

## PARSHAH INSIGHTS

**Which nation is outstanding and has a G-d that is close to it, as is Hashem, our G-d, whenever we call to him. (4, 7)**

Rav Chanina bar Papa asked Rebbi Shmuel bar Nachman, "What is the meaning of the posuk, 'May my prayer to you, Hashem, be at an opportune time'" (Tehilim 69, 14)? He answered, "The gates of Heaven are sometimes open and sometimes closed for our prayers." Rav Anana said, "The gates of prayer are never closed, as the posuk says, 'Whenever we call to him....' " (Devorim Rabba 2, 11)

How do we reconcile the seeming contradiction between the pesukim? Are there times that the gates for our prayers are closed, or can one always have his prayers ascend to Hashem?

**Show me favor, Hashem; to You I call all the day. (Tehillim 86, 3)**

Why was it necessary for Dovid HaMelech to ask Hashem to help him due to his calling to Hashem all day? What does the fact that Dovid calls to Hashem daily add to his request in order to merit Hashem's intervention?

The Dubner Magid answers that people have two different approaches to davening to Hashem. 1) Some people believe in their own merits and think they have the ability to accomplish everything. However, when they are confronted with a crisis, they ask Hashem for assistance. 2) Others believe that they are totally incapable to accomplish without Hashem's assistance, and therefore, they are always davening for Hashem's help.

With this premise, we can understand the pesukim. The Gates of Prayer are never closed to those who always place their trust in Hashem and pray to him constantly. However, for those who wait until they realize they cannot fulfill their dream on their own, there are times that the Gates to Heaven are closed.

Since Dovid wanted that his prayers should be answered instantly, he said to Hashem, "Since I pray to You all the time, I do not have to wait for a specific time to pray, therefore please save me immediately."

**Only beware for yourself and greatly beware for your soul... (4, 9)**

Three liquids are subject to the prohibition of drinking if left uncovered overnight. 1) Water 2) Wine 3) Milk. The reason is because there is a concern that a snake may have put its venom into it, which would be a danger to the one who drinks it. (Terumos 8, 3)

Water that was left uncovered cannot be used on the Mizbayach. It is not considered 'a Jewish drink' because Jews may not drink liquid that has been left uncovered. (Yerushalmi Suka 4, 7)

Rav Yitzchok Elchonon Spector zt'l (Ein Yitzchok O. C. 24) asked as follows. Since water left uncovered is only a danger to a human, it would not be dangerous to the Mizbayach, nor is it a prohibited item. If so, why isn't it permitted on the Mizbayach?

One may not give a Jew water that was left uncovered or wine to a nazir... since one may not feed his fellow man a forbidden food. (Tosefta Demai 2)

The Brisker Rov asked the following question. If uncovered water is not a forbidden food, only a dangerous one, why would it be included in a halocho which discusses prohibited foods?

The Brisker Rov answered that since water left uncovered is a health hazard, Chazal categorized it as a halachically illegal food. With it being considered a food prohibited by halocho, it is deemed unfit to be used on the Mizbayach.

## TABLE TALK

### PARSHA DILEMMA

**Bind them as a sign upon your arm... (6, 8)**

It is prohibited to only write a few pesukim of the Torah. (Gittin 60a)

Every Jew must write a Sefer Torah. Where is the source? Since every Jew must write the song of Ha'azinu (Vayeilech 31, 19), and it is prohibited to only write a few pesukim, obviously one must write the entire Torah. (Rambam Sefer Torah 7, 1)

If so, why is it permitted to write the parshiyos of Tefillin, Mezuzah and Sotah, when they are only written as a few pesukim? (Chasam Sofer Y. D. 254)

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## WHO AM I ?

1. I am not for the trees
2. Bo'ee Kalla
3. I caused dancing
4. I am like a double father

**Last week's clues:** I stop re-rebuke, Stay with me, I stop embarrassment, I was for Yakov and Moshe.

**Answer:** Rebuking right before their death.

**Congratulations to:** Daniel Morgenstern

## WHO AM I ?

- 1 I have ten
- 2 I include another 603
- 3 Now I have my second showing
- 4 I am divided

**Last week's clues:** Sit low, Change shoes, No food, I am similar to Yom Kippur.

**Answer:** Tisha B'Av

**Congratulations to:** Daniel Morgenstern, Esther Rivka Morgenstern, Yehudah Soffer, Noach Ehrlich, Esti Ehrlich, Aaron Paperman, Yaakov Yisroel Paperman

## TORAH RIDDLE

How many tefillos did Moshe daven, in order to enter Eretz Yisroel? Where is a hint to that in the Parsha?

**Last week's riddle and answer:** Tisha B'Av is always the same day of the week as which Yom Tov?

**Answer:** First day of Pesach

**Congratulations to:** Jeff Solomon, Daniel Morgenstern, Aaron Paperman, Yaakov Yisroel Paperman

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## A GLIMPSE OF GREATNESS

*I implored Hashem at that time... (3, 23)*

Rav Chaim Chaikin zt'l, a close disciple of the Chofetz Chaim, related the following story with his Rebbi. A resident of Radin

approached the Chofetz Chaim and requested that he pray for him regarding a specific issue. "Did you already pray for yourself?" the Chofetz Chaim asked the man. "Yes," the man replied. "Good. Please bring me the Tehillim you davened from," the Chofetz Chaim said.

The man went home and returned with his Tehillim. The Chofetz Chaim opened it and skimmed through the pages. "Is this called davened?" the Chofetz Chaim asked. "I will show you what it means to daven," said the Chofetz Chaim.

The Chofetz Chaim climbed onto a chair and took down a Tehillim. He opened it up and showed the man the tear stained pages of the Tehillim "This is called "davened." This is the Tehillim my mother davened from. This is the proper way for a person to daven."

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