



MENUCHAV'SIMCHA

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PARSHA SOUNDBITES

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Fortifying Our Future

This week's parsha deals with laws applicable to buying and selling properties in Eretz Yisroel. Generally, one may buy his sold property back if the proper conditions are met, even to the chagrin of the buyer. Additionally, the sale is only binding until the year of Yovel. At the Yovel year, the real estate returns to the original owner. A house in a walled city is the one exception to both rules. Here, the seller can only redeem the house for one year, and if he does not buy the house back, the house does not return to the seller at Yovel; it stays in the possession of the buyer.

The Meshech Chochmah offers a practical explanation for this exception. The primary advantage of dwelling in a walled city is the fortification it provides against outside forces. The dwellers of the city know the ins and outs of the walled city and have the upper hand over any potential enemy wanting to attack the city. If the sold house goes back to the original owner every fifty years and then possibly sold again for another fifty years, there will be a constant turnover of inhabitants. These newcomers do not yet know the strengths and weaknesses of the city and have to be briefed on how to protect themselves in case they are attacked. This influx of newcomers and their lack of knowledge of their whereabouts weaken the inherent strength of a walled city. In order to guarantee safety to the inhabitants of the city, the Torah does not command that the house returns to the original owner. This ensures that the residents dwell in the city long-term and have the proper know-how to protect themselves.

Prevention Medicine

"If your brother becomes impoverished and his means falter in your proximity, you shall strengthen him" (VAYIKRA 25:35).

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Rashi infers from the words, "you shall strengthen him," that this needy person has not yet reached rock bottom. The posuk is referring to someone who is starting to lose ground and is financially unstable. He needs some help to take hold of his situation. Our obligation is to prevent him from sinking lower and help him get back on his feet and see to it that he is

able to support himself again. Rashi gives an analogy to a donkey carrying its burden. If the donkey has not yet fallen, but is just staggering under a heavy load, then it only takes one person to help adjust the load, preventing the donkey from falling. However, if the donkey had already fallen, then it is much more difficult to lift the donkey from the ground with its load, and even five people cannot set the donkey on its feet. It is easier to prevent poverty than to correct it.

This powerful analogy from Rashi could apply to another thought as well. Now, we are in golus. The second Beis Hamikdash was destroyed because of sinas chinam, hating other Jews. The Chofetz Chaim, in the introduction to his classic work Chofetz Chaim, writes that loshon hora was the primary cause for sinas chinam. During the Temple era, it would have been easier to correct the problem and save the Beis Hamikdash. The "donkey" was still standing, but was starting to lose its footing. If the Jews that lived at the time of the Beis Hamikdash had started to correct their ways from the sin of loshon hora, they possibly would have saved the Beis Hamikdash from destruction. Now that the Temple is destroyed, the "donkey" has already fallen and it is substantially harder to merit rebuilding the Beis Hamikdash. We must totally correct our ways from the aveira of loshon hora. We must exterminate loshon hora from our society and then we will witness the rebuilding of the Beis Hamikdash, bimhayra bi'yameinu.

DVAR HALACHA



Chosamos: Uber Eats

BASED ON THE SUNDAY MORNING HALACHA SHIUR
GIVEN BY RABBI Y. BIBERFELD, ROSH KOLLEL
WRITTEN BY: OVADIA GOWAR

We've been learning about the number of *chosamos*, seals that each type of food item requires. Ideally, everything would always be delivered with the correct number of seals. But what if this doesn't happen? What happens if I order a meat sandwich from my favorite deli, and the Uber Eats guy delivers it with one seal, a bad seal, or no seals at all? What do I do now?

First of all, when it comes to food items where we have a concern for a Torah prohibition, such as with a meat or fish sandwich, the requirement is to have two *chosamos*. For example, one could cover the meat sandwich in a plastic wrapping, and then seal it with a heat seal or sticker. One could then wrap a second seal, such as tape, around the sandwich and over the heat seal. Another example would be to take the plastic-wrapped sandwich with the heat seal and then place it in a paper bag, staple the bag and write Hebrew letters over the closed edge. This would fulfil all the halachic requirements.

Sometimes you can have packaging that is so good, that even with one seal, if it was ever tampered with, it would be impossible to fix and you would easily spot the tampering. With modern manufacturing, this type of packaging is commonplace. Some authorities regard this type of "super"-seal as being equivalent to two seals.

The next level down would be having a *chosam* and a *mafteach* (literally "key") rather than two *chosamos*. A *chosam* is a standard seal, like the ones we mentioned above. A *mafteach* is something that can be easily opened and closed, just like a door with a key. An example would be a piece of tape over the opening of a box that can be partially removed in order to open the box, and then easily put back. The Shulchan Aruch says that even though on its own, a *mafteach* is

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Kollel News

MAZEL TOV TO:

DOVID AND MEIRA FRIEDMAN
ON THE BIRTH OF A GRANDDAUGHTER, BORN TO YECHIEL AND MICHAL CHERICK. THE KIDDUSH WILL BE AT THEIR HOME, 201 MEETING HOUSE LANE, THIS SHABBOS FROM 10:45AM-12PM.

JONATHAN AND BASYA TEITELBAUM
ON THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER.

ELLIOT AND AMY HOLTZ
ON THE UPCOMING MARRIAGE OF THEIR SON, ADAM, TO EFRAT WILNAL.

DAVENING TIMES:

Friday, May 24:

7:59PM Candle Lighting
8:17PM Shkiya/sunset

Shabbos, May 25:

8:15AM Shacharis
8:27AM/9:18AM Latest Krias Shema

5:45PM Shabbos Afternoon Program!
6:30PM Mincha
8:18PM Shkiya/Sunset
9:13 PM Ma'ariv
9:30 PM 72 minutes
10:30PM Rabbi Reismans' Navi Shiur

regarded as nothing, nonetheless, when combined with another fully-fledged *chosam*, the two are as valid as having two *chosamos*. This is because the *mafeach* still introduces some additional effort in order to switch the food.

The next level down would be where the meat sandwich is sent with only one *chosam*. The Shulchan Aruch is strict and says that since it required two seals, it is forbidden to consume the food. The Rema is lenient and says that technically, two seals are only required with a Jew who is suspect of not keeping halacha. However, with a non-Jew, *bedieved* (post facto), one seal is enough. Nowadays, a non-religious Jew is regarded as a *tinok shenishbah* (captured and raised without an awareness of Judaism) rather than being an actual heretic. So for the purposes of food delivery, they fall into the same category as non-Jews, and therefore *bedieved* with them as well, one seal is enough.

What if the food was delivered with no seal at all? In one case, a certain rov said that if the time it took from the moment you placed the order to the time it was delivered was only enough for the delivery person to come straight to you without having time to switch it, then you could rely on this *bedieved*. Another argument is that if there are cheap and convenient non-kosher alternatives for the delivery person, then you can assume that he doesn't stand to benefit from switching the food and Chazal were only *goizer* when this incentive existed. A third argument would be using *tevias ayin*, if one can recognize that the delivered food item appears the way it is supposed to.

These are arguments that have been used in individual circumstances. One should call their rov for a psak in any particular situation.

THE PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY KOLLEL PRESENTS

A Three Week SHABBOS AFTERNOON LEARNING PROGRAM

SHABBOS OF MAY 11, 18, AND 25
5:45 - 6:30 PM, MINCHA 6:30

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On the right side of the Main Beit Medrash

CAN YOU WATCH MY SUITCASE FOR A MINUTE?

The suitcase then gets stolen. Is the guardian obligated to pay for the suitcase and all the contents within?

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THURSDAY

THE POWER TO ELEVATE IS IN OUR HANDS

GROWING FROM LIFE'S CHALLENGES - FOR WOMEN 8:30PM
At the home of Mrs. Syra Guttman, 488 Gary Lane, Bala Cynwyd
Rebbitzin Jaeger shares empowering perspectives on coping with personal challenges, giving women the tools to frame them as stepping stones for growth.

FRIDAY

SHIUR IYUN IN HILCHOS BISHUL

ADVANCED SHIUR FOR MEN - AT THE KOLLEL 10:00 AM
An in-depth presentation by Rabbi Jaeger on the laws of cooking and heating food on Shabbos. Get a taste of the Kollel-learning that takes place our Beit Medrash every day!

LIKNAS SHABBOS SEDER

AT THE KOLLEL 5:45-6:30 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS FOR MEN AND BOYS
FOLLOWED BY MINCHA, KABBOLAS SHABBOS AND MAARIV
Soar into Shabbos on the wings of Torah learning! Join us for a pre-mincha learning session with Erev Shabbos potato kugel and be inspired by Rav Jaeger's words before Maariv.

SHABBOS

ELEVATE OUR SHABBOS - MAJOR MUSSAF DRASHA
AT THE KOLLEL 9:45 AM.

KIDDUSH WITH DVAR TORAH
AT THE KOLLEL 10:30 AM.

CONNECTING TO OUR MESORAH
REBBETZIN JAEGER SHARES STORIES OF HER ILLUSTRIOUS PAST FOR GIRLS - 11:15 A.M.
At the home of Mrs. Rivky Milgrain, 323 Cherry Bend, Merion Station
Girls grades 5-8 are invited to an intimate gathering, where the Rebbitzin will inspire with vignettes and lessons from her parents, Rabbi and Rebbitzin Friedfeld. A unique opportunity to forge a personal connection to *tzadikim* and *tzanim* of previous generations.

SHABBOS (continued)

ELEVATE OUR SHAVUOS & APPRECIATION OF TORAH

SHABBOS DAY MAJOR KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR WOMEN BY REBBETZIN JAEGER
At the home of Mrs. Cheryl Epstein, 271 Linden Lane, Merion Station 4:30 PM
Itead into the chag of Kabbalas HaTorah with powerful insights into how women can shape their special *chelek* in Torah.

AFTERNOON SHIUR D'IVRIT
FOR MEN AT THE KOLLEL - 5:45 PM

ELEVATE OUR LIFE - STAYING A BEN TORAH FOR LIFE

SHALOSH SEDUOS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MEN AT THE KOLLEL 7:00 PM
Rabbi Jaeger will empower us with practical perspectives on how to maintain one's role as a ben Torah and eved Hashem as he moves through different life stages.

ELEVATE TOGETHER, B'ACHDUS!

STORIES OF RAV FREIFELD, Z"l, AND OTHER GEDOLIM - WITH KUMZITZ
MOYZAEI SHABBOS CHIZUK EVENT FOR MEN - 10:15 PM
At the home of Rabbi Srafi Schwartz, 158 N. Latches Lane, Bala Cynwyd
Join the Kollel *yungelak*, alumni, and Rabbi Jaeger for a warm, spirited *Melave Malkai*. Be uplifted with song, stories, and *divrei Torah* and share the special *comradere*.

SUNDAY

ELEVATE OUR TORAH LEARNING

FASCINATING, IN-DEPTH SHIUR ON SHAVUOS
FOR MEN OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AT THE KOLLEL 10:00 A.M.
Experience how Rav Jaeger weaves Jewish thought and halacha together to create a beautiful tapestry, while engaging his listeners in the process.
Dedicated in memory of *Nachman ben Shimon Aronson, z"l*

ELEVATE OUR CHILDREN

BRUNCH FOR MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
At the home of Mrs. Rachel Willner, 294 Sycamore Avenue, Merion Station
Mothers of young children are invited to share Sunday brunch and gain invaluable *chinnuch* tools for this foundational stage of life from Rebbitzin Jaeger, a renowned *chinnuch* expert.

SUNDAY (continued)

ELEVATE OUR AVODAS HASHEM

FOR WOMEN IN THEIR 40'S AND 50'S AND BEYOND LUNCH SESSION - 1:00 PM
At the home of Mrs. Hanna Perlberger, 330 Linden Lane, Merion Station
Join women rich in life experience to explore how our roles transition and change in our more mature stages. Rebbitzin Jaeger will present targeted perspectives that will frame and enhance our everyday *avodas Hashem*. Light lunch will be served.

ELEVATE OUR TEFILLOS

MAJOR TEFILLA GATHERING WITH RABBI JAEGER
FOR MEN AND BOYS AT THE KOLLEL - 1:45 PM
ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT FROM RAV JAEGER
Men and boys of all ages are invited to join in a singular Opportunity to elevate our tefilla! This uplifting gathering will include *Tehillim* and Rav Jaeger's words of wisdom for achieving true connection through our tefillos. Followed by mincha.

SUNDAY EVENING

THE WEEKEND WILL CULMINATE ON SUNDAY EVENING WITH OUR ANNUAL **DR. DAVID E. EPSTEIN Z"l MEMORIAL LECTURE**
AT THE LEVERING MILL TRIBUTE HOUSE, 382 BALA AVENUE, BALA CYNWYD
The Elevate Shabbos comes to its climax with the Dr. David Epstein z"l Memorial Lecture, where Rav Jaeger will build upon the weekend's growth and present powerful inspiration for Chag HaShavuos. Join us to culminate this amazing Shabbos of *Kavod HaTorah* and personal growth!

7:00 pm: Dessert Reception
7:30 pm: Mincha
7:45 pm: Greetings, Horav Biberfeld
7:55 pm: Memories of Dr. Epstein, z"l, by Rabbi Dov Goldschmidt
8:00 pm: Lecture, Horav Jaeger