



לז"נ הרב שמעון יהודה בן הרה"ג ר' אברהם יעקב (זיידיל) עפשטיין זצ"ל

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וילבש אתו בגדי שש וישם רביד הזהב על צוארו...בראשית מ"א מ"ב

What was פרעה's true intention when he gave יוסף a הזהב?

ordered פרעה as it's listed among the 5 things שש for these חשיבות as there was a special חשיבות הוא במצרים says רש"י to do! Fregt der התוס' פסוק, בעלי the שם האחד פישון says פסוק, If so, linen must have been cheap פשתן as it grows נילוס there says it's the חשוב so why was it so חשוב? answers that the cheap grade of linen was affordable, but the fine grade which פרעה gave יוסף was a דבר חשבון From all this it seems clear לבד מין ממיני פשתים, ימצא במצרים לבדו, רק הוא לבן ואינו צבוע...יודוע עד היום שש- says פ' תרומה in אבן עזרא The חשוב that only high-ranking officers were allowed to wear this. The טוב ס' דבק writes that since the נילוס was an ע"ז there & the פשתים grew from it, ממילא, it was off limits for plain people!

The בראשונה היתה הוצאת המת קשה לקרוביו (תכריכים טובים)...עד שבא רבן גמליאל ונהג קלות ראש בעצמו ויצא בכלי, writes, גמ' מועד קטן כ"ז: The both Pasken רמב"ם & שו"ע. פשתן, ונהגו העם אחריו לצאת בכלי פשתן. אמר רב פפא, והאידנא נהוג עלמא אפ' בצרדא בר זוזא (קנבוס הנקנה בזוז) that even the נשיא gets buried in white linen! Even the thread that they're sewn with has to be linen! (See שו"ע לבוש that agrees it has to be linen). The (מהרמ"ק בסדר עבודת יום כיפור מעין ד' נהר נ"ב is מקור his) ילקוט ראובני פ' מקץ אות כ"ג there brings a פתחי תשובה that this ענין of burying in white linen is a טוה, even for those in חוץ לארץ, as it causes every קטיגור to turn into a סניגור! This works only if there are no other materials or threads involved! Even someone who is plagued with his little children dying can protect future children by dressing them in pure white linen only! (See ס' צמח מנחם-פ' שלח)

But if one looks up the ילקוט ראובני, he will see that he writes there that פרעה was משיג with his חכמה this great סגולה & therefore donned only white linen clothing with no other fibers & this protected him from all the מצרים כישוף! That is how he showed everyone he was a Getchka as no one could do any magic on him! פרעה, כישוף, עין הרע & רוח רעה & רוח הקודש with סגולה this משיג too יוסף had to dress יוסף like all שרים in white linen but he gave him a golden necklace & that would void the protection! פרעה played his part so יוסף shouldn't catch on that יוסף knows this סוד too & as soon as יוסף was out of פרעה's sight, he removed the רביד הזהב from his neck & only wore it for official functions where פרעה would see him!

The ילדוּת adds that וְעַתָּה There is no person in more danger in this world than the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל when he entered the קֹדֶשׁ where no one was allowed to enter, even a מַלְאָךְ. In order to protect him, ה' gave an עֲצָה טוֹבָה that the כֹּהֵן גָּדוֹל wear only white linen clothing when he entered! This will cause the קַטִּיגּוֹר to become a סַנִּיגּוֹר! (See שְׂלַח אֶת אֲהֵבֶת יְהוֹנָתָן פ' שלח on אהבת יהונתן)!

My great grandfather, ר' יצחק אריה עפשטיין זצ"ל lived in Skiddel, a פלך of Grodna, Lithuania, & had 9 children that were נפטר, one after the other (besides his oldest girl). He travelled with my Elteh Bubbe, Chasha Yehudis, to Slonim to the Gaon ר' מאטל known as ר' מרדכי וויצל זצ"ל who was known as סלונימר, who Bentched them with a son who should have ימים אריכות! He gave them 3 rules for the ברכה to work. 1) They can name him at the ברית any name but must call him זיידל, 2) He may not leave the house until he is six! 3) He must always be dressed in white pure linen clothing until he is six! הקב"ה heard their תפילות & זיידל ר' was born תרס"ח תמוז תמוז & was נפטר on תשס"ז & was 100th year! May he be a מליץ יושר for us all! תנצב"ה.

פרשת מקץ ON חידות

*These **חידות** are intended only for people who feel they know פ' מקץ in their sleep so they have no need to learn it again!*

1. Why was **יוסף** punished exactly 2 years? Why isn't the 2 words כנגד 2 months or 2 days?
2. **יוגלח** ויחלף שמלותיו. **יוסף** can give himself a haircut, but where did he get a fresh pair of clothing?
3. From where in **מקץ פ'** do we see that **האומר דבר בשם אומרו** מביא גאולה לעולם is even by a גוי?
4. In what way were **יוסף's** words מדוקדק according to a הלכה in **פסח** **הל'**?
5. What two documents did **יוסף** sign in this week's פרשה?
6. Which נקודה in our vowel system is named from this פרשה?
7. Which 5 גזירות are attributed to **יוסף** in **מקץ פ'**?
8. Which נס occurred in **מקץ פ'** that defied the טבע of the formula of '1100 ft. per second'?
9. Which הלכה in **מקץ פ'** is מרומז in **הלכות דיקין** in הלכה?
10. By how many different descriptive titles is **יוסף** described (or called) in **פרשת מקץ**? What are they? (מר' גבריאל טיקוצקי)

ANSWERS

1. The פסוק says ימים שנתים ימים, it was at the end of two years. However, the כלי יקר is bothered why it says both שנתים & ימים? He says that when יוסף said והזכרתי כי אם זכרתי, it was נגזר on him additional jail time. A double שבחה, וישכחוהו ויוסף. The words זכרתי כי אם is a תנאי, if he will remember, then there's hope. But if he forgets, all is lost, I'll be here forever! So when he said that, a

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If you have a great חידה on a future פרשה, you may submit it with the answer & we will try to include it in the paper.