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Parsha With Dr. ChatGPT

Consider the following “Halachic” thought, generated by ChatGPT: Did the AI get it right? Do you find it to be accurate, or did technology miss the boat?

In Parshas Behar, the Torah introduces the mitzvah of Shemittah, the Sabbatical year: “When you come into the land... the land shall rest a Sabbath unto Hashem” (Vayikra 25:2). This commandment goes beyond agricultural law—it is a profound expression of emunah, of trusting Hashem to provide even when we stop working the land. The Shemittah teaches us that our parnassah is not solely the result of our toil but flows from a higher source. The farmer who closes his fields every seventh year declares with action: I rely on Hashem. The

Ohr HaChaim HaKadosh points out that Shemittah is a test of faith and a declaration of spiritual sovereignty over physical dependency. This lesson flows naturally into Parshas Bechukosai, which begins: “If you walk in My statutes and observe My commandments...” (Vayikra 26:3). Rashi, quoting Toras Kohanim, explains that “walking in My statutes” refers to toiling in Torah. The reward is an abundance of blessings—rain, produce, peace, and Divine closeness. But if we abandon the statutes, the Torah warns of frightening curses. Here,

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Parshah Riddle Sim-

In this parsha, which number appears four times within the words of rebuke?

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Shabbus Zmanim

2:30	מנחה
7:57	הדלקה
8:17	שקיעה
3:47/4:18	עלות השחר (16.1/72)
5:30:25	נץ החמה
7:15	שחרית
Hot Kiddush & Short Shiur After Davening	
8:35/9:12	ס"ז קריאת שמע
10:01/10:25	ס"ז תפילה
12:53:01	חצות היום
1:30:13	מנחה גדולה (30)
5:11:40	מנחה קטנה / (GR'A)
6:43:56	פלג המנחה (GR'A)
8:16	שקיעה
9:06	צה"כ (50)
9:16	צה"כ (60)
9:28	צה"כ (72)
Next Weeks Zmanim	
2:30	מנחה
8:03	הדלקה
8:21	שקיעה
7:15	שחרית

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we see the inverse of Shemittah: not stopping work, but actively immersing in avodas Hashem. Together, these parshiyos paint a full picture of Jewish life: Shemittah commands restraint, while Bechukosai demands pursuit. One teaches trust in Hashem's providence through rest, the other, trust through action. In our lives, too, we must learn when to step back with faith and when to step forward with commitment. May we merit to balance both, living with bitachon and hasmadah, and bring the brachos of both parshiyos into our homes. Gut Shabbos.

Thought from Claude AI

On The Last Weekly Devar Torah

This beautiful vort illuminates a profound emes that resonates deeply with Behar and Bechukosai. Just as the Kohanim must transmit kedusha l'dor v'dor, Parshas Behar teaches us about yovel and shemittah — cycles that preserve our spiritual heritage across generations. The "temimos" of Sefira mirrors the "im bechukosai teileichu"

— complete, unbroken commitment to Hashem's mitzvos. Both require daily vigilance and generational mesorah. When we maintain this kedushas hayamim and kedushas hadorot, we merit the brachos promised in Bechukosai — true spiritual completion.

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Seudas Shlishis

Ah, the Shabbos plan, refined and tight—
No Seudas Shlishis in shul? What a delight!
Rise with the larks for Hashkama, quite bold,
Daven with zeal while the coffee's still cold.
You finish so early, before the sun's even awake,
Then devour your seuda like a well-fed cake.
You hum a soft melody, in pure bliss and glee,
Then drift to Mincha, as graceful as can be.
With hours to spare, it's time for a nap,
You snore like a freight train with no time for a gap.
Your wife joins the slumber, a synchronized snooze,
Together you dream of kugels with dancing shoes.
Then WHOOSH! It's 5:30—don't panic, stay cool,
You're back at the table, milchig, the reigning rule.
No fleishigs in sight, just cheese and delight,
Mozzarella and tuna—oh, what a sight!
This, dear friends, is Shabbos supreme—
Holy, absurd, and a very strange dream!

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Answer To Last Week's Riddle

Riddle: In what two contexts is the "eighth day" mentioned in this parsha?

Answer: An animal is only fit as an offering starting from the eighth day after its birth (Vayikra 22:27). The festival of Shmini Atzeres is on the eighth day of Sukkos (Vayikra 23:36).



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