

# NITZAVIM

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**GM** The source (alright, one of the sources) for T'SHUVA in the Torah is in Parshat Nitzavim - specifically, D'varim 30:2 -

וּשְׁבַתְתָּ עִרְיָהּ אֶל־הָיָה וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹלִי  
כָּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־אֶנְכִּי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם  
אֶתְּךָ וּבְנֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ:

*And you shall return to HaShem, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul, and you will listen to His voice according to all that I am commanding you this day you and your children.*

The gimatriya of this pasuk is 3805. Five other p'sukim in Tanach share this gimatriya with our pasuk. But, alas, nothing jumps out to make a significant comment about.

However, the AT-BASH gimatriya of this pasuk is 5610. Checking for p'sukim whose regular gimatriyas are 5610, resulted in four p'sukim, and this time, one of them is a significant match for our pasuk. In fact, the match is also in Nitzavim, just eight p'sukim after V'SHAVTA - D'varim 30:10 -

כִּי תִשְׁמַע בְּקוֹלִי ה' אֶל־הָיָה לְשׁוֹר  
מִצְוֹתַי וְזָקַתְנִי הַכְּתוּבָה בְּסֵפֶר  
הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה כִּי תָשׁוּב אֶל־ה' אֶל־הָיָה  
בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ:

*When you obey HaShem, your God, to*

*observe His commandments and His statutes written in this Torah scroll, [and] when you return to HaShem, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.*

These two p'sukim are obviously matched in more than regular & AT-BASH gimatriya; they both speak to the same idea of Listening to G-d's voice, following His commandments, and doing T'shuva for having veered from Him.

# VAYEILECH

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**GM** The penultimate mitzva in the Torah (next to the last, mitzva number 62) is HAK-HEL, the mitzva for all Jews to gather in Yerushalayim and here the king read parts of the Torah. D'varim 31:12 -

הִקְהַל אֶת־הָעָם הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנְּשִׂיִם  
וְהַטַּף וְגֵרָךְ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ  
לְבוֹעֵן יִשְׁמְעוּ וּלְבוֹעֵן יִלְמְדוּ וְיִרְאוּ  
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְשָׁמְרוּ לְעֲשׂוֹת  
אֶת־כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת:

*Assemble the people: the men, the women, and the children, and your stranger in your cities, in order that they hear, and in order that they learn and fear HaShem, your God, and they will observe to do all the words of this Torah.*

The gimatriya of this pasuk is 7617. It is a long pasuk (Vayeilech's p'sukim are the longest of any sedra) with a relatively high gimatriya. Only one other pasuk in Tanach has that gimatriya; and there is no significant comment to be made for the GM.

However, the NISTAR gimatriya of this pasuk is 7575. Checking for p'sukim whose regular gimatriyas are 7575, resulted in only one pasuk in Tanach - D'varim 12:2, in Parshat R'ei -

אֶבֶד תֵּאַבְדֹּן אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּקְדָּוֹת  
אֲשֶׁר עִבְדוּ־שָׁם הָעַלְוִים  
אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם וְרִשְׁיִם אַתֶּם אֶת־אֱלֹהֵיהֶם  
עַל־הָהָרִים הַגְּדוֹמִים וְעַל־הַגְּבְעוֹת  
וְתַזּוֹת כָּל־עֵץ רֵעֵן:

*You shall utterly destroy from all the places where the nations, that you shall possess, worshiped their gods, upon the lofty mountains and upon the hills, and under every lush tree.*

As the NISTAR gimatriya of a letter, word, phrase, or pasuk, completes the regular gimatriya, we can suggest that the pasuk from R'ei completes the mitzva of HAK-HEL. That once in seven years mitzva, highlights Jewish Unity - specifically, in Eretz Yisrael. Obviously, unity of the People is an essential, vital feature of Jewish Life. But the mitzva to destroy avoda zara in the Land is an important component of full Torah Life in Eretz Yisrael. This mitzva is the first of 176 mitzvot in the middle part of the Book of D'varim (R'ei, Sho-f'tim, Ki Teitzei, and the first part of Ki Tavo). As such, we can see it as leading the way to the Torah Life in Israel that HKBH wants us to live. And the mitzva right after the 176 just mentioned, is HAK-HEL.