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#### ואתה תצוה את בני ישראל ...

פרשת תצוה has 101 Psukim in it. The גר"א points out that the Yahrtzeit of משה רבינו always falls out (on אדר ז' during the week of פרשת תצוה. משה's name, however, is not ever mentioned in פרשת תצוה (the only time this occurs since his birth in פר' שמות) which is a קיום of "מחני נא מספרך".

However, even though משה's presence seems to be lacking, משה is present in a hidden fashion. The name משה spelled out is "מם שינ הא" The hidden letters of his name (the one's not used to spell משה) are א, י, נ, ם – which add up to 101 – the exact number of Psukim in פרשת תצוה.

So even when משה is not here to the naked eye, he is ever-present. So too, משה physically passed away on אדר ז' but through the תורה he is still with us. He is 'here' in the number of 101 (Psukim in the Parsha) and we also know the significance of the number 101 as Chazal tell us that "One who learns something 100 times is not like the one who learns it 101 times."

Rav Zalman Sorotzkin sees another important message in משה's omission from this Parsha. Even though משה was the greatest leader that כלל ישראל ever had, he was not the focus of Bnei Yisrael's "עבודת ה'." Even at the time of his birth and death when the תורה mentions עבודת הבהנים and their בגדים, משה is not mentioned. עבודת ה' is our focus on הק"בה, without a middleman; as opposed to the "religions" of other nations that are fixated on the birth and death of their so-called "deity".

#### כל חכמי לב אשר מלאותיו רוח חכמה ...

The גמרא in ברכות מס' says "אין הק"בה נותן חכמה אלא למי שיש בו חכמה" "Hashem does not give wisdom except to one who already has wisdom" and there is a discussion in the Gemarah from where we know this. We either learn it from a Pasuk in דניאל that says "יהב חכמתא לחכימינן" or we learn it from the Pasuk of "ובלב כל חכם לב נתתי חכמה" which is found in בי תשא.

So how does a person first have חכמה in order to acquire חכמה from הק"בה? Says Reb Chaim Volozhiner, the Pasuk says ראשית חכמה יראת ה'. The prerequisite for חכמה is יראת ה' and יראת ה' is something that one must first acquire on his own – הכל בידי שמים חוץ מיראת שמים. This is what the Gemarah means – Hashem gives חכמה to one that has חכמה; one that has the יראת ה' required for חכמה.

#### Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	5:12pm
מנחה עש"ק	5:20pm
שקיעה	5:30pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	8:53 / 9:29a
דף יומי	4:20pm
מנחה	5:06pm
שקיעה	5:31pm
מעריב	6:21pm
Learning Program	7:00pm
Sunday מנחה	5:20pm

All times subject to change

#### Parsha Stats for תצוה

Number Of Pesukim:	101
Number Of Words:	1412
Number Of Letters:	5430
מצוות עשה:	4
מצוות לא תעשה:	3

## KID'S KORNER

## בבקר בבקר בהיטיבו את הנרת ...

## Kid's Challenge Question # 1

Which two of the בגדי כהונה were left out from the list of clothes in Perek ב"ח Pasuk ז'?



The Pasuk says "והקשיר עליו אהרן קמרת סמים בבקר בבקר בהיטיבו את הנרת" "And אהרן should bring the קמרת when he's cleaning the lamps of the מנורה each morning."

Reb Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל asks what does the קמרת have to do with the הטבת הנרות?

Says Reb Moshe, there are things that in the strict letter of the law are not אסור, and someone could even (unscrupulously) argue that they are מצוות. However, the תלמיד חכם has a חוש הריח, a sense of smell, as to whether it is proper or not. The מנורה represents תורה and the קמרת represents the sense of smell. Sometimes we may not even understand the protestations of Gedolim to certain things. However, these Gedolim have a חוש הריח that must be trusted when they say what is proper and what is not.

A story is told about the חזון איש. His visit to a medical specialist was prefaced by the doctor being told that the חזון איש was a "Great Rabbi". The doctor asked the חזון איש "What is the difference between a Rabbi and a Great Rabbi?"

## Kid's Challenge Question # 2

In addition to the names of the twelve שבטים, what else was engraved on the stones of the חושן?

Answered the חזון איש, "The same difference that there is between a doctor and a great doctor - A doctor says whatever his book says, but when it comes to a great doctor, what he says is already in the book! So too by a "Great Rabbi", what he says is in the book!"

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE QUESTION

The question that was asked was, how is it possible for a person to be מחוייב a punishment of Malkos for bringing the Korban Pesach?

The situation to consider was as follows:

- 1) the Korban Pesach was Shechted at the correct time
- 2) the Korban Pesach was Shechted in the proper place
- 3) the Korban Pesach was Shechted in the correct manner.

One answer is, if a person who did not yet have a Bris Milah brought the Korban Pesach anyway, he would be מחוייב a punishment of Malkos. A second answer is, if one brought the Korban Pesach while he still had Chametz in his possession, he too would get Malkos.

## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE QUESTION

Where may one sleep unrestrictedly when he did not perform a certain Mitzvah, but sleep only with restrictions if he had already performed the Mitzvah?



## Kid's Challenge Question # 3

Which מצות לא תעשה did not apply when the בגדי כהונה were worn?

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening if you have any correct answers.

Receipts for 2007 seats and/or donations were e-mailed out this week- If you did not get yours please see Sholom Lasker

בקשו רחמי שמים עבור רוחמה חוה בילה בת חיה והילד ברוך בן אסתר לרפואה שלימה

## ביכוד אב ואם A lesson in

Submitted by Ezra Rokowsky

There is a famous story brought down in Mesechetes Kiddushin. The stone of Shevet Binyamin from the **הושן** was needed in the Bais Hamikdash. A goy by the name of Dama Ben Nissina had the exact stone that was needed. When the Chachomim approached Dama Ben Nissina to buy it from him, he realized his father was guarding the stone by sleeping on top of the key to where it was stored. Although they offered him a tremendous amount of money for the stone, he insisted on not waking up his father up out of respect. As a reward for his great level of **ביכוד אב ואם**, Hashem rewarded him with by causing a **פרה אדומה** to be born on his farm the next year, which he was then able to sell at a great profit to the Chachomim.

The **משך חכמה** explains the reason why this lesson was brought out through the stone of Shevet Binyamin. The story of **מהירת יוסף** caused Yaakov Avinu a lot of **צער**. Even Yosef himself unwittingly also caused Yaakov **צער** by not informing him of his whereabouts for all those years. Binyamin was the only son who was not involved in the **מהירת יוסף**, and was therefore the only son whose **ביכוד אב ואם** was untarnished. For this reason, he was **זוכה** to have this great **לימוד** of **ביכוד אב ואם** brought out through him.

The Chidushei Harim points out another aspect of this story. Why was Dama Ben Nissina rewarded with a **פרה אדומה**? The Mitzvah of **ביכוד אב ואם** is a very understandable and logical mitzvah which makes a lot of sense to us. On the other hand, the mitzvah of **פרה אדומה** is a **חוק** - there is no logical explanation as to why we must fulfill this Mitzvah. So why as a result of Dama Ben Nissina's fulfillment of a rational Mitzvah of honoring his parents, did his reward come through the classic incomprehensible Mitzvah of **פרה אדומה**?

Hashem was sending us a message that the Mitzvah of **פרה אדומה** which is a **חוק** (and all the other Mitzvos that are **חוקים**) that we don't fully understand are just as important as the Mitzvah of **ביכוד אב ואם** (and other such Mitzvos), for which we *do* understand the reasoning and the logic behind them.

## הלכות תפילה

שלחן ערוך & משנה ברורה סימן ק"יא - ק"יב

239. If one has not yet Davened Krias Sh'ma by Shachris and the Tzibbur is starting Sh'moneh Esrei, one should not skip Sh'ma to Daven Sh'moneh Esrei with the Tzibbur, {because being "Soimech Geulah L'Tefillah" is more important than Tefillah B'Tzibbur by Shachris}.

240. However, by Maariv, one should Daven Sh'moneh Esrei with the Tzibbur, and then say Krias Sh'ma with all the Brachos (that precede and follow Sh'ma), after davening Sh'moneh Esrei with the Tzibbur.

241. The first three Brachos of Sh'moneh Esrei are "Sh'vach" - praise of Hashem, and therefore one may not request personal needs in those Brachos.

242. The Mishna Brurah cites the Tur who permits adding requests on behalf of the Tzibbur, however, the accepted Minhag is to refrain from any additions in the first three Brachos except for those added by Chazal (for example: additions during Aseres Y'mei T'shuva etc.)

243. The last three Brachos of Sh'moneh Esrei are thanks to Hashem, and one may not add any personal requests in these Brachos.

244. However, during the middle Brachos of Sh'moneh Esrei (after Attah Kadosh and before Retzay) one may add personal requests to the Brachos.

To receive two Halachos by e-mail each day, please send an email request to [dailyhalacha@aol.com](mailto:dailyhalacha@aol.com)

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## Community News and Events

This week's Father and Son **מוצאי שבת** learning program is sponsored by

**Mr. & Mrs. Yumi Gross**

Join us this **מוצאי שבת** at **7:00pm** for learning, prizes and pizza!

Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Melava Malka for the Avos U'Banim Learning Program will I"YH take place on **מוצאי שבת** Rosh Chodesh Adar Sheini (March 8th).

Mazel Tov to **Yumi & Chedva Gross** upon the birth of a baby girl, Aliza.

Yumi & Chedva invite everyone to a Gala Kiddush this Shabbos after Davening at the Agudah of Ave L - 2913 Avenue L

If anyone is interesting in donating an AED for the shul, or contributing towards the purchase of one, please let Sholom Lasker know.

An *Automated External Defibrillator* or AED is a portable electronic device that can automatically diagnose potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation. The total cost is \$1900 including the cabinet and pediatric capability.

## N'Shei Ohr Yisrael

Dear N'shei Ohr Yisroel,

Being that Purim is on a Friday this year and time is short on such a hectic day, getting to see everyone is not always easy. The N'shei would like to organize a Purim event for the Ohr Yisroel family to take place on Sunday March 16th.

We are looking for volunteers to help put this event together. If you would like to volunteer your time to set up, clean up, provide entertainment, or food or if have any other suggestions please call Rebbetzin Zucker at 718-338-3389 or C.G. Lasker at 718-258-0080.

## Answers to פרשת משפטים challenge Q's

Q1. For someone who steals, what is the difference between making him pay **כפל** and making him pay **ד & ה**?

A1. **כפל** is double and is paid if he stole something; **ה & ד** is a bigger punishment of 4 or 5 times the original amount. It is paid if he stole an animal and he 'Shechted' it or sold it.

Q2. What are the 4 methods that **בית דין** can use to kill someone?

A2. **סקילה, שריפה, הרג, חנק.**

Q3. What are the 4 types of damage that a person can do, & what are the 5 types of payment a person may have to pay?

A3. The 4 types of damage that can be done indirectly are:

1. **שור** - If a man's ox gores another person
2. **בור** - If one causes damage by a hole that he dug
3. **מבער** - If one's animal destructively grazes in a field
4. **הבער** - If one causes damage with a fire that he lit

When a person himself causes damage to another person (using his own body), the highest amount he would have to pay are the 5 types of damages:

1. **נזק** - The value of what was damaged
2. **צער** - How much the person would pay not to have received the pain of this damage
3. **ריפוי** - Payment for his doctor & medical expenses
4. **שבת** - Payment for the time he was out of work
5. **בושת** - Payment for his embarrassment

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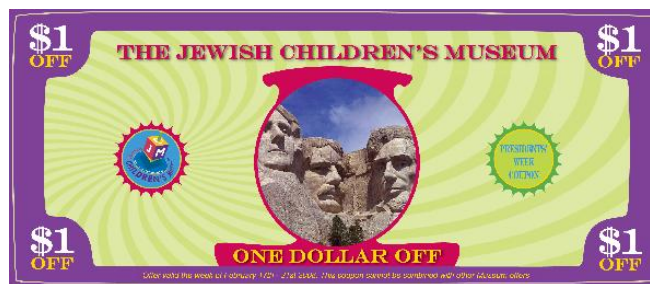
304,805: Letters in a Torah scroll.

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Presidents' Week Special! February 17th - February 21st  
Print this and bring it to the Museum to receive \$1 off each admission!



### The Jewish Children's Museum

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<p><b>Sunday, February 17</b></p> <p>"Torah Unwrapped" Workshop: (\$2) 1:30 am, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm. Age: 5+</p> <p>Game Show: 2:15 pm, 3:45 pm.</p> <p>Crafts: Closes 30 min. before museum closing time.</p> <p>Theater Schedule: 12:00 pm - Nachum Ish Gamzu 1:00 pm - Uncle Moishy Vol. 8 2:00 pm - The Life of Hillel 3:00 pm - Uncle Moishy Vol. 9 4:00 pm - Nachum Ish Gamzu 5:00 pm - Uncle Moishy Vol. 8</p> <p>Follow the Light Film: 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm.</p>	<p><b>Presidents' Day, Monday, February 18:</b></p> <p>"Torah Unwrapped" Workshop: (\$2) 2:15 am, 3:15 pm. Age: 5+</p> <p>Game Show: 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm.</p> <p>Crafts: Closes 30 min. before museum closing time.</p> <p>Theater Schedule: 12:00 pm - Nachum Ish Gamzu 1:00 pm - Uncle Moishy Vol. 8 2:00 pm - The Life of Hillel 3:00 pm - Uncle Moishy Vol. 9 4:00 pm - Nachum Ish Gamzu</p> <p>Follow the Light Film: 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm.</p>
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