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PARSHA INSIGHTS

He shall separate the ash... and place it next to the Mizbeyach. (6:3)

Why is this job, which seems to be janitorial in nature, considered an avoda to be performed by the kohanim? Why are the bigdei kehuna worn to perform ash removal from the Mizbeyach?

They (the people) are a replica of the Heichal of Hashem (Yirmiya 7:4). This posuk in Yirmiya is teaching that everything that was performed in the Bais HaMikdosh taught Bnai Yisroel a lesson.

What is there to learn from cleaning the ash off from the Mizbeyach?

The Alter from Kelm explains that ash is derived from the parts of the korbonos that were not burned and in essence are garbage. However, the Torah teaches that even waste has a time to be dealt with in a holy manner.

People have positive traits. They also possess negative traits with which they struggle. One might think that negative traits must be totally eradicated. The Torah is teaching that these traits need to be controlled and not destroyed because there are times that they should be channeled for a good use.

The following are two examples of negative traits that are to be utilized at a specific point in life. Cruelty is the antithesis of a Jew, while compassion is the symbol of a Jew (Yevomos 79a). Yet, Shaul HaMelech lost his monarchy because he was not cruel to Amalek.

Hashem abhors all those who are haughty in their heart (Mishlei 16:5). Yet, a Torah Scholar must have an eighth of an eighth of haughtiness (Sotah 5a).

The word for trait is “midah” which literally means a measurement. Every trait is good when used in the correct amount and at the proper time. The challenge in life is to know when and how much of each trait to use.

The lesson of the ash on the Mizbeyach is that it is a true avoda to know how and when to properly employ a negative trait in a way that the Torah prescribes as a productive purpose.

When reciting Shehecheyonu in the morning, one should have in mind that the brocho should apply to all the other mitzvos of the day. If one does not have a Megilla to read, then there is no brocho recited for mishloach manos, matanos l'evyonim and the Purim meal, these are a normal occurrence. (Magen Avrohom Orach Chaim 692)

If one sends mishloach monos and the friend refuses to accept it, the sender has fulfilled his obligation of sending mishloach monos (Rema 695:4).

Why is a brocho not recited when one sends mishloach monos?

The Rashba (18) says that a brocho is not recited when one gives tzedaka because maybe the recipient will decline to take it and then the brocho will have been in vain. According to the Rema that the fulfillment of the mitzva of mishloach monos is dependent on sending it, not on its acceptance by a recipient, the logic of the Rashba would not pertain to mishloach monos.

The Rambam (Berochos 11:2, according to the Kesef Mishna) states that one recites a brocho only when performing a mitzva between man and Hashem. However, when the mitzva being performed is between a person and his friend, a brocho is not recited. Since mishloach monos is a mitzva performed between man and his friend, one does not recite a brocho. (Mikroei Kodesh 40)

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PARSHA DILEMMA

The girl (Esther) was finely featured and beautiful... (Esther 2:7)

Esther had a green complexion, but Hashem bestowed upon her an aura that would make people think he was beautiful. (Megilla 13a)

The posuk implies that Esther was naturally beautiful. However, from the Gemora it seems that her beauty was only due to Hashem giving her an illusion of beauty? Which one is it?

WHO AM I?

1. My niece was my wife
2. You can find me in the spices
3. My enemy was my slave
4. I was a life saver

Last week's clues: I was not born, I could not steal, I am named for my source, I was a person. **Answer:** Adam HaRishon.

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WHO AM I?

1. Don't confuse me with a greenhorn
2. I was a prophetess
3. My identity was a secret
4. Hashem will hide His face

Last week's clues: I am not a lien, I am for a korban, I do not give you the title Rabbi, Use all your weight. **Answer:** Semicha

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A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

The flame of the altar should remain aflame on it. (6:2)

Aaron did so. (Behaaloscha (8:3))

These words are praising Aaron - his excitement to fulfill the mitzva did not diminish. (Rashi)

When the Imrei Emes was a small boy and learning Parshas Tzav, he asked his Rebbi the following question. "Why does the Torah use the words 'tukad bo', which literally means 'the flame should burn in it'? Shouldn't the Torah have written 'tukad olov' which means 'on it'?"

The Rebbi told the young boy to ask his father when he got home. When he asked his question to his father, the Sfas Emes, he countered, "What do you think it means?" The young Imrei Emes responded, "I think the Torah is trying to teach the kohen that a 'fire should always burn in him'. Since he is performing the avoda on a constant basis, he may get accustomed to performing outstanding feats and lose his enthusiasm for them. The word 'bo' is a hint to the kohen."

TORAH RIDDLE

What do the Eitz HaDa'as and Haman have in common?

Last week's riddle:

Where in this parsha is the source for what we call "The pintele Yid" (the inner spark in every Jew)?

Answer: A korban must be brought willingly. Yet a person who refuses to bring a korban can be forced until he says "I want to bring it", since deep down every Jew really wants to do what Hashem wants him to do. (Rashi)

Congratulations to: *Sorry no Congratulations this week.*

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