TWO FACETS OF ATONEMENT

Moshe told Aharon to take a calf to inform him that God grants atonement for him through this calf for the matter of the [Golden] Calf that he made. -- Rashi

In describing the command for the days of initiation of the Mishkan in Parashas Tetzaveh, the Torah (Shemos 29:1) instructs Aharon to take “a young bull”. Rashi there explains that the selection of a bull is to atone for the sinful act of the Golden Calf (a calf is a young bull). If this is the case, we must wonder why Aharon was to now again take “a calf, a young male of cattle” if the sin of the Golden Calf was already atoned for with the earlier bringing of a bull? Furthermore, here Aharon was commanded to take the calf “for himself”, whereas in Parashas Tetzaveh he was told to “take”, without the designation being “for himself”. What is the significance of this nuance? Finally, the comment of Rashi for these two verses differs slightly. Here, Rashi reports that the offering was an atonement for the Golden Calf מacağını - “that he made”. In Tetzaveh, however, Rashi simply writes that the bull served as an atonement for the “Golden Calf”, but he does not add the qualifier “that he made”. What can we learn from this?

Mahari”l Diskin explains that there were, in fact, two elements of atonement which were conducted. The bull - together with two rams - which were offered in Tetzaveh were purchased from communal funds, and their specific function was to procure a general cleansing for the entire Kohanim family, in order to sanctify them and consecrate them to serve their holy mission in the Mishkan. The calf in our parasha, however, was bought by Aharon from his personal funds, and it was to atone for Aharon personally and for his role in the fashioning of the Golden Calf. Although Aharon’s involvement in the sin of the Golden Calf was purely for the sake of Heaven, and he actually tried to prevent and delay its formation, he nevertheless needed to be granted forgiveness for having facilitated its coming into being.

Accordingly, when Rashi explains the role of each offering, he points out that in Tetzaveh, Aharon merely officiated, and that set of animals was not his personal property. Here, however, Aharon was to take a bull of his own, and it served as an atonement for the Golden Calf “that he made”, because this animal was to atone for his personal involvement in the sin.

A DIMINISHED TITLE

Sefer Torah LaDa’as notes that usually, when referring to Aharon or the sons of Aharon, the Torah follows with the words “the Kohanim”, thus giving them the proper honor as the “priests”. The Imrei Shefer points out, however, that in the entire Parashas Shemini the term “the Kohanim” is not connected once to either Aharon or the sons of Aharon. Why is there a deviation from the norm in this parasha?

The answer given is based on the concept of עליון של קהלバンド - “there is no rulership on the day of death” (Kohelles 8:8). We know that Parashas Shemini couples the enthusiasm of the dedication of the Mishkan with the tragedy of the deaths of two sons of Aharon - Nadav and Avihu. It is for this reason that even though this day was such a happy day for the Jewish nation, throughout the service of the Kohanim they were not referred to as “the Kohanim” - “the priests”. To give them that title would be showing their קהלandy, or rulership, and on this day of death this aspect of greatness was not to be shown off.
He cites the story of when Aharon himself passed away and the priestly garments were being passed on to his son Elazar. The pasuk there (BeMidbar 20:28) says: “And Moshe divested Aharon of his garments and dressed Elazar his son in them.” Once again, the verse does not at all refer to Elazar his son as “the Kohen”. Perhaps this is due to the concept of “there is no rulership on the day of death”.

**THE DAY OF INITIATION**

"ואמר משה אל מיישל "מיאו ר"קיאכ" א"ר קראב מישל אל מיישל"

“And Moshe called to Mishael.” Vayikra 10:4

From here we learn that Kohanim may not become defiled by contact with dead bodies, for Elazar and Isamar were there and were not called upon to carry away the bodies of their brothers. -- Toras Kohanim

The Midrash is amazing. What need is there to present a roundabout proof that Kohanim may not become contaminated by contact with a corpse, when it is explicitly stated at the beginning of Parashas Emor? Furthermore, why indeed did Elazar and Isamar not remove the corpses of their brothers, since the Torah (Vayikra 21:2-3) explicitly states that one’s father, mother, never married sister, brother, son and daughter are excluded from the general prohibition of contact with corpses.

The Da’as Zekeinim teaches us that both these questions can be answered by assuming that the meaning of the Midrash is that on the day of an ordinary Kohan’s inauguration, he will assume the status of the Kohen Gadol. In fact, the Mincha offering of a Kohen Gadol every day is the same korban as that of the standard Kohen on the day of his inauguration. For this reason, just as a Kohen Gadol may not attend to the body for the funeral of even his closest relatives, so, too, may a Kohen Gadol (a plain Kohen) not attend to the body of his close relatives on his inaugural day, and the laws regarding the grooming of a Kohen Gadol apply to him as well.

**A PURPOSEFUL MISSION**

"ו trillion תחתית ירוש משלשה ותיהן שחר קנקרא על אלוהים ועל אחים וiltro תוקרא ויירוב את ארון מת概述 אליעם. א"ר ישעיהו א"ר יוסי הלוי קהנתנמאו י"שר"  "And Moshe inquired insistently about the he-goat of the sin offering, for behold it had been burned. And he was wrathful with Elazar and Isamar, Aharon’s remaining sons, [bidding them] to say.” Vayikra 10:16

Why does the verse refer to Elazar and Isamar as “the remaining sons”? -- Rabbi Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler, משליש, the author of the Michtav M’Eliyahu, left hand-written notes, among which was an insight he recorded in the name of the Ponovizher Rav, רבי יוסף שלמה קהנתנמאו, משליש. There he writes that when a person survives an ordeal in which others succumbed, it should be taken as an indication that he, too, was included in that particular decree, but that Hashem selected him to survive for a purpose. He should take it upon himself as a life’s mission to build upon that which was lost, and to perpetuate that which was destroyed. This is a great responsibility. The extended message of the Yalkut (#533) brings this lesson to a focus. “Moshe spoke to Elazar and Isamar and he told them, ‘As for the two of you, it might have been better if you would also have perished!’” What can this mean? Rather, it means that Moshe warned them that if they did not appreciate the fact that they had to live up to the goals for which they were permitted to survive, perhaps it would have been better if they had, indeed, not survived.

This message was, in fact, the life mission of the Ponovizher Rav. He was the lone survivor of his family, his city and his yeshiva, from the devastation of Europe in World War II. He dedicated every moment of the rest of his life to rebuild, stating that he saw the meaning of his survival as a clear message that this was the only reason he himself did not perish.

HaRav Zalman Sorotzkin, י"שר, in Oznim LaTorah, further proves this point. Parshas Shemini couples the enthusiasm of the dedication of the Mishkan with the tragedy of the deaths of two sons of Aharon.

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A SIGN FROM HEAVEN

A group of Rabbinim in Morocco had determined that a certain breed of locust was precisely that which the Torah permitted the Jews to eat. Based upon this ruling, many people actually began to eat this creature. Rabbi Chaim ibn Eter, the author of the Or HaChaim, was once visiting the Moroccan city of Meknes, and after having researched the issue thoroughly, he discovered that the ruling to allow the consumption of this particular locust was originally based upon an emergency famine situation where locusts had at one time infested the area and had destroyed the crops. Due to the extreme hunger which ensued, the rabbis had temporarily been willing to rule that the people could rely upon those minority opinions who held that this creature could be consumed. Now, however, when the emergency had passed, Rabbi Chaim felt that one could no longer rely upon this leniency. Most people had forgotten the emergency nature of the original ruling and they considered this locust as being outright kosher. As people became informed of his opinion, they began to accept his ruling, and a heavenly sign appeared to support his view. Although that specific species of locust used to appear regularly in that area, from the moment he issued his statement, that locust ceased to appear, for without its being welcome by the sainted rabbi, it was never again available in that area.

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Make yourselves holy below on earth, and you will be holy, because I will then treat you as holy, above and in the world to come. -- Rashi

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, in his sefer, Mesillas Yesharim, explains that holiness is two-fold. Its beginning is labor and its end is reward. Its beginning is exertion and its end is a gift. Exertion in this respect consists of a person completely separating and removing himself from earthiness and clinging always, at all periods and times, to his God. However, because it is beyond a person’s ability to place himself in this situation, since, in the final analysis, he is a creature of flesh and blood, the end of holiness is a gift. What one can do is to persevere in the pursuit of true understanding and constantly give thought to the sanctification of deeds. In the end, the Holy One, blessed be He, leads him upon the path that he desires to follow, causes His holiness to rest upon him, and sanctifies him, thus enabling him to maintain a constant intimacy with Him.

Sefer Shiras Dovid notes that our verse clearly seems to suggest that once a person sincerely attempts to acquire the trait of holiness, he can be assured that he will become holy. This is directly due to divine assistance which sanctifies the person from above and for the world to come. Hashem guarantees to uplift and inspire the person while he is yet in this world, enabling him to develop certain aspects which are similar to an angel. Without this heavenly assistance, a person could not expect to achieve this trait of holiness, as is explained by the Mesillas Yesharim.

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HALACHIC CORNER

Parashas Parah

Zmanim for Parashas Shemini 5779

According to the Guon of Vilna
Krias Shma - Sat. 9:36
Tefillas Sat. - Sat. 10:49
Sunset - Sat. 11:03
Simchas Torah - Sat. 6:37
Sunset - Sat. 7:14

Rosh Chodesh Nissan will take place next Saturday, Yom Shabbas Kodesh

It is important to give the highest degree of קדשה - honor - to the Sefer Torah. It is forbidden to touch the Torah parchment with one’s bare hands. It is only permitted in order to repair the Torah (O.C. 147:1). Therefore, when performing Hagbaha and Gilila, if it is necessary to straighten out the parchment, one should use a talis or some other material (M.B. ibid. 2). The prevalent minhag is to permit holding the “Atzei Chayim” without the need for a talis. (Sha’ar HaTziyun ibid. 4) The Acharonim say that our Chumashim and Tanachim, since they are not written on parchment in “Ksav Ashuris”, may be handled without washing one’s hands. If, however, a person knows that his hands have come in contact with something that would require washing, then the hands must be
washed before touching sefarim (M.B. 147:3). However, even washing does not permit one to touch the Torah scroll. However, washing would permit a person to touch a Megilla or a Navi scroll with his bare hands.

Halachic Corner is dedicated by Benyomin Freeman in memory of his father, Gedalia Freeman, whose dedication to quality education for his family began their eighteen-year relationship with HTC. May his memory be for a blessing.

Questions for Thought and Study

1. Why does the Torah say twice in Pasuk 9:7 that the בורא (community) brought a sacrifice for atonement on Yom Kippur? See Ramban 9:7

2. The Torah states in Pasuk 9:24 that a fire came down to the ארון (Altar). For how long did that fire burn? See Rabbeinu Bachya 9:24

3. In Pasuk 10:1, why does the Torah first say that Nadav and Avihu took their firepans in plural form (" rallkנ)k ס" then change to singular (" גליאת, שמע " - 'each man and his firepan') in the second half of the pasuk? See Malbim 10:1

4. What practical implication is there to Targum Yonason’s describing scales (יירוג) as similar to the armor of גוליית (Goliath) in Shmuel II 17:5? See Ramban 11:9

5. What was unique about the ב_qp bird that it was listed first among all the non-kosher birds? See Rabbeinu Bachya on Bereshis 2:19

This Week Likutei Peshatim is Sponsored by Hebrew Theological College wishing mazal tov to Mrs. Naomi Samber on the marriage of her son Avraham to Miri Bernath; to Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Ginspar on the engagement of their daughter, Adina Leah; to Beis Midrash student Yehuda Rosenblatt to Shevi Gerstein; to Yechezkel Stein; and to Co-Chairman of the HTC Board of Governors Brian Levinson and his wife Michele on the Bar Mizvah of their son Jonah; and extending heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Jodi Holman on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Fran Bulman.

Hebrew Theological College’s Gourmet Torah at Shalotts Bistro will take place this Thursday, April 4, 12:35-1:15. Rabbi Moshe Revah will speak on “Divrei Torah to Enhance Your Pesach”. Complimentary appetizers as well as a discounted menu available for shuir participants. Men and women invited to attend. For more info: Rabbi Joshua Zisook at 847-982-2500 or jzisook@htc.edu.

By Fasman Yeshiva High School congratulating our students and thanking the 700 attendees who came out this week to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts to view our student-produced “Names, Not Numbers” Holocaust film. Thank you to the survivors, Mrs. Barbara Friedman, Rabbi Chaim Shlomo Blitstein and Mr. George Horovicz, Mr. Gary Rubinstein, Mrs. Feige Weinstock and Mrs. Ibi Weiss for sharing their stories of survival. Thank you to the program coordinators, Eitan and Avigail Schechter, Avery Amster and Rabbi Dovid Kupchik, for seeing this program to fruition.

Wishing hatzlacha to our very own students, Zev Popel and Avi Edelson, on their car-cleaning for Pesach. They are available by appointment until the before Pesach! They have an early bird special, so hurry and reserve your appointment! They will also be at the cRe Pesach Fair this year by appointment only! To book your appointment for regular cleaning at the Pesach Fair please email pesachcars2019@gmail.com!

Blitstein Institute welcomes students, alumnae & women of the community to the Annual Pesach Shiur given by Rabbi Gershon Schafel on Monday evening, April 8, at 8:30 PM, in the Blitstein Library, 2600 Rockwell. Rabbi Schafel will provide the forms and requests for Mechiras Chametz at that time.

Hatzalah Chicago would like to thank the Fasman Yeshiva High School Seniors for spending their Purim collecting on our behalf! The donations that you have collected will enable Hatzalah to save lives. Thank you for doing an amazing job and making a wonderful Kiddush Hashem everywhere you went.

N'shei Adas cordially invites you to a pre-Pesach shiur: “Miriam:Tapping Life's Potential”. As the Jewish women left Mitzrayim, they carried their musical instruments. Instinctively, they knew that miracles would happen, and that there would be songs to sing. Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov, Rebbetzin Jewish women left Mitzrayim, they carried their musical instruments. Instinctively, they knew that miracles would happen, and that there would be songs to sing. Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov, Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov, Director of Shearim College of Jewish Studies for Women, located in Jerusalem. Rebbetzin Pavlov will be speaking this Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7:45 PM, at the home of Miriam Sommer, 3123 W. Chase Avenue, Chicago. Sponsorships are welcome.
"Prepare Like A King": Join Rabbi Leibtag of KJBS for Pre-Pesach Haggadah Learning at Evitas Argentinian Steakhouse, Wednesday night, April 3rd, at 8:00 PM. The evening will feature a rib fest prepared by renowned Chef Alexander Remer and an assortment of wine. Last year's event was sold out so please contact kjbsoffice@gmail.com to RSVP for the event. Limited space available and payment due at time of reservation.

• ICJA is proud to honor Jane and Eddie Best, Barbara and Dr. Steve Geller and long-time biology teacher Dave Newman at this Sunday’s Scholarship Dinner. 6:00 PM at ICJA, 8233 Central Park Avenue, Skokie. Community members can still enter the dinner raffle to win 2 tickets to Israel! Drawing will be on March 31 at the Scholarship Dinner. Winner doesn’t need to be present. Purchase tickets at www.icja.org/israel-raffle.

• Mizrahi - Religious Zionists of Chicago, in partnership with YT Torah Mitzion Kollel, proudly presents the next shiur in our 5779 lecture series, “Exploring the Foundations of Religious Zionism”, sponsored by the Bellows family, Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:30 PM, in the RZJC Center, 3740 Dempster, Skokie. Join us as Rabbi Daniel Kanter speaks on “The Philosophy and Activism of Rav Zvi Hirsh Kalischer”. For more information: office@rzjc.org or 847/674-9733 x266.

• Join Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel at 7117 N. Crawford in Lincolnwood, on Sunday, March 31st, at 4:00 PM, for a Pre-Pesach Wine Tasting, presented in conjunction with Kol Tuv. Nominal cover charge. Following the Wine Tasting, please stay as we present the movie “When Jews Were Funny”, to begin at approximately at 5:20 PM.

• This year’s Chicago Rabbinical Council Pesach Fair will be Sunday, April 14, 2-5:30 PM, at Hebrew Theological College, featuring kashering of keilim, live demonstration of Romaine lettuce checking (2:30-3:30), sharpening by professional sharpeners, Sharpening by David L. Dermer, 3:30-5:30, & FAQ booth. Last orders accepted at 5 PM. For questions, call 773-250-5476 or email info@crcofweb.org. Please note, items being kashered must be clean and must not have been used within 24 hours.


• Sign up now for the Jewish women’s event of the year! Sunday, May 5th, join hundreds of Jewish women of all backgrounds for CTN’s Ilene C. Leon Spa Day for the Your Soul, sponsored by Bruce & Cheryl Leon. Keynote addresses by Stacey Anbar (Toronto) and Esther Wein (New York). Workshops on a wide array of topics by Shira Francis, Beth Perkel, and Nurit Siegal. www.Torahnetwork.org or 773-761-0400 x207.

• The Chicago Mikvah Association and Khal Chasidim invite all women to a gala luncheon this coming Sunday, 11:00 AM, at Khal Chasidim mikvah, which will be operated by the CMA. Special video presentation and a tribute honoring our mikvah attendants. Guest speaker: Rebbitten Faige Twersky. Looking forward to seeing you there!

• Who can bring a smile to a child’s life? Who can help change the world? Whose work lasts a lifetime? Who will be the 2019 Hartman Family Foundation Educator of the Year Awardee? Help decide- user friendly Online Nomination Form! To complete & submit go to www(att.org)⇒For Teachers⇒Hartman Family Fdn. Educator of the Year Award. For paper nomination forms & more info, visit Associated Talmud Torahs, 3531 Madison St., Skokie or www.ATT.org. Info: 773-973-2828. Submission deadline: Tuesday, May 14, by 5 PM.

• Pre-Pesach Camp at HSBY is back! Boys ages 3-5; girls ages 3-8 from 9:30-1:30. Sunday, April 14; Tuesday, April 16; Wednesday, April 17; and Thursday, April 18 (till noon). New this year- extended hours Sunday - Wednesday. Register by April 7 for discounted pricing. Email seniorfundraiser19@gmail.com or text /leave a message 773-398-5803 to register or for more info. Limited space so reserve now!

• Yachad had two back-to-back Purim parties this past weekend for our Junior members and for our Seniors & Rays. Congregation Asne Motle. The Juniors enjoyed grogger making and a costume contest, while the Seniors and Rayim had so much fun playing lip-sync battle! This coming Sunday we will have All-Guys Sunday-ton at Windy City Field House! To register, go to our website or email lipmame@ou.org.

• NILL-Chicago Institute for Women's Learning invites all women to their annual Pre-Pesach Shiur: “Haggadah Highlights” with Rabbi Reuven Brand, This Monday, April 1st, 8:00 PM at the WiFi Building. For more Pre-Pesach shiurim, visit www.Torahchicago.org.

• Living Torah in the Line of Fire. Join YU Torah Mitzion Kollel’s Aron and Rifka Friedman Living Torah series welcoming Rav Yehuda Ferenbach, Yeshivat Hesder of Sderot, straight from Sderot, Israel! April 5-7; Friday Night Oneg, 9:00 at Abe & Miriam Sova’s home, 6538 Christiana, Lincolnwood; Shabbat Drasha at KJBS; Pre-Mincha Shiur, 5:30 at Randy & Robyn Cohen’s home, 2955 Greenleaf, WRP, Shalosh Seudot at KINS. Sun., 9:00, at the Michael Best A’T memorial shiur at Or Torah.

• The learning for the months of Adar I & II at the YT Torah Mitzion Kollel have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of Mr. Nathan Rothner, מְרִית נַתְנָא הַרְוְתִי, by Mr. and Mrs. Rickey and Gale Rothner. If you would like to sponsor a day, week, or month of learning in honor of a loved one please visit www.torahchicago.org/sponsorship.

• Join the YT Torah Mitzion Kollel and Maot Chitim help package food for those in need this holiday season. Sunday morning, April 14th, 5:55 AM Shacharit, packaging to follow at the Maot Chitim warehouse (6137 Monroe Court, Morton Grove).

• Club J at Bernard Horwich JCC is a weekly gathering for Jewish teen girls in 6th-8th grade. They can workout, play games, go swimming or just hang out and talk. Club J is every other Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Info is at jccchicago.org.

• The Solomon and Dora Einhorn Glenbrook Mikvah will be offering Hagalas Keilim on Sunday, April 14, from 3:00-5:00 PM, at 3463 Techny Road, Northbrook. Keilim mikvah will also be open Monday, April 15, from 10:00 AM and Tuesday, April 16, from 10:00 AM. For more information visit glenbrookmikvah.org.

• Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A.G. Beth Israel invites the community to a Pre-Pesach “Ask the Rabbi Discussion - Everything you Wanted to Know About Pesach but Were Afraid to Ask”, Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 AM.

• 2019 ATT Citywide Torah Bowl sponsored by the Bassman Family Foundation Program – A Smashing Success! Nearly 200 students from ATT schools participated in this program. Last Sunday, 32 girls and 32 boys participated in the Torah Bowl Game Day. Their mastery of the material was inspiring. Thank you to Rabbi Yitzchak Lurie, Mrs. Chani Friedman, & the entire Torah Bowl Committee for organizing the program, & to the volunteers who made the program run so smoothly. A hearty yasher koach to all who participated.
Mazal tav to the 2019 ATT Citywide Torah Bowl Game Day winners: Girls’ Division: 1st place-Chaya Liba Neiman (JDBY), 2nd-Liba Posner (CLHDS-G), 3rd-Deena Weil (ACHDS), 4th-Cheved Morgenstern (JDBY), Boys’ Division: Joel Arbuck (ACHDS), 2nd-Shmuli Leibtag (CLHDS-B), 4th-Simcha Turin (YTT). Thank you to Rabbi Yitzchak Lurie, Mrs. Chani Friedman, and the Torah Bowl Committee for organizing the program & the volunteers who made it run so smoothly.

Free Passover car wash sponsored by Alderman Debra Silverstein and Senator Ira Silverstein, Committee, April 7-17 at: Fast Car Wash, 7130 Western, Chicago; Speedy Car Wash, 5724 Lincoln, Chicago; Uptown Car Wash, 4900 Broadway, Chicago; Niles Car Wash, 900 Civic Center Dr., Niles. One free exterior car wash plus one free self-serve vacuum. Pick up vouchers at Ald. Debra Silverstein’s office, 2949 Devon, Sunday, Mar. 31, 12-2 PM, & Monday, April 1, 4-6 PM. For more information: 773-761-0050.

Simcha Link is grateful and happy to wish a heartfelt mazal tav to Erez Pitchon and Miriam Cunha on their engagement. May HaKadosh Boruch Hu grant them much bracha v’hatzlacha.

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On the occasion of her yahrtzeit on 29 Adar. May her neshama find peace and have an aliyah. She is also remembered by her great-grandchildren. Adina, Rachel & Shmuel, Jennifer & Yehuda, Heather & Gilad, Ariella & Hershel, and all the Macks.

By George & Rozzi Bornstein commemorating the thirteenth yahrtzeit of George’s mother, Frieda Bornstein, on the occasion of his fourth yahrtzeit 24 Adar. May his memory be for a blessing. - The Gerstein Family.

By Ben, Gloria, Jeffery, Michael, Ryan, and Daniel Mack in loving memory of our beloved mothers & bubbies, Judy Silverstein, on her 14th yahrtzeit on 29 Adar, and Bernice Mack, on her 16th yahrtzeit on 24 Adar. Judy had a special pure, warm, and giving personality in Hashem’s eyes. She was a tremendous inspiration to thousands of volunteer hours to Jewish organizations. She was an inspiration and will be sorely missed. May their neshamot have an aliyah.

In loving memory of our mother, mother-in-law, baubie, & great-baubie, & Simcha Link is grateful and happy to wish a heartfelt mazal tov to Erez Pitchon and Miriam Cunha on their engagement. May HaKadosh Boruch Hu grant them much bracha v’hatzlacha.

By Phyliss & Steve Brody in loving memory of his mother, Rose Brody, on the occasion of her yahrtzeit on 29 Adar.

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Answers:
1. The first mention is to connect to the atonement that Aharon (the Kohen Gadol) did for himself. This was to make clear that the Kohen Gadol could not bring an atonement sacrifice for the people until he first brought an atonement sacrifice for himself.
2. The fire burned from the time of the Mishkan until the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash.
3. Nadav and Avihu were commanded to go together and learn from each other. However, they acted as individuals and did not heed anyone else’s advice.
4. Goliath’s armor was made of hardened boiled fish skin. This was hard but removable, Similarly, the scales of a fish must be removable for a fish to be kosher.
5. The רַעַ is considered the “kind” of all of the birds. It flies the highest and every ten years it gets closest to the sun. Its wings then get burned, so it goes down to the ocean to heal itself. This repeats every ten years until it turns 120 years old and it goes too close to the sun and drops to the ocean to die.

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