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SHABBAT HAGADOL SAMEACH

Gleanings from the Ohr HaChayim and the Zohar

Because Pesach is around the corner we will be adding more Halakhot and shorter Divrei Torah for the next few weeks. Please forgive us.

This Parsha takes place right after Aharon HaKohen's two sons got too close to Hashem without asking permission. This teaches us that when we come to a house of HaKadosh Barukh Hu, or in the Beit HaMikdash, there was a certain way that the Kohanim were allowed to go into the Kodosh HaKodashim. This was done once a year on Yom HaKippurim after all the sacrifices took place. The Kohen Gadol would train the whole year to go into the Holy of Holies and prepare everything that's listed in the Seder HaAvodah we read on Yom Kippur. They would tie a rope around his ankle in case he's impure and immediately dies so they can pull him out.

One of the procedures of the Seder HaAvodah is the two goats: one was chosen for Hashem and the other was chosen for Azazel. The Kohen Gadol would place his hands on the goat for Azazel, tie a red ribbon on its horns, and then someone would take the goat and push it backwards off the cliff. The goat for Azazel was meant as a present to the Satan so it will be satisfied and won't open his mouth at the time the Kohen Gadol goes into the Holy of Holies, which erases all the sins of Am Yisrael. In the Beit HaMikdash they would hang the rope that was tied to the goat for Azazel on one of the gates that led into the Beit HaMikdash and it would turn white as soon as they pushed the goat off the cliff. This was the sign that the Kohen could go into the Kodosh HaKodashim.

The Ohr HaChayim asks a question about this whole Parsha: How is it that HaKadosh Barukh Hu gave us this order in this Parsha? Azazel is the side of evil and it almost looks like Avodah Zarah, something we are forbidden to do. Also, the word for goat, "Sa'ir," is one of the scariest places in the world ruled by the evil spirits. He answers that the first thing we can answer is from the Mishna Pirkei Avot Perek 2, which states, "A person who does one mitzvah buys one supporting angel; one who commits a sin, buys for himself an accusing angel." HaAri HaKadosh explains it from the Zohar HaKadosh, "When someone sins, he gives birth to bad things." These bad things are things that humans create with their own hands and those angels will work against the human being. Like Yirmiyahu says that you suffer from you own bad actions.

So when HaKadosh Barukh Hu removes the sin, the bad angel is no longer allowed to bother and harm us. We see this with David HaMelekh and also Hizkiyahu HaMelekh. They both sinned, but when they repented, the bad angels and spirits were no longer allowed to harm them. So going back to this Parsha, when the Kohen Gadol puts

SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

Candle Lighting: 7:24PM

Shabbat starts: 7:42PM

Dinner: 9:15PM

Shachrit: 9AM

Z'man Shema: 10:10AM

Hatzot: 1:21PM

Lunch: 12:30PM

Earliest Mincha: 1:54PM

Dessert: Following Mincha

Kids Tehillim: 6:00PM

Seudah Shlishit: 7:30PM

Shkiya: 7:43PM

Motzei Shabbat: 8:18PM

Rabbeinu Tam: 8:55PM

Parshat Acharei:

Vayikra 14:1 – 15:33

Haftarah Shabbat

HaGadol:

Malachi 3:4-24

his hand on the goat for Azazel, all the sins of Am Yisrael are transferred to the goat, and when it is cast off the mountain, all the sins of Am Yisrael are erased. And we see coming to Pesach that we are not supposed to eat Hametz for seven days. Why are we refraining from Hametz? Hametz represents the Yetzer Hara. And the Zohar asks why we don't eat Matza all year round just like all the sacrifices, save Shavuot, were Matza? The Zohar answers it shows the character of Hashem. He knows exactly what we need to do at exactly the right time to keep our spiritual strength. So these seven days without Hametz will defeat the Yetzer Hara for the whole year. It is a new beginning for us. And our Sages say that whoever keeps Pesach will affect the whole year and make it holy. Im Yirtzeh Hashem, we will celebrate, make this a great Pesach, and take the opportunity from Hashem for a better future and better life for us and all of Am Yisrael. And may we see Mashiach Tzidkeinu Bimheira Biyameinu, amen v'amen.

B'Shana Haba B'Yerushalayim Havnuya!! Shabbat HaGadol Chag Kasher V'Sameach!!

Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Pesach)

It is very important, and it is an obligation of the Torah, not to own any Chametz on Pesach. Please give us your address and your name and we will sell your Chametz for you.

The first night of Pesach we recite the full Hallel with the Bracha. It must be completely nighttime when we recite Hallel. Therefore, twenty minutes after Shkiya it is completely night. It is recommended to start Arvit 15 minutes after Shkiya so that the Hallel is not a great imposition and people can get home quickly to start their Pesach Seder.

There is a Torah obligation to eat Matzah on the first night of Pesach. Therefore, there is an obligation to eat handmade Matzah Shmurah, made L'Shem Matzat Mitzvah, on the first night of Pesach. On any other day of the Chag, there is no obligation to eat Matzah. Therefore, you don't have to eat Matzah if you don't want.

Shabbat HaGadol Sameach!!

News

- Special thanks to all the supporters of the Matzah Bakery. All those who come, sweat, and bake their own matzah, may the blessing of the Arizal be upon you and erase all the sins of your life by this sweat.
- Thank you to all who are supporting the Seder, the Kimcha de'Pischa, and all the other Pesach needs. May HaKadosh Barukh Hu reward you a thousand times with prosperity, happiness, success, Shalom and Shalvah, amen.
- Special thanks to Rabbanit Korkos for working very hard to prepare the seders for us with Rivka, Amnon, David, and everyone else. Help setting up the tables for the Seder would be very appreciated.
- We will be burning Chametz at the shul. All Chametz must be burned by 12:17PM.
- When you eat the first K'zayit of Matzah, please prayer for Klal Yisrael, for the success of our shul, and or success in purchasing the property next door.
- Shachrit Erev Pesach will 8AM. Siyum Masechet Tamid at 9AM to exempt all first-born from fasting. We will burn the Chametz after the siyum.
- And welcome back to Yosef Ohayon. We missed you and look forward to spending this Pesach with you and everyone else in our expanding community.
- Everyone is welcome at the seder. If you know of someone who needs a place to go, let us know and we will make sure to have room. Mincha Erev Pesach will be will 7:40PM.