal in a respectful manner, while the thief who stole the sheep must carry it on his back, which is degrading. Because the thief embarrassed himself in the act of his thievery, the Torah reduced his punishment slightly.

This is puzzling. This thief likely is patting himself on the back for the successful heist, not consciously feeling bad for himself due to his embarrassment. If we

were to interview him, he likely would not even think twice about the embarrassment of having carried the animal on his back. Why is the Torah considering this seemingly imperceptible discomfort?

We see from here the truly delicate nature of a human being. Even though consciously the thief doesn't perceive his own embarrassment, deep down it is surely distressing him. Subconsciously, he is hurt by this affront to his self-image. As modern psychology bears out, deep subconscious wounds can certainly manifest themselves in a host of very tangible ways. The Torah considers this very real negative consequence of his actions and reduces his punishment accordingly.

We see from here that the Torah is keenly aware of our innermost feelings. Even though an action seems harmless to us, it may indeed be offensive to the lofty nature of our inner selves. It is foolish and risky to rely on our own estimation of what is or isn't beneficial to our well-being. We were created by Hashem and must only use the Torah - the blueprint of creation - as our guide, and in doing so, we are sure to find much happiness and peace of mind.

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### Dvar Halacha – פרשת שקלים

This week we read *Parshas Shkalim*. We read this special *Parsha* as our only way to participate nowadays in the historic collections of funds that was made in biblical times to pay for communal *Korbanos* in the *Bais HaMikdash*. There was a *chiyuv* for us to use money from a new collection for the *Korbanos* of *Nissan*, and that collection began in *Adar*.

If a congregation forgot to *lain Parshas Shkalim*, but discovered their mistake before the

*brachos* on the *Haftorah* were recited, they should take out another *sefer Torah*, recite *Kaddish*, and *lain* the *Maftir* of *Shkalim*, followed by the appropriate *Haftorah*.

If the congregation didn't discover their mistake until the *brachos* of the *Haftorah* were begun and Hashem's name had been said, the *bracha* should be completed and a few *pesukim* of the mistaken *Haftorah* recited. No after-*bracha* should be recited on the *Haftorah* at this point. Rather, the *Maftir*

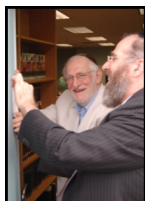
of *Shkalim* should be read from a *Sefer Torah* with the appropriate *brachos*, *Kaddish* recited, and the *Haftorah* for *Shkalim* should be said without an initial *bracha*, but with a completing *bracha*.

If the mistake is discovered after the *Haftorah* was completed, the *Maftir* of *Shkalim* should be read from a *Sefer Torah* with the appropriate *brachos*, *Kaddish* recited, and the *Haftorah* for *Shkalim* should be said without any *brachos*.

# PHASE I: COMPLETE

## YTC Spotlight

### Yeshiva Moves into New Construction!



משנכנס אדר מרבנים  
בשמחה! Today the  
YTC High School  
moved into their  
newly remodeled  
educational space.

The renovation project, encompassing over 10,000 square feet, includes the High School Bais Medrash, four new classrooms, the Media Center, science lab, teacher, administrative, and physical plant offices, staff kitchen and lounge, music suite, locker room, dormitory game and recreation lounge, and storage space. Students are particularly excited about our new Media Center. The Media Center has been generously dedicated by Dr. Jack Katz in memory of his mother, *Bracha bas*



*Yitzchok HaLevi, A"H.*

The center is sure to be the hub of activity during the school day as students research, learn, work with friends or alone, read and relax in the 1,300 square-foot

facility. The center is also home to our Computer Center. With 21 flat-panel networked workstations, every YTC talmid will have his own login, account and storage space on our upgraded server.

We now have two technologically-enhanced classrooms. The full details of how this technology is being used in these new classrooms to foster an environment of higher learning will be featured in a future *Spotlight*.

Rabbi Mordechai Palgon, Rosh HaYeshiva and Principal, commented, "We really owe a great debt of gratitude to HaKadosh Baruch Hu for allowing us to enhance our Torah learning and



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Secular Studies with this new space. We also would like to express heartfelt HaKoras HaTov to all those who worked so hard to make this dream a reality. Foremost in our minds and hearts, we would like to thank Rabbi Harayl Askotzky and Mr. Asher Perets for working tirelessly to bring about this day. *Yasher Kochachem!*"

Many new dedication opportunities are available! Please contact us by phone at 305-944-5344 or by email at [ytc@ytcteam.net](mailto:ytc@ytcteam.net) if you wish to dedicate a classroom, office or any other portion of the new construction. Donate now and let the merit of the Torah learned be a z'chus for you and your family for generations!

## Yeshiva Learnathon Monday!

Come join us on Monday, February 15, אדר 'א for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Learnathon. The Learnathon is a 5-hour intensive learning program consisting of 15 Shiurim on various topics, some timely and others timeless. All fathers, community members and friends of the Yeshiva are invited to join our Yom Iyun. The Learnathon is the annual fundraiser for our Student Activities Fund. A schedule of Shiurim appears to the right.



Yeshiva Toras Chaim 14th Annual Learnathon

February 15, 2010 אדר, תש"ע

	Concurrent Session I	Concurrent Session II	Concurrent Session III	Concurrent Session IV
2:30-3:15 PM	RABBI LEHRFIELD THE WHOLE MEGILLA	RABBI MATZ TORAH SOLUTIONS TO WORLD PROBLEMS	RABBI WEBERMAN HILCHOS SHECHITA	RABBI SHARFMAN THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY
3:15-4:00 PM	RABBI EPHRAIM E. SHAPIRO KIDDUSH HASHEM: "OHR LAGOYIM" <i>Dining Room</i>			
4:00-4:45 PM	RABBI KALTER ARE GRINDLOWS MUKTZAH?	RABBI TURK LOSHON HORAH: WHEN IS IT RIGHT TO SAY?	RABBI BAUMANN CHESED SHEL EMES	RABBI GROSS USING ANOTHER'S COPY WITHOUT PERMISSION
4:45-5:15 PM	RABBI GEDALYA GLATT CHESBON HANEFESH: THE INTERNAL INVENTORY <i>Auditorium</i>			
5:15-5:30 PM	MINCHA & REFRESHMENTS			
5:30-6:00 PM	CHAVRUSOS - BAIS MEDRASH			
6:00-6:45 PM	RABBI SINGER MAKING A MODERN-DAY PURIM	RABBI SHAFFREN JEWISH FOOD	RABBI GOLDMAN ARISTOTLE VS. BERYL	DR. ABRAMSON "DESIGNER BABIES" AND HALACHA
6:45-7:30 PM	KEYNOTE SESSION: RABBI BINYOMIN LUBAN BAIS MEDRASH			
7:30 PM	MA'ARIV & DISMISSAL			