



## Prizes for TTriddle solutions

### Previous (Va'etchanan) TTriddles:

#### [1] FPTL: He keeps the Covenant and Loving Kindness

For the FPTL TTriddle (Front Page Top Left - we should get it a better name) we put the TT issue number into one of two Gimatriya programs, which then go through all of Tanach and find (separately) words, whole p'sukim, and phrases (partial p'sukim) with numeric values equal to the TT number. This week's, for example, found a full pasuk which is the answer to the FPTL TTriddle on the front page.

Last week, which is what this TTriddles report covers, we did not find a word or a pasuk that worked (there was one word and 4 p'sukim, but did find a phrase (one of 746 distinct phrases) with a gimatriya of 1240, that comes from Parshat Va'etchanan. In D'varim 7:9, Moshe Rabeinu refers to G-d as SHOMEIR HAB'RIT V'HACHESED, the One who keeps the Covenant and Loving Kindness with those who love Him and keep His mitzvot...

#### [2] Only 3 of 1820 or so in Chumash pronounced this way

The Four Letter name of G-d, known as the Tetragrammaton (a word of Greek origin meaning, consisting of four letters), is what we refer to as the YUD-KEI-VAV-KEI name. (KEI is usually said rather than HEI as a way of showing great respect and awe for the

Name. We never pronounce this Name the way it's written, but rather pronounce it as if it were spelled like the ALEF-DALET-NUN-YUD name of G-d. But not always. YUD-KEI-VAV-KEI occurs 1820 times in the Torah. All but three times, it is pronounced ADO-... Three times it is read as ELOKIM - once in Lech L'cha, once in Va'etchanan, and once in Eikev - so this could have been a repeat TTriddle this week.

#### [3] Confused Natan and brother

NATAN is NUN-TAV-NUN and 'and brother' is V'ACH, VAV-ALEF-CHET. Confused means the letters are mixed up. Rearrange them to spell the name of last week's sedra, VA'ETCHANAN

#### [4] Footer icons

The bottom of most pages in Torah Tidbits are numbered. The page numbers are flanked by little pictures to the left and right. Last week for Va'etchanan, to the left of the page number was the number 515. It is the numeric value of Va'etchanan, but - according to midrashic sources - it is the number of times that Moshe Rabeinu pleaded with G-d to be allowed to enter Eretz Yisrael. The icon to the right of the page number is the hand sign for the letter W, which looks like the SHIN formed by S'faradim when they cover their eyes for SH'MA. They put their thumb and pinky tips in the corners of their eyes (on either side of the bridge of their nose and the SHIN made by the other three fingers rests on their forehead. SH'MA YISRAEL... is in Parshat Va'etchanan.

#### [6] Old business - MazalPic

We received an email inquiry about the pictures that are located in the lower-right corner of the Word-of-the-Month box on page 2. (And this week, also on page 72.)

The picture changes monthly, and is a depiction of the mazal (Zodiac sign) of the Hebrew month. Each monthly picture first appears on the Shabbat we bench Rosh Chodesh, and stays around until the next M'vorchim.

On page two, is the MazalPic for the month of Av. It is a picture of a Lionfish. The mazal of Av is Leo, the Lion.

On page 72 is the MazalPic for Elul, which we will explain in the next issue of Torah Tidbits, and is there for you to 'solve' until then. First solid solution for this MazalPic will win a CD album from GalPaz.