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Dvar Torah - Beyond Reproach? by Rabbi Zev Pam

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The last few 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. 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 Rabbeinu 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 Rabbeinu with all of his dedication to כלל ישראל and his קדושה would be above suspicion! Could anyone possibly suspect Moshe Rabbeinu 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 Rabbeinu 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 כלל ישראל? There were vast amounts of gold, silver, תכלת and so many other materials.

Yet Moshe Rabbeinu 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.

Dvar Halacha - Shalosh Seudos by Eli Hersher, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

In *Siman* 291:1, the *Mechaber* states clearly that one is obligated to eat three meals during *Shabbos*. That *halacha* originates from *Parshas Beshalach* (16:25) which says, "Moshe said, "Eat it today," for it is *Shabbos* today to G-d, today you will not find מן in the field." The *Mishna Brurah* notes that the word "today" is written three times to emphasize the importance of eating three full

meals on *Shabbos*. By *Shalosh Seudos*, it is sometimes difficult to eat a full meal, as one is often still full from *Shabbos* lunch. In such a situation, one can still be *yotze* with an egg-size portion of bread, and according to some *Acharonim*, just a *kazayis* of bread. Yet, the *Mechaber* advises that it is better to eat a little less at *Shabbos* lunch so one can eat a comfortable portion during *Shalosh Seudos*.

## The Weekly Quiz

**Q:** What two things in the Torah are results of the Eitzbah Elokim?

Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to [Quiz@ytcteam.org](mailto:Quiz@ytcteam.org)

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:** Who is the only person in the Torah who celebrated his birthday?

**A:** Paroh

Yasher Koach to Yehuda Horowitz of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade for submitting the correct answer.

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