



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"l

Put Your Heart Into It

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"And Noach found favor in the eyes of Hashem." (6:8)

At the end of this week's Parsha, we are introduced to Noach. The Torah describes how Noach found favor in the eyes of Hashem. The sages of the Talmud teach us that the word "favor" implies that Noach needed to be favored by Hashem in order to be saved from the great flood because he was otherwise lacking sufficient merit to be saved. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein wonders how one is able to find favor with Hashem in spite of lacking sufficient merit. Rabbi Feinstein suggests that one may find favor with Hashem by fulfilling His will with joy and enthusiasm, as opposed to doing *mitzvos* simply by rote. Doing Hashem's *mitzvos* in a manner that shows love of those *mitzvos* moves Hashem to look past that person's shortcomings.

Rabbi Feinstein's beautiful explanation provides us with essential direction on how to approach our *avodas Hashem* (service of G-d) and is especially relevant as we transition from the holiday season into the winter months. We spent the last two months contemplating our personal growth and our connection with Hashem. The culmination of this period was *Simchas Torah*, where we rejoiced with the Torah. We brought to the forefront of our minds the ideal of "*Ashreinu Ma Tov Chelkeinu*" – "We are fortunate, how good is our lot!" We celebrated the fact that we have the *Torah* and we have a close relationship with Hashem. Our job now is to take that joy and enthusiasm and bring it forth into our daily performance of *mitzvos* and Torah study. May Hashem help us that we should truly be able to serve Him with all of our heart.

Wishing you a Good Shabbos!

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TABLE TALK

Point to Ponder

"Of every tree of the garden you may eat" (2, 16)

"From every tree" you may eat but not from stolen items. (Sanhedrin 56b)

When a man among you brings an offering to Hashem (Vayikra 1, 1).

Why does the Torah refer to man as Adam? To teach us that just like Adam did not bring a korban from stolen items because everything was his; so too, one should not bring a korban from stolen items. (Rashi)

If everything in the world was Adam's and the concept of stealing didn't apply, why did Hashem warn him not to steal food for eating purposes?

Parsha Riddle

Which creation was given the opportunity to live the longest?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last week's riddle:

What is the greatest number of consecutive days that we lain from the Torah?

Answer: 11 - when Sukkos begins on a Tuesday.

HATORAH V'HAMITZVAH

HALACHA INSIGHTS FROM THE PARSHA

In Parashas Bereishis (2:1), the Torah relates the conclusion of the Creation: "Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array. ..." (Vayechulu hashamayim v'haaretz v'chol tz'vaam) The Talmud (Shabbos 119b) declares that everyone who prays on the Sabbath eve must recite this passage of Vayechulu. It is unclear, however, when this recitation is to occur.

The Seder R. Amram Gaon states that Vayechulu is recited by the shaliach tzibbur following the silent amidah. The Tosafos (Pesachim 106a) explain that the reason for the post-amidah recitation of Vayechulu is because when Yom Tov occurs on Shabbos, Vayechulu is not recited during the amidah, so it is recited afterward, and it is therefore recited afterward on all Shabbosos, in order not to distinguish between different Shabbosos. Another reason for the post-amidah recitation is for the benefit of those who do not know the passage. (Tur OC 268)

The Rosh (Pesachim 10:15) adds that the reason Vayechulu is recited along with kiddush is for the benefit of one's children and household members (i.e., who do not pray maariv).

Additionally, there is a midrashic imperative to recite Vayechulu specifically three times. (Rokeach Hilchos Shabbas #49, citing Midrash Vayechulu)

The recitation of Vayechulu constitutes testimony to G-d's creation of the world, and so should be said out loud and while standing, like actual testimony in court. (Tur and Shulchan Aruch seif 7) The Taz (#5) accordingly rules that one praying alone does not repeat Vayechulu after the amidah, since a "complete assembly" of ten people is required for this testimony, and if the individual does wish to repeat it, he should intend it merely as Torah reading and not testimony. The Elyah Rabbah (#14) disagrees and maintains that even an individual should recite it. The Mishneh Berurah (#19) rules that Vayechulu should ideally be recited along with the congregation (as per the opinion of the Taz), or at least by two people together, and an individual should ideally recite it but intend it merely as Torah reading. The Chazon Ish (OC 38:10) disagrees with the recommendation to try to have two people recite it together.

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Who Am I?

#1 WHO AM I?

1. I ruled with another.
2. Some confuse me with boy.
3. I referred to Yaakov.
4. When I leave, Shabbos comes.

#2 WHO AM I?

1. I was created from surgery.
2. My title describes my source.
3. My name defines my purpose.
4. I caused pain.

Last Week's Answers

#1 Sukkos (I commemorate the return of protection, Do the opposite of what the world does, I am at the full mark, Move please.)

#2 The Arba Minim (4 Species) (I am four, yet seven, Bind me, I declare victory, I represent all.)

The raffle has been postponed until after the shuls are reopened. We are still accepting entries to the raffle.

All children 13 and under who answer a "Who Am I?" correctly will be entered into a raffle to **WIN a Claw Machine Arcade Game**



Visit gwckollel.org to submit your answers.

Answer as many as you can. Each correct answer will entitle you to another raffle ticket and increase your chances of winning!

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