



# The Greater Washington Community Kollel

# SHABBOS DELIGHTS

## TORAH MINUTE

### IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT" L

On the last day of his life, Moshe gathered the entire nation together - from the great leaders to the wood choppers and water carriers - to bring them into a covenant with G-d. The covenant confirmed the Children of Israel as God's chosen, both for those present and for all future generations. Moshe warned them against straying after idolatry, and related its devastating consequences. If the people sinned, the nation would be punished and sent into exile. Moshe also prophesied that the nation would ultimately repent and G-d would, in turn, show His great love for the people and redeem them.

Moshe then revealed to the people that his leadership and life were drawing to a close and that G-d had chosen Yehoshua to assume the mantle of leadership and lead them into the Land. Moshe charged Yehoshua to be strong and courageous and to place his trust in G-d.

Moshe then wrote the "song" of Haazinu at G-d's command, which was to be taught to the nation. The Book of the Torah, transcribed by Moshe, was given to the Tribe of Levi to be placed near the Aron (Ark) for safekeeping.

Finally, Moshe assembled the leaders and once again warned them of the consequences of turning against G-d (31:28).

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein questions why this additional gathering of the leaders was necessary. Weren't they already gathered together with the rest of the nation?

In answering this question, Rabbi Feinstein shares with us the message which the Torah is communicating to us here. Moshe was keenly aware of the transformative powers of the Torah and understood the innate spiritual strength of the people. Each and every Jew - from the wise and righteous Tzaddik to the simple wood chopper - is capable of greatness. All that is needed is a true commitment and deep desire to climb ever higher. Hence, Moshe wasn't specifically calling the leaders. Rather, recognizing the greatness inherent in the entire nation, he was calling to each and every Jewish man, woman, and child to actualize their own great potential and to be worthy of being leaders themselves.

This powerful lesson is very relevant as we approach Rosh Hashana. Let us not be constrained by our imagined, and often self-imposed, limitations. Rather, let each and every one of us believe in the great power of Torah to transform and elevate us personally. We need only to truly desire it, for it is forever within our grasp.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

*Rabbi Menachem Winter*

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## TABLE TALK

### POINT TO PONDER

Now, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to Bnei Yisrael (31:19).

"When Yehoshua was in Yericho, he raised his eyes and there was a man standing in front of him...Yehoshua asked him, "Are you from us, or from the enemy?" He told Yehoshua, "I am an angel of Hashem, now I have come..." (Yehoshua 5:13)

With the word "us" Yehoshua intended to reference Torah study, asking if he was in trouble for the lack of Torah study, and with the word "enemy" he meant to reference korbanos, which protects from the enemy (Tosfos Megilla 3a).

The angel rebuked Yehoshua, "Yesterday you did not bring the korban Tamid and today you have forsaken your learning." Yehoshua asked the angel, "For which issue are you rebuking me?" The angel answered, "I came for now (today's shortcoming)." Yehoshua went immediately to learn (Megilla 3a).

The angel used the word now as a hint to Torah study because the word "now" is used in reference to Torah study in the following posuk, "So now, write this song for yourselves and teach it to Bnei Yisrael" (Tosfos).

Why did the angel use a different word from the word that Yehoshua had used to reference Torah study?

### PARSHA RIDDLE

How do we know that one is allowed to bring young children to shul?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last issue's riddle:

Where is there a reference to the mitzvah of Tefillin in this week's parsha?

Answer: Ki shem Hashem nikra olecha - they will see that the name of Hashem is upon you (28:10).

## TIMELESS WISDOM

For this commandment that I command you today... it is not in the Heavens... (30:11 - 12)

Rav Zalman, the brother of Rav Chaim Volozhiner, was known for his diligence in Torah study, his pure character traits, and his near perfect memory. On one blustery winter night, Rav Zalman was learning a very complex topic in the suburb of Vilna, Shnipochuk.

After learning for a while, and not coming to any resolution, Rav Zalman remembered that this topic was discussed in a certain sefer. After looking for the sefer, he remembered that this specific sefer was only available in the Bais Medrash on the other side of town.

Rav Zalman bundled up and made the trek across town. He quickly found the sefer and opened it to find the resolution to his difficulties. Happy with his questions being resolved, Rav Zalman began the trek back to his side of town to daven shacharis.

Someone who had noticed what occurred ask Rav Zalman, "Does one have to go to such extent? It was difficult for you, so you should have forgotten about it!" Rav Zalman replied, "Hashem told us that Torah is accessible to us, it is not in Heaven. But had it been in Heaven we would have needed to go there to get it! One cannot use excuses when it comes to Torah."

## KIDS KORNER

### WHO AM I?

#### #1 WHO AM I ?

1. I am not a candy.
2. I am for delayed punishment.
3. I am not polka.
4. I can be found on the kiss.

#### #2 WHO AM I ?

1. I am caused by sinning.
2. I cause destruction.
3. Esther
4. Hidden

### LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS

#1 Bikurim (You tie, bring, wave, and save me.)

#2 Har Grizim and Har Evil (I divided the people; the bad for Evil; I had blessings; I had curses.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Mordechai Guttenberg**

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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The next raffle will be held on September 30!

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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