MOVING AHEAD

Often, the Torah instructs us “to observe” the mitzvos or “to do” the statutes. Here, however, the verse tells us “if we go (walk) in the mitzvos” then we will be deserving of reward. What is the meaning of “walking” in the mitzvos?

Let us illustrate with a parable. Several people were sitting around a table, eating and drinking. While they were still eating, there was nothing unusual or noticeable about the members of the group. After they finished their meal, and they got up to leave, one of the group was left behind, still sitting in his seat. The waiters were surprised to see that this one man remained by himself, even after everyone else had left, and they approached him to ask him why he did not leave. Only then did it become obvious that this man did not have legs and could not move on his own. While they all ate, this disability was not noticed, because they were all in their seats. However, now that it was time to move, this cripple remained conspicuously behind, and his immobility was unmistakable.

Sefer Darchei Mussar explains that this phenomenon also occurs among various people who are all involved in the worship of God. Many join together and sit in the same yeshiva for several years. Often, while students join together and study in yeshiva for several years, it is difficult to notice substantial differences between one student and another. There are those who are shaken and who become disoriented by the slightest disturbance, while others remain strong and in control as they encounter challenges, and even in times of crisis. When are the individual talents and abilities of each person more evident? It is when the students leave to “go on their way” in the world at large.

The Torah tells us to “go in the ways of the statutes”. We must prepare ourselves to have a firm footing as we travel through good times as well as difficult moments, and in all circumstances. In this way, we can proudly proclaim (Tehillim 18:37): “You have widened my stride beneath me, and my ankles have not faltered.”

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A BLESSING OF PEACE

"you will eat your bread to satiety" - He will eat a bit, and it will become blessed in his innards. “I will provide peace” - Perhaps you will say, “Here is food and here is drink, but if there is no peace there is nothing.” But the verse says after all this, “And I will provide peace in the land.” From here we see that peace is as weighty as everything else combined. And so it says (Yeshayahu 45:7): ""ומך ישועה מ usuarios לכל בלו" - "He makes peace and creates [everything]."

Rashi, from Brachos 11b

Sefer Panim Yafos explains that the verse associates the blessings of being satisfied with the material goods with which one has been provided and that of living in peace and tranquility. This can be explained in light of the Gemara (Brachos 20a) where the heavenly angels question the apparent favoritism which Hashem shows for the Jews.
We ask that Hashem “show His face” to us. This refers to a request for His direct attention and supervision to attend to our needs. This focus which we seek from Hashem is, in fact, the same expression that we find featured regarding the priestly blessings (BeMidbar 6:25). There, the light of Hashem’s countenance results in the attainment of peace. The Gemara cited above tells us that the face of Hashem is shown to us due to our willingness to recite the Birkas HaMazone even when we are not yet fully satiated. In the case of our verse, the blessing which is promised is that even when we eat a small amount, we will immediately be satisfied. The law is that one is only obligated to recite the Birkas HaMazone if he achieves a state of satisfaction after eating. This being the case, there is a concern that we will no longer earn the light of Hashem’s face upon us as a reward for reciting Birkas HaMazone even when we are not satisfied, and we will no longer be guaranteed the blessings of peace which follow.

Rashi clarifies that our verse relates to this concern. The Torah promises that a condition of blessing will be granted to us whereby we will be satisfied with small amounts of food. Yet, although we will no longer be able to demonstrate our appreciation to Hashem to recite the blessings after eating and not having been satisfied, we can nevertheless expect Hashem to bestow peace upon us.

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MIRACLES UPON MIRACLES

Your enemies will fall in front of you in an unnatural manner, upon the ground. - Rashi

What is the meaning of this comment of Rashi? If the defeat of our enemy will be unnatural in terms of numbers, with large numbers of enemy soldiers succumbing before the few Jewish warriors, this aspect of our dominion has already been mentioned at the beginning of the verse, where the Torah explicitly states that “five from you will chase away a hundred of the enemy.” And furthermore, if this is what Rashi means, his comment should have been made in reference to the earlier phrase itself, where the verse declares that we will witness miraculous victories against great odds.

Sefer Chanukas HaTorah notes that the Midrash comments about the defeat of Goliath by David. The verse teaches that when Goliath died, (Shmuel I, 17:50): “And he fell upon his face upon the ground.” The Midrash notes that we would have expected Goliath, after being hit in the forehead, to have fallen backwards. Why did he fall forward, upon his face? The reason is that at this point in the battle, David had cut off the head of Goliath. In order to do so, had Goliath fallen backwards, which would have been normal, David would have had to walk an extra 12 amos - the full 6 amos of the height of Goliath just to his feet, and then another 6 amos beyond that to get to his head. The verse points out that in order to save David the need to walk those extra twelve amos, Goliath fell forward, toward David. This was unnatural, but it happened in order to demonstrate an added measure of Hashem’s care and concern for the Jewish people, and of David’s emergence as their aspiring leader.

We see from this episode that when the Jews are deserving of Hashem’s benevolence, our enemies not only succumb before us, but it also happens in an unusual and convenient manner. The verse notes that they will fall before us, as they are defeated by the sword. As Rashi comments, “they will fall before us, upon the ground, in an unnatural manner,” which will spare us the need to exert ourselves any more than necessary.

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THE CULMINATION OF OUR EXILE

Why should the Jewish people be punished with exile? To answer this question we must first understand the true significance of residing in the Land of Israel. If the goal of the Jewish people is to bring ethical monotheism to the world, would their mission not be more effectively fulfilled when they are scattered among the nations? There is, however, a unique reason for the Jewish people to live in the Land of Israel. They need to dwell together in the Land so that there will be a nation in the world upon whom Hashem’s honor rests—a nation for whom divine providence is revealed in its history and circumstances, a nation that will be a source for all peoples
to absorb knowledge of Hashem and His ways. Their goal is to demonstrate that
divine morality can fill an entire nation, a morality that enlightens not only the private
lives of individuals, but also guides the public paths of nations.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzchok HaKohen Kook explains. For the Jewish people to
fulfill their national destiny, Hashem’s seal must be placed on the people as a whole.
The nation must recognize its special mission as Hashem’s people living in His land.
When the Jewish people as a whole abandoned Hashem, even though many
individuals still kept some of the mitzvos, the nation had lost its distinctive mark. The
land was no longer recognizable as Hashem’s land, and the nation was no longer
recognizable as Hashem’s nation. They saw themselves as a people like all others. At
that point, the Jewish people required exile. They needed to wander among the
nations, stripped of all national assets. During this exile, they discovered that they are
different and distinct from all other peoples. They realized that the essence of their
nationhood contains a special quality, and that special quality is God’s Name that is
associated with them.

We find in the Talmud (Shabbos 41a) a startling opinion regarding the nature of
exile. When fourth century scholar Rabbi Zeira wished to ascend to the Land of
Israel, he needed to evade his teacher, Rabbi Yehuda, for Rabbi Yehuda taught that
anyone leaving Babylonia for the Land of Israel transgresses the positive command
(Yirmiyahu 27:22), “They will be carried to Babylon, and there they shall stay, until
the day that I remember them.” Why did Rabbi Yehuda think that moving to the
Land of Israel was so improper?

Babylonia at that time was the world center of Torah study. Great academies
were established in Neharde’a, Sura and later at Pumbedisa. Jewish life in Babylonia
was centered around the holiness of Torah. This great revival of Torah learning
instilled a profound recognition of the true essence of the Jewish people. As such,
Babylonia was the key to the redemption of Israel and their return to their land. Only
when the Jewish people fully assimilate this lesson will the exile have fulfilled its
purpose, and the Jewish people will be able to return to their land. Rabbi Yehuda felt
that individuals, even if they have already prepared themselves sufficiently for the
holiness of the Land of Israel, should nonetheless remain in Babylonia. Why? The
object of exile is not to correct the individual, but to correct the nation. The true significance of the Jewish
people living in the Land of Israel - as an entire nation bearing the banner of the Rock of Israel - must
not be obscured by the return of righteous individuals to the Land. For Rabbi Yehuda,
each individual Jew is like a Temple vessel. A vessel cannot fulfill its true purpose by
itself, without the overall framework of a functioning Temple. So, too, Rabbi Yehuda
believed that an individual can only join in the renascence of Israel in their Holy Land
when the entire nation has been restored in its Land, via divine redemption.

**Halachic Corner**

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Rosh Chodesh Sivan will take place Tuesday, Yom Shelishi

The rabbis have instituted certain prohibitions solely for the benefit of one’s
health. For instance, we learn (Yoreh De’ah 116:2) that a person must be careful not
to eat or cook meat and fish together, lest he fall victim to an illness. This halacha
has modern-day implications. One must be careful, for instance, at a kiddush in shul,
or at home, to use separate eating utensils (fork, plate, etc.) when eating fish and
meat. For example, at a kiddush, one should not put herring and meat cholent on the
same plate. The Rema (Y.D. 116:3) tells us that one should eat or drink something
between fish and meat. In addition, one must be careful when cooking a meat dish
that all ingredients used are made without fish. One should beware of certain cooking
sauces - e.g. Worcestershire Sauce - which are certified kosher but often contain fish.

Halachic Corner is dedicated by Benyomin Freeman in memory of his father, Gedalia Freeman,
whose dedication to quality education for his family began their
eighteen-year relationship with HTC. May his memory be for a blessing.

Questions for Thought and Study

1. Why does the Torah say that there will be “peace in the land” (shivim al Yisra’el) and that a
   “sword will not pass through your land” (mi’vasar lo t’ishu)? Isn’t that redundant? See Ramban 26:6
2. How do we know that when Hashem blesses us it will be complete, even though there
   are more pesukim regarding Hashem’s curses? See Rabbeinu Bachya 26:13
3. What will be unusually extra if the curse of wild animals attacking occurs? See Rashi 26:21
4. Why does Hashem say that He will remember “even” (ותה) Yitzchak and Avraham, but not Yaakov? See Ba’al HaTurim 26:42
5. How is the evaluation of a consecrated house or field shown to be a positive event, in contrast to the consecration of a non-kosher animal? See Ha’amek Dvar 27:14
6. Why does the last pasuk of Sefer Vayikra say “הнесен הימים这些都是 the commandments”)? See Rabbeinu Bachya 27:34

This Week Likutei Peshatim is Sponsored

- On Thursday, June 27th, the community is cordially invited to ignite the Night 2019 to benefit Fasman Yeshiva High School. Enjoy a laid-back summer’s evening over dinner, handcrafted cocktails and a glass blowing demo at the Ignite Glass Studios rooftop and garden venue. Invite your evening with an inspiring Farbrengen led by world-renowned speaker, Rabbi YY Jacobson, accompanied by the soulful melodies of Zusha. RSVP & Sponsorships: ignitethenightHTChicago.com or 847-982-2500.
- By - Hebrew Theological College wishing mazel tov to HTCC Board of Regents member Dr. Oscar Novick and his wife Bernice on the Bar Mitzvah of their great-granddaughter, Allie Stein.
- Hebrew Theological College’s Gourmet Torah at Shallots Bistro will take place this Thursday, June 6, 12:35-1:15. Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Abram Friedman will speak on ‘Shavuos is More Than Cheesecake’! Complimentary appetizers as well as a discounted menu available for shivur participants. Men and women invited to attend. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zissok at 847-982-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.
- Blinstein Institute invites the community to attend our Exciting Honors Program Spring Event and Gallery Night on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 PM. Please note date change. The evening will feature poster presentations by our graduating Honors Program students, a showcase of student artwork, and the release of Apogee, our annual journal of student writing. Come and join us at the new HTC Fargo Campus Building, 5440 Fargo Avenue, Skokie. Dessert Buffet.
- The Edith Tessler Rosh Chodesh Project for Women presents Mrs. Toby Teller, who will give the lecture, “The Most Precious Gift of All”, for Rosh Chodesh Sivan, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 1:30 PM at Shallots Bistro. Come early and receive 10% off your lunch order.
- Summer Semester at Blinstein Institute begins June 24th. Students can gain a semester’s worth of credits in the abbreviated summer term. Join us for 6 weeks of learning, growth and advancement toward your baccalaureate degree. For more information, call Dr. Chani Tessler at 773-973-0241.
- Park Plaza Senior Living Community enriches the quality of life for our residents through daily shuirim, live music, exercise classes, lectures, outings and much more. Park Plaza also has beautifully furnished apartments for rent: daily, weekly and long term or for your simcha. For more information, visit our website at www.park-plaza.org or contact Adina at 773-465-6700 or at adina@park-plaza.org.
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- Summer is right around the corner! Do you have your plans yet? Come join the Maayan Midwest family and our innovative, brand new air-conditioned, bunkhouse, experienced staff, six-lane pool, 1400 feet of lakefront, beautiful lodge, star performers, and state of the art recording studio for a summer of nonstop fun, growth, and friendship. For more info, call 847-440-4940 or check out our website at maayanmidwest.com.
- Chicago Mikvah Association Tickets for Tuition. You could win a $50,000 Educational Scholarship. Prize money can be used for any school or camp and can be used over multiple years, varying schools and for multiple children. Drawing held July 1. Only 2,999 tickets being sold. Learn more and buy tickets at TicketsforTuition.com.
- Chicago Mitzvah Campaign is announcing another Tefillin checking opportunity in Chicago, this Sunday, June 2nd, through Wednesday, June 5th, at Agudas Yisroel of West Rogers Park, 2801 Freshwater. Renowned experts will be checking batim and parshios. CMC is endorsed by Vaad Mishmeret StAm and local Rabbonim. RSVP necessary to guarantee same-day turnaround. Call 1-866-MY RABBI (1-866-697-2224).
- Please join us for our annual Bikur Cholim Bake Sale honoring our past 40 years of presidents, coordinators and volunteers! At the home of Dina Zuckerman, 2954 Farwell, Chicago, this Thursday, June 6th, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 8:00-9:00 PM.
- The Chicago Center invites you to join us at our Annual Banquet, this Sunday, June 2, 6:30 PM, at Midwest Conference Center, as we pay tribute to 3 remarkable honorees: Mr. & Mrs. Tzvi Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Vilenski, and Dr. Edward Kaplan, and a special Memorial Tribute to Mr. Neal Stein, z”l. There is still time to make your reservation(s)! TheChicagoCenter.org/banquet or email: banquet@thechicagocenter.org or call 773-761-4005 ext 301. Have a wonderful Shabbos!
- Attention all parents of eligible Title I children: Come join Reach for a fun-filled parent educational fair on Sunday, June 23, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Great tips, hints, activities, free food, giveaways and prizes. For registration and details please call the Reach office 773-973-2009.
- Protect your family's hearing at your next simcha! The Gemach for Baby and Children's Earmuffs provides noise-cancelling earmuffs (headphones) for babies and children of all ages and now includes ear plugs for parents! Call Sara Hoberman at 847-213-0155 to reserve yours soon.
Applications for The Israel Experience Program are still available. This important program benefits students going to Seminary or Yeshiva in multiple ways. 1) Students receive 30 recognized HTC credits upon successful completion of classes. 2) Students are nurtured & advised by HTC & Blitstein leadership throughout the year. 3) Eligible students can receive federal & state grants & loans for their year in Israel by going through an accredited U.S. program. Info: Rabbi Zisook 847-982-2500 or Mrs. Mann 773-973-0241.

Yachad is honored to pay tribute to Stan & Mashie Gertz with the Lev Zahav Award, and Debra & Ira Clair with the Community Stars Award, on June 24, at the newly-renovated Holiday Inn & Suites North Shore (Skokie). Please join us as we highlight a wonderful year of growth and success in Inclusion of Adults with Disabilities in Yachad’s innovative programs. Signature reception, showcase buffet, short program. Email ChicagoYachadDinner@ou.org for more info. #BecauseEveryoneBelongs.

Yachad is closing out its season of regular programming for teens and adults with an exciting program! Yom Tov even has highlight videos, panoply, photo station, awards, and amazing food await! This Sunday, June 2, 4:30-6:30 PM, at Adas Yeshurun. To register or for more information: Yachad.org/Chicago, cohene@ou.org. #BecauseEveryoneBelongs.

Simcha Link wishes a heartfelt mazal tov to Baruch Wexler and Elaina Weinstein and to their families upon their engagement. May Hashem grant them beracha v'hatzlacha. Simcha Link shadchanim may be reached via our website: simchalink.org.

Tehillim for Chicago Singles invites you to participate in saying Tehillim for Chicagoland singles each Rosh Chodesh & other select days of Kedusha. E-mail TehillimForChicagoSingles@gmail.com to join this local group. Each month an e-mail reminder will be sent to sign up for 5 Perakim of Tehillim, with the goal of completing all of Tehillim. For future email reminders, add your email address to the tab labelled “My email for future Tehillim”. Add/remove names to the first tab when his/her single status changes! Tziki L'Mitzvos!

All parents are invited to hear Dr. Norman Blumenthal speak on “Raising and Insulating Children in the Age of Proliferating Anxiety and Depression”. This Friday night, May 31, at 9:30, at the home of Rabbi Phil & Rachie Karesh, 3113 Chase Avenue, WRP. Dr. Blumenthal is the Director of Trauma, Bereavement and Crisis Intervention at Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. This program is in partnership with YU Torah Mitzion Kollel's Aron and Rifka Living Torah Series, Madraigos Midwest, and No Shame On U.

Let’s Build Together! Save the date for an unforgettable experience! Bonei Olam Chicago Event, Wednesday, June 19, at the home of Abie & Ronit Gutnicki. Come be inspired! Enjoy a Musical Adventure with Dudi Knopfler. Delectable cuisine awaits you! Join us - you’ll be glad you came!

Arie Crown Hebrew Day School invites you to our 72nd Anniversary Banquet, Sunday, June 16, at the Westin OHare, as we recognize David and Rochie Porush (Guests of Honor) and Rabbi Shlomo and Susie Schwartz (Midor L'dor Award) for all they have done for our school. Join us for this special evening as we celebrate these pillars of dedication. For full info/reservations/ads visit www.ariecrown.org or call 847-982-9191 ext. 608.

JCC Chicago seeks outstanding Early Childhood Lead and Assistant Teachers for Fall 2019. Be part of a team of educators, social workers and specialists who support the whole child through a developmentally appropriate curriculum embracing Jewish life and complementing the home. We're looking for those who are enthusiastic about guiding each child to their potential towards future success. Visit www.jccchicago.org/careers for more information and to apply online.

JCC Chicago is now hiring dynamic and engaging Day Camp Staff for the following positions: Early Childhood Counselors (college seniors or older), Senior Counselors (male), at Apachi Rogers & Tamar Meiselman, 6641 St. Louis. Lincolnwood; Seudah Shlishit at Bais Chaim Dovid. Dr. Blumenthal is Director of Trauma, Bereavement and Crisis Intervention at Ohel Children’s Home and Family Services.

All women of the community are invited to NILI’s Shabbat afternoon shiurim. In WRP at the home of Dr. Friedman or to our homes in Skokie/Evanston! Learn more and apply online at https://www.jccchicago.org/about/careers.

Coming soon! The United Bikur Cholim Kitchen. A united effort of Bikur Cholim, Chai Lifeline, Chicago Chessed Fund, and Chicago Mitzvah Campaign to service our community better and more efficiently. Shabbos, Yom Tov and weekday meals for cholim and their families delivered to the home and hospital under choice hechsherim.

This Shabbat! Men & women are invited to YU Torah Mitzion Kollel’s Aron & Rifka Friedman Living Torah Series welcoming Dr. Norman Blumenthal, May 31 - June 1. Friday night, 9:30, at the home of Rabbi Phil & Rachie Karesh, 3113 Chase; Shabbat Drasha at KINS; Pre-Mincha Shiur, 5:30 at the home of David & Tamar Meiselman, 6641 St. Louis. Lincolnwood; Seudah Shlishit at Bais Chaim Dovid. Dr. Blumenthal is Director of Trauma, Bereavement and Crisis Intervention at Ohel Children's Home and Family Services.

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Cong. Shearith Israel is happy to announce that the traditional series of Shiriurim given by Rabbi Yitzchak Shkop on Shavuot night will continue this year at the Shibtle’s new location at 2828 Pratt. The schedule is as follows: 12:00-1:00; 1:15-2:15; 3:30-4:30 "A Proverb is a Gem in the mouth of the wise"; 2:30-3:30; 3:45-4:30 "Honoring a Jew Married to a Gentile". Schachart is at 4:45, followed by a kiddush honoring the yahrzeit of the Gerrer Rebbe, the Rebbe's emissary.

Shavuos Learn and Earn is back and Better than Ever! The program has expanded this year to three days in honor of the three-day Yom Tov! Get sponsors for each hour learned and win great prizes! Stop by the Skokie Kollel, 3732 Dempster, to pick up a form or have one emailed. Call 847-636-1995 or email aburian@skokiekollel.org.

Join us for a fun-filled day of free festivities presented by JCC Chicago and JUF, a celebration of culture and connection for Israel at 71. Special activities throughout the day planned for all ages. Sunday, June 23, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM, at Bernard Horwich JCC. For more information, go to jccchicago.org/chicagolovesisrael.

Mark your calendars! Blitstein Institute of Hebrew Theological College Commencement Event will take place Sunday, June 16th, at 10:00 AM, at Wilmette Park District, 3000 Glenview Road. Mazal tov to all our upcoming graduates!

The new Chicago Orthodox Student Union continues its Summer Learning Program directed by the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel, this Tuesday, June 4, at KINS, 7:45 PM Dinner - 8:00 PM Shiur. CLICK - College Learning Initiative at KINS. Topic: "Rabbi Arikha, Sefirit Haomer and Playoff Beards", led by Rabbi Ari Zucker. Meat/veggie food included! Questions? Email chicagoorthodoxstudentunion@gmail.com.
Celebrating Yom Yerushalayim, this Sunday, June 2, with Mizrachi - Religious Zionists of Chicago at Cong. Or Torah in Skokie: 8:45 AM: Tefillat Shacharit Chagitig; Guest Speaker Rabbi Zev Shandalov, Teacher and Raiser in Ma'ale Adumim, former Raiser of KIBS; concurrent children's program; complimentary breakfast buffet. Youth Art Contest winners announced. No admission fee. For sponsorship opportunities, please visit ym.rzc.us; email office@rzc.us; or call 847-674-9733 x2.

This week, Parashas Bechukosai, women are invited to hear Mrs. Tzori Steinmetz, who will speak at Bais Yitzchok - 6716 N. Whipple - at 5:00 PM, on the topic “Creating a Bond with Hashem on the Yom Tov of Shavuos”.

This Shabbos there will be a special kiddush commemorating the Shloshim of R' Yanky Turner (Yakov Ruven ben Yoel and Tamar Shapira) at Bais Yitzchok - 6716 N. Whipple - at 5:00 PM, on the topic “Creating a Bond with Hashem on the Yom Tov of Shavuos”.

Adas Yeshurun invites the community to Rav Zev Cohen’s ‘All Night’ Shavuos Shiur starting at 12:00 AM. This year’s topic: “The Halachic Challenges of ‘Alternative Lifestyles’”. (men only).

You are invited to an evening celebrating the empowerment of Jewish teens! Join us at the Cteen Awards Gala honoring Sara Weiss and David Zafrir, on June 12, 2019. Skokie CTeen, a project of Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, helps our youth appreciate the richness of our beautiful traditions in a relevant and stimulating fashion: www.SkokieChabad.org/CteenGala.

Shavuos at Emma's Bagel Café: homemade cheese blintzes, 5 varieties of cheesecakes, extra large family pizza bagel, and, new: brownie cake pops, 2 kinds of ravioli - in 3 sauce options! Had them at 12:15 PM.

Thank you Kesher Stam for reminding the community about your Annual June Sale! We can save 20% off on all Artscroll and Feldheim titles throughout the month, and additional savings on all Schottenstein Shas Sets! Free shipping! - The Schur family.

Wishing a hearty mazal tov to my dear children, Harry & Sherry Friedman, on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Orly to Andrew Sonnenblick. May they build a true bayis ne'eman together.

By the Saphire-Bernstein family in memory of their baby sister and aunt, Lisa Saphire Weiss, on her third yahrtzeit on the 27th of Iyar. We miss her very much.

By Debbie & Arthur Smerling, Jonathan, Shayneh Leah, Cheryl Rose, and Laura; Sharon & Alan Gold, in memory of our beloved mother grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Beron, on the 16th of Sivan, in memory of his mother, Rabi Gold, on his 16th yahrtzeit on 29 Iyar (Adas Yeshurun, Anshe Motele, Ateres Yehoshua, Ezras Israel, K.I.N.S.)

By Alan & Dvora Gold and family, Dr. Rachelle Gold, and Marvin Gold, in memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Harriet B. Gold, on her 25th anniversary of her passing, on the occasion of her 11th yahrtzeit on 29 Iyar. (Adas Yeshurun, Anshe Motele, Ateres Yehoshua, Ezras Israel, K.I.N.S.)

In memory of Rabbi Shlomo Rapoport, on his 16th yahrtzeit on the 2nd of Sivan. His devotion to Torah, Religious Zionism and first-rate education continues to inspire us. - By the Rapoport, Ozarowski, Schwartz and Szydlowski families.

By Howard, Roberta, Michael, Jessica, Jordyn Alexis, and Jamie Rose Vernof, and Laurie, Marvin, and Jonathan Kirshenbaum in memory of our beloved mother-great-grandmother and great-grandmother, Adeline Vernof, for their joy and love. (Anshe Motele, KIYS in memory of her 15th yahrtzeit on 24 Iyar. Her memory is forever in our hearts and minds. (Yehuda Moshe, Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, Anshe Motele, Kehillas Chovevei Tzion)

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Answers:
1. Ramban gives two answers. First, he explains that the first phrase is peace (שלום) among Bnei Yisrael themselves, that there should be no civil war. The second explanation is that the first phrase is referring to the wild animals of the land, that they will be peaceful in the land, while the second phrase is referring to war with enemies, that it should be in their land, as the enemy is chased out of Eretz Yisrael.
2. The blessings of this week’s parasha start with an “א” and end with a “ג”, indicating the complete blessing of all the Hebrew letters. The curses start with a “י” and end with a “י”, indicating that the curses are only a small backward direction from “י” to “י” in the alphabet.
3. Even the domesticated animals will become wild and attack people. This is understood from the extra term אֱלֹהֵי אָדָם (“and will bereave you”).
4. All of Yakov’s children were pure, so the “ם” was not necessary, while it was necessary regarding Avraham and Yitzchak, for they had Yishmael and Eisav as children.
5. A house or field is uplifted by being consecrated, so the term “קודש” - “so shall it be established (uplifted)” - is used. A non-kosher animal is not uplifted through consecration, so the term “קריע” - “so shall it be” - is used.
6. The last pasuk of Sefer Vayikra says יִשְׁרָאֵל יִשָּׁמַע (The Israelites shall hear) to show that the terms (commandments) are everlasting and will never й be changed or replaced.

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