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*Candle Lighting 6:49pm * Shekiah 7:07pm * Shir Hashirim 6:30pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 6:30pm * Shabbat Ends 7:47pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:17pm
Time for Talit 5:26am * Seasonal Hour 71 * Alot Hashahar 5:12am * Netz Hachama 6:37am
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In this week's Parasha we learn about the firstborn's inviolable right, the law of an oldest son to receive a double portion of inheritance. We have not learned this law in the Torah until this point, when we read about the two sons, one from the beloved wife and one from the hated wife. However, this law was hinted to earlier in the Torah when Yaakov gave Yosef an extra portion over his brothers, taking the birthright from Reuven and giving it to Yosef. This law was also hinted earlier in the Torah regarding the daughters of Tzelofchad, when they not only received a portion through their father, but also received their father's double portion over his brothers as he was the oldest. This week's Parasha adds that just because the oldest is from a hated wife, the father must still give him the double portion over his other sons, even from a beloved wife. The Torah teaches us to sanctify the first in a number of instances, such as the first of your dough, the first of your flock, and Bnei Yisrael is also called Reshit, the first of Hashem, and as the firstborn son is sanctified and is redeemed

through Pidyon Haben. The oldest son takes the place of his father in this world, he is the one who ensures continuity of their lineage, he gives them great joy when he is born, and his merit is therefore greater. Initially the firstborns were not going to receive an inheritance in the land of Israel at all, because they would be the ones to perform the holy services in the Bet Hamikdash and would merit the gifts of priesthood, but after the Leviim took their place in the Bet Hamikdash to perform the holy services instead, Hashem commanded that the Leviim would be the ones who would not receive a portion or inheritance of the land, as they would not receive the gifts of priesthood, and instead the firstborns would receive not only their portion, but also the portion of the Leviim, thereby taking a double portion. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1 – Gifts to the poor from the harvest includes forgetting a bundle in the field during the reaping process. Hashem gave us the gift to be

able to forget, to not have to remember all the worries and hardships, and be able to move on in life. If man would not forget, he would be crippled from the past and not be able to continue to be productive in the world. As we thank Hashem for the gift of being able to forget, so too the poor thank Hashem for the bundles that are forgotten by the field owner which they are able to collect.

2 – A Mamzer shall not enter the congregation of Hashem, even his tenth generation... An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the congregation of Hashem, even their tenth generation... to eternity. The Mamzer ban is not eternal, because if he marries a maidservant, has a son with her who is a non-Jewish slave, and that son is then freed by the master, the son becomes a Jew who can marry into the congregation. However, an Ammonite and Moabite, even if they marry a maidservant and have a son with her who is then freed, the son is still considered an Ammonite or Moabite and can never enter the congregation, forever.

History in Brief

150 years after the Hurban, calendar year 220. One of Rebbe's colleagues was Rebi Yaakov Bar Acha, honored in the eyes of all Hachamim. Once, R' Simon and R' Elazar were sitting and learning Torah in depth, when Rebi Yaakov Bar Acha passed by, and one said to the other that they should stand for this man who is fearful and mindful against sin. The other answered that they should stand because he is a man who is a Ben Torah. Another time, when his father passed away, Rebi Yaakov was going to take off his cloak which was his custom for such an occasion, but when he noticed that Rebbe was going to also do so in honor of him, he didn't remove it in honor of Rebbe. Another of Rebbe's colleagues was Rebi Yossi B'Rebi Yehuda, a leader of his generation, who sometimes argued in opinion with Rebbe. He would say, learning from younger Hachamim is like eating unripe grapes and drinking wine that has not yet aged, while learning from older advanced Hachamim is like eating fully ripe grapes and drinking well aged wine. He would say, don't judge the barrel

by its appearance but rather by what is inside it. A new barrel may be holding well aged wine, while an old barrel might be empty. He would say, two angels accompany a man on Friday night when he leaves Shul and returns home. One angel is positive and one is negative. When he returns home, if the candles are kindled, the table is set, the bed is made, and the atmosphere is peaceful, then the positive angel blesses the home for the week until he returns next week and the negative angel answers Amen against his will. If preparations were not done, then the negative angel curses the home for the week and the positive angel is forced to answer Amen.

Health and Recovery

During the summer months, we are very familiar with the issue of mosquito bites. Mosquito bites are caused by female mosquitoes feeding on blood. Female mosquitoes have a mouthpart made to pierce skin and siphon off blood. Males lack this blood-sucking ability because they don't produce eggs and so have no need for the protein. As a biting mosquito fills itself with blood, it injects saliva into the skin. Proteins in the saliva trigger a mild immune system reaction that results in itching and bumps. Scratching bites can lead to infection. Mosquitoes can carry certain diseases, such as West Nile virus, malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever. The mosquito obtains a virus or parasite by biting an infected person or animal. Then, when biting another person, the mosquito can transfer that virus or parasite through its saliva. West Nile and encephalitis viruses are found in the United States. Dengue fever has been reported in several southern states and Hawaii. Other diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, are far more common in tropical areas of the world. Do not scratch bites. They can become infected. An infected bite may appear red, feel warm, or a red streak will spread outward from the bite. Wash the area with soap and water. Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes to reduce swelling and itching. Reapply ice pack as needed. Use an over-the-counter anti-itch or antihistamine cream to help relieve itching. Follow the product label directions. Proceed with caution each day.

Before spending time outside, apply insect repellent on your skin to keep the Mosquitos away. If you're also using sunscreen, apply the sunscreen on first, about 20 minutes before applying the repellent. Avoid products that combine sunscreen and repellent, because you'll likely need to reapply sunscreen more often than repellent, and it's best to use only as much repellent as you need.

Rishon LeSion:

Maran Hacham Ovadia Yossef 1921-2013

After his mother passed away in 1957, during the first thirty days of mourning, a dove would come and sit on the windowsill of Hacham Ovadia each day. After the thirty days ended, the dove did not return. Hacham Ovadia did not mention this, until in 1968, when he was appointed as the rabbinical leader of Tel Aviv, during his inauguration, a dove entered the great Shul in the city and sat on the corner of the Tebah while Hacham Ovadia spoke to the people. After his Derasha, the dove left and did not return. Hacham Ovadia then shared that this dove embodied the soul of his mother, to come witness his appointment to rabbinical authority. In 2003, Hacham Ovadia was very weak and suffering from pain, due to undergoing a heart procedure that saved his life. He nonetheless returned home for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and afterwards returned to the hospital because he was still very weak. On Erev Rosh Hashanah, a dove flew into the Shul and sat in Hacham Ovadia's seat. The congregants try to shoo the dove away, out of the Hacham's seat.

Mussar: *Suffering*

There are many forms of sufferings that every man experiences throughout his lifetime. One must train himself to receive it directly from Hashem with love and acceptance, understanding that it is all for the best and somehow to his advantage, even if he does not understand how. If man would never suffer, he would never gain atonement for his sins. One must even thank Hashem for pain as he thanks Hashem for goodness. A man once had two sons – one was tame and the other was wild. When

they sinned, the father was much harsher to the tame son than the wild son. Why? He knew that there was little chance that the wild son would change, so he went easy on him. The tame son, however, had hope! Hashem is very strict with the righteous, who nonetheless accept pain with love, understanding the confidence that he will improve and all the gain that will come forth. Man must always proclaim that everything he experiences is for the best. Don't be like the fools that get angry and scream every time something bad happens to them. Not only do these fools suffer in this world, but because of their negative attitude they are actually increasing their sins instead of decreasing them! Hashem understands everything – we do not need to understand what is hidden from us at all times. R' Yonatan would fast for a number of hours at a time, until he left Shul, or until he reached a certain location, so as to increase his atonement, as everything is measured by the intention. Remember: if one is quick to forgive others, then heaven will be quick to forgive him as well. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Story

The field marshal ordered Shmuel Aryeh, Jewish owner of a very successful restaurant in Munkash (Munkacs), to supply his soldiers with food and drink. Fulfilling their orders shut down his regular profitable business and took over all his time and resources. This order would be active until the army was ready to advance on to another strategic location in the war, and they would then trouble some other Jewish man with their needs. Until then, Shmuel Aryeh worked hard all day and well into the night. Quickly running out of strength, food, and drink, he prayed hard for the war to end, or at least for the army to move on. Shmuel Aryeh was a heaven fearing man, and despite the need to serve food all through Shabbat, he was somehow able to complete all activities that required desecration of Shabbat from before Shabbat. This was good, but he was unable to actually enjoy a restful and meaningful Shabbat with his family and in his Shul. Instead of praying, hearing the reading of the Torah, learning with his colleagues and his

children, and singing Zemirot with his family, he was forced to listen to the mundane chatter and unclean conversations of the drunken soldiers who ordered much too much drink.

Laws

1 – The 40 days of Selihot (atonement) are days of mercy and forgiveness. One should therefore make sure to rise early in the morning in order to recite the Selihot. The entire Selihot in general, and the "Yag Midot" (13 attributes – *Vaya'avor*) in particular, should be recited with concentration and devotion, with a broken and sad heart.

2 – One should be thinking of correcting his deeds and doing Teshuvah (repentance) while reciting Selihot. During this time of year Teshuvah is easily accepted. One should increase his acts of Mitzvot in preparation for the Day of Judgment.

3 – One should be extra careful to pause between the first and second recitation of Hashem's name when saying *Vaya'avor* since they have different meanings and a different tune of pronunciation. One who fails to do could face great punishment, Chas Ve'Shalom.

4 – The month of Elul is the prime time for doing Teshuvah and increasing one's daily amount of Torah study and Mitzvot. One should have special concentration while reciting the blessing of *Hashivenu* during the Amidah, having in mind all those who have strayed off the path of Torah and Mitzvot. This is especially important if some of those people are relatives or friends, as this is the time that Hashem accepts the Teshuvah of all those who seek Him.

5 – One should recite Birkat Hashahar and Birkat HaTorah before reciting Selihot.

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