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*Haftarat **Lama Tomar***
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*Candle Lighting 5:35pm * Shekiah 5:53pm * Shir Hashirim 5:30pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 5:15pm * Shabbat Ends 6:33pm & Rabbenu Tam 7:03pm
Time for Talit 6:26am * Seasonal Hour 61 * Alot Hashahar 6:14am * Netz Hachama 7:27am
Weekday Minha 4:30pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 4:12pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 6:28pm * Chatzot 12:39
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Tizku L'Mitzvot, Amen!

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Our holy Sages teach us three Halachot from the chapter involving Eliezer the servant of Avraham. Number one, we learn that a Jewish master cannot teach Torah to his Canaanite slave unless he immediately converts him to Judaism. Number two, we learn that a Jewish master cannot appoint his Canaanite slave to be his Halachic messenger to perform a marriage on behalf of his Jewish son or daughter. Number three, we learn that an underaged daughter must be married off by either her father, or if her father is not an option then either her mother or older brother, and if the underaged girl accepts a marriage proposal on her own then the marriage is null and void, even if the father later hears about it and agrees, the marriage must be done again properly. How do we see these three Halachot from Eliezer? Avraham wanted to make Eliezer his messenger in the Mitzvah to marry his son Yitzchak to Rivka. But he was a Canaanite slave and that is not allowed. What did he do? He taught him Torah, as the Pasuk says, *Avraham said to his servant, the elder of*

his household, 'elder' here indicating that he was taught Torah from Avraham, and therefore no longer a Canaanite slave, and therefore able to perform the Mitzvah on his behalf. Rivka was not yet a Jew. What did Eliezer do to convert her? Before even asking about her parents, he first gave her a golden nose ring weighing a Beka, and two bracelets weighing ten gold Shekels. He was asking her if she was willing to accepting Judaism, hinting through the Mitzvah of Machatzit HaShekel which was a Beka in weight (a half Shekel because we are partners with Hashem) and she agreed to convert by accepting. He hinted if she was willing to accept the two Luhot, symbolized through the two bracelets, and the Ten Commandments, symbolized through the weight of ten, and when she agreed he married her off to Yitzchak. He then asked her who her parents were. When Lavan saw the jewelry and understood that she had converted, he ran to them and declared them blessed, as they had both converted from the cursed nation of Canaan. But because she was

a youngster and the first marriage was not valid, Eliezer then took out more gifts of silver and gold in order to affect the marriage with the proper required consent. May Hashem watch over us, Amen. (*Einot Hamayim*)

Insights on the Parasha

Hashem said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Raise now your eyes and look". Hashem was waiting to repeat his promise to Avraham that his descendants would exclusively inherit the land. When he said "Lech Lecha" in the beginning of the Parasha, he was telling Avraham to part ways from Lot. The renewed promise was deferred until Lot's departure. Lot was determined to stay with Avraham, until the opportunity came up through their shepherds and Avraham took it.

History in Brief

190 years after the Hurban, calendar year 260. When Rabba Bar Bar Chana, brother of Rebi Chiya, went to Bavel, Rebi Chiya brought him to Rabbeinu Hakadosh for a Beracha. He told him 'Yoreh Yoreh' which means learn/teach/judge the laws of Isur and Heter. He also told him 'Yadin Yadin' which means learn/teach/judge the laws of monetary cases. 'Yatir Yatir' to allow the firstborn animals that have a blemish. Rebi Chiya brought Rav to Rebbe and said my sister's son has come to Bavel. Rebbe said 'Yoreh Yoreh' and 'Yadin Yadin' but then he said in the negative 'Yatir Lo Yatir'. Rav Kahana, descendant of Eli HaCohen, asked Rebi Chiya for a blessing for longevity. He prayed for him and he lived a very long life. Rebi Chiya asks: why didn't Hashem reveal the reward for Mitzvot? We can explain with a parable. A king once hired gardeners but did not specify how much he would pay for any specific flower, plant, or tree, so that they would not just focus on the ones that they can profit the most. The king wanted variety, and not just a focus on their personal profit interests. Although the Bet Din disbanded the Sanhedrin

following the destruction of the Bet Hamikdash, they did not cancel the four deaths of Bet Din. If someone deserved death by stoning, he would fall from a roof to his death. If someone deserved death by burning, he would either burn in fire or get bitten by a poisonous snake and die. If someone deserved beheading, he would be killed by the government or by highway gangsters. If someone deserved death by choking, he would drown in the water. The punishments were not canceled and were inevitable.

Health and Recovery

Water is a complex fluid composed of particles that bind to each other, geometrically, giving them nutritional value and vital force. When the water is pumped through pipes and into bottles at high pressure, all the engineering breaks and water loses its vitality and becomes 'dead' water, according to scientists. Scientists discovered through experiments exactly what happens to water when it is stored in pottery. It turns out that the 'dead' water would return back to its regular natural state, to the same form of engineered particles, as if they had regained their breath and had been reborn. Pottery and clay products is the closest material elements to the human body, as our body is created from the earth. The natural crystallization of the clay material is something very effective for health, and has many kinds of essential metals just as in the body and the immune system. When water from the springs pass through rocks, these materials are extracted and it then becomes 'living' water. Plastic bottles that contain water and are exposed to different temperatures release toxic and carcinogenic substances. It is therefore appropriate and desirable to give up the water stored in the refrigerator and drink instead water stored in a container or bottle made of clay, which contains electric magnetic power, beneficial to the body, and provides a feeling of vitality while eliminates any feelings of fatigue and

laziness. It is known that if the PH in the blood falls below the number seven, then the blood becomes sour, and germs and cancer cells are then nourished with it. But if the number rises from 7 to 14, then the blood becomes alkaline. Water, before it is placed in a clay jug, has a PH less than 7, however after it is stored in clay, the PH rises from its number under 7 and increases the pH to 10 or more, which is very beneficial for the body to fight many forms of sicknesses.

Mussar: *Tikun of the Soul*

We must understand that our souls have been created by Hashem the Creator and Master of everything. They are portioned directly from Hashem. The soul resides in, and is clothed by, the intelligence and understanding of man, and is grouped with the physical and mundane thoughts. When a person fulfills the Torah and purifies his mind, he is revealing his soul and releasing it from its binds to the mundane and physical. He has uncovered it from its wraps and he becomes a purified being. However, if a person thinks improperly and stores impurity within his mind, then he is suffocating the soul and embarrassing it. One must correct and complete his soul, not harm it. He is distancing himself from Hashem and his soul from its pure source. Suddenly, Hashem isn't helping him and the problems begin. He can't think straight or correctly as he has invited the impurity into his thoughts. He distances further and further away and everything seems black and depressing. Everything is Hashem's and He sustains all. If a horse is trotting, if a fruit is growing, if the sun is rising, and if technology is developing, everything is from Hashem. Impurity destroys your soul and distances you from Hashem, the source of all blessings. Have mercy on yourself and your soul and only act and think with purity, for fortunate are we in this world and the next when we succeed in doing so. May Hashem merit us, Amen.

Rishon LeSion:

Maran Hacham Ovadia Yossef 1921-2013

Immediately upon arriving in Cairo Egypt, Hacham Ovadia began gathering the men,

especially the young men, and teaching them Torah. He taught them love for Torah, how to live, how to learn, and how to grow. He would say, if you don't raise up the young men, you'll never have full grown men. From congregation to congregation, he spread Torah to the masses, teaching them to desire the learning of Gemara and Halacha. There were two main Yeshivot, Yeshiva Ahava Veahva and Midrash Bar Yohai. Both Yeshivot wanted Maran to give Shiurim, but he made a compromise, three days of the week he would learn in Ahava Veahva and three days of the week he would learn in Bar Yohai.

Story

Mekubal Rabbi Leib Sarah zt"l 1735-1796

Three Rabbanim Geonim were sitting together: R' Pinchas, R' Yaakov Shimshon, and R' Leib Sarah. They wanted to purchase Mashkeh so that they could drink L'Chaim with each other. They asked that if anyone has Kosher money, they should be the one to purchase it. R' Yaakov said that he had Kosher money, which was given to him for judging a case between two people and it was a generous gesture. His colleagues told him, but perhaps they didn't give it wholeheartedly, but only because of the honor of the Rabbi for judging their case. The other colleague claimed his money was definitely Kosher, because a Hassid that needed a Yeshuah had come to him to pray for his sick family member, and after the family member recovered from the sickness, he gave him this money as a gift. R' Leib asked, perhaps this Hassid did not have enough money to support his family, and he gave the money even though he couldn't afford to, which would make this money not Kosher. Nonetheless, R' Leib claimed to have Kosher money. He actually didn't have any money at all and would need to borrow in order to purchase the Mashkeh, which would mean that the money would be completely Kosher.

Laws

1 – If you wear a Talit without first checking the strings, and afterwards realize that it is not Kosher, even if you realize very quickly, you still need to recite a new blessing before wearing

a different Talit, because the first blessing was not recited for the second Talit.

2 – If you recite a blessing on a Talit but before wearing it your friend takes it away and gives you a different Talit to wear, you must recite a new blessing on the second Talit before wearing it.

3 – If you recite a blessing unnecessarily, using Hashem's Name in vain, you should immediately recite this Pasuk: Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuto Le'Olam Va'ed. If you only said Baruch Atah Hashem, then you can conclude 'Lamedeni Hukecha' as if you are reading that Pasuk in Tehillim.

4 – If you are eating avocado and tuna separately, then you recite Ha'etz on the avocado and Shehakol on the tuna.

5 – However, if you are eating them together, the tuna is usually the primary and you only recite Shehakol. However, if the avocado is primary to you, then you only recite Ha'etz. But, if they are both equally primary, then when eating them together you see which is the majority and then recite that blessing. If it is unclear which is majority, then recite Shehakol.

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