

## PARSHAH INSIGHTS

*...and for sending delicacies to one another. (9, 19)*

Mordechai and Esther established that Bnai Yisroel should send shalach monos to each other on Purim. What is the relationship between this mitzva and the miracle of Purim?

***There was a Yehudi ... Mordechai the son of Yair... a Binyamini (2, 5)***

*Was Mordechai a descendant of Yehuda or was he a descendant of Binyomin? Mordechai was really from the Tribe of Binyomin, however he was called a Yehudi because he was a Yechidi (unifier). (Esther Rabba)*

The Sfas Emes explains that Amalek does not have the ability to harm Bnai Yisroel when they are unified. When Bnai Yisroel were not united (3,8), it allowed Haman to plan to harm Bnai Yisroel. With unity reigning in Bnai Yisroel, Amalek was not able to overcome them. Mordechai was called Yehudi because he had the ability to unify Bnai Yisroel, which saved them.

The need for unity in the commemoration of the miracle of Purim can be understood in another manner. Purim is the celebration of Bnai Yisroel accepting the Torah willingly (9, 27). Since one of the conditions of accepting the Torah is that Bnai Yisroel be unified (Or HaChaim Yisro 19, 2), therefore Bnai Yisroel at the time of Purim also had to be united.

Unity is an underlying factor in either the miracle of Purim or in the ability of Bnai Yisroel to accept the Torah. We send delicacies to our friends on Purim in order to develop relationships and unify ourselves, so that we can thwart our enemies, and to commemorate the condition that was necessary in order to accept the Torah.

***You shall make garments of sanctity for Aaron, your brother, for glory and for splendor. (28, 2)***

*A kohen that wears the priestly garments while he is not performing the avoda is punished with malkos because there is kilayim (mixture of wool and linen) in the belt and the rest of the garments. (Rambam Klei HaMikdosh 8, 12)*

*A kohen that has 'pigul' thoughts while performing the avoda on a korban, invalidates the korban. Therefore, the kohen must pay the owners of the korban for damaging it. (Gitin 54b)*

When a kohen has *pigul* thoughts, he invalidates the avoda. Since avoda is not being performed due to the kohen being invalidated, it should be considered as if he is wearing garments with kilayim, thereby making him liable for malkos. If he is to be punished with malkos, why is he obligated for damaging the animal? Doesn't the rule of *kim lei b'diraba m'nei* - a person is only liable for the the stricter of the two punishments - take effect? (Chasam Sofer Yoreh Deah 69)

Is it true that avoda performed with *pigul* thoughts is considered a non avoda?

The Or Someach (Klei HaMikdosh 1, 12) maintains that even though *pigul* thoughts invalidate a korban, it still has an element of avoda to it.

According to the Or Someach, the Chasam Sofer's question can be answered. Since a *pigul avoda* retains an element of avoda, a kohen is not punished with malkos for wearing kilayim garments because he is wearing them during avoda. There is no place for the dictum of *kim lei b'diraba m'nei* because only one punishment is on the table – money for damaging the animal, which the kohen must pay.

## TABLE TALK

### PARSHA DILEMA

***All the Yomim Tovim will be nullified, but the holiday of Purim will never be nullified. (Yerushalmi Taanis 2, 6)***

What makes Purim different from all other Yomim Tovim? It is difficult to comprehend that the Yomim Tovim that Hashem commanded will be abolished, while the holiday that Mordechai and Esther established will not be abolished?

#### WHO AM I ?

1. I was killed for a friend
2. A friend was killed for me
3. I oppressed the Jews
4. I saved the Jews

**Last week's clues:** Three in One, Two in One, I contained food, I'm not Moshe's brother.

**Answer:** The Aron

**Congratulations to:** Shmueli Davidovich, Miriam Farkas, Shira Farkas, Noach Ehrlich, Reuven Schlanger

### WHO AM I?

- 1 I make you lose your mind
- 2 Differentiate incapable
- 3 Sometimes I am only four times
- 4 Today I am many times

**Last week's clues:** I have seven, Yours has eight, I am flowery, I shed light on the situation.

**Answer:** The Menora

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### TORAH RIDDLE

How many Sifrei Tanach are named for women? Why only these?

**Last week's riddle and answer:** *"The Torah that Moshe commanded us is the heritage of the Congregation of Yakov."* (V'Zos Habrocho 33, 4)

Where is there a hint to this in this week's Parsha?

**Answer:** *'They' shall make an Aron of shitim wood... (25, 10)*  
The use of a plural pronoun when commanding the building of the Aron teaches that Torah is accessible to all.

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Rav Levi Yitzchok's father answered, "On Purim, while everybody was busy with the various mitzvos of the day, I always made sure to dedicate some time to learning Torah. I was concerned that due to the festivities, no one would be learning. In

the merit of studying Torah while people are lax in it, I was rewarded with such a son."

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