



Parshas Vayakhel & Pekudei 2023, attention to detail

This week's Parsha Perspective is in honor of the immediate and speedy recovery of Daniel Aaron Moshe Ben Ruth. May he and all those who need a Refuah Shlema experience G-d's mercy and compassion swiftly.

This week's Parsha Perspective is in loving memory of Leah Mintche Bas Ya'akov Yosef, Edward Ben Efraim, Shlomo Ben Edward, and Yirachmiel Daniel Ben Gedalia. May their souls be uplifted and their memories a blessing.

Our Parsha begins with Moshe descending from Mt. Sinai with the second pair of Luchos. He did so only after successfully attaining forgiveness from G-d for the sin of the Golden Calf. He gathered the Jewish nation to teach them the intricate laws of constructing the Mishkan.

The Torah portions then go through constructing the Mishkan and its components. From the beams and sockets that comprised walls to the priestly garments worn during their service.

Once completed, G-d instructed Moshe to assemble the Mishkan and purify all its vessels to prepare them for service. Moshe anointed his brother Aaron and his sons to perform all the daily work in the Mishkan. Once G-d's presence rested upon the Mishkan, no one, including Moshe, was allowed to enter the Mishkan except for the Kohanim.

However, a question comes to mind: The Parsha reiterates the foremen and supervisors of the construction for the Mishkan. Bezalel from the tribe of Yehuda and Oholiav from the tribe of Dan.

The Pasuk writes (35:31), *"And G-d endowed him (Bezalel) with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every craft."* (35:35) *"He bestowed upon them the wisdom of the heart to do any work."* But why did G-d need to bestow upon Betzalel and Oholiav the Divine spirit and wisdom of the heart to build the Mishkan?

The Ibn Ezra, Rav Avraham Ben Meir Ibn Ezra gives a simple explanation. He answers that Betzalel and Oholiav had to oversee the building and assembly of the Mishkan's intricate components. They had to review and inspect each vessel before assembling it.

The Ibn Ezra explains that G-d bestowed upon Betzalel and Oholiav the Divine knowledge of what each vessel and component had to be like. Without seeing them, they could create every part precisely how G-d desired it.

However, the Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh, Rav Chaim Ben Attar, gives a deeper and more profound explanation. He writes that the Divine spirit bestowed upon them was the ability to pass on their wisdom to others.

Betzalel and Oholiav weren't just master craftsmen but great instructors as well. With the Divine spirit, they could transmit and accurately convey precisely what G-d desired for His home on earth.

The Ohr Hachaim explains that having immense wisdom is a great gift, but an even greater gift is the ability to share it with others. Betzalel and Oholiav conveyed their knowledge similar to the level of Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest teacher. When Moshe spoke, people of all ages were able to understand every single word. He conveyed his knowledge and wisdom in a manner befitting his title, Moshe, Our Teacher.

The Ohr Hachaim's explanation is ever more relevant as we quickly approach the holiday of Pesach. The primary purpose of the Pesach Seder is to teach our children our history, the story of Exodus.

How we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but G-d, with great fanfare, marched us out of Egypt to be His people. We must convey to our children the hardship of our slavery and the greatness of our freedom.

The Mitzvah of the Seder night is to pass on the experience with all its emotions to our children, who will keep it alive for the next generation.

In our daily life, it is imperative that we realize that we have so much to share with the world. Whether it is our knowledge of a subject or our feelings about an experience, we all have something to give to the world.

Even if we are more reserved or timid, our knowledge, wisdom, and experience are necessary for the world's survival. Hence, we must seek the proper outlet to express and reveal the unique light that shines brightly in our soul.

**“Judaism belongs to the human conversation,
and we must take the trouble to share our ideas with others,
and let others share theirs with us.”**

-Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Have a meaningful Shabbos!

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