

Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by Momo - 06 Dec 2009 10:18

Please vote!

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by imtrying25 - 08 Dec 2009 17:05

[Rage ATM wrote on 08 Dec 2009 14:30:](#)

yeah, silentdude, that is exactly what i wrote and its important...but let me go even further and here i am going to disagree with guard too...ultimately, our ben adam lamakom is ONLY to serve our ben adam lechaveyro...because (1) i do not believe the torah was meant as a "How to Get Into Heaven" book but rather it is a "Living On Earth For Dummies" book and (2) when i ask myself WHY has gd bothered creating this world in the first place my answer is not "so that we can worship him" but rather "because he wanted to do good and he wanted us to follow him in the process of doing good"...so he is a "good doer" by giving us and we are "good doers" by giving others NOT by giving him...he doesnt need jack black from us...

What should i say Rage?? You were mechavin to the Chafetz Chaim on why he created us. You were mechavin to alot of the Baalei Musser in why we were created. Just check out the hakdamah of nefesh Hachaim.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by habib613 - 08 Dec 2009 17:51

i really really like this thread

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by Moshew - 08 Dec 2009 21:04

The *Gemora* (it could be a *Medrash*) says that the *Ribono Shel Olam* (RS"O) can't be in the same place as a *Baal Gayvah* (B'G), there is no room for both. Why, because a B"G world revolves around himself and such a person has no room for the RS'O. Similarly a B'G automating can't have *Ben Adam Lachaveiro* because it's all about ME.

Thus we see that as soon as someone doesn't have *Ben Adam Lachaveiro* the RB"S wants nothing to do with that person. Therefore by default *Ben Adam Lachaveiro* should be worked on first.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro

Posted by silentbattle - 09 Dec 2009 00:12

Habib - Why don't you share your opinion?!

Reb Moshe, I'm not sure I follow your logic. i agree that someone who's a ba'al gaivah is obviously going to have issues with bein adam l'chaveiro (and depending on the situation, that might come out in obvious or subtle ways - for example, someone may be a B"G about the fact that he helps people so much, and he may truly be helping people. This will adversely affect his bein adam l'chaveiro, though, because that will stop him from being objective, and in some cases will cause him to make bad decisions. So it's still affecting his bein adam l'chaveiro, but his bein adam l'chaveiro might be far above the level of any of us! except for R' Guard, obviously).

So up to there, I'm following you. But I don't understand the next step you take (when you say that [Moshew wrote on 08 Dec 2009 21:04](#):

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There might be lots of reasons why a person is bad at bein adam l'chaveiro, and for most of those other reasons, it doesn't say that hashem can't be in the same world.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by habib613 - 09 Dec 2009 03:37

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by Kedusha - 09 Dec 2009 04:24

[habib613 wrote on 09 Dec 2009 03:37:](#)

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by silentbattle - 09 Dec 2009 06:05

Habib - your opinion means plenty.

Besides - you can quote sforim, too!

IT25 - can I ask for a specific mare'eh makom in the chofetz chaim? And if possible, nefesh hachaim (though aside from Sha'ar daled, I've been told is very kabbalistic)?
But, my opinion means something, and I think that your opinion does too!

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Posted by imtrying25 - 09 Dec 2009 12:17

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Sure. The Nefesh Hachaim is in the hakdamah. Which was written by his son R Itzele. Its actually in big letters. He writes there that his father told him "LO NIVRAH HA'ADOM ELAH L'HOIL L'ACHRINI". Im not sure i have the wording exact being that i dont have one with me right now. And the Chafetz Chaim mekor ill have to get back to you on. The Ramchel in Da'as Tevunos (and if im not mistaken in Mesillas Yeshorim as well) writes plenty of times that we were created so that Hashem can be Maytiv/do good to us.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by Momo - 09 Dec 2009 12:28

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by habib613 - 09 Dec 2009 12:53

thanks kedusha, sb, momo... i think i'll still just sit and watch

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Posted by Kedusha - 09 Dec 2009 14:57

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I don't think Hashem is happy with a kind person who is Oved Avodah Zara and is Mechallel Shabbos either. We need to keep both. Your question was only which one is MORE important.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by Momo - 09 Dec 2009 15:01

Not so fast Kedusha.

Remember the fact that the generation of the flood were destroyed because they stole from one another, but the generation of migdal bavel weren't because there was unity, even though they worshiped idols.

I never suggested HaShem is happy with nice people who worship idols, but as you wrote, if you had to choose one, which one should you choose.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by Kedusha - 09 Dec 2009 15:06

Sometimes we're actually required to choose the Mitzva that's less important. "Gadol Talmud Torah Yosair Me'Hatzalas Nefashos." So learning Torah is a greater Mitzva than saving lives. Yet, if you're learning and someone is, c"v, having a heart attack, we all know that you're required to stop learning and help him.

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Re: Ben adam lamakom vs. ben adam lachaveiro
Posted by silentbattle - 10 Dec 2009 04:01

Good point, Momo - I thought of that, and was going to mention it, which seems to imply that there is something to bein adam l'chaveiro, even without bein adam l'makom. Not sure, though it might have been the final straw, since I don't think they were big on bein adam l'makom, either, and the level of evil in their bein adam l'makom may have shown just how far they'd fallen in general.

Talking my thoughts over with an older and wiser friend. As a result, let me modify/clarify my opinion...

The question implies that there are two different categories - bein adam l'makom, and bein adam l'chaveiro. And that there's the possibility of choosing one instead of the other.

The truth is that although they are two categories, they're part of one big category - mitzvos. Mitzvos are mitzvos are mitzvos, and we have to do all of them. Which to do first, what to do when there's a conflict? We look in the shulchan aruch.

But the reason we do all of them - is because they're mitzvos, because that's what hashem told us to do.

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