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## Dvar Torah - 100 Good Reasons...

In Parshas Bechukosai, we are told that if we follow the Torah, five of us will chase one hundred of our enemy, and one hundred of us will chase ten thousand of our foes. Rashi points out the seeming mathematical inconsistency. If five of us can chase one hundred, then one hundred of us should only be able to chase two thousand of our enemies? Why does the Torah say that the group that is 100 strong can chase ten thousand, five times our expected strength?

Upon further analysis, this Rashi contains an additional lesson. When one sees the words, "You cannot compare a small group involved in Torah to a large group following Torah," one may think of comparing a lone individual to a thriving metropolis of thousands upon thousands of Jews. But this is not the case. In order for a group to have that status of "a large group following Torah" and to be the beneficiary to the special bracha of exponential strength, one need only be in a group of one hundred. One hundred people joined together, involved in the study and practice of Torah, is deserving of this significant bequest of

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11:50 AM at the Yeshiva  
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North Miami Beach, Florida  
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Siyata d'Shemaya.

On Shavous night, the custom for generations has been to learn Torah the entire night. This year, let us achieve our *Tikkun Lail Shavous* together with others who are doing the same. When we combine our Torah learning with that of others, the result can be one of astonishing growth for ourselves, and all those around us.

Rashi explains that the secret to our hidden strength is in our numbers. Rashi says, "You cannot compare a small group involved in Torah to a large group following Torah." When five are dedicated to Torah, their power is great; when a group of a hundred is committed to Torah advancement, their might increases exponentially. This is what gives the larger group their extra vigor.

## Dvar Halacha – Meat and Milk on the Same Table

Dairy and meat may not be simultaneously present on the table one is eating from, because one eating meat may inadvertently eat from a dairy dish, or vice versa. This *halacha* applies even if the food is on another person's plate. The ban only pertains when the individuals eating are friendly with one another, as there is a concern that they may share their meals. If they are strangers, eat on separate place mats, or place an object on the table which is not ordinarily on the table and is recognizable to remind themselves that they should not share meals, they

may eat at the same table. The *Yad Avrohom* rules that on an airplane, since it is normal for two people who are eating together to be eating on separate tray tables, if one is eating meat and the other dairy, a reminder-object is necessary.

This *halacha* only applies to tables from which one is eating; refrigerator shelves or countertops are not subject to this *din*.

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## The Weekly Quiz

*What color would a farmer mark every tenth animal to indicate it was ma'aser?*

Answers may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to [Quiz@ytcteam.net](mailto:Quiz@ytcteam.net). The first correct answer submitted will be announced in the next Spotlight. You need not be a student to participate. Hatzlochah!

Answer to last week's quiz:

Q: Which Jew was Pharo's treasurer when the Jews were slaves in Mitzrayim, and kept the keys to the royal fortune?

A: Korach. Congratulations to Akiva Sugerman of our 9th grade for being the first to submit the correct answer. Honorable Mention to Mr. Josh Lintz of Los Angeles for also submitting the correct answer.

## YTC Spotlight

### 12th Grade Returns from Eretz Yisroel

This past week, the YTC Senior class returned from their class trip to Eretz Yisroel. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade spent eight days learning, visiting gedolim, touring and experiencing much of what Eretz Yisroel has to offer. The Seniors were accompanied by Rabbi Avraham Goldman, Maggid Shiur in our Bais Medrash division, Zichron Ezra, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Rebbe, Rabbi Dovid May.

YTC 12<sup>th</sup> grader Yaacov Entin remarked, "It was a tremendous privilege to visit Eretz Yisroel. For much of our history it was so very difficult to visit. It was a huge zchus to be there."

"To stand in the very same place Avrohom Avinu stood is amazing! It really helps one gain an additional level of emunah," said participant Dovid Kalman Niman.

While in Eretz Yisroel, the seniors were able to meet HaGaon HaRav Aryeh Leib Shteinman, R o s h HaYeshiva of the Ponovezh Litze'irim Yeshiva.

Twelfth-grader Shmuel Weinfeld remarked, "While in Eretz Yisroel, one realizes that (life) is all about

Torah and Mitzvos. People make excuses, it is too hot to learn, too cold, I'm too uncomfortable. We have so many obstacles to Torah. We can learn from the way the Gedolim live, that even without comforts, we can still learn and increase our connection to Hashem."

For many bochurim, it was their first time in Israel, and one of the most inspiring parts of the trip was a visit to the Kosel HaMa'aravi. "We stood in the closest place one can to the makom of the Kodesh HaKedoshim, the holiest place on earth. We could actually feel the Kedusha as we stood together as a class and said Tehillim. It was truly amazing!" said Eli Heiney.

Trip chaperone Rabbi Avraham Goldman remarked on the achdus he saw amongst the group, "The Zohar says that in the days of Rabbi Yochanan ben Zachai, Torah flourished due to the love that the talmidim felt for each other, and for their Rabbeim. In this group as well, their Torah is flourishing due to the care, concern, and commitment I see that they have for each other and their Rabbeim."



A tremendous debt of gratitude is owed to all those who helped out and made this trip possible, including all those who donated to our Annual Learnathon in February, as well as CAJE / Miami for subsidizing a portion of the cost of the trip. The duration of the trip may have been less than two weeks, but its awesome effect will remain with the talmidim for many years to come.



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