

Parashat Behaaloscha

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELZ

CHASUNAH INVITE

Harav Reb Aharon Mordechai Rokeach shlita, the son of the Belzer Rebbe shlita, invited prominent Rabbanim and family to the upcoming Chasuna of his daughter to Hachasan R' Elimelach Fenster shlita. Reb Aharon Mordechai also went to the Viznitz cemetery in Bnei Brak to invite his noble ancestors from the Viznitz dynasty.



Inviting the Narolar Rebbe shlita



Inviting the Machnivke Rebbe shlita



Davening at the tzions of the holy Viznitz Rebbes zt"l

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

WEDDING OF THE BELZER REBBE SHLITA'S GRANDDAUGHTER

Thousands of Belzer Chassidim from around the world, including cities throughout Eretz Yisroel, are making their way to Yerushalayim to take part in the momentous chasunah of the Belzer Rebbe Shlita's granddaughter. She is the daughter of Harav Reb Aharon Mordechai Rokeach Shlita and is marrying the chosson, R' Elimelach Fenster Shlita.

The wedding will take place, b'ezras Hashem, this Wednesday, June 18 (כ"ב סיון).

The Kabbalas Panim and Chuppah will be held in Kiryas Belz, in the courtyard of the majestic Belz Beis HaMedrash, with the simchas chasunah continuing afterward at the Arena Stadium in Yerushalayim.

All are warmly invited to join in this joyous occasion.

שמחו בה' וגילו צדיקים והרנינו כל ישרי לב!

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BELZ AND BEYOND

Behind the scenes of Belz Institutions in Israel's activities

TZOHRAR'S OUTREACH SEMINAR

Yeshiva Torah V'Emunah under the auspices of Tzohar's outreach organization held an inspiring seminary weekend for its students. Lecturers and Kiruv professionals enthralled attendees as they engaged in philosophical debates, thought-provoking question and answer sessions, as well as late-night musical entertainment.



HELPING SEEK POTENTIAL CAREERS

The Belzer Rebbe shlita encourages younger men (young men) who are seeking to build a livelihood to tap into their creativity and potential by exploring career paths that allow them to grow and advance.

In line with this guidance, Belz Institutions in Israel recently established computer stations in Yerushalayim and Ashdod. These stations

provide graduates with an opportunity to discover their economic potential by completing tailored questionnaires and exploring specific career roles that could be a good fit. This initiative aims to help them identify paths toward earning a dignified livelihood.



כ' סיון

TRAGIC DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Monday is כ' סיון – a day when many tragic events occurred in the Jewish calendar; thousand of Yidden were killed therefore the Chachamim decreed to fast on this day and some places recite Selichos. (In Belz Selichos is recited.)

The Sha"ch's explanation on "ידוע תדע כי גר יהיה" זרעך in (פרשת לך לך טו:יג) the acronym for the words stand for fast days:

"י" is for "י' טבת"

"ת" is for תשעה באב

"כ" is for "כ' סיון"

"ג" is for ג' תשרי (צום גדליה)

"ז" is for ז' בתמוז (שבעה עשר בתמוז)

The Sha"ch also adds that כ' סיון never falls on a Shabbos.

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Maran Reb Aharon of Belz zt"l used to give a Chassan who came for a blessing three blessed coins as "Drasha Geshank." The coins were placed under the tablecloth and Maran covered them with a towel, and then blessed them, (since Reb Aharon never touched money except when giving a Machatzis Hashekel.)

The chassid R' Shraga Spitzer related that he got married on כ"א סיוון and came to Maran for a bracha on the day before his wedding, כ' סיוון. Maran told him that since today is כ' סיוון, a day that you don't give gifts, I'll send you the three coins thru my gabbai R' Shulem Fogel, who will give them to you tomorrow. The next day, before his chuppah, the chassid R' Avraham Leib Bargofen came to the wedding hall in Bnei Brak and handed over the coins from Maran.

EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD STORY

especially a Chassidic story...



ואמרת אליו בהעלותך את הנרות (בהעלותך ח:ב)
And say to him: When you kindle the lamps.

The Shinover Rav zt"l was gravely ill and one of his 'gabbaim' (personal aids) cried bitterly. The tzaddik asked why he's crying and the gabbai responded that he's worried about the Rebbe's health since the Rebbe wasn't young.

The Shinover Rav replied: "Don't worry. I will still live long since it was revealed to me from heaven and my son Reb Moshe also knows about it."

The gabbai inquired by Reb Moshe zt"l, but he also didn't want to answer. After the Shinover Rav passed away, his son Reb Moshe became the Rebbe and he related the following:

My father used to wake up at midnight for "תיקון חצות" and then learned Torah until the morning. My mother, the Rebbetzin, used to prepare candles to burn until the morning. Once when my father was seventy years old, he woke up and saw that only a small candle was prepared for him. He started learning like every night and a nes - miracle occurred, the small candle remained lit until the morning, which naturally could have only burned for half an hour. The next morning my father related to me what happened and said that via the "נר מצוה" - mitzvah candle he saw the miracle as a sign from Above. Since it says in the Zohar Hakadosh: "If from Heaven they want to show someone that he will merit אריכות ימים - longevity, it is shown to him through a נר מצוה."

והאיש משה ענו מאוד מכל האדם... (בהעלותך יב:ג)
Now the man Moshe was exceedingly humble, more than any person...

Maran the Sar Shalom of Belz zt"l was a young man when he traveled for the first time to the Rebbe of Lublin zt"l. He arrived in Lublin not knowing anyone and sat down to diligently learn Torah in the Lublin Beis Medrash.

That day the Rebbe of Lublin told his talmidim (students): "You should know that a yungerman (young man) arrived who is as humble as Moshe Rabbeinu..."

The talmidim were astounded. Not every day do they hear their Rebbe expressing the words "An עניו - humble person like Moshe Rabbeinu..."

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THE REBBE'S TORAH



דבר אל אהרן ואמרת אליו בהעלותך את הנרות... (בהעלותך ה:ב)

Speak to Aaron and say to him: When you kindle the lamps...

We can explain the "חלישת הדעת" – despondent state of mind of Aaron HaKohen and Hashem's words of consolation:

The Gemara says (קידושין לא:א) that "גדול מצווה ועושה ממי שאינו מצווה ועושה" – someone who performs a mitzvah when he is commanded to do so is greater than one who performs a mitzvah uncommanded.

The Yismach Moshe writes in his sefer that in essence it is more praiseworthy to Hashem when one performs a mitzvah on his own will without being commanded to do so. But the reasoning of the Gemara is that one who is commanded to perform a mitzvah has a greater Yetzer Hara therefore the reward is greater.

Hence, Aharon had despondent thoughts considering that the Nesiyim brought Karbanos (sacrifices) without being commanded to do so and that is worthier to Hashem.

So Hashem consoled him by saying: "לך גדולה" – "משלהם, שאתה מדליק ומטיב את הנרות" – your task is greater than theirs since you will light the candles. Since the mitzvah of lighting the Menorah wasn't specifically assigned to the Kohanim, any Yid was able to light the Menorah. Thus, Aharon used to light the Menorah daily, hence, he performed a mitzvah that he wasn't commanded to do so.

THIS WEEK'S VORT



פרשת בהעלותך

בהעלותך את הנרות... (בהעלותך ה:ב)
When you kindle the candles...

A tzaddik who protects his eyes from impurity has an effect on the entire generation, even those who don't protect their eyes, it influences them to do teshuva – improve in this area.

ותדבר מרים ואהרן במשה... (בהעלותך יב:א)
Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moshe...

The way of the world is that when a Yid travels to a tzaddik it arouses one's heart to Avodes Hashem – serve Hashem. But when a Yid returns home his enthusiasm wanes, however, a true tzaddik can influence that the enthusiasm should remain alight, even after returning home from a tzaddik.

כי נתנים נתנים המה לי... (בהעלותך ח:טו)
For presented, presented are they.

Hashem took the Leviim instead of the Bachorim (eldest) since the Leviim didn't sin with the Egel. The words כי נתנים נתנים המה לי are equivalent to "שאלה לא עשו עגל של זהב" – they (the Leviim) didn't make the golden calf.

ויאמר משה לחובב בן רעואל המדיני חותן משה נוסעים אנחנו אל המקום אשר אמר ה' אותו אתן לכם (בהעלותך י:כט)
Moshe said to Chovav, son of Reuel, the Midianite, the father-in-law of Moshe, "We are journeying to the place of which Hashem has said, 'I shall give it to you.'

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The acronyms for the words משה נוסעים אנחנו spells the word "אמן." This alludes to the Chazal that says that one who answers Amein with his full strength and כוונה - devout intentions, the gates to Gan Eden are opened for him אותו אתן לכם - this is the place Hashem promised to give us. money can cause him to sink into the mud of materialism.



PIRKEI AVOS פרק ב'

יפה תלמוד תורה עם דרך ארץ (אבות ב:ב)
*Learning Torah is nice accompanied by
Derech Eretz - right conduct.*

The best tactic to conquer the Yetzer Hara who constantly seeks to lure a person to acquire more money is to think that one only needs money to serve Hashem. יפה תלמוד תורה - עם דרך ארץ - the right way of handling money is by setting a goal of תלמוד תורה - that his full earnings is to fulfill the Torah's commandments.

וצדקתם עומדת לעד (אבות ב:ב)
And their righteousness endures forever.

It is known that after every mitzvah a person performs the trace of that mitzvah is evidenced on his forehead until he performs a fresh mitzvah and the previous mitzvah's mark gets erased and replaced with the new mitzvah. However, with the mitzvah of tzedakah, the sign remains forever, even if he performs new mitzvahs. וצדקתם - the sign of the mitzvah of tzedakah, עומדת לעד - remains embedded forever, even if new signs are added for additional mitzvahs.