

## PARSHAH INSIGHTS

*Designate for yourselves men who are wise and understanding and well known to your Tribes, and I shall appoint them as your heads. (1, 13)*

*“As your heads” implies that they should be heads over you, which means that you should treat them with respect and fear.*

*“I shall appoint them” is written without the letter Vav. This teaches that the sins of Bnai Yisroel hang on the heads of their leaders because the leaders should have protested and directed Bnai Yisroel onto the straight path. (Rashi)*

Rashi usually explains the words of a posuk according to their sequence. In Rashi’s explanation of the above posuk, Rashi first explained the latter words ‘as your heads’ and then the first words ‘and I shall appoint.’ Why?

The Pardes Yosef answers that Rashi inverted the order to teach the following lesson. Some people blame their own religious decline on the spiritual leaders of their community. In truth, they are liable because when rebuke was delivered, they dismissed it with all types of excuses.

Rashi wrote his lesson based on an inverted order to teach that one can blame the community’s errors on its leaders only if the leaders were allowed to exert their authority and speak their mind. However, if the leaders were belittled, their reprimands became neutralized and ineffective. They therefore cannot be held responsible for the misdeeds of the community.



*You shall not show favoritism in judgment, small and great alike you shall hear; you shall not fear in the face of man, for the judgment is unto Hashem... (1, 17)*

*Perhaps one will say, “I am fearful that the person will kill my child, or burn my grain, or chop down my plants.” Therefore, the posuk says, ‘Do not fear in the face of man’. (Sifrei)*

*You shall observe My decrees and My laws, which man shall carry out and by which he shall live... (Acharei Mos 18, 5)*

*You shall live because of the mitzvas and not die because of them. One’s life takes precedence over the fulfillment of a mitzva. (Sanhedrin 74a)*

Since a person’s life takes precedence over the obligation to fulfill mitzvas, how could a judge be obligated to not be fearful of a danger to his life?

The Yam Shel Shlomo (Bava Kama 5, 16) rules that when one is faced with altering the Torah, he is required to give up his life. If a judge changes the ruling of a case presented to him, it is considered changing the Torah. Therefore, he is required to surrender his life.

We see from the Yam Shel Shlomo that changing a halocho is different than transgressing a sin. Even though a person is not required to sacrifice his life in order to avoid transgressing a sin, he must forgo his life when he is requested to adjust a halocho.

## TABLE TALK

### PARSHA DILEMMA

*Have mercy Hashem our G-d,... on Yerushalayim, Your city, on Zion, the resting place of Your Glory... (Third brocho of Birchas HaMazon)*

*O Merciful One, in Your abounding mercy, return Your Shechina to Zion, Your city, and the order of the Temple services to Yerushalayim. (Birchas Kohanim)*

Which is the city of Hashem, Yerushalayim or Zion? Where is the resting place of Hashem’s glory (the place where the korbonos were sacrificed), Zion or Yerushalayim?

### WHO AM I ?

1. I am a powerful tool
2. I title the last
3. I can take
4. I raise you above animals

**Last week’s clues:** I am not your traveling stick, My likeness was two weeks ago, I am not and M & M, I finish In the Desert.

**Answer:** Parshas Matos Maasei

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## WHO AM I?

1. I am not a "Tish"
2. Sometimes I am not on my name
3. I do not have a keynote speaker
4. "How" to read

**Last week's clues:** I am not between Mitzrayim, Nazir like, I banned the band, In the spring there were seven now there are...

**Answer:** The Three Weeks.

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## TORAH RIDDLE

Where is there a source in this week's Parsha that one should not eat food cooked by a non-Jew?

**Last week's riddle and answer:**

Why didn't the Shevotim of Reuven, and Gad see a blessing from their wealth?

**Answer:** Because their primary focus was on money, rather than on their families.

Please send "Who Am I" and "Torah Riddle" answers to [onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com](mailto:onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com) by next Wed and be entered in a raffle for an amazing **Velocis RC Racing Car** For the months of Tammuz/Av. The answers will IY"YH appear in next week's issue

## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

When Rav Yisroel Salanter was vacationing at a resort in Germany, he went one morning to the local grocer and purchased kosher bread that was baked by a non Jew. Even though one should refrain from eating kosher bread baked by a non Jew, one may be lenient if the kosher bread was baked in a non Jewish bakery, and not by an individual non Jew (Yoreh Deah 112).

A prominent Rov was standing nearby and was astounded. Since it is accepted among the pious to be strict and only eat bread baked by a Jew, he wondered why Rav Yisroel Salanter, who was known as a pious man, was being lenient.

Rav Yisroel Salanter explained to him as follows. "I am in this resort town to regain my strength. The expenses of my trip were paid by a friend, who wants me to recuperate. If I were to eat the stale bread that you eat, it would hinder my return to health. To purchase stale bread in this situation would be stealing from my sponsor. I'd rather rely on the leniency of the Shulchan Aruch to eat bread baked in a non Jewish bakery than to eat food bought with stolen money, as there is no leniency in halocho."

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*Shacharis* at 8:45 followed by learning

*Shiurim* are in session and *chavrusas* will be arranged

### Tisha B'av Schedule

Fast Begins – 8:53

Ma'ariv followed by Eicha – 9:44

Shacharis – 8:50 (Eicha will be read following Kinot)

Chatzos – 1:33

Mincha – 2:00/8:20

Shiur – 7:30 by R' Aron Sikowitz

Ma'ariv – 8:55/9:20

Fast Ends – 9:36 (42 Minutes)

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