



### MESSAGE FROM THE RAV

Dear Chevra

Welcome back to our minyan. We hope you had a wonderful פסח and are well-recovered from the מצה and מרור.

We resume with ספר ויקרא with פרשת שמיני. משה רבינו has finished his week-long inauguration of the משכן along with אהרן and his sons and its now time to pass the daily תפקידים on to the כהנים. Despite the excitement that surrounds starting something for the first time, there is a sense of fulfilment once that process enters its routine.

Though, עבודת המשכן leading towards חנוכת המשכן was never to be viewed as an ordinary routine. On the contrary, we never want routine! Our עבודת ה' must always be excitingly renewed everyday, as if today is the first electrifying opportunity to stand in front of הקב"ה. Each time we daven or do any mitzvah, we need to enter into that same holy, exciting initial mindset that we had the first time we did it properly. Despite our repeated service of ה', there is never place for "getting used to" our Judaism.

We have mentioned the idea that the משכן was to be the medium with which to transport the הר סיני experience to ארץ ישראל and the final resting place of the המקדש. We also mentioned, in פרשת משפטים, that בני ישראל succeeded in seeing ה' כבוד after proclaiming נעשה ונשמע. Though, the ability to see ה' כבוד was taken away from them after חטא העגל. They then had to re-earn this vision through the work of their own hands by building the משכן and activating it.

The recipe for seeing ה' כבוד is divided up between two groups. אהרן is required to offer up a חטאת and עולה for himself and his sons – the חטאת to atone for any sins that had been committed in the building of the משכן or according to other opinions to atone for any remaining פגם that might have been left over from the sin of the עגל הזהב; and the עולה was to be offered as a move to step-up in spirituality – a move most suitable for the moment of inaugurating the משכן. For בני ישראל, they had to offer up חטאת, עולה, and שלמים offerings. Here too, the חטאת and עולה fulfilled similar תפקידים. The ספורנו explains the שלמים to be a thanks-giving offering to ה' for His constant goodness to us. This is brought by עם ישראל now to express their thanks for not being destroyed after חטא העגל. The כהנים didn't have to bring this as אהרן was merely a shaliach of בני ישראל

in the sin of the עגל הזהב. The מנחה offering was made of the most basic ingredient – fine flour, to express the need for fundamental basic עבודת ה'. In addition, ה' doesn't require expensive קורבנות from those who can't afford them.

The result of these קורבנות is successful and in פסוקים כ"ג-כ"ד, the תורה tells us:

וַיבֹא מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן אֶל אֱהֱל מוֹעֵד וַיִּצְאוּ וַיִּבְרְכוּ אֶת הָעָם וַיֵּרָא כְבוֹד ה' אֵל כָּל הָעָם: וַתֵּצֵא אִשׁ מִלִּפְנֵי ה' וַתֹּאכַל עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֶת הָעֹלָה וְאֶת הַחֶלְבִּים וַיֵּרָא כָּל הָעָם וַיִּרְאוּ וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל פְּנֵיהֶם.

בני ישראל succeeded in returning to the level of witnessing ה's presence!

What is the ה' כבוד that they saw? The greatest כבוד that the King can have is the children fulfilling His מצוות and thus being able to reveal Himself to them. בני ישראל saw that when they fulfilled the מצוות exactly as ה' had commanded, they attained access to the perfect existence – existing in the revealed presence of ה' – exactly as ה' wanted them to.

We are counting העומר ספירת העומר, the counting towards witnessing ה' כבוד ourselves once again. Every day we need to grasp an aspect of holiness and strive towards the perfection granted to us as our potential destination. Practically speaking, now more than ever, every day we need to work on ourselves in a very serious fashion by learning more תורה, doing more מצוות and focusing on the קדושה that surrounds us. The only שיגרה possible is the שיגרה of constantly being in the mindset of ה' לנגדי תמיד.

שבת שלום  
רב שמואל וטליה

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*Would like to thank*

**בית מדרש "אלול"**

*For the wonderful hospitality  
on Shabbat Parashat Tzav*



# COMMUNITY MEETING

### THIS MOTZEI SHABBAT 14TH APRIL, 8:30PM

IT HAD BEEN ALMOST SIX MONTHS AND ACCORDING TO OUR DECISION FROM THE FIRST MEETING HERE COMES THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS FOR A CHAIRPERSON. VOTING ON THE COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE FOR PAYING MEMBERS ONLY.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUB-COMMITTEES ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO APPROACH THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON AS WELL.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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TALY BLOOM

**MINYAN RAV: RAV SHMUEL BLOOM**

**WEB MASTER: BEN SHAFFER**

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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\*WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL THE NEW FACES TO OUR MINYAN. IF YOU ARE NEW IN THE AREA, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EITHER RAV SHMUEL OR TALY AFTER SHUL. IF YOU NEED A PLACE FOR LUNCH, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ORGANISE ONE FOR YOU.

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# SHABBAT SHALOM

FROM THE LATE MINYAN

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## Part 1 הלכות ספירת העומר

Nail cutting is permitted during sefira. Only hair cutting and removal is forbidden during sefira. It is also permitted to trim a mustache that interferes with eating, to tweeze eyebrows or eyelashes, and to comb one's hair even though some hair will get pulled out in the process. Married women may cut hair that is protruding from their head covering.

There is no reason not to recite shehecheyanu during the days of sefira. It is, therefore, permitted to eat "new" fruit in season and to buy new clothing or dishes during this time period.

It is permitted to move home during sefira. It is also permitted to paint or decorate one's home during sefira.

People frequently ask each other what day of the Omer it is. If one gives the correct answer – even though he does not intend to fulfill the mitzvah of counting the Omer by answering his friend – it is considered as if he fulfilled his obligation to count the Omer. This halacha, which is recorded in the Shulchan Aruch, is based on an opinion in the Talmud that holds that מצוות אינן צריכות כוונה, mitzvot can be fulfilled even without specific intent to fulfill them. By uttering the correct day's count of the Omer, he has lost the opportunity to recite a blessing over the counting since he has, in the eyes of the halacha, already counted the Omer, albeit unintentionally. One should, therefore, not give a direct answer when asked for the day of the Omer; rather one should say: Yesterday's count was such and such. Of course, this advisory applies only from sunset and onwards, since counting sefira before sunset is invalid.

*To be continued next week...*