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*Candle Lighting 8:11pm * Shekiah 8:29pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 7:50pm * Shabbat Ends 9:10pm & Rabbenu Tam 9:40pm
Time for Talit 4:07am * Seasonal Hour 86:00 * Alot Hashahar 3:50am * Netz Hachama 5:33am
Weekday Minha 7:30pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 7:18pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 9:05pm * Chatzot 1:00
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Hashem said to Moshe, *‘Take to yourself Yehoshua son of Nun... you shall place some of your majesty upon him’...*” Moshe Rabbenu was on the verge of entering the Yeshiva above and needed to be replaced in the Yeshiva below. Hashem told him, *“Lean your hand upon him.”* Moshe, however, *“leaned his hands upon him”*. Both hands. Moshe had done more than what Hashem had commanded him to do. He was generous and did not just fulfill the Mitzvah. He fulfilled as well, *“Place some of your majesty upon him”*. Rashi comments that the countenance is the majesty of a person, as the countenance of Yehoshua was called light. Also, *“Some of your majesty”* but not all: Concerning this it is said *“The face of Moshe was like the sun and the face of Yehoshua like the moon”*. Hashem did not want Moshe’s honor to leave his family and wished to preserve it. Even Yehoshua needed Elazar, the son of Aharon, in order to ask questions to Hashem through the Urim Vetumim, for the children of Aharon were like Moshe’s children. Moshe Rabbenu, however, needed nobody and spoke directly to Hashem when necessary. He was above the need for using the Urim Vetumim or any other intermediary, he only needed Hashem,

as we see he had told the daughters of Tzelofchad in this Parasha, as he had done so many times before, that he would go directly before Hashem on their behalf and hear what Hashem commands. Moshe needed nothing besides Hashem. Through Moshe, Yehoshua had been granted authority, and now even the sun lost choice when Yehoshua demanded it to stay quiet in Gibeon. Why did Yehoshua ask the sun to stay quiet? Why didn’t he tell it to stay in place – a seemingly more befitting command? When Yehoshua told the sun to stay still, he was causing the sun to stop singing praises to Hashem as it does while moving in its regular path and daily routine. Yehoshua told it to keep quiet and he would sing the praises instead. One must realize that there aren’t any politics involved between such leaders of Bnei Yisrael. All leaders must learn not to focus on their strengths or abilities in comparison with others, but must concentrate on improving, uniting, and teaching those he leads towards Hashem. Lead them in the ways of Torah. It doesn’t matter how many people you control or how much power you have; it only matters what you do with the opportunity and responsibility given to you. Lead with Torah, for it is the blueprints of

creation, the purpose of life, and the true path to physical and spiritual accomplishments. May Hashem merit us always to do His will, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1 – Kozbi Bat Tzur was the reincarnation of Dina Bat Yaakov, and Zimri was the reincarnation of Shechem Ben Hamor, and later reincarnated as Rebi Akiva, who said when he was an Am Haaretz in the first part of his life, “Give me a Talmid Hacham and I will bite him like a Hamor (donkey)!” Why? Because he was the reincarnation of Zimri who was the reincarnation of Shechem Ben Hamor. Kozbi was later reincarnated as the wife of the wicked Tornosrufus, who converted and became the wife of Rebi Akiva. It says that Dina married her brother Shimon Ben Yaakov, but not necessarily him, rather Zimri in a later reincarnation who was from the tribe of Shimon. (*Kene Avraham*)

History in Brief

130 years after the Hurban, 200AD. Rebi Meir would teach: love rebuke and hate praise, because rebuke will help guide you towards the next world, while praise can remove a person from this world. Do not focus on exteriors but rather on what’s inside. Teshuvah is so great for it brings forgiveness from Hashem for the whole world. If Hashem is about to bring punishment to the world, but one person does Teshuvah, then Hashem will be patient with the whole world just because of that one person. Hashem does not want even the blood of the wicked to be spilled, all the more so the blood of the righteous. Bnei Yisrael are the sons of Hashem regardless of their righteousness or otherwise. Rebi Meir declared regarding the Cuthites who returned to their misdeeds, that their slaughter is invalid, their meat unkosher, and their wine as Nesech unfit to drink. He would teach, living in the holy land of Israel brings atonement for sins, and one who lives there, speaks the holy language, recites Shema twice a day in the

morning and evening, is someone who will merit Olam Haba. There was a husband and wife who the Satan would cause to fight and argue every Friday Erev Shabbat. Rebi Meir visited them three consecutive Fridays to bring peace between them. He heard the Satan cursing himself for causing Rebi Meir to inconvenience himself on Erev Shabbat in order to stop the fighting.

Health and Recovery

Cholesterol is a substance that is partly produced by the body itself, and in part is created and acquired from the food that is consumed. The good cholesterol is called HDL. It helps to remove excess cholesterol from the blood and thus reduces the risk of atherosclerosis. The good cholesterol is achieved first and foremost by proper management of diet, and by exercising and walking. Bad cholesterol LDL is a fatty substance that accumulates in the artery walls and gradually leads to obstruction and sometimes total blockage of the blood vessels. Atherosclerosis occurs, which can result in heart attack, cerebral conditions, and all diseases associated with obstructing blood vessels. The fats from animals can increase the “bad” and reduce the “good”, while some vegetable fats perform the contrary, and are recommended, of course to a measured extent. Olive oil is excellent, and is called “green gold”. It contains monounsaturated fat and a little saturated fat, provided that it is cold pressed and not refined, which is better to be less than 1%. The recommended use of olive oil is to blend it into the food and not consume in the form of a drink. An important fact: the body cannot absorb more than two tablespoons of olive oil in a meal, as excess will go out uselessly. Canola oil is superior to soybean oil.

Mussar: Talking during Sefer Torah

The *Chafetz Chaim* elaborates on the strict prohibition against speaking unworthy words in Shul. One must realize the severity of such

an action. When one begins relating a story to his friend right before the Torah reading, a story that forces the one telling it to transgress many laws of Lashon Hara already from the beginning all the way through to the end, as the Torah is opened before the congregation the Yetzer Hara enters this man and convinces him to continue speaking his sinful words even during the recitation of the Torah! Many times the speaker is a distinguished man who is sitting in front of the Shul, and his sin is noticed by everyone. Continuing such talk in front of many, at least ten men, is a public desecration to Hashem's name, which is a direct transgression in the Torah. Also, the great Mitzvah of reading the Torah in Public is wasted. We are obligated to observe and fulfill every Mitzvah in the Torah. Unfortunately, it is not in our power to fulfill today such commandments as Korbanot, sacrifices. The reading of the Torah which includes all of the 613 Mitzvot is a method we use today in order to be considered to have fulfilled the entire Torah. If one speaks and interrupts the recitation, and he ends up missing Pesukim, then he loses out on the fulfillment of the Mitzvot included in those Pesukim! Even missing one letter is a great loss! The outstanding sin is too burdensome to bear! One likewise should be careful not to miss out on answering Amen to Kaddish, for one who answers Amen Yehe Shemeh Rabbah properly will gain great atonement for even sins such as heresy. The sufferings that a man endures during his life are directly caused by speaking during Sefer Torah, Kaddish, and Chazara. May Hashem protect us from acting so foolishly, Amen.

Rishon LeSion:

R' Eliyahu Moshe Panigel 1840-1929

After R' Eliyahu built the hospital *Misgav Ladach*, the cost of operations incurred much debt, and those responsible for the finances could not maintain the heavy load on their own. R' Eliyahu therefore traveled abroad to

find donors to sponsor the project further, to help clear them from debt. When he reached Kushta in Turkey, the people of the city were overjoyed to greet the holy Rabbi. The Rabbi of Turkey, R' Moshe HaLevi greeted him with warmth and happiness, and they immersed themselves in Torah thoughts and deep Halachic discussions. R' Moshe now had access to a treasure trove of wisdom and understanding. He turned to him and asked, "From the passing of the Rishon LeSion R' Yaakov Shaul Elyashar, it has not been decided who would rise up and take his place. Would you like to accept this position and responsibility?" After some thought, R' Eliyahu agreed. While he was still in Turkey, he received confirmation of the appointment, as well as the robe and a letter from the king. News spread quickly and reached Israel, as all of Jerusalem rejoiced and prepared to welcome back their new leader. In the coming years, R' Eliyahu accomplished a lot for his people, strengthening the establishments in Torah and kindness. In 1909, a disagreement began that threatened to split the Jews of Jerusalem, and R' Eliyahu was ready to step down if necessary. Even after informing the people of his plans, he never stopped helping the people, and continued doing good work for the public quietly and in private. He was able to spend more time learning and teaching Torah to his students who kept increasing as time went on. On the 29th of Tevet in 1929 he passed away at the age of 89, may his memory be blessed and may his merits protect us, Amen.

Laws: *Chanukat Habayit*

1 – It is our custom to make a Seudah of thanks to Hashem upon building a new home or purchasing a home. There should be words of Divre Torah during the Seudah and songs of praise to Hashem.

2 – The custom is that the new owner of the house recites Shehechyanu on a new fruit, or a new garment, and has in mind to cover his

new home as well with the blessing. Nonetheless, one's happiness over acquiring a new home to reside in is enough on its own to enable him to recite the blessing of Shehechyanu.

3 – One who acquires a new home in which others had lived should first have it plastered and painted before moving into it, since a place has an influence upon a person, and the previous owners could have had a history of fighting, suffering, or sicknesses. Therefore, it is best to plaster and paint so as to rid their influence from the residence.

4 – If a house is ruined for whatever reason and is then rebuilt, even though it was rebuilt to be exactly as it had been before, still a Seudah should be made with Shehechyanu.

5 – An extension to a current residence does not obligate a Seudah; however Shehechyanu should be recited upon a new garment as mentioned above.

6 – A Seudah should be made also upon renting a home, and is not limited to owning a home. The Seudah should always be made immediately, and one should not wait until everything is fixed according to preference, since this Seudah is very important and it wards off evil and damagers from the new home. Ten men, or at least three, should join together and recite the Seder Chanukat Habayit.

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