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Gleanings from

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

The Zohar HaKadosh says the Metzora is a combination of the two Hebrew words "Motzei Shem Rah." One who speaks horribly about his fellow and attacks his name is committing one of the worst aveirot of the whole Torah. Pasuk 14:3-4 says that when a man gets Tzara'at and has the Kohen examine him, he must leave the community for a time. One of the reasons why he has to leave is that it is very dangerous for someone to be spreading gossip in the community. And when the Kohen recognizes that the man has been healed, the Kohen orders him to bring four things to the Kohanim in the Beit HaMikdash: two kosher live birds, a cedar log, a crimson thread, and hyssop/aizov.

We know HaKadosh Barukh Hu built two fences for the tongue: the lips and the teeth. When someone breaks those two fences and wants to make T'shuvah and become pure, he must take two live birds (one for each lip, since lips are always whistling like birds) and offer them to Hashem. The teeth are like the cedar long: strong, hard, and imposing. The crimson thread is like the worm who eats from the inside-out. The main evil of the human being is inside and not outside. How do we fix this evil inside us? We have to take the opposite of the mighty cedar and bring the hyssop, a small, humble plant that grows low to the ground. The way to stop the evils inside us is to be humble, stay far away from pride, and take care of our insides. If we take care of our inner selves, mind and body, our outer selves will reflect this as well.

These four things that we bring to the Beit HaMikdash each represent one of the four worlds that we damage with Lashon Hara (Atzilut, Briya, Yetzira, Asiya). When we combine these for offerings together with the name of Hashem, we repair our damages and begin again in a pure state. The Chachim say that there are four groups that can never see and feel the Shekhina: 1) Liars; 2) Fools; 3) Suck-ups; and 4) People who speak Lashon Hara. Like the Pasuk says in Mishlei: "The earth shakes at three things" (Liars, Fools, and Suck-ups) "at four which is cannot bear." The fourth group is those who do Lashon Hara, something the earth can't handle because it comes from the highest category of hate between human beings. So now that we're in the season of redemption, we should remember to speak in a good way to bring in Mashiach Tzidkeinu Bimhayra Biyameinu, Amen.

SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

Candle Lighting: 7:20PM

Shabbat starts: 7:38PM

Dinner: 9PM

Shachrit: 9AM

Z'man Shema: 10:15AM

Hatzot: 1:23PM

Lunch: 12:30PM

Earliest Mincha: 1:55PM

Dessert: Following Mincha

Kids Tehillim: 6:00PM

Seudah Shlishit: 7:30PM

Shkiya: 7:39PM

Motzei Shabbat: 8:15PM

Rabbeinu Tam: 8:52PM

Parshat Metzora:

Vayikra 14:1 – 15:33

Haftarah Metzora:

Melakhim II 7:3-20

Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Pesach)

From the words of Maran, A”H:

To follow up with last week, we said that Sephardim can eat dried fruit and Matzah Ashira on Pesach that our Ashkenazi brothers restricted. The same goes for the eating of kitniyot (legumes and beans). The gemara says clearly that rice and kitniyot will never become chametz. But even though this is mentioned so clearly, kitniyot and everything mentioned above were restricted in Europe and the lands outside of Israel. The reason for this is that for many generations they had the custom to store the kitniyot in the same sacks where they stored flour. Because that flour and kitniyot might have mixed and the kitniyot might have flour in/on them, the restricted this on Pesach. There was a meeting a few weeks ago between the Rishon Letziyon HaRav Yitzhak Yosef, shlita and the Admor of Sanz, shlita. Rav Yitzhak and the Sanzer Rebber had a discussion about the restrictions of kitniyot and using the same sacks for flour and kitniyot, it is a very obvious fact that there is no mixing in the sacks in our times. We don't have mixing because we buy new packages every time. This is especially so with modern Kashrut supervision. The Sanzer Rebbe responded that in Europe, the community was suffering under the Christian brutality and the Christians tried any way possible to bring the Jews to their community. They also tried to create chaos within the community. Therefore, they took upon themselves not to change their minhagim whatsoever. But the Sages of the Sephardic world did not have this custom to restrict kitniyot on Pesach and allowed kitniyot. So if there are Sephardim who have the custom not to eat kitniyot, it comes from the opinions of the Ashkenazi Sages. Any such Sephardim are allowed to make Hatarat Nedarim and eat kitniyot on Pesach. And the Gemara mentions that you need to bring two different kinds of food to the seder: one to remember the Korban Pesach and the other for the Korban Chagiga. Rav Huna said that you can bring beets and rice and not just meat. And Rava said that every night of Pesach he had the custom to eat rice and to make sure he ate rice. Maran, A”H said that if Rava himself used to eat rice, who are we to argue with Rava? We are not even close to the dust of the shoes of Rava. And thusly, following the rulings of Maran HaShulkhan Arukh, A”H and Maran HaRav Ovadia, A”H we will be eating rice and kitniyot at our seder.

NEWS

- Special thanks to all the supporters of the Matzah Bakery. It was such a Kiddush Hashem to have Torah Academy of Boca Raton come bake Matzah this week.
- We are honored to fulfill the mitzvah of teaching children to remember the miracle of Yetziat Mitzrayim. May this mitzvah protect us and all of Klal Yisrael and bring the dawning of Mashiach speedily.
- We will be baking matzah this Sunday. Bring your friends/family to fulfill this wonderful mitzvah with us.
- Shachrit will be at the shul Erev Pesach at 8AM SHARP. Siyum Masechet at 9AM. This siyum will exempt any first born males from fasting Erev Pesach. After the siyum we will have a seudat mitzvah (if you are a Bechor, it is mitzvah to eat at the seudah so you can continue to eat during the day). After the meal, we will have the burning and bittul Chametz.
- Special thanks to Ilan and Natalie Mizrahi for taking care of all the documents for the shul this week.
- If you know anyone that does not have a place to make their seder, please direct them to us.
- It is a big mitzvah to donate money/food for the seder to make sure every Jew has a Chag Kasher v'Sameach.
- And of course, thank you to our Rebbetzin Orli and her mother Rivkah for making sure we have food, family, and friends every single week. May you be rewarded both in this world and the next world.