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DVAR TORAH

I get easily
distracted. Oh,
have I told you the
joke about the pickle
and the olive who walk into a

bar...

What was I saying? Oh yeah. That I get distracted. The Torah, on the other hand, does not get distracted. If the Torah is in the middle of a topic it doesn't just drift off to another random topic without a good reason. Which is why I've got a question for you:

If you read through this week's parsha, you'll find descriptions and instructions about the holidays.

It talks about Passover, and about Shavuot. Then, smack in the middle, between Shavuot and Rosh Hashana, the Torah seems to go on a completely random tangent and tells us to leave wheat in the field for poor people to come collect. That's like saying, "Here are the presidents of the United States in order: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, don't forget to close your mouth when you chew, James Madison, James Monroe..." What's the deal?



Ok.
I didn't
make up the

question. It's actually a Midrash (Toras Kohanim), and the answer is even cooler than the question! The Midrash explains that even if we don't have a Holy Temple in Jerusalem, so we can no longer bring all the offerings due on the special festivals and holidays, we have a virtual way to get credit for the offerings. We can use the APP (Assisting Poor People)! When we give Peah, leaving a corner of our field for poor people, it is as if we've rebuilt the temple and brought the offerings in for the holidays.

Now, I'm no app expert, but this is difficult to understand. Sure, giving to the poor is an incredibly valuable mitzvah. But it's a different type of mitzvah. Bringing korbanot in the temple is a way of connecting to God. Giving charity is helping people. **How could helping people replace the spiritual connection to God that we achieve through prayer and sacrifice?**

Truth is, they're the same thing. The purpose of prayer and sacrifice is to help train us to recognize that everything we have comes from God. We bring our animals and grain, and we offer them in the Temple to show ourselves that

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we're completely in His hands. Now imagine you've just harvested your field. You have bills to pay, a new bike you've had your eye on... you can use all this money to take care of yourself. Then you remember, it's all from God. My success or failure is in His hands. If God wants me to APP, then I'll APP like a pro. I

won't worry that my charity is cutting into my profits. God is in charge.

Who knew that helping people could be such a spiritual experience?

Who knew APPs could be such a spiritual experience?

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Parshas Emor Special people get special rules

- People who are the children, great-grandchildren, great-great-great (you get the picture) grandchildren of Aaron (the brother of Moses) are called 'Kohanim'
- The Kohanim are spiritual leaders for the Jewish people, and perform the service in the Holy Temple, therefore they have a special set of rules just for them. We love rules!
- A Kohen (that's the singular for Kohanim) may not come into contact with the body of a person who has passed away
- Coming into contact with a body would render a person spiritually 'unclean'
- There are 7 exceptions to this rule; 7 close relatives for whom a Kohein may become unclean for: Mother, father, wife, sister (unmarried), brother, son and daughter
- Even when a close relative passes away, we are warned not to do crazy things from our grief, like cutting our flesh or ripping out hair
- Because a Kohein is a leader to the Jewish people, he also has limitations to whom he may marry
- The head honcho of the Kohein clan is called the Kohein Gadol. He has extra special rules, and he may not even become unclean for close relatives. He's always on duty
- We take a Kohein's role as a leader very seriously. If a Kohein has a physical defect, that could disqualify them from serving in the Temple (depending on what the defect is)
- On a similar note, although ordinary Jews are allowed to become unclean by contacting a body (go team unclean! Woohoo!), that Jew may not eat from the meat of sacrifices
- The Torah repeats many of the details regarding holidays
- On the second day of Passover we bring some cut barley to the Kohein and wave it around. If we do it right, the wave can go all the way around the stadium. This is called the Omer
- We are told to count seven weeks from the waving of the Omer and then to bring an offering made from wheat. I'd say these commandments have become ingrained in Jewish culture.
- Each day in the Holy Temple the menorah was to be LIT
- Twelve special loaves of bread (no, not bagels) were arranged in the Temple and replaced every week
- The partia ends with a tragic incident. A man who had a Jewish mother but an Egyptian father, feeling disconnected because he was shunned by his mother's tribe, decided to curse God. Pro tip: don't do that. It did not end well for him

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We know that in order to save someone's life, we are allowed to violate almost any of the Torah's rules. Can you prove (partially from this week's parsha) that bringing a dead person back to life also counts as 'pikuach nefesh,' saving a life?

Answer is on page 4.

DON'T CHEAT!

DEEP DEEP THOUGHTS

Is a waterfall the opposite of a firefly?

ANSWER OF THE WEEK

QUESTION ON PAGE 3

Yo, whatcha lookin at?
You gotta think first!

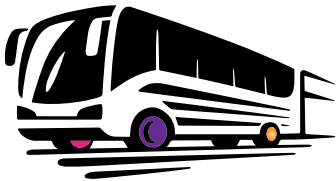
In the book of Kings, Elijah the prophet brings a young boy back to life. As part of the process, Elijah makes physical contact with the body. According to many sources, Elijah was a kohen, and if so, how was it permissible for him to contact a person who had passed away? Tosafos explains that just as we are allowed to violate the Torah's laws to save a life, the same thing is true for bringing someone back to life.

LOLZ

AMAZON CAN BE
FRUSTRATING.

I LOOKED UP "LIGHTER" AND
ALL THEY GAVE ME IS 7,000
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