Aharon was the "holy one of the Eternal" (Tehillim 106:16), having no sin on his soul except for the incident of the Golden Calf. Therefore that sin was firmly fixed in his mind, as it is said (Tehillim 51:5), "And my sin is ever before me." The altar thus appeared to him as if the form of the calf was there, preventing his attaining atonement [through the offerings he was to bring]. That is why Moshe said to him, "Embolden yourself so that you should not be of such humble spirit", "for God has already accepted his works." (Koheles 9:7) - Ramban

In his Sefer Or Yahel, Rabbi Leib Chasman notes that Aharon participated in two sins. Earlier, he intervened as the sin of the Golden Calf was in progress, and he attempted to delay matters as he took the gold and arranged for it to be fashioned as an engraved image. He later was with Moshe as the people complained for water, and he stood with Moshe as Moshe hit the rock twice and water flowed forth. This was the sin of "Mei Merivah", as a result of which he and Moshe were sentenced not to enter Eretz Yisrael. Regarding the sin of the Golden Calf, there is no mention that Aharon was condemned not to enter the land. This implies that his punishment was not so severe, for Hashem had already accepted his gesture of teshuva, and Aharon was even promoted and appointed as Kohen Gadol.

Nevertheless, because Aharon had taken part in the calamity of the Golden Calf, the devastation of the sin was etched into his mind, and he lived with a degree of regret constantly before himself. Even now, as he approached the Altar to initiate the service, Aharon was haunted by a form of the idol upon the Altar, as he envisioned the corners and edges of the structure to be in the shape of the calf. He was frightened, until Moshe reassured him and helped him fulfill his charge.

How powerful is this message! Aharon was a great and holy leader of our people, and yet, he was filled with awe and trepidation as he considered his misdeeds of the past. How much more so must we be gripped with concern and consternation as we deal with the flaws and errors which we commit intentionally. Aharon was reluctant to approach the Altar due to his embarrassment. We, too, should proceed with care as we approach our service of God every time we enter a shul to prepare to daven and pour out our hearts and souls in prayer.

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As we consider our appreciation of "שִׁיר הַיָּמִים" - "I have set God before me always" (Tehillim 16:8), we must strive also to fulfill "כֹּחַ הָרִי הָאָדָם" - "and my sin is forever before me" (ibid. 51:5). One is dependent upon the other, as the constant presence of Hashem being together with a person leads him to always evaluate his worthiness and to aim to rid himself of sin. If a person is too involved in sin, his heart can become insensitive and blinded from pursuing its true mission, and he can forget that he must endeavor to cling to Hashem. This person may deviate from his pursuit of exalted levels of holiness, and the harmful effects of sin may not appear as deleterious to his soul.

There is no obstacle that can stand before a Jewish person as he aims to achieve holiness, as he stands before Hashem in prayer.
“And Aharon raised his hands toward the people and blessed them; and he descended from having performed the sin-offering, the olah-offering, and the peace-offering.” Vayikra 9:22

blessing consisted of the verses of “...ךברךנכם...”, which everyone knows is exactly the verses of the Blessing of the Kohanim. Why does Rashi elaborate and list the precise composition of this famous blessing? Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the introduction to the priestly blessings which we recite in the Amidah daily describes this blessing as “the one written in the Torah, the one pronounced by Aharon and his sons”. Why are the blessings described in such terms? Why does this introductory paragraph make a point to refer to the blessings as those “recited by Aharon and his sons” and not simply suffice it to state that “these are the ones written in the Torah”?

The fact is that at this point on Rosh Chodesh Nisan, when the Mishkan was first opened, the mitzvah of the priestly blessings was not yet given. Aharon did pronounce a blessing, but it was one which he composed on his own, and it was one which was spontaneous. Hashem accepted his formula, and it was then coined as the official format to be used by all Kohanim throughout the generations. When Rashi lists the phrase by phrase wording of the blessing, it was because at this time, there was no formal arrangement of blessings to be followed. Truly, these verses of blessing were “pronounced by Aharon and his sons”, and we mention this in order to indicate that they were said by Aharon even before “they were written in the Torah” in a formal sense.

**RESTRAINT AND REMORSE**

Subsequently, Moshe questioned them as to whether they had also consumed their portions from the korban brought as the Musaf for Rosh Chodesh on that day, which was the first day of the month of Nisan. Upon hearing that they had actually burned that particular korban and had eaten none of it, Moshe became angry (Pasuk 16). After a discussion with Moshe, Aharon was able to justify his actions. He explained that as Kohanim who are mourners, he and his sons certainly must partake of those korbanos which were offered in the special honor of the Chanukas HaBayis, the dedication of the Mishkan, which was being held on that day. However, the korban for Musaf on Rosh Chodesh, which is classified as a permanent sacrifice because such a korban would regularly be brought on Rosh Chodesh, was forbidden to them. Moshe acknowledged the veracity of Aharon’s argument.

It is interesting to observe that throughout this conversation between Moshe and Aharon, Elazar and Isamar remained silent, despite the fact that they too had been criticized. The Midrash (Vayikra Rabbah 13:1) suggests that their silence personifies the message of the verse in Mishlei (15:31) that says that one who listens to criticism will live amongst the wise. At first glance, this Midrash is difficult to comprehend. Clearly, it is praiseworthy that Elazar and Isamar listened silently without interrupting their elders. Their ability to restrain themselves and to politely allow their father to justify their actions required a significant amount of patience. Their urge to defend their deeds to their rebbe, Moshe Rabbeinu, must have been difficult to suppress. Beyond a doubt, their self-control was remarkable. Yet the Midrash seems to be magnifying a different characteristic of theirs by stressing the fact that they listened to the criticism.

Apparently, as Elazar and Isamar were listening to Moshe’s complaint, they were not simply waiting to hear their names cleared. Rather, they carefully listened to Moshe’s point of view, re-examined their actions, and, if necessary, were willing to admit their mistake. This approach of sincerely reviewing and reconsidering their own position was clearly extremely difficult, especially in light of the fact that in truth they had acted correctly and had undoubtedly originally pondered the issue very carefully and deliberately. Yet this is precisely the approach they took, and it is because of this story that we may all learn a very important lesson from them. Accepting criticism
requires one to objectively re-evaluate any pre-conceived opinions and to be brave enough to be willing to change one’s philosophy, if necessary. Being an open-minded person and possessing the desire to improve as a servant of Hashem are vital components to bear in mind as one attempts to climb the spiritual ladder towards complete, completeness, as an individual.

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IT’S WHAT INSIDE THAT COUNTS

An earthenware vessel does not become impure except through its interior space. – Rashi

The Rebbe of Kotsk notes that when an item which is ritually impure is lowered into the airspace of an earthenware container, the utensil immediately contracts that impurity, even without coming in direct contact with the source. However, if an item of impurity touches the outside of an earthenware jug, the utensil remains pure. Why is this?

The material from which ceramic or earthenware is made has no intrinsic value. It is simply dirt. The only aspect of this item that is significant is that this material has been fashioned into being a utensil that can contain something else. Consequently, when an item of impurity touches the outside of such a vessel, it is as if nothing has happened, for the outside of this container is insignificant, and only the inside of such a utensil is meaningful. Vessels made of metal, however, have value due to the nature of the material itself. They can, in fact, become impure even when a source of impurity touches the outside of the container.

Man is a creature made from the dust of the earth. He is compared to the earthenware which breaks. Accordingly, we can conclude that the only value of man is when he fashions himself into a vessel that is ready and willing to contain Torah.

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Halachic Corner

According to the Guan of Vilna

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Rosh Chodesh Iyar will take place Sunday and Monday, Yom Rishon v’Yom Sheni

The Shulchan Aruch states that the earliest time for reciting Kiddush Levanah is seven days after the molad (426:4). The Mishnah Brura (ibid. #20) says that most poskim disagree with this and hold that it can be recited as early as three days after the molad. Women are not obligated to recite the Kiddush Levanah because it is a time-related mitzvah. The Gemara tells us (Maschases Sanhedrin 42a), “Rabbi Yochanan taught that one who blesses the new moon in its proper time is regarded as one who greets the Shechina - God’s Presence.” This is because the only way that we can recognize the existence of God is through His works. This is most apparent in the cycles of the moon since its changes are more visible than those of any other heavenly body. Therefore, when we greet the moon we greet its Maker.

A person should recite the Kiddush Levanah on Motzaei Shabbos while he is still wearing his nicest clothing. However, it should not be recited on Motzaei Tisha B’Av or on the days before Yom Kippur because it should be recited when one is in a state of happiness. If Yom Tov falls on Motzaei Shabbos one should not recite it then.

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Questions for Thought and Study

1. Why are the דב (bull) and the כבש (ram) mentioned together? In what way are they always slaughtered differently? See Meshech Chochmah 9:4

2. Why did Moshe tell Aharon to bring sacrifices כבש וdüב - for himself and for the people, and then say afterwards that he would bring atonement for the people? Why the repetition? See Ramban 9:7

3. For how long did the fire that came down from Hashem (Pasuk 9:23) burn? See Chizkuni 9:23

4. Why does the removal of Nadav and Avihu end with the statement “וה高层 מ الذى נחרכו - “As Moshe had spoken”? Didn’t Mishael and Eltzaphan obviously follow the orders of Moshe? See Ha’amak Davar 10:5

5. Where is there an allusion during the laws of the Kohanim that one should preferably make Havdalah on wine? See Ba’al HaTurim 10:10

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By Hebraic Theological College wishing mazal tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Aharon Cardash on the engagement of their daughter Faygie, a Blinksin Institute student, to Avi Schwartz; and to Rabbi & Mrs. Reuven Gross on the marriage of their daughter Shoshana to Meir Terebelo; and extending heartfelt condolences to Dr. Esther Shkop on the loss of her sister, Dr. Sarah Chana Lev-Toaff. ר”ע,

By Fasman Yeshiva High School wishing mazal tov to FYHS students Joseph Faibisoff, Tuvia Goldstein, and Yehuda Dov Reiss, on winning the Midwest Region Chidon HaTanach. We are so proud of you and we wish you lots of hatzlacha in the National Chidon competition in May.
Hebrew Theological College’s Gourmet Torah at Shalotts Bistro will take place this Thursday, April 23, 12:25. [Please note earlier time this week for special Yom HaAtzmaut presentation.] Rabbi Michael Myers will speak on “Israel: A Jewish State or a State of the Jews”. Complimentary appetizers as well as a discounted menu are available. Shuir participants are invited to attend. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zisook at 847-892-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.

Registration is now open for the 2015 GRE Prep Class at Blitstein Institute. We invite students, alumni, and women of the community to prepare for the GRE (graduate school entrance exam) in a supportive, women-only environment. Classes T&M, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. New start date: April 26. For more information email scohen@htc.edu or call 773-973-0241.

Yeshivas HaKatyitz enrollment is still open. Yeshivas HaKatyitz may be in your own backyard, but we are a world apart when it comes to creating a camping experience that will change your son’s life, give him inspiring memories, and create friendships for life. Visit yhk.htc.edu for the latest information and to apply. Open to boys currently in 6th through 10th grade. Dates: June 30th - July 29th. Questions? Call Rabbi Yosef Polstein 847-982-2500 x125.

Congregation KINS, in conjunction with Blitstein Institute, will hold its weekly Shabbos Shiur on Shabbos, Parshas Shemini, April 18, 5:00 PM, at Congregation KINS, 2800 North Shore. Speaker: Dr. Esther Shkop.


Park Plaza is expanding and renovating its building to accommodate the needs of our growing number of residents. New Shul, multi-use room, remodeled bathrooms, state-of-the-art physical therapy, and a stunning lobby. If you are looking for an active vibrant retirement community call Yehuda at 773-465-6700.

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Congregation KINS is proud to announce that this year we will be honoring Dov and Pam Solomon (Keter Shem Tov Award) and Dr. Eli and Miriam Jacobs (Eitz Chaim Award) at our annual Ad Banquet, Thursday, May 14, 2015. Save the date!

Yom HaShoah 2015! Pay tribute to our six million Jewish martyrs and to the freedom fighters who fought valiantly against Nazi tyranny. This Sunday, April 19, 1:30 PM, at Six Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, 8825 East Prairie, Skokie. Free admission. Candle-lighting Memorial Service, with Hon. Roey Gilad, Consul General of Israel; George Van Dusen, Mayor; Dr. Shlomo H. Resnicoff, Halachic Scholar, Prof., DePaul University; Bill Silverstein, Chairman of the Board, JUF.

“Surviving an Insane World - The Torah’s Sane Approach to Our Unique Times”. Join Rabbis Akiva Tatz, Yitzchak Breitowitz and Dovid Kaplan at the 14th annual Ohr Somayach Yom Iyun Evening of Learning, including a special Question/Answer Session on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 PM, at The North Shore Center For the Performing Arts in Skokie. Doors open 6:30 PM. To pre-order discounted tickets, call 718-677-6200 or order online at www.ohr.edu. Tickets will be available at the door. Refreshments served.

Dr. Avivah Zornberg will be speaking on “The Pit and the Rope: Recovering Joseph”, at DoubleTree Hotel, Skokie, this Monday, April 20th, at 7:30 PM, for the Torah Learning Center of Northbrook's Ruth Fiddler Memorial Lecture. Go to TLCNB.com, email events@torahlearningcenter.com or call 847-272-7255 for further information or to purchase tickets.

“Do Good: The Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Benefits of Helping Others” - by Rabbi Avrohom Leventhal, Executive Director, Lema’an Achai. Introductory remarks by Rabbi Yona Reiss, Av Beth Din, Chicago Rabbinical Council. Sunday April 26, 8:00 PM, at the home of Tami & Avrohom Leventhal, Executive Director, Lema’an Achai. Introductory remarks by Rabbi Yona Reiss, Av Beth Din, Chicago Rabbinical Council. Sunday April 26, 8:00 PM, at the home of Tami & Avrohom Leventhal, Executive Director, Lema’an Achai. RSVP to ron@lemaanachai.org. Lema'an Achai promotes the healing of the world. For more info call 847-329-7600.

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The Walder Education Pavilion of Torah Umesorah & Project Witness will co-host their annual Holocaust Remembrance Program, Thursday, April 30, 7:30 PM, at The Walder Education Pavilion, featuring the original documentary produced by Project Witness, “In One Split Second”, commemorating the destruction of Hungarian Jewry. Opening remarks will be provided by Mrs. Ruth Lichtenstein, Director, Project Witness. For more info: 847-674-0800 or Teacherscenter@waldereducation.org.

Attention all parents of Title I children receiving instruction or academic counseling: Come join ELAN for a fun-filled parent educational fair this Sunday, April 19th. Great tips, hints, activities, free food, giveaways and prizes. For registration and details, call the ELAN office at 773-973-2009.

Congregation Shearith Israel congratulates Rabbi Shkop and his Shabbat Afternoon Shiur participants on the siyum of Massechet Kiddushin and is happy to announce that the shiur will learn Massechet Ketubot starting on Shabbat Parshat Shemini. The shiur will be after an early Mincha at 5:45. Come and join our in-depth learning group for an hour of in-depth exciting learning. Mr. Charlie Harary, Esq. will speak on “The Secret to Amazing Relationships” for the 20th Annual Event of Project Shalom Bayis. Join event coordinators Moshe & Chevie Davis, Yehoshua & Elana Davis, Yonatan & Elke Glenner, and Ari & Shoshana Shabat, April 21, 2015, 7:30 PM, at Shaarei Tzedek Mishkan Yair, 2832 Touhy Avenue. The Project Shalom Bayis Annual Buffet has become the only fund-raiser for this vital therapeutic service to the Chicago Orthodox Jewish community.

Save the date! Lubavitch Mestiza of Chicago’s Nineteenth Anniversary Dinner will take place May 27 at the Doubletree Hotel, Skokie. Join us in celebrating Torah Education and Lawrence (Aryeh Lieb) and Rachelle Benjamin with the Community Service Award. Zitzchok and Rochel Koval with the Parents of the Year Award, and Rabbi Ephraim Rosenblum with the Grandfather of the Year Award. Reservations and Ads: LMChicago.org/dinner or 773 262-0430 ext. 221.

Agudath Israel of Illinois will be having a Post-Pesach Sheimos Collection on Sunday, April 26th, at the Wi-Fi Tech Center (not the Wi-Fi Building), 7532 N. St. Louis (just south of Howard), from 1:00-3:00 PM. All sheimos must be well-wrapped/taped in sturdy bags and/or boxes. Condensing your sheimos – and only taking those that are definitely sheimos – saves you money. For a copy of a convenient Sheimos Chart please call 773-279-8400 ext. 402.
Cheder Lubavitch is accepting General Studies teacher candidates for the 2015-16 school year. Candidates must have a certificate in Education, and classroom teaching experience, or Master's Degree in Education is preferred. To apply, or for more information about teaching in our uniquely close-knit school community, please contact Rabbi Ilan Heifetz, Director of General Studies: heifetz@clhds.com.

Park Plaza, 6840 Sacramento, invites the community this Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 PM, for a discussion of “The Strategic Challenges of the State of Israel” with Bob Schwartz, Senior Policy Advisor at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest.

Join the ATT at the JUF’s Annual Jewish Day School Night on Tuesday, April 28, at the Holiday Inn Chicago Midway, More Skokie, at 7:35 PM. For a dessert reception, Dr. David Polstein, a nationally recognized authority on parenting, will present: “Stop It Before It Starts! Substance Abuse: How to Talk to Children of all Ages. Proactive Strategies for Parents and Educators”. Admission free; reservations required. For more information & to register online, visit http://juf.org/dayschool.

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Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh, the first Hesder Yeshiva, invites alumni and the community, May 4, to a dessert reception honoring Rabbi Gedalia Dov Schwartz, רבי גדליה דוב שארץ, Rabbi and Mrs. Kenneth Zisook, and Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Neuman. Guest speaker, Rav Michael Rosensweig, Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel, RIETS, Yeshiva University. Reception at 7:30 PM at Kehilat Chovevei Tzion, 9220 Crawford Avenue, Skokie. RSVP to the Yeshiva office: 718-645-3130.

Please join Hillel Torah for the premier screening of our 8th Grade students’ documentary, “Names, Not Numbers”, on May 4, at 7:30 PM. This poignant film documents the lives and losses of eight Holocaust survivors interviewed by our students. Tickets are available at a nominal suggested donation, and seating will be limited. For reservations, contact the Hillel Torah office at 847-674-6533. For additional information, visit www.hilleltorah.org.

Congregation Adas Yeshurun invites women of the community to our Pirkei Avos Shiur every Sunday evening at 5:45, followed by a Mussar Seder, either in person or by dial-in. Please call the shul office for details at 773-465-2288 or email torah@adasyeshurun.com for our full schedule.

Rabbi Shmuel Zvi & Rachel Zimmerman at our 46th Annual Dinner on Sunday, May 3, at the Westin O’Hare. Reception 5:45, dinner 6:30. Ads and dinner reservations can be made online at www.adasyeshurun.com/dinner, by filling out an adblank or by calling the shul office at 773-465-2288.

Learn how to advocate for Israel! Mizrahi-RZC presents Israel Advocacy Workshops, with David Olesker of Jerusalem Center for Communication & Advocacy Training. Mon., April 27, RZC Center, 3740 Dempster, Skokie. Session 1: “Why it is not merely a territorial dispute, what must change. Session 2: 8:45-9:45, The nature of advocacy, how to dominate a discussion & dictate its outcome, & more. Israel needs advocates. Learn how to be one. Info: 847-674-9733.

Can a Jew own a business that is open seven days a week? Join the Yeshurun Kollel Boker as we learn the halachos of commerce on Shabbos – הקוללת בוקרackets with Rabbi Zvi Cohen, beginning this Shabbos at 6:30 PM. The community is also invited to our early weekday Mincha minyan at 1:30, followed by a Mussar Seder, either in person or by dialing in. Please call the shul office for details at 773-465-2288 or email torah@adasyeshurun.com for our full schedule.

Chicago Yachad invites you to “Evening Under the Stars 8”, paying tribute to Rabbi Yosef & Bracha Polstein & Ira & Bev Piltz, & inaugurating the Yisroel Polstein z”l High School Leadership Shabbaton. Join us May 5 at Kehilat Chovevei Tzion, 6 PM reception, 7:00 dinner. Reservations, online journal & raffle: 773-764-6353, www.yachad.org/chicago, chicagoyachad@ou.org. Proceeds are for Yachad programs: social recreational programs & educational, clinical, & vocational services for individuals with special needs & their families. Mazal tov and much hatzlaicha to the 14 Job Link clients who found jobs in March! Job Link offers free sources and a team of experts who can help with career counseling and strategy, resume crafting, interview prep, and more, all in a caring, confidential environment. All services offered at no cost! Contact Job Link at 773-866-1111 or info@joblinkchicago.org.

Join the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel in partnership with the cRc and RZC for a community-wide Yom Ha’atzaron Commemoration, this Tuesday, April 21, at Congregation KINS, 2800 W. North Shore, at 8:00 PM. There will be an Azkara and a multi-media presentation. For more information contact the Kollel office at 773-973-6557 or info@chicago torah.org.

Chabad Lubavitch of New York City is accepting applications for its Master’s of Rabbinic Leadership Program. Candidates must have a bachelors degree in a related field or an associate’s degree in a related field, a strong commitment to Jewish values and a desire to pursue a career in Jewish education and community service. For more information, please contact Rabbi Shmuel Zvi & Rachel Zimmerman at our 46th Annual Dinner on Sunday, May 3, at the Westin O’Hare. Reception 5:45, dinner 6:30. Ads and dinner reservations can be made online at www.adasyeshurun.com/dinner, by filling out an adblank or by calling the shul office at 773-465-2288.

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The Chicago Mitzvah Campaign is conducting three days of Tefillin checking, Tuesday, April 28, through Thursday, April 30, at the CMC office, 2939 Touhy. Expert batim macher will also be available for batim repairs. CMC is endorsed by Vaad Mishmeret STaM and local Rabbonim. Reservations necessary to guarantee same day turn-around, Call 866-MY RABBI (692-2224).

“Cautious, Not Fearful,” Monday evening, April 27. The Esformes Family Parent Support Center of Madraigos Midwest presents the 4th Annual Evening of Inspiration. Rabbi Dr. Jerry Lob will address the timely & critically important topic of how to instill emotional security in our children in the face of communal tragedy, loss & danger. The lecture takes place at Cong. Adas Yeshurun, 3050 Touhy, at 8:30 PM. Free of charge, open to men and women. 773-478-6000 or info@madraigosmidwest.org.

Save the Date-Sunday, June 21: Arie Crown Hebrew Day School invites you to an Evening of Hakaras Hatov at our 68th Anniversary Banquet. Join us at the Westin O’Hare as we recognize Rabbi Reuven & Miriam Levinson and Mr. & Mrs. Joey & Becky Zimmerman for their selfless commitment & dedication to molding generations of our children. Share in this special evening as we thank them for their years of devotion to our school & pay tribute to Rabbi Levinson as he leaves the Arie Crown classroom. 847-982-9191 x608.
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The Great Jewish Family Festival, Lag B’Omer, Thursday, May 7, 4:00-9:00 PM, at Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie. Fun and celebration for the entire family. Fair with rides, games, and hands-on activities. All-you-can-eat food court. Shows and concerts. Evening bonfire experience with Yoel Sharabi. For info and advance discounted admission: www.JewishFamilyFest.com or 773-262-2770.

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The Skokie Community Kollel is pleased to announce our 27th Annual Banquet, Monday, May 4, 6:00 PM, at the Doubletree Hotel in Skokie. Our Torah Legacy Award Honorees: Mr. Jon Greenfield and Mr. Alan Siegman. Our Guest Speaker: Rabbi Chaim N. Segal, Director of Community Development for Torah Umesorah. For more info, contact Debbie Burg at 847-674-7959 or info@skokiekollel.org. You can now place your reservations and/or ads through our website, www.skokiekollel.org.

Beginning Monday, April 20, davening times at Khal Ohr Yisocher Chodorov: Schacharis every half hour on the '15 and '45 from 6:15-8:45: at 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, and 8:45 AM. Our state-of-the-art minyanim are available to anyone. Three Mincha minyanim on Friday: 15 minutes before Plag, 7:00 PM, and 10 minutes before shkiyih. Two Mincha minyanim on Shabbos: 6:30 PM followed by Avos U’vanim, and 20 minutes before shkiyiah. Wishing Debbi & Marc Geller, and their families, in loving memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Jacob V. Gold, By Alan & Dvora Gold and family, Dr. Rachelle Gold, and Marvin Gold, in memory of our beloved family, mother and grandmother, Bernice Fagan, By Tammy & Ed Kaplan and family, Lenny & Esther Fagan and family, and Joe & Iris Fagan and family, in loving memory of their beloved mother and grandmother, Bernice Fagan.

With deep gratitude we want to thank the community for unforgettable words of condolences on behalf of Eliot Sakols, ז'ל. Thank you for sharing your good memories with us. All your words of condolences deeply touched us. - The Sakols Family.

By Dorothy Starr-Aplebaum, and the Starr and Wagschal families in loving memory of Donald Starr, ז'ל, husband, father, grandfather, on the occasion of his 21st yahrtzeit on 3 Iyar. A pure Shabbos restin in the heaven above; yet always vividly palpable in his family’s hearts forever on Earth. - Dorothy Starr-Aplebaum.

By Simie Scher, Gary & Marlene Scher, Eileen & Mark Sherman, Sandy & Marty Miretzky, and Debbi & Marc Geller, in loving memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Frank Scher, ז’ל, on the occasion of his 16th yahrtzeit on the 29th of Nissan. Her memory is forever in our hearts. May her memory be for a blessing.

By Lionel Dredze, Mark Dredze and family, Josh Dredze and Lisi Dredze in loving memory of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Helen Berkovitz Dredze - ז'ל, on the occasion of her twenty-second yahrtzeit on the 29th of Nissan. Her memory is forever in our hearts. May her memory be for a blessing.

By Tammy & Ed Kaplan and family, Lenny & Esther Fagan and family, and Joe & Iris Fagan and family, in memory of their mother and grandmother, Bernice Fagan, ז’ל, on the occasion of her 19th yahrtzeit on 4 Iyar. May her memory be for a blessing.

By Inger and Leonard Saphire-Bernstein in loving memory of Dr. Enoch J. Saphire, ז’ל, on the occasion of his eighth yahrtzeit on the 7th of Iyar.

By Alana & Dvora Gold and family, Dr. Rachelle Gold, and Marvin Gold, in memory of our beloved father, grandfather, Jacob V. Gold, ז’ל, on the occasion of his eighteenth yahrtzeit on 3 Iyar. (Adas Yeshurun, Anshe Motel, Ateres Yehoshua, Ezras Israel, K.I.N.S.)

By the Pinkus, Schiller, Jacobs, Chait, Gersten, Wiederman, Zuckerman, Wengrow, Berkowitz, Meyer, Cooper and Albin families in loving memory of Tola Pinkus, ז’ל, on the occasion of her sixteenth yahrtzeit on 16 Iyar. Her memory is cherished by all who knew her.

By the Marshak and Carron families, in loving memory of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Dorothy Marshak, ז’ל, on the occasion of her fifteenth yahrtzeit on 9 Iyar. We miss her warmth and care every day. She was a true eishes chayil. May her memory be for a blessing.

By Shanye Goldstein in memory of her father, Rabbi David Kirshenbaum, ז’ל, on the occasion of his yahrtzeit on 13 Iyar, and in memory of his mother, Helen Goldstein, ז’ל, on the occasion of her yahrtzeit on 7 Iyar. (Ezras Israel)

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Answers:
1. They are mentioned together to indicate that the מים (throwing of the blood) is done after both are slaughtered. Even though they are slaughtered together, they are different in that the same knife can’t be used for both. (See Chulin 29)
2. Moshe was pointing out that Aharon must first atone for himself, so that Aharon would then be permitted to atone for the people.
3. The fire burned on the Altar until the day Moshe died.
4. This was to indicate that they took the corpses all the way out of the camp and did not hand the bodies off to anyone else. This was to praise them that they did the mitzvah from beginning to end.
5. The word ‘אדוות ‘(“and to separate”) is the first word of the pasuk that follows the discussion of wine for Kohanim.

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