All According To Script

Pre-set dialogues in Parshat Ki Tavo and in Jewish Life

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Scripts in Ki Tavo

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Mikra Bikurim

The monologue given when bringing the basket of first fruits to the Temple



Viduy Maaser

The speech made when separating the tithe in the third year



Bracha u'Klala

The blessings and curses read out on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, with responses from the people



Other Scripts in Torah

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Chalitza

The ritual when a man whose brother passed away with no children doesn't marry his widowed sister-in-law





Ben Sorer u'Moreh

The ritual for disciplining an egregiously wayward son

Eglah Arufah

The ritual when a body is found between towns and the killer is not known





Birkat Kohanim

The blessing that the Kohanim confer from God to the Jewish People



Marriage

Pre-set declaration when bestowing the ring

Pidyon HaBen

Redeeming the firstborn son

Brit Milah

The script followed at circumcision (and at baby namings)

Birkat HaGomel

The formula recited when someone survived a life-threatening experience



Nichum Aveilim

Comforting mourners with the traditional formula

"The individual does not invite sorrow; the latter strikes him hard and mercilessly. His immediate response is a dual one - subjective and objective. He reacts to disaster with everything he has at his command - thought and deed, feeling and action."

-Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik

Avelut Yeshanah and Avelut Chadashah



The Seder Night and Haggadah

The Seder is the most ritual-heavy night of the Jewish year, with a very regimented and extensive "script" for the evening...

...which, near the beginning of "Maggid," brings us back to Parshat Ki Tavo and the Mikra Bikurim





Questions?





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