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PARSHA INSIGHT

# SUMMER BOYS PROGRAM

NEW TIME: SHACHRIS - 8:45 FOLLOWED BY LEARNING CHAVRUSAS WILL BE ARRANGED

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MAZEL TOV TO
DR. AND MRS.
HOWARD GOLDMAN
ON THE AUFRUF AND
UPCOMING MARRIAGE
OF YEHOSHUA

MAY HE BE ZOCHE TO BUILD A BAYIS NE'EMAN B'YISROEL

JULIE AND STEVE BELKIN AND FAMILY

### DILEMMA

Their (the family of Kehos) counting according to their families were two thousand, seven hundred and fifty. (4:36)

This is proof that the Aron killed some of the family of Kehos, who had the job of carrying the Aron. When they were counted from the age of one month, their number was over eight thousand. Yet, when they were counted from the age of thirty, there were only two thousand... (on the other hand, when they counted the families of Gershon and Merori, there was not much of a difference between the two countings). (Bamidbar Rabba 6:7)

At this point, the Aron had yet to be carried. Why would anyone from the family of Kehos have been killed?

## A man's holies shall be his. (5:10)

What is the meaning of "A man's holies shall be his?" If a person performed holy acts, why wouldn't he be credited for doing them?

If Boaz would have known that Hashem would write about him, "He (Boaz) handed her (Rus) parched grain, she ate it, was satisfied and had some left over" (Rus 2:14), he would have fed Rus meat from a fattened calf. (Rus Rabba 5:6)

Are Chazal suspecting that Boaz was acting for ulterior motives? With Boaz being the Leader of Bnai Yisroel, it is difficult to understand that he would act in a different manner if it would generate more publicity?

The story of Boaz and Rus must first be put into perspective. Boaz's uncle was Elimelech, who was wealthy and able to support the people through the years of famine. However, he decided to abandon his people in their time of need and went to the country which was inhospitable to Bnai Yisroel - the country of Moav. Boaz was obviously embarrassed by his uncle's behavior. His embarrassment increased when he was informed that his cousins had married non-Jewish women.

Yet, when the source of the embarrassment, a representative of the Moavite women, appeared in Boaz's field, Boaz made it clear to her that she should remain collecting in his field. He also told her the halocho that since she is a Moavis (woman from Moav), she may marry a Jew. When Naomi heard that Rus could marry a Jew, she advised Rus to attempt to marry Boaz, in line with the laws of yibum.

It would seem that Rus and Naomi were the true beneficiaries of all these kind gestures. However, Boaz's children died in his lifetime, without anyone to carry on his legacy. Upon being kind to Rus, Hashem blessed him with another child, who was not just a child, but was the progenitor of the Davidic dynasty and Melech HaMoshiach.

Most times, an act of kindness brings benefit only to its recipient, however, there are times that the one who benefits the most is the giver himself.

With the above premise, Rav Tzvi Kushlevsky explains the Medrash. If Boaz would have realized the significance of his act - that he had just begun the Davidic Dynasty and the process of Moshiach, he would have exhibited more importance to his act. He would have fed Rus meat from a fattened cow - to show the value of the result of his performing a mitzva. This is the intention of the posuk that says, "The holy acts of a man will be his," because he will be the one to receive the greatest advantage from those acts.

If we would realize what our acts of kindness can produce outstanding results, we would perform our acts of kindness on a greater level and in a much better way.

## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

# A man's holies shall be his. (5:10)

Rav Bentzion Felman's mother died at the ripe old age of ninety seven. Her sister, who was two years younger than her, also died at ninety seven. Their longevity was attributed to the following story.

The two girls were born in Baranovich and lived there. When the older girl was nineteen and her sister was seventeen, the financial situation of Baranovitch Yeshiva was dire, leaving the bochurim of the Yeshiva with a lack of food. Daily, these two girls would go door to door to seek a piece of bread for the bochurim. This alleviated the bochurim's starvation pangs, which allowed them to concentrate on their learning, rather than their hunger pains.

When the Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Elchonon Wasserman heard about their acts of chesed, he was in awe of their devotion to Torah. He blessed them that they should merit a long life.

## Any man's whose wife shall go astray... and she became secluded. (5:12 & 13)

## She shall be proven innocent and shall bear children. (5:28)

If she was unable to bear children, she will now be able to have children. (Sotah 26a)

"If You will see, You shall surely see... and You will bless me with children. (Shmuel I 1:11)

Why did Chana use the words, "You shall surely see"? How could she guarantee that Hashem will surely see? Chana told Hashem, "If You bless me with children, good; if not, I will be secluded with others and when I am given to drink the bitter waters and proven innocent, I will receive the blessing of the innocent Sotah and be blessed with children. (Brochos 31b)

It is forbidden for a woman to be secluded with a man (Kidushin 80b). If so, how could Chana seclude herself with another man in order to conceive a child, although it was in an indirect manner?

The Chasam Sofer answers that Chana added an interesting word in her prayer. She said, "I will be secluded with others." She should have said, "I will be secluded."

If a woman was secluded in a room with many men, her husband can warn her and force her to drink the bitter waters. (Rambam Sota 1:3)

Based on the words of the Rambam, we can understand Chana's prayer. When she told Hashem, "I will seclude myself with others," she meant in a room with many men, so that I will not transgress the prohibition of being secluded with a man. Yet, my husband will still be able to force me to drink the bitter waters, and when I am found to be innocent, I will be blessed with children.

## RAFFLE RULES:

- 1) Earn one ticket for every week that you correctly answer a "Who Am I" or "Torah Riddle" from that week
- 2) Only answers that are submitted via email will qualify. <a href="mailto:OnegShabbos@Beachwood Kollel.com">OnegShabbos@Beachwood Kollel.com</a>

#### Month of Ivar / Sivan:

Canon PowerShot ELPH 135 digital camera With 8 GB SD card and camera case

#### BNOS

2:30 - 3:30	
K: Shani Schulz	4345 University Pkwy.
1: Mariasha Marozov	2559 Rubyvale
2-3: Chanie Denciger	2436 Claver
4: Sara Kaliff	2421 Claver

6:00 - 7:00

**5-6:** Batya Landman 23614 Ranch

## WHO AM I?

#### (Related to the Week)

- 1. We were lazy
- 2. We were the first
- 3. We were the police force
- 4. We're mentioned separately

Last week's clues: I equal my Kabolas Mitzvos, I caused a sword to be placed in the ground, Both of my husbands died, My father was stabbed in his stomach.

Answer: Rus

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond, Dr. Ricky Prizant and Gretchen Shapiro, Naftoli Stoll, Sruly Zimberg

#### PIRCHEI

# Zichron Chaim - Yavne

**5:25 - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>:** Rabbi Levi -Dock **6:25 - 7:00 - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>:** Seder

#### (A Torah Personality)

- 1. I was a Sofer by profession
- 2. I gave you the voice for safrus
- 3. I gave you the spoon of life
- 4. I was named because of my work
- 5. I am not related to Rav Akiva Eiger's family

Last week's clues: I gave you life and peace, I supplied you with the path of teshuva, I am known for the mincha, I went to visit the Holy Grandfather, I got the name Chaim when I was sick. Answer: R' Chaim Elazar Spira - the Minchas Elazar, whose Yartzeit was 2 Sivan. He wrote the sefer Chaim V'Sholom on Torah. His famous sefer on halocho was the Darkei Teshuva. He was known for his response - the Minchas Elozar. He traveled to Eretz Yisroel to meet the Saba Kadisha. When his was young he got very sick and the name Chaim was added on.

**Congratulations to:** Yerachmiel Diamond, Hunger family,

## TORAH RIDDLE

#### BULLETIN

#### MAZEL TOV

- Dr. and Mrs. Howard Goldman on the marriage of Yehoshua
- Dr. and Mrs. Peter Laufer on the birth of a grandson
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Menachem Tenenbaum on the birth of a girl Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Freund

This parsha has 176 pesukim. What other parts of Torah have 176?

### Last week's riddle:

Besides Matan Torah, what other two famous things happened on Har Sinai? **Answer:** The Medrash (1:8) says that Har Sinai is really Har HaMoriah. So Akeidas Yitzchok and the Beis HaMikdosh were on Har Sinai. **Congratulations to:** Dr. Ricky Prizant and Gretchen Shapiro, Sruly Zimberg

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