



START OUT LOOKING AT THE POSITIVE

This week's parsha contains the first detailed enumeration of all the kosher and non-kosher animals in the Torah. The two signs that determine the permissibility of an animal are whether it has totally split hooves and whether it chews its cud. The Torah singles out particular animals that one may not eat despite the fact that they possess one of the two signs of permissibility. The camel (gamal), despite the fact that it chews its cud, is not kosher because it does not have split hooves. The same is true with the shafan (hyrax) and arneves (rabbit). The pig (chazir) is forbidden because although it has a split hoof, it does not chew its cud.

The Medrash points out that in regards to all four animals, the Torah first mentions its kosher sign (the fact that it chews its cud in the case of the gamal, shafan and arneves, and the fact that it has a split hoof in the case of the chazir) and then mentions the sign that disqualifies it. Why does the Torah do this? Why not just get straight to the point? The kosher sign is really irrelevant, given the other disqualifying characteristic. Why even mention the irrelevant kosher sign, let alone give it "top billing"?

The Medrash comments: Even when the Torah tells us that a pig or camel is not kosher, it only begins by stating its praiseworthy characteristics. Even when the Torah says something is treife (forbidden to eat), still the Torah goes out of its way to present a positive description first.

The point of the Medrash is that if G-d sees fit -- even when talking about an impure animal -- to try to find something good to say about it... If G-d sees fit to always present a redeeming aspect of the animal first, how much more so should we -- when we look at another human being with all of his failings and shortcomings -- make every effort to find positive things to say before we offer any negative assessment.

G-d is sending us a message here. When we look at someone or when we look at a situation, we should always attempt to accentuate the positive and see the value in the person or situation before we become totally dismissive.

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NEXT SHABBOS
ROSH CHODESH - PARSHAS HACHODESH
PRE-PESACH PROJECT
LEARNING PROGRAMME

10.45AM
JOINT COMMUNITY STAND-UP KIDDUSH

11.15AM - 12.00PM
MEN
COLLECTIVELY LEARN THE ENTIRE
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(FOLLOWED BY A SIYUM)

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Mazeltoiv to **Leora Freidus (née Blieden)** for graduating as a teacher.

PRE-PESACH FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER



A suggestion was made to investigate the possibility of a communal **Shabbos Dinner the week before Pesach**, Parshas Metzora - Friday **15th April** in order to assist those already pesachdik.

"**The Open Flame**" has agreed to cater a meal in their restaurant for our community. We would need a minimum of 100 people in order to ensure its feasibility.

The cost would be:

R250 per adult

R125 per child aged 6 - 12 years

R62 per child ages 3-5

Below 3 years old would be free

If you would like to participate in this seuda please respond to this email with the amount of bookings per adult and child at their respective ages by **no later than Tuesday 5th April** in order for us to assess this need.

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

**RABBI AUERBACH
BEDIKAS CHOMETZ FOR THOSE
NOT HOME FOR PESACH**

Shabbos afternoon at 4.50pm

NEW SHIUR ON SUNDAYS

Rabbi Auerbach

gives a new shiur on

THE RAMBAN ON CHUMASH

Sundays at 6.05pm in the Main Beis Medrash

LADIES SHIUR WITH RABBI AUERBACH

PESACH HALOCHA & HASHKOFA

at the Levitt's, 10a Terminal Cres, Glenhazel

Wednesday at 9.00am

SECURITY TIP: Try to avoid a set daily routine, if possible. This includes the times that you leave and arrive and the routes that you use.



**WITH THANKS TO SINAI X
THIS SHABBOS 2 APRIL
PARSHAS SHEMINI GUEST SPEAKER**

RABBI ZEV LEFF

Rosh Yeshiva & communal leader of Moshav Matityahu
For the entire community **10.30am**



Think again.

SINAI X
THE EXPERIENCE

BNOS²⁰¹⁶



Bnos is starting this Shabbos afternoon! **Girls age 5 to 11 yrs**
Venue: **Pogrund family, 3 Mansion Rd, Glenhazel.** Meet at shul at

4.55pm. For more info or you would like to host one week please contact **Karen Shor 0828989027**

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Asher Levi Baum
Dina Klompas

Happy Birthday!

MUSSAR FOR PURIM & PESACH

**Thursday Nights 8:30 - 9:10
WITH RABBI TZVI SCHWARTZ
Classroom near Small Shul - Men & Women**

PESACH

*Thursday, 7 April - The Few who Left
Thursday, 14 April - The Eternal Night*
Recordings of classes will be available at www.avtzi.com