



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"l

Presented by Rabbi Menachem Winter, Rosh Kollel
From our archives

The commandment had gone out - "They shall make Me a Sanctuary so that I will dwell among them."(25:8) This charge set off a vast undertaking of contributions for the necessary building materials, including gold, silver, precious stones, rare skins and cloths. Additionally, a monumental labor effort was required to transform the materials into the Mishkan, its vessels, and the priestly garments. To fulfill the requirements of the fine detail and intricacy of the construction, great skill and craftsmanship was needed. After much effort, care and devotion, the Mishkan and its components were finally complete as the Torah records "All the work of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, was completed."(39:32)

The Ohr Hachaim comments that the verse testifies to the completion of work. The desire and longing of the people to draw close to G-d, however, remained unquenched. Notwithstanding the great efforts already spent, their commitment to do what they could to nurture their relationship with G-d was as bright as the day they had begun.

This pure flame of inexhaustible pining for G-d's intimacy has been the hallmark of the Jewish people throughout the millennia. Even during the darkest times of the long and bitter exile, this "Pintele Yid" shines bright with love and knowledge of a Father above, caring and concerned for His children below.

May we all merit to soon feel G-d's full embrace, in Jerusalem!

Wishing you a Good Shabbos!

SPONSOR

To sponsor an issue of Shabbos Delights, please contact info@gwckollel.org

TABLE TALK

Point to Ponder

These are the reckonings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of Testimony, which were reckoned by Moshe's bidding (38:21).

The Torah repeats the word Mishkan, referring to the two Batei Mikdash that were destroyed as collateral for the sins of Bnei Yisrael. The verse refers to the Mishkan as the Mishkan of Testimony, since it was testimony to the fact that Hashem forgave Bnei Yisrael for the sin of the golden calf, since He rested His Presence amongst them (Rashi).

Rashi seems to be out of order. Historically, first the Mishkan was testimony that Hashem forgave Bnei Yisrael and hundreds of years later the Bais HaMikdash was used as collateral. Why does Rashi list these backwards?

Parsha Riddle

Why did the month of Kislev merit to have the miracle and holiday of Chanuka?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last week's riddle:

What is the connection between cholent and our Parsha?

Answer: We eat hot food, cholent, to refute those who interpret, "lo s'va-ar'u aish – you shall not kindle a fire" to mean that it is forbidden to have a fire in your home, so they eat only cold food and sit in the dark.

HATORAH V'HAMITZVAH

HALACHA INSIGHTS FROM THE PARSHA

Parashas Pekudei begins with Moshe's accounting of the disposition of the materials that he had collected for the construction of the Tabernacle. The midrash explains that Moshe provided this accounting in response to the slander of cynics alleging that he had enriched himself via embezzlement of the contributions (Shemos Rabah 51:6).

The Talmud rules that an accounting may not be demanded from officers in charge of charitable funds (Bava Basra 9a), but the Tur and Rema recommend that they voluntarily provide one, to avoid even the appearance of impropriety (YD 257:2). The Beis Yosef notes that this recommendation is "obvious", but some authorities cite Moses's accounting as a precedent (Bach and Biur Ha'Gra).

The Aruch Ha'Shulchan (ibid. #12) offers several reasons for the reluctance of the halachah to strictly require an accounting from such officers: there is no real basis for suspicion of them, such a requirement would be overly onerous, and their initial appointment constitutes an implicit granting of trust. He concludes that it follows that if the initial appointment stipulated the requirement of an accounting, then it is certainly mandatory, and he notes that he believes that this is the prevailing custom. He additionally suggests that the Talmudic exemption from providing an accounting only applies to volunteers, but paid officials are always required to do so.

Various halachic authorities rule that insofar as concrete basis (in the opinion of the court) for suspicion of impropriety is present, an accounting must obviously be provided. They further note that even when an accounting is provided, it should not be offered to anyone requesting it, since many public expenditures are of a sensitive nature and require discretion. [Additionally, "there will be no end to the matter".] Rather, the community or the court should appoint an audit committee comprising [two or three] trusted individuals to meticulously review the provided accounting (Shut. Mahari Weil #173; Shach s.k. 3; Aruch Ha'Shulchan #13).

PRESENTED BY

RABBI YITZHAK GROSSMAN, ROSH CHABURAH

KIDS KORNER

Who Am I?

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

Win a Roller Coaster Challenge Game!



#1 WHO AM I?

1. I was used for counting.
2. I prevented plague.
3. I did not have a plug, yet I was for the socket.
4. I am for Taanis Esther.

#2 WHO AM I?

1. I was said by Moshe.
2. I was the blessing for the Mishkan.
3. I am said after Shabbos.
4. I am for Krias Shema.

Last Week's Answers

#1 Fire (I introduce Shabbos, I end Shabbos, Don't make me on Shabbos, I am not cool!)

#2 The Nesi'im (Princes) (We lost a letter, Our laxity caused our vigilance, Our reasoning delayed us, You read about us on Chanuka.)

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!

THE NEXT
RAFFLE WILL BE
May 7.

KOLLEL BULLETIN BOARD

Rabbi Y. Grossman – Rabbi D. Rosenbaum – Rabbi S. Silber – Rabbi Y. Singer – Rabbi B. Weinberg

A morning
stimulation

THIS SUNDAY!

Generation to Generation

Kavod and Caring; Raising and Respecting

with exploring the multifaceted relationship of parents and children. Hear a variety of

presentations from some of Greater Washington's best presenters and special guest speakers **Rabbi Shmuel Silber** and **Mrs. Shifra Rabenstein** on insights in halacha, hashkafa, and inspiration.

Sunday, March 10 at YISE – Opening remarks: 9:30am – Last session ends: 1:30pm

No cost – To view the full schedule and to register visit gwckollel.org/Generations (Participation for the entire program is not required.)

Mrs. R. Kosowsky – Mrs. S. Rabenstein – Mrs. S.M. Winter