“SELF-EMPLOYED” TO PURSUE TESHUVAH

A parable can be used to illustrate the power of teshuvah. A wealthy man once needed to hire a worker. A friend of his heard of his need, and told him of two candidates whom he could recommend. One had been a loyal employee at a neighborhood store for many years. The other had been the owner and manager of his own business until just recently, when he faced rough times and was forced to close his establishment. The wealthy man quickly decided to hire the man who had run his own business. He explained to his friend, “There is a great difference between an employee who works for someone else, and a proprietor who runs his own business. Generally, an employee does not have to exert himself beyond the degree to which he is hired to work. An owner, however, is responsible to do everything that must be done. There are simply no excuses to be offered, and he is the one who must see to it that everything is in order. No amount of sweat or toil is enough, and no heat or cold should deter him from completing his job. Therefore, if this man who owned his own business is interested in working for me, I will be happy to employ him. He knows the discipline of hard and devoted work, for that is how he has trained himself.”

One who has sinned and has completed his process of teshuvah is on a higher level than one who has never sinned (Berachos 34b). The reason is that one who serves Hashem his entire life with a pure and refined spirit finds himself on an unblemished, yet simple level. Perhaps he has never been taunted by his inclinations to sin and he remains innocent. The sinner, unfortunately, has fallen victim, as he submitted to his yetzer hara and has indulged in sin. At that point, he allowed himself to engage in what he thought to be self-serving actions, and he pursued them with an intense, yet selfish drive. We can even say that he was “self-employed” in the pursuit of sin. Now, fortunately, when the person realizes his errors, he remembers clearly how he was motivated to give up sleep and to deprive himself of food and drink, just as long as he was able to keep his misguided agenda on track. No obstacle was too difficult to overcome, and no trick was missed. When his personal interests were at stake, nothing was going to stop him. Now, as he returns to Hashem through teshuvah, he can use those same strengths and drives which he had earlier displayed, just as the self-employed worker could be expected to apply his personal experiences as he accepts further opportunities of employment. The Mishnah exhorts (Avos 2:4), “Do the will of God as you do your own will.”

Our verse instructs that a person shall bring an offering “כמכם - “of yourselves”. This teaches us that our service of Hashem is fulfilled when we approach it in the same intensity as we would deal with our own personal business.

EACH INDIVIDUAL AND THE NATION

The verse begins by speaking to an individual, “When a person shall offer...”, but the end of the verse addresses the nation as a whole - “You (plural) shall bring your offerings.”

In Ta’am V’Da’as, Rav Shternberg notes that when a single individual violates the word of God, he does not merely damage himself. His misdeeds affect everyone around him, and he brings about a reaction of evil upon the entire nation. The Midrash uses several examples to illustrate this concept. The Jewish people can be
compared to the body of a person or an animal in that when one limb is injured, the entire body suffers. So it is with the Jewish community, for when one member of the nation fails and sins, the level of the whole group descends. This can also be compared to a situation where a person on a boat decides to drill beneath the spot which he has rented during a voyage across the sea. Here, again, it is obvious that the entire crew and all the passengers would be in grave danger due to the actions of the individual.

After an individual has sinned and he then comes to repent by means of bringing an animal offering with all of its accompanying procedures, the person thereby merits to correct and repair the damage which he has caused. In effect, the entire nation is now elevated and uplifted by this new realization and awareness which brought him to atone for his errors.

Even though the verse is actually discussing the need for an individual to achieve atonement for his personal sins, yet it is clear that his offering has a positive impact not only upon himself but upon the entire cosmos, and upon the Jewish nation, which attains spiritual purity through his efforts.

TREATING ALL WITH DIGNITY

Rabbi Yerucham Levovits notes that people generally enjoy being surrounded by luxury and comfort. They feel glorified when among people who are dressed formally and who are meticulous in their appearance. The reverse is also true. People feel uncomfortable being around the impoverished, who wear torn and tattered raiments. And if the unfortunate fellow is unable to care for himself properly, and an unpleasant odor accompanies him, for others to be near him is even more difficult.

It is interesting, however, that the Torah here instructs us not to avoid being in the presence of those who are poor and needy. The words of Rashi instruct us to draw close to the unfortunate. We must seek every opportunity to help these people, notwithstanding their condition, and to support them by showing them a friendly countenance. We certainly have no right to avoid them and distance ourselves from them, for their plight is worthy of our compassion and we must commiserate with them.

In fact, we must even respect them and show them honor, as the Shechina itself dwells among these unfortunate individuals, as the verse states (Yeshayahu 57:15): “For thus said the high and lofty One, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy: ‘In the high and holy place do I dwell, yet also with the contrite and humble of spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’ ” When one treats these people with dignity, he shows consideration for God. If, however, one shows disdain for those who are suffering, in effect he is demonstrating disrespect for those whose offerings are cherished upon the altar.

TO SUBDUED OUR MATERIAL NATURE

The Midrash relates a parable. A Kohen had two wives, one the daughter of a Kohen and the other the daughter of a common Yisrael. Both were involved in preparing terumah food (which must be kept in sanctity), and by their negligence, the food became tamei. The husband was distressed by the loss of the terumah, and he expressed his disappointment to the wife who was the daughter of the Kohen. “You,” he said, “were trained from your youth to be careful with terumah, as you are the daughter of a Kohen.”

In Lev Eliyahu, Rav Eliyahu Lopian explains that every man is made of two components, his earthly, material part and the spiritual soul. Man has two names in the Torah, each corresponding to one of these two elements. He is called יִשְׂרָאֵל - Israel and he is called הַנַּעַר - the youth. יִשְׂרָאֵל is the soul of man, his spirit. הַנַּעַר, from הָנַעַר, - earth, is the word that refers to man’s material nature.

When a man sins, God’s anger is directed not to the material nature of man, but to the failing of his spiritual side. That is why the Torah places the blame on יִשְׂרָאֵל.
On the other hand, when it comes to the bringing of the “korban”, the Torah uses the word "כְּפָרָה" (see 1:2), for when a person does repent, he must do so with all his elements. He must reach a point in teshuvah that his material nature has been subdued and refined so that the entire person seeks only to do the will of the Creator.

REGRETTABLE MISTAKES

Why does the Torah prescribe an offering as a punishment for a person who transgresses without intent to transgress? The Torah wants us to internalize its values and ideals. It is not sufficient for a person to have a superficial knowledge of Torah values. We need, rather, to make them a part of our inner being. The principle is that a person will not forget or make mistakes regarding matters that are an integral part of his very being. If a person does forget or make mistakes in some matter, it is a sign that those values are not yet really a part of him. By bringing an offering, a person reminds himself to work on internalizing Torah values. This is our constant task–to integrate Torah values until they become so much a part of our personality that we will always remember them.

Rabbi Yerucham Levovitz explains that progress in הָפַךְ-choice-consists of converting what was previously “free choice” into “compulsion”. When one rises to a new level, one sees that what previously seemed to be an equally balanced choice was really no choice at all, for one alternative was true and the other false. One is now “compelled” to follow the truth, and the illusion of freedom falls away. הָפַך will, however, reemerge at a higher level.

It follows that there are two levels of teshuvah. In the first level, one succeeds in suppressing desire for sin, but the temptation remains. Even after repentance, the sin is still within his “choice”-level. In the second level, one is cleansed of the sin completely, and temptation ceases. One is no longer conscious of having “free will” to do the sin.

PURIM

Sefer Sifsei Chaim notes that the immediate reaction of Mordechai to the threat of Haman and Achashveirous was to daven. The objective which we hope to achieve from any condition of distress is to daven to Hashem, thereby expressing our dependence upon Him. Accordingly, this should be the first response we should have when trouble surfaces, and this is the wave of prayer among the Jews in all lands, everyone reacted with fasting, weeping and lament (see Esther 4:3). Only then does the Megillah tell us that Mordechai contacted Esther in order to initiate a political response, as a follow-up to the prayers. This may seem surprising, because usually the first thing a person does in response to trouble is to “do something about it”, and only then does he pray that his efforts have an effect. Yet, Mordechai seems to have done the reverse.

Mordechai, however, understood that the solution was for the Jews to gather to pray and to do teshuvah. This was the primary response. In fact, it is fascinating to note that the entire dialogue between Mordechai and Esther at this point was done through a messenger. Wouldn’t it have been more effective for Mordechai to speak to Esther directly at a moment of such crisis? Rather, Mordechai knew that he could only enter the palace gates if he would remove his sack-cloth and wear normal clothes. This is why Esther sent him clothing to wear (4:4). Mordechai knew, however, that this was a moment when his leadership in prayer and in portraying grief was essential, and removing the sack-cloth would diminish the impact of his prayer. He therefore preferred to ensure that the prayers remain intense, even if the conversation with Esther would have to take place indirectly. The crisis called for the Jews to draw close to Hashem, and this was best achieved by means of Mordechai’s leading the people wearing the garments of a mourner, and every moment was important. The efforts Esther could contribute would not be more important than the prayer vigil itself.
The lesson of Purim has never been forgotten. The prayers of the Jewish people are the craft of their fathers (see Rashi to Shemos 14:10), and every minute of intense and focused prayer is a valuable treasure of merit and blessing.

**Halachic Corner**

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According to the Guem of Vilna

According to the Magen Avraham

When discussing the mitzvah of Mishloach Manos, the Mishna Brurah brings an opinion which debates whether one must appoint a shaliach in order to perform the mitzvah. The doubt stems from the fact that the Megillah uses the term פַּרְשַׁת בָּשָׁר יְָשָׁבָה when discussing the mitzvah. This term usually denotes sending with an agent. Rav Yisrael Pesach Feinhandler, in his משים, gives several reasons why one would not have to appoint an agent to perform the mitzvah. First of all, it is not logical that there should be a mitzvah that can only be performed by an agent, and not by the person himself. Furthermore, the mitzvah of חֲזֶדָּקָה יִירֶשָׁר - giving tzedakah to the poor on Purim - can be done without an agent even though the highest form of charity is giving with an agent so that the receiver does not know the source of the tzedakah. Therefore, in the case of Mishloach Manos, where giving with an agent does not enhance the mitzvah, it should not be a requirement.

The Chasam Sofer says that the reason for this mitzvah is to bring people together through the giving of presents to each other. This is accomplished when everyone goes to the homes of their friends to deliver the goods personally. However, if one wants to use a shaliach he may do so. Some poskim say that one can even fulfill the mitzvah by using a minor or a non-Jew as his agent.

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**Questions for Thought and Study**

1. What was unusual about Hashem calling Moshe to the העין הפקר (Tent of Meeting) at the beginning of the parashah? See Chizkuni 1:1
2. Which word indicates that both a man and a woman can bring a וַיִּתְנֶה (an offering)? See Ababbel 1:2
3. How does the term used for a deep pan (פעק) describe the consistency of the cake cooked inside it? See Rashi 2:7
4. What is the difference between יָרֹב and וַיְרֹב - both are types of fat? See Ramban 3:9
5. Who are considered the העין הַקָּח ("the eyes of the congregation")? See Rabbeinu Bachya 4:13
6. Which procedure in the parasha is written out of order? See Ramban 5:5

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- Chicago Megillah Centers - Round-the-clock Megillah readings on the hour. In Chicago at Yeshivas Ohr Eliahu - Lubavitch Messivea of Chicago, 2756 Morse Avenue; in Skokie at Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster, Purim evening 8:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight, and Purim day from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. To arrange a Megillah reading for someone who is home-bound, contact info@chabadillinois.com. For Purim celebrations and Megillah readings throughout city and suburbs: www.ChabadIllinois.com/Purim.

- Final call to help your local friends and neighbors while fulfilling the important mitzvah of Matanos L’evyonim with the Chicago Purim Fund. Visit www.cpfund.org to donate.

- Grab your hardhat and join the crew for Purim at Congregation KINS! Please join Congregation KINS for its Annual Ben and Rose Stein Memorial Purim Dinner on Wednesday evening, March 20th. To make a reservation or for more information, please visit the KINS website at www.congkins.org or contact the shul office at 773-761-4000. Special early bird pricing through March 13th!

- Congregation KINS presents a Pre-Pesach Cooking Demonstration, Tuesday evening, March 26, with Karen Nochimowski, the founder of the cooking blog MommaChef.com and Momma Chef’s Soup Kitchen at Congregation KINS. There will be a hands-on cooking demo and tasting. Signup deadline is Friday, March 22. To sign up or for more information, please visit the KINS website at www.congkins.org or contact the shul office at 773-761-4000.

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Answers:
1. The end of Shemos describes how Moshe was afraid to enter the שדה (divine presence) being there. Moshe was called by Hashem to indicate that Moshe had permission to be there.
2. The word “גויה” does not mean “man” literally. That would be the term “שבехал”. This is known from תרשויות, when שברך and שברך were called “גויה.”
3. The term יבשאה (to “move” or “creep”). Due to the depth of the pan, the oil would pool and cause the cake to be soft and seem to “move”.
4. יבשאה is fat that is in its own membrane, separated from the meat, and is permitted.
5. יבשאה are the Sanhedrin (High Court), the prophets, and the wise sages (סנהדרין).
6. The ויתור (confession) is written before the bringing of the sin offering, but one actually brings the offering, then the ויתור.

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