

PARSHAS EMOR

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

The parshah comprises two major topics: the sanctity that is required of the kohanim and the sacrifices, and the calendar of the Jewish festivals. At the end of the parshah, the incident with the blasphemer is recounted.



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PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 124

Words - 1,614

Letters - 6,106

Mitzvos - 63



GEMATRIA



The numerical value ספירת העומר is 1071. Interestingly, the one passuk in the Torah with this gematria is in Bereishis 26:23: ויעל משם, באר שבע. The irony is that Sefira is a count of SEVEN weeks. Can you think of a possible connection?

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Nesivos Shalom discusses the process of the 50 days of the עומר, how we are meant to go from the עמר to the שתי הלחם. The עמר is barley, which is animal food, whereas the שתי הלחם is human food. This symbolizes the transition from the earthly, shallow, and mundane, to the lofty and spiritual.



DID YOU KNOW



Research has shown that breaking down a large goal into smaller, manageable steps can increase motivation, improve focus, and enhance the chances of success. By breaking down a daunting task into smaller steps, individuals are more likely to take action and make progress towards their goal, rather than feeling overwhelmed and putting it off.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"If the symbol of Jewish timelessness is the everlasting light, the symbol of Jewish time is the counting of the Omer."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

The double expression at the beginning of the Parshah - Emor, V'Amarta - teaches us that in addition to telling the priests themselves to observe the priestly laws, Moshe should also warn the adult priests about educating their children in these areas. In the words of Rashi: להזהיר גדולים על הקטנים.

We can understand these words of Rashi in a homiletical way. That is, להזהיר גדולים - to warn people who are doing big things, על הקטנים - to not neglect the small things as well.

People often think that to be big, you must do big things. But Jewish wisdom understands the importance and value of the קטנים, the small things in life.

The Days of Sefira, in which we count, consistently, small steps - day in and day out - are the small steps that ultimately allow for the גדלות of being able to receive the Torah.

Have a holy Shabbos!