



MESSAGE FROM THE RAV

Dear Chevra

Welcome to our minyan. We hope that you had a successful week and enjoy a relaxing שבת.

In our double-barrelled פרשה this week, the תורה describes – at length – the carrying out of the commandment to build of the משכן. In fact, it's a leiner's dream as the פרשיות of ויקהל and פקודי are almost an exact repetition of the פרשיות of תרומה and תצוה. Though, that leads us to a massive question: We know that the תורה doesn't waste a single word or even letter! Why does the תורה repeat all the details of the משכן during its building, as opposed to merely saying – "... and בני ישראל did everything that ה' commanded them to"?

Many answers have been provided to this question. I would like to focus on two of them. To quote Matrix (להברדיל), Morpheus tells Neo that "There is a difference between knowing the path and walking the path". There is a big difference between receiving the commandment of ה' and putting it into action; and so important is the putting into action that the תורה would repeat the entire practical application. The תורה is also emphasising that we live in עולם העשייה – the world of ACTION! We can learn about a מצוה and its הלכות all day and all night, but until we actually fulfil it – we remain lacking.

An additional answer provided by chazal is that it's all very nice that whenever משה רבינו received instructions from ה', he usually passed them on to the people through the chain of command – שרי אלפים, שרי מאות, שרי חמישים,

שרי עשרות. But when it came to something as important as the משכן – the meeting place between this world and ה' – it had to be transmitted directly from משה רבינו to עם ישראל. This transmission had to be done in הקהל - in the presence of the entire nation! הקהל activates the עם ישראל of קדושה as a unit. Just as we heard ה's voice at הר סיני; so too when we activate the כל that will serve to continue to bring ה's voice into this world, the משכן – it has to be in the presence of our entire Holy Nation. Every member of עם ישראל is important and makes their unique contribution. And to display to עם ישראל that their efforts had been successful; just as the cloud descended on הר סיני, so too, it covered the משכן with the same appearance – a cloud by day and a fire by night.

Rav Menachem Liebttag adds that just as the פרשה describes the final stages of the construction of the משכן, הפטרת פקודי describes the final stages of the construction of the first המקדש. Here too, the climax centres on the שכונה, in the form of the cloud, covering the new structure; a sign that ה's Divine Presence rests within עם ישראל. Though, this time, the ארון is placed in the new קדש הקדושים under two new קרובים. Unlike the קרובים in the משכן which are located on the כפורת, the feet of the new קרובים are firmly attached to the floor of the מקדש. This represents ה's permanent presence amongst us and the intrinsic connection between עם ישראל living in our homeland and our commitment to our true national identity – the תורה. May we merit returning to that situation very soon!

שבת שלום
רב שמואל וטליה

COMMUNITY MEETING

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. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAND FOR THE ROLE OF THE CHAIRPERSON (UNTIL THE NEXT AGM), PLEASE INFORM THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON: TAMMY WILSON 054-429-2365 CHAIR@LATEMINYAN.COM (OR TO THE RABBI). YOU WILL NEED TO BE NOMINATED BY A MEMBER OF THE MINYAN, AND SHOULD YOURSELF ALSO BE A MEMBER. NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY MOTZEI SHABBAT 7TH APRIL.

VOTING ON THE COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE FOR PAYING MEMBERS ONLY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INFLUENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED BY MOTZEI SHABBAT 7TH APRIL

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS AT:

DANIEL GREENSPAN 02-563-9499 050-598-5588 FINANCE@LATEMINYAN.COM

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



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

- "WHAT LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT LIES BEFORE US ARE TINY MATTERS, COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US." - RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Are you here for Shabbat Erev Pesach?

Shabbat before Pessach, the last thing you want to do is cook, all you want to do is sit with your friends and relax after all the cleaning, right?

If there is enough interest, we will organize a communal **Friday night catered meal** on Parashat Tzav - March 30th and also

"Bring your own Chametz" meal at the park on Shabbat lunch.

If you are interested in either or both, and would like further details, please send an email to events@lateminyan.com



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 TALI AFTER SHUL. IF YOU NEED A PLACE FOR LUNCH, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ORGANISE ONE FOR YOU.

*FOR COMMENTS ON THE PARSHA PAGE OR QUESTIONS FOR RAV BLOOM PLEASE E-MAIL: RABBI@LATEMINYAN.COM

*IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THIS WEEKLY PARSHA PAGE IN MEMORY OF A CLOSE ONE OR IN HONOUR OF AN UP-COMING SIMCHA, PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY WILSON AT: CHAIR@LATEMINYAN.COM

*IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A KIDDUSH IN HONOUR OF AN UP-COMING SIMCHA, PLEASE CONTACT GALI DORN AT: EVENTS@LATEMINYAN.COM

SHABBAT SHALOM

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