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1. Whenever a red cow is born in Israel, there is great excitement around it until it is discovered that the cow isn't really so red....



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2. The mitzvah of para adumah is first mentioned in this week's parsha, Chukas.

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3. Chukas was written in the 40th year in the desert. The Jews needed the ashes of the red heifer in their first year in the desert, so why is it first mentioned here? And why does the torah say "This is the chok of the Torah" instead of "chok of the heifer?"



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4. In this parsha, Miriam passes away and the Jews lose the miraculous spring of water, Aharon passes away and they lose the Clouds of Glory, then they learn that Moshe would not enter the land with them, and that means they would lose the manna that had been in Moshe's merit.



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5. A chok is something that has no logical explanation for it. The only reason for it is "because." The Jews entering Israel were not the generation who had witnessed the miracles at Sinai and received the Torah directly from G-D. In this parsha, Moshe is leaving the Jews something to keep them strong for the coming generations. He tells them that "Because" is good enough for keeping mitzvos. Even when circumstances seem to indicate, according to logic, that it is necessary to leave Torah, they should stick to it simply 'Because.' Because Hashem commanded.



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6. If parents try to come up with reasons why they love their children, they are not being truthful, for there is no logical reason for the love between a parent and his child. The same is true with the connection between Hashem and the Jews; it's illogical and beyond reason and attempts at rationalizing it only minimizes the greatness of it.

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7. The lesson for us is, we need to keep the Torah and mitzvos simply because Hashem told us to. A parent needs to tell his child that the best reason to marry Jewish is "Because." Hashem commanded it and that is all the reason we should need. Being a living example of staying true to Torah simply "because" ensures that our children will, too.



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