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Haftarat **Roni VeSimhi**

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*Candle Lighting 8:09pm * Shekiah 8:27pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Mincha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Mincha Shabbat 7:50pm * Shabbat Ends 9:10pm & Rabbenu Tam 9:40pm*

*Time for Talit 3:58am * Seasonal Hour 87 * Alot Hashahar 3:41am * Netz Hachama 5:25am*

*Weekday Mincha 7:00pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 7:18pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 9:05pm * Chatzot 12:56*

*Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:02am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:29am*

Summer Minyan Shaharit every weekday morning in Beth Yosef at 6:45am

During the Summer, we need to make sure there's always a Minyan in Beth Yosef for Tefillah.

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Moshe rose in prayer for the sake of his sister Miriam who had been inflicted with Tzaraat, and Hashem healed her infliction due to Moshe's prayers that were recited on her behalf. Our Sages of blessed memory explain a Pasuk that compares our holy nation to a worm, in the respect that just as the worm's strength is in its mouth, so too the strength of our nation is within our mouths, our ability to speak, our great ability and potential to pray to Hashem. With prayer we are able to turn over any situation in our favor. Rabbenu Hakadosh, Rebi Yehuda Hanasi, when he was deathly ill, requested that nobody from his household reveal to outsiders that he had passed away. When asked why, he explained that since everyone was praying for his health, he did not want them to stop just because he passed away. Perhaps if they continued then he might even come back to life! With prayers, you never know what can happen! Therefore, we must all realize the power of prayer, and strive to

excel in our prayers to reach our highest potential. Without prayers, our success is like a building without a foundation. A young Talmid Hacham who was advanced in his character and his studies was once offered an opportunity to marry his Rebbe's daughter. He decided to decline for the moment, since the previous Yom Kippur he had not applied his prayers towards finding the right marriage partner, and he understood that in order for one to be truly successful, the correct prayers at the best times must be applied. He wanted his marriage to be a result of his heartfelt and sincere prayers in order to attain powerful success. If after one prays and prays, he still believes Hashem has not answered his prayers and he has not been successful, then he should strengthen his heart again and again, and continue to pray with all his heart and soul. Never allow an opportunity to pass! Pray with concentration and understanding. May Hashem answer all of our prayers, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1 – The Pasuk states that the Leviim were *Netunim Netunim*. Why the double Lashon? The explanation is that each one refers to something else. The first is in recognition that they had given themselves over to Hashem's service, as they answered the call when Moshe cried out '*Whoever is with Hashem, follow me*', and the Leviim joined. The second refers to Bnei Yisrael, who are required to support the Leviim with tithes, in order to allow them to continue their holy work. (*Seforno*)

2 – "*Now the man Moshe was exceedingly humble, more than any person on the face of the earth!*" The question is: Are there people in heaven? Why is it necessary for the Torah to write that he is humbler than anyone else on earth? Rather, the Torah is teaching us that Moshe was so humble that even while standing in heaven he still did not feel haughty, and considered it as if he was really standing on the earth like anyone else. Our Sages learn the Pasuk in Tehillim that says '*Who will climb the mountain of Hashem, and who will stand in the place of holiness*' to be referring to Moshe. Only Moshe achieved and attained such a powerful level of humility that even when he ascended the mountain of Hashem, he still remained humble. (*Chatham Sofer*)

History in Brief

200 years after the Hurban, calendar year 270. Earlier Amoraim included Abba Bar Abba HaCohen, who was nicknamed the *father of Shemuel*. Why was he called that? Because Rebi Yehuda Ben Beterah blessed him to have a son like Shemuel Haramati, so when he had a son, he called him Shemuel, and all the Sages therefore called him the father of Shemuel. The Sages would ask him questions for his Halachic decision. One time he traveled to Israel and during his trip he was confronted by a terribly immodest woman named Medita who claimed to be the reincarnation of Potifar's wife who tried to seduce Yosef. She

told him that she was willing to pay him a lot of money to sin with her, so he immediately ran away from her. A miracle occurred and he found himself back in Babel for the night. He was with his wife that night and returned back to Israel without anyone knowing that he had briefly returned. When his wife became pregnant, the Bet Din did not know that it was from her husband who was in Israel. They gave her Malkut, lashes, as a punishment, while she was pregnant with Shemuel. Later, when they found out the truth, they therefore called him the father of Shemuel, to clear her name and publicize that he was indeed his father.

Health and Recovery

Our vision consists of central vision and peripheral vision. A person whose vision is healthy can see what is being done around him, without having to turn his head left or right. Glaucoma is a sickness that damages the peripheral vision. As peripheral vision becomes impaired, as it weakens and begins to narrow, the process of decline is slow and hardly noticeable until it is too late. The person begins to slowly lose some degrees to the right or left around him as he begins to lose sight in his eyes. He feels no pain, notices no differences, as the doctors call this sickness: the silent thief. Suddenly the person slowly loses his eyesight, as the pressure of the fluid inside the eye slowly acts on the fibers of the nerves and damages them. As the pressure continues, more nerve fibers are damaged and optic cells are destroyed. What is destroyed cannot be repaired. So, to be cautious, anyone who has parents, siblings, grandparents, or uncles, that have suffered from Glaucoma, should check the pressure inside their own eyes every year starting from the age of twenty-five years. He should check his optic nerve, his field of vision, and the overall health of his vision every year. For those that Glaucoma is not hereditary and have no problem with their vision, nevertheless, it is

mandatory to see an ophthalmologist starting from the age of 40, and then every 3-4 years afterwards. Then, starting at the age of fifty, every year one should be checked out by the doctor to test his intraocular pressure.

Mussar: *Serving Hashem*

1 – We must believe that Hashem created everything from nothing and is always watching over everything. **2** – Hashem has no partners and needs no helpers. We must fear His judgment and His supremacy. **3** – Saying Hashem's Name any time besides during prayers or learning, and in any language, is forbidden. **4** – We must pray and learn with love and affection, and sing Hashem's praises. **5** – One may enjoy pleasure from this world only in order to continue serving Hashem, and in order to help others serve Hashem as well. **6** – Always keep in mind that your actions are in order to serve Hashem, whether you are eating, sleeping, playing, or working. **7** – Honor and love those who learn Torah properly. **8** – Recite Shema at the correct times – during Shacharit, Arbit, and before falling asleep. **9** – Concentrate during prayers and know what you are saying. **10** – Emulate Hashem's ways: be merciful like Him. **11** – Honor and respect the Shul and Midrash. Don't chat or act disrespectful while there, and sit properly with awe and Midot Tovot (proper conduct). **12** – Distance yourself from a possible transgression, and definitely from a known transgression. **13** – Trust only Hashem. Do not consult psychics, soothsayers, or stargazers. **14** – Remember Hashem's kindness every moment, and constantly thank Him for everything. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Rishon LeSion:

Maran Hacham Ovadia Yossef 1921-2013

In the Bet Yisrael neighborhood there was a Shul. On the second floor of this Bet Knesset was a very large and valuable library with hundreds of holy Sefarim. Every Friday

morning, in his younger years, Maran would travel to this Shul to pray, and afterwards he would ascend upstairs to study the many books in the library. The Gabbai of the Shul did not recognize Hacham Ovadia and therefore did not know whether he could trust him alone in the library, so when everyone left, he would instruct him to leave as well so that he could lock up the library. Maran begged him to just lock him inside so that he could continue learning, and then when he returned later to reopen the Shul for Friday night prayers, he should unlock the door and let him return home to bathe and dress for Shabbat. The Gabbai recognized his sincerity and agreed. This went on for many Fridays. One time the Gabbai forgot to unlock the door, and he didn't realize his mistake until there was a quiet moment in the prayers and the congregants heard knocking on the door. Hacham Ovadia was heard calling out for the Gabbai to open the door, and he immediately ran to unlock the door and let him out of the library. When Hacham Ezra Attieh heard this story, he called the Gabbai and told him to give Hacham Ovadia a key so that he could learn in the library whenever he wished.

Story

The Shadchanim were ready to marry off the daughter of Chaim Lev, but they needed to know if he was able to pay for his daughter's dowry. What did he do? He went to the popular local tavern where most Jewish businessmen would stay when they conducted their business, and sat down to think. Surely someone here would be able to understand the letter he received from the Rebbe that promised four hundred golden coins to be paid to the one who possessed it. He showed it to many guests that were staying there until he noticed that it meant something to one of them. He showed him the Rebbe's signature at the end, and the man took out a large wallet of four hundred gold coins and gave it to Chaim Lev. He then began telling him a story. It had been

a long journey, but now that he saw this letter from the Rebbe he knew everything would work out to his success and he would receive the Rebbe's blessing. The Poritz of his city had contacted him and advised him to lease one of his properties as a mutually beneficial business venture which he believed would prove most lucrative to him. He took his advice and agreed to the deal. In a short amount of time his investment started showing success.

Laws

1 – Some have the custom to recite LeShem Yichud before reciting the blessing on Mitzvot such as Tzitzit or Tefillin. This is not mandatory or essential, it is a higher level. There is no Mitzvah to do so, especially when the blessing is recited before the performance, for then the blessing is definitely intended towards fulfilling the Mitzvah. An elderly person, or a sick and weak person, who cannot stand with strength on his own while reciting the blessing on Tzitzit, need not stand, and could sit even initially when putting on Tzitzit.

2 – A person is not allowed to benefit from this world without first reciting a blessing. If one benefits without reciting a blessing it is as if he is stealing from Hashem.

3 – Men and women both need to learn the Halachot of Berachot, and should not just rely on reciting Shehakol whenever in doubt, because that leniency is only intended for those who have studied the Halachot properly and still find themselves in a situation of real doubt.

4 – A person receives all his spiritual assistance and guidance from heaven when he recites blessings on food properly.

5 – Food has a layer of impurity which is removed when we recite the proper blessing and provides holiness to the body and soul, removing and distancing sickness and issues, but if one eats food without first reciting a blessing then the impurity will negatively take hold of the person's body and soul.

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