



TIFERET HASHABBAT

This Week in Tiferet

This week Tiferet journeyed up North. We began with a jeeping trip above the Hula Valley. Afterwards, we stopped at a former Syrian fortification. We learned about our most famous spy, Eli Cohen and the significance of the Golan. We ended the day with bowling at the Canada Centre and then retired to our hotel in Chispin. After dinner, Rabbi Mayer spoke about contributing to the State of Israel and the idea of mesirut nefesh. The next morning we toured the DeKarina Chocolate Factory. To say that they enjoyed it would be a gross understatement. We watched a documentary about the most miraculous battle that took place with Syria during the Yom Kippur War and was won against staggering odds. After the movie, we travelled to Emek Habacha where the battle took place. At the memorial site, we sang Hatikva. We stopped at the Hashomer Cemetery and learned about the 12 soldiers that died there in the summer of 2006 from a Hezbollah rocket and about the history of Hashomer, the 'grandfather' of the IDF. Lastly, we visited Misgav Am and enjoyed an amazing presentation and then returned home with a deeper love and appreciation of Israel.

תורת תפארת

Live Aid for the Mishkan

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Parashat Teruma

When you read through the parsha, there doesn't seem to be anything interesting or remotely applicable to our daily lives. There's no action, no Bnei Yisrael sinning so we can learn from the story, no rebuke from Moshe Rabbenu being given, no intriguing story of trials and tribulations, no family dramas with brothers fighting, etc. It just seems to be a series of facts about the Mishkan and its contents, measurements, colors, etc. On the surface, matters seem very dry and hardly worth delving into. What can we possibly learn from a structure that was only around temporarily until the Beit HaMikdash could be built?

For starters - a lot. If the Torah spends so much time telling us about all the pieces of the Mishkan and the different aspects in the measurements and the places they go to and what was given and how much, and not just in our parsha, but also in Tetzave, and Vayakhel and Pekudei, then there must be something that we can learn from each aspect of the building of the Mishkan.

Let's concentrate on the beginning of the building of the Mishkan. Before you start building any building you need the materials. The pasuk tells us "דבר אל כל עדת בני" "דבר אל כל עדת בני". You should speak to Bnei Yisrael and ask them to donate לי, to me. Why doesn't Hashem tell them what they are donating their money for? If you want people to give you money to build a building you ask them to donate the building name, mezuzahs, bookcases, etc... You don't say give me some money and later I'll tell you what I need the money for. Yet this is exactly what Hashem did. He did not tell Bnei Yisrael what their donations are for until eight p'sukim later, when He says "ועשו לי" "ועשו לי". By the way, it's for the Mishkan. Why does Hashem first ask Bnei Yisrael to donate and only afterwards tell them the purpose of the donation?

Rashi explains the words לי תרומה as לשמי – לי, for My sake, that the giving of the teruma is for the sake of Hashem. Reb Levi Felsenthal, quotes Rav Shmuel Birnbaum explaining Rashi further. Hashem wanted Bnei Yisrael to donate just because

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Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Evan and Melanie (Perlitsch 5768) Chesir 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 Yael Cederbaum (5771) on her marriage to Jacob Spadaro! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!



Tiferet Students with Rabbi Yom Tov Glaser, "The Surfing Rabbi", who was our guest speaker last Shabbat



תורת תפארת (המשך)

it was a mitzvah and He commanded it and not because they knew it would go to the building of the Mishkan. We have the opportunity to do a mitzvah we should do it just because we are commanded to do it and for no other reason other than that. When we are asked to donate for a cause we get so wrapped up in our name being on the building or in the bigger donations that sometimes we forget the smaller ones. Is it any more of a mitzvah to help feed the poor families than it is to help build a building?

All Hashem commanded was donate – you will find our later why, that's not what's important. The important thing is to do what Hashem commanded regardless of what you think you're getting out of it. And Hashem taught that to us by having Bnei Yisrael donate without specifying for what reason until later.

