

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 8:10 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:40 pm & 8:10 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Pirkei Avos Shiur: 7:20 PM

Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 8:00 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 9:14 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 9:41 pm

Parshas Emor

Adapted from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig [www.torah.org]

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not remove completely the corners of your field as you reap and you shall not gather the gleanings of your harvest; for the poor and the proselyte shall you leave them..." (23:22)

The latter portion of this week's Parsha deals extensively with the festivals. In the midst of the chapter of the festivals, the Torah introduces the laws concerning leaving crops for the poor. Rashi cites the Midrash that questions why these laws are repeated, having already been discussed in Parshas Kedoshim. Furthermore, why are these laws specifically repeated in the middle of the section regarding the festivals?

The Midrash answers that since the festivals were a time when offerings were brought up to Yerushalayim by the Jewish people, the Torah is teaching that a person who leaves for the poor "leket" - grain which falls from the harvester and "shikecha" - grain which is forgotten by the harvester, and "pe'ah" - a corner of the field

that is left for the poor, is considered to have built the Beis Hamikdash and offered Korbanos within it. Why are these particular gifts, leket, shikecha and pe'ah singled out from amongst the many forms of charity? Furthermore, what is the meaning of the comparison to the building of the Beis Hamikdash and the bringing of Korbanos?

The commentaries explain that when Hashem commanded us to build the Mishkan, He did not use the words "yitnu li" - "give to Me", rather "yikchu li" - "take on My behalf" for we cannot give to Hashem; we acknowledge that the wealth we possess is really His, and therefore, we built the Mishkan with that which was his. This concept holds true for Korbanos brought in the Beis Hamikdash as well. We do not "give" Korbanos to Hashem; rather, through the symbolic gesture of bringing a Korban, we acknowledge that what we have is really His. Almost all forms of charity involve giving to a poor person. This action often provides the person giving with a feeling of magnanimity, and can skew his perception so that he feels he is

giving that which belongs to him.

Leket, shikecha and pe'ah are unique forms of charity in that the landowner does not give anything to the poor; he is forbidden to collect the produce involved, thereby preventing him from determining who will receive it. The landowner is commanded to leave the produce where it is and allow any needy person who wishes, to take it for himself.

the landowner that he does not control the wealth; rather, charity is merely the means by which Hashem distributes His wealth. When a person fulfills these mitzvos, which are the most difficult forms of charity for they preclude the feeling of satisfaction from having actually given, it is as if he built the Beis Hamikdash and offered Korbanos; the comparison is clear, for these actions also require a person to comprehend that he is merely the conduit through.

This procedure drives home the concept to *Good Shabbos*

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The kids' program will take place this week beginning at 9:30 am.

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis TBA.
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by the shul.**

The Sunday Morning Shiur in Derech Hashem is will take place after davening.

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Sivan.
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Weekday Schedule

Shacharis	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am	8:20 pm
Mon. & Thurs.: 7:00 am & 7:55 am	Maariv
Tues.,Wed.,Fri.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am	8:45 pm
Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sun), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)	
Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)	

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