APPOINTMENT OF THE KOHEN GADOL

Sefer Sha’arei Aharon cites Rambam, who writes (Hilchos Klei HaMikdash 4:15) that the appointment of a Kohen Gadol was to be done by the Sanhedrin of seventy-one members. In fact, the Tosefta (Sanhedrin Chapter 3) lists the halachah that both the King, as well as the Kohen Gadol, are to be appointed by the Great Sanhedrin. The Gri"z. in his commentary to Rambam explains that there is a qualitative difference between these halachos. The appointment of a king on the part of the Sanhedrin is based upon scriptural sources, and it is derived from the precedent found by Yehoshua, Shaul, and David, all of whom were appointed to their leadership position by the qualified body of judges. However, we do not find a scriptural basis to require the Sanhedrin specifically to be the official body to appoint the Kohen Gadol. Rather, we are to view the role of Kohen Gadol as a communal position which, as such, can only be assigned by a group which represents the entire nation. It is this role that the Sanhedrin fulfills as they appoint the Kohen to his elevated status. This also accounts for the fact that Rambam records this halachah in Hilchos Klei HaMikdash, and not in the Laws of Sanhedrin. The role of the Sanhedrin here is not germane to their being the high court, but simply in that they are the representatives of the people.

Tosafos (Yoma 12b) writes that the selection of the Kohen Gadol is incumbent upon the King and the fellow Kohanim. This is based upon our verse, where Moshe is told to name Aharon as the Kohen Gadol. In this context, Moshe served both as King (see Shvu’os 14b), and as a Kohen.

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WITH FONDNESS AND YEARNING

Ksav Sofer notes that the merit which is ascribed to our ancestors should be first and foremost an important factor to the Jews themselves. This is clear from the verse that mentions the remembrance of the forefathers and the tribes as being “for Bnei Yisrael”. The Jews should look lovingly and with great yearning to emulate this righteousness by following the sacred traditions and ethical and moral guidelines of our people. If we live up to these aspirations, we can then anticipate that the names of the tribes will elicit favor and blessing before Hashem as they are worn by Aharon as he bears them on his Breastplate.

THE LESSON IS THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE NATION AT LARGE TO BRING BLESSING UPON THEMSELVES. HASHEM DESIRES TO BESTOW UPON US THE ABUNDANT WELSPRINGS OF GOODNESS AND FAVOR FROM THE HEAVENS.
our forefathers. As soon as this is done, we can expect that Hashem will demonstrate His blessings and compassion for us.

UNDERSTANDING THE CORE CONCEPT

The Torah commands that the Breastplate not be removed from the Ephod. Our Sages tell us (Arachin 16a) that the Breastplate atones for the sin of perversions of justice, while the Ephod atones for the sin of idol worship. The Chasam Sofer points out that the Gemara (Sanhedrin 7b) tells us that anyone who appoints a judge who is not qualified is considered as if he has planted an asheira tree near the Altar. We see that there is a direct connection between the sin of corrupting justice and that of idol worship. Therefore, it is most appropriate that these two misdeeds be connected in this manner, whereby the garments which lead to their atonement should not be separated.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein explains that this connection can be understood, as we realize that proper trust and confidence in Hashem means to believe that Hashem oversees every person and every creature that he be provided with all his needs and that it be done in a timely fashion. As the pasuk (Tehillim 145:15) says: “You give them their sustenance at the proper time.” Regretfully, when a person allows himself to rationalize and to compromise his integrity in matters dealing with his financial holdings, this is ultimately a failing in terms of his faith in Hashem. Similarly, when a judge applies the law in a manner which is unjust, this is a result of his lack of trust in the omnipotence of Hashem. If a businessman or judge would truly believe that Hashem controls and supervises all creatures and all occurrences so that everyone and everything receives his appropriate sustenance, he would not interfere and try to undermine the system of justice by which Hashem guides the world. Hashem’s judgments are correct, and nothing can alter His determination as to what everyone will receive.

The core of the sin of corruption of justice is a denial of Hashem’s powers, which is precisely the root of the sin of idol worship. In addressing the steps necessary for atonement for having miscarried justice, one must examine the undermining problem, which is the distorted perception of Hashem’s absolute rule and control of the world and of the events within it. This is indicated in the prohibition against the removal of the Choshen from the Ephod, for they represent these two sins which are inseparable.

MEGILLAS ESTHER

“...And Haman went and found that the rabbis were sitting before Mordechai, and he was demonstrating the laws of kemitzah to them...Haman asked the students, “What topic were you studying?” They answered him, “When the holy Temple was in existence, one who pledged a Minchah offering would bring a fistful of flour and would gain atonement through it.” Haman said to them, “Your fistful of flour has come and has pushed aside my ten thousand silver talents.” – Gemara (Megilla 16a)

Haman was seen approaching the study hall to call Mordechai. Mordechai was very frightened, as he thought that Haman was coming to apprehend him. He alerted his students to scatter, lest they be captured together with him. Mordechai was gripped with a genuine fear that Haman was going to prevail, at least to some degree, and that the Jews would suffer some casualties, ב"ה.

In Ateres Mordechai, Rabbi Mordechai Rogow, י"ט, explains that Mordechai knew that he would have nothing to fear if the Jews had staunchly maintained their loyalty to Torah and the mitzvos, for Hashem would certainly not abandon His cherished people to fall prey to Haman. However, the state of the Jews was not good. They had participated in the banquet of Achashverosh, and many of the people had drifted far from the ways of our fathers. There were only a few dedicated individuals who had drawn close to Mordechai, and these were the devoted and trusted Torah scholars. These few, however, were not much of a consolation for Mordechai in face of the rampant departure from tradition that the multitudes had followed. This was the dismal condition that faced Mordechai. Then, at the point of almost total hopelessness, Mordechai studied the laws of kemitzah – the fistful of flour.
Suddenly, he detected a message of hope. The entire measure of flour is to be consumed by the Kohan after a small token amount is placed upon the Altar. Even though only a small representative amount is consecrated for the fire, its effect is far-reaching. To Mordechai, this meant that even though only a handful of students had remained loyal, yet, these few were as the fistful of flour, which had the power of consecrating the entire measure. These dedicated students were leaders, each with vision and direction, and they would succeed in educating and training the entire nation to rediscover their heritage.

When Haman asked about the day's lesson, he was forced to admit that the message was true. Haman recognized that his attempt to bribe the king with his ten thousand talents of silver was now eclipsed by this small core of dedicated and devoted students. The key to the survival of the Jews was that there remained within the Jewish people even a small group of dedicated and committed young people who were prepared to defend the virtuous and true values of the Torah. If these students would be prepared to ascend the altar of religious and devoted service of Hashem, then any and all threats from the enemies would vanish. This “handful” of Torah students has within them the ability to ward off all danger and to neutralize all peril.

Halachic Corner

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In its recording of the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos, the Megillah states (9:22): "מִשְּלוַךְ הַנַּחַלְוּ מַנְאָסָךְ יַעֲבוּר נַעֲבוּר הָעַלָּמִים" – “and for sending food portions, each man to his friend.” The plural "มาณוי" – “food portions” – implies at least two portions, while the singular "נתן" – “his friend” – implies one recipient. Thus the minimum fulfillment of Mishloach Manos requires the presentation of two foods to one person (O.C. 695:4). Nevertheless, it is praiseworthy to increase both the size of the gift and the number of gifts sent. "נתן" also indicates ready-to-eat food and drink. Therefore it is proper to send cooked meats or fish, baked goods, wine, and other beverages, fruit or vegetables (even raw, if that is how they are usually eaten). However, food that must be prepared by the recipient, such as raw potatoes, unbaked dough, or coffee, cannot be used to fulfill the obligation. Both men and women are obligated in Mishloach Manos.

Halachic Corner is dedicated by Benyomin Freeman in memory of his father Gedalia Freeman, z”l. May his memory be for a blessing.

Questions for Thought and Study

1. Why were Bnei Yisrael commanded to “take” ( взять ) and not to “make” ( сделать ) the olive oil for the Menorah? See Ramban 27:20
2. How do the eight garments of the Kohan Gadol represent the "זָהוֹן" (splendor) of Hashem? See Ohr HaChaim 28:2
3. How many "pomegranates" (bells) were attached to the bottom of the robe of the Ephod? What did this amount represent? See Ba’al HaTurim 28:33
4. Why is the command to make "תָּפִירָה" (trousers) written separately from all the other garments of the Kohan? See Ohr HaChaim 28:42
5. Why weren’t the breads and loaves placed before the Tent of Meeting (וּלְקַחְו בֶּן כַּף), but were put in baskets? See Ha’amek Davar 29:3
6. How could the oil be poured on Aharon’s head if the previous pasuk says that the "קֶרֶבֶן" (turban) was already placed on his head? See Ibn Ezra and Ramban to 29:7

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• Hebrew Theological College’s Gourmet Torah at Shalotts Bistro will take place this Thursday, March 12, 12:35-1:15. Rabbi Zvi Zimmerman will speak on “The Aftermath of the Purim Story.” Complimentary appetizers as well as a discounted menu available for shiur participants. Men and women invited to attend. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zisook at 847-982-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.

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• Bigdei Yisrael’s main drop-off: Sunday, March 22, at Jewel-Osco on Howard. New this year, we will have three additional drop locations on-going. In WRP at the home of Bryna and Hirsch Chinn: 2941 W. Jerome; in Skokie at the home of Brooke and David Warso: 3711 Arcadia Street in Skokie; and at HTC from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 7135 Carpenter Road in Skokie. For more info, please visit www.htc.edu/bigdei or call 847-982-2500.
Blitstein Institute for Women wishes to thank the community for joining us at our Annual Winter Event, Illuminations. Thank you to all of those who worked so hard to ensure that the Blitstein Winter Event would be so spectacular: Gershon and Beth Bassman, Robert and Debbie Hartman, Mordechai and Aliza Kaplan and Samantha Rudolph. Thank you to Shahlofs, Shulem Knobloch and Chicago Valet – Jon Moscovitch - for their invaluable expertise.

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By - Hebrew Theological College announcing that the Gemara Shiur given by Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi Avraham Friedman will meet this this Sunday, 9:15-10:15, on the law of mananos levonim 673.

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Fulfill the mitzvah of manatan l’evyonim through The ARK. Your donation will go directly to local Jews in need on Purim day in accordance with halacha. The ARK will be open 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 10 (Purim day). Donations can be made in person at either office, 6450 N. California (Chicago) or 3100 Dundee, Ste. 802 (Northbrook), online at www.arkchicago.org/donate/purim, or via phone at 773-681-8980.

Blitstein Institute is offering a Tanach class taught by Mrs. Sara Olstein for women who learn at the intermediate/intermediate level, on Mondays, 10:00-11:20 AM. Classes began on Monday, February 3. Blitstein Institute also invites women to an audit class in Tanach taught by Mrs. Olstein to women who learn on a basic level, on Tuesdays, 1:00-2:20. Call Mrs. Mann at 773-973-0241 for more information.

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This Sunday! Join us for the book launch of Dr. Zev Eleff’s “Authentically Orthodox” at Congregation Or Torah on March 8 at 10:30! Books are generously discounted 60% and available for online pre-order at https://www.ortorah.org/bookorder.

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The Blitstein Institute STEM Club invites women and girls to a screening of the documentary “Outlier: The Story of Katherine Johnson”. Our 6th annual International Pi Day celebration is pushed off to Iranian Shabbos Kodesh, please join us on Monday, March 16, from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Blitstein Institute Math Lab, 2600 Touhy Avenue. Additional showings at 12:00-1:00 & 1:30-2:30.

Blitstein Institute offers numerous STEM opportunities including technology bootcamps for women, an introductory college-credit computer science course for high school juniors and seniors, accredited degrees in computer science, health sciences, and graphic arts, a cooperative BSN program, and many course offerings in mathematics and science, including Jewish Bioethics.

On the occasion of the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger z’v, please join us Sunday, March 8th, 4:00 PM, in support of the Ezras Torah Refuah Fund in his memory. Guest speaker: Reb Michiel Twerski of Milwaukee, celebrating the launch of his new sefer, at our home, 3100 West North Shore Avenue (Parkside Estates). RSVP: jyuengar@mac.com.

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Purim schedule at Yeshurun: Mon., 3/9: Maavir 7:25, late Megillah reading at 9:15, Learning Seder Leil Purim 10-10:45 PM. Purim day, Tues. 3/10: Shacharis 6:30, 6:50, 8:00 & 9:00, with Megillah approx. 30 minutes after the start of each Minyan; & 10-30. Learning schedule: Daf Yomi 7:00 AM & 12:45 PM; Yeshivas Mordechai Hatzaddik 12:45-1:30; Rabbi Cohen’s Shiur 1-1:30; Mincha 1:30 & 6:00; Mussar Seder 1:45. Celebrate Purim with the Rov from 2:00-5:00 PM at 2949 Coyle. Maavir at 8:15 & 9:30.

On behalf of the Leah Esther Isaacs Gemach, I would like to thank the Chicago community for their continued support over the past 20 years. A special thanks to the gemach committee, especially Mindy Giffin and Pam Solomon, for helping hundreds of kallah shine at their wedding as Leah Esther z”l did in her lifetime. The gowns will be sent to Israel to continue the mitzvah of helping kallah, which will bring an aliya for Leah Esther’s z”l beautiful neshama. – Ahuva Horowitz.

This just happened in your back yard. J-Life Chicago and 60+ unaffiliated young professionals just did the unspeakable: brought in the Crowne Plaza Northbrook: they spent a full Shabbat in guest speakers, Catered Shabbat meals. Motzaei Shabbat entertainment. (Thank you PK Hart Jewelry, Shollots Bistro and Evita’s Steakhouse for generous prize donations.) Get involved! For a piece of the action, contact J-Life Chicago with Rabbi Lazarus & Rabbi Frankel at jlifechicago@gmail.com.

“Suicide in the Jewish Community - Continuing the Conversation”, Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner of Closter, NJ, offers a personal account of suicide loss, how his family learned to cope, and how he helps communities heal. Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 PM, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Presented by JCFS Chicago, MISSD, and No Shame On U. Free of charge. JCFS.org.

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JDBY-YTT thanks the nearly 800 parents, grandparents, friends and supporters who celebrated the everyday moments that impact our students at our Annual Event this past Sunday. Moments of warmth, chinuch, friendship, growth and inspiration were showcased through student essays, photos, banners, slideshow and video. May we continue to share meaningful moments.

Bruce and Cheryl Leon wish to remind everyone the importance of voting in the March 17th election for our community. Anyone is allowed to take a Democratic ballot in the open primary, and remember that there are some major issues at stake, including education funding and dividing of our neighborhood. Everyone vote counts! Please tell your friends and neighbors as well.

Located at the WiFi Building in Skokie, Good Morgan Cafe is offering a new fabulous fleishig drop-off menu: roasted brisket, chicken drumettes, along with our popular fish trays. Please call or email to place an order. Mr. Morgan, I know that your high quality standards will be reflected in your new extensive fleishig drop-off menu. – Ellie Miller.

By Pearls of Chicago wishing hatzlaucha to Kaituz Wigs on the End of Season Wig Sale, Thursday, March 12th, 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM, to be held at Pearls of Chicago in Lincolnwood. All Beverly & Zissy Wigs, $500 off, Eva & Chloe mid length $400 off. Warranty included.
If you want to strengthen the Torah voice in Israel, please vote for the Orthodox Israel Coalition (OIC), Slate #4 in the World Zionist Congress election, taking place now through March 11. A vote that really matters! Visit voteoic.org for details. Every 5 years, the World Zionist Congress convenes to determine leadership positions & policies that shape the future of Israel, key decisions regarding institutions which allocate nearly $1 billion annually to support Israel and World Jewry.

- Slaten are awarded seats at the World Zionist Congress based on the number of votes they receive in the World Zionist Congress Election. The math is simple: more voters = more delegates = a stronger voice at the Congress = more money for Torah values, institutions and programming. HTC/Touro is proud to be a partner on the OIC slate, and asks you to help assure that the Torah perspective is strongly represented in the next World Zionist Congress: VoteOIC - Slate #4 at VoteOIC.org.

- By the Sova and Rosen family in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Esther Malka bas Yehuda, ר・י, on the occasion of her 18th yahrtzeit on 11 Adar, and our father and grandfather, HeChaver Elizer ben Yechiel, ר・י, on the occasion of his yahrtzeit on 24 Adar. May their memory be for a blessing. (Bais Chaim Dovid in Lincolnwood, Mikor HaChaim, Adas Yeshurun, Baltimore)

- By the Cohen, Hartman, Chajmovicz, Tepper, Bruck, and Siegal families in loving memory of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Lois Lefkovich, ר・י, commemorating her seventh yahrtzeit on 17 Adar. May her memory be for a blessing.

- By the extended Abrams and Abramowitz families in commemoration of the 3rd yahrtzeit of our beloved uncle, Seymour Abrams, ו・י, on the 14th of Adar. May his neshama have an aliyah.

- By the Ozarowski, Rapoport-Szylowski and Schwartz families, in memory of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Hilda Rapoport – ר・ק – וועקתרת עלמה מקימה, ל・י, on the occasion of her first yahrtzeit on 12 Adar. Her warmth, eloquence, strength of character and zest for life will never be forgotten.

- By Bernstein and Fraydie Matkowsky and family in loving memory of our father, grandmother, and great-grandfather, Morris N. Matkowsky, ר・י, on the occasion of his 39th yahrtzeit on 15 Adar. May his memory be for a blessing.

- In memory of Joseph Bilett, ר・י, whose first yahrtzeit will be 14 Adar. Joe was a student from Denver during the fifties at both HTC and ICJA, and his inimitable sense of humor endlessly entertained his many friends. May his memory be for a blessing. – His friends and former classmates.

- By Regina Wolgel and family in loving memory of my father, Saul E. Sokaler - ר・י, on the occasion of his 16th yahrtzeit on 16 Adar. I am commemorating the yahrtzeits of my beloved sister, ר・י, on 11 Adar, and my dear grandmother, ר・י, on 6 Adar.

- By Steve & Arleen Isaacs, Arie Isaacs and family, and Joseph Abrams in loving memory of our precious daughter, sister and granddaughter Leah Esther Isaacs, PharmD, ר・י, on her yahrtzeit on 13 Adar. Loved by all who knew you, you lived your life with courage and grace. We love and miss you so. (Persian Hebrew Cong.: Adas Israel, Elizabeth, NJ)

- By Robert, Elyssa and Rena Herzfeld in loving memory of their mother and grandmother, Magda Herzfeld, ר・י, on the occasion of her 2nd yahrtzeit, 16 Adar. May her memory be for a blessing and may her neshama have an aliyah.

- In much love and honor of our dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Herman T. Kaufman - ר・י, on his seventeenth yahrtzeit on March 13, 2020, corresponding to the 17th of Adar. – By Ira Kaufman and family; David & Karin Kaufman and family; Hindi & Moshe Goldfinger and family; Avi & Oreet Kaufman and family; Zahava & Chaim Suss and family.

- In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Joseph Birnberg, ר・י, on the occasion of his twenty-third yahrtzeit on 16 Adar. He continues to be a source of inspiration for all of us. Always in our thoughts and in our hearts. May his memory be for a blessing. – Joseph and Renee Silberman and family, Estella Levin.

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The making of the מַיִם (oil) represents the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) of Aharon, the “anointing” (slander), that causes זְרֻעַ (from זָרַע, “seed”). That name Kabbalistically represents the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) of Hashem (which starts with an ז• and ד•). That name Kabbalistically represents the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) of Hashem. The מַעֲשֶׂה (act) of Hashem was done to dress Aharon and his sons. The Kohanim put on the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) by themselves (it would be inappropriate to do otherwise), so their creation is written separately after the creation and donning of all the other garments.

Items were placed “קִמַּיְמָא תּא עֲלֵיהוֹנָא מֵעַל מִשָּׁקָן” only after the Mishkan was built. Here the loaves were placed in baskets to be ready when the Mishkan was completely built.

Ibn Ezra says that the oil was actually poured before the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) was placed on Aharon’s head. Ramban says that the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) was wrapped around the top of the head, leaving the middle open for the anointing oil to be poured. Another explanation of the Ramban is that the oil was actually poured on the place of the מַעֲשֶׂה (act), which is more towards the front of the head and was not covered by the מַעֲשֶׂה (act).

Answers:
1. Bnei Yisrael had no way to make olive oil in the desert, as olives do not grow there. The olive oil had to be in their possession from when they left Egypt, and the Torah leaders had the oil.
2. The four white garments represent the four-letter name of God (with a ר• and י•) which Kabbalistically represents the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) (splendor) of God. The four gold garments represent the four-letter name of Hashem (which starts with an א• and ז•). That name Kabbalistically represents the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) (honor) of God.
3. There were 72 pomegranates which represent the 72 types of appearances of רָצַךְ. The מַעֲשֶׂה (robe) was made as an atonement for the sin of שָׁנָן (slander), that causes רָצַךְ.
4. The making of the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) is written after Moshe was commanded to dress Aharon and his sons. The Kohanim put on the מַעֲשֶׂה (act) by themselves (it would be inappropriate to do otherwise), so their creation is written separately after the creation and donning of all the other garments.
5. Items were placed "קִמַּיְמָא תּא עֲלֵיהוֹנָא מֵעַל מִשָּׁקָן" only after the Mishkan was built. Here the loaves were placed in baskets to be ready when the Mishkan was completely built.

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