



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT" L

After the seven days of inauguration concluded, Aharon and his sons were to assume the role as Temple priests, uniquely responsible for the Temple service. A special service was delineated to consecrate the Kohanim in their new status. Moshe commands Aharon to "draw near" to the Altar and begin the prescribed service. Seemingly, Moshe sensed Aharon was hesitant and felt the need to call to Aharon to come forward. The Midrash, cited by Rashi, explains that Aharon felt unworthy and ashamed to approach G-d in the Divine service. Did he not, after all, have a role in the sin of the Golden Calf? Moshe called to Aharon to reassure him and tell him "Do not be ashamed to step forward. You were chosen for this." Simply, Moshe was encouraging Aharon to set aside his reservations; after all, G-d himself chose him for this task. The commentators, however, see a deeper message being conveyed. Moshe was telling Aharon that it was specifically on account of his humility that G-d had chosen him for the High Priesthood. G-d treasures the humble and it is them that He chooses as His agents.

This insight serves as a guide and encouragement in our own lives. Besides the Mitzvos that we all share, each of us is graced with a unique set of talents and qualities. These special abilities present us with our very own "Temple" of service. We may, however, feel unworthy to step forward and actualize our gifts in the service of G-d, our neighbors, and communities. To this, we should hear the charge of Moshe to strengthen ourselves and step forward, not in spite of our humility, but because of it.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Menachem Winter

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TABLE TALK

POINT TO PONDER

Moshe said, "This is the thing Hashem commanded you to do... (9:6)

Given the fact that the Mishkan had already been completed, there was really nothing else for Bnai Yisrael to do in order to merit that Hashem rest His Presence on the Mishkan. Accordingly, Moshe should have used the word "That you did", not that you do.

PARSHA RIDDLE

For which two sins were special korbanos brought during the inauguration of the Mishkan?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last issue's riddle:

What do the Eitz HaDa'as and Haman have in common?

Answer: Hashem asks Adam if he ate from the tree, with the words "Hamin ha'eitz". Hamin is spelled the same as Haman.

TIMELESS WISDOM

A pure man shall gather the ash of the cow and place it outside the camp... (19: 9)

Rav Shmuel Heller zt"l, the Rov in Tzefas in the late 1800s, related the following incident. An Arab farmer was plowing on one of the mountainsides in Eretz Yisrael, and he hit something hard. Digging to uncover the treasure, he found a golden box containing ash. Excited with the value of the box, he brought the box home. When he fell asleep that night, an old man appeared to him and told him, "Return the box to where you found it, it is holy." Shaken up, the Arab poured the ashes into a jar and buried the ashes in the spot from where he had taken them. That night, the old man appeared to him again in another dream. The old man said, "Return the ash to the golden box. The ashes are from the Para Aduma, and the box is from the Bais HaMikdash, and they are waiting for Moshiach to come and for Bnai Yisrael to use it.'

The Arab did not want to part with his newly found wealth, so he told himself, "Dreams are empty - there is nothing to them." The next day the Arab's son died, but the Arab refused to listen to the message of the dreams. It was only after his second son died, and that he himself became ill, that he decided to bury the golden box.

May we all merit to use the box and the ash speedily in our days.

KIDS KORNER

WHO AM I?

#1 WHO AM I ?

1. I was a mitzvah this week.
2. I will kill you in the Bais HaMikdash.
3. I bring out your essence.
4. I work like money and anger.

#2 WHO AM I ?

1. I am for food.
2. Nowadays I am for phones.
3. I could even be for a sheitel.
4. I have many symbols.

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS

#1 Mordechai (My niece was my wife; you can find me in the spices; my enemy was my slave; I was a life saver.)

#2 Esther (Don't confuse me with a greenhorn; I was a prophetess; my identity was a secret; Hashem will hide His face.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gabriel Mellman

To see the complete list of those who answered correctly, visit the Kollel website.

Please see next week's issue for the answers to this week's questions.

All children 13 and under who answer a "Who Am I?" correctly will be entered into a raffle to

win a

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