



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT" L

The Torah lists the great reward destined for the nation when they walk in G-d's ways and perform His commandments, including peace, prosperity, and success. In verse 26:5, after the promise of abundant produce, the Torah continues with the blessing "you will eat to satiation." The great commentator Rashi understands this to mean that a small amount of food will provide satiation.

Why is this additional blessing necessary? Wouldn't the ample crop already promised be sufficient to provide for the people?

Certainly, the bountiful harvest will ensure that the nation's physical needs are met. The Torah's blessing, however, refers to a different dimension altogether. Here, the Torah rewards the worthy and deserving nation with being nourished not merely by the material produce, but with G-d's blessing itself – "*You will eat a little, and it will blessedly satiate you.*" Such an existence exalts one over the mundane and connects him to a world of spirituality and G-dliness.

This world affords us the possibility of prosperity, comfort, and security for us and our families. However, let's not forget about the special and unique opportunity we have here on Earth – to suffuse our days and lives with G-dliness and spirituality. It is here that true blessing is found.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Menachem Winter

TABLE TALK

POINT TO PONDER

And you will dwell securely on your land. I will provide peace in the land, and you will lie down with none to frighten you ... and a sword will not cross your land (26:5-6).

What additional brocha is being added with having peace on the land? Hashem already promised that we will dwell securely, which implies that no one will start up with us. Why does the posuk add that we will have peace in the land?

PARSHA RIDDLE

How is it possible for two people to be in the same room, davening the same shemonah esrei, and one will have to repeat shemoneh esrei, and the other will not?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last issue's riddle:

Besides Sefiras HaOmer, when is another time that seven sets of seven are counted?

Answer: Seven cycles of seven years are counted until Yovel.

TIMELESS WISDOM

If you will follow My decrees and heed My commandments ... you will reside securely on your land (26:3-5).

The sword and the book (Torah) were handed down from Heaven, bound together. Hashem told Bnai Yisroel, "If you are committed to the Torah, its study and fulfillment, then you will be saved from the sword. However, if you forsake it, the sword will kill you" (Vayikra Rabba 35:6).

What does the posuk (Tehillim 122:2) "Our feet stood at the gates of Yerushalayim" mean? Who caused our feet to stand firm and be victorious in war? The "gates of Yerushalayim", referring to the Bais Medrash where Torah is studied (Makos 10a).

During the Second World War there was a push to sign a petition for Jews to recite Tehillim (Psalms) on behalf of their brethren under the rule of Nazi Germany. When the Steipler was approached to sign the petition, he instructed, "The main thing is to increase Torah study, as the gemara says, the merit to conquer the enemy is through Torah study. However, after davening, let people say a few chapters of Tehillim."

Similarly, when Rav Shneur Kotler was sick, a petition was circulated for people to recite Tehillim on his behalf. When the petition came to the Steipler for his signature, he signed, and added the following: "Our Torah study should be a merit for his recovery. The more one studies Torah, the more potent his prayers become. It is for this reason that Torah is called "Rachmona / merciful", because all mercy comes on account of it."

KIDS KORNER

WHO AM I?

#1 WHO AM I ?

1. I am walking, but my legs do not move.
2. I am similar to water.
3. I am to teach.
4. I am for night and I am for day.

#2 WHO AM I ?

1. I cause fires.
2. I am not a log of wood.
3. I unite Nusach Ashkenaz and Sefard.
4. I am glory of glory.

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS

#1 Shofar (I am for Rosh Hashana; I am not your driver; I am for Yom Kippur and Yovel.)

#2 Har Sinai (I am the source of hatred; I was humble; I almost became a grave; No trespassing.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:


Dovie Shimoff

To see the complete list of those who answered correctly, visit the Kollel website.

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

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

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Scooter**

Please visit  www.gwckollel.org to submit your answers.

The next raffle will be May 27th!

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

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Please join us as we come together before Shavuot for A Day of Torah and Unity.

We will be studying the topic of Kiddush Hashem. There will be classes for men and women. Sunday May 25th, 10 am - 12 pm at Beth Sholom Social Hall, 11825 Seven Locks Lane.

Sponsored by Kollel of YGW, GWCK, The Friedman Kollel, and Kollel Torah Mitzion.

To register go to DCTorahUnity.com , or use the link: is.gd/DCTU1

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