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Dvar Torah - Don't be Stingy - by Rabbi Avrohom Anton



The Torah says that there is an obligation to help another Jew who is in financial distress. The basis for this is a פסוק in this week's parsha. The פסוק states, “כי ימוך אחיך עמך - If your friend is needy, go ahead and help him out.” The פסוק says that this פסוק is not only talking about money but also refers to Torah. If there is someone who is poor in Torah knowledge, the Torah obligates you to teach them. This even applies to someone who is a complete עם הארץ.

This obligation to share Torah is further illustrated in the מדרש on the פסוק of עמך אחיך עמך. The Medrash quotes the פסוק משלי which says, “רש ואיש תככים נפגשו - A poor person and an average person met.” The Medrash explains the פסוק as talking about the poor person's lack of Torah knowledge. The poor person asks the average person to teach him a פרק of Mishnayos, which he gladly does. As a result, they both merit עולם הזה and עולם הבא. The Medrash then quotes a second פסוק משלי in פסוק - “A poor person and a Talmid Chacham met.” The poor person asks the תלמיד חכם to teach him a פרק

of Mishnayos. This Talmid Chacham says it's beneath him to teach him Mishnayos and suggests that he seek out somebody on his own level. According to Rashi in תמורה, as a result of his stinginess, this Talmid Chacham slowly loses his Torah and the poor person becomes a Talmid Chacham. Look at the reward one receives for teaching an עני Torah, and the punishment for depriving someone of Torah knowledge.

We see from the Medrash the great reward that awaits one who teaches his friend Torah! Even one who is not himself yet a Talmid Chacham can reap bountiful rewards for himself and elevate his fellow Jew by being involved in Torah learning. Conversely, we see that once one has achieved the moniker Talmid Chacham, his responsibility increases as well. Terrible consequences await one who is stingy in Torah.

In these weeks leading up to Shavuos, we need to work together to prepare all of Klal Yisroel for a קבלת התורה.

Dvar Halacha - Answering Kaddish

by David Alishayev and Shalev Peleg, Grade 9

If a minyan is davening and you are not in the same room, but can hear them, you cannot count for the minyan, but you are able to answer Kaddish, Kedusha, Barchu, or amen to their bracha. The reason, according to the Mishnah Brurah, is because when there are ten people gathered in one place, Hashem's Shechinah rests there, and not even an iron curtain can separate the Shechinah from you. Additionally, the Shulchan Aruch (55) says that you cannot say a bracha if you are experiencing a foul smell -

for example, waste from any foul smelling object, like a portable public bathroom, garbage dump, or junkyard.

Normally, a foul-smelling object is only problematic if it is in close proximity. However, even if it is not near you and you cannot smell it but there is something foul between you and the minyan, you are able to answer only by saying pasukim like those of Kedushah. One cannot answer amen or Barchu.

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The Weekly Quiz

Who was also known as בלטשאצר?

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. Name two Egyptian firstborn who weren't killed in Makas Bechoros.

A. Paroh and his daughter, Basya.

YTC Spotlight

The Yeshiva That Never Sleeps! Bain HaZmanim Events at YTC



Yeshiva Toras Chaim strives to be a "full service" Makom Torah. Being an integral part of a Jewish

community means never taking a vacation. That's why the Yeshiva runs programs even during *bein hazmanim*. Over the Pesach break there were two such programs.

The first program was the Annual Pre-Pesach Alumni Breakfast. The breakfast drew scores of *talmidim* who attended the Yeshiva at various times over the past 26 years. Some attendees were married professionals, others Kollel *yugerlight*, and still more *bachurim* currently attending *yeshivos* throughout the Unites States, Canada and *Eretz Yisroel*.

Rabbi Moshe Bernstein, an alumnus turned YTC

administrator, spoke to the crowd about his experiences in YTC years ago and today. Yosef Fried, class of '09, addressed the assembly as well, recalling how YTC prepared him for his future life experiences.

Another *bein hazmanim* event was the *Motzei Shabbos Chol HaMoed Pilpul Shiur*, given by our Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Binyomin Luban. Rabbi Luban spoke about the *mitzvah* of פדיון שבויים. Many alumni came to learn and be part of this special *shiur*.

The significant turnout for both



events serves as a testament that the bond that *talmidim* feel for their Yeshiva, and that the Yeshiva feels for them, lasts long beyond graduation.

YTC Blood Drive Draws Crowd! By Chaim Benson, Grade 11

The second blood drive at Yeshiva Toras Chaim was a huge success. Parents, students, *rebbeim* and com-

munity members all came together to donate blood. The Community Blood Centers of Florida collected a whopping 38 pints of blood; the average blood drive can barely collect nine. The drive ran from ten in the morning until three in the afternoon, with never a slow moment, as the facility was almost always packed.

The Blood Center has already asked to come back, thanks to the incredible amount of blood they got, and we are looking at scheduling our next blood drive in October. We

are hoping to see everyone then!



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