



Parshas Terumah, goal oriented

This week's Parsha Perspective is in honor of the speedy recovery of Batsheva Sarah Bas Chana, Sasson Betzalel Ben Batya, Shaul Ben Berta, and Sapir Bas Ariela.

This week's Parsha Perspective is dedicated to the memory of Shlomo Ben Edward and Edward Ben Shaul. May their souls be uplifted and their memories a blessing.

Our Parsha begins with Hashem telling Moshe to solicit donations from the Jewish people to construct the Mishkan, a sanctuary and home in this world. They were asked to donate precious stones, gold, silver, copper. Specialty red, blue, and purple wool, linen, animal skins, and acacia wood.

On the summit of Mt. Sinai, Hashem gave Moshe the exact instructions on how the Mishkan was built. It was made to be readily disassembled and transportable to accompany the Jewish nation during their journey.

However, a question comes to mind: The Mishkan is only a temporary home for the Divine presence, and would eventually be replaced by the Beis Hamikdash in Jerusalem. So why did God go into extensive detail on something that will ultimately be superseded?

From the time the Jewish nation left Egypt, they continuously complained to Moshe and God.

From the lack of sweet water to the assortment of their food, the Jewish people consistently found a way to be bothered by every minuscule detail, that did not fit precisely with what they wanted.

Even though the Jewish people lived a life of exceptional luxury, the Cloud of Glory smoothed their path ahead, a pillar of fire kept them warm at night, food fell right outside their tent, and water came from a rock, and yet, they always found something to complain about.

Seeing this consistent occurrence, God understood that the Jewish nation lacked focus and concentration on their objective, as their goal of reaching the land of Israel seemed almost unattainable at that time. Therefore they were prone to be easily distracted by their lack of direction.

So Hashem commanded, that the Jewish people build a sanctuary, not just to fill up their time with work, but rather that the Jewish nation have a consistent reminder, of their ultimate goal of having a Beis Hamikdash in Yerushalayim.

In our daily life, it is imperative that we understand that to reach success, we must set ourselves goals, whether they are yearly, monthly or daily, they will help us stay focused on our true objective, which might seem unattainable at that time. However, without the constant reminder, we become susceptible to distraction, whether they are societal or personal, you will still not have accomplished your goal.

"Always remember, that your focus determines your reality."

Have a meaningful Shabbos,

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