THOSE WHO COUNT

Midrash Tanchuma explains that this verse corresponds to Yishayahu 43:4: “Because you were precious in My eyes you were honored, and I loved you, I put people in your place and regimes in place of your soul.” Hashem said to the Jewish nation, “You are precious in My eyes. I have prepared sustenance for you, but I have not prepared it for the other nations.”

This can be illustrated with a parable. A king had many silos and storage facilities for his grain. Most, however, were filled with average quality grain. Because they were not so desirable, the king was not concerned about measuring and counting the inventory stored in them. One silo, however, was used for the highest quality grain, and the facility was maintained in immaculate condition. The king noticed that it was exceptional, and he told the members of his household that although he did not keep track of the other storehouses, this one building was of great interest to him. He had its contents measured and weighed, and he monitored its progress on a regular basis to always remember the number of bushels and sacks it contained.

The key to the parable is that the king is Hashem, and the well-kept warehouse symbolizes the Jewish people, as we find (Yirmiyahu 2:3): “Yisrael is holy to God, the first of His crop.” The “members of the king’s household” refers to Moshe, as we find (BeMidbar 12:7): “In My entire house he is the trusted one.” The Egyptians and the nations of the world have the storehouses filled with stubble and chaff.

Hashem said, “The nations of the world are secondary to Me, and their precise numbers are of no consequence. The Jews are the righteous ones, the choicest and highest quality wheat that I own, as we find (Yeshayahu 60:21): “Your people will all be righteous; they will inherit the land forever.” This is why Hashem is so careful about their precise numbers, as we find in our verse, “Take a census of the entire assembly...”

Hashem does not derive great pleasure from the nations of the world, as we find (Yeshayahu 40:17): “All the nations are like nothing before Him; as nothing and emptiness are they reckoned by Him.” The Jews are precious to Him as they declare their allegiance regularly as they read the Shema. Therefore they are counted by Him regularly.

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THIS CENSUS WAS DIFFERENT

The counting of the Jewish people here in our parasha was actually the second time the Jews were counted in the desert. The first time was when the Mishkan was to be constructed and half-shekels were collected from each male above the age of twenty. Those silver coins collected were used to form the foundation - אֵּאֵס - for the boards of the Mishkan. This second counting, however, which was done one month after the opening of the Mishkan, was different in several ways. The money collected was designated to buy the many communal offerings that were to be brought in the Mishkan throughout the year. Shiras David notes that the counting itself was done with the assistance of the prince of each tribe. What was the reason for the involvement of the princes?

The previous census resulted in the counting of the nation as a whole. Here,
however, the goal was to determine the number of each tribe separately, according to their fathers’ household. The princes were therefore included in the process in order to elicit their assistance in clarifying the genealogy of each person. Sforno alludes to this as he writes: “The reason the princes were brought in order to count is that they were the heads of each tribal family, and they would not withhold from Moshe and Aharon the information regarding the lineage of each person.”

A SPIRITUAL FATHER

The Torah only mentions the sons of Aharon, yet they are called “the offspring of Moshe” as well. This is because he taught them Torah. This teaches us that whoever teaches his friend’s son Torah, the Torah views him as if he had fathered him. - Rashi from Sanhedrin 19b

We find that the famous Tanna Ben Azzai did not marry (see Yevamos 63b). One time, he was teaching about the great mitzvah to marry and The students wondered and asked him, “Rebbe, your lessons are filled with wonderful insights, but we see that you do not fulfill this mitzvah!” To this, Ben Azzai answered, “What can I do? - My soul is bound up with the Torah!”

Generally, the response of Ben Azzai is understood to mean that for him, learning was more important than marrying, and he felt that on his level, he was exempt from the mitzvah. Yet, this is quite a puzzling comment and needs to be explained.

Sefer Ahavas Tzion addresses this point. Perhaps we can say, however, that since Ben Azzai was so involved with his learning, he was constantly teaching others. Our verse teaches us that if a person teaches Torah to the sons of others, it is considered as if he gave birth to them. Accordingly, in a certain sense, Ben Azzai was indeed in fulfillment of the mitzvah of carrying the Torah to all generations.

TORAH READING FOR SHAVUOS

Sefer Meshech Chochmah notes that usually, when a verse concludes with the term “לאמר - to say,” the idea is that the one being addressed is being charged to take the message and to convey it further to others. In many contexts it refers to Moshe, who was being addressed by Hashem to tell the Jews what Hashem told him. However, in this introductory verse to the Revelation at Sinai, Hashem was speaking directly to the Jewish nation, without Moshe as an intermediary. What, then, is the meaning of this term “לאמר” here? To whom were the people to convey this message?

It must mean that the Jews themselves were to transmit this message and the very experience of Sinai to their children, and their children were to deliver this message to future generations as well. Rambam writes that the main aspect of the Revelation at Sinai was the presenting of the entire Torah to an assembly of millions of Jews, who were to serve as trusted witnesses that they all achieved a profound level of prophecy. They perceived a penetrating degree of awareness of the Shechina, and they were conferred with the mission to transfer the tradition further to all generations.

THE TIME OF THE GIVING OF OUR TORAH - 

We commonly think of the holidays as commemorations of past events. However, this is not the case. We constantly pass through the circular corridor of the year. Each year we pass the same point. True, it’s a year later, but it is also the same day with the same spiritual powers. The time of the giving of the Torah comes each year and brings with it a rush of Torah giving from Hashem.

In Michtav MeEliyahu, Harav Elieyahu Dessler compares this to a merchant who, in order to sell his wares, needs a place where people can find him. If he cannot be found, no one will come to purchase his wares. He therefore establishes himself in a store. On the other hand, a person who wants to purchase these wares must come to the store in order to obtain them. But even that is not enough. He must have the money with which to purchase them. It would be useless to come to the store without money. And even if he does enter the store with the money, unless he actually takes the merchandise in his hands, he has not acquired a thing.

So it is on Shavuos. Hashem is selling the Torah to us. But we must enter the Beis Midrash in order to acquire it. Even there, we must pay with the work needed to understand the Torah. We must also be sure to take our purchase with us. If we leave it, and do not hold onto it, we have received nothing. If we don’t accept the Torah into our hearts, we have accepted nothing.
Only through deep understanding can we accept Torah into our hearts. Intense work and review alone will not ingrain the Torah onto our hearts. Only through the desire to be close to Hashem and His Torah will we convert that work and review into the acceptance into the heart. As the Ba‘al HaTanya says on the bracha of “אֶלֶף הַרְשָׁע” (repeatedly): Teach us Torah “לְכָלוֹת אִישֵׁינוּ” - “because of our fathers”. The merit of our fathers gives us Torah, but only through pleading and showing our desire for Torah does Hashem let us accept it into our hearts.

Halachic Corner

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 6

Zmanim for Parsons B’Midbar 5779

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The Baraisa in Perek Kinyan Torah (Pirkei Avos, Chapter 6) lists 48 steps to acquire Torah. Among them, we find that one should learn in order to teach. According to the Talmud (Bava Kamma 92a), if two friends daven for a particular request, the one who davened for his fellow is answered first. The Midrash Shmuel writes that similarly, one who learns Torah in order to teach it to others merits to be answered first, and is conferred special siyata dishmaya (Heavenly assistance) in his learning. Such a person will grow in Torah at a quicker rate than that of his peers as Hashem grants him access to the gates of understanding. Moreover, teaching Torah to others etches it into one’s heart, making it less likely that one will forget it. Emphasizing the importance of teaching, the Maharal writes that Hashem gave the Torah in order for it to be shared with others rather than to remain solely with the one who learns it.

While teaching Torah is certainly beneficial for one’s understanding, this kinyan reveals that there is also a form of learning that aids one’s understanding - learning Torah with the intention of teaching it. The Baraisa defines this kinyan as “learning in order to teach” rather than as merely “teaching”, in order to bring to light that one who learns in order to teach is far more able to acquire the Torah than one who learns with a different mindset.

Questions for Thought and Study

1. Why does the Torah tell us twice (1:2 and 1:18) the date - the first day of the second month - that Moshe counted Bnei Yisrael?  
   See Ramban 1:18
2. Who saved Aharon’s sons, Elazar and Isamar, from death? How do we know this?  
   See Ohr HaChaim 3:12
3. What is the difference between “לִבְּדָד” (word) and “לָכִיָּאס” (word)? Which families of Levi did each?  
   See Ohr HaChaim 4:3
4. What color were the smoke and vapor above Har Sinai?  
   See Zohar Yisro 84
5. Who were assigned as representatives of Moshe and Yehoshua in the camp while they were at Har Sinai?  
   See Malbin 24:13
6. Even though God’s name is not mentioned on the left side of the Luchos (on the Tablets - the laws between mankind), how is God’s name hinted at?  
   See Rabbeinu Bachya
7. What did Rus and Naomi do to protect themselves as they walked on the dangerous roads between Moav and Beis Lechem?  
   See Rus Alshich 1:19
8. What was “Tov” afraid of, that he did not want to marry Rus? How was Boaz protected?  
   See Iggeres Shmuel 4:5

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- The administration and Board of Governors of Hebrew Theological College would like to congratulate Blitstein Institute on their receiving a second JUF Breakthrough Grant “WTF II: Women in Technology”. We are so pleased to run outstanding STEM-based programs to serve the women and high school students of our community.

--Benjamin Freeman
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Blitstein Institute congratulates the Honors students, the student artists, the Health Sciences Department and the Arts Faculty on a magnificent Honors Program Spring Event and Gallery night. The event, highlighting Honors projects and art work by students in the fine arts and graphic arts, was stimulating to the intellect and a feast for the eyes. The forensic DNA demonstration wowed the attendees. Thank you Mrs. Shoshana Cohen, Honors Program Director, for organizing this outstanding program.


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The Lubin family invites the community to participate in a new Sefer Torah being written Mrs. Eloise Lubin, פייא על יד רבי צבי יהודה ז"ל ורבי מנחם מנדל, who is her birthday, 19 Iyar, and the Sium Sefer Torah will be at the first yahrzeit, 21 Cheshvan 5780, in Chicago. For more information and to participate, visit: chabadcares.com/torah.


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Blinstein Institute of Hebrew Theological College Commencement Event will take place on Sunday, June 16th, at 10:00 AM, at Wilmette Park District, 3000 Glenview Road. Mazal tov to all our upcoming graduates!

Adas Yeshurun invites the community to our L&N Shavuos shiur starting at 12:00 AM. This year’s topic: “The Halachic Challenges of ‘Alternative Lifestyles’”, (men only).

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Arie Crown Hebrew Day School invites you to our 72nd Anniversary Banquet, Sunday, June 16, at the Westin O’Hare, as we recognize David and Rochie Porush (Guests of Honor) and Rabbi Shlomo and Susie Schwartz (Midor L’dor Award) for all they have done for our school. Join us for this special evening as we celebrate these pillars of dedication. For full info/reservations/ads visit www.ariecrown.org or call 847-982-9191 ext. 608.

We are pleased to announce that noted lecturer, Rabbi Yaakov Marcus of Neve Yerushalayim, will be speaking Shavuos night at Sha’arei Tzedek Mishkan Yair: 11:45-12:45 for high school girls, Rivka (Greenberg) Reichman, “Pesach to Shavuos: Counting Up to Eternity”; 11:45-1:00 for boys Grade 7 and above, Rabbi Ari Sendic, “Birchos HaTorah, Because it’s Delicious”. Additionally, on Sunday, first day of Yom Tov, 12:00 PM, Rabbi Gross will speak at STMY to women and high school girls.

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Mazal tov to over 100 4th-8th grade boys and girls who participated in the YU Torah Mitzion Kollel’s Countdown to Matan Torah Learning Contest, in honor of Tani Robinson’s Bar Mitzvah. Together they learned 29,370 Pesukim (enough to have learned the entire Torah 5 times) and 9,654 Mishnayot (more than double the number of all Mishnayot in Shas)! Yasher koach on all of your accomplishments!!

Simcha Link is grateful and delighted to wish a hearty mazal tov to Mati Zuckerman and Leah Gold and to their families on their engagement. May Hashem grant them bracha v’hatzlacha. The shadchanim of Simcha Link may be reached via our website: simchalink.org.

Please join us for a Shabbos of Song and Spirit in memory of Aviva Esther Miretzky, ’78, featuring Eitan Katz, June 21-22, at Congregation Adas Yeshurun. Carlebach Kabbalas Shabbos (6:40 PM); Oneg Shabbos (9:45 PM); Musaf at 8:45 Shacharis; Women’s Shiru in conjunction with YUTMK, given by Mrs. Miriam Prero (5:30 PM at the home of Deena Stein); Pirkei Avos (Rabbi Cohen 6:30 PM); Eitan Katz shiur (7:15 PM).

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Join the Annual Congregation Shevet Achim Shavuos Night Mishmar, Saturday, June 8, from 11:00 PM to 4:40 AM, followed by ‘Vasikin’ Shacharis, at Buckingham Pavilion, 2625 Touhy Avenue. Refreshments are available all night. Special honorariums available for mechachim and kollel avreichim. For information, or to request a chavrusa, call Rabbi Dubovick 312-810-9916 or just show up. [Regular Yom Tov Shacharis 9:00 AM].

Congregation Shevet Achim’s Shavuos Night Mishmar is sponsored by the Stern Family and their relatives who persevered ברכות וברכה בברכה on this date. On behalf of our Residents and Staff, we wish the community a meaningful Kabbalos HaTorah and wonderful Yom Tov.
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• Mazal tov by my children, Mordechai & Penina Czarka, on the birth of a new baby boy, Gavriel Moshe, and to his big brother Oliver. May we have much nachas from him. - From Bubbie Deana Simon.

• From Irwin & Deedie Gold and Lavie & Rachel Zuckerman and their families wishing mazal tov to their children, Leah and Mati, on their engagement. Mazal tov also to the grandchildren, Paul Hirsch, Rose Gold Krupnick, and Esther Telatebaum.

• In loving memory of our parents, Esther Ezra, מרים גינצל, ז"ל, on the occasion of her 9th yahrtzeit on 5 Sivan, and Jonathan Ezra, מרדכי ז"ל, on the occasion of his 13th yahrtzeit 3 Sivan, they serve as role models to all of us. - The Ezra family.

• By Mark Oberlander and family in loving memory of our dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, רבי הלוי ז"ל, שכטיאל ז"ל, Paul L. Oberlander, on the occasion of his yahrtzeit on 5 Sivan. His memory and inspiration have sustained us and guided our lives.

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• In loving memory of our dear friend Beatrice Povisher Jakopich, מרים ז"ל. She is greatly missed. - Rose and Steve Novil.

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Answers:
1. The first time was the date that Hashem commanded Moshe to take the census. The Torah repeated the date to indicate that Moshe acted quickly to attempt to fulfill the command as soon as possible.
2. Moshe did not have sons, as Hashem had decreed that they would not die due to Aharon’s participation in the Golden Calf. Moshe could not save Nadav and Avihu, but he saved Elazar and Isamar. That is why they are considered Moshe’s children in Pasuk 3:1-2.
3. מгласים represents skilled work, while למוד ידם represents physical labor. The family of Kehas carried the Aron, which miraculously carried itself.