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אלה פקודי המשכן משכן העדת...

Submitted by Ari Boiangiu

The first Pasuk in the Parsha states "אלה פקודי המשכן, משכן העדת" "These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of Testimony."

Rashi explains that the repetition of the word משכן refers to the two times that Hashem took our בית המקדש as collateral for our sins (שנתמשכן - taken as collateral).

While we know that Birchas HaTorah, Gilui Arayos, Shfichas Domim, and Avodah Zarah are the reasons we lost the בית המקדש, R' Shimon Shkop asks the following: Why was our punishment losing the בית המקדש? What is the link between any of our sins and the loss of the בית המקדש?

R' Shimon Shkop answers this question with the following analogy: Electric current can be found everywhere, but only if you have the proper circuit to draw it. When someone flicks on a light switch, he or she is allowing electricity to flow by drawing that current, which in turn cooks the filament inside the light bulb. If that person were to switch the light off, he or she blocks the current and no electricity is drawn. The electricity is ALWAYS there, but will only flow if one plugs in and allows it to be drawn.

The same is true with the בית המקדש. The בית המקדש represented the flow of the שכינה - the electrical current of the Neshamos of Klal Yisrael. However, our מצוות and desire to "draw" closer to Hashem are that switch that allows the current to flow. If, Chas V'Shalom, we show Hashem we don't want that closeness, in effect we are shutting of that light switch (or unplugging the light altogether) and blocking the current from flowing.

Rav Chaim Volozhin, in his work נפש החיים explains the concept of צלם אלקים in a similar fashion. Man is similar to his Creator in that just as Hashem controls the forces of the world, mankind controls thousands of forces in the Olamos HaElyonim. It is our decision to "plug in" to that spiritual current and lead to Tikkun Olam - Good Shabbos, Ari

Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	5:36pm
מנחה עש"ק	5:44pm
שקיעה	5:54pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	8:36 / 9:12a
דף יומי	4:45pm
מנחה	5:30pm
שקיעה	5:55pm
מעריב	6:45pm
מלוה מלכה	7:45pm
Sunday מנחה	5:45pm

All times subject to change

Parsha Stats for פקודי

Number Of Pesukim:	92
Number Of Words:	1182
Number Of Letters:	4432
מצוות עשה:	0
מצוות לא תעשה:	0

At 2 a.m. on March 9th (this מוצאי שבת), turn your clocks forward one hour for the start of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to also change your smoke detector batteries.

KID'S KORNER

אלה פקודי המשכן, משכן העדת...
Submitted by Tzvi Liberman

Kid's Challenge Question # 1

Who did not contribute to the משכן at all?



Kid's Challenge Question # 2

What מצוה רבנגן אדנים is hinted to by the קרשים of the Mishkan's אדנים? (Hint – The number 100)



Kid's Challenge Question # 3

What other מצוות do we use שקלים for?

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

In this week's Parsha the תורה interrupts the עבודה to tell us everything that was brought for the משכן.

The דרש משה explains why the תורה did this. The תורה wanted to teach us that even דברים גשמיים like כסף וזהב, for example, can be קדוש, as long as they are made לשם שמים.

However, this is only true if all of the כסף וזהב were made לשם שמים. This is why before the תורה told us about the כהונה בנדי בהונה it made a חשבון of everything in the משכן. This was to make sure it was all given לשם שמים. Only in this way would the בהן be able to serve Hashem properly.

Dvar Torah on Purim from Rav Shimon Schwab zt"l

"Rav Schwab on Prayer" pg 526

On Purim in "על הניסים" we mention regarding המן and his sons; "They hanged him and his sons on a tree".

According to the Megillah only המן died by hanging, while his sons were all killed by sword the following year on the 13th of Adar, and as instructed by Esther their bodies were hanged from the tree together with המן's body. What is the significance of this tree?

Rav Schwab zt"l suggests that it has its origin in the statement in the Gemara in Chullin: "המן מן התורה מנין", Where does המן appear in the Torah? The answer given is that after Adam ate from the forbidden fruit of the Eitz Hada'as Hashem asked him "Hamin Ha'eitz...?", Did you eat from the tree which I commanded you not to eat? Taken simply the word Hamin is made up of the letters Hey, Mem and Nun, which also spell המן.

However, the deeper meaning is this; The most heinous crime imaginable is genocide, the murder of an entire race of people. The most egregious form of this crime is when it is directed against Klal Yisroel, the chosen nation, as was attempted by המן. On the other hand, the smallest Aveirah, which one could argue is no sin at all, is that which Adam and Chavah did by eating of the Eitz Hada'as. Inasmuch as their motivation was to "become like G-d", and to raise themselves toward the level of Hashem, we may conclude that this was the most exalted form of sin ever committed. Nevertheless, they committed the first Aveirah and all other sins of the human race are as a result of this first sin.

The desire for the most idealistic Aveirah escalated in their offspring, step by step, until it eventually reached the worst of all sins, that which was contemplated by המן; "To destroy, to slay, and to exterminate all the Jews". The worst Aveirah has its origin in the slightest Aveirah. This is what the Gemara means when it says: "המן מן התורה מנין? - Hamin Ha'eitz". Therefore, the hanging of המן and his ten sons on the tree symbolically conveys the idea that the wickedness of המן and his sons is attributable to the "tree".

to all those that committed to contribute דברי תורה on the week of their Bar Mitzvah Parsha

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הלכות חודש אדר ופרשת שקלים

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הלכות חודש אדר

"משנכנת אדר מרבנים בשמחה". Some opinions say that this is applicable even in אדר ראשון in a year with two Adars, (S'V Chasam Sofer 163, Kedushas Levi Parshas Ki Sisa, Sfas Emes), while others disagree (Levush 685:1, S'V Sh'eilas Ya'avatz 2:88). Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 686:3

If one has a court matter pending with a non-jew, one should make an effort to have the matter heard by the court during אדר, because in אדר the Mazal is Dagim (fish), which represents Yosef upon whom Ayin Hor'ah is not effective. {Based on a Gemara Yerushalmi Mes. Megillah 4:1}. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 686:3

Some people have a custom to make a Seudah on a certain day in the year to thank Hashem for a personal miracle that occurred on that day. If such a day falls in a year that has two Adars, the Seudah should be made in אדר ראשון. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 697:1 (see also 686:MB8)

Any Seudah that one makes to thank Hashem for his miracles is considered a Seudas Mitzvah. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 697:1

Beginning אדר ראש חודש אדר there is a custom to hang a sign in the home that says "משנכנת אדר מרבנים בשמחה" "When אדר comes in, one increases his happiness". Some have the Minhag to use this sign to cover the unfinished area that many have the custom to retain in their home "Zecher L'churban" (in memory of the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash). Yalkut Avraham 686, Piskei Tshuvos 686:5

If two boys were born in a year with two months of אדר, and one was born on the 29th of אדר א', and the other was born on the 1st of אדר ב'; if in the year of their Bar Mitzvah there is only one Adar, the younger child will become a Bar Mitzvah four weeks before the older child. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 55:10, S'V Chasan Sofer 99

פרשת שקלים

On the Shabbos of ראש חודש אדר ב', which this year falls on Parshas Pikudei we take out three Sifrei Torah. The first for the Parsha of the week, פרשת פקודי, the second for the seventh Aliyah for the ראש חודש Laining, and the third for the מפמיר reading of פרשת שקלים. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 685:1

The reading of פרשת שקלים is to remember the Mitzvah of מחצית השקל in the time of the Beis Hamikdash. Each person donated a half שקל coin which were collectively used to purchase the animals used for the daily תודה. These coins were collected each year beginning from ראש חודש אדר. Shulchan Aruch w/Mishnah Brurah 685:1

Another reason for the reading of פרשת שקלים on שבת ראש חודש אדר is because Hashem knew that Haman would one day show his generosity when attempting to bribe King Achashverosh with 10,000 silver coins for permission to murder the Jews. Therefore Hashem preceded our Mitzvah of מחצית השקל to Haman's use of silver coins. Yerushalmi Mes. Megillah 1:5

Women are not obligated in the Mitzvah of the reading of פרשת שקלים (being that it is a positive Mitzvah that is dependent on time). Nit'ay Gavriel 18:4, S'V Divrei Chaim OC 2:14

Some people have the custom to learn משניות מסכת שקלים on Shabbos פרשת שקלים after Mincha. (And מסכת מגילה on Shabbos Parshas Zochor, and מסכת פרה on Shabbos Parsha Parah, and מסכת פסחים on Shabbos Parshas Hachodesh). Nit'ay Gavriel 17:11

Community News and Events

This year's **מוצאי שבת** Avos U'Banim Learning Program has come to a close.

Please join us this **מוצאי שבת** at **7:45pm** for the Grand Melava Malka, graciously sponsored by

Yumi & Chedva Gross

Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Mazel Tov to Meir & Shani Krasner on the birth of their baby boy!

The Shalom Zachor will I"YH take place this Friday night in their house at 1670 East 31st Sreet.

Inaugural Dinner & הכנסת ספר תורה of Mesivta Gedulas Mordechai

Mr. & Mrs. Yitzchok Halpert will I"YH be making a Hachnosas Sefer Torah on Sunday, March 16th.

נמר בתיבת אותיות at

4:30pm - at the Halpert home, 3019 Ave R

5:30 - Parade to the Yeshiva at 2940 Avenue P

7:00 - Dinner at Ahavas Torah, 2961 Nostrand Ave.

Guest Speaker, Rav Avrohom N. Zucker,
Rosh Yeshivas Ohr Yisrael of Marine Park



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Answers to פרשת כי תשא challenge Q's

Q1. How many times were Bnei Yisrael counted in the wilderness using the **מחצית השקל**?

A1. Twice: Once after Yom Kippur to see how many died as a result of the **עגל**. The second time was in Iyar when Bnei Yisrael dedicated the Mishkan.

Q2. At the time the Yiden were worshipping the **עגל**, what was Hashem doing in **שמים**?

A2. According to the Midrash in Shmos Rabbah, Hashem was engraving the **עשרת הדברות** onto the **לוחות**.

Q3. What **נס** occurred with the **שמן המשחה**?

A3. Even after they anointed **אהרן**, his sons, and all the Keilim in the Mishkan, the container of oil remained as full as it was before they started.

Kashrus Korner

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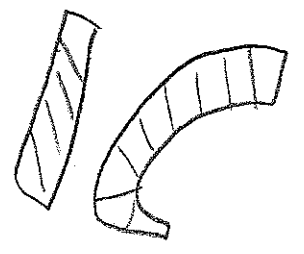
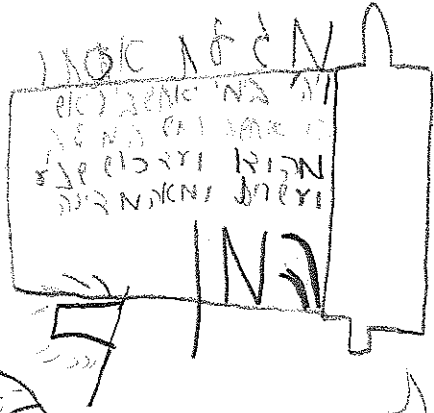
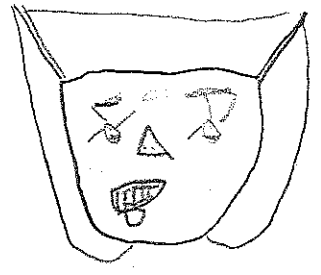
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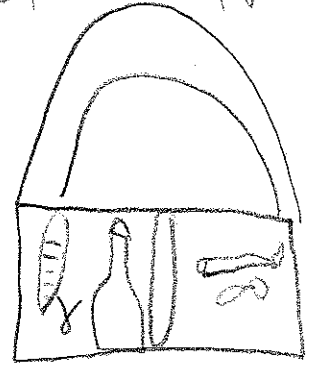
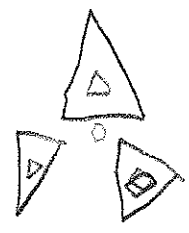
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