

Thought of the Week

"You shall come to whomever will be the Kohain in those days...."
(26:3)

The Torah teaches us that we are obligated to give the first fruits to "whomever will be the Kohain in those days". It would appear that the words "who will be in those days" are superfluous. Should the Torah not have stated plainly that we must give to "the Kohain"? Is it not obvious that this could refer only to the Kohain who is alive at that time?

Rashi explains that a person should not say that the Kohain of his time is not of the same caliber as the Kohanim of old, thus labeling him as undeserved of the Priestly gifts. Rather, a person should give the gifts to the Kohain of his generation. The Ramban disagrees with Rashi's interpretation of the verse. Although a similar teaching is found in connection with the mention of going to the judge who resides at the time, the Ramban argues that it would be logical to assume that later generation judges may not be qualified, since the judges of the later generations did not possess the wisdom and intellect of earlier generations.

Therefore, the Torah must teach us that we should rely upon the judges of our day. However, why should we need such a teaching concerning the Priestly gifts?

After stating the requirement of bringing the first fruits to the Kohain, the verse records the statement which the landowner makes to him: "I declare today to Hashem your G-d..." Why does the landowner say your G-d, and not my G-d or our G-d?

There are two components involved in giving Priestly gifts, the first being to ensure that the Kohanim have enough to sustain themselves. However, the second component is a benefit to the giver. Having a relationship with the Kohain is an elevating experience, for connecting to the Kohain, who is the representative of Hashem, serves to concretize our relationship with Hashem; the gifts are the vehicle through which we create this bond with the Kohain.

It would be possible to think that a Kohain of our generation cannot offer us the connection to Hashem which we desire, ...

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Parshas Ki Savo

פרשת כי תבוא

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Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:51pm

Parsha Chaburah by Drew Dorman: 8:15am

Shacharis: 8:45am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:49am

Shabbos Groups, upstairs at the end of the hall on the right, for children age 2 and up. There is a baby/nursing room, children under 2 must be supervised by a parent.

Kiddush is communally sponsored.

Bnos will meet from 4 to 5pm at LMS. Please pay your yearly membership (\$36/girl). Contact Meira Friedman: 610-617-9529.

Mincha: 6:35pm

Shalosh Seudos is communally sponsored.

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

Maariv: 7:52pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis: Sunday:	8:00am
Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday to Thursday:	6:45pm
Candle Lighting, Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos:	6:39pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Will resume after the summer.

Women's Learning Experience - Fall Session

Mondays 9:00am: Tehillim for Cholim, children welcome.
Mondays 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Gesher haChaim.
Tuesdays 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim at LMS.
Tuesdays 8:00pm: Stacey Goldman - Chana the message of Elul at 161 Highland Circle, Bala Cynwyd, 610-668-1731.
Wednesdays 9:30am: Steven Goldman - Devarim In depth.
Wednesdays 2:35pm: Rabbi Greenspan - V'eschanan In depth.
Thursdays 9:30am: Rabbi Gold - Parsha haShavuah.
Classes are at 8 Concord Circle, Bala Cynwyd, unless stated otherwise. Classes are free. Free babysitting available but you must register in advance of each class. For info and to pre-register for babysitting - Janis Fine 610-888-0477

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Taharos. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

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and therefore, we may think we are exempt from giving the Priestly gifts. Therefore, the Torah emphasizes that in every generation we are obligated to give the Priestly gifts, for this relationship can still be attained. The verse alludes to this notion by recording the statement of the landowner to the Kohain, "I declare to Hashem your G-d", intimating that there is a special relationship between the Kohain and Hashem. It is to this relationship that the landowner wishes to connect.

Adapted from <http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbizweig/5771/kisavo.html> by Rabbi Zweig.

Membership and High Holiday Seating Packet

Please return your membership and high holiday seating packet as soon as possible to ensure the best chance at a seating arrangement which is as you desire. The packet can be found on the yiml internet archive <http://chaseplanet.us/yiml/>.

Philadelphia Main Line Mikva Dessert Reception

Save the date! Tues, Sept 20, 2011 for the Philadelphia Main Line Mikva Association's 2nd Annual Dessert reception catered by Max & David's at the Merion Tribute House. Guest speaker Mrs. Avigayil Brailofsky. Cost to attend is \$72. All proceeds will support our community mikva at Torah Academy. To volunteer, make a donation, sponsor the event, or for more information, contact Galitte Den at 610-228-4709 or galitte.den@gmail.com.

Tefilin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Shul's sofer sta"m (scribe) will be coming to YIML, be"H, on Sunday, September 18th, following 8am Shacharis and staying for as long as is needed, usually a few days, to check tefilin and mezuzos. If you'd like to reach him in advance of his visit, please call (212) 781-5385.

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