



## *Parshas Terumah 2019, 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 G-d 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, and copper. Specialty red, blue, and purple wool, linen, animal skins, and acacia wood.

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

The second half of the Parsha and the following few Torah portions go through the design and construction of the Mishkan. This takes up the last third of the book of Shemos.

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 So why did G-d go into extensive detail on something that will ultimately be superseded?

When the Jewish nation left Egypt, they continuously complained to Moshe and G-d. 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. Their food fell right outside their tent, and water came from a rock, yet they always found something to complain about.

Seeing this consistent occurrence, G-d understood that the Jewish nation lacked focus and concentration on its objective. 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 G-d 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 goals, whether yearly, monthly or daily. They will help us focus on our true objective, which might seem unattainable.

However, without constant reminders, we become distractions, whether they are societal or personal, and we will still not have accomplished our goal.

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

*Have a meaningful Shabbos,  
Rabbi Sholom Yemini*