

PARSHAS ACHAREI KEDOSHIM

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

Prohibition of entering Holy of Holies. The Yom Kippur service. Laws of forbidden relationships. Clarification of basic Torah laws. Laws of personal sanctity, honesty, and respect. Punishments for transgressions.



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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Far from being simple or naïve, hope demands, creates and is the expression of indomitable moral courage."
Rabbi Lord J. Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

How do you know when a fish is alive? Simple. When you see the fish swimming against the current, you **KNOW** the fish must be alive.

The same is true in life. How do you know when someone is truly alive? Also simple. When he swims against the current; the current of societal pressure and western ideology.

The Torah tells us **וּבַחֲקֵיהֶם לֹא תֵלְכוּ** - you shall not go in their ways. One of the messages is that we - as Jews - are meant to swim against the current of whatever the rest of the world is projecting to us as truth.

Just 2 verses later, the Torah says **וּחַי בָהֶם** - you shall live by them. These ideas are linked.

When a person goes against the current - **וּבַחֲקֵיהֶם לֹא תֵלְכוּ** - then that shows he is truly alive - **וּחַי בָהֶם**!

Have a holy Shabbos!

PARSHAH STATS

Acharei	Kedoshim
Pesukim - 80	Pesukim - 64
Words - 1,170	Words - 868
Letters - 4,294	Letters - 3,229
Mitzvos - 28	Mitzvos - 51



GEMATRIA



The gematria of **וּחַי בָהֶם** - and you shall live by them - is 71, the same as **יונה** - a dove. The Jewish people are compared to a dove, which Chazal say is an animal that is very loyal to its mate. Our loyalty with Hashem is manifested when we "live" by the Torah and mitzvos!

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

In the Sefer Od Yosef Chai, Rabbi Yosef Chaim of Baghdad, explains that **וּחַי בָהֶם** teaches us how we live through the mitzvos. Literally. The 248 limbs correspond to the 248 mitzvos aseh, and the 365 sinews correspond to the 365 mitzvos lo sa'aseh. As such, we must be careful to perform ALL the mitzvos!



DID YOU KNOW



People who are passionate about what they do tend to be happier, more satisfied, and more successful in their lives. Passion is a strong motivator that can drive individuals to overcome obstacles and persist in the pursuit of their goals.