



Ohr Yerushalayim News

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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Dr & Mrs Michael Wilks on the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Shulamis, to Chaim Lichtenstein of Toronto.
Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Yehuda Burland on the birth of a baby girl.

Ovos uBonim Summer Season

A reminder that the new Ovos uBonim Summer programme takes place at 5.00pm on Shabbos followed by Mincha at 6.00pm.

Lag B'Omer BBQ

The Shul will be holding our annual Lag B'Omer BBQ this Thursday at the home of Mr & Mrs Chizky Salomon, 66 Cavendish Road, see back page for further details.

Yom Iyun

There will be a Yom Iyun on the forthcoming Monday Bank Holiday, in conjunction with the Manchester Mesivta. The **שבועית** **סוגיא** will be provided. Handouts will be provided. Details on back page. All welcome.

Study Leave Programme

We are pleased to welcome the Manchester Mesivta study leave Programme which will take place in shul. It will commence on Monday 4th May (with the Yom Iyun Program) and end on Friday 19th June. They will have their own minyan for **שחרית** at 8:15am (9.00am on Sundays and bank holidays) with Seuder afterwards with their Kollel in attendance.

Siyum Reminder

There are still plenty of Mishnayos available for the annual Siyum which takes place after Shavuos. Please put your name against the Mishnayos you intend to learn on the list on the notice wall.

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From the Inside Out

Rabbi Label Lam (Torah.org)

You shall not take revenge or bear a grudge against the children of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am G-d. (Vayikra 19:18)

Why are these concepts packaged together? Why is the famous "golden rule" and all its loving implication to be found amongst such rugged company as the instinct to revenge and bear a grudge?

A Russian peasant farmer who never left the small and parochial surroundings of his town had occasion to come the big city of Moscow. He arrived at the elegant hotel with mud on his boots and overalls looking completely inappropriate. The man at the desk assigned him to a room on the top floor and treated him as any other paying customer.

With key in hand and a few possessions he started the long climb to the hotel room. On the first landing there was a full-length mirror. The man who had never seen himself before was suddenly startled and frightened by the imposing image before him. He growled and barked to scare him away only to find that the image in the mirror was willing to threaten and shout the same.

He ran to the next floor and confronted the fearsome giant again exchanging harsh looks and even almost coming to blows. On the third floor they stood nose to nose and exchanged simultaneous insults as a deepening war-like attitude was taking root in "both of the them".

Realizing that there was no where to escape this ugly beast-like fellow who was aggressively stalking him in the hotel he ran quickly back to the lobby and the front desk to file a complaint. After having given a detailed description of the perpetrator the man at the desk understood that the he had met the enemy and it was the man in the mirror. So as to save the face of his guest and to disengage the hostility he offered simple advice.

He said, "The fellow who you confronted is here to protect people. He is really quite harmless. Trust me. If you will show him a harsh and angry countenance he will do the same. However if when you see him you just smile pleasantly and continue on your way he will nod and smile at you as well. Enjoy the rest of your stay." That's what he did and remarkably that's what happened.

King Solomon, the wisest of all men, tells us in Parables: "Like the reflection of a face in water so is the heart of one man to another." The Torah seems to be giving us similar council in our relationships with people. To break the cycle of anger and resentment requires someone to be proactively in pursuit of friendship and in principle seeking good will.

Rabbi Segal ztl, The Manchester Rav, was an extremely loving and pious individual. One of his grandchildren showed him a picture from a family simcha (happy occasion) and looking intently he asked, "Who is this righteous looking fellow?" They chuckled softly and told him, "Zeidy-grandfather, it's you!"

He didn't know what he looked like in that piece of glass called a mirror. However, for decades he had actively projected his loving and noble visage and saw in the eyes of others his own beauty continuously

The Week Ahead

פרשת אחרי - קדושים	
1st Mincha / Candle Lighting	6.50pm / Not before 7.05pm
2nd Mincha / Candle Lighting	7.30pm / 7.40 - 7.55pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9.19am
Ovos uBonim	5.00pm
1st Mincha	6.00pm
2nd Mincha	8.34pm
Rov's Shiur	following
Motzei Shabbos	9.39pm
Sunday	7.15am / 8.20am
Monday / Thursday	6.45am / 7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	6.45am / 7.20am
Mincha & Maariv	7.45pm
Late Maariv	10.00pm



יום עיון
Bank Holiday

Ohr Yerushalayim together
with Manchester Mesivta
are delighted to present
יום עיון א

Taking place
on Monday Bank Holiday - 4th May
at Ohr Yerushalayim, 470 Bury New Road

סוגיא: שביעית

10.00am - דברי פתיחה
Rabbi Berel Cohen שליט"א

10.10am - סדר הכנה

Refreshments - 11.20am

11.30am - שיעור כללי
Rabbi Yisroel Rakow שליט"א
ר"מ בשיבת שערי תורה

End - 12.15pm

All Welcome
Handouts will be provided

shining back at him.

Act! Don't react! Seems to be the creed. We are bidden to take responsibility for the quality of our relationships by acting as if they were already ideal. Then some relationships just may begin to improve from the inside out.

Every Stoning Has A Silver Lining Rabbi Yissocher Frand (Torah.org)

The last words of Parshas Kedoshim are "And any man or woman who becomes involved with Ov and Yeedoni [people who attempt to bring back the spirits of the dead] shall be put to death. They shall pelt them with stones, their blood is upon themselves (demeihem bam)" [Vayikra 20:27].

What happened to the generally accepted principle that a Torah Portion does not end on a negative topic? We usually do not even end an Aliyah [individual section of Torah reading] on a sour note. However, Parshas Kedoshim, which begins with the glorious words "You shall be holy...", ends with the stoning of people involved in this form of witchcraft - demeihem bam!

The Imrei Shammai makes an interesting observation. He says that the words "demeihem bam" are in fact a positive note. If a person is punished for his sins in this world - even via a violent death of stoning - at least he will then face the prospect of being eligible for Paradise in the World to Come, rather than facing the specter of having to experience Gehinnom. This should be considered positive. "Demeihem Bam" indicates he has achieved atonement in this world. His slate will be clean as he approaches the World of Truth.

The Imrei Shammai buttresses this idea with a verse from Melachim [Kings] and an amazing passage from the Jerusalem Talmud. When Dovid HaMelech was about to die, he instructed Shlomo [Solomon] to take care of all of his enemies. Yoav ben Tzeruya had been Dovid's Chief General. In the end, he rebelled against Dovid. Dovid instructed Shlomo, "Do not let him go to the grave peacefully" [Melachim I 2:6]. Rashi comments, "Do not allow him to die a natural death and thereby

fall into Gehinnom." Dovid wanted him to be killed, not out of vengeance, but as a favor. He should die violently and thereby achieve atonement for his sins here, so that he will be eligible for reward in the World to Come.

Sometimes people suffer terribly before their death. It is extremely painful even to witness such suffering. We must bear in mind that sometimes this experience can be a 'favor' for the person. This is the lesson of the end of Parshas Kedoshim. 'Demeihem Bam' is not a sour note!

The Talmud Yerushalmi [at the end of Tractate Terumos] relates that Rav Imi was captured by bandits. Upon hearing this news, Rav Yochanan said, "Go purchase shrouds for him". However, Reish Lakish cut a deal with the bandits and freed Rav Imi. Reish Lakish then convinced the bandits to come see Rav Yochanan, who would pray on their behalf in appreciation for freeing Rav Imi.

Reish Lakish brought the bandits in to see Rav Yochanan. The bandits were expecting a tremendous 'Mi Shebeirach' [blessing]. Rav Yochanan told them that "Whatever you were planning to do to Rav Imi, should happen to you". They left Rav Yochanan and were killed on the way home.

What happened? Did Rav Yochanan and Reish Lakish double-cross them? No. Rav Yochanan gave these fellows a tremendous blessing. They ended their lives having just performed an act of kindness and they received atonement for all their sins. They were now eligible to go straight into Gan Eden. This is the correct interpretation of the Yerushalmi. Sometimes a blessing can be that, unfortunately, a person needs to die.

That is the way that our parsha ends. The Baal Ov and Yeedoni do have to die - but at least this execution will serve as an atonement and as their ticket into the World to Come.

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Thursday 7th May

66 CAVENDISH ROAD AT 8.00PM
SUGGESTED DONATION: £5/HEAD £20/FAMILY
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