



Tiferet

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TIFERET HASHABBAT

This Week in Tiferet

On Sunday, Tiferet students went on a **Chesed Tiyul**, where we spent the day spreading simcha throughout the country. In the morning, our students split up and visited the **Beit Ha'elah Nursing Home** and the **Melabev Center for Alzheimer's Care**, where they mingled, sang and danced with the seniors. Afterwards, we went to **Emunah's Neve Michael Children's Home** in Pardes Chana, where we ran an Adar Carnival for the children. Special thanks to **Eliana Moskowitz, Paulette Franco and Itty Koth** for putting in countless hours organizing this special event! We know that the smiles on the children's faces made every effort well worth it!

תורת תפארת

Building the Mishkan, Building Ourselves

Mrs. Leba Schneider

Parashat Pekudei

This week's Parsha begins: אלה פקודי המשכן משכן העדת אשר פקד על פי משה. The traditional understanding of the word *pikudei* is an accounting of supplies and resources used for building the Mishkan. However, the Kedushas Levi describes another usage of the verb in Tanach. In פרשת מסעי, as well as in שמואל ב', the same word is used to mean חסר, lacking. The Chasidic masters reinterpret the concept of an "accounting"; that one can only be raised, glorified and impressive when he admits that he is incomplete. We often think that a connection to Hashem comes from personal perfection, but the Torah is teaching us a slightly different lesson; the attitude that an עובד ה' must take in his lifetime is, "I am lacking and therefore I must work and aspire to always do more."

The מדרש תנחומא describes that Moshe took apart and rebuilt the Mishkan daily during the seven days of its dedication. The נתיבות שלום asks why was it important for Moshe to "unnecessarily" go through the motions of construction, only to take apart the Mishkan each day? He answers that the Mishkan represents an ideal person, a מקדש מעט. The lesson Moshe was teaching Klal Yisrael was to acknowledge one's religious reality and always learn to take apart and rebuild.

The Mishkan travelled with Klal Yisrael through every encampment. The Nesivos Shalom describes that our mikdash me'at will also go through encampments in our lives. Each encampment requires something new and potentially life-changing in order for the individual to successfully fulfill his tafkid in the world and therefore man must become adept at taking apart and rebuilding the mishkan, and their personal mikdash me'at at every encampment.

The potential is in place for this Shabbos! May we take inspiration and strength from the time of year we are in! The combination of double Adars is כפל שמחה and culminating Sefer Shmos is כפל חזק!

חזק חזק ונתחזק!



Mazal Tov to Eliana Moskowitz on her siyum of Masechet Megila this week!



Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Uri and Dina Etigson on the birth of a baby girl! May they be zochim to raise her l'Torah, l'chupa, u'l'maasim tovim!

Mazal Tov to Leba Rauch (5772, 5773) on her marriage to Yoni Pollock (brother of **Atara Pollock - 5768**)! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!

"Not Your Average Building" Millie Gittleman (5774)

As ספר שמות comes to a close, we finish it off with פרשת פקודי. In this week's פרשה, it concludes with the actual fulfillment of the משכן. Hashem says to בני ישראל, "You made me angry with the העגל but I forgive you with the משכן."

I think the question is clear. How could it be that the משכן could solve the problem of העגל? When the העגל happened, בני ישראל thought it was important for them to have a connection with Hashem. Yes, they believed that there was someone in heaven, but they thought the only way to worship Hashem was through an intermediary. טעם ודעת says, that the sin of העגל was worshipping something more intermediate to relate to. As long as they had Moshe, they had that intermediary, but then when they "lost" him, that's when they turned to the עגל.

Through the building of the משכן, בני ישראל learned that Hashem resides in this world and is accessible to every person. In this sense, the lessons learned for the משכן corrected the mistaken notions underlying the העגל.