

Parshas Beha'alo'secha - 5776 - The Menorah Symbolizes How Shabbos Sanctifies Us:

based on the teachings of the Shvilei Pinchos (Friedman)

1. **Bamidbar 8,1:** Hashem spoke to Moshe saying, "Speak to Aharon and say to him: When you kindle the lamps, toward the face of the menorah shall the seven lamps cast light. Aharon *did so*; toward the face of the menorah he kindled its lamps, as Hashem had commanded Moshe.
2. **Rashi citing Sifrei:** To tell the praise of Aharon - that he did not deviate.
3. **Shem Meshmuel:** My distinguished father of blessed memory said that Shabbas resembles the menorah. There are three days that precede Shabbas and three days that follow Shabbas; they are all related to Shabbas—the seventh day. This is reminiscent of the structure of the menorah, where the lamps on each side face the center.
4. **Bnei Yisaschar:** It states in the Tikunei Zohar that the word בראשי"ת is an anagram for יר"א שב"ת (Tehillim 34,8:) חונה מלאך הוי"ה סביב ליראיו : The malach of Hashem surrounds those that fear Him.... Hence, 702 (שב"ת), equals six times (91+26=)117 מלאך יה-וה.
5. **Talmud Chagiga 16a:** Six characteristics were described regarding human beings; in three, they resemble ministering angels; in three, they resemble animals. The three characteristics in which they resemble the ministering angels are: (1) they possess understanding like the angels, (2) they walk erect like the angels and (3) they speak "lashon hakodesh" like the angels. The three characteristics in which they resemble animals are: (1) they eat and drink like animals, (2) they procreate like animals and (3) they eliminate waste like animals.
6. **Pri Tzaddik:** It is known that the root of the serpent's corruption was to introduce cravings into the realm of human consumption. This created waste and excesses from the food consumed. Concerning the "mahn," we learn that it was absorbed entirely by the 248 limbs of the body. While Adam HaRishon was still in Gan Eden, prior to being corrupted by the sin, there was no waste generated by his consumption of food—just like the situation with the "mahn." The situation changed as a result of the serpent; the elements of craving and self-gratification he introduced created excesses and waste.
7. **Yeshayah 58,13:** If you proclaim the Shabbos a delight.
8. **Talmud Shabbos 118a:** anyone who delights in the Shabbas is rewarded with a portion without boundaries.
9. **Rashi Beitza 16a:** the additional neshamah brings serenity, allowing a person to be more relaxed and joyous, and enabling him to tolerate extra food and drink.
10. **Midrash Devarim Rabba 3,1:** a person might have thought that Hashem gave us the Shabbas to our detriment. We are taught that this is not so. By sanctifying the Shabbas with food and drink and clean clothing, we are rewarded.
11. **Sefer Hachinuch 270:** Although a physical being, the Kohen Gadol resembled the Holy of Holies. He was supposed to be totally devoted to spiritual service and, thus, needed to divorce himself from matters of this world. Therefore, the Torah did not permit him to become tamei, even on account of relatives.
12. **Talmud Shabbos 31a:** What is meant by the verse, and there shall be faith in your times, strength, salvation, wisdom and knowledge? 'Faith' refers to the Order of Seeds; your times, the Order of Festivals; strength, the Order of Women; salvation, the Order of Nezikin; wisdom, the Order of Sacrifices; and knowledge, to the Order of Purity. Yet even so the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

Menorah	Right #1	Right #2	Right #3	Center	Left #3	Left #2	Left #1
Days of Week	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Levels of Soul	Nefesh	Ruach	Neshamah	Yechida	Neshamah	Ruach	Nefesh
Gematriya 702	מלאך יה-וה 117	מלאך יה-וה 117	מלאך יה-וה 117	ליראיו 702	מלאך יה-וה 117	מלאך יה-וה 117	מלאך יה-וה 117
Characteristics right - angel left - animal	Walks Erect	Speaks Loshon Hakodesh	Possesses Intellect	Fear of Hashem	Eats & Drinks	Reproduction	Eliminates
Orders of Mishnah	Moad - Holidays	Kadshim - Karbanos	Taharos- Tumah		Zeraim - Seeds	Nashim - Women	Nezikim - Damages