



Thoughts on the *Parsha*

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משנכס אדר מרבים בשמחה

Harav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach Zt"l writes that מרבים בשמחה, increasing our joy, doesn't require external happy actions but rather it's about removing דאגה ועצב, one's worries and sadness from within, to allow oneself to tap into the inner שמחה we each have and to feel happy.

Living with שמחה gives us a special כח, a tremendous power. When Yosef Hatzadik was sold as a slave to מצרים, to the house of פוטיפר, the Torah proclaims "ויהי איש מצליח" "And he was a successful person." What was it that allowed Yosef to become known and respected throughout the land and to withstand the challenges with אשת פוטיפר? The מלכות כהונה explains the מדרש that says, it was that he was "צהל ושמח ולב טוב."

MTI Recent *Happenings*

Yosef Chaim Weil
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Recently all the MTI bo-churim - high school and bais medrash - participated in the annual MTI ski trip. As everyone loaded onto the bus, it was a really exciting environment and atmosphere to be in. When we first arrived at Hidden Valley Ski Resort, we headed towards the gear rental warehouse to pick up our lift tickets and equipment. Some went snowboarding and others went skiing, but no matter what we were doing, we really enjoyed. The ski trip really brought us together and we had a great time hanging out with each other. A highlight of the trip was that for some, this was the first time learning to ski or snowboard and even though they fell, they still got up and kept on trying with encouragement from their friends. Another

Featured Torah *Message*

Nachi Lefton
11th Grade

"ועשו ארון עצי שטים"
(שמות כה, י)

The פרשה in this weeks פסוק talks about what type of vessels to build for the בית המקדש. The תורה uses singular form for all of them besides one: the Aron. Why does the פסוק use plural form for the Aron? The Ramban explains that it's plural because it shows that everyone should be involved in making the Aron. This was because the Aron represented the Torah and Hashem wanted everyone to be zocheh to the Torah.

Obviously, it wasn't possible for everyone to have a hand in building the Aron, but the Ramban explains that they would donate gold vessels, or help a little, or even have intentions to help.

What does it mean by having intentions? Can you just

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Rav Nosson Zvi Finkel

A short time after his wedding, one of the talmidim was asked by R' Nosson Zvi whether he helped his wife in the house erev Shabbos. "Of course," said the talmid. "Our Sages were always careful to honor the Shabbos by participating in the preparations."

R' Nosson Zvi smiled. "Tzadikel! Is it only because of honoring Shabbos, and only from the words of our Sages, that a man is obligated to help his wife? The Torah explicitly commands us to help a stranger unload his donkey; how much more so must he help his wife, to whom he has special obligations, and particularly on erev Shabbos, when there is much work to do and the wife is tired and rushing to finish everything before candlelighting. Is there a bigger mitzvah between man and his fellow than this?"

He embodied the middah of שמחה and was joyous, happy, upbeat and content. Yosef's constant state of שמחה, above all of his other characteristics, was the underlying source of Yosef's strength and ability to navigate through his dark and difficult situation and to become an "איש מצליח."

May we all be zoche this Adar to increase our simcha to empower us to be מצליח in our עבודת ה'.

highlight of the trip was flying down the hill with our friends surrounding us and feeling the cool rush of air in our faces, which felt amazing. Near the end of the trip, we stepped into the nice and cozy Hidden Valley Ski Lodge and had a great dinner while talking about how fun our experiences were throughout the day. The trip to Hidden Valley with the whole MTI was fun and exciting and the environment was so friendly that everyone had a great time. Both the talmidim and the rebbeim really enjoyed themselves.

sit at home and think about it? And although we can understand how those who donated or assisted would be zocheh to Torah, but what about those who just intended or wanted to help?

The answer is that if you have intentions to do a mitzvah it is a big zechus. Even if you were poor or unable to help, having intentions and the desire to do the mitzvah would work - and you would be zocheh to Torah!

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Mazel Tov!

Rabbi & Mrs. Shmuel Wasser & family on the bar mitzvah of their son Yitzy.

ALUMNI SIMCHOS

Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Reiss on the birth of a baby boy and to our board chairman and his wife, Drs. Craig & Jackie Reiss!

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