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ZMANIM
4:52 ליכט
4:55 מנחה וק"ש
5:01 שקיעה
9:00 שחרית
9:38 סוקש
4:26 מנחה
שלש סעודות
6:01 מעריב
72 Min 6:23
6:55 אבות ובנים

Weekly Father & Son Night Seder
7:30 – 8:15pm (8:15 Mariv)
Lead by
Rabbi Butromovitz

Sponsorships are available
845-222-1099

BAIS MEDRASH OF HAVERSTRAW**שבת קודש פרשת בשלח תשפ"ו****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be a learning program for boys each Friday night in Shul 3 hours after licht. Hot food will be served.
- All are invited to Kiddush after davening. Sponsorship is still available.
- All are invited to Shalosh Seudos in Shul. Sponsorship is still available.
- Avos U'banim this week is sponsored by the Vorchheimer Family **לעילוי נשמת ליבא רחל בת שרגא פייבל הכהן ע"ה**.
- Beginning November 15, parking on the street overnight is prohibited. The following driveways are available to park in for Shabbos only. 43 Dunnigan, 45 Dunnigan, 50 Dunnigan.
- Membership for 2026 has been renewed and we kindly ask all to arrange a method of payment.
- The Shul is looking to purchase additional seforim requested by those who learn in the Shul daily. Please reach out to take part in this zechus.

Dvar Torah ➔

Weekly Shiurim			
R' Akiva Goldberger	קנין המסכתא - מסכת ברכות	Mon - Fri	7:15am
R' Shaul Brander	קנין המסכתא - מסכת ברכות	Sun - Thur	9:00pm
Rabbi Reidel	הלכות שבת על הפרשה	Thursday	10:00pm
R' Shuei Werther	شعירים בתפללה	Shabbos	After Mussaf
Rabbi Reidel	הלכה	Shabbos	After Mincha
R' Asher Sova	ספר דעת השבת	Shabbos	8:35am
R' Raphael Balsam	ספר עיון תפילה	Shabbos Day	Before Mariv
R' Shuey Werther	קנין המסכתא - מסכת נדה	Sunday 9:30a	Tuesday 10p

Sunday Shachris 7:00 & 8:30

נור למאור

Monday-Friday Shachris

חודש שבת

6:25 מנחה/מעריב

is sponsored by the Bernholtz Family

5:00 מנחה ועריב

לעילוי נשמת

& 8:15 & 9:45 מעריב

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דבר תורה

By: R' Shmuel T. Adler

Our natural tendency is to want to “fit in” with those around us. A person certainly must be “*me’urav im habriyos*”, but are we meant to always be people-pleasers? Moshe Rabbeinu, the leader of Am Yisroel, sheds light on this. After hearing the Jews whine and complain, Moshe cries out to Hashem (17:4) requesting guidance and declaring “*Od Me’at Uskaluni!*” - “it reached the point where the Yidden were ready to stone me!” My father shlit”a shared with me many times in the name of the R”Y of Ner Yisroel HaRav Yaakov Weinberg zt”l, this is meant literally, there were times where the Jews were extremely upset with Moshe. Clearly, Moshe was not there to be entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for being the most popular person around. Rather as the *manhig hador*, he did what was *right* – even if it came at the expense of being “nice” and people liking him. This is a true leader, and continues Rav Weinberg, when a person carries themselves in this manner at the end he will be deeply respected and appreciated. For Rashi tells us elsewhere when they needed to fight the *Midyanim* in their conquest to get Eretz Yisroel, Klal Yisroel insisted that Moshe not be the one to lead them – because they knew if he led them, they will surely be victorious in reaching E”Y which would then hasten Moshe Rabbeinu’s *petira*.

Indeed, both for leaders and for laymen, it would be much easier to just cave in to peer pressure, to do what is “nice” over what is “right”. Real focus is necessary, to keep a clear picture in front of our eyes of what is proper and to constantly adhere to that principle despite our surroundings. This is true strength. Yet, to complicate things, we must realize that *avodas Hashem* is fluid, various life circumstances require different calculations taken into account. There are situations where seemingly the opposite approach would be called for!

Let’s look at the following scenario. A husband, Yaakov, travels to Panama on a business trip for a week, leaving his wife to take care of everything at home while he is away. It just so happens that just two days after he arrives home from the trip he remembers his best friend is getting married out of state. Yaakov explains to his wife that since it is a very close friend, he wants to stay late at the wedding and sleep over somewhere locally. Yaakov’s wife explodes, how could he be so callous as to leave her again for a night?! Yaakov responds that he has the right to go to his close friends’ wedding! She yells at him that he is selfish! The argument escalates. He insists that the business trip was for both of them, they need the money. His wife declares that he doesn’t love her! She is turning red, he is turning purple! Feeling helpless and hopeless, Yaakov responds with the obvious – he has the God given *right* to go to the wedding! At this point, both feel miserable . . .

My heliege, choshuv, wise, beloved uncle Rabbi Pesach Siegel shlit”a (Rebbe in Yeshiva “TJ”) shared with me a literally brilliant insight. The key here is recognizing what *truly* bothers Yaakov’s wife. It is not a question of “right!” A spouse has the “right” to stay late at a very close friend’s wedding. His wife’s words are tricky – in truth the words expressed are a facade. Really his wife is hurting deeply inside because she was overwhelmed being by herself while he was gone. She yearns for validation. Yaakov should address that - start off: “It must have been so hard for you while I was away. I realize it will be very difficult for you to let me go to this friends wedding and be away for another day.” It will become a different conversation! This is not about what is “right”; it is about what is “nice”; seeing beyond the external. Acknowledging the concerns which really lies in the other person’s heart. May we be *zoche* to be “right” and “nice” each at the ‘right’ times!!

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