



**PARSHAH INSIGHTS**

***And you will command... (27, 20)***

*In this Parsha, Moshe's name is not mentioned. This is due to Moshe's request (Ki Sisa 32, 32) that if Bnai Yisroel do not receive atonement for the sin of the golden calf, his name should be erased from the Chumash. Chazal (Makos 11a) say that when righteous people utter a curse, even if it is conditional and the condition is met, repercussions still occur (Makos 11a). Therefore, Moshe's curse upon himself that his name be erased from the Chumash was fulfilled by his name not appearing in Parshas Tetzavah. (Baal Haturim)*

Why was this Parsha, which is always read during the week of the seventh of Adar - Moshe's birthday and yartzeit - chosen to be the Parsha to omit Moshe's name from it?

The Oznayim LaTorah answers as follows. In other religions holidays are established on the date of the birth of their leaders. This seem to imply that their focus is on the leader, and even though he is human, their religion revolves around him - a physical entity.

This is not the way of the Torah. Our leaders are tools with which to ascend to higher spiritual goals and not the end goal, rather a means to reach the end. To focus on the dates in of their life cycle would place additional emphasis on them and remove the focus from Hashem.

The Torah chose to omit Moshe's name specifically in this Parsha, in order to remove the attention from Moshe during the time of his life cycle dates, which represent physicality. This would simultaneously accentuate that the service of Hashem accomplished by Moshe is of prime importance, not his birth date, nor the day of his demise.

***... to light a lamp continually. (27, 20)***

*That the western light should always be lit. (Midrash HaGadol)*

*When Bnai Yisroel came to the Bais Hamikdash during Yom Tov, the kohanim and leviim would make sure that the amei haaretz, who were tamei, would not touch the Shulchan. If the Shulchan would become tamei, they would not be able to toivel it in a mikvah. This is because the Lechem HaPanim had to always be on the shulchan, therefore making it impossible to be toiveld (the Lechem HaPanim could not remain on while it was toiveled). However, in regard to the Menora there was no such concern.*

*Tosfos (Chagiga 26b) asks, how could the Menora be toiveled, if the Western Light had to be always lit?*

The Mikdash Dovid (21) offers the following answer to Tosfos' question. We must explain upon whom is the obligation of having the Western Light always lit. 1) Is it an obligation upon the Kohanim to make sure that the Western Light remained lit, or 2) Is it a necessary component of the Menorah, that it must have its Western Light constantly lit.

If it is an obligation on the Kohanim, then it would be impossible to toivel the Menora because toiveling it would extinguish the Western Light. However, if it is part of the Menorah Service, then as soon as the Menorah became tamei, it loses its status of a kosher Menorah. Since only a kosher Menorah has a requirement to have its Western Light lit, therefore if it became tamei, the Western Light could be extinguished, allowing for the Menorah to be toiveld.

**TABLE TALK**

**PARSHA DILEMMA**

***You shall make the Choshen of Judgment the work of an artist... (28, 15)***

*It would tell the decree to the judges, if they were unsure how to adjudicate. (Targum Yonason Ben Uziel)*

Chazal (Bava Basra 59b) teach that Hashem gave the Torah to people on this world, without Heaven allowed to render judgment on actions performed on earth. If so, how were the Urim V'tumim, whose opinions descended from Heaven, able to tell the judges what the law should be in this world?

**WHO AM I?**

- 1 Shatnez
- 2 We could be oil replacement
- 3 Uniform
- 4 We are called "gold"

**Last week's clues:** We were childish, We put a lid on it, We did not have annexes yet we had..., Don't turn me.

**Answer:** Keruvim.

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### WHO AM I (Junior)?

- 1 I was in last week's
- 2 I was crushed
- 3 Only use my first
- 4 Clearly clean

**Last week's clues:** I am seven, The other is eight, One Piece, Even in winter I had flowers.

**Answer:** The Menora.

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### TORAH RIDDLE

How can an ordinary Jew become as holy as a member of *Shevet Levi*?

**Last week's riddle and answer:** Who was disappointed when the Mishkan was completed?

**Answer:** The first-born men, who performed the Mishkan's Service before it was completed, lost their job after the Mishkan was completed and therefore, were disappointed. (Bamidbar Rabba 12, 7)

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Rav Moshe Feinstein zt'l suffered from heart failure. Concerned for the elderly rabbi's health, his doctors recommended that Rav Moshe undergo surgery to have a pacemaker inserted to regulate his heartbeat. Knowing that pain comes as retribution for sin, Rav Moshe attempted to figure out the sin he had perpetrated, which would cause him to be punished with surgery.

Rav Moshe sat down and calculated the actions that he had performed during his lifetime. After deliberating for a while, Rav Moshe remembered an incident that occurred when he was a young boy in *cheder*.

The Rebbi of his class had posed a question. Two students, one of them being Rav Moshe, tried to answer the Rebbi's question. After hearing both answers, the Rebbi said that he preferred the answer of Rav Moshe.

"At that point," Rav Moshe recalled, "I felt in my heart that I was superior to my friend. Even though I did not express my feelings to anyone, nevertheless I felt haughty. I believe that due to that feeling in my heart of haughtiness, I am required to undergo an operation on my heart.

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