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DILEMMA

“Say to Elozor, son of Aaron the Kohen, and let him pick up the fire-pans from amid the fire...” (17:2)

Elozor was not part of the test with Korach. So why did Hashem send him to pick up the fire-pans of Korach’s men?

Since Aaron was the one who was involved in the episode with Korach and was “victorious,” shouldn’t he have been sent to collect the fire-pans of the dead people?

KOLLEL MINYONIM

SHACHARIS

MONDAY / THURSDAY 7:25

TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY
AND FRIDAY 7:30MINCHA

7:45

MA'ARIV

9:50

PARSHA INSIGHT

And Korach took... (16:1)*V'ispaleig Korach (Korach took half)... (Unkelos)*

Why does Unkelos translate the word “took” to mean “took half”?

In truth, Korach had a good life. One uncle was the Kohen Gadol and the other was the King. He was one of the privileged few who was involved with building the Mishkan. Korach should have been quite content with his high standing in society, yet was an unhappy man. Why?

Rav Dovid Amitai explained that Korach chose to look at his cup as half empty, rather than half full. He focused on the little he was lacking, instead of focusing on what he possessed. Unkelos is teaching us that when one is focused on always trying to acquire more because he thinks he does not have enough, he creates machlokes.

He (Korach) took himself to one side. (Rashi)

The gematria of the word “tzad,” which represents one opinion is ninety four. Double that number - which represents two opinions - equals one hundred and eighty eight, which is the same gematria as “pikchiach” (smart).

Rav BenTzion S’ne explains the concept of these gematriyos as follows. A smart person recognizes that there are always two sides to a story, therefore the gematria of “pikchiach” equals two sides. On the other hand, Korach was foolish and thought that only his opinion and side existed. This is what Unkelos is referring to by saying that Korach took half the story - his side - and that is why he started the machlokes.

What caused Korach to involve himself in this stupidity? His eye tricked him. He saw a great lineage descending from him... (Rashi)

The Divrei Chaim explains that Hashem created a person with two eyes to keep a check on himself and actions. With one eye, a person should realize his potential, while with the other eye, he must recognize his present position and the level that he has not yet reached.

Korach was tricked by his eye means that he only used the eye that focused on his potential, and disregarded the eye that focused on his present situation. When Unkelos writes that Korach took half, he means that he only used half of his eyes, which led him to sinning.

HALOCHO

(Bnai Yisroel complained) Everyone who approaches closer to the Tabernacle (Mishkan) of Hashem will die... (17:28)*One who approaches the Heichel (a room in the Mishkan or Bais HaMikdosh) is punished with malkos. (Menochos 27b)*

Why were the people afraid that if they would get close to the Mishkan they would die, when the halocho is that if they entered the Heichel they would only be punished with malkos?

The Ramban (Pesicha to Sefer Bamidbar) explains that the Mishkan was a continuation of Har Sinai. Therefore, just as one who came too close to Har Sinai would be punished with death, so too one who came close to the Mishkan would be punished with death.

According to the Ramban, we can understand why Bnai Yisroel were afraid they would die because of coming close to the Mishkan. It is true that once the Bais HaMikdosh was built, a person would not be killed for entering the Heichel; he would just be punished with malkos, as the halocho is stated in Menochos. However, in the desert, when one entered the Mishkan, which had the status of Har Sinai, a person who entered it would be punished with death.

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

Korach, the son of Yitzhor, the son of Kehos, the son of Levi... (16:1)

With their congregation, do not join my (Yakov's) honor. (Vayichee 49:6)

Since Korach gathered the assemblage against Moshe, (Yakov said) do not include my name when Korach's lineage is mentioned. As we see that the posuk does not conclude, "The son of Yakov." (Rashi)

When the Chofetz Chaim became older, he had difficulty hearing. A person who came to visit him, introduced himself as follows, "I am the grandson of..." and named a great person who he descended from.

The Chofetz Chaim asked him, "Who are you?" Thinking that the Chofetz Chaim was unable to hear him, he repeated his introduction. The Chofetz Chaim raised his voice in order to be heard and asked, "But who are you?"

The Chofetz Chaim then explained, "I am inquiring whether you are following in your illustrious grandfather's footsteps. If you are, then you are worthy of connecting yourself with him."

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. OnegShabbos@BeachwoodKollel.com

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NEW TIME:

SHACHRIS - 8:45

FOLLOWED BY LEARNING

CHAVRUSAS WILL BE ARRANGED

BULLETIN

MAZEL TOV

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Steve Greenberg on the marriage of Alan
- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Menachem Meisels on the marriage of Nechoma Rabbi Yosef Meisels
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. David Seiger on the Bar Mitzva of Jonah Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Soclof

CONDOLENCES

- ◆ Mrs. Judy Spero on the passing of her mother

WHO AM I?

(Related to the Week)

1. I am for humans
2. I am for animals
3. I am for the first
4. I am for the kohen

Last week's clues: For some I am a mitzva, For some I am to wrap, Do not cut corners, I am a mitzva reminder.

Answer: Tzitzis or Tefillin

Congratulations to: Abramowitz family, Yerachmiel Diamond, Ariel Leib and Yisroel Hunger, Dan Kaminski, Ronen Lowenthal, Yehuda Neiman, Neil Parks, Dr. Ricky Prizant and Gretchen Shapiro, Sharaga Faivel Scheinbaum, Naftoli Stoll

(A Torah Personality)

1. I was a prayer
2. I collected embarrassment
3. I caused Krias Yam Suf
4. I caused Pesach Sheni
5. My extraction formed the eigel

Last week's clues: I would burn the birds, I was the best of the eighty, I am in the valley, Kesuvim was withheld from me, My sefer caused an earthquake in Eretz Yisroel.

Answer: Yonoson ben Uziel whose yartzeit was 26 Sivan. When he learned the birds that flew overhead would get burned. Hillel Hazokein had eighty talmidim, the best was Yonoson ben Uziel. He is buried in Amuka. When he wanted to write his targum for Kesuvim, Hashem withheld it from him. When he wrote his targum, it cause Eretz Yisroel to shake four hundred parsa.

Congratulations to: Hunger family

TORAH RIDDLE

Why did Hashem choose the ketores as the means with which to stop the plague?

Last week's riddle:

Who went on two spy missions to Eretz Yisroel?

Answer: Caleiv

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