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Parshas Pekudei

פרשת פיקודי
ו' אדר ב' תשפ"ד

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Yaacov Marmor

Never in any Parsha in the Torah is one phrase repeated over and over again in such a conspicuous manner as in Parshas Pekudei. When one reads through the Parsha, it feels as though almost every Pasuk ends with the innocuous words, "כֹּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֱתֵימֹשֶׁה", as Hashem commanded Moshe.

We already know from parshios Terumah, Tetzaveh, and Vayakel that Hashem commanded Klal Yisroel to build the Mishkan. We also know that Hashem provided exact instructions for how to build every edifice and vessel. Why does the Torah need to tell us dozens of times that Klal Yisroel loyally followed the instructions? Why would we have ever assumed otherwise? To answer this question we must step back and analyze the Mishkan itself.

The Meforshim explain that the Mishkan was an atonement for the *Cheit ha'Eigel*. When Klal Yisroel sinned, they forfeited the right to have the Shechina dwell amongst the nation, and as a result, they needed to build the Mishkan as a place for Hashem's presence to reside. To a certain extent, the building of the Mishkan was able to rectify the damage caused by the *Cheit ha'Eigel*. What was the root of this terrible sin and how was the building of the Mishkan its tikkun?

The Bais Halevi explains, based on the Ramban and others, that when the Jewish people built the Eigel they were not building an idol or worshipping *avodah zarah* *chv's*. Rather, they were trying to create a physical platform that would serve as the hub for Hashem's divine presence, just as the Mishkan ultimately did. Let me explain.

Every object and material in this world has a spiritual root in the higher worlds. When these physical substances are utilized in specific formations and combinations they can generate spiritual responses. Those who are knowledgeable in kabbalah and mysticism actually understand how our physical actions down here can produce spiritual results up there.

The generation that built the Eigel was known as the *Dor Ha'Deah*, the Generation of Knowledge. They understood the inner workings of the spiritual realms because they had witnessed the awesome revelations at *Krias Yam Suf* and *Har Sinai*. At those junctures, Hashem lifted the veil off the physical world and showed Klal Yisroel the inner workings of the universe. He lifted the hood of reality and showed us the spiritual engine of the cosmos.

With this knowledge, Klal Yisroel were able to perceive the type of physical vessel that could draw down and house Hashem's divine presence, and it was with this intention that they built the Eigel. We see from the Mishkan itself, that to some extent, they actually got it right! Ultimately, Hashem's presence *did* rest between two molten images made of gold.

If their intention was to house the Shechinah, and if they understood how to accomplish this, what was their sin? The Bais Halevi explains that their mistake was to believe that they could accomplish this without Hashem's explicit command. Ultimately, the only force that establishes and maintains the causal relationship between the physical and the spiritual is Hashem. Without his command and consent, nothing can be done.

Therefore, in truth, the primary sin of the Eigel was preemptively building a "Mishkan and its Keruvim" before the command was issued by Hashem. It is for this reason, explains the Bais Halevi, that when Klal Yisroel finally build the Mishkan, the Torah continuously specifies "כֹּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֱתֵימֹשֶׁה", as Hashem commanded Moshe, since the Mishkan was the tikkun for the *Cheit Ha'Eigel* specifically *because* it was built by the command of Hashem.

The lesson for us is that we must recognize that the only path to spiritual success is by following the will of Hashem. רבות מחשבות בלב איש ועצת ה' היא תקום, many are the thoughts of man, but ultimately the council of Hashem must prevail. In the words of our parsha, our job in this world is to obey the Torah "כֹּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֱתֵימֹשֶׁה".

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Shabbos Schedule

Friday

Candle Lighting 7:11 PM

Mincha 7:19 PM

Shabbos

Shacharis 7:15 AM

9:00 AM

Class by R' Yaakov 6:15 PM

Lehrfeld

Mincha 7:05 PM

Seudah Shlishis

Maariv & Havdalah 8:12 PM

Weekday Schedule Shachris

Mon/Thurs *6:30 AM

8:00 AM

Tues/Wed/Fri *6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Sunday *6:45 AM

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Mincha/Maariv

Mincha for the week: 7:20 PM

Followed by short Drasha and Maariv



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SHABBOS SHIURIM

- Rabbi Marmor's drasha before Mussaf
- Parsha Chaburah following Mussaf
- Rabbi's class in Tanya before Mincha
- Drasha during Seudah Shlishis



News & Announcements

The deadline for ordering Mishloach Manos is March 17th, don't delay!

- **Mazel Tov** to the **Heller** and **Lehrfield** Families on **Gabi Heller** becoming a Bar Mitzvah!
- Rabbi Yaakov Lehrfield is having a Shiur 50 minutes before Mincha. The Shiur is entitled "Purim- History Repeats Itself"
- **MAZEL TOV** to **Rabbi Shlomo and Risha Schwartz** and **Gerald and Ruth Mayerhoff** of Hollywood on the birth of a grandson, Aharon, to their children **Tzirel and Chanan Mayorhoff** of Kew Gardens Hills as well as the great aunt and uncle, **Jack and Caryn Lockspeiser**
- Rabbi Marmor is collecting money for Matanos La'evyonim that will be distributed on Purim day. Checks and Cash can be dropped off at the office, or money can be sent via zelle to rabbimarmor@gmail.com. Please write "Matanos La'evyonim" in the memo. Tizku l'mitzvos!
- The Hashkama Minyan needs a Baal Korey for Pesach (Yom Tov, Shabbos, and Chol Hamoed). If you are able to help us, please contact Morty Aroll at 786-208-6186. Thank you!
- Rabbi Marmor's men's Shovavim Shiur will meet this week on Thursday at 8:00 pm.
- Rabbi Marmor's women's class on Hilchos Shabbos will meet this Wednesday at 8:00 pm.
- Shiur in Exploring the Art of Prayer with Rabbi Marmor - Monday afternoon 12:00 to 12:45 pm will meet for this week.
- Thursday night Mussar Shiur with Rabbi Yachnes at 8:00 - 8:45 pm.
- Parsha Chaburah will NOT meet this Shabbos. Please contact Chaim Bursztyn for more information 305-904-1142.
- Sunday Semichas Chaver and Sunday Morning Kids Club will meet this week.
- Shiur in Nefesh Hachaim by Yosef Polinsky at 8:45 am on Fridays will meet this week.



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- Shabbos youth groups of Adar Beis are available for sponsorship.
- The Coffee Bar for the month of Adar Beis is available for sponsorship.

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- Shimshon Mindick's Sunday morning Shiur
- Rabbi Marmor's Monday Exploring the Art of Prayer
- Rabbi Yachnes' weekly Mussar shiur (Thursday night)
- Yosef Polinsky's Friday morning shiur

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