



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT" L

We are living through times of enormous national challenge. Our young children, pure and innocent, are targeted and senselessly murdered. Missiles rain down on our cities, consigning an entire population to live in bomb shelters. All the while, the world remains silent, lending tacit sanction to the mindless violence. And when the nations do lift their collective voice, it is in shrill condemnation of Israel, conflating the hunted with the hunter.

How are we to survive? How could we overcome such determined enemies, who surround us on all sides?

Following the plague that killed 24,000 people, G-d orders a census to once again count the populace. According to the Sages, this census is commanded in the spirit of a loving shepherd counting his flock after a wolf had attacked the sheep. So, too, G-d wanted to count each one of His children who had survived the deadly plague.

When we look at the tally from the various Tribes, we see something very striking. Binyamin, who had ten sons, tallies at 45,600. In contrast, Dan merited to have only one son, Chushim. Additionally, the Talmud tells us that Chushim was handicapped by deafness. Nevertheless, Dan's total is much greater, with a total of 64,400!

The Chofetz Chaim relates that this teaches us that even when natural laws would predict a given outcome, it is but the will of G-d that triumphs. He alone decrees and guides the world according to His wisdom.

While we cannot understand all the tragedies that befall us, one thing we can be certain of: G-d never forsakes His children.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!
Rabbi Menachem Winter

TABLE TALK

POINT TO PONDER

Pinchas, son of Elazar, son of Aharon the Kohen, turned back My wrath from upon Bnei Yisrael when he zealously avenged My vengeance from them, and I did not consume Bnei Yisrael in My anger. Therefore, say: I give him the covenant of peace (25:11-12).

A Kohen who kills somebody cannot serve as a Kohen (Berachos 32b).

Since murder disqualifies a Kohen from serving, how did Pinchas' act of murder cause the exact opposite, and merit him to serve?

PARSHA RIDDLE

Besides Aharon and his sons, who in history became a Kohen, even though he was not born to a Kohen?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last issue's riddle:

*"If Balak would give me his houseful of silver and gold, I cannot transgress the word of Hashem my G-d..." (22:18)
Where in Sha"as do we find a similar response?*

Answer: Parah Rabbi Yosi ben Kisma: "If you would give me all the silver, gold and precious stones in the world I would only live in a place where there is Torah study" (Pirkei Avos 6:9).

TIMELESS WISDOM

Therefore, I give him my covenant of peace (25:12).

Abba, the doctor, was sent a personal greeting from Heaven every day because when he would practice medicine he was careful to uphold the modesty of the patients. Therefore, he merited a message of peace every day (Ta'anis 21b).

Rav Moshe Teveil was the Rov in Chalav. At one point some powerful individuals opened a secular dance institute that did not conform to the rules of modesty. That year, there was a drought and Rav Moshe was approached to declare a fast in order to merit rain. Rav Moshe responded, "Because of the sin of certain individuals, everyone should fast? Announce that I promise, if people stop attending this immodest place, rain will fall." Within a few days of the announcement, the institute closed, due to lack of attendance, and within a couple of days it began to rain.

KIDS KORNER

WHO AM I?

All children 13 and under who answer a "Who Am I?" correctly will be entered into a raffle to



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The next raffle will be held on July 22nd!

Answer as many as you can because each correct answer will entitle you to another raffle ticket and increase your chance of winning!

#1 WHO AM I?

1. Yaakov took my "vav."
2. I am still alive.
3. You sing about me.
4. I have a special chair.

#2 WHO AM I?

1. I was hinted to last week.
2. I am discussed this week.
3. I won't be for three months.
4. I have three parts.

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS

#1 Balak (My father did not fly; I ruled a land to which I did not belong; I am not a block; I feared Bnei Yisrael.)

#2 Hashem's daily moment of anger (I am for a moment; I am daily; Bilaam knew me; for a few days I wasn't.)

Please see next week's issue for the answers to this week's questions.

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