

Gimatriya Match

The theme (if you can call it that) of several GMs that I have found over the years, deals with the threat from Bil'am (and Balak) and what we can call our antidote, vaccination, protection, or words to that effect.

Here's one, connected to Parshat Tzitzit, from the end of Parshat Sh'lach.

Let's start with the threat. Bamidbar 23:4 (in Parshat Balak) -

וַיִּקַּר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־בִּלְעָם וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלָיו אֶת־שִׁבְעַת הַמִּזְבֹּחוֹת עָרַכְתִּי
וְאֶעֱלֶה פָּר וְאֵיל בַּמִּזְבֵּחוֹ:

"God appeared to Bil'am. 'I have set up seven altars,' said [Bil'am] to [God], 'and I have sacrificed a bull and ram as a burnt offering on each altar.'"

Bil'am and Balak did this more than once, with the goal of gaining G-d's okay for them to 'bless' the People of Israel.

What is our greatest protection for those who seek to harm us - physically or spiritually? Take a look at Bamidbar 15:40 - a pasuk and concept which we are well acquainted.

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כָּל־
מִצְוֹתַי וְהָיִיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם:

"You will remember and keep all My commandments, and be holy to your God."

There is no stronger protection that Bnei Yisrael as a people and each of us

as individual Jews, can have than Torah and Mitzvot.