



Parshas Emor

For the week ending 15 lyar 5756 3 & 4 May 1996

Parsha Questions

- 1. Which Kohanim are bound by the laws of Tumah?
- 2. In general, a *Kohen* is forbidden to come into contact with the *Tumah* of a *Mes* (corpse) unless the dead person is a close relative. What is the exception to this rule?
- 3. Is a person permitted to cut his beard with scissors?
- 4. How does one honor a Kohen?
- 5. How does the Torah restrict the *Kohen Gadol* with regard to mourning?
- 6. The Torah states in verse 22:3 that one who "approaches holy objects" while in a state of *Tumah* is penalized with *Kares* (excision). What does the Torah mean by "approaches"?
- 7. What is the smallest piece of a corpse that is able to transmit *Tumah*?
- 8. Who in the household of a *Kohen* may eat *Terumah*?
- 9. If the daughter of a *Kohen* marries a "*Zar*" she may no longer eat *Terumah*. What is a *Zar*?

10. What is the difference between a *Neder* (vow) and a *Nedavah* (free-will offering)?

- 11. May a person slaughter an animal and its father on the same day?
- 12. How does the Torah define "profaning" the Name of Hashem?
- 13. How big is an Omer?
- 14. On what day do we begin to count the "Omer"?
- 15. Why do we begin "counting the *Omer*" at night?16. How does the *Omer* differ from other *Minchah*
- offerings?
- 17. The blowing of the *Shofar* on Rosh Hashanah is called a *"Zichron Teruah"* ('sound of remembrance'). For what is it a 'reminder'?
- 18. What is unusual about the wood of the Esrog tree?
- 19. Who was the father of the blasphemer?
- 20. What is the penalty for intentionally wounding one's parent?



"These are My appointed festivals. Six days work may be done. The seventh day is a "Shabbos Shabbason" (day of solemn rest)." (23:2-3) Why does the Torah interject a statement about Shabbos when it is discussing the Festivals?

I Did Not Know That!

"You shall afflict your souls on the ninth day of the month in the evening" (23:32)

If one eats and drinks on the ninth of Tishrei, the Torah views it as if he has fasted both on the ninth and the tenth of Tishrei.

Berachos 8b



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Recommended Reading List

Ramban

21:6	Holiness	291	Perfection of Creation
22:32	Sanctifying G-d	294	Divine Providence
23:17	Leavened Bread	296	Purpose of Creation
23:27	Judgment and Repentance	306	Counting the Omer
23:40	The Esrog	313	Yom Kippur
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Answers to this Week's Questions

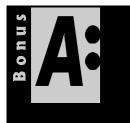
All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

- 1. 21:1 All male *Kohanim*, even those who are disqualified from service in the *Beis Hamikdash* because of physical defects.
- 2. 21:1 A *Mes Mitzvah* (a person who has no one else to bury him).
- 3. 21:5 Yes, the Torah only forbids cutting one's beard with a razor.
- 4. 21:8 He is first in all matters of holiness. For example, a *Kohen* reads from the Torah first, and is usually the one to lead in saying blessings before and after meals.
- 5. 21:10-12 He may not allow his hair to grow long, nor attend to his close relatives if they die, nor accompany a funeral procession.
- 6. 22:3 Eats.
- 7. 22:5 A K'zayis (olive's size).
- 8. 22:11 He, his wife, his sons, his unmarried daughters, and his non-Jewish slaves.

22:12 - A non-*Kohen.* 22:18 - A *Neder* is an obligation upon a person; a *Nedavah* is an obligation placed upon an object.

Sefer Hachinuch

- 11. 22:28 Yes. The prohibition is against slaughtering an animal and its *mother* on the same day.
- 12. 22:32 Willfully transgressing His commandments.
- 13. 23:10 One tenth of an Eipha.
- 14. 23:15 On the 16th of Nissan.
- 15. 23:15 The Torah requires counting seven complete weeks. If we begin counting in the daytime, the seven weeks would not be *complete*.
- 16. 23:16 It was made from barley.
- 17. 23:24 The "Akeidas (binding of) Yitzchak."
- 18. 23:40 It has the same taste as the fruit.
- 19. 24:10 The Egyptian killed by Moshe (*Shemos* 2:12).
- 20. 24:21 Death by strangulation.



The <u>six</u> days to which the Torah is referring are the Festival days of *Succos*, *Shemini Atzeres*, the first and last days of *Pesach*, *Shavuos*, and *Rosh Hashanah*. On these days *Melacha* connected with food preparation may be performed. The "<u>seventh</u>" day corresponds to the "*Shabbos Shabbason*" of *Yom Kippur*, on which even *Melacha* connected with food preparation may not be performed.

Shem MiShimon, attributed to the Vilna Gaon

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