

**PARSHA INSIGHTS**

***You shall count for yourselves... fifty days and you shall offer a new meal offering to Hashem. (23:15 - 16)***

Why did Hashem command Bnai Yisroel to count the days between Pesach and Shavuos? Furthermore, why are Bnai Yisroel prohibited to eat grain from a new crop until the Korban Omer is brought?

*On the left side (of Torah) is wealth and honor. (Mishlei 3:16)*

The Akeidas Yitzchok (67) answers that there are two elements in the world - physical and spiritual. Sometimes a person can become so involved and focused on the physical aspect of his existence (food, wealth and glory) that he neglects his spiritual sustenance. Hashem wanted to guarantee that Bnai Yisroel would be focused on the spiritual part of their life and realize that other issues remain less important.

With that in mind, Hashem commanded the following two mitzvos. One is not permitted to eat from a new crop until it has been used in a spiritual manner. In addition, Hashem commanded that a person must verbally count towards the day of Matan Torah. These two mitzvos give a person the ability to realize that his objective in life is his spiritual existence.

With this premise, we can understand the difference between the korbonos brought on Pesach and on Shavuos. On Pesach, the Korban Omer is brought from barley, which is normally eaten by animals. On Shavuos, the korban is brought from wheat, which is a staple for human consumption. What is the difference?

On Pesach, Bnai Yisroel celebrate their exodus from slavery. In truth, this experience can also be felt by an animal, who is easily able to discern when he is being enslaved and when he is free. Therefore, Hashem instituted a time for a person to feel that he is being elevated to the level of a human. That feeling occurs on Shavuos when a person accepts the Torah and experiences spirituality, which is the focal point of a person's existence.

**TABLE TALK**

**PARSHA DILEMMA**

***These are the appointed festivals (moadei) of Hashem... (23:4)***

*The One who sanctifies Bnai Yisroel and the times (zmanim). (Tefilla Sholosh Regolim)*

Since the word 'moadim' is used in the Torah to describe the Festivals, why is the word 'zmanim' used in davening?

**WHO AM I ?**

1. I am not to say
2. I was for the Mon
3. Tenth of an eifa
4. For the new from the new

**Last week's clues:** My mitzva is to speak, I am mentioned daily, Praiseworthy for more, I am not only for day.

**Answer:** Sipur Yetzias Mitzrayim

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**WHO AM I ?**

1. I am for the animal
2. I am for the Kohen
3. I am the same backward and forward
4. If my middle loses its leg I'd become water

**Last week's clues:** Don't confuse me with aliyos, I was for the slaves, I was sun baked, I am not to find.

**Answer:** Matzo

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**A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS**

***The son of an Israelite woman went out, pronounced the Name of Hashem and blasphemed... (24:10 - 11)***

*From where did he exit? Why did this cause him to transgress such a grievous sin? He left the courthouse. His father was an Egyptian and his mother was from the tribe of Don. He wanted to set up his tent in the section of Don. They turned him away his request because his father was not from Don. Left all alone without anywhere to go, he sinned. (Rashi)*

*Rebbi Yehoshua ben Prachya had a student who was not acting properly. He sent him away. After awhile, the student returned to ask to be re-accepted. When he came back, the Rebbi was in middle of saying Shema. He motioned to the student to wait a minute. Misunderstanding the Rebbi's motion, he thought he was being dismissed. Feeling totally rejected, he went and bowed to an idol (Sota 47a).*

Due to this incident, the religion of Christianity developed.

Rav Sholom Wallach related that he recently met a young man who told him the following story. "I had a minor position in a Yeshiva and one day I was asked to speak to the bochurim. I told them that I was not blessed with speaking abilities but they insisted and I accepted their request. When I got up to speak, I remembered that my Rebbi, Rav Yakov Neiman zt"l, would begin all his speeches with the following words, "My dear boys." I followed in his holy footsteps and did the same.

I cannot recall what I spoke about but after the speech a bochur approached me with tears in his eyes, "Rebbi, this is the first time I heard that I am a 'dear' boy. I have always been criticized for being tardy and for not producing according to my capabilities. I am always asked, "What will you do in the future?" I was never told I was a dear boy and that I am good." He broke down into tears and sobbed.

Why am I remembering this story now? I just met this boy. He is a grown man and a respected Rebbi. When I saw him, he ran over to me and told me, "Rebbi, I owe my life to you. The three words you said, "My dear boys" saved me from feeling rejected.

With the utmost respect and reverence, the entire community pays tribute to the following Bnai Torah who delivered Divrei Torah in the shuls they daven in during Yom Tov.

Natan Adato  
Yosef Belkin  
Avromi Frankel  
Moshe Glazer  
Dovid Judkovitch  
Moshe Judkovitch  
Naftoli Kozuch  
Yoni Rom  
Yehuda Schlesinger  
Yona Schlesinger  
Elchonon Weiss  
Zacky Setnick

A hearty yasher koach to them and all those who facilitated this outstanding Kiddush Hashem. May these Bnai Torah continue to develop in Torah and be a pride to Hashem, themselves and their families.

## TORAH RIDDLE

### *An eye for an eye... (24:20)*

*The monetary value of the eye must be paid (Bava Kamma 83b).  
Where is this hinted to in the posuk?*

### **Last week's riddle:**

What do the number 15 and the Seder have in common?

**Answer:** 1) The seder is on the fifteenth of the month. 2) There are fifteen simanim for the Seder (kadesh, urchatz etc...) 3) There are fifteen dayeinus.

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