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Dvar Torah - Uniting All Jews

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At times, we tend to be insular. We may “circle our wagons” to prevent ourselves from the undue influence of society at large. We may even cut ourselves off emotionally from those whose *mitzva* observance or Torah scholarship doesn't meet our expectations. We may feel that our service to our Creator can be better fulfilled without the “distraction” of those less pious than ourselves. The Torah shows us that this is far from Hashem's will.

The Torah in this week's *Parsha* tells us that on the first day of *Sukkos*, we should take the *arba minim*. The *Da'as Zekeinim* understands each of the *minim* to be referring to a different type of Jew. The *esrog*, with its exceptional aroma and taste, represents the *tzadik*, who possesses the sweet aroma of Torah and the exquisite “taste” of *mitzvos*. The *lulav* grows on a tree which produces tasty fruit, but has no scent. This symbolizes the Jews who perform many *mitzvos*, but are not steeped in Torah learning. The *hadass*, with its delightful fragrance but no

taste, corresponds to those Jews who are learned, but are lacking in the performance of *mitzvos*. The *arava* - which lacks both taste and smell - characterizes those Jews who lack both Torah and *mitzvos*. The *Da'as Zekeinim* concludes by saying that we take all four together on the holiday to signify that Hashem only desires to be close to Klal Yisroel when they are united.

This is puzzling. We can readily understand Jews of varied levels of piety joining together in the service of Hashem to be a significant occurrence, but why must we include the *arava*, those who lack both Torah and *mitzvos*? Of what possible

advantage could it be to us to band together with those who are so far removed from Torah and *mitzvos*?

We see from here that our *avodas Hashem* is incomplete unless we are uniting all Jews - even those less observant than ourselves. There is a great responsibility to reach out to those who are far from Torah and *mitzvos*, and band together with them in the service of Hashem. May we be *zoche* to help ignite that spark of greatness that resides deep within all of us.

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Dvar Halacha – The מלאכה of צד by Jacob Gassner, Grade 11

The definition of צד is trapping. The אב מלאכה of צד encompasses actions done by the hunter himself, while the תולדה prohibits trapping with your dog or other animal, as well.

In order to transgress this מדאורייתא מלאכה, four conditions must be met. Firstly, you must completely trap the animal, like capturing a bird in a bird cage. Secondly, it must be a wild, uninjured animal. Also, it must be an animal that is usually trapped, like a deer or rabbit. Lastly, the only time the Torah forbids trapping is when the animal is caught immediately after the trap is set. How-

ever, מדרבנן, all trapping is prohibited. There are, however, times one may trap animals on Shabbos. These situations can be divided into three categories: animals that can cause one severe pain, animals that cause minimal pain, and animals that are just simply annoying. An animal that may cause severe pain, like a bee, may be trapped in order to protect oneself. If the animal can only cause minimal pain, one is allowed to remove it only when that animal seems to be attacking. Annoying animals, like buzzing flies, are not harmful and therefore can't be trapped at all.

YTC Spotlight

The Weekly Quiz

Which Jew was Pharo's treasurer when the Jews were slaves in Mitzrayim, and kept the keys to the royal fortune?

Answers 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 quiz:

Q: Who was Avrohom Avinu's mother?

A: Amitlai bas Cornevo. Congratulations to Daniel Pomper of our 11th grade for being the first to submit the correct answer.

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National Sefer Torah Campaign Comes to South Florida



In the last quarter century, South Florida has seen tremendous growth in Torah, in a large part due to the lifelong efforts of Hagaon Harav Henach Leibowitz, zt'l, who served as Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim in Queens, NY. His life was one of focused dedication to the mission of spreading Torah.

As head of one of the largest and most prestigious Yeshivos in the country, the Rosh HaYeshiva has produced hundreds of Torah scholars who selflessly serve Klal Yisroel in rabbinic, teaching and kiruv positions worldwide. In South Florida alone, over fifty of Rabbi Leibowitz's students fill these positions. The Rabbonim of Young Israel of Boca Raton, Young Israel of Kendall and Young Israel of Bal Harbor are all

talmidim of Rabbi Leibowitz zt'l. Yeshiva Toras Chaim / Toras Emes, Torah Academy of Boca Raton, Jewish Education Center of South Florida and the *Jewish Upbringing Matters* Program are all affiliates of Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and headed by *talmidim* of Rabbi Leibowitz zt'l.

Rabbi Leibowitz zt'l passed away two years ago. To create a living symbol of his memory and legacy, a National Sefer Torah Campaign was initiated by Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim. This Torah has been traveling to communities across the globe, and Jews from all walks of life, including many of our greatest Torah leaders, have inscribed letters in it.

This Sefer Torah is coming to the communities of Miami Beach and Boca Raton on the evenings of

May 5th and 6th, respectively. The events will be graced with the presence of the Roshei HaYeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim, Harav Dovid Harris shlit'a and Harav Akiva Grunblatt shlit'a. The entire community is invited to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Jacob at 536 West 47th Street, Miami Beach on Wednesday May 5th, and to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Yehuda Marcus at 22208 Hollyhock Trail, Boca Raton on Thursday, May 6th to participate in this special *kibud*. For the Rosh HaYeshiva, zt'l. Both events will begin with Mincha at 7:45 followed by the program and *kesivas osiyos*.



Yeshiva Says Goodbye to Mr. Asher Perets

This past Monday, the entire Yeshiva assembled to bid farewell to the YTC/TEAM Physical Plant Manager, Mr. Asher Perets. Mr. Perets has become an integral part of the Yeshiva, going way beyond the call of duty to create the optimal learning environment. He not only ensured that the facility was immaculate and in good repair, but also added flair and panache to the school. Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Mordechai Palgon and TEAM President Dr. Allan Jacob spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Perets' dedication to the Yeshiva and wished him well as he and his family return to Eretz Yisroel.