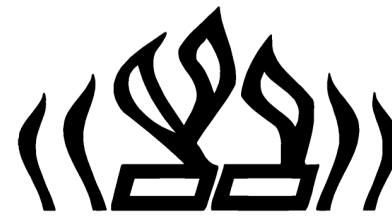


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9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary Sermon Rabbi Perton 9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium 10:00 am <i>Youth Groups</i>	7:00 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 8:45 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit
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In listing the people who are permitted to return home from the battlefield, the Torah includes one who is afraid and weak-hearted (Deut. 20:8). Rashi explains that this refers to a person who is fearful that the sins which are in his hand will cause him to die in the battle. It is difficult to understand the use of this peculiar expression. In what way is it possible for sins to be in a person's hand more than they are in his heart or soul?

Further, one of the examples given (Talmud - Menachos 36a) of such a sin is a person who speaks between putting the tefillin on his arm and placing the tefillin on his head. Since this isn't from the more severe sins which require Yom Kippur to effect forgiveness, why doesn't he merely confess and repent his sin, which will effect immediate forgiveness and allow him to remain and fight?

Rabbi Shalom Schwadron suggests that the Sages specifically referred to the sin as being "in his hand" to hint that he has yet to relinquish his improper actions and is still figuratively holding on to them. The reason that he is unable to simply repent his actions is that he doesn't want to!

Nevertheless, although he is unwilling to admit the error of his ways and correct them, he is still intellectually cognizant of their impropriety and therefore fears the consequences of placing himself in the danger of war.

Although he recognizes that his actions are inappropriate and could lead to his death, he is still unable to release them from his hand and properly correct his ways due to the tremendous force of habit. As we begin the difficult work of honestly evaluating ourselves and attempting to improve and grow throughout the month of Elul, the first step is to understand that one of the greatest weapons in the yetzer hara's arsenal is the power of habit, a recognition which will allow us to loosen our grips and completely release the sins from our hands.

When a corpse is found in the field, the elders of the nearest city are required to bring a heifer to a valley and slaughter it with an axe (Deut. 21:4). They must then announce (21:7) that they didn't spill the blood of the deceased.

Rashi quotes the Talmud (Sotah 45b), which explains that the Sages clearly aren't suspected of cold-blooded murder, but rather they must testify that they didn't see this wayfarer leaving their city and allow him to continue without escorting him and providing him food. In what way would their providing a traveler with food protect him from a would-be murderer?

The Malbim answers that their declaration refers not to the victim but to the murderer. If they allowed him to leave their community without giving provisions for his journey, he may have been forced to murder to acquire food, and they bear partial responsibility for his actions.

The Maharal (Chiddushei Aggadah - Sotah 45b) explains that when a person is part of a larger community, he is able to benefit from their accumulated merits. This may protect him even if his own merits are insufficient. Escorting him on the beginning of his journey and giving him food allows him to maintain his link to the community even when he is traveling on his own.

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