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PARASHAH

COMBATING JEALOUSY

Rabbi Frand On the Parashah 2

וּמְשַׁחְתָּ אֹתָם כַּאֲשֶׁר מְשַׁחְתָּ אֶת אָבִיהֶם.

You shall anoint [Aharon's sons] as you had anointed their father (40:15).

Hashem commands Moshe Rabbeinu to anoint Aharon as the *Kohen Gadol*, and immediately thereafter to anoint his children as regular *Kohanim*. It would seem obvious that the children's anointment ceremony would be exactly the same as that of Aharon. Why does Hashem need to stress that Moshe should anoint Aharon's children as he did for Aharon?

Rav Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, in *Meshech Chochmah*, explains that this *pasuk* is not referring to the technical aspects of the anointment. It is referring to Moshe's feelings while anointing Aharon's children.

The *Midrash* tells us that when Hashem appointed Moshe Rabbeinu as the leader of *Klal Yisrael* at the site of the burning *sneh* (bush), Moshe requested that his children should eventually inherit his position or at least be anointed as *Kohanim*.

Hashem told Moshe that his children would not assume his position, nor would they become *Kohanim*, because that was reserved for Aharon.

When Moshe Rabbeinu anointed Aharon as the *Kohen Gadol*, he must have been elated to see his brother ascend to such a prestigious post. Aharon had been at Moshe's side on his very first visit to Pharaoh, acting as his spokesperson. Moshe must have felt intense gratitude towards Aharon.

Furthermore, when Hashem appointed Moshe to lead *Klal Yisrael*, Moshe was worried that Aharon — who was older than he — would be jealous. Hashem

told him not to worry; Aharon would be very happy to see his younger brother succeed.

Despite Aharon's goodwill, Moshe must have been relieved that Aharon finally merited a position comparable to his.

Far be it from us to apply the character trait of jealousy that consumes us to Moshe Rabbeinu, but the *Meshech Chochmah* tells us that Hashem knew that it would be difficult for Moshe to anoint Aharon's children, knowing quite well that his own children would never ascend to a leadership role.

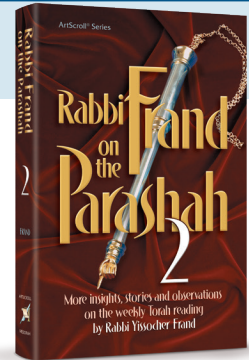
Hashem told Moshe, "Anoint Aharon's sons as you had anointed their father." Just as Moshe anointed Aharon with excitement and goodwill, he had to find it in his heart to anoint Aharon's children with the same emotions.

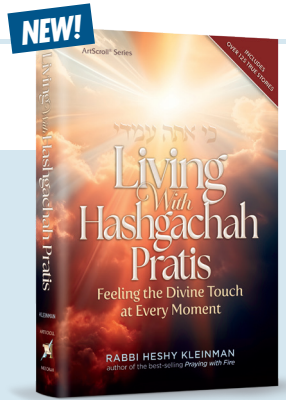
This thought is somewhat comforting. When we see someone else succeed, it is often very difficult for us not to be jealous. Why do our neighbor's children succeed more than ours? Why did our neighbors manage to marry off all of their children with ease and our children sit on "the market" for years?

We often chide ourselves for having such feelings. We think that we are terrible people for allowing jealousy to take hold of us. The *Meshech Chochmah* teaches us that jealousy is a feeling that comes so naturally that even Moshe Rabbeinu was challenged by it. 📖



Rav Meir Simcha of Dvinsk





A couple complained to their *rebbe* that they were “delayed and stuck somewhere” for *Yom Tov*. He assured them, “A Jew is never stuck. A Jew is sent. Wherever you are — you have been sent there. Wherever a Jew is, he is where he is supposed to be.”

As the *Gemara* states, our footsteps are Divinely guided. We’re led to where we’re summoned. Every situation, every encounter, is masterfully orchestrated by Hashem for a purpose. We were put in that place, along with the people who are there with us, for a reason.

Hashgachah Pratis: Dovid Gross was a teenaged boy who was enrolled in a summer camp in Cleveland. Unfortunately, he ended up in a hospital bed, miles from his home, suffering from ulcerative colitis. Feeling nervous, Dovid’s mother, Leah, went to see him. She sat down on the plane next to her seatmate, a non-Jewish middle-aged woman, Abbey.

Uncharacteristically, Leah opened up to a total stranger. “I’m on my way to see my teenage son, who was just diagnosed with an acute case of ulcerative colitis,” she said.

Abbey’s mouth dropped open. “You will never believe it, but I am a nurse practitioner for a doctor who specializes in ulcerative colitis. I see patients with this disease every day,” she told Leah.

Leah was stunned. They spent the rest of the flight with Leah asking questions and Abbey walking her

through the treatment options. Most of all, she stressed that ulcerative colitis is a chronic illness, but she had seen many patients recover and go on to lead healthy lives.

Just before the plane arrived in Cleveland, Leah asked Abbey, “How did you end up on this flight?”

Abbey smiled. “I wasn’t even supposed to be on this flight. I worked in the Cleveland Clinic for years and I was going back to visit my family in Cleveland for the weekend. However, my mother wasn’t feeling well, so I re-

“HOW DID YOU END UP ON THIS FLIGHT?”

scheduled my ticket for today.

“More surprising, I hardly ever chat with people on a flight. I usually catch up on my sleep. But when I sat down next to you, you kind of looked stressed out, so I thought I would just try to calm you down a bit.”

Before the two women went their separate ways, Leah thanked Abbey and said a special thanks to Hashem for sending a nurse out of nowhere to calm her and give her vital information. As she got into her rented car, Leah began to cry — no longer tears of fear, but tears of thanks and connection to Hashem. “Thank You, Hash-

em,” she said. “Thank You for reminding me that I am never alone.”

Even in the face of death, we can find *Hashgachah Pratis*. The *Midrash* explains that one might die away from home not by chance, but because his death will perhaps strengthen the faith of those in that town. Whatever the reason, Hashem creates the circumstances for that to occur.

Hashgachah Pratis: Rav Avrohom Pam shared his personal experience when his mother passed away while his Rebbetzin was in Lakewood for the birth of a grandchild. It was unusual that she did not return home the same day she went to Lakewood.

Although some speculated that emergency room delays had caused his mother’s death and that Rebbetzin Pam’s presence may have helped to speed things up, Rav Pam found solace in knowing that it was predestined, a manifestation of the *Gemara’s* wisdom: “A person’s feet are his guarantors; to where he is summoned, there they lead him.”

In each of life’s journeys, we can find reassurance in the knowledge that we’re never lost, but are guided by Hashem. Each twist, each turn, is a chance for a loving connection, an opportunity for spiritual growth, and a manifestation of Hashem’s plan. 📖

THIS WEEK’S DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

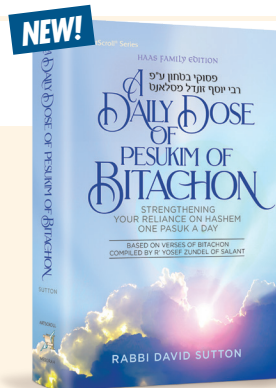
MARCH / אדר ב'

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 Bava Metzia 17	17 Bava Metzia 18	18 Bava Metzia 19	19 Bava Metzia 20	20 Bava Metzia 21	21 Bava Metzia 22	22 Bava Metzia 23

THIS WEEK’S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

MARCH / אדר ב'

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 Nedarim 7:6-7	17 Nedarim 7:8-9	18 Nedarim 8:1-2	19 Nedarim 8:3-4	20 Nedarim 8:5-6	21 Nedarim 8:7-9:1	22 Nedarim 9:2-3



בִּיבוֹ יִשְׂמַח לִבֵּנוּ בִּי בְשֵׁם קִדְשׁוֹ בְּטַחָנוּ.

For in Him will our hearts be glad; for in His Holy Name we trusted.

Yesterday, a stubborn problem was weighing you down. Today, the weight is lifted. Your world is bright! At that very moment, says the *Radak*, your happiness is in Hashem, because you know that He is the One Who saved you. It wasn't anything you did, or anything anyone else did that changed your situation. It was Hashem behind the scenes, pulling all the strings. This *pasuk* tells us that no matter what challenge we overcome, when that moment arrives and we realize all is well, our hearts should be filled with happiness in Hashem. We should be delighted with the One Who saw our troubles, came to our rescue, and saved us.

But does this happiness with Hashem have to wait until we've got the solution in hand?

The *Chafetz Chaim* (*Chomas Hadas* 17) says no. Rather, a person should be happy with Hashem just knowing that in this world, he has a "Patron" who takes care of him. He knows that any success he has ever had and any he will have in the future is the work of this kind Patron, and that alone brings him *simchah*.

The *Malbim* adds another layer of meaning. He says that when we rely on another person and that person does not come through, we become upset. Maybe the person forgot about us, or he can't help, or he doesn't want to help.

But none of these doubts apply to Hashem. Even if He has not yet given us what we want, we have no doubt that He can do it, He hasn't forgotten about us, and He will ultimately give us what we really need. That is what Reuven learned in the following story:

Reuven was trying to get a mortgage for his house. At the bank, he spoke with Shimon Cohen, head of the mortgage department. Despite Reuven's best efforts, Shimon declined to give him the mortgage. Reuven felt frustrated and helpless.

One day in shul, Reuven's friend Levi noticed his low

mood and asked him what was wrong. "I've been trying to get a mortgage," he said, "but Shimon Cohen refuses to approve it."

Levi reassured him. "No problem. I can help you. My father knows Shimon very well, and if my father tells him to give you a loan, he'll do it immediately."

"Are you sure he'll speak to him for me?" Reuven asked.

"Absolutely," Levi replied. "Look, I'm going to see him now. Why don't you come along."

Reuven went along with Levi, his hopes flying high. He was surprised when Levi walked him into shul for Minchah.

"I thought we were going to see your father," Reuven said.

"We are," Levi answered. "And He's your Father too. It's Hashem, Avinu Malkeinu. And if He tells Shimon to give you a mortgage, Shimon will."

Reuven got the message. Hashem was in charge of Shimon's heart and no one else. Reuven prayed and prayed for several days with all his might, begging Hashem to move Shimon's heart.

After a time, he returned to the bank. Shimon saw Reuven and asked him to wait a few moments while he concluded a meeting. He offered him a cup of tea while he waited. Reuven was surprised by the cordial treatment. When Shimon finished the meeting, he rejoined Reuven.

"I don't know why," said Shimon, "but you keep popping up in my mind. I want to help you. What do you need?" They revisited the mortgage issue, and this time it was approved with no hesitation.

When we rely on other people, we take that person's heart out of G-d's hands. The person operates on his own whims, and it may not be in our favor. But when we count on our Patron, He uses His unlimited influence to help us. We can be happy knowing that He's on our side, even as we wait for salvation. 📖

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*This week's
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schedule:*

**MARCH /
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SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 א Terumos 74	17 ב Terumos 75	18 ג Terumos 76	19 ד Terumos 77	20 ה Terumos 78	21 ו Terumos 79	22 ז Terumos 80



Parashah for Children

פרשת פקודי

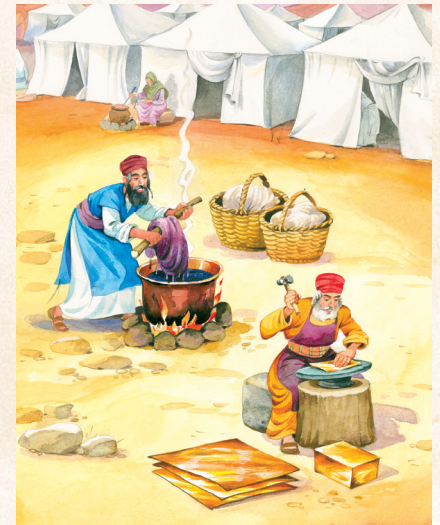
The Order of Putting the Mishkan Together

This is how the Torah describes how the Mishkan was put up:

- First:** The walls and roof of the Mishkan building were put together.
- Second:** The Luchos containing the Aseres HaDibros were placed in the Aron, and the poles were put into the rings on the sides of the Aron.
- Third:** The Kapores was placed on the Aron.
- Fourth:** The Aron was moved into its location at the back of the Heichal. Then the curtain was hung in front of it.

- Fifth:** The Shulchan was moved in.
- Sixth:** The Menorah was brought in.
- Seventh:** The Golden Mizbei'ach was brought in.
- Eighth:** The cover to the Heichal entrance was hung up.

- Ninth:** The Copper Mizbei'ach was set up outside the Heichal entrance.
- Tenth:** The Kiyor was placed next to the Copper Mizbei'ach and filled with water.
- Eleventh:** The beams, curtains, and entrance curtain of the Chatzer were put up.



Mazel Tov!

The big day finally came. On Rosh Chodesh Nissan the Mishkan was put up, and this time it was not taken apart. The entire Jewish people gathered around the Mishkan and watched as Hashem's Presence came to rest on the Mishkan. Hashem had forgiven them for the sin of the Eigel HaZahav! It was a day of great joy and celebration for the nation of Israel.

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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Pekudei:

How long did it take to make all the parts of the Mishkan?

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The winner of the Parashas Tetzaveh question is: LEVI ESIKOVIC, Lakewood, NJ

The question was: After the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash, what did Rabbi Eliezer see on the Tzitz in Rome?
The answer is: He saw that the words "Kodesh LaHashem" (Holy to Hashem) were written on one line.



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