



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"L

In addition to the Tabernacle structure itself and its concomitant vessels, the people are instructed to make special vestments for the Priests, to be worn when performing the Temple service.

The verses state: "And you shall make sacred vestments for Aharon your brother, for glory and splendor. And you shall speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom, that they shall make Aharon's vestments to sanctify him, that he may serve Me" (28:2,3). While the first verse explains that the special garments are "for glory and splendor," the second verse attributes an entirely different purpose to the vestments: to sanctify Aharon. How do we make sense of this apparent contradiction?

In truth, the sacred vestments, made with G-d's precise instructions as conveyed to Moshe, were imbued with profound spiritual and mystical force. These garments had the ability to sanctify Aharon and the Priests, thereby elevating the Temple service. In addition, the Talmud teaches that the garments effected atonement for the Nation.

The great wonder and power invested in the Mishkan, vessels, and priestly garments, however, would not necessarily ensure that they would be properly appreciated by the Nation. Human nature is drawn to the external, and judgments are often passed on that basis. The Torah therefore instructs that the vestments be created to display their beauty and grandeur, thus imparting the sacred nature of the Tabernacle to the people.

This should serve as a charge to parents, educators, and all who wish to inspire those around them: True, we are blessed with the sublime and majestic gift of the Torah, which requires no addition or embellishment. Nevertheless, we do need to make the special effort to fully communicate and display the "glory and splendor" of our unique and cherished legacy.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Menachem Winter

TABLE TALK

POINT TO PONDER

Aaron and his sons shall arrange it (the Menora)... 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 HaMikdosh, so how could the Torah relate that the command to arrange the Menora would be eternal for all generations? There will be generations that will not be able to arrange the Menora!

PARSHA RIDDLE

Which seforim are named for parts of the *bigdei kehuna*?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last week's riddle: Which of the *Keilim* caused the death of many people, Jews and non-Jews?

Answer: The Aron

TIMELESS WISDOM

And Aaron shall bear the judgment of Bnai Yisrael on his heart constantly... (28:30)

Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach zt"l would meet with people who had troubles and pain on a constant basis. Those with problems would come and pour out their hearts to him. When lunchtime would arrive, Rav Shlomo Zalman would sit at his table, and could be heard mumbling, "There are so many tragedies in the world, how can I enjoy my food and be concerned about eating? I must eat for my health, so I will eat." With that perspective, Rav Shlomo Zalman would eat as if he was being held up at gunpoint, devoid of an appetite because he was totally distraught by the sorrow of others.

KIDS KORNER

WHO AM I?

#1 WHO AM I?

1. I stopped a sin
2. I would answer questions
3. I was enlightening
4. I was stone faced

#2 WHO AM I?

1. Eat
2. Drink
3. Listen
4. Give

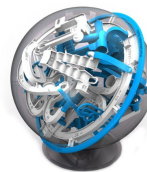
Last Issue's Answers

#1 The Menora: (I was gold, I had blossoms, I had fruit, You can find my picture in Italy).

#2 The Aron: (I was hidden, I was a three in one deal, My place was by the rock, I was uplifting).

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who answer a
"Who Am I?"
correctly will
be entered
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Perplexus
Epic!



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