

Sha'arei Eliyahu

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לעילוי נשמת

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Table Talk

פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

The Things that Hashem wants

This week's parasha begins: **וַיִּקְהַל מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-עֲדַת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם** *ויקהל משה את כל עדת בני ישראל ויאמר אליהם* - *Moses then assembled the entire Jewish community and said to them: These are the things that the Hashem has commanded you to do:* What exactly are the things that Hashem commanded us to do? Even though they are not listed for us, the word **הַדְּבָרִים** gives us a hint to what they are.

Each letter teaches us what we need to do in this world. But not only that if one follows the correct path given then the outcome will too be great. That outcome is also hinted to us by the word **הַדְּבָרִים**.

The **ה** stands for **השכמת בית המדרש**. This tells us that from the moment we wake up in the morning we should pray and learn in the bet midrash. The **ד** stands for **דרך ארץ**. This tells us to have Derech Eretz [courtesy] for other. The **ב** stands for **ברור הלכה**. This tells us to learn halacha clearly so that if a situation arises one doesn't permit something that is prohibited or prohibit something permitted. The **ר** stand for **רחמים על הבריאות**. This tells us to have mercy on G-d's creation especially on people. The **י** stands for **יראת שמים**. This tells us to have fear of Heaven. Lastly the **מ** stands for **מצבות ומעשים טובים**. This tells us to keep the Mitzvoth and perform good deeds.

The outcome of following **"These Things"** are: That Hashem will make us successful [הצלחה]. Hashem will give us the ability to understand [דעת]. *Sometimes we do something thinking that we are doing something proper when in reality it might be against the Torah. In our eyes we fail to see what the problem with our actions might be and דעת helps us see through the right lens.* Hashem will also give us children [בנים ובנות]. He will heal us [רפואה]. Hashem will give us salvation and perform many miracles for us [ישועת]. Lastly the **מ** tells us that Hashem will open our Mazal [מזל].

~ R' Yosef Akilov

SHABBAT PARAH SCHEDULE

Mincha	5:30 PM
Candle Lighting	5:38 PM
Shacharit	8:30 AM
SHEMA (MA)	8:30 AM
SHEMA (GRA)	9:11 AM
Shiur Halacha	4:00 PM
Mincha	5:15 PM
SUNSET	5:57 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:37 PM
Rabbenu Tam	7:09 PM

Weekly Ethics

ובא יראה כמה גדלה מעלת התשובה, שאמרו רבותינו זכרונם לברכה במקום שבעלי תשובה עומדים אין צדיקים גמורים יכולים לעמד. והענין הוא, שבעל תשובה בא לידי נסיון, שדבקתו הרעה, הינו הסטרא אחרא, ונצול ממנה. The value of Teshuva is so great that the Sages taught (Berachot 34B) in the place where penitents stand even the wholly righteous cannot stand. The reason for such honor and respect is because the penitent was tested and although impurity cling onto them, they escaped into purity.

מים חיים עמי קח

Ben Ish Hai Corner

וְזֹאת תִּקְּחַת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה ה' - "This is the statute of the Torah which Hashem commanded etc." (Bamidbar 19:2)

The Sages taught that a person should not state that they do not wish to partake in the meat of a boar because it is unbearable (or the like), rather one should state that they would enjoy to partake in the meat of a boar but instead they do not for Hashem commanded them not to. [This increases one's merit when performing the Mitzvot for the sake of Hashem.] That, then, is the allusion in our Pasuk, "This is the statute of the Torah" and the performance of the Mitzvot, one must perform them because "Hashem commanded."

בן איש חי דרשות

Hida Corner

לֹא תִבְעְרוּ אֵשׁ בְּכָל מְשֻׁבְתֵיכֶם בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת - "You shall not kindle fire in any of your dwelling places on Sabbath." (Shemot 35:3)

The commentators explained that the essence of Shabbat is Shalom, peace. That is why Moshe commands the nation not to kindle any "fire," i.e. anger and/or quarrels on Shabbat. If such acts are forbidden even during the week, how much more so are they forbidden on Shabbat which stands for peace.

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Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach