



## On the Air with Rav Aviner - #103

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Hevel's murder (Q&A from Ha-Rav's Blog)

Q: Why did Kayin tell Hashem that he was afraid that he would be killed because he murdered Hevel, when only Adam, Chavah and Kayin were in the world? Where his parent's going to kill him?

A: There are two possible answers:

1. It was for future generations. Kayin feared that Hevel's descendants would kill his descendants somewhere down the line.
2. The Sforno mentions in two places (Bereshit 1:26, 2:7) that there were other human beings who they were not created in the image of G-d in the world. Maran Ha-Rav Kook (Igrot Re'eiyah vol. 1, p. 105) also writes in the name of the Zohar (Vayikra, p. 10) that there were various other humans not created in the image of G-d which are not mentioned in the Torah (Maran Ha-Rav Kook also mentions this in Shemoneh Kevatzim vol. 1, p. 584). Kayin thus feared being killed by these creatures.

### Volunteering in a place which desecrates Shabbat

Q: Is it permissible to volunteer for an organization which desecrates Shabbat?

A: Yes, with the condition that you have no part in the desecration of Shabbat. You are not guilty for their violation of Shabbat. This is similar to what is written in the Mishnah Avodah Zarah (44b): Why doesn't Hashem extinguish the sun - after all idol worshippers worship it? Answer: We are going to lose out on the sun on because of these idiots? You volunteer for a good organization, and we should not extinguish it on account of confused individuals who desecrate Shabbat. Another example in the Mishnah: There was a bathhouse in Acco in which they placed an idol of Aphrodite. Can one bathe there? Yes - said Rabban Gamliel - she came into our domain, i.e. we did not build a bathhouse around her. There was a bathhouse and they put an idol inside. We can't bathe on account of this? Is it not that people desecrated Shabbat and an organization was built around them, rather there was an organization - and to our distress - there are people who desecrate Shabbat there. This is not something which invalidates the good things the organization does.



### **Shut She'eilat Shlomo - Questions of Jewish Law**

#### Ushpizin

Question: I have not had the custom to say the Ushpizin in the Sukkah. Is it worthwhile for me to change my custom?

Answer: It is not obligatory but a custom. This is not a difficult custom. It is worthwhile to say it if possible without taking a vow to do so (bli neder).



#### **Text Message Responsa**

Ha-Rav answers hundreds of text message questions a week. Some appear in the parashah sheets "Ma'ayanei Ha-Yeshu'ah," "Olam Ha-Katan" and "Be-Ahavah U-Be-Emunah." Here's a sample:

Q: Does a single woman immerse in a mikveh before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?

A: A single woman never immerses in a mikveh.  
 Q: Is it permissible to take iron supplements on Shabbat?  
 A: No. It is like all medicine and not a pressing need. Therefore, take it before and after Shabbat.  
 Q: Is it true what has been publicized that the War of Gog and Magog is coming?  
 A: Nonsense.  
 Q: Should we recite a blessing on gum?  
 A: Before but not after since it is not a large enough amount.  
 Q: Is it permissible to use a Shabbat elevator?  
 A: Yes.  
 Q: Is it permissible to read the New Testament?  
 A: G-d forbid! Rambam, Hilchot Avodah Zarah 2:4.  
 Q: A person entered a public pool with paying. Does he have to pay after repenting?  
 A: Certainly.  
 Q: What does "Meat Equipment" mean?  
 A: Parve food cooked in a meat pot.  
 Q: Do you have to wait six hours after it?  
 A: No.  
 Q: Is it permissible to eat "Meat Equipment" with milk?  
 A: For Sefaradim – it is permissible and for Ashekenazim – only if the pot in which it was cooked was not used the previous 24 hours.  
 Q: Can someone who ate meat eat food made on "Dairy Equipment" without waiting?  
 A: Yes.  
 Q: Ha-Rav wrote that the building of the Temple is still in the distance. What is the source?  
 A: The Rambam, Hilchot Melachim 1:1-2, says that we must first establish the Kingship of Israel, then eliminate Amalek and only then build the Temple. And this is what our Rabbi, Ha-Rav Tzvi Yehudah, taught us.  
 Q: Someone seriously offended me. Do I need to forgive him?  
 A: No, only if he truly appeases you.  
 Q: Someone offended me, asked forgiveness and again offended me, etc. Am I obligated to forgive him?  
 A: Same as above, only if he truly appeases you.  
 Q: What should I do if someone is speaking during davening and it is disturbing our davening?  
 A: Gently say to him that our Land is expansive and please talk outside.  
 Q: The doctor advises hastening the birth. Should we follow his advice or trust in Hashem?  
 A: Since you are way overdue, his advice is correct, and you should trust in Hashem who said listen to doctors.  
 Q: Doesn't this confuse the order of souls appearing in the world?  
 A: No, this is the Divine order.

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