

לקוטי שיחות חלק ב', שיחה א לפרשת בא

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Use these words to fill in the blanks:

* **first** * **purpose** * **time** * **ראש חודש** * **קדושה** * **ימים טובים** *

IN THE PARSHAH:

In this week's פרשה we learn of the first מצוה that Hashem commanded the Yidden; the מצוה of _____

This מצוה includes the obligation for בית דין to calculate the cycles of the sun and the moon, so they know when to start a new month, and when they need to add a month to the year (to ensure that פסח is in the spring).

QUESTION:

What is the significance of this מצוה?

Why was this the _____ מצוה given to the Yidden?

ANSWER:

The מצוה of ראש חודש is the first מצוה given to the Yidden because this מצוה embodies the very _____ for which *all* the מצוות were given.

The main purpose of the מצוות is to bring _____ into this world, by using our resources to serve Hashem.

By establishing a day as ראש חודש, which also sets the calendar for which days will become _____, Yidden take regular days and make them *holier*.

And by calculating the cycle of the sun and the moon for *this* purpose, they not only make those *days* holier, but actually make _____ itself holy, by revealing that its very purpose is for the Yidden to be able to do Hashem's מצוות.

Further discussion:

Based in the above, what is the connection between ראש חודש, the first מצוה given to the Yidden, and בראשית, with which the תורה actually begins? (See אות יב in the שיחה)



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