PARSHA QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BETZALEL & AARON

The classic commentary Daas Zekeinim explains the choice of Betzalel to lead the construction of the Mishkan as follows: Betzalel was a grandson of Chur, who according to our Sages was killed by the Jewish People when he opposed their plan to build the Golden Calf (Rashi 32:5). As such, because the Mishkan served to atone for the sin of the Golden Calf, it is appropriate that the descendant of that sin's chief opponent bring about the atonement. This however stands in sharp contrast to the choice of Aaron as the Kohein Gadol to lead the service in the Temple. After all, it was Aaron himself who built the Golden Calf. This distinction is especially troubling in light of the Talmudic passage (TB Rosh HaShanah 26a) that explains the reason the golden garments are not worn by the Kohein Gadol when he enters the Holy of Holies is because the gold that produced the sin of the Golden Calf should not produce its atonement. Nevertheless, the Talmud points out, the building itself was made of gold, because the only object was for the person - who is culpable for the sin - to adorn himself with the gold of sin. The building, on the other hand, does not concern us in this way.

Given this Talmudic passage, it would certainly seem more appropriate for Aaron - the guilty party - to construct the Temple building, while Betzalel, grandson of the innocent Chur, should be the one to do the actual service in the Temple. Why the reversal?

HALACHA OF THE WEEK

STARTING THE SHABBOS WITH THE FAMILY & COMMUNITY

The Shulchan Aruch rules that if the majority of the community has already accepted the Shabbos well before sunset, the individual is obliged to go along with them and immediately abstain from acts prohibited on Shabbos. This however does not apply where the community is sub-divided into particular shuls. Where that is the case an individual shul and its members may accept Shabbos at a later time, despite their constituting a minority within the community. It is worth noting however that an individual who is consistently part of a particular shul – on Friday nights as well - should accept Shabbos at the time the shul accepts Shabbos. This is also the case for the family members of the shul attendee, who ideally should also begin Shabbos when the husband and/or his community begin the Shabbos. Note however that where necessary it may be appropriate to be lenient in these matters in our most common situations, where Shabbos is accepted early not as matter of principle, but as a matter of seasonal convenience, i.e early summer Kabbolas Shabbos.

Shabbos Afternoon Shiur given by Rabbi Rose at 5:10 pm
Topic: Parshas Parah
Dear all,
I hope this note finds you well. I arrived in Eretz Israel on Tuesday night, and spent the following two days involved in a variety of events and activities surrounding my father’s yahrtzeit. These were very meaningful for our family and I hope to share about them at a future time.

Today, I had the privilege and joy to run in the Jerusalem Marathon. With Hashem’s help, I was able to complete the 10K race standing. I want to thank all of you for your warm support of this effort and for the wonderful organization Kav l’Noar that encouraged this run. I actually did pretty well! You can be sure you’re going to be hearing about this in future speeches.

I miss you, and look forward to seeing you upon my return on Monday. I wish you all a very good Shabbos!

Moshe Hauer

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As Pesach approaches, we are beginning immediately to work on the Pesach Maos Chittim campaign. Your support for this is welcome and needed!

You can write checks to the BJSZ Charity Fund - Pesach, or donate online. Thank you!

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**REMEMBER TO MOVE THE CLOCK FORWARD!**

This Sunday - March 11 at 2:00 AM

Note: Mincha this week is at 6:55 PM
MEMBER NEWS
Mazel Tov to the Adler and Weisz families on the recent marriage of their children, Rena & Michoel. We welcome their family and friends that have joined them for Shabbos Sheva Brochos.

Join the World-Wide שבעה ברכות!

Starting • Sunday, March 11
Night seder: Sunday - Thursday nights 8:30 - 10 pm
Contact Yehuda Birnbaum 443-902-1723

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DONATIONS
Chaim & Hali Gottesman - Day of Learning, commemorating the yahrzeit of Chaim’s father, Alex Gottesman z”l.
Mrs. Frances Zywicka - Donation to the Maos Chittim fund, in honor of Rabbi & Rebetzin Hauer and in gratitude to everyone that sent her Mishloach Manos.
Leah Fischer - Day of Learning, commemorating the yahrzeit of her mother, Ella Gill z”l.
Yaakov & Chava Drebin - Daf Yomi Sponsor, commemorating the yahrzeit of Yaakov’s father, Harold Drebin z”l.
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Whole wheat also available!
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Deadline to order is Monday, March 19.

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Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur
Given by: Rabbi Hauer
Shabbos, March 17
Rosh Chodesh Nissan
5:00 pm
Topic: Pesach