

**Daf Review – Shabbos 23**

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**Gemora:**

- Concludes that *Hadlaka Oseh Mitzva*. (The lighting action of the menorah is the mitzva). Proof from the lantern that burns all shabbos that you must extinguish and re-light; and from the *bracha* “*LeHadlik ner shel Chanuka*”.
- Women are obligated to light, since they too participated in the miracle. (They could light for their husbands)
- *Achsenai*, a guest, is obligated in lighting as well, but he could purchase a share in his host’s oil. (When traveling, someone could light in your home on your behalf).
- Olive oil: best oil to use for Chanuka and best oil for making ink (the liquid texture and for the smoked black color)
- Brachos:
  - 1st day one who lights makes “*I’hadlik Ner*”, “*Sh’asah nissim*”, plus *Shechianu*. Other days just 2 *brachos*.
  - 1st day one who sees a lit menorah makes “*Sh’asah nissim*”, plus *Shechianu*. Other days just “*Sh’asah nissim*”.
  - “*she’asah nissim l’avosainu...*” is said each day because there was a miracle each day.
  - Even though this is a rabbinic *mitzva* we recite the *bracha*: “*Asher kidishanu bMitzvosav v’tzivano l’hadlik ner...*” - “...You commanded us to light...”: The “command” is from Pasuk “*Lo SaSur*” - “don’t deviate”. Or “*...Zkenecha vYomru Lach*” - “the elders will instruct you”. (A definitive Rabbinic mitzva requires a bracha, but a rabbinic precept instituted because of a doubt, such as with *Dmai*, does not require a bracha; We are required to make brachos for the second day of Yom Tov to ensure that we don’t disrespect it).
- Placement of menorah:
  - If you have two exterior doors in two opposite directions, then you need to light at both doors; in order that local residents do not “suspect” you of not kindling a menora. (some people pass by on one side but not the other side of the house); We learn the concern of “suspect” (*chashad*) from *braisa* about *Pe’ah*.
- Preferences - If you have limited funds:
  - spend them on shabbos candles (*Shalom Bayis*) rather than Chanukka candles (you can make the chanukah bracha when seeing someone else’s menora) or kiddush wine (You can make kiddush in davening);
  - Spend them on Chanukah candles (*pirsumay nissa*) rather than on kiddush wine.
- Rewards: One who...
  - is scrupulous in Shabbos/Chanukka candles: Sons will be *Talmidei Chachamim*. (Case: #1, R’ Avin Nagra had R’ Idi bar Avin and R’ Chiya bar Avin. #2. R’ Shizvi’s father-in-law (or father) had Rav Shizvi).
  - is scrupulous in mezuzah: will have a nice house
  - is scrupulous in tzitzis: will have nice clothes
  - is scrupulous in kiddush: will have lots of wine (profitable business)
- Story of Rav Yosef’s interaction with his wife who originally lit candles fairly late, and then lit candles fairly early.

**Halacha:**

- Olive oil is best because it burns well and because the miracle happened with olive oil
- Now that we light indoors, concern of *Chashad*, “suspect”, does not apply.

**Inspiration:**

- Re: *Hadlaka oseh mitzva* (The lighting makes the mitzva) - Rav Levi Yitzchak says that it is only when you are passionate, you are fired up in performance of mitzvas. It is your *brin*, your *hadlaka*, that makes it a true mitzva performance.
- Re: *Pe’ah* - Nothing’s more precious than time. Farmer is forbidden to even waste time of the poor *Pe’ah* collector.
- Re: *Shalom Bayis*- People are happier in an illuminated home. Light is good for one’s relationship with their spouse, family and Hashem.
- Every *d’raban* has an element of a *d’orisa*. Hashem vested *chazal* to legislate law, so it is therefore, as if Hashem has commanded us to do the *d’raban*.
- Re: *Chashad*- Some people want to live beyond reproach. Others don’t care what people think. The first attitude is correct. We must ensure that others don’t suspect us of wrongdoings. Our actions must rise above suspicion. “*V’hyisem n’ki’yim*” - Live your life as if all your activities will be printed on the front page of the NY Times..
- Re: Rewards for scrupulous in candles: Be consistent in the spiritual illumination in your home. Model spiritual behavior for both your young and old children. Inspire them through internal and external kindling. And they will be affected.
- Re: Rewards for scrupulous in mezzuzah/tzitzis: *Gashmiyus*, materialism is an avenue for *Ruchniyus*, to come closer to Hashem. Use it properly! *Gashmiyus* becomes a problem only when used to distance yourself from Hashem.
- Re: Rav Yosef - Didn’t tell her that she did something wrong, but rather told her an inspiring vort. Never tell your partner in life that they did something incorrect or put them down. Rather inspire them. If you try really hard with your *Shalom Bayis*, Hashem will help you out. Eliyahu came to help Rav and Rebbitzin Yosef.