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 (Monsey/Spring Valley Z'manim)

 Candles
 Mincha
 DafYomi
 Shiur
 Shiur

 7:50
 7:00/8:00

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 8:00
 7:30

פרשת: מסעי Shiur Shachris שזק"ש 9:29 7:35 9:00 9:29 7:45 9:30

IMPORTANCE OF

The Gemara (Bava Basra 122a) states that in future (Moshiach's time) Eretz Yisroel will be divided into 13 equal shares, albeit the original division was into 12 parts. The Rashbam explains that the original division did not provide a share for Levi, who had no portion in Eretz Yisroel, and was therefore given 48 cities to inhabit, which became ערי מקלט, from each of the other tribes. The Chinuch (408) uses the words: "אחר שאין להם חלק" – since they [Levi] have no share, to explain why Levi was given the Miklat cities. The Rambam (שמיטה ויובל 13:1) uses the words: "אע"פ שאין להם חלק" – even though they have no share. The Minchas Chinuch understands the difference between these two views as follows: The Chinuch considers the Miklat cities to have been given to the Leviim **instead** of a regular share of *Eretz* Yisroel, whereas the Rambam considers them to have been awarded to Levi gratis, in spite of the fact that Levi was not to be given a share in Eretz Yisroel. The two views are reconciled by the Minchas Chinuch (520) who quotes the opinion of the SMaG (לאר) that in *Moshiach*'s time, Levi will be awarded a regular share in Eretz Yisroel (as the Gemara implies). As such, there will no longer be a requirement for the other tribes to donate cities to them. However this only applies to the 42 additional cities, not the original 6, which the Torah mandates as Miklat cities for Levi. As such, the 42 cities can be viewed as given to Levi **instead** of a share, and when they are given a share in future, those 42 will not be given to them. The original 6 were given additionally, and will be so given, regardless of any share.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Which is preferable to do L'Ilui Nishmas someone who was Niftar: write a Sefer Torah or establish a lending GeMaCH?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK:

(Whom does one redeem if a mother costs many times as much as another?) The Gemara (Horios 13a) states that if one is captured together with his parents and Rebbi, the order of ransom is 1) himself, 2) his Rebbi, 3) his father. However, his mother is קודמת לכולם – before everyone. The Birkei Yosef (ד"ר 252:3) derives from the word "לכולם" that she takes precedence, regardless of the cost, even if her individual price equals their total.

DIN'S CORNER:

As the month of Av begins, one reduces Simcha that is not mandated. Thus, one should push off until after Tisha B'Av such activities as construction of non-dwelling structures, painting and decorating of rooms or buildings, purchasing non-essentials for joyful purposes and planting of non-income-producing plants or flowers. However, one may and should celebrate a Bris, Pidyon HaBen, Bar Mitzvah, or Siyum during this time, purchasing and giving gifts for those purposes as well. This may not be done on Tisha B'Av. (דיברך דוד) 71)

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The Gemara (Makos 7b) states that the word: בשגגה (unintended) with regard to murder excludes one who committed murder במאיד - deliberately (according to Abaye) or באומר – thinking that murder is permitted (according to Rava). These exclusions would remove a murderer באומר or באומר from the category of those who must go into Galus. The Yalkut (787) adds two other exclusions from the word -1) murder on *Shabbos*, and 2) murder of one's father on a weekday. This would seem to indicate that one who murders on Shabbos would normally be liable for Chilul Shabbos. However, does not the Mishna (Shabbos 105b) state that all who commit destructive acts on Shabbos are Potur? The Gemara (ibid 106a) states that R' Shimon holds one to be liable for destructive acts. R' Shimon proves this from the *Issur* against executing an adulterous Bas Kohen on Shabbos. Since execution is solely destructive, there would have been no need to forbid it if one were Potur for destructive acts. Therefore, the Yalkut must hold like R' Shimon, that killing is an act of *Chilul Shabbos*. However, the Gemara (Pesachim 35b) states that according to R' Shimon, if one ate a *Neveilah* on *Yom Kippur*, he would only be liable for eating Neveilah (the prohibition of which existed before Yom Kippur) and not for eating on Yom Kippur, because R' Shimon holds אין איסור חל על איסור – a new prohibition cannot be placed atop a pre-existing one. If so, how could R' Shimon hold that one is liable for killing on Shabbos, when killing was already prohibited before *Shabbos*? The *Panim Yafos* suggests that this is the Yalkut's point. Although R' Shimon would not make one liable for the punishment of an additional *Issur*, he would still allow the stigma of the additional *Issur* to apply, such as labeling him a Rasha for burial purposes. As such, a שונג murder, which normally could be atoned for through Galus, would be denied that opportunity if committed on Shabbos.

A Lesson Can Be Learned From:

A woman was killed רח"ל in a car accident near the large Beis HaKnesses in Bnei Brak. No one knew who she was and as the police were already on the scene, a strong suspicion arose that the police would take her body away for an autopsy. Several onlookers took matters into their own hands and carried her body into the Shul, locking it in one of the rooms there. They then had a car with a loudspeaker announce throughout Bnei Brak regarding a Meis Mitzvah near the Shul. Immediately, a multitude of people showed up, seeking to take part in this mitzvah. The police were loath to start up with the crowd and allowed her to be buried. The Steipler's Rebbetzin said that she remembered this woman from her youth in Kovno as not having been religious. She could not understand why the woman had merited such a Levaya, with all the notable Rabbonim of Bnei Brak in attendance. The Steipler told her that this woman, in spite of how she had lived her life, had been Moser Nefesh during the Holocaust to bring many abandoned dead bodies to burial. This was her reward.

P.S. Sholosh Seudos sponsored this week by the Sheli family.