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Dvar Torah - *What is a Leader?* by Rabbi Binyomin Luban



From this week's Parsha, we can learn an important lesson in leadership. Hashem told Moshe that the Jews deserved to be destroyed, due to their sinning in the חטא העגל. Moshe beseeches Hashem to spare the Jews, concluding his prayers by saying, "ואם

"אין מחני נא מספרך אשר כתבת *do not forgive them, wipe me out from the book that you have written*". The ספורנו explains that Moshe was telling Hashem that he should take the merits from all of Moshe's מצוות and transfer them to the Jews, in order that they should be worthy of being saved.

Moshe was the greatest צדיק who ever lived, who deserved a reward way beyond anything we can imagine. In order for Moshe to reach this amazing level, he must have worked tirelessly, year after year, to perfect himself and to perform the מצוות. Yet Moshe was willing to sacrifice the efforts of his entire life, and the tremendous reward that he deserved, in order to save his fellow Jews. This was the degree of dedication that Moshe had for the Jewish people.

The Parsha continues that Hashem accepted Moshe's prayers and spared the Jews. At the same time, Moshe is commanded to move his tent outside the Jewish camp.

The Torah tell us that when Moshe walked to his tent, the *Bnei Yisroel* משה אחרי משה - they stared at Moshe. The Gemorah in Kiddushin (לג,ב) brings different opinions as to what they were thinking when they stared at Moshe. One opinion is that they were thinking, "Look how fat he is from eating our wealth."

This seems very strange. Moshe just saved them from total destruction, he offered his entire life work and his portion to in the World to Come to save them, and yet they viewed him disparagingly, believing that he was getting fat from stealing their wealth.

The Torah is teaching us that no matter how sincere and dedicated a leader is, there will always be people who will criticize him and view him disparagingly. This is true of all leaders: a leader of a nation, a leader of a school, a leader of a classroom, and even a leader of a family. True leaders do not become leaders in order to gain popularity. Rather, they do so only to help the people they are leading, and are totally dedicated, irrelevant of whether or not they are appreciated.

May we all be זוכה to become true leaders.

Dvar Halacha – More Halachos of *Netilas Yadaim*

by Jacob Gassner, Grade 12

When one thinks of *Netilas Yadaim*, the first thing that comes to mind is pouring the water with a cup. However, when it comes to *Netilas Yadaim* in preparation for the recital of *Kriyas Shma* or for *Tefilah*, one can fulfill his obligation by simply dipping his hands inside a basin of water. One can apply this *halacha* in the following case: If one is camping and he doesn't have access to cups or faucets, all he would have to do is insert his hands into a river or lake to fulfill his obligation of washing *Netilas*

Yadaim for *Kriyas Shma* and *Tefilah*. It is a *machlokes* whether one is able to even get rid of the *Ruach Ra'ah* (evil spirit) this way as well, or if one must actually pour the water over his hands three times. The Mishneh Brurah seems to conclude that dipping one's hands three times in a river or stream rids one of the *Ruach Ra'ah*, as well .

The Weekly Quiz

During the time of the Second Beis HaMikdash, which family was responsible for making the קטורת and why were they fired? (No pun intended!)

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. How long is Shabbos on Earth?

A. A little less than 49 hours

YTC Spotlight

Camp Masmid Miami Returns!

Camp Masmid Miami will be returning to the Yeshiva grounds this summer. Camp Masmid Miami is the premier summer program for boys currently in 6th through 10th grade. From June 22 through August 12, 2011, boys will have a place to daven, learn Torah, and enjoy their summer in a Torah-true environment.

The camp *davens* Shachris together in their own *minyan*, with the boys themselves serving as *shluhei tzibur*, followed by breakfast and daily *shiurim* in both Halacha and Gemorah. The boys then participate in organized sports activities, craft workshops like wood-working or model rocketry, and swimming. Weekly trips include snorkeling, laser-tag, go-carts, rock-climbing, bowling and a thrilling air-boat ride in the Everglades, to name a few. There are major overnight trips being planned as well. Those trips



will include even more exciting destinations.

The camp fee for Session I, June 22–July 22, is \$750 and the fee for Session 2, July 25–August 12, is \$450. There is never a trip fee.

Registration has begun. There is a \$70 registration fee for Trip I and a \$40 registration fee for Trip 2.

Register before Rosh Chodesh Nissan (April 5) and receive 50% off registration!

Please contact us with any questions you may have, or to request a registration packet. Masmid Miami may be reached by email at MasmidMiami@ytcteam.org or calling 305-944-5344 (Yeshiva office).

Join Us on Monday, February 21 for our 15th Annual Learnathon!

Fathers and friends are cordially invited to join in all or some of the fascinating and dynamic *shiurim* that will comprise our Learnathon!

2:30 PM Concurrent Sessions I - Shiur A: Parsha Gems, **Shiur B:** Torah Solutions to World Problems, **Shiur C:** Hilchos Eruvin, **Shiur D:** Davening Through Intermediaries

3:15 PM General Session- The Power of One – Rabbi Ephraim E. Shapiro


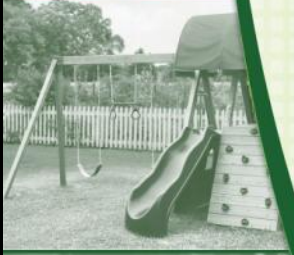

4:00 PM Concurrent Sessions II – Shiur A: Music: Speaking to the Heart, **Shiur B:** Lashon Horah: When is it Right to Say?, **Shiur C:** Ais La'asos L'Hashem: Guns, Gun Control, and the Tucson Massacre, **Shiur D:** Ad' D'lo Yoda: Drinking and Addictions

4:45 PM General Session- Reliving Ma'amad Har Sinai Every Day – Rabbi Gedalya Glatt

6:00 PM Concurrent Sessions III – Shiur A: Jewish Food, **Shiur B:** Chesed Shel Emes, **Shiur C:** Look Before You Leap

6:45 PM Keynote Session- Rabbi Binyomin Luban, followed by Ma'ariv

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