



	Candles	Mincha	DafYomi	Shiur	פרשת: שלח סוק"ש Shachris
Friday	8:11	7:00/8:00			9:10
Shabbos		8:00	6:55	7:50	9:10
Sunday		8:25	8:00		7:45 9:10

IMPORTANCE OF

The *Gemara (Bava Basra 90b)* states that one may not export certain fruits or produce from *Eretz Yisroel* where they are deemed life-sustaining, i.e. staple foods such as wines, oils and flours. R' Yehudah b. Beseira says that one may export wines because of the negative intoxicating impact of wine. Exporting wine thus reduces the occurrences of improper behavior that often result from drinking it, within *Eretz Yisroel*. The *Gemara* also forbade merchants from trading in staple foods, to prevent the prices from rising, thus ensuring they remained affordable to everyone. R' Elazar b. Azaryah nevertheless dealt in oil and wine, since oil was plentiful in his area, and, as R' Yehudah b. Beseira stated, making wine somewhat difficult to come by was a good thing. The *MaHarSha* points out that *Eretz Yisroel* is blessed with seven special types of produce – wheat, barley, wine, figs, pomegranates, olive oil and honey. The *Meraglim* presented the *Bnei Yisroel* with samples of only two of those seven - figs and pomegranates, stating that *Eretz Yisroel* is a land flowing in milk and honey, “וזה פריה” – and these are its fruits. *Rashi* comments that this apparent praise of *Eretz Yisroel* may have been said only to make their subsequent negative report more believable. However, the *MaHarSha* explains that with their very words the *Meraglim* sought to imply that the **only** produce which grew in *Eretz Yisroel* were dates and pomegranates, neither of which was life-sustaining. It was therefore to be considered a land that is *אוכלת יושביה* – destroys its inhabitants, because it cannot support them.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

May one fulfill the *mitzvah* to marry a *Bas Talmid Chochom* by marrying the daughter of a “Zevulun” who supports *Torah* ?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK:

(May one summon a father or *Rebbi* to a *Din Torah* ?)

The *MaHaram* (136) states that this is a *Machlokes Rishonim*. The *Rambam* holds it's *Assur* because although *Kibud* must be funded with a father's money, a son must give (up) his **own** money to avoid causing *Tzaar* to the father. The *Tur* holds it is *Mutar* because the expenses of both *Kibud* and avoiding *Tzaar* require a father's money. The *Bach* holds it is *Mutar* according to both, as there is no indignity in being called to a *Din Torah*.

DIN'S CORNER:

One should recite the *brocho* of *שהחיינו* upon completion of a *Shidduch*, and certainly at the *אירוסין*; the *Kallah* should recite it as well. One should also recite it upon completing the writing of a *Sefer* containing *Chidushei Torah*, and when it is published. It should be said by someone appointed to be a *Rav* and by someone on his 70th birthday. In all, *Shem U'Malchus* should be omitted, but it is preferable to also provide a new fruit or garment, in order to say it properly. (*Kaf HaChaim* אר"ח 223:25-28)

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The *Gemara (Berachos 10a)* relates that R' Meir suffered at the hands of certain thugs in his neighborhood, and he decided to help preserve whatever merit they had, by praying for their immediate death, thus ensuring that they would have to receive some reward in *Olam HaBa*. R' Meir's wife Beruriah argued that instead of praying for the death of a sinner, he should rather pray for the death of sin itself, or that sinners do *Teshuvah*. R' Meir listened to her advice and prayed that Hashem have mercy on them, which resulted in their doing *Teshuvah*. The *MaHarsha* asks, in light of *Chazal's* axiom: *הכל בידי שמים חוץ מיראת שמים* (everything is in Hashem's hands except the degree of one's observance) how can one pray that someone else (or even one oneself) should do *Teshuvah* ? It's not “in Hashem's hands” to make that happen ! The same may be asked regarding Moshe's change of Yehoshua's name, praying that Hashem save him from the influence of the *Meraglim* and protect him from their sin. In fact, how do we pray 3 times every day: *השיבנו אבינו*, when to do *Teshuvah* is up to us ? The *Divrei Yitzchok* suggests that such *Tefilos* are based on the concept of *הבא לטוהר מסייעין אותו* – one who is trying to do *Teshuvah*, will be assisted [from Heaven]. However, how would this help when praying for another to do *Teshuvah* ? The *Tzitz Eliezer* (19:9) cites the *Meil Tzedaka* (7) who lists 6 conditions under which praying for the spiritual improvement of another is proper. 1) When the one praying suffers personally from the subject's behavior; 2) When the subject of the prayer is ignorant, making it similar to praying for his/her health; 3) When a father prays for a child, since there is no greater *Tzaar*; 4) Praying for small orphans who have no parent to pray for them; 5) Where the subject has initial thoughts of doing *Teshuvah*, and the prayer seeks to help them along; and 6) Where the subject is so steeped in wickedness that they are powerless to extricate themselves.

A Lesson Can Be Learned From:

At a Chasunah in Yerushalayim, several guests noticed that during the dancing there was one young man sitting off to the side with his eyes focused on the Gemara he was holding. Some people were amazed at his concentration despite the loud music and noise of the guests while others felt he was out of place. If he wanted to learn, why come to the Chasunah in the first place and why sit in the reception hall amid all the distraction ? Some thought it so strange that it raised concern and suspicion. Perhaps he was a terrorist putting on an act. He was pointed out to the *Mechutanim* who at first, were inclined to ignore him and advise everyone not to pay attention. However, on reconsideration, the *Mechutanim* said to the guests: “We were concerned over the Chasunah, that nothing bad should happen. After all, where there is liquor and dancing, the Satan is sure to be nearby. So, to provide *Shemirah*, we hired that young man to learn during the *Seudah*”.

P.S. Sholosh Seudos sponsored this week by the Grant family. There will be a *Siyum* on *Maseches Chulin* at that time.

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