



The Greater Washington Community Kollel

SHABBOS DELIGHTS

TORAH MINUTE

IN MEMORY OF RABBI KALMAN WINTER ZT"L

Parshas Terumah relates the commandment and undertaking to build the Mishkan – the Tabernacle. Through Moshe, G-d communicates the materials that are to be used as well as precise instructions for the construction. Upon its completion, the Mishkan would be a dwelling place for G-d's Presence. The nation would experience the intimacy of G-d residing in their midst and would be spiritually elevated by this sublime connection.

The most sacred of the vessels, and the focal point of the Mishkan, was the Aron – the Ark. The Ark was to be housed in the Holy of Holies, and would contain the tablets of the Ten Commandments. The Aron's cover was to be made of pure gold and feature two cherubim, one on each end of the cover. The verse instructs that the wings of the cherubim "shall spread upward," and that their faces should be "toward one another."

Rabbi Yitzchak Elchonon Spector zt"l deduces profound lessons from the Torah's directive. The wings of the cherubim, spreading heavenward, symbolize the call to man to journey forth, ever higher. Rather than be satisfied with our spiritual accomplishments, we must realize that we can always ascend higher, coming ever closer to G-d.

That the faces of the cherubim should be toward one another teaches us that, notwithstanding the dizzying heights we may attain, we must be certain to concern ourselves with our friends and neighbors. How are they faring? How can I share the good fortune that I have with those around me? How can I use my experiences to inspire and encourage those who may benefit from them?

Sadly, we no longer have the majesty of the Tabernacle or the splendor of the Temple. But when we heed the lessons of the cherubim, we will have done much to bring G-d's Presence into our midst.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Rabbi Menachem Winter

TABLE TALK

POINT TO PONDER

Ten amos the length of each plank... (26:16)

From here we learn the height of the Mishkan was ten amos (Rashi).

The height of the Kohanim and Leviim were ten amos (Shabbos 92b).

How was Aaron able to enter the Mishkan with his hat on?
Aaron, with the hat, must have been taller than ten amos!
Furthermore, there were steps in front of the Menora. How was Aaron able to ascend them in order to clean the Menora?

PARSHA RIDDLE

Which of the Keilim, caused the death of many people, Jews and non-Jews?

Please see next week's issue for the answer.

Last week's riddle: What should one learn if he wants to become wise?

Answer: Nezikin.

TIMELESS WISDOM

They shall make for Me a sanctuary... (25:8)

Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz related the following incident. "Before one of my trips to the States, I asked the Chazon Ish if there was anything I could help with before I left. The Chazon Ish told me that there was a new elementary school being built that was having a hard time getting a hold of a supply of cement (there was a shortage of cement at that time). 'Please try to find a supply for them' the Chazon Ish asked me."

"I was shocked. This was not a well-known school, and this did not seem to be such an important issue that I should rush to arrange before my trip. When I asked the Chazon Ish he told me, "Torah is the most important thing in the world. Therefore, the schools and institutions that disseminate Torah are the most important entity in the world. Everything else is there to serve the Torah institution. Therefore, it is imperative to assist the growth and development of every Torah institution. Since this school needs a supply of cement to open its doors, that cement is a very important issue that must be addressed before you leave the country."

KIDS KORNER

WHO AM I?

#1 WHO AM I?

1. I was gold
2. I had blossoms
3. I had fruit
4. You can find my picture in Italy

#2 WHO AM I?

1. I was hidden
2. I was a three in one deal
3. My place was by the rock
4. I was uplifting

Please see next week's issue for the answers

Last Issue's Answers

#1 Eved Ivri: (I work for you, I am your master, I came for theft, If I stay too long I may become holey)

#2 Na'aseh V'nishma: (Angelic secret, My utterance saved the world, Impulsive, Now I was forced)

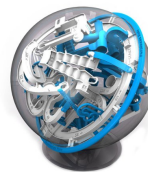
Congratulations to

Levi Greenberg

and to all those who answered correctly this week!

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

Win a
**Perplexus
Epic!**



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