Parshat Re'eh - 1st Day Rosh Chodesh Elul
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Shabbas

Pre-Game Farbrengen:	7:35pm
Candle Lighting:	7:45pm
Mincha:	7:45pm
Sunset:	8:03pm
Shacharis:	8:30am
Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone	9:45am
Shabbos Groups:	9:45am
Mincha:	7:30pm
Maariv:	8:43pm
Shabbos ends:	8:52pm

Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday):	8:30am
Shacharis (Monday – Friday):	6:45am
Mincha at Kollel:	1:45pm
Mincha & Maariv:	7:40pm
Nightfall/Shema after:	8:37-8:45pm
Maariv at Kollel:	9:15pm

Coming Up…

Summer Learning @ 4:30pm on Shabbat
With Alise Panitch @ the Cohen Home, 2111 Aqueduct Lane
Community BBQ - Labor Day @ 4-6pm

Kiddush is sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All glory, honor, praise, and blessings to the God of Israel and the whole world; for help, mercy, forgiveness, and blessings, and for the new shul at Young Israel. May He bless all Israel and Jews throughout the world, especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill, NJ, and families, please, Amen.

Seudas Shlishi sponsored by Elad Rosin to mark the occasion of the returning of his mishpacha.

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As we approach the Yemei Din and re-focus on the teshuva process, it is crucial that we deepen our appreciation of the intense mutual love that defines our relationship with Hashem. Our Chochamim tell us that the very essence of Elul is the awareness that אני לדודי ודודי לי- I am to my Beloved, and my Beloved is to me. Our Teshuva efforts must be inspired from the recognition of the deep love between Hashem and us, and the desire to restore that relationship to its full beauty.

In this context, let us consider a פסוק in this week's פרשה. While discussing the justice that is meted out to an עיר הנדחת (wayward city), the תורה writes: ונתן לך רחמים ורחמך - Hashem will place mercy in our hearts, and that will in turn make us deserving of Hashem's mercy. What does the תורה refer to when it writes that Hashem will place mercy in our hearts?

The אור החיים opines that this placing of mercy is a phenomenon specific to the aftermath of an עיר הנדחת, but the חובות הלבבות in שער הבטחון פרק ג disagrees. He writes that this placing of mercy within the human heart has general application- it is a constant feature of reality, because, in truth, "כל רחמי מרחמי הקל, כולם הם וחמלה שיהיו מזולתו עליו - all aspects of mercy that an individual experiences in his life have been placed within their benefactors' heart by Hashem Himself, specifically for the receiver.

The implication of this פסוק on our understanding of our relationship with Hashem is revolutionary. Every incident of mercy and compassion that we experience in our life- be it from our parents, spouse, family, friends, colleagues, or even from a stranger- are all manifestations of Hashem's mercy, compassion, and love! Those around us are simply the messengers conveying that love and warmth to us from the Creator Himself!

Let us utilize this פסוק as a window into the depth of Hashem's love for us, and allow the reciprocal feelings of love such recognition inspires carry us to a וכתיבה וחתימה טובה תשובה שלמה!

This week's Dvar Torah was written by Rabbi Ari Baum. Participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project by contacting isaacbenmass@gmail.com to sign up.