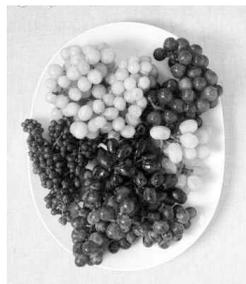




OVERVIEW

The Torah assigns the exact Mishkan-related tasks to be performed by the families of Gershon, Kehat, and Merari, the sons of Levi. A census reveals that over 8,000 men are ready for such service. All those ritually impure are to be sent out of the encampments. If a person, after having sworn in court to the contrary, confesses that he wrongfully retained his neighbors property, he has to pay an additional fifth of the base-price of the object and bring a guilt offering as atonement. If the claimant has already passed away without heirs, the payments are made to a kohen. In certain circumstances, a husband who suspects that his wife had been unfaithful brings her to the Temple. A kohen prepares a drink of water mixed with dust from the Temple floor and a special ink that was used for inscribing G-d's Name on a piece of parchment. If she is innocent, the potion does not harm her; rather it brings a blessing of children. If she is guilty, she suffers a supernatural death. A nazir is one who vows to dedicate himself to G-d for a specific period of time. He must abstain from all grape products, grow his hair and avoid contact with corpses. At the end of this period he shaves his head and brings special offerings. The kohanim are commanded to bless the people. The Mishkan is completed and dedicated on the first day of Nissan in the second year after the Exodus. The prince of each tribe makes a communal gift to help transport the Mishkan, as well as donating identical individual gifts of gold, silver, animal and meal offerings.



RELATIONSHIP OF DOMESTIC HARMONY TO NATIONAL PEACE

The discussion of the Sotah [suspected adulteress wife] does not seem to fit into the basic topics of the opening chapters of the book of Bamidbar, which primarily deal with the topics of national import, primarily the size, roles and position of the respective Shevatim [the Tribes of Israel] in the Jewish nation at this point in history.

The Mikdash Mordechai explains that there is a very strong connection between the matter of the Sotah and the matter of the Shevatim: The linking factor is the concept of "Limshpechosam l'beis avosam" [according to their families, according to their father's homes]. Here is a great nation, consisting of over 600,000 males of military age — and yet the Torah keeps on stressing over and over again the idea of "L'mishpechosam l'beis avosam" — that this nation and these tribes are all composed of family units. The idea is that Klal Yisroel as a whole is not stronger than those individual families. That is why the portion of Sotah is inserted here. The Torah is teaching us that when the basic family unit breaks down, eventually Klal Yisroel as a great nation breaks down as well. If there is not a secure family unit, then the result will be a suspected adulteress wife, and eventually the whole structure will collapse, since there is no L'mishpechosam l'beis avosam.

Using this concept, the Mikdash Mordechai then explains an interesting dispute we find in the Sifre [Halachic Midrash on the Books of Bamidbar & Devorim]. In the Torah, Sotah and Nazir are followed by Birkas Kohanim [the Priestly Blessing], which ends with the blessing "...v'yasem lecha Shalom" [...and He shall grant you Peace]. There is a dispute as to what this is referring to; Rav Chanina Segan haKohanim says this refers to peace in the home (Shalom Bayis). Rav Natan says this refers to peace on a national level (Shalom Malchus Beis Dovid). This seems to be a strange dispute with totally disparate opinions as to the nature of the Priestly Blessing.

The Mikdash Mordechai reconciles the two opinions and shows that the two sages are not arguing! Everyone agrees that the concern is for national peace — peace for Klal Yisroel. But in order to have peace for Klal Yisroel, two types of peace are necessary; peace with enemies on the borders, and peace at a national level. However, in order to achieve national peace, peace in the individual home is also a must. This huge, tremendous, Klal Yisroel is nothing more than a collection of family units and if the family unit is not secure, peace on a national level is not secure either.

MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Rabbi Avi & Sarah Perelman** in honour of their daughter **Elisheva Chaya**. Mazeltov to proud grandparents **Harold & Denese Perelman** and **Maurice & Cathy Goodman**.

BARMITZVAH



Mazeltov to **Aharon Levy** on the occasion of his Barmitzva this week in Ramat Beit Shemesh. Mazeltov to proud parents **Dani & Devora Levy** and grandparents **Rabbi Larry & Jenny Shain** and **Rabbi Yehoshua & Mazal Levy**.

MAZELTOV!

Mazeltov to **Ivor Feinberg** on the occasion of his 70th birthday! May Hashem bless you and your family with many more years of good health & happiness!

The community offer sincere condolences to

Bev Rau

on the passing of her brother

Clive Kangisser z'l

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Shabbos afternoon at 4.10pm

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EMUNAH & BITACHON by the Chazon Ish Starting Chapter 2 this week - the perfect place to join the shiur!

at the Liknaitzky's, 1 Park Glen Estate, Terminal Crescent, Glenhazel

Thursday at 9.15am

ENGAGEMENT



Mazeltov to **Avreni Goldstuck & Ariella Rabson** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazeltov to the **Goldstuck & Rabson families**.

BABY BOY



Mazeltov to **Moshe & Barbra Miller** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazeltov to proud grandparents **Rabbi Jonathan & Beverley Miller** and **Josh & Nora Soto**. The Shalom Zachor will IY"Y take place at 61 Northfield Avenue from 8:30pm.

WEDDING



Mazeltov to **Richard & Lorraine Goldberg** and the late **Rhona Goldberg** on the upcoming wedding of their granddaughter **Tali Nasatyr** to **Itamar Menachemeni**. Mazeltov to proud parents **Wendy & Tyrone Zinman**, **Martin Nasatyr** and **Amikam & Robin Menachemeni**.

OHR CHODOSH WOMEN'S DIVISION

REBBETZIN TAMAR TABACK

is starting a weekly shiur on Aishes Chayil after the Kiddush. This week's title is:

Breaking Misconceptions: Intro to Aishes Chayil

HILTON HERR'S YORTZEIT

A reminder to all those that have made the commitment to learn Mishnayot in the name of our dear friend **Hilton Herr z'l**, to please make sure that you have completed the learning by the Yortzeit which will take place this year on **26 Sivan / 2 July 2016 Shabbos Parshas Shelach**.

YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Rabbi Jonathan Miller** for his late father
- **Ezrie Hirschowitz** for his late father
- **Ruth Rappoport** for her late uncle

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