

PARSHA INSIGHTS

Yosef said to his brothers, "I am Yosef; is my father still alive?" His brothers could not respond because of their discomfort towards him. (45, 3)

Rebbi Abba Cohen Bardla said, "Woe to us when the Day of Judgment will come; woe to us when the Day of Reckoning will arrive - Hashem will chastise each person according to who he is." Yosef was the youngest of his brothers and they could not respond to his rebuke. Can you imagine what will happen when Hashem will rebuke each person? (Breishis Raba 93, 10)

Judgment is passed after a judge reckons the action and motive of the litigant. Why did Rebbi Aba Cohen Bardla reverse the order and first list the day of judgment and then the day of reckoning?

Rav Refoel Boruch Toledano zt"l answers that in a court on this earth, one presents an accounting of his deed and then is judged and sentenced.

However, issues that are resolved in the Heavenly Court and in a Heavenly Court manner, the system operates differently. When Dovid HaMelech was to be judged in regard to his actions with Bas-Sheva, Nosson HaNovi presented him with a comparable case and told Dovid to adjudicate it. When Dovid issued his ruling, Nosson told him, "You are that man" (Shmuel II 12, 7)

Similarly, when a person will arrive in the Heavenly Tribune, Hashem will judge him in the same manner. Hashem will present him with a situation and ask for his ruling on the matter. Then Hashem will say, "You will be punished according to your own rules." Man's judgment on the case will be issued first. The moment of truth and reckoning arrives afterwards, as one realizes that he is the case that was just discussed and he is guilty. For this reason, Rebbi Abba Cohen Bardla first listed judgment and then reckoning.

With this view of Heavenly Court in mind, people have a tool to lighten their verdict. If one is not so severe in his sentence of others, Hashem will pass a lighter sentence on him, as well.

Yisroel set out with all that he owned and arrived in Beer-Sheva, where he slaughtered sacrifices to the G-d of his father, Yitzchok. (46, 1)

Yakov attributed the korbonos to the G-d of his father and not to the G-d of his grandfather Avrohom because a person is required to honor his father more than his grandfather. (Rashi)

From Rashi it seems that a person is required to honor a grandparent (although on a lesser level than his parent).

If a child's father passes away and he wishes to say Kadish for his paternal grandparent, his mother can veto his wish. (Rema Yoreh Deah 240, 24)

If my father asks for a drink and my mother asks for a drink, who should I serve first? Rav Eliezer answered, your father, because both you and your mother are obligated to honor your father (her husband). (Kidushin 31a)

From the halocho in Kidushin we derive that if a woman and her child are obligated to honor someone, she is not permitted to tell her child not to honor that person. If so, why does the Rema rule that a mother can veto her son's desire to honor his paternal grandfather?

The Shevus Yakov (2, 94) explains that a child's obligation to honor a grandparent is not a direct obligation that he has towards his grandparent. It is an obligation he has to his parent.

Based on the Shevus Yakov, the Nachlas Tzvi answers as follows. Since a person's obligation to honor a grandparent is only an obligation he has to his own parent, it does not apply if his father has passed away. Therefore, in the case of the Rema, a mother's veto can stop her son from saying Kadish for his grandfather after the passing of his father.

TABLE TALK

PARSHA DILEMMA

I (Hashem) shall descend with you to Mitzrayim, and I will also surely bring return you from there. (46, 4)

And Hashem said to Avrohom, "Know with certainty that your children shall be strangers in a land not their own ... four hundred years. (Lech L'cha 15, 13)

From when Yitzchok was born until Bnai Yisroel left Mitzrayim was four hundred years. (Rashi)

If Bnai Yisroel were able to fulfill part of their four hundred year obligation of servitude in C'naan, why did they need to go to Mitzrayim at all? Why didn't they just serve the whole sentence in C'naan?

WHO AM I?

1. I informed of my uncle's survival
2. I informed of his coffin
3. I am similar to Eliyahu HaNovi
4. Dovid HaMelech and I used the same instrument

Last week's clues: I was for the door of the Bais HaMikdash, I limit the menorah, Watch me for your Sukka, I was for Yosef's pit.

Answer: Twenty amos

Congratulations to: Moshe Levi

WHO AM I?

1. I guaranteed my brother
2. Royal family
3. I founded the Yeshiva
4. I bear Hashem's name

Last week's clues: I had seven, I caused eight, I was made from fire, You put on me fire.

Answer: Menora

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond, Tal and Ronen Lowenthal

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

When Rav Sholom Hodaya arrived in Eretz Yisroel, he moved into the Ohel Moshe neighborhood. Surprised at his choice of community, people asked him, "Why didn't you move to where the people from your hometown live?"

Rav Sholom answered, "Unfortunately, gossip is discussed in the streets wherever a person lives. I would rather live in an area where I do not understand the conversational language of the people. It will prevent me from sinning and speaking badly about others."

TORAH RIDDLE

Who was the first of Yakov's descendants to descend to Mitzrayim?

Last week's riddle:

How do we learn from Chanuka that one should thank Hashem for the natural order of running of the world?

Answer: There was enough oil to burn for one day, so the miracle was only for seven days. Chanuka is celebrated for eight days because the mere fact that oil burns is a reason to thank Hashem.

Congratulations to: Tal Lowenthal, Neil Parks

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