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DILEMMA

The name of the slain Israelite man who was slain with the Midianite woman was Zimri, son of Solu... the name of the slain Midianite woman was Kozbi, daughter of Zur... (25:14-15)

Behold! A man of Bnai Yisroel came and brought a Midianite woman near... (Balak 25:6)

Why does the Torah wait to relate the names of the sinners until after they were killed?

KOLLEL MINYONIM

SHACHARIS

MONDAY / THURSDAY 7:25
TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY
AND FRIDAY 7:30

MINCHA MA'ARIV
7:45 9:50

SUMMER BOYS PROGRAM

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

PARSHA INSIGHT

When he (Pinchos) zealously avenged My vengeance among them... (25:11)

What is the meaning of “among them?” Shouldn’t the posuk have just said, “When he avenged My vengeance,” without adding “among them?”

Zimri brought Kozbi to Moshe. He asked Moshe, “Am I permitted to take her? If you tell me I am not because she is not Jewish, who allowed you to marry Tzipora, the daughter of Yisro?” (Sanhedrin 82a)

“I have (garti) sojourned with Lavan and lingered until now.” (Vayishlach 32:5)

The word “garti” has the numerical value of six hundred thirteen. Yakov was telling Esav, although I lived with Lavan, I still observed all of the mitzvos. I also did not learn from his evil ways. (Rashi)

Simply understood, Yakov was content that he had not been influenced by Lavan. However, Rav Meir Shapiro explains Yakov’s words in an opposite manner. Yakov was bemoaning the fact that he did not take lessons from the way Lavan had performed his sins. Lavan sinned with extreme excitement and enthusiasm. Yakov was upset that he did not learn from Lavan to perform mitzvos with the same passion.

With this view on the performance of mitzvos, the Chasam Sofer explains the meaning of “among them.” Pinchos took note of Zimri’s performance of sins. He saw Zimri’s brazenness and chutzpa and thought to himself, “If he could have chutzpa to sin, I could use such chutzpa to perform a mitzvah. This compelled him to kill Zimri and Kozbi. “Among them” means that Pinchos used the traits of the sinners for the performance of a mitzva.

And Hashem said, “If I find fifty righteous men among the city, then I will spare the entire place (S’dom) on their behalf.” (Vayeira 18:26)

“Among the city” means that they practice their observance and display their Yiras Shomayim openly. (Ibn Ezra)

Based on the interpretation of the Ibn Ezra, Rav Yehuda Tzadka explained the above posuk as follows. Pinchos was not afraid to publicly display his commitment to Hashem. With that dedication, he was able to save Bnai Yisroel and merited to be rewarded. “Among them” means that Pinchos displayed his devotion to Hashem publicly.

A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

When he zealously avenged My vengeance among them... (25:11)

Rav Kahanamen, the Ponovezer Rov, fought a relentless war to maintain Shabbos observance in Ponovez. One Friday night, the Rov did not arrive in Shul. Of course, they waited for the Rov’s arrival to begin Kabolos Shabbos. After some more time had elapsed without the Rov’s arrival, the congregation became concerned about his safety.

A search party was sent out to look for the Rov. They finally found him sitting in a Jewish barber shop. He had decided to sit in the shop, thereby Jews who were entering for a haircut would be embarrassed, with the barber being embarrassed, as well.

Indeed, people who had entered the shop ran out quickly upon seeing the Rov. Upon realizing the no win predicament he was in, the barber finally sat down with the Rov to discuss the situation. After promising that he would keep his shop closed every Shabbos, the Rov got up and went to shul to daven Kabolos Shabbos.

“Behold! I give him My covenant of peace.” (25:12)

Hashem said, “Legally, he should receive a reward.” (Bamidbar Rabba 21:1)

What does it mean he is legally entitled to a reward?

The remuneration for the performance of mitzvos is not rewarded in this world. (Kidushin 39b)

Why would Pinchos be rewarded in this world for the mitzva he performed, if rewards for mitzvos are not doled out in this world?

Rav Chaim Kanievsky shlita answers that the dictum of Chazal that mitzvos are not rewarded in this world only applies to mitzvos that are between man and Hashem. Those mitzvos are rewarded only in Olam Habo. However, the reward for mitzvos that are between man and his friend can also be enjoyed in this world, although the actual reward is enjoyed in the world to come.

Was the mitzva that Pinchos performed a mitzva between man and his friend or was it between a mitzvah between man and Hashem?

“So I did not consume Bnai Yisroel in My vengeance...” (25:11)

Although Pinchos performed a mitzva between man and Hashem, his mitzva was also a mitzva that benefited man, which also classified it as a mitzva between man and his friend. Therefore, he was legally entitled to get the fruit of his reward in this world, as well.

The Divrei Avrohom answers in another manner. Even though people are not rewarded for the performance of a mitzva in this world, they are rewarded with the opportunity to perform the mitzva again - as Chazal say, *s’char mitzva, mitzva*. Since there wasn’t any indication that the mitzvah that Pinchos had performed he would need to perform again, he was therefore legally entitled to some type of reward in this world.

TORAH RIDDLE

What two connections are there between the letter “vav” and Eliyohu HaNovi?

Last week’s riddle: What is the connection between Bilaam and Korach?

Answer: Both had a mouth created for them during bein hashmoshos on Friday of creation.

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond

WHO AM I?

(Related to the Week)

1. This week I am a “nun”
2. In a few weeks I will be a “ayin”
3. The “daled” ensures no idolatry
4. Near the end I am a “hey”

Last week’s clues: I was the response to Moshe, I only had one eye, I knew the moment, My words are your prayer.

Answer: Bilaam

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond, Yehuda Aryeh Katz, Ronen Lowenthal, Neil Parks, Gretchen Shapiro and Dr. Ricky Prizant

(A Torah Personality)

1. I produced the Palm Tree
2. I received the real Semicha
3. My Rebbi set the table
4. My Rebbi was married to my sister
5. I made a Pomegranate Orchard

Last week’s clues: I supported my uncle, My grandson was the builder, My mother was a Novi, My murder forced my uncle’s involvement in a sin, My uncle and I substituted for the Leader.

Answer: Chur whose yartzeit was 16 Tammuz. He supported the hands of his uncle, Moshe, during the battle against Amalek. His grandson was Betzalel who built the Mishkan. His mother was Miryam. When Chur was murdered, Aaron was afraid they would kill him as well and then Bnai Yisroel would not be able to attain atonement, therefore he got involved in the creation of the Eigel. When Moshe ascended to Har Sinai, Chur and Aaron were the substitute leaders.

Congratulations to: Yerachmiel Diamond, Neil Parks, Dr. Ricky Prizant, Naftoli Stoll

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.

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Month of Tammuz / Av:

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BULLETIN

MAZEL TOV

- ♦ Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Berkowitz on the birth of a girl // Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Ireland
 - ♦ Rabbi and Mrs. Alexander Charlop on the birth of a boy
 - ♦ Dr. and Mrs. Moshe Edelstein on the birth of a boy // Mr. and Mrs. Joey Edelstein
- Shalom Zachor in their home 2219 S. Green after 9:30*

- ♦ Mr. and Mrs. Menashe Weiser on the birth of a boy
- ♦ Dr. and Mrs. Michoel Rom on the birth of a granddaughter
- ♦ Rabbi and Mrs. D. A. Schnurman on the birth of a son // Rabbi and Mrs. M. Landau

CONDOLENCES

- ♦ Mr. Carey Senders on the passing of his mother
- ♦ Freedman and Alevsky families on the passing of Rabbi Moshe Freedman

Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Hunger
Invite the men of the community
To a kiddush after davening
In honor of the birth
Of their daughter Nechama
At their home 2420 Laurelhurst
May we share in simchos