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Assembly Notes
PARSHAS TETZAVEH, PARSHAS ZOCHOR 5785
Assembly Theme: Our personal bond with Hashem

Something seems out of place in Tetzaveh. Last week's Sedra included a detailed description of the Mishkan (Sanctuary), its components and dimensions as well as its furnishings: the Golden Menorah, the Golden Table, the Golden holy Ark, the Copper Altar (in the courtyard of the Sanctuary) for offerings.

This week's Sedra Tetzaveh continues with a detailed description of the בגדי כהונה, the special priestly garments, the anointing, the inauguration of the Divine service in the Temple. And then, at the very end, comes the description of the מזבח הזהב (the Inner Golden Altar, placed in the Sanctuary itself) on which incense (Ketores) was burned twice a day by a Kohen.

Why does the Torah not mention this Altar together with all the other furnishings, in last week's Sedra. Why is there a gap of a complete Sedra before the Golden Altar is described? The Rebbe answers that the Golden Altar is described last. and all on its own, because this vessel represents the climax and purpose of Divine service.

At every other service in the Temple there were observers. But when the Kohen offered the incense on the Golden Altar, nobody would be allowed to be present besides the Kohen who was offering the Ketores (incense). (Not even the angels were allowed to be there, says the Talmud). This solitary, intimate relationship with G-d is the goal and purpose of serving Hashem.

A great deal of Jewish life and practice takes place in a social setting. This has a power of its own, not to be underrated . But we must always bear in mind to cultivate our personal connection to Hashem. This intimate connection can then be experienced even when we join in with others.

This personal bond helps us to bring inner peace within ourselves, and can help to bring peace to Eretz Yisrael and to all the world.

PRODUCTION!

Best wishes for the Production! The big days are Sunday and Monday. It is an event which inspires each of you as an individual. It is also a wonderful display of unity, coordination and mutual respect. Furthermore, by expressing your talents together with Achdus and good Middos, you will IYH inspire everyone! Hatzlocho Rabbo!

STORY OF THE REBBE

This story is about a pupil of LSGS. Esther (Stern) Hecht joined LSGS in year 9. BH we are proud of our many pupils from non Chabad communities who take a lot from the teachings and spirit of Chabad to their communities. Esther was inspired by Chabad teachings dedicated her life to being a Shlucha of the Rebbe.

Esther and Mendel Hecht were married and went on Shlichus to Auckland New Zealand. It is a far away country, very different from Crown Heights or Golders Green. There was no Shul; No jewish school and No kosher food shops. They had to organise massive shipments of kosher food every few months, and store it in large freezers.

Every walk in the streets or visiting shops or going to the park was an opportunity to find Jews. It took just a few weeks for them to have a nice group of Jews who were happy to to learn about Yiddishkeit.

Their Shabbos table was graced by lots of guests, a Shul for Shabbos emerged, and they even created a Jewish school which meets on Sundays.

Their children are very much part of the Shlichus. When their oldest daughter Chaya Mushka (Mussia) was five years old, she had friends on the online school; but there were no other Jewish children her age in their community.

On one occasion Mrs Simcha Hecht (a former LSGS student and now a teacher in Crown Heights) visited her children and grandchildren. When she returned to New York, she went to the Ohel and also to the nearby kever (holy resting place) of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka. She said, "My granddaughter who is named after you would love to have someone in Auckland who would be her friend".

Mrs Esther Hecht would take Mussia to the park every day. The very same day that Mrs Simcha Hecht went to the Ohel and to the Rebbetzin, a Jewish woman approached them in the park. She said that she had read about their Chabad activities and wanted to become involved. She had a daughter the same age as Mussia!

The next Shabbos in Shul the new friend was given a Jewish name at the Torah. She attends the Sunday Hebrew school. These girls are now about six years old.

This gave the whole family a wonderful feeling that the Rebbe and Rebbetzin daven for everyone on Shlichus to help strengthen Yiddishkeit.

The Brochos of the Rebbe are available to all. You don't have to go to the other side of the world. Teaching someone or bringing them closer to Torah brings Brochos to everyone and brings Moshiach closer.

GOOD SHABBOS!