



## MAOR DAVID BOCA RATON CAMPUS

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### UNITY: I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Gleanings from the Ohr HaChayim

This D'var Torah is dedicated to all who died Al Kiddush Hashem.

The opening of this week's Parsha has Hashem telling Moshe to command Aharon and his sons. And what is this command? "Zot Torat HaOlah Hee HaOlah Al Mokdah Al HaMizbe'akh Kol HaLayla Ad HaBoker V'Aish HaMizbe'akh Tukad Bo." The Ohr HaChayim says that this Pasuk is a message of hope and is meant to relieve the sadness of our souls in exile.

This isn't a message for just any exile. This is a message for the last exile, the longest and most painful. The first was the 210 years spent in Mitzrayim. The second was the 70 years spent in Bavel. This is the third, the longest, the worst, and the final exile, one that has lasted for almost 2,000 years.

We know that the Olah, mentioned in the Pasuk above, is the best of all the sacrifices. This is because it was given completely consumed on the Mizbe'akh and thusly only for Hashem (Mishna Zevachim 5:4). Shir HaShirim (Perek 3) compares the Olah to the best of sacrifices we can offer to HaKadosh Barukh Hu.

Now the Pasuk above mentioned Olah twice: "Zot Torat HaOlah Hee HaOlah." "This is the law of the Olah; it is the Olah." The Ohr HaChayim says many things are to be learned from this. First is that the Torah is mentioned first. We learn that the Torah is more important than even the greatest of sacrifices. And we also learn that since there is no great Korban than the Olah, there is nothing greater than the learning of Torah.

"Al Mokdah Al HaMizbe'akh." On fire and on the Mizbe'akh is the Olah offered. The Torah is what sets us apart, makes the Jewish People a "people." And we're suffering in the trials and travails of Galut. The Ohr HaChayim says that the fire represents the Torah and the Mizbe'akh represents suffering. Just as the Mizbe'akh used to erase the sins of Am Yisrael, so too does exile and its suffering erase the sins of Am Yisrael.

"Kol HaLayla Ad HaBoker." "All night until the morning." Suffering is only at night. The exile is compared to the night. And when the night has

### SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

**Candle Lighting:** 7:10PM

**Shabbat starts:** 7:38PM

**Dinner:** 8:45PM

**Shachrit:** 9AM

**Z'man Shema:** 10:29AM

**Hatzot:** 1:29PM

**Lunch:** 12:30PM

**Mincha:** After Lunch

**Various Shiurim with**

**Dessert:** Following Mincha

(Parsha, Zohar, Yalkut

Yosef, and more)

**Kids Tehillim:** 6:00PM

**Seudah Shlishit:** 7:30PM

**Shkiya:** 7:39PM

**Motzei Shabbat:** 8:04PM

**Rabbeinu Tam:** 8:42PM

**Arvit/Megillah**

**Reading/Havdala:**

8:15PM

**Parshat Tzav:**

Vayikra 6:1 – 8:36

**Maftir Parshat**

**Zachor:**

Devarim 25:17-19

**Haftarah Zachor:**

Shmuel I 15:2-34

ended, as all nights do, on the morrow comes the sun, and in our case Geula. “V’Aish HaMizbe’akh Tukad Bo.” “And the fire of the Mizbe’akh shall be kept burning from this.” Even though we are suffering in exile, the Torah unites us and from the study of Torah we shall keep the flame burning until dawn.

The next Pasuk following the one mentioned at the top is about the garments of the Kohanim. “V’Lavash HaKohen Mido Vad.” “And the Kohen dons a linen tunic.” How do the clothes of the Kohen compare to redemption? The Ohr HaChayim states that everyone that dies Al Kiddush Hashem is memorialized in a piece of garment. His or her likeness is woven into a garment. Just as the Kohen’s tunic is for a special occasion, so is this garment. This garment is meant for the time after the dawn, when Hashem will take up arms against all those that attacked His people.

We’ve seen many great warriors and Sages who sacrificed themselves for the sake of Hashem and the betterment of Am Yisrael. They’ve done this in Eretz Yisrael and in every country on the planet. It is said that with the redemption, Hashem will take HaKem B’Libo, the revenge of His heart. Yerushalayim, the eternal capital for all the Jewish People, is what is meant by Hashem’s heart. Hashem will rise up and defend His people and bring them home to Yerushalayim once again.

Now, we see in Purim that we get major suffering from Haman and Achashverosh. However, two things kept us, the Jewish People, alive to tell the tale: 1) Mordechai, who represents the Torah; and 2) Esther, who sacrificed herself to beg before King Achashverosh to nullify the decree of death levied on the Jewish People. At first, Haman wanted to kill Mordechai and Mordechai alone. He was one of the few Jews left teaching Torah in Bavel. But eventually, Haman and Achashverosh plotted to kill all of Am Yisrael.

Hashem is our protector. And Hashem protects every Jew, of every make, shape, culture, and observance. But more than that, a united Jewish People protects the Jews. The pangs of exile are difficult enough without the fissures and fractures that have recently plagued the Jewish People. United, we must stand. And we must be wary of those that criticize and wish to eliminate only one part of the Jewish People. In truth, it’s a mask. We’re all one people, we are all our brother’s keepers, and we must all stand together. May this Purim season bring Mashiach Tzidkeinu Bimheira Biyameinu.

#### Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Purim)

The Purim Seudah is the last mitzvah of Purim. Before eating the seudah, it is imperative to have heard the Megillah, given Matanot L’Evyonim, and distributed Mishloach Manot. Because Purim is described in the Megillah as “Yom Tov,” it is important to make this seudah a bread meal. It is also a mitzvah to start learning the laws of Pesach on Purim, so the Purim Seudah may also serve as a vehicle for discussing a few of the laws of Pesach.

## NEWS

- We will be having Shachrit for Purim at 8AM on Sunday, March 16. Please come as we will be reading the Megillah. Following Shachrit we will have refreshments and a Siyum Masechet for Masechet Megillah.
- Todah Rabah and Mazal Tov to all the people who came on Thursday to bake matzah. Matzat Maor David has been approved by the ORB and we’re very excited to be making our own matzah again for Pesach.

