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Weekly

פרשה: פנחס הפטרה: דברי ירמיהו ... בטרם אצרך בבטן ידעתיד ... (ירמיהו א:א-ב:ג)

אבות פרק ו' דף יומי: שבת קכ"ז מצות עשה: 6 מצות לא תעשה: 0

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Torah Thoughts

Adapted from: קול אליהו

פינחס בן אלעזר בן אהרן הכהן השיב את חמתי מעל בני ישראל... (במדבר כה:יא).

son of אלעזר, son of אהרן the פנהו, turned back My wrath from upon the Children of Israel ...

— The power of צדקה, charity, saves a person from death (7:א:א) — וצדקה תציל מקמת

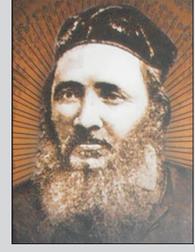
The Vilna Gaon, in his typical style, explains this well known פסוק with an insight on the word מצות as in מצות השקל used in תשא. The five letter word מצות has a "צ" as the middle letter. The "צ" spelled in full (צדי) has the same meaning as the root צדק, in the word צדקה, charity. If you will take a deeper look, the two letters found closest to the letter "צ" are "ח" and "י" which together spell חי — life. The two letters furthest from the letter "צ" are "מ" and "ת" which together spell מת — death. This is to teach us that the power of giving צדקה is able to draw חי — life — closer, and it also has the opposite power; it can push מת — death — further away.

The Vilna Gaon uses this thought and takes it one step further to help us appreciate a difficult act as if it were צדקה. We see that ונתקם לו ל צדקה: (קו:ל-לא) תהלים in פסוק And פינחס stood up and [ד'] recognized this act as if it were צדקה. The Vilna Gaon asks, what does it mean that פינחס's act was considered to be צדקה — what is the connection between פינחס's act and צדקה?

The Vilna Gaon answers that since צדקה has the power to save a person from death, פינחס's act of killing זמרי saved the lives of many people. פינחס's heroic action, as if it was צדקה. The power of צדקה creates such a strong force in this world that it can push away death and save lives.

With this, says the Vilna Gaon, we can have a different understanding of the choice of the word חמתי in the פסוק, השיב את חמתי. חמתי can be translated to mean "he turned around". חמתי has the letters "ח" and "י" on the outside, and "מ" and "ת" in the inside. כלל were being punished and were dying ... the letters "מ" and "ת" were inside the camp of ישראל. צדקה had the פה to bring back life — "ח" and "י" inside the camp of ישראל and to push "מ" and "ת" — death far away.

ר' יעקב יוסף זצ"ל



The ר' יעקב יוסף of ציון of NY, is a מוקום קדוש. In All for the Boss, the following episode was related: In the pre-penicillin days, a daughter of ר' יעקב יוסף Herman זצ"ל [they were not related] was ill with pneumonia. He went to the רב of the ציון. On his return trip, she was miraculously healed. The Satmar Rebbe, R' Yoel Teitelbaum זצ"ל encouraged his תסידים to visit the קבר of the רב הכולל. Today, thousands of תסידים flock to the קבר on his יארגיטי. Many of these visitors have reported episodes of נהמות and ישועות.

New York City Only

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Events include: הדלקת נרות (8:09), סוף זמן קריאת שמע (8:42, 9:18), סוף זמן תפלה (10:08, 10:32), שקיעה (8:27), מוצש"ק (9:28, 9:40).



Yahrzeits of our גדולי ישראל

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Joseph ר' דוב זצ"ל was born to ר' יעקב יוסף in Graz, Lithuania. Shortly after his מצינה, he was sent to Volozhin to learn under the ר' (ר' נתנאל צבי יהודה קרלין) נצי"ב. There he became known as Yankel שער, and later the Grazer. He moved on to Kovno, where he received personal חסידות and became a תלמיד מובהק. While in Kovno, he married רחל, and gave a שיעור in nearby Slabodka. He was, successively, רב of Vilon (1868), Yurburg (1870), then Zhagory and later Kovno. In 1883, he served as the מגיד in Vilna. In 1888, ר' יעקב יוסף became the first and only רב הכולל (Chief Rabbi) of New York City. His beautiful מדות טובות shone as he dealt with the difficulties of his office. He authored יעקב בקרוב.



Special Summer Notice

לע"נ ר' משה צבי בן הרי טוביה הלוי זצ"ל

Anyone who would like to have a PDF copy of this 2-page version of the Pirchei newsletter emailed to them during the summer months should send us an email with their request to: thepircheinewsletter@gmail.com. Please indicate in the body of the email whether this is only for the summer or if this is for all year.

Have a safe, relaxing summer! The editors

This week's issue and learning program are dedicated: לע"נ הבחור הנחמד ישעיהו דוב ע"ה בן יבלחטי"א ר' יצחק צבי שליט"א (פטור כיו תמוז ה' תשס"ט)

This week's newsletter and learning program are dedicated לרפואה שלמה לר' יוסף בן איטא חיה שליט"א

PAR NEWS

Every תפלה, especially those of our children (של בית) תינוקות של בית חיים, is powerful. The תפלה writes that davening for others is a מצוה דאורייתא. Even if you cannot assist your friend with money, you can assist him with your תפלות. In this time of עקבתא דמשיחא, please try to say extra תהלים for אהינו בני ישראל. In the זכות of our collective תפלות, may we be זוכה to the שלמה בקרוב!

לרפ"ש ר' יוסף בן איטא חיה, ור' אלטר חיים בן יהודית, ור' ברוך מרדכי בן טעסיל, ור' אברהם בן רחל, ור' מתתיהו חיים בן טעיל ולרפ"ש לאה בת שרה ריבא, ורחל בת חיה ביילא, ושרה לאה בת אסנה רחל, וצפורה מלכה בת אסתר ליבא בתוך שאר חולי ישראל

