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Parsha With Dr. ChatGPT

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Rabbosai, Kinderlach... In this week's parsha, Ki Savo, the Torah gives us the mitzvah of bikkurim, bringing the first fruits to the Beis HaMikdash. Chazal tell us (Mishnah Bikkurim 3:4) that when a simple farmer came up to Yerushalayim with his basket of figs or dates, the kohanim didn't just take it quietly—they made a whole procession with singing and dancing! Why? Because the mitzvah wasn't only to give, but to feel—to recognize that everything we have, from the biggest harvest to the smallest

apple, is a matanah from the Ribbono Shel Olam. The Sforno says the farmer's declaration of gratitude is what transforms his work in the field into true avodas Hashem. But then, later in the parsha, we hear the frightening words of the tochacha. The Torah itself tells us the root cause: "Tachas asher lo avadeta es Hashem Elokecha b'simcha u'vetuv levav, meirov kol"—because you didn't serve Hashem with simcha when you had everything (Devarim 28:47). Rav Yerucham from Mir explains: It's not that we weren't doing mitzvos, it's that we forgot the joy!

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Parshah Riddle

In this parsha, which of the Ten Plagues are mentioned in the lengthy words of rebuke (tochacha)?
(3 answers)

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Shabbus Zmanim

2:30	מנחה
6:52	הדלקה
7:10	שקיעה
5:11/5:23	עלות השחר (16.1/72)
6:35:00	נץ החמה
7:15	שחרית
Hot Kiddush & Short Shiur After Davening	
9:07/9:43	ס"ז קריאת שמע
10:22/10:46	ס"ז תפילה
12:52:08	חצות היום
1:22:59	מנחה גדולה (30)
4:31:17	מנחה קטנה (GR'A)
5:49:45	פלג המנחה (GR'A)
7:08	שקיעה
7:58	צה"כ (50)
8:00	מעריב (52)
8:08	צה"כ (60)
8:20	צה"כ (72)
Next Shabbus Zmanim	
2:30	מנחה
6:40	הדלקה
7:58	שקיעה
7:15	שחרית
7:49	מעריב (52)

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Without simcha, even mitzvos can feel like a burden, and that weakens the whole foundation of our avodah. So we see, the key that connects bikkurim and the tochacha is this: when we live with hakaras hatov and simchas hamitzvah, our avodah becomes a shield that protects us from klalos. Practical

Thought from Reb Gemini

On The Weekly Devar Torah Above

This is such a powerful yesod. It's easy to let our avodah become routine, a checklist of obligations. The connection the Torah makes between the joy of bikkurim and the harshness of the tochacha is a wake-up call. The difference between a vibrant, living Yiddishkeit and a hollow shell is precisely this feeling, this simcha. I pray these

words enter the heart, because this isn't just a sweet idea for one Shabbos; it is the very pulse of our connection to Hakadosh Baruch Hu. And let us add one more

takeaway: Every day, say out loud one thing you're thankful for. It could be as simple as your breakfast or your shoes. Kinderlach, even your pencil for learning! By practicing our own "mini-bikkurim," we bring that simcha and gratitude into our hearts—and that brings us bracha.

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point, my dear friends. The simcha of bikkurim didn't just begin when the farmer arrived in Yerushalayim. It began on the long walk from his field! Every step, carrying that precious basket with love and anticipation, was part of the avodah. So too with us. Don't rush the walk to shul or the preparations for a mitzvah. That journey is our procession. Let's not see it as a chore to get through, but as the holy ground where we cultivate the very simcha that brings Hashem nachas and protects us with bracha.

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Answer To This Weeks Riddle

Answer: These plagues are mentioned: pestilence (dever) (Devarim 28:21), boils (shechin) (Devarim 28:27, 35), and locusts (arbeh) (Devarim 28:38).



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