

## PARSHAH INSIGHTS

***Moshe gave to them, the children of Gad, the children of Reuven and to half of the Tribe of Menashe... (32, 33)***

*After the Shvotim ate with Yosef and left Mitzrayim, Menashe ran to inform them that someone had stolen Yosef's goblet. He also demanded that Binyomin must return to Mitzrayim. The Shvotim ripped their clothing in mourning. Since Menashe caused 'ripping', his Tribe was 'ripped' in half. (Devorim Rabba 4, 19)*

Menashe did not chase the Shvotim on his own volition. He was merely following the command of his father, Yosef. Since he was obligated to listen to his father, why was he punished for bringing the news to the Shvotim?

The Ohr Chodosh answers that when a person hurts the feelings of another person, even if they were hurt due to one's fulfillment of the greatest mitzva, it has negative repercussions. One cannot hurt another person, no matter how sacred the cause. Menashe was punished because of the hurt and distress he caused the Shvotim.

The positive side of this premise, we can learn from this week's Parsha, as well.

***These are the travels of Bnai Yisroel... (33, 1)***

*Hashem will reward the desert for hosting Bnai Yisroel. Although now it is without vegetation, however, in the future Hashem will transform the desert into a livable environment with vegetation. (Tanchuma)*

How can a desert receive reward for hosting Bnai Yisroel when it does not have the ability to make a choice to perform or not to perform?

Based on the premise of the Ohr Chodosh, we can explain as follows. When one treats another person in a favorable manner, the perpetrator deserves to be rewarded, no matter if he had a choice or not. Even though a desert does not have the ability to choose, it receives a reward because it treated Bnai Yisroel properly by being their host.

***If a man takes a vow to Hashem... (30, 3)***

*If a minor who will become a godol in the near future vows and transgresses his vow, he is liable and is punished with malkos. (Nidah 46a)*

*One cannot testify about a defendant unless he is present. (Bava Kama 112b)*

*One who testifies about a minor, even in his presence, it is considered as if the minor is not present. (Bava Kama 39a)*

Rav Shach zt"l (Mamrim 7) asked the following question - how can witnesses testify that a minor transgressed his vow if it is considered as if the minor is not present?

What is the classification of a minor who is almost a godol and liable for his vows? Is he 1) a minor for whom the Torah made an exception and obligated him to fulfill his vows, or 2) regarding vows and transgressing them, he is considered a godol.

According to the second explanation we can answer as follows. The Torah views a minor who will be an adult in the near future as a godol, regarding vows. Since he is considered a godol, the testimony of a witness in front of him is considered as if he is present.

## TABLE TALK

### PARSHA DILEMMA

***They approached him and said, "Pens for the flock we shall build here and cities for our children." (32, 16)***

*Their response revealed a shortcoming in their priorities. They said they would build pens for their animals and cities for their children, which implies that their sheep were more important to them than their children. (Rashi)*

***Yakov was left alone and a man wrestled with him... (Vayishlach 32, 25)***

*He forgot small jugs and returned to retrieve them. From here we derive that righteous people value their monetary possessions more than their bodies. (Rashi)*

Why was Yakov's focus on his possessions considered a righteous attitude, while in regard to these Tribes it was considered a shortcoming?

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**גיטל בת אשר הנהה UPON HER SHLOSHIM**

**בן משה יעקב UPON HIS 46TH YARTZEIT**

## WHO AM I ?

1. I am in middle of the Straits
2. I am between the time
3. My beginning is the opposite of my middle
4. I am not Menachem your father

**Last week's clues:** My opposite caused me, My center is split, I am not for day eight, At eighteen you pray for me.

**Answer:** Covenant of Peace

**Congratulations to:** Dan Smikler

## WHO AM I ?

- 1 No barber
- 2 I stop 'To this time'
- 3 I banned the band
- 4 My name does not define my time

**Last week's clues:** I come monthly, I am special for women, I am not a head, I am twelve or a baker's dozen.

**Answer:** Rosh Chodesh

**Congratulations to:** Yitzi Shmikler, Aaron Paperman, Yaakov Yisroel Paperman, Noach Ehrlich

## TORAH RIDDLE

What is the Torah definition of 'people who hate each other'?

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

What was the name of Levi's wife?

**Answer:** Osah (Daas Zekanim Pinchos 26, 59)

**Congratulations to:** Jeff Solomon

Please send "Who Am I" and "Torah Riddle" answers to [onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com](mailto:onegshabbos@beachwoodkollel.com) by next Wed.

Congratulations to

**DR. RICKY PRIZANT**

The winner of

**WIRELESS HEADPHONES**

The answers will IY"Y appear in next week's issue

## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

Rav Shach zt"l was overly concerned with the well being of a certain bochur who learned in a yeshiva in Bnai Brak – not the Ponovez Yeshiva, with which he was associated.

He was very involved in the spiritual well being of the boy and would send him money and food packages. Wondering why Rav Shach was showing extra care for this bochur, the students of Rav Shach asked him about the special treatment and attention afforded him.

Rav Shach answered, "When I was a bochur in Yeshiva, I was so poor that I only had one shirt to wear. Once a month I would launder my shirt and wait until it dried to put it back on. After a few years, my shirt had a hole in the back. I would hurry into the Bais Medrash before the others arrived and sit in my seat until everyone left, thereby not revealing the hole in my shirt."

"A woman in the community heard about my plight and sent me two shirts. This bochur is the grandson of that woman. I am indebted to help this boy in extra ways because of the hakoras hatov (gratitude) I owe to his grandmother."

## KOLLEL EVENTS

### MAZEL TOV

Dr. and Mrs. Avi Schlager on the birth of a girl

Mr. and Mrs. Leible Simkhovich on the Bar Mitzva of Shaya  
Mr. and Mrs. Nachman Simkhovich

### CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Monica Goldstein on the passing of her father

Mrs. Isabel Parks on the passing of her husband

Mrs. Tally Rush on the passing of her mother

## ATTENTION!

### Kollel Summer Learning Program

*Shacharis* 8:45 Followed by Learning

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

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