

Parsha Bullets on Naso, 5783

Don't Steal From Hashem

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Bullets:

- The **Chidushei HaRim** pointed out that the most midrash that we have of Chazal on any parsha, is on Parshas Naso.

Numbers 5:2	במדבר ה':ב'
Instruct the Israelites to remove from camp anyone with an eruption or a discharge, and anyone defiled by a corpse.	צו את בני ישראל וישלחו מן המחנה כל צרוע וכל זב וכל טמא לנפש:

Bullets:

- We need to strike the balance between having and maintaining a welcoming community, and fostering an environment of purity and sanctity.

Numbers 5:6-7	במדבר ה':ו'-ז'
Speak to the Israelites: When men or women individually commit any wrong toward a fellow human being, thus breaking faith with Hashem, and they realize their guilt, they shall confess the wrong that they have done. They shall make restitution in the principal amount and add one-fifth to it, giving it to the one who was wronged.	דבר אל בני ישראל איש או אשה כי יעשו מכל חטאת האדם למעל מעל בה' ואשמה הגפש ההוא: והתוודו את חטאתם אשר עשו והשיב את אשמו בראשו וחמישתו יסף עליו ונתן לאשר אשם לו:

Bullets:

- **Rav Soloveitchik** teaches us that we do not own the world, Hashem does. Stealing from Hashem, even using our time in a way which is not according to Hashem's way, is a form of theft.

Numbers 5:15	במדבר ה'ט"ו
That party shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring as an offering for her one-tenth of an ephah of barley flour. No oil shall be poured upon it and no frankincense shall be laid on it, for it is a meal offering of jealousy, a meal offering of remembrance which recalls wrongdoing.	והביא האיִש את־אשתוֹ אל־הכהֵן והביא את־קרבֵנָה עֲלֶיהָ עֲשִׂירֵת הָאֵיפָה קֶמַח שְׁעָרִים לֹא־יִצֶק עָלָיו שֶׁמֶן וְלֹא־יִתֵּן עָלָיו לְבִנְיָהּ כִּי־מִנְחַת קִנְאֵת הִוא מִנְחַת זְכָרוֹן מִזְכָּרֶת עוֹן:

Bullets:

- The **Otzar Peleos HaTorah** gives a number of reasons for why the Sotah brings a *barley* offering:
 - It represents brazenness.
 - It represents one's animal nature.
 - It represents the street.
- The **Zohar** says that a great form of torture is to accuse one of idolatry; this is what happened in Egypt the Jews. The place of Marah exonerated the people.
- Does the Sotah say a bracha? The **Otzar Peleos HaTorah** gives different answers:
 - It doesn't seem like you would as there is no pleasure.
- There is a debate about what happens if she is pregnant:
 - **Rashi** says that her baby dies with her if she is guilty.
 - **Tosafot** disagrees.

Numbers 6:2	במדבר ו'ב'
Speak to the Israelites and say to them: If any men or women utter a nazirite's vow, to set themselves apart for Hashem,	דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אִישׁ אִו־אִשָּׁה כִּי יִפְלֹא לְנַדֵּר נְדָר נְזִיר לְהַזִּיר לַיהוָה:

Bullets:

- Accordingly to **Lesitcha Elyon**, there is a great power in staying away from wine and other items/actions.
- **R. Hutner** and the **Otzar Peleos HaTorah** remind us to the power of speech and its miraculous nature.
- **R. Yonatan Leib Bloch** learns powerful lessons about our power to grow from the *nazir*.