



Vayigash

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And Yehuda approached him (Bereishis 44:18).

What was Yehuda's actual complaint at this moment? He himself rendered the decision, *We will be servants to my lord (Yosef). We and the one with whom you find the cup (Bereishis 44:16).* Now that Yosef makes the punishment less stringent and says, *The one with whom the cup is found will be a servant to me and you will all return to your father in peace (Bereishis 44:17),* Yehuda suddenly decides to become angry?

Initially, Yehuda thought that the time had come to be punished for selling Yosef. Since they had sold Yosef as a slave, they would all now be taken as slaves. That is why he said, *What can we say and how can we justify ourselves. The Al-mighty has found the sin of your servants (Bereishis 44:16),* meaning the sin of selling Yosef. However, when he saw that they would all be freed and only Binyomin would be kept as a slave, he realized that this punishment was completely unrelated to the selling of Yosef because Binyomin was not involved in that incident at all. This was solely an unjust punishment. Therefore, he now spoke harshly to Yosef.

--The Alshich

And he said to them, "Do not argue on the way" (Bereishis 45:24).

Rashi, according to Sifsei Chachamim comments, *Do not have in-depth discussions of Halacha so that you don't get lost on the way.*

Why didn't Yaakov give the same warning when the brothers left for Mitzrayim?

Chazal say, *Learning Torah is a greater Mitzvah then honoring one's parents (Megillah 16b).* The proof to this is that Yaakov was punished through 22 years of suffering when Yosef disappeared corresponding to the 22 years he spent at Lovon's house when he didn't fulfill the

Mitzvah of honoring his parents. However, he was not punished for the 14 years he spent learning Torah with Shaim and Eiver (Megillah 17a).

We see that this Halacha regarding the precedence of learning over honoring one's parents was made clear only after Yosef revealed himself after 22 years. Prior to this, honoring one's parents was a greater Mitzvah because we *compare their honor to that of Hashem (Bava Metzia 32).* Therefore, Yaakov didn't need to warn the brothers about not learning on the way to Mitzrayim because they knew on their own that honoring their parents was more important than learning and they were travelling at their father's command. However, on their return, after the Halacha was clarified and learning Torah is actually *more* important than honoring one's parents, Yosef needed to warn them to not learn in-depth so that they would not get lost.

--Kehillas Moshe

And they told him that Yosef was still alive (Bereishis 45:26).

Serach the daughter of Asher told Yaakov that Yosef was still alive. Because of this she merited long life (about 650 years) and she entered the Garden of Eden alive.

--Targum Yonason

And these are the names of the children of Yisroel: Yaakov and his children (Bereishis 46:8).

All three Patriarchs were called 'Yisroel'. Here, Yitzchok is called Yisroel as it says that Yaakov and his sons were *the children of Yisroel.* So we see that Yitzchok is called Yisroel. Avrohom is also called Yisroel based on the posuk, *The children of Yisroel lived in Egypt for 430 years (Sh'mos 12:40).* We already know that this number is calculated from the birth of Yitzchok and those years are included as the years of 'the children of Yisroel' before Yaakov was even born. Therefore, Avrohom is called Yisroel also.

--Rabbeinu Bechaye

Yocheved daughter of Laivi was born between the borders on the way down to Mitzrayim. She gave birth to Moshe when she was 130 years old. Some say Iyyov (Job) was born on the way to Mitzrayim also.

--Seder Hadoros

Zemanim and Halachos

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Zemanim are for Milwaukee, WI	Krias Shema	Tefilla
According to the Vilna Gaon	9:38 AM	10:24 AM
According to the Magen Avrohom	9:02 AM	10:00 AM
Sunset Friday: 4:25 PM	Sunset Saturday: 4:26 PM	

On Tu B'Shvat, a mourner is permitted to lead the davening according to the Elya Rabbah and Pri Megadim. The Pri Megadim states that on days when there is no Hallel, like Tu B'Shvat, a mourner may lead the Shacharis davening.

The Taz, however, maintains that on days when Tachanun is not recited, like Tu B'Shvat, a mourner may not lead the davening. The Kol Bo writes that many people follow the Taz and that is the custom in Belz.

****Please consult your local Orthodox Rabbi for Halachic decisions.****

Kids' Korner

Last week's answers

1. We do not observe a ninth day of Chanuka as a Sefeika D'Yoma because it is a MiD'Rabbonon (Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 670).
2. If one causes damage while he is sleeping, he is liable for it (Choshen Mishpat 421:4).
3. Yosef was released from prison on Rosh Hashanah (Gemara Rosh Hashanah 10b).
4. Osnas was carried to Mitzrayim by the Malach, Michoel (Medrash Tanchuma, Vayigash).
5. Dinah, daughter of Yaakov was the mother of Osnas, Yosef's wife (Seder Hadoros).

PARSHA QUIZ

1. Which descendants of Yaakov and Eisav, mentioned in Sefer Bereishis, have the identical name?
2. How were Yosef's brothers punished for deceiving Yaakov into thinking that Yosef had been killed?
3. Where do we find an entire nation that did not eat meat?
4. Why did Yosef give each of the brothers a change of clothes?
5. True or False: Binyomin had ten sons.

Answers next week!

And he brought Korbonos to the G-d of his father, Yitzchok (Bereishis 46:1).

The Ramban explains that Yaakov realized at that time that the Golus was beginning, and he was fearful of the outcome. Therefore, he brought offerings to the G-d of Yitzchok - Who was the G-d of justice - that the judgment against his descendants not be too harsh.

The Meshech Chochma notes that Chazal tell us (Gemara Megilla 16b) that because Yaakov was unable to honor his parents for 22 years, Yosef was taken from him for that length of time. At this point in time when Yaakov was about to be reunited with Yosef, he feared that perhaps his punishment would continue, and Yosef would not honor him properly. It was for this reason that he brought Korbonos to evoke mercy from the G-d of Yitzchok to ask for atonement for not having honored his father during the years that he was in the house of Lovon.

--Torah Lodaas

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