



## *Parshas Yisro 2019, the newcomer*

*This week's Parsha Perspective is in honor of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka, the wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, whose Yahrzeit is the 22nd of Shevet.*

*This week's Parsha Perspective is in honor of the Refuah Shlema of HaRav Amitai Ben Shoshanna, Shaul Ben Berta and Lior Gabay Ben Michal.*

*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 has the **Aseres Hadibros**, the **Ten Commandments**, making it one of the most significant Torah portions. G-d, Himself came down to the mountain to give us the Ten Commandments and confirmed that **we** are His chosen nation.

We begin with Yisro, Moshe's father-in-law hearing all miracles that G-d did for the Jewish people; this inspired him to join them in the desert. When he arrived, Moshe greeted him and recounted what G-d did for the Jewish nation in Egypt and the desert. Yisro then offered sacrifices to G-d in appreciation of what He did for Moshe and the Jewish people.

The next morning, Yisro observed how Moshe dealt with the Jewish people; he saw the long lines that people waited to speak with Moshe. So Yisro respectfully offered his advice to Moshe, he told him to appoint judges to lead a group of people and answer any of their questions. But if there is a significant issue that these leaders could not settle, then it would be brought before Moshe.

Moshe heeded his father in law advice and appointed judges and leaders who would resolve most people's problems. This method immensely helped Moshe to lead the Jewish nation effectively.

However, a question comes to mind: What did Yisro do that was so special that his name is placed upon the most important Parsha in the Torah?!

The first Pasuk of the Parsha states, "*Yisro the head priest of Midian, heard what G-d has done for the Jewish nation,*" and therefore decided to convert and join the Jewish people. He took his daughter, who was Moshe's wife, and his grandkids and made the journey to unite with the Jewish nation.

When he arrived, he was greeted by Moshe and his brother Aaron, who recounted the miraculous stories of the Exodus from Egypt, the crossing of the Sea of Reed's, and winning the battle with the Amalekite people. Yisro then blessed G-d for saving the Jewish people and admitted that he is the one and only G-d.

As Yisro settled in with the Jewish way of life, he began to observe that Moshe would sit for hours and answer the most mundane of questions. The type of questions that could have been solved by his brother Aaron or other learned people. This system inhibited Moshe and did not allow him to study Torah.

Furthermore, this took away time from leading the entire Jewish nation as a whole, not just the ones who came to ask questions.

So Yisro respectfully offered his advice to Moshe, telling him to appoint judges to lead a group of people. They will answer any of their questions, but if there is an issue that these leaders cannot resolve, then it will be brought before Moshe.

Moshe heeded his father-in-law's advice and appointed judges who could resolve most of the Jewish people's problems, helping him lead the Jewish nation.

Yisro was responsible for a complete revolution of the Jewish judiciary system to what it is today. By being an outsider and completely changing his life from serving idols to G-d, he was given the ability to help Moshe lead. To transform and improve the efficiency of Jewish leaders for all of time.

Therefore, Yisro merited that his name is placed upon the most important of Torah portions, even as an outsider. For he was able to thoroughly alter his life in service for G-d, to the extent that he could help Moshe and all future the Jewish courts.

In our daily life, even if you are a novice or inexperienced in a job or field, you not only have the ability to stand by and meagerly assist the situation, but you are capable of transforming it entirely. By humbling yourself to learn and study all there is to know, you can positively influence the situation at hand and perhaps even alter it completely.

For it takes a knowledgeable outsider to see what's wrong with the current conditions and then come up with ways to modify it for the better or change it entirely.

***"Remember, you do not know the limits of your own abilities.  
Successful or not, if you keep pushing beyond yourself,  
you will enrich your own life and maybe others as well."***

*Have a meaningful Shabbos,  
Rabbi Sholom Yemini*