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Dvar Torah - Beyond Reproach? by Rabbi Zev Pam



The last number of פרשיות detailed the enormous effort of gathering donations, building the כלים, and constructing the משכן. In addition to the self-sacrifice of the donations and the exquisite skill of the physical labor, כלל ישראל invested a purity of cause that was able to turn a physical structure into a spiritual home for Hashem. With the work now finished, פרשת פקודי relates that משה made a meticulous accounting of all the donated money and how it was used for the משכן.

The בעל הטורים comments that the word "פקודי" is written מלא with the "vav" to teach us that משה made sure that the donations of each and every member of כלל ישראל, all 600,000, were used for the משכן. Moshe exerted this effort to make sure that no one suspected him of taking any of the money.

This is astonishing! The entire construction of the משכן was undertaken with such pure intentions and such amazing dedication, solely for the sake of Hashem. Certainly the great Moshe with all of his dedication to כלל ישראל and his קדושה, would be above

suspicion! Could anyone possibly suspect Moshe of diverting money from this great and holy cause?

It seems that if there would be even the most unlikely and small amount of suspicion of impropriety, it would be worthwhile for Moshe to spend his valuable time dispelling that suspicion. This is truly amazing! Can you imagine the effort involved in accounting for every single donation for all of ישראל? There were vast amounts of gold, silver, תכלת and so many other materials. Yet Moshe took the time and invested the effort to make sure that there wasn't even the slightest sliver of suspicion attached to him.

Moshe Rabbeinu's extreme care should remind us that often, our own actions are under the microscope. At times, others may have a tendency to see even the smallest of our indiscretions. We therefore should always be careful that all of our dealings are able to withstand this intense scrutiny.

Rabbi Pam is a Rebbe at our Middle School.

Dvar Halacha - מזמור לתודה

Generally, we say the *Perek Tehillim Mizmor L'Sodah* daily in *Pesukei D'zimra*. However, on days when the *Korban Todah* wasn't brought, *Mizmor L'Sodah* is not said. These days are: *Shabbos*, *Yom Tov*, *Erev Pesach*, *Chol HaMoed Pesach*, and *Erev Yom Kippur*. On *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*, the *Korban Todah* wasn't brought because the only *Korbanos* brought on *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov* were those of the *tzibur*, and the *Korban Torah* was for an individual. The *Korban* wasn't offered on *Chol HaMoed Pesach* because a person bringing a *Korban Todah* would be obligated

by Eli Herscher and Yoel Maya, Grade 9

to bring loaves of bread as well, and they could not be consumed on *Pesach*. Usually a person had the whole day and following night until midnight to eat the *Todah* and its bread. However, on *Erev Pesach* and *Erev Yom Kippur*, the *zman* to eat the bread was reduced, and if one would have brought the *Korban* on those days, the bread may not have been completely consumed. Therefore, the *Korban* wasn't brought on those days as well.

YTC Spotlight

The Weekly Quiz

For what is Papus Ben Yehuda remembered?

Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to Quiz@ytcteam.net. The first correct answer submitted will be announced in the next Spotlight. You need not be a student to participate. Hatzlochah!

Answer to last week's question: Q. Name a four-letter Hebrew word that contains the same letter four times, the root of which can be found in this week's Parsha.

A. וָוָוָו - "And his hooks." Yasher Koach to Moshe Levitt of Denver, CO for being the first to submit the correct answer.

Holocaust Survivor Speaks at YTC



This past week, our High School was privileged to be addressed by Mr. Leibish Rubinstein. Mr. Rubinstein spoke to the young men about his experiences in pre-war Hungary, the Holocaust and the rebuilding of Jewish life after the war.

The *talmidim* sat spellbound as Mr. Rubinstein painted a detailed picture of his upbringing amongst Pupa Chassidim in the city of Pesht. He spoke about his large family and the close relationship he had with his father and cousins. As Hungary became drawn into WWII, Mr. Rubinstein was drafted to serve in the Hungarian army. He recalled many of his terrifying experiences during the war, which included being interred in the Mauthausen concentration camp.

Mr. Rubinstein vividly recalled the day his camp was liberated by the American Army. "There was shelling all night. We were huddled together saying *Shma* and *Vidui*; we thought it was our last night on earth. But in the morning, the shelling stopped. American soldiers came through the gates and



one called out, 'Acheinu Bais Yisroel, you are free.'"

He told of the panic that ensued as the starving inmates raided the camp's food stores. Thereafter, he was hospitalized for many weeks and learned the horrible fate of his entire family.

Mr. Rubinstein made his way to America and settled in Williamsburg. He married, raised a family, and helped the Pupa Rebbe to rebuild the Pupa Yeshivos, Talmudei Torah and the Pupa Chassidus in America.

Today, Mr. Rubinstein looks back and says, "From me, one man who survived, comes now a family of over 100 people. I see



the Yeshivos rebuilt, and so many children leaning Torah."

One participant was particularly moved by the upbeat spirit and zest for life that Mr. Rubinstein exuded. "It's inspirational to see how an individual who has gone through such pain and sadness exhibits such *emunah* and *bitachon*. I feel privileged to have met him."

We Need Your Help! Come out and support our expansion plans at the next City of NMB

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

regarding our two proposed new buildings!

Starting at 6PM on Monday, March 14th, 2011

NMB City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers
17011 N.E. 19 Avenue - North Miami Beach, FL 33162



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