

Parsha Q&A



Parshas Emor

For the week ending 15 Iyar 5756
3 & 4 May 1996

Parsha Questions

1. Which *Kohanim* are bound by the laws of *Tumah*?
2. In general, a *Kohen* is forbidden to come into contact with the *Tumah* of a *Mes* (corpse) unless the dead person is a close relative. What is the exception to this rule?
3. Is a person permitted to cut his beard with scissors?
4. How does one honor a *Kohen*?
5. How does the Torah restrict the *Kohen Gadol* with regard to mourning?
6. The Torah states in verse 22:3 that one who "approaches holy objects" while in a state of *Tumah* is penalized with *Kares* (excision). What does the Torah mean by "approaches"?
7. What is the smallest piece of a corpse that is able to transmit *Tumah*?
8. Who in the household of a *Kohen* may eat *Terumah*?
9. If the daughter of a *Kohen* marries a "*Zar*" she may no longer eat *Terumah*. What is a *Zar*?
10. What is the difference between a *Neder* (vow) and a *Nedavah* (free-will offering)?
11. May a person slaughter an animal and its father on the same day?
12. How does the Torah define "profaning" the Name of Hashem?
13. How big is an *Omer*?
14. On what day do we begin to count the "*Omer*"?
15. Why do we begin "counting the *Omer*" at night?
16. How does the *Omer* differ from other *Minchah* offerings?
17. The blowing of the *Shofar* on Rosh Hashanah is called a "*Zichron Teruah*" ('sound of remembrance'). For what is it a 'reminder'?
18. What is unusual about the wood of the *Esrog* tree?
19. Who was the father of the blasphemer?
20. What is the penalty for intentionally wounding one's parent?

Bonus
Q:

"These are My appointed festivals. Six days work may be done. The seventh day is a "*Shabbos Shabbason*" (day of solemn rest)." (23:2-3)
Why does the Torah interject a statement about **Shabbos** when it is discussing the **Festivals**?

I Did Not Know That!

"You shall afflict your souls on the ninth day of the month in the evening" (23:32)

If one eats and drinks on the ninth of Tishrei, the Torah views it as if he has fasted both on the ninth and the tenth of Tishrei.

Berachos 8b

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Recommended Reading List

Ramban

21:6	Holiness
22:32	Sanctifying G-d
23:17	Leavened Bread
23:27	Judgment and Repentance
23:40	The <i>Esrog</i>

Sefer Hachinuch

291	Perfection of Creation
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325	The <i>Succah</i>

Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 21:1 - All male <i>Kohanim</i>, even those who are disqualified from service in the <i>Beis Hamikdash</i> because of physical defects. 2. 21:1 - A <i>Mes Mitzvah</i> (a person who has no one else to bury him). 3. 21:5 - Yes, the Torah only forbids cutting one's beard with a razor. 4. 21:8 - He is first in all matters of holiness. For example, a <i>Kohen</i> reads from the Torah first, and is usually the one to lead in saying blessings before and after meals. 5. 21:10-12 - He may not allow his hair to grow long, nor attend to his close relatives if they die, nor accompany a funeral procession. 6. 22:3 - Eats. 7. 22:5 - A <i>K'zayis</i> (olive's size). 8. 22:11 - He, his wife, his sons, his unmarried daughters, and his non-Jewish slaves. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. 22:12 - A non-<i>Kohen</i>. 10. 22:18 - A <i>Neder</i> is an obligation upon a person; a <i>Nedavah</i> is an obligation placed upon an object. 11. 22:28 - Yes. The prohibition is against slaughtering an animal and its <i>mother</i> on the same day. 12. 22:32 - Willfully transgressing His commandments. 13. 23:10 - One tenth of an <i>Eipha</i>. 14. 23:15 - On the 16th of <i>Nissan</i>. 15. 23:15 - The Torah requires counting seven complete weeks. If we begin counting in the daytime, the seven weeks would not be <i>complete</i>. 16. 23:16 - It was made from barley. 17. 23:24 - The "<i>Akeidas</i> (binding of) <i>Yitzchak</i>." 18. 23:40 - It has the same taste as the fruit. 19. 24:10 - The Egyptian killed by Moshe (<i>Shemos</i> 2:12). 20. 24:21 - Death by strangulation. |
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BONUS

A:

The six days to which the Torah is referring are the Festival days of *Succos*, *Shemini Atzeres*, the first and last days of *Pesach*, *Shavuot*, and *Rosh Hashanah*. On these days *Melacha* connected with food preparation may be performed. The "seventh" day corresponds to the "*Shabbos Shabbason*" of *Yom Kippur*, on which even *Melacha* connected with food preparation may not be performed.

Shem MiShimon. attributed to the Vilna Gaon

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