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SHABBAT MIKETZ/SHABBAT CHANUKAH 5774/NOVEMBER 29-30, 2013

YOSEF, AHARON, AND CHANUKAH

Gleanings from the Ben Ish Chai

When Aharon looked for the positive in Am Yisrael, no matter the circumstance, the Torah says "Ohev Shalom v'Rodef Shalom u'Mekarvan LaTorah." This means that Aharon loved peace, chased after peace, and grew close to the Torah. The beginning of everything we do, every mitzvah we perform, must come from love. Without love, nothing would exist. Maran HaRav Ovadia, ztz"l, said the world cannot exist without love.

This is what we see in the Miracle of Chanukah. All of Am Yisrael, no matter how religious or secular, no how much they distance themselves from each other, are brought together by the light of the Menorah, a light we have all kept burning in our homes and hearts for over 2000 years. This miracle can be attributed to none other than Aharon HaKohen who had love and peace in his heart for all of Klal Yisrael.

We see the same thing in Yosef HaTzaddik. He was sold by his brothers into slavery. When they sold Yosef, they were thinking and wished for his death. Even when the brothers were involved in hate, Yosef's motto was "Et Achay Anochi M'vakesh," I seek my brothers. And then we see that Yosef has become a king and is in control of the ancient superpower that was Mitzrayim. That's why David HaMelekh said that they were thinking for the bad and Hashem made it for good.

When Yosef saw the brothers coming to him for food, he accused them of being spies, but not from hatred of his brothers, but because he loved them. The Torah says Yosef recognized the brothers and they did not recognize him. He recognized them still as his brothers and forgave all the bad they did to him because he still loved them in his heart. Yosef and Aharon had the same character: Always looking for peace and unity.

The reason Yosef gives for accusing and imprisoning his brothers is as Yosef tells them, "Do this and live; I fear Hashem." The Mefarshim say that Yosef referred to the name of Elokim to restore power to the name of Hashem and the brothers beginning their exile was the initial tikkun. Yosef herded his brothers into a guarded ward for three days, and the Mefarshim

SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

Menorah Lighting:

5:05PM

Candle Lighting: 5:09PM

Shabbat starts: 5:28PM

Dinner: 7PM

Shachrit: 9AM

Z'man Shema: 9:29AM

Hatzot: 12:09PM

Lunch: 12:15PM

Mincha: After lunch

Joshua's Yalkut Yosef

Shiur: 2:30PM

Rabbi's Parsha with

Zohar Shiur: 3:30PM

Kids Tehillim: 4:30PM

Seudah Shlishit: 5:15PM

Shkiya: 5:28PM

Motzei Shabbat: 6:05PM

Rabbeinu Tam: 6:40PM

Arvit/Menorah

Lighting/Havdala:

6:30PM

Parshat Miketz:

Bereishit 41:1-44:17

Haftarah:

Melakhim I 3:15-4:1

say the Greek Exile was the punishment for the sale of Yosef. The Greeks had three restrictions against Klal Yisrael, one for each of these three days: 1) Shabbat; 2) Rosh Chodesh; and 3) Brit Milah; this was done to disconnect Am Yisrael from its closeness with the Shekhina and Hashem.

This is why Yosef said “Zot Asu V’Chayu.” The zayin in Zot is a Remez, a hint, for the number seven and Yom HaShabbat. Alef is Remez for Rosh Chodesh, the first of the month. The Tav is Remez for the Brit Milah, and according to the Arizal, the Tav is turned into Chesed and the Milah is performed to reveal the Chesed of Hashem.

We also see that the number of candles we light on the last night of Chanukah is nine, and nine is the foundation of truth. Mathematically, when you multiply anything times nine and add the digits together it will always return to nine (i.e. $9 \times 2 = 18$, $1 + 8 = 9$). Emet is also equal to nine (the Alef is 1, the Mem is 40, and the Tav is 400. $1 + 4 + 0 + 4 + 0 + 0 = 9$). The number nine therefore represents the truth. Emet also shows the strength of the name of Hakadosh Baruch Hu and that Hashem will always be “Hashem Echad u’Shemo Echad.”

The lights of the Chanukah menorah represent the lights of truth and peace from the Menorah in the Mishkan and Beit HaMikdash. The Menorah was Hashem’s gift to Aharon and all of the future Kohanim Gedolim. When all the leaders of the tribes were bringing their offerings and sacrifices to the Mishkan, Aharon saw that he would not be allowed to bring anything because of his role with the Egel, the Golden Calf. But Hashem knew that Aharon loved all of Am Yisrael and only wanted peace for Klal Yisrael, so Hashem forgave Aharon and told him the light of the Menorah would be his forever. Even today, without the Beit HaMikdash, when we light our menorot, we are continuing the light of Aharon HaKohen and helping to restore peace and love to the world.

So this Chanukah, remember to light your menorah with happiness and joy, with love, with peace in your heart. Every mitzvah you do with happiness and love sends happiness and love into the world. Every little candle performs a great miracle of repelling a little more darkness from the world. Chanukah is a chance to bring unity to Klal Yisrael. If one candle can hold back the darkness, try imagine the power of each member of Am Yisrael lighting their menorot and how much more darkness we can all dispatch when we are unified for a common purpose. Chanukah Sameach!!

Halakhot of the Chanukah:

1) There is always at least one night of Chanukah that falls on Shabbat. On that night, the Menorah must be kindled before Shabbat candles. The lights of the Menorah must also be filled with enough oil to last 30 minutes past the time of lighting. On the night of Shabbat Chanukah, the Menorah must have extra oil to burn 30 minutes past dark, not just for 30 minutes past the time of lighting.

2) Candles are placed right to left and lit left to right, meaning that the newest candle is lit first.

NEWS

- Saturday, November 30, there will be a Chanukah Melavah Malka following Shabbat. Please join us before Havdalah for the menorah lighting. We will have music, P’chaims, a seudat mitzvah in honor of Chanukah, and of course lots of unity, peace, and love. Hinei Matov Umanayim Shevet Achim Gam Yachad.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Korkos!! He finally has a permit for the matzah oven. Look out in a couple months for news about Matzat Boca Raton