

# SHABBAT LASHEM

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Parshat Vayikra begins: וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים מִשָּׁה וַיִּדְבֹר - "And He called to Moshe and Hashem spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting saying: [1:1]"

Unlike at Har Sinai where all of the Bnei Yisrael heard Hashem speak, Rashi explains that the voice of Hashem only reached Moshe's ears and that past the Ohel Moed (Tent of meeting), Hashem wasn't heard. One may assume that Hashem's voice was quiet, however in Tehillim, the pesukim suggest anything but: קוֹל ה', שִׁבְרָה וְקוֹל ה' בְּבִכּוֹ; קוֹל ה', בְּהַדָּר; אֲרָזִים אֲרָזִים "The voice of Hashem is powerful, the voice of Hashem is full of majesty, the voice of Hashem breaks cedars... [Tehillim 29:4-5]"

This leaves little question as to the power of Hashem's voice, thus suggesting that His voice reached Moshe but stopped at the perimeter of the Ohel Moed. Why did Hashem miraculously make Hashem's voice stop and not be heard outside the Ohel Mo'ed?

In Darchei Mussar, Rav Yaakov Naiman, z"l, describes that it actually wasn't a miracle at all. He uses the example of how the world we live in is filled with radio waves and that the more powerful the apparatus, the greater the ability to sense delicate signals. Likewise, the Bnei Yisrael did not hear the voice of Hashem as it resounded throughout the world, as they were not worthy of it. When in the

Ohel Mo'ed, Moshe was in the correct and unique environment to experience an increase in personal growth and was therefore able to spiritually uplift his physical body to enable his ears to attune to the voice of Hashem.

Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi said: Each day, a heavenly voice emerges from Har Sinai proclaiming: 'Bring hardship to the creations for disgracing the Torah. [Mishna Avot 6:2]. He heard this daily and worked to reduce the disgrace. We however, do not hear the heavenly voice and continue

as normal, without giving it a second thought. The Sages teach that thunder was created to "straighten out the crookedness of the heart." One can hear thunder and one can hear thunder. It all depends on the level of awareness - how

attuned we are to Hashem and Hashem's messages. The message can be so powerful and we can be so otherwise absorbed.

Today we enter into the month of Nissan, a time for redemption. It is our duty to engage in personal growth by opening our ears, tuning into the voice of Hashem and 'hearing' the messages given to us. If we are able to achieve this change in focus, the potential impact could be huge. Shabbat Shalom.

*Written in the Zechut of Elka bat Meshulam Feivish on her first Yartzheit.*



# To Be a Role Model



Rav Aharon Herskovitz | Rav Shaliach

This week's parsha begins dealing intensively with the various sacrifices that are to be brought in the newly constructed Mishkan, and later, the Beit HaMikdash. As part of this discussion, we are told of sacrifices that people must bring when they inadvertently sin, with different sacrifices being brought by the different people or groups. For example, we are told of separate sacrifices for the "anointed Kohen" (4:3-12), if the majority of Bnei Yisrael sin (4:13-21), if a leader, a "nasi", sins (4:22-26), and finally, if an individual sins (4:27-35).

For most of these individual sections, the Torah introduces them by using a conditional Hebrew term, either אם (if) or כי (when). However, when discussing the sin of the leader, the Torah uses a different word (4:22): **אשר נשיא יחטא ועשה אחת מכל-מצות ה' אלקו** אשר לאתעשינה בשגגה ואשם.

In case it is a chieftain who incurs guilt by doing unwittingly any of the things which by the commandment of the LORD his God ought not to be done, and he realizes his guilt— (translation from Sefaria.org).

Although translators (understandably) translate this word in the conditional as well, אשר is usually translated as "that". "That the leader will sin..." is a confusing way linguistically to start a sentence. Commenting on this unique phrasing, the Gemara interprets it as follows (Horiyot 10):

**אשר נשיא יחטא**. אמר רבן יוחנן בן זכאי: אשרי

הדור שהנשיא שלו מביא קרבן על שגגתו. אם על שגגתו מביא חטאת, צריך לומר על זדונו? אם נשיא שלו מביא חטאת, צריך לומר מהו הדין?

"In case a chieftain sins" Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakkai said "Happy (אשרי) is the generation whose leader bring a sacrifice on his error. If he does so on his error, is it necessary to say that he does so when wilfully violating something? And if the generation's leader brings an offering on an error, is it necessary to say that regular people (would do so as well)?"

Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakkai is viewing it as praiseworthy that a leader is capable of admitting mistakes. It is praiseworthy not only in terms of their own ability to recognise where they've gone wrong (either accidentally or on purpose) but also in their ability to affect those who follow them.

In general, we look to our leaders to guide us, not just with their public proclamations, but more with their personal example. One of the best pieces of advice I received as a madrich was "Don't worry too much about teaching the ideology. Focus on building personal relationships and the ideology will be taught through your example, because that's who you are." Fancy words, great speeches or amazing hadracha can only go so far: at the end of the day, our actions and who we are as people speak far louder than our words. May we be zoche to be proper role models for all those who look up to us.

## Dvar Halacha: Weekly Question



QUESTION: How do I kasher my oven for Pesach?

ANSWER: To kasher your oven for Pesach, you must first clean the oven thoroughly, using strong cleaners and steel wool to clean all five walls and the door. After removing all of the food remnants, check with your bare hand, as well as a clean kitchen towel, that the interior is actually clean. After that, turn the oven on to its highest temperature for an hour to kasher it. Regarding the racks, it would be advisable to order an extra set of racks that you can then use on Pesach. Where this is not possible, leave the racks in the oven while it

is being kashered, and then put silver foil on the racks in a way that would ensure no direct contact between the rack and anything put in the oven over Pesach (while still allowing air to circulate freely in the oven). The above method is not sufficient for kashering toaster ovens or microwave ovens. Interested in learning more about kashering your kitchen for Pesach? Join us on Monday evening, March 19th at 8 PM for a shiur (shiur will also be livestreamed on the Rav Shaliach Facebook page).

Have a question? Please email [rav@bauk.org](mailto:rav@bauk.org) or call Rav Aharon at 07976642135.

# Community Updates



PINNER BNEI AKIVA had their Shabbat Ha'Irgun this past week. ROSH, NAOMI BROOKARSH wrote:

We started off the weekend with our Family Friday Night dinner. There were amazing peulot and incredible ruach throughout the evening. It was great to see parents and chanichim singing and chanting together! Some parents even learnt some new songs! We had a lunch in the shul followed by more peulot where we played apple bobbing, the chocolate game, treasure hunts and much more. For Motzei Shabbat we met back at shul where we did the "Great Pinner BAke off". The Chanichim were split into 2 groups and whoever produced the best cake (cooked, baked and iced) won. Points for ruach were earned during our dance party whilst the cakes were in the oven. It was an amazing weekend and thank you to all the madrichim who made it possible!



somewhere...The BAUK journey started for us with both Machane and weekly Sviva. BA has been with us step by step from primary school to high school as we slowly progressed from Chanichim to Madrichim. Our Madrichim have always been there to talk to and guide us, truly becoming people we look up to. We have made friends for life, been inspired by our madrichim and most importantly been part of a family. This is why we truly want to give back and help and support others on their journey through BAUK.

The amount BA has given to each and every one of us has defined who we have become as people both religiously and socially. Therefore when we wanted a way to give back to BA we could think of no better way than helping people to begin their BAUK journey. We want the money raised to be put towards subsidies for Machane. The money would be used to help children begin their BAUK journey."



This past Friday (9th) was the JERUSALEM MARATHON and 10K. Six bogrim from Torani (LOUIS SEITLER, RAFI KLEIMAN, SAM PRAIS, URIEL ABELIS, DANIEL SACKS, GIDEON MILLER) all ran for Bnei Akiva and have raised a brilliant £1,131.11 so far!

They said that "Bnei Akiva UK is more than just a youth movement. Bnei Akiva is a journey and all journeys have to start

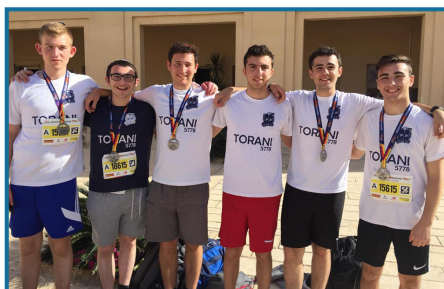


Alex Cohen, Boger and former Mazkir 5772, ran for Bnei Akiva UK in not just one but two marathons! He has raised a staggering £8,203.02 so far for educational programs within Bnei Akiva UK.

We also had a #TeamBAUK of Year 12s running for Shalva Children's Centre in Israel. They were: Amy Hertz, Ariella Aaronson, Aurelia Hodes, Daniella David, Lara Kay, Natalya

Ahronee, Natasha Hertz, Orly Hakimian, Tali Blitz, Tanya Pinhas and Ella Velenski They all visited the Shalva Children's Centre on ISRAEL MACHANE the year before and were inspired to raise money for this amazing charity in the Jerusalem 10k. Together they have raised an amazing £18,873.11 so far. Ollie Collins, former Israel Worker 5776 also ran and coordinated the team.

A huge well done to all the runners! If you would like to donate to any of these fundraising efforts: <http://bit.ly/torani10k> or <http://bit.ly/alex2marathons> or <http://bit.ly/shalva10k>



Over the past Shabbat we had our SHABBAT SHEVET for Bogrim in Israel. Over 60 Bogrim joined us in Masada for a lovely Shabbaton. Also present was Rav Ari Faust - former Rav Shaliach and Joe Boxer, Mazkir 5778. The Shabbat focused on "how we all have a place in the movement and where our future involvement will be".

HENDON BNEI AKIVA ran a movie night this past Motzei Shabbat in the LONDON BAYIT.

ROSH, DANIELLA WIEDER wrote that: Hendon BA had a movie night in the Bayit for Chanichim in years 1-6. We watched Madagascar, ate pizza and had lots of popcorn! It was a lot of fun! The evening was to help raise funds for the Sviva's weekly programming. We're always excited to see Svivot and Roshim taking the initiative!

Mazal Tov and good luck to SOUTH HAMPSTEAD BNEI AKIVA and SALFORD BNEI AKIVA who have their Shabbatot Ha'Irgun this Shabbat.

Our Leil Iyun series continued on the 7th March with a very special guest. We hosted Ambassador Yitzchak Mayer, a Holocaust survivor, former director of Yemin Orde Youth Village and former Consul General or Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland. Most importantly Yitzchak Mayer was a Bnei Akiva UK Shaliach in 1959! We had a really wonderful and fascinating evening hearing all about how Bnei Akiva used to be and about his fascinating educational philosophies! Check out our Facebook page for the video stream of the talk and discussion.

# SUMMER MACHANE

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