

PARSHA INSIGHTS

He shall flee to one of these cities and live. (19, 5)

If a student must be exiled to a City of Refuge, his teacher must accompany him, as it says “and live,” which means that his life’s needs must be supplied, and life without Torah study is comparable to death. (Rambam Rotzeiach 7, 1)

Why does the Torah require that a student’s teacher go into exile with him? Wouldn’t it be quite easy for him to find another teacher in the City of Refuge?

Rav Baruch Ber Leibowitz zt”l answers that the Torah is concerned with the short period of time before the student finds the appropriate rebbe for himself. A non- suitable fit, in terms of a rebbe, does not produce a maximum result.

This seems to imply that the words of the pasuk “and live” address every juncture and moment of a person’s life.

When a slave runs to the City of Refuge, his master must supply him only with the basic staples of food (Gitin 12a). This lesson is also derived from the words “and live.”

The two drashos seem contradictory. Regarding Torah study, the words “and live” teach that even a minute issue is important. With regard to food, the words “and live” teach that only basic necessities must be supplied.

Rav Baruch Ber explains that by definition the words “and live” mean the bare necessities of life. Therefore, regarding food and mundane items, a person is only to be supplied with the staples. This necessitates a master to provide only the basics for his exiled slave. However, since Torah study and ruchniyus are so integral to a Jew’s life, even when a minuscule item is missing, it is considered as if one has lost a necessity required for life. Therefore, when a student goes into exile, in order not to miss a basic need for even a moment, his rebbe must accompany him.

WHO AM I?

- 1 I forgive, yet I am not forgiven
- 2 You shouldn’t, even though it is a mitzva
- 3 I am not a scribe, yet I need a scroll
- 4 I was greased

Last week’s clues: Relationship is my hint, Closeness defines me, I am calling time, I usually start with the ‘time’.

Answer: The Month of Elul.

WHO AM I (Junior)?

- 1 I was for some, a must
- 2 Mistake is my ticket
- 3 Death is the escape
- 4 My border protects

Last week’s clues: I’m an investment, I am not a minyan yet I am ten, I have many types, Richness is my result.

Answer: *Ma’aser* / tithes.

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TORAH RIDDLE

What is the significance of the numerical value of the word *Bechor*, firstborn son?

Last week’s riddle and answer:

How can one learn Torah and not fulfill his obligation to study Torah?

Answer: One who learns mishnayos or gemara, without understanding it, has not fulfilled the mitzva of studying Torah.

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