BO by rav Shmuel Bloom

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MESSAGE From the rav

Dear chevra

We hope that you had a good week.

In our פרשה this week, we encounter the end of the ten plagues and the exodus from מצרים. What an exciting new start for עם ישראל! In fact, our entire פרשה is a פרשה of beginnings. The first-borns, the beginnings of a family, are killed; the Jews are given their first mitzvah - not surprisingly, and the order of the months ניסן being the first! The Jews are commanded to take a one year old קרבן פסח – one year signifying a completed first cycle. Even the initiation into the פסח, חגים, allots specialness to the first and seventh days. Finally, every first-born child in every family of Israel is set aside to become a בהן and the first-born animals are to be offered to 'a. What is the secret behind being the first? What is so special about it that gives

it such a prominent featuring in our and throughout the פרשה?

As I mentioned in פרשת ויצא, the זוהר teaches of the importance of beginnings and says that at the initial moment of 7's creating the world, everything instantly came into existence! Subsequently, everything then had to be given its final form, but the concept was there from the beginning. The beginning (moment) is a microcosm of everything that will come afterwards. It is that beginning moment that contains in it all the energy and potential for the future.

Practically speaking, when running a race or when doing anything, the ideal is always to start off on the right foot. Thereafter it's easy to maintain the winning stride. Even when trying to acquire inspiration, the ideal way is to initiate every process with zest - right from the beginning; and thereafter, to not let go of it! It's very difficult to suddenly find a gust of inspiration half way through the journey.

When 'ה created the world, הי"ל teach us that He used the תורה as a blueprint, הסתכל באורייתא וברא עלמא – He looked into the תורה and created the world. The מדרש teaches us that the תורה is called ראשית as are עם ישראל and יראת ה' It is not by chance that these three are connected. by ישראל was conceptually formed before the creation of the world. 7's initial intention was that the entire world would be עם ישראל – the nation with the direct connection to and the truth of existence. יראת is the method by which that is achieved - by recognizing the Gdliness in everything around us. The רמ״א paskens in the first הלכה in שולחן ערוך that everyone has to constantly be thinking שויתי ה' לנגדי and live every moment in the presence of 'a in His palace - the world. And obviously, the way to do that is through the 3rd ראשית – the תורה. By studying תורה and living a תורה lifestyle, one is guaranteed a life of holiness and spirituality and a constant connection to הקב"ה.

Wishing you an inspiring שבת. Rav Shmuel and Taly

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

REDEMPTION, LIKE A LIVELIHOOD, MUST BE EARNED EACH DAY - BEREISHIT RABA 20:9

SEDER TU BISHVAT

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TU B'SHVAT "SEDER" FOLLOWING DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 2, SHABBAT PARSHAT B'SHALACH. THE SEDER WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE SEDER, WITH WINE AND FRUIT AND LOTS OF DIVREI TORAH. This event is limited to 15 people.

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המצוות להקריב קרבן פסח ומצות המילה הן מהרבה בחינות, בבחינת "תאומים סיאמים". אין צורך להכביר במילים בהסבר מעמדה המיוחד של מצוות המילה בתוך תרי"ג מצוות. נזכיר רק שתי עובדות שאינן נתונות במחלוקת. א. שתי מצוות אלה הן היחידות בכל התורה כולה שאי ביצוען בשב ואל תעשה גורר אחריו את העונש החמור של כרת שמשמעותו ניתוק מעם ישראל ומן השכינה. ב. שתי מצוות אלה הן שאפשרו את יציאת מצרים גם למי שהיה שקוע במ"ט שערי טומאה ולא היו לו כל זכויות אחרות.

שתי בריתות כורת היהודי עם בוראו. משמעותה של הברית היא הכרזה שאנו משעבדים את חיינו לעבודתו וממילא האדון מקבל על עצמו את ההתחייבות להבטיח את קיומו של עבדו. הברית הראשונה היא ברית המילה הנערכת בהיות הרך הנולד בן שמונת ימים. בברית זו החתומה בבשרנו אנו מסמנים עצמנו כעבדי המקום.

אך דא עקא, איש איננו מקבל את הסכמתו של התינוק לכך. לכן מרגע עומדו על דעתו, בהגיעו לגיל מצוות מתחייב הישראלי להכריז מחדש על כך על ידי הבאת קרבן פסח. הקרבת הקרבן מדי שנה משמעותה חידוש ה"חוזה" וכריתת הברית, מדעת.

הבה נתפלל כולנו יחד כי בזכות מצוות המילה שכל העם (כמעט) מקיים אותה, נזכה גם לחידוש הברית של קרבן פסח, מדי שנה בשנה, כחלק מהגאולה השלמה.

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נ"פ הרב יוסף כרמל

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WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM THE
SOCIAL WORKER AT BEIT ALICIA TELLING US THAT:
"YOUR VISITS MEAN SO MUCH TO SO MANY
OF THE RESIDENTS AND THEY WAIT FOR YOU
EVERY WEEK TO COME AND SING AND MAKE
KIDDUSH FOR THEM. FOR SOME OF THEM, IT'S
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR WEEK."
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US
IN THIS SPECIAL MITZVAH OF THE ELDERLY BEAUTIFUL BY
MAKING THEM HAPPY AND CAUSING THEM TO SMILE.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL THE NEW FACES TO OUR MINYAN. IF YOU ARE NEW IN THE AREA, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EITHER RAV SHMUEL OR TALY AFTER SHUL. IF YOU NEED A PLACE FOR LUNCH, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ORGANISE ONE FOR YOU.

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