Parsha Questions

1. Why does the Torah emphasize that Parshas Acharei Mos was taught after the death of Aaron's sons?
2. What is the punishment for a Kohen Gadol who inappropriately enters the Kodesh Kodashim?
3. How long did the first Beis Hamikdash exist?
4. What did the Kohen Gadol wear when he entered the Kodesh Kodashim?
5. How many times did the Kohen Gadol change his clothing and immerse in the mikveh on Yom Kippur?
6. How many times did he wash his hands and feet from the Kiyor (copper laver)?
7. The Kohen Gadol offered a bull Chatas to atone for himself and his household. Who paid for it?
8. One of the goats that was chosen by lot went to Azazel. What is Azazel?
9. Who is included in the “household” of the Kohen Gadol?
10. For what sin does the goat Chatas atone?

11. After the Yom Kippur service, what is done with the four linen garments worn by the Kohen Gadol?
12. Where were the fats of the Chatas burned?
13. Who is solely responsible for attaining atonement for the Jewish People on Yom Kippur?
14. From one point in history, installation of the Kohen Gadol through anointing was no longer used but was conducted by donning the special garments of that office. From when and why?
15. What is the penalty of kares?
16. Which categories of animals must have their blood covered when they are slaughtered?
17. When a person eats a kosher bird that was improperly slaughtered (a neveilah), at what point does he contract tumah?
18. The Torah commands the Jewish People not to follow the “chukim” of the Canaanites. What are the forbidden “chukim”?
19. What is the difference between “mishpat” and “chok”?
20. May a man marry his wife’s sister?

Bonus Q:

Verses 18:1-29, lists the prohibitions against immorality. Why do we read this section during Minchah of Yom Kippur?

I Did Not Know That!

In preparation for Yom Kippur, a second Kohen was inducted as Kohen Gadol in case the first Kohen Gadol became ineligible.

Ramban
**Recommended Reading List**

**Ramban**

- 16:21 The Scapegoat
- 17:2 Meat in the Midbar
- 17:7 Demons
- 17:11 Prohibition Against Eating Blood

**Sefer HaChinuch**

- 184 The Sanctity of the Mishkan
- 185 Yom Kippur
- 187 Covering the Blood

**Sforno**

- 16:30 Repentance
- 17:7 Demons

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**Answers to this Week’s Questions**

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

1. 16:1 - To strengthen the warning not to enter the *Kodesh Kodashim* except on Yom Kippur.
2. 16:2 - Death.
3. 16:3 - 410 years.
4. 16:4 - Only the four linen garments worn by an ordinary *Kohen*.
5. 16:4 - Five times.
6. 16:4 - Ten times.
7. 16:6 - The *Kohen Gadol*.
8. 16:8 - A jagged cliff.
9. 16:11 - All the *Kohanim*.
10. 16:16 - For unknowingly entering the *Beis Hamidkash* in the state of *tumah*.
11. 16:23 - They must be put into *geniza* and not be used again.
12. 16:25 - On the outer *Mizbe'ach*.
13. 16:32 - The *Kohen Gadol*.
14. 16:32 - Anointing ceased during the kingship of *Yoshiahu*. At that time, the oil of anointing was hidden away.
15. 17:9 - One's offspring die and one's own life is shortened.
16. 17:13 - Non domesticated kosher animals and all species of kosher birds.
17. 17:15 - When the food enters the esophagus.
18. 18:3 - Their social customs.
19. 18:4 - A “*mishpat*” conforms to the human sense of justice. A “*chok*” is a law whose reason is not given to us and can only be understood as a decree from Hashem.
20. 18:18 - Yes, but not during the lifetime of his wife.

**Bonus**

To teach that even during the holiest day of the year, one must be careful to guard oneself against even the most base abominations.

Mayana Shel Torah