

# SICHA POEM

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## **Bo, Sicha 1**

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In Parshas Bo we find the first Mitzvah that the Yidden were given,  
To sanctify the new month through the Beis Din.  
The years and the months they had to calculate and determine.  
This Mitzvah is so fundamental that it crystallizes our mission.

Since the Torah is a book of instruction,  
It's placement Rashi does question,  
With the first Mitzvah why doesn't the Torah begin,  
Why does the Torah start with creation?

Rashi's explanation is that from the start,  
The rights of the Jewish nation, the Torah wants to impart.  
Since Hashem created the entire world it all belongs to Him,  
And He chose to give Eretz Yisrael to the Yidden.

Another question that is top rate,  
Is why is it that when the Rambam does enumerate,  
The Mitzvos, in order, from one until six hundred and thirteen,  
As number one, the Mitzvah of sanctifying the moon, isn't seen?

Between Rashi and the Rambam there is no contradiction,  
When it comes to the person fulfilling a Mitzvah obligation,  
The Rambam counts belief in Hashem as Mitzvah number one,  
Because you first need to believe in Hashem in order to get His Mitzvos done.

When Rashi says that sanctifying the moon is the first Mitzvah given,  
He means that it is the first Mitzvah that in the Torah is written for all Yidden.  
He is not talking about the personal development of how a Yid does grow,  
From Torah's perspective, from sanctifying the moon all the other Mitzvos flow.

The foundational concepts from sanctifying the moon we see,  
Being expressed in areas three.

1. From this Mitzvah we learn the manner in which the Torah was given,  
The written Torah can't be understood without the oral Torah's interpretation.

From this Mitzvah it is clear without a doubt,  
Because about the Mitzvah of sanctifying the moon the Even Ezra points out,  
That in the written Torah there are zero details about how to fulfill it actually,  
The input of the Oral Torah which was later written by the sages is necessary.

2. The Mitzvah of sanctifying the moon does show the power,  
That Torah and Mitzvos have over nature at every hour.  
Once a girl turns three her hymen can't grow back physically,  
But if Beis Din establishes a leap year she is still two and gets back her virginity.

The power that Torah has over the world's reality,  
Is deeply linked to the message of Beraishis we see.  
In the word Beraishis the letter Beis is big and has the numerical equivalence of two,  
To show that Hashem created the world for two reasons, for Torah and for every Jew.

Since the world was created for Torah and the Yidden,  
It must be that Torah is more powerful than creation,  
Therefore Torah has the power,  
To override the laws of nature.

3. Not only does Torah control the world's reality,  
But through Torah and Mitzvos a Yid can transform the world and make it holy.  
From the Mitzvah of sanctifying the moon we learn how this can be done,  
Sanctifying the moon even included the cycle of the sun.

When the witnesses came to testify, Rosh Chodesh was sanctified, without a doubt,  
This information helped the Yidden know when the holidays would fall out,  
To do all the Mitzvos that apply to each holiday they were able to fulfill,  
And even in the mundane days, holiness Rosh Chodesh did instill.

Because the Beis Din was responsible to know what the moon looks like in the sky,  
On every day of the month that did pass by,  
They also had to calculate and determine the path of the sun,  
To make sure that in the season of spring, Pesach would always come.

From sanctifying the moon we see,  
That every moment of time is sanctified throughout history,  
Since time was the first creation,  
For how to sanctify space it is the foundation.

When a woman buys a dress for Shabbos or for a Chassunah,  
She elevates the dress and even the factory that made it in China.  
And all the millions of details that got the dress from there to here,  
Are elevated when the dress she does wear.

There is no action that is isolated,  
Every action has so many moving parts that are included,  
When a Mitzvah is done not only do all the parts get elevated,  
But it affects the entire world which is constantly recreated.

The Mitzvah of sanctifying the moon is key,  
To help us understand the power of Torah and the power that we carry,  
When we do our best to do our part today,  
We will merit the coming of Moshiach right away!

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