



# The Greater Washington Community Kollel SHABBOS DELIGHTS

## TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"L

### **Making Our Own Mishkan**

**Presented by Rabbi Moshe Sadwin, Kollel Adjunct**

**"I shall rest My Presence among the Children of Israel..." (29:45)**

After detailing the process for creating the vessels, walls, and covers of the Mishkan in last week's Parsha, Parshas Titzaveh describes the clothing of the Kohanim, as well as the process of inaugurating the Kohanim. The question that begs to be asked, however, is why would the Torah tell us all of these details regarding the Mishkan? After all, it was only intended as a temporary building and does not seem to have eternal significance. Even the inauguration of Aharon and his children to be Kohanim was a one-time event in history and it doesn't seem to be necessary for us to be acquainted with how it was done.

Rabbi Avigdor Miller answers this question based on a verse towards the end of our Parsha: *Vishachanti b'soch bnei yisroel* - I shall rest My Presence among the Children of Israel. (29:45) The purpose of the Mishkan was in order that Hashem's Presence could dwell among us. This is not limited to the Mishkan, however. Our mission in life and indeed, a primary goal of the whole Torah, is to bring Hashem's Presence into our midst. Our purpose is to *mirror* our own lives after the holiness of the Mishkan. Just as the Mishkan had a table and an altar, our own homes and utensils are to be used in the performance of *mitzvos* and fulfilling Hashem's Will. Just as the Kohanim were inaugurated to serve Hashem in the Mishkan, we can also inaugurate ourselves and accept to do His Will. The events of building the Mishkan and inaugurating the Kohanim were not one-time events, rather, they serve as a model of how we should live our lives even today.

**Wishing you a Good Shabbos!**

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## Point to Ponder

**Aaron and his sons shall arrange it (the Menorah)... an eternal decree for their generations... (27:21)**

**And I will make your sanctuaries desolate... (Bechukosai 26:31)**

The Torah prophesized on the future destruction of the Bais HaMikdash, so how could the Torah relate that the command to arrange the Menorah would be eternal for all generations? There will be generations that will not be able to arrange the Menorah!

## TABLE TALK

## Parsha Riddle

**How many books of Tanach are named for women?**

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

**Last week's riddle:**

**Who was disappointed when the Mishkan was completed?**

**Answer: The first-born men, who did the service before the Mishkan was completed, lost this after the Mishkan was completed and therefore, were disappointed. (Bamidbar Rabba 12:7) The Midrash also mentions Hashem, angels, and the nations of the world. See there for the reasons.**

## HATORAH V'HAMITZVAH

### HALACHA INSIGHTS FROM THE PARSHA

In *parashas Titzaveh* (28:31-35), Hashem commands:

You shall make the Robe of the Ephod ... You shall make on its hem ... gold bells ... It must be on Aharon in order to minister. Its sound shall be heard when he enters the Sanctuary before Hashem and when he leaves, so that he not die.

Rashbam explains: Since the Holy One, blessed be He, commanded (*Vayikra* 16:17): "Any person shall not be in the Tent of Meeting when [the High Priest] comes to provide atonement in the Sanctuary until his departure," therefore the Holy One, blessed be He, commanded: "Its sound shall be heard when he enters," and those who hear it will distance themselves from there.

The context of the commandment that "Any person shall not be in the Tent of Meeting" is the High Priest's performance of the Yom Kippur service in the Holy of Holies; it seems, then, that Rashbam understands that the High Priest wore the Robe with its bells on that occasion. This is apparently the opinion of Ibn Ezra as well: Commenting on the verse that states, in the context of the High Priest's Yom Kippur service (*Vayikra* 16:4), "He shall don a sacred Tunic; linen Breeches shall be upon his flesh; he shall gird himself with a linen sash, and cover his head with a linen Turban," Ibn Ezra writes:

And it does not mention the Ephod, the Breastplate, and the Robe of the Ephod, for it has already mentioned them [by stating in our *parashah*] "Its sound shall be heard when he enters the Sanctuary." (see *Mechokekei Yehudah ibid.*)

The Talmud, however, assumes that the High Priest wore **only** the four white linen garments enumerated in the context of the Yom Kippur service, and not the "golden garments" described in our *parashah*:

**Rav Hisha said: For what reason does the High Priest not enter the innermost sanctum, the Holy of Holies, with his golden garments to perform the service there on Yom Kippur? It is because a prosecutor [kateigor] cannot become an advocate [sanneigor].** Since the Jewish people committed the sin of worshipping the Golden Calf, the High Priest may not enter the Holy of Holies to atone for the Jewish people wearing golden garments, as they would bring that sin to mind. (*Rosh Hashanah* 26a)

For further discussion of this issue, see *Ha-kesav ve-ha-Kabbalah*, *Pardes Yosef*, and *Torah Temimah* to our *parashah*.

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## KIDS KORNER

### Who Am I?

#### #1 WHO AM I?

1. I was for the constant one.
2. I was crushed.
3. Only use my first.
4. I float to the top.

#### #2 WHO AM I?

1. I make you lose your mind.
2. I am so you can't differentiate.
3. Sometimes I am four times.
4. I was present for the request.

#### Last Week's Answers

**#1 Ner Tamid/Maaravi** (My name is misleading, I exist today, Always burning, I'm in the east even though I am the...)

**#2 The Aron (Ark)** (Three yet one, My occupant was more valuable than me, Crowned, Put a lid on it.)

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