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## Shabbos Email Letter Parshas Vayishlach

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When one learns the parasha of Dinah being abducted by Sh'chem and subsequently Shimon and Levi murdering the entire city in defense of their sister, we are faced with a glaring question; Why? Why did Shimon and Levi do it? What did they see in Sh'chem and Chamor's actions that warranted the entire city to be killed and then plundered? Sh'chem insisted on marrying Dinah. Yaakov and his sons agreed on condition that they all perform bris milahs, which the entire population obligingly did. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day following the bris when they were all weak and vulnerable, Shimon and Levi attacked the city and killed all the men of Sh'chem, rescued Dinah and brought her back to Yaakov. Hence our question, why did Shimon and Levi decide that the consequence was to attack and annihilate the entire city?

The mefarshim answer, that the shevatim were able to detect that they were not sincere when they performed the bris milah. It was only done in order to fulfill their lust for immorality, therefore they merited this harsh punishment.

Where did they detect this insincerity? How did Shimon and Levi pick up this message?

The Avodas Yisroel answers that the posuk itself shows us how they regretted and were upset that they did this mitzvah. "Vayehi bayom hashlishi biyohsum koavim..." It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the bris when they were in Pain. Interestingly, the Torah does not use the typical word for pain "tzar", rather the term "koav", which can be translated as hurt, regret, and remorse. When performed properly with the correct intentions, a mitzvah does not cause pain or remorse chas v'shalom. On the contrary, a mitzvah brings about a great sense of happiness and comfort. Regardless of the physical discomfort accompanied by some mitzvos (ie. Bris milah and eating marror). If when doing a mitzvah one experiences certain pains he's obviously not doing the mitzvah properly!

The essence of chinuch is training our children and students to do mitzvos properly. When being mechanech our children, it is not enough to train them into doing mitzvos, rather equally important is the attitude, approach and most important the simcha and geshmak one has to have while performing mitzvos and serving Hashem. It is the simcha shel mitzvah that will remain ingrained within them forever.

May we only see nachas from our children and talmidim.

Gut Shabbos,  
Rabbi Sender Y Kasziner  
Rosh Yeshiva

### Lakewood

Candle Lighting 4:14  
Shabbos Ends  
5:17/5:44

### Brooklyn

Candle Lighting 4:11  
Shabbos Ends  
5:15/5:42

**Look out for our  
upcoming Chanukah  
Mesiba Wednesday  
night the 5<sup>th</sup> night of  
Chanukah!**



**Pictures from last year's Chanukah Mesiba!**





# Football in Yeshiva