



Thoughts on the Parsha

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The **פסוק** in this week's **פרשה** states that the children of Aharon and Moshe were born on the first day of Pesach. The following are the children of Aharon and Moshe. But then the **פסוק** goes on to only mention the children of Aharon! To explain this, ר' quotes from the gemara in Sanhedrin 69b: that learns from here that one who teaches his friend's son Torah, it is as if he gave birth to him. The **נור אריה** makes an inference in the **פסוק** that even if Moshe had only taught Aharon's children the Torah he had received from Hashem on the first day of Pesach, that would have been sufficient to make it as if he was their father.

The סנהדרין in מהר"ש א' connects this דרש with a similar one by אברהם אבינו. The פסוק makes reference to the נפש אשר עשו "בבחורן", the people he had "made" in חורן. The גמרא later on ד"ץ says that it is referring to those people אברהם had taught and been מקובל, and one who teaches his friend's son תורה, it is as if he made him. The צ"ו on מהר"ש א' explains that before a person learns תורה, he has not really differentiated himself from the animal kingdom; only after he has absorbed the ways of the

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לאמר: פְקֻד אֶתבָנִי לֵי לְבִית אַתָּת
לִמְשֹׁפְחָתָם כַּלְכָר מִכְרֹדוֹשׁ וּמַעֲלָה
תְּפִקְדָם וּפְקֻד אַתָּת מִשָּׁה עַל-פִּי ה'
כַּאֲשֶׁר צוֹה
(במדבר ג', ד'-טו)

In Parshas Bamidbar, ה commands Moshe to count all the children ofبني לוי, from one month old and on. There's a strange language used in pasuk 27:5 that says, "Moshe counted them according to ה's word, just as he was commanded." Saying "according to ה's word" seems redundant.

Rashi addresses the redundancy and puts it into context. When 'ה asked Moshe to count the young children, Moshe asked 'ה, "How can I go into the privacy of their tents to count them?" 'ה responded telling Moshe that he should do his job, and 'ה will do his. When Moshe arrived at each tent there was a bas kol that announced how many infants were in the tent.

Sparks of Mussar

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Recognizing our True Motive

On Shavuos, after learning all through the night, the Talmidim were served coffee and cake and they sang and danced. “Perhaps your real motive in learning all night,” announced R’ Nosson Zvi, the Alter of Slabodka, “was for the refreshments and the festivities that followed it.”

R' Yser Zalman Meltzer expressed surprise at these words. R' Nosson Zvi's answer was to take a Gemora and show him the account of Mar Ukva, who wanted to mourn as an avel for his brother-in-law, but R' Huna said to him, "Your intention is to eat the meal given to mourners" (Moed Katan 20). If Mar Ukva can be suspected of such motives," said R' Nosson Zvi, "how much more so can we suspect ourselves of them!"

can we label him an “**אדם**.” Therefore, the one who enabled this transition gets the credit for having made or given birth to the person.

This explanation is easy to understand when it comes to **אברהם**. He took people who were steeped in **עבודה זרה** and slowly but surely brought them - **תחת כנפי השכינה** - that is truly transforming them into an “**אדם!**” But how does **משה**’s teaching one day’s worth of **תורה** to the **beni aharon** lead to the status of **כאי לו ילדו?**”

We see from here an amazing insight into the power of **תורה**. The ability **תורה** has to mold, shape, and ignite a person’s **נפש נשמה** makes it that even when it comes to the **beni aharon**, the contrast between before and after learning even one day’s worth of **תורה** was just as stark as the one between **בהתה** and **אדם!**

With the **יום טוב** of **שבועות** approaching, let us appreciate what an amazing gift ‘**ה**’ has given us and the tremendous vehicle for growth He has placed within our grasp. Let us grab every moment we can, and **ה** **בעז** we will all be to be an “**אדם**” in the fullest sense in the eyes of **ה הקב”ה**!

and **Would You Rather**. It was so special to see all the guys laughing, having fun, and enjoying themselves during these games. Everyone participated and everyone had fun. After the event was officially ended, the Zoom meeting went on for a long time, as we played music, schmoozed, and caught up with old friends. The MTI Lag B’Omer event on Zoom was a hit and will certainly be remembered as one of the most memorable Lag B’Omer events in MTI history.

We see a few things from this. When Moshe was confused, he wasn’t scared to ask, and from here we see the importance of asking questions. We also see the importance of tznius and that appropriate behavior is no less important than accomplishing the goal. The ends don’t necessarily justify the means.

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