

Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 23 Dec 2016 12:49

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Hi everyone.

I listen to a lot of shiurim from Rabbi Fishel Shechter and from Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier.

(They are both available on torahanytime.com and theshmuz.com)

So, I thought maybe I would write down some of the things that they say

here for everyone to gain from.

An interesting thing to think about: Rabb Fishel Shechter gave a shiur on the parsha, and said in the name of the Sfas Emes, that Yosef was a smart man. He must have known what she would/could do with his clothes, so why didn't he go back to pull it away from her, before running out of there? The Sfas Emes answers that Yosef was indeed a very smart man, and he knew that if he went back to grab his clothes away from her, HE might get stuck in her grasp and do the aveira with her. He had to just run away, right away, without making any cheshbonos, even knowing full well that it might get him in trouble later.

He eventually went to prison for many years based on this "evidence" of leaving his clothes behind.

Have a good Shabbos and Happy Chanuka everyone!

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by cordnoy - 20 Feb 2017 20:29

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[Markz wrote on 20 Feb 2017 20:19:](#)

Yeah, the next flight I'm on, I'm sending everyone to firstclass and will share economy next to our Rosh Yeshiva here cords shlita

Don't know anythin' about rosh yeshiva, and I'm not sure what you're referrin' to, but I always try to sit in the back. Much better view of all comin' in.

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by cordnoy - 20 Feb 2017 21:33

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[eslaasos wrote on 20 Feb 2017 20:28:](#)

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by Markz - 20 Feb 2017 21:40

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 26 Feb 2017 11:24

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Rav Fishel Shechter on Mishpatim recently said:

That's the (meaning of) machatzeetz ha shekel, the matbea shel aish...let me be who I am.

The Targum Onkelus says..."we're organizing ourselves." What are we organizing?

The Meoros Einayim says everyone has a letter in the Torah, and the letter gets distorted when we do the wrong thing. The Divrei Yechezkel says...dinim in previous gilgulim.

When a person takes on his challenges and his disappointments b'ahava, then HaKodesh Borichu

puts back the letters in their place...that's tisader/misader. That's the naaseh v'nishma!

Then, there is the Musaf of parshas shekalim: Who cares about the shekalim of Ephraim?

But that was Avraham Avinu's biggest test in emunah. He comes back to tell her about the akeida

and how he had such a zechus, and finds that she's dead. Then, when he goes to bury her,

it's somehow tons of money, after being promised Eretz Yisroel by HaShem...and it doesn't make sense! But he doesn't ask questions. He says that Klal Yisroel is going to be thrown into a world

that doesn't make sense. And my emuna now will give them the koach to go through.

His shekels is the ultimate test in his life. It didn't make sense. Why did my wife die now?

Why do I have to pay so much for a measly little plot to bury her in a land that HaShem promised me?

All the medrashim by the chorbomos say that Klal Yisroel will endure and come back,  
because Avraham Avinu paid top dollar and didn't ask questions.

He knew that this is my machatzeetz hashekel, and that is how we survive and are here now.

Rabbi Yosef Shaul was the Rav in Lemberg. The Yeshuas Yaakov was the Rav before him.

And the Yeshuas Yaakov suggested R. Yosef Shaul to take over the position after his death.

But he didn't want it. He just wanted to continue sitting in learning. So, they convinced his father-in-law

to threaten to stop supporting him, if he didn't accept the position. So he agreed to be the Rav for 1 year. They brought him a contract for 3 years...and with pressure from his father-in-law, he signed it.

It was very difficult for him, and a huge achrius. At the end of the 3 years, the water carrier says

on Leil Seder, that someone is eating chometz! Rav Yosef Shaul immediately walked all the way there,

to check it out, and knocked on the door of a far off hovel of a house. The guy was embarrassed,

but said that his wife is very sick and can't leave the house, and he is taking care of her,

and they didn't have enough money to buy matzah. So, he left over bread, until it got moldy,

and then he ate it (which is still forbidden, because he is being machsheev it, but that's what he did).

He was horrified, took care of them, and then said, but last year you did go to the maose chitim fund.

Why didn't you tell anyone or go this year? Because this year, I couldn't leave the house,

because of my wife who was so sick. The Rav then got very upset with the people who distribute

the money. He asked them, why they didn't notice that someone who came last year,

didn't come this year...what do they think, that he suddenly got rich? They should have investigated

and taken care of them. But they answer, that we are so busy with the people that do come,

you want us to worry about the people who don't come!

So, he says that's it. He's leaving. He can't take the achrius anymore. He packs his bags and has them put on a wagon. He's all set to go, and then people come to him for a din Torah. He says: o.k. it's my last day here, and this will be my final act as the Rav of the town.

We'll have a din Torah, but then, I'm leaving. A businessman says he lost his bag full of money (500 coins). And he went to the inn, and the innkeeper says that he found his money.

But then he goes on the way and someone says that he found the bag with the money in it.

He gives the simonim, and it's his bag. So they don't know what to do. Someone is definitely lying!

So they come for a din Torah. Neither wants to take back the money. They both say they are doing

the mitzvah of hashavas aveida. So the Rav says: the bag plus 500 coins goes to the guy, and the other 500 coins we'll have to decide what to do. They both say: let's give it to

the maos chitim fund, because we heard that there was someone who had to eat chometz on Pesach.

And they shake on it. When the Rav heard that, he said that's it, take the bags off the wagon, and he decided to stay. If these are the kind of people here in this town, then I'm staying!

There are those moments in **our** life, where it looks like we are at the point of no return,

but then you make that right move and the Ribono Shel Olam says, that's it, you are Mine forever...

and parshas shekalim is misugal for finding that moment.

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by eslaasos - 03 Mar 2017 19:58

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A story R' Fishel told over 2 nights ago:

The Arvei Nachal came to Tzfas, locked himself in a room for the first year. Only left once for a levayah for someone who didn't have such a great reputation. They can see the soles of the feet of the niftar are charred black. Someone asked the Arvei Nachal why he left his room for this guy who wasn't such a great tzaddik. He answered that he saw a pillar of fire accompanying the niftar and that only happens to chad b'dara.

He asked the widow, what happened to his feet. She said that he used to business with tourists and one time he ran away from home and started partying with the tourists. He was a handsome guy and he was about to get married to someone else. At the very last minute he wanted to pull out, but they wouldn't let. There was a fire burning as part of the ceremony and he started acting as if he's crazy and dancing on burning coals, so they let him leave. He came back home, his feet were never the same, but his wife took him back.

The chidush to me is that he put himself in that situation, he gave in to temptation. But at some point he turned around. What a powerful lesson of "It's never too late"!

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by eslaasos - 23 Aug 2017 15:01

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Last year Parshas Shoftim R' Fishel Schachter's weekly Ohr Hachaim shiur was full of chizuk for this oilam. Coincidentally, the shiur was called "Changing of the Guard".

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 23 Aug 2017 18:39

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by eslaasos - 25 Aug 2017 17:09

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Heard from R Fishel last night:

The carp loses its scales early on but remains kosher. We can do teshuva in Elul, and still be "kosher" even if we know it isn't going to last.

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by eslaasos - 15 Sep 2017 14:50

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Heard from R' Fishel last night:

Uvocharto b'chaim. He is not looking for you to win the jackpot - just make a decision that you will look for chaim/life, not illusion.

If you blew it until now, start now. If you were perfect until now, don't assume you were perfect.

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Re: Rabbi Fishel Shechter/Rabbi Ben Zion Shafier Torah  
Posted by eslaasos - 27 Oct 2017 16:21

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I just heard an eitzah from the Rebbe, R' Fishel that I would like to share.

K'darko bakodesh, he uses euphemisms that could easily be translated to lust. So in his example, he is addressing a guy who uses food as an escape from stress. He suggested that when he feels the urge to pop another danish, instead, he should take out a Tehillim and say a Perek.

So what's new? Here's the neiaz. Write down the cause of the stress and put it in your Tehillim. Then next time you come around to that perek, look at what you wrote and see if its still bothering you.

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