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Review 5 בקיאות

פרק מ'

1. Why does the תורה introduce the story of the butler and baker with the expression ויהי אחרי הדברים האלה (two explanations)?

- a. People all over were talking about the incident with פוטיפר's wife and יוסף. He wanted to stop this so he imprisoned the butler and baker so the subject of the conversation would be them and not יוסף.
- b. יוסף will be saved through the butler and baker (interpreting their dreams).

2. What were the specific crimes of the butler and baker?

The butler served a drink with a fly in it and the baker baked bread with a stone in it.

3. Explain the phrase ויהלמו חלום שניהם (two explanations – provide support for the מדרש explanation).

- a. The two of them dreamt a dream.
- b. Each one dreamt his own dream and the interpretation of the other's dream.

4. The תורה says that the butler and baker were זעפים. What does this mean?

This means aggrieved (angry, distressed).

5. The phrase כפרחת עלתה נצה הבשילו אשלתי ענבים refers to three stages in the development of the fruit.

What are they and which word refers to each stage?

פורחת – It blossomed

נצה – The fruit began to sprout.

הבשילו – It ripened.

6. יוסף predicts that the butler will be restored to his post. This is expressed as ישא פרעה את ראשך (which literally means that פרעה will raise your head). How does the expression come to mean that he will be restored to his post?

This implies counting. The butler will be included in the counting of the servants.

7. Why is a birthday called יום הולדת (as opposed to יום לידה)?

The word הולדת means caused to be born. A child is not born except through the actions of other. This is why it's הולדת and not לידה.

8. What is added by the word וישכחהו? Why did this happen to יוסף?

The תורה used the word forgot, not the phrase did not remember, to show that he forgot it deep into in memory. This is because יוסף depends on the butler and not on ה' (he remained in prison for an extra two years).

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