



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

דבר תורה

ידוע שיצחק נולד בפסח, שהמלאכים באו בפסח ואמרו כשתגיע חמה לשריטה זו בשנה אחרת תלד,
א"כ הולכים עם שנת החמה שיש לה 365 ימים ולא בשנת הלבנה שיש לה 354 ימים,
א"כ יקבע הזמן לידת יצחק לכ"ו ניסן ???

The answers the סופר gives by saying that the מלאכים marked the wall where the sun was 11 days earlier. Others answer, that it was מלאך רפאל that said I'll be back in a solar year and you will (already) have a son. Why did he come back? He always comes on שלישי דמילה to cure the נימול. So יצחק was born on ט"ו ניסן and had a ברית 8 days later and 3 days later was his שלישי דמילה. $8 + 3 = 11$ which was on כ"ו ניסן.

And now the answer according to astronomy!! The גמ' ר"ה ו"א says that אברהם had his ברית on כיפור, so the מלאכים came in תשרי, so we explain the scratch this way! The earth is tilted at 23.44° to its orbit around the sun. As the earth circles the sun, this tilt causes the changing seasons. In spring (תקופת ניסן), the sun shines directly above the equator. As the earth revolves around the sun, the sun shines each day at a spot further north than the previous day until it reaches 23.44° north of the equator (first day of summer, תמוז). After that, the daily position of the sun is further south until it reaches the equator on the first day of fall (תשרי). It continues heading south until the winter (תקופת טבת), when it reaches 23.44° south of the equator. After that, the path northward is resumed. Because of this cycle, each spot between 23.44° north and 23.44° south will have the sun directly overhead twice a year, once as the sun heads north and once as the sun heads south. When the מלאכים came to אברהם in תשרי, the sun shone directly over the equator. In ניסן too, the sun shines directly over the equator. Therefore, the sun cast its shadow again in ניסן on the same spot on the wall that the מלאכים etched the previous תשרי. (לפי תוס', יו"ט means the following מועד). So it wasn't a solar year, it wasn't a lunar year; it was a half a year!

I heard the Satmar Rav זצ"ל, that he said in Chicago in 1949 at the שבת שבע ברכות of the Veitzner Rebbe, to the question of how to reconcile that אברהם's ברית was on כיפור, and 3 days later was פסח. He made a חשבון on the spot, that when אברהם got his ברית, he became part of ישראל. He then had the power to be מעבר the שנה. That was in year 2047. He had some חשבון (exactly how it goes we're not sure, (any help out there?)), but he didn't want יצחק being born in תשרי, as it is then a זמן of גבורה, & יצחק is also גבורה, which would be too strong for his ??, and therefore added 6 months (+ 63 years) of overdue months to catch up to the solar calendar. This would get you to י' ניסן. You then add three days as you usually have 3 days of "מלא" in a 6 month span which would get you to ט"ו ניסן. Then, his שלישי דמילה would be on ט"ו ניסן!

פרשת וירא ON חידות

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

- How old was the איל that replaced יצחק by the עקידה? How could that be?
- פרעה had 3 advisors. 2 of them, who were brothers are mentioned in וירא פ'. Who were they?
- In what form did ד' show Himself to שרי?
- Where in פרשה do we find a מלאך in the form of an animal?
- From where in פרשה do we know that מלאכים don't have joints?
- Which two women got divorced in this week's פרשה?
- Which man in this פרשה should statistically have been a woman?
- When did all the water in the world turn into blood?
- What ברכה did יצחק make in וירא פרשת?
- He who spares the rod hates his son, ואהבו שחרו מוסר. (משלי י"ג כ"ד). Where do we see this reality in the פרשה?

ANSWERS

- The משנה in מ"ו פ"ה אבות tells us that the איל was created during בראשית ימי. (The year now was 2085 as אברהם was 58 when נח was נפטר (נח=58) and he lived 350 after the start of the מבול. The מבול was in 1656 so that means that אברהם was born in 1948. And יצחק was born in 2048 when אברהם was 100. The עקידה was when יצחק

was 37 so $2048+37=2085$! So how did it live so long? Wasn't the גזירה of מיתה on the animals too? The מצודת דוד answers that עץ הדעת says on לאשה גם ותתן that גם is לרבות, to include the animals. The eating of the fruit of the עץ הדעת was during the 10th hour of ערב שבת. Since the creation of this איל was השמשות, so this איל never actually ate from the עץ הדעת so there was no גזירה on it & it could live forever. Accordingly, the חמור של משיח is the foal of the בלעם של אתון, who also never ate from the עץ הדעת & is still alive! May we merit, welcoming משיח riding it במהרה!

2. דעת זקנים & את עוז בכורו, פרשה (כ"ב כ"א) says פסוק. בלעם, יתרו & איוב 3 advisors were פרעה. Why says this is איוב as it says שמו איוב עוז איוב שמו. The פסוק continues ואת קמואל & דעת זקנים. Why was he called קמואל של א-ל? שקים על אומתו של א-ל? קמואל & איוב were brothers! Both sons of מלכה & נחור!
3. שרה אמנו פשט which makes us understand נ"ז in his ר' יונתן אייבשיץ in a much greater light! tell us that הקב"ה was מגלה himself at the סוף ים looking like a great warrior, גבור (חגיגה י"ד). זקן יושב בישיבה, looking like an old man, מתן תורה and by לוחם מלחמה. The אריז"ל explains that when the הקב"ה makes a נס outside of the boundaries of טבע, He uses the great warrior look. And when the נס is inside, He showed Himself as a זקן. Therefore by קריעת ים סוף which was a נס, He revealed Himself as a זקן. But שרה thought that such a נס, especially since she never had a womb, must be a נס שלא כדרך הטבע, so ד' should have revealed himself as a זקן. So of course שרה knew that ד' could do anything & that she could have children at 90! But שרה thought that such a נס, especially since she never had a womb, must be a נס שלא כדרך הטבע, so ד' should have revealed himself as a זקן. Therefore she said in her astonishment, זקן, אחרי בלתי היתה לי עדנה ואדני זקן, and my Master-ד' has revealed himself to me as a זקן! How could such a נס take place? On this ד' answered to אברהם, why is שרה wondering why she showed myself as a זקן. Can I not do such a נס בדרך הטבע? In fact do plan to make this נס בדרך (ר' צדוק בנימין כ"ץ שליט"א)! (Many thanks to אברהם & therefore showed Myself as a זקן!!!)
4. The great grandfather in his (עין משפט נהר נא) writes that the מלאך רפאל appeared as a פר & after got 2 פרים to Shecht & wanted a 3rd (for their tongues), he saw this פר & went to get it & as he almost lassoed it, the פר went further away until it got to מערת המכפלה & אברהם smelled גן עדן & entered & found חוה & אדם there & he now knew the value of this property & where he would be buried. He then easily took the פר back with him. When he got home, the פר disappeared. (חשובע פר, פר, א-ל-א, אותיות of רפאל) With no time to spare, אברהם had to create a 3rd פר with the יצירה of עשה. This is (The בני יששכר כסלו טבת ד' קי"ד) !ובן הבקר אשר עשה. This is also why he served פר with milk as it's not real meat!
5. The פני משה explains that they don't have joints in their feet that enable them to fold themselves in order to sit! Therefore אברהם told them to lean under the tree & didn't say to them to sit! However, רבינו אפרים says that it was פסח & they had to eat בהסיבה!
6. The two wives! הגר he sent away & when אברהם took her back, רש"י says a מעלה of הגר that she didn't live with another man in between. So without being divorced, it's not a שבח. But שרה too received a גט! רבינו בחיי says in the name of רבינו חננאל that when אברהם came to גר, he divorced her as he learned his lesson from his stint in מצרים! He didn't want to be הנס על הנס! He remarried her even though he's a כהן as it was תורה מתן קודם & he wasn't פו"ר.
7. We said statistically because we didn't want that נשמת יצחק was נוקבא! The ספורנו says on כאשר דבר that having a boy when your older is כדרך הטבע as normally, people having children late in their years, have girls!
8. In (ראשון in Germany), it says that by the עקידה, אברהם nicked יצחק's neck & a דם רביעית came out (תנחומא כ"ג) & all the water in the world turned into דם! Since the עקידה was in תשרי (ולפי הריקנטי) תשרי, we therefore figure out when תקופת תשרי is & we don't drink water during the תקופה (ביוהכ"פ).
9. Did he make a גומל? The חיד"א writes (מחזיק ברכה או"ח ר"ט ב) from his father that he didn't. A-because it was all ד' & B-חז"ל were only מתקן to be מברך when a person gets sick & was ממש dying & got cured. But if someone died & got back their נשמה, he then makes a מחיה המתים! So says the ק"א רמז ק"א! ברוך מחיה המתים! ברוך אתה ד' מחיה המתים!
10. The שמות רבה א' א' says that אברהם loved ישמעאל & never hit him! ישמעאל therefore was רעה & got patch & אברהם disciplined him. יצחק therefore loved אברהם even more & was מכבד him! He grew to be אבינו יצחק!

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