

**PARSHA INSIGHT**

**Rav Yochonon ben Zakai requested, "Please spare the city of Yavne and its Torah scholars. (Gittin 56b)**

Many vital institutions were destroyed during the churban. However, in his request to the Emperor, Rav Yochonon ben Zakai focused on sparing the Torah scholars of Yavne. Why?

**Who is the wise man who will understand this... Hashem said, "For they forsook My Torah." (Yirmiyohu 9:11 - 12)**

*This question - why the Bais HaMikdosh was destroyed - was asked of the wise men and the prophets, but they did not have an answer. Hashem responded, "It is due to their laxity in Torah study." (Nedorim 81a)*

*When Yehoshua was in Yericho, an angel appeared to him and said, "Yesterday you did not bring the korban Tomid and today you did not study Torah." Yehoshua asked him, "For which issue did you come?" The angel responded, "For the present issue (Torah study)." During the following night, Yehoshua studied Torah all night and they were successful in winning the war. (Megilla 3)*

Due to the lack of Torah study by Bnai Yisroel, the Bais HaMikdosh was destroyed. When Bnai Yisroel were engaged in war with Yehoshua at the helm, the lack of Torah study almost cost them the war. There are many mitzvos in the Torah. Why is a deficiency in Torah study such a prominent cause for destruction?

**Enough of your circling this mountain, turn yourselves tzofona (northward). (2:3)**

*If you see that the nations of the world wish to fight with you, hide from them. Yisroel responded to Hashem, "Ribono Shel Olom, our father blessed Esav that he should live by the sword, and You agreed to that blessing. Therefore, how can You tell us to hide if he has Your blessing and the blessing of Yitzchok to have success with the sword. Where can we hide? Hashem responded, "If you see that you are being attacked, run to the Bais Medrash and study the Torah - it will protect you. The word "tzofona" refers to the Torah as the posuk says, "Yitzpon (the Torah) for Yeshurun (Bnai Yisroel) brings salvation." (Devorim Rabba 1:19)*

With the above Chazal, we can understand the above words of Chazal. Rav Yochonon was not just asking for the protection of the Torah scholars in Yavne. He wanted to assure the success and salvation of Klal Yisroel. Had Yavne not been spared, there would have not been any hope for the future of Klal Yisroel.

The lack of Torah study causes destruction because Torah study is the only protection against the sword of the world. The lack of its study allowed the sword of Esav to overrun the Bais HaMikdosh and almost caused the defeat of Yehoshua's army in Yericho.

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8 AV 5774,**

**BY THE  
SETNIK AND  
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FAMILIES.**

**MAY HER  
NESHAMA  
HAVE AN  
ALIYAH.**

**BEIN  
HAZMANIM**

**Mincha 7:50**

**Night Seder  
will follow**

**Maariv 9:50**

**HALOCHO**

**You (Edom) will give me water for money and I shall drink. (2:28)**

*Just like water does not change form, so too if a person is offered food by a non-Jew, it has to have been not altered by the non-Jew. However, if a non-Jew prepares food for a Jew and through its preparation the food changes form, it is considered food cooked by a non-Jew and cannot be eaten. (Avoda Zorah 37b)*

*A Jew who purposely desecrates Shabbos in the open has the halachic status of a non-Jew in regard to eating his food and drinking his wine. (Chulin 5a)*

A Torah observant Jew cannot eat the food prepared by a Jew who purposely desecrates Shabbos in the open. Is the Jew who purposely desecrates Shabbos openly forbidden to eat the food he has prepared?

There are two reasons why a Jew is prohibited to eat food prepared by a non-Jew. 1) The food is considered forbidden food. 2) To keep a separation between a Jew and non-Jew.

If food prepared by a non-Jew assumes a forbidden status, then food prepared by one who desecrates Shabbos also attains the status of a forbidden food, as ruled by the above Gemora in Chulin. Therefore, a Jew who purposely desecrates Shabbos in the open will be prohibited to eat the food that he had prepared for himself.

However, if the reason food by a non-Jew is prohibited to be eaten by a Jew is to create a distance between a Jew and non-Jew, obviously this concept would not apply to a Jew who desecrates Shabbos and had prepared food for himself.

## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

*Provide for yourselves distinguished men, who are wise, understanding... va'asimeim (and I shall appoint) them as your heads. (1:13)*

*Moshe told Bnai Yisroel, if you do not listen to the leaders, then the word "aseimeim" will be read "asheimeim", which means that your destruction will be on your heads. (Devorim Rabba 1:8)*

One Erev Shabbos, Rav Aaron Kotler, was studying a "shtickel Torah" from the Chasam Sofer. After spending a long time in trying to answer many questions he had on the Chasam Sofer's opinion, he decided to disagree. Rav Aaron voiced his opposing position to the Chasam Sofer in a bit of a harsh way.

That night, two members of Rav Aaron's family were hurt. He took that as a punishment for not bestowing proper honor to the Chasam Sofer.

From that point on, Rav Aaron viewed arguing with Gedolim in a harsh manner as not only a disgrace to Torah scholars, but also as a threat to the safety of Klal Yisroel.

## PARSHA DILEMMA

*These are the words that Moshe spoke to all of Yisroel... (1:1)*

*Didn't Moshe say he was not a man of words? Once Moshe merited receiving the Torah his speech impediment was healed. (Devorim Rabba 1:1)*

*All of Klal Yisroel were healed when they stood at Har Sinai. (Mechilta Yisro 20:15)*

*Wasn't Moshe healed previously along with Bnai Yisroel when they stood at Har Sinai?*

## WHO AM I?

1. "Vayishman" refers to me
2. I cause rebellion
3. Di Zahav
4. I was used for the Ba'al

**Last week's clues:** My death is prayed for, I must remain holy, I was anointed, I have more clothes.

**Answer:** Kohen Godol.

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1. I am named for matzo
2. I am the refugee
3. I am not a cake
4. I am from the fallen ones

**Last week's clues:** I start being sad, I later become happy, I will become a time for rejoicing, I am the eleventh.

**Answer:** The month of Av

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## TORAH RIDDLE

On which date was the Bais Hamikdosh destroyed?

**Last week's riddle:**

When is Tisha B'Av not Tisha B'Av?

**Answer:** When it is commemorated on Asara B'Av (the tenth of Av).

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## EVENTS

### WOMEN'S LECTURE SERIES

**Rabbi Yehudah Cahan**

**How Do We Understand the Tanach Personalities?**

Zichron Chaim – Yavne

Shabbos 5:15 pm

**ATTENTION !!!**

Kollel Summer Davening and Learning Program  
(Elementary, High School and Bais Medrash)

Shachris - 8:30

Followed by learning

Chavrusas will be arranged

## KOLLEL BULLETIN

### MAZEL TOV

- ♦ Dr. and Mrs. Steve Goldman on the Bar Mitzva of Eli
- ♦ Rabbi and Mrs. Efraim Nisenbaum on the engagement of Shevy

- ♦ Rabbi and Mrs. Shraga Weimer on the marriage of Malka Devora
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