

On Fire

"You shall make a Menorah of pure gold..." (Shemos 25:31)

Chazal tell us that Moshe Rabbeinu had difficulty understanding how to make the Menorah. Because of this, Hashem told Moshe to throw the gold into the fire and the Menorah came out ready-made (Rashi ibid). Chazal also tell us that when giving the mitzvah of Machatzis Hashekel, Hashem showed Moshe a coin made of fire. Why out of all the vessels in the mishkan was the Menorah the one that Moshe couldn't understand? Regarding the half shekel, it seems to me that this was a pretty simple task, so why was it necessary for Hashem to show Moshe a coin made of fire?

I would like to share an answer that I saw. The Menorah, which is made of gold, represents learning Torah, which is "kneged kulam" – the greatest of all mitzvos. However, the half shekel is mere money, which corrupts society and makes people do silly things. Moshe didn't understand how the greatest of spirituality should be represented with gold, and how money could be used to obtain the greatest good, something that is called the "achdus of Yisrael" and the "atonement of each person"?

Moshe was **not** perplexed about the physical aspect of the Menorah or the half shekel. However, he did not understand how these golden items bring about growth in spirituality. For both of these items there is a one-word answer: **Fire!** Meaning if a person has passion, even the most mundane things can have a great impact.

For example, dynamite was originally created to help people build by breaking through rocks. It was not created to be a destructive force against people. But like anything else in the world, it could be used in a positive or negative way. The same could be said with personal wealth, which often breeds distrust and disagreement between people. Yet when money is used for communal needs, it becomes a binding force through which a community can achieve greatness.

The commentators explain that the Shulchan is described in

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Yosef and Esther Lubliner on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Moshe and Tsipora Lubliner.



Boi B'Shalom

Meeting every Erev Shabbos 30 minutes before Mincha.

This week at 16:51



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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Terumah

לוח שבת פרשת תרומה

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:59/17:19	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:21	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:39	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochin Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:15	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:59	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz Shiur	16:40	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	16:55	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:40	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:17	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:40	מעריב ב'

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the Torah before the *Menorah* for the same reason that Zevulun always precedes Yissachar. As great as learning Torah is, it needs to have financial support that is given freely and willingly by those who appreciate the value of Torah. Only with those contributions that are given generously from the heart can in depth study of the Torah be achieved. Therefore, we make the *Menorah* out of gold because we must have the greatest amount of genuine support to facilitate Torah learning at its optimum.

The message that Hashem was giving to Moshe *Rabbeinu* was that objects are neither good nor bad – it is only a question of what one does with them. The *Menorah* should be made specifically from gold, to achieve the greatest amount of Torah study possible. This was contrary to what Moshe thought would be the greatest way of growth.



We might wonder, "Why are these the tools that Hashem gave me to serve Him? He certainly could have given me something that is more beneficial to my spiritual growth?!" We should keep in mind Hashem gave us the exact tools we need to accomplish our goals. Our job is just to figure out how.

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המשך מעמוד 4

עד כמה שלימוד תורה גדול, צריך שתהיה לו תמיכה כספית שניתנת בנדיבות וברצון על ידי אלו שמעריכים את ערך התורה. רק באותן תרומות שניתנות מהלב ניתן להגיע ללימוד התורה לעומק הנדרש. לכן, אנו מייצרים את המנורה מזהב כדי להמחיש את הכמות הגדולה של תמיכה אמיתית הדרושה כדי לתמוך בלימוד התורה במיטבו.

המסר שה' נתן למשה רבנו היה שחפצים הם מטבעם לא טובים או רעים – תלוי רק במה שעושים איתם. בניגוד למה שמשה חשב שתהיה דרך לצמיחה הגדולה ביותר, יש לעשות את המנורה דווקא מזהב, על מנת להגיע לרמה הגבוהה ביותר של לימוד תורה.

לעתים קרובות אנו תוהים, "מדוע אלו הכלים שה' נתן לי לעבוד אותו? הוא בהחלט יכול היה לתת לי משהו שמועיל יותר לרוחניות שלי?" עלינו לשים לב שמה שיש לנו הוא מה שה' נתן לנו, וזה בדיוק מה שאנחנו צריכים כדי להשיג את המטרות שלנו. התפקיד שלנו הוא רק להבין איך.

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Purim!*

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube

Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 16:35 in the hall on the topic **טיוול**.



Leil Shabbos Learning and Onegs

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The Tuesday Halacha shiur is now learning Hilchos PURIM—see how well you do with these questions

Q&A: A Fast Pregnancy

Q On the day before Purim, Tamar Berkowitz was only 3 months pregnant with Adina — and **feeling great**. Does she need to fast on *Taanis Esther* according to the M.B. and A.H.?

A The M.B. brings down several opinions; some hold that a woman does not need to fast and, others which say that she must fast (unless she is experiencing some type of pain or difficulty). The A.H. holds that a pregnant woman does not need to fast on *Taanis Esther* (especially if it not held on the 13th of Adar).

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Q&A: The Absolute Minimum

Q 13-year-old Hudy was too interested in his "Agent Emes" costume to be bothered with *shaloch manos*, but his father Reuven reminded him of the obligation, so he went to the East Side Kosher Mart and bought one small rugela (half an ounce, just over a *kezayis*), and a miniature can of coke (150ml), put them both in a nice "Purim" bag, and presented them to his best friend Josh Feldman. According to the A.H., has he fulfilled his obligation to give *shalach manos* on Purim?

A No. While an olive-sized amount of food, or a *revi'is* of drink, is the minimum amount to be called "food" or "drink," the A.H. says that the person must give a "significant" or "honorable" food gift. Giving the minimum would not fulfill the obligation. Note that if someone wants to give out the minimum to many people, he may still do so, as long as **one** of the gifts contain two "significant" food items. This is because the obligation of *shalach manos* is to give out two gifts to one person.

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בוערים

יצשית מנרת זקב סהור... (שמות כה: לא)

חז"ל מספרים לנו שמשה רבינו התקשה להבין איך עושים את המנורה. בגלל זה אמר ה' למשה "השלך את הכר לאור והיא נעשית מאליה" (רש"י שם). עוד מספרים לנו חז"ל כי בעת מתן מצוות מחצית השקל, "הראה לו כמין מטבע של אש" (רש"י ל:יג). מדוע מכל הכלים במשכן הייתה המנורה זו שמשה לא הצליח להבין? לגבי מחצית השקל, נראה לי שזו הייתה משימה די פשוטה, אז למה היה צורך שה' יראה למשה מטבע של אש?

אני רוצה לשתף אתכם בתשובה שראיתי. המנורה, העשויה מזהב, מייצגת את לימוד התורה, שהיא



"כנגד כולם".

אולם חצי השקל

הוא כסף בלבד, וכסף

משחית את החברה וגורם

לאנשים לעשות שטויות. משה לא הבין כיצד יש לייצג את הצד הגדול ביותר של הרוחניות בזהב, וכיצד ניתן להשתמש בכסף כדי להשיג את הטוב הגדול ביותר, דבר שנקרא "אחדות של ישראל" ו"כפרת כל אדם"?

למשה לא חסרה הבנה לגבי עשיית המנורה או איך נראה חצי השקל. הוא רק לא הבין איך דברים של זהב יכולים להביא לצמיחה ברוחניות? התשובה היא מילה אחת: אש! כלומר אם יש התלהבות, אפשר להשפיע אפילו על הדברים הגשמיים ביותר.

כדוגמה, דינמיט נוצר במקור כדי לעזור לאנשים לבנות, על ידי שבירת סלעים. זה לא נוצר כדי להיות נשק חבלני נגד אנשים. אבל כמו כל דבר אחר בעולם, אפשר להשתמש בו בצורה חיובית או שלילית. עושר כספי גורם לרוב לחוסר אמון ואי הסכמה בין אנשים. אבל כאשר כסף משמש לצרכים קהילתיים, הוא הופך לכוח מאחד שדרכו נוכל להגיע להשיגים גדולים.

המפרשים מסבירים שעשיית השולחן מתוארת בתורה לפני המנורה מאותה סיבה שזבולון תמיד מקדים את יששכר.

המשך בעמוד 2

Learning and Oneg Shabbos

- 16:51 Boi BeShalom Kids' programs (Girls and Boys)
20:45 Boys: Learning followed by Oneg Shabbos at 21:15
20:45-21:45 Bochorim: Learning with special snack table
20:45 Adults: Beis Medrash Learning or Alshich Hakadosh shiur from R' Avishai Hill followed by Oneg Shabbos 21:45

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למי חול	שחרית	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:10	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	
עד פרשת	מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	12:30, 17:27	
תצוה	מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	*Hall	

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