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Shabbat Parshat Vayakhel Pekudei- Hachodesh 5783

Sermon – Auhaliav Ben Achisamach lemateh Dan

Adapted From Rabbi Braun's Sermon in 5782

There is an inherent tension between recognizing that everyone is equal in shul and recognizing larger donors. It is the tension between the half shekel that everyone bring equally and the nediv lev that brings to their hearts content from what they have..

Yet, I think that the Torah wants to emphasize the importance of the former idea, the equality, in the smallest of details!

We are introduced to Bezalel, who is filled with the spirit of God and wisdom. He is to oversee all of the people working on the Mishkan. At the end of our introduction to Bezalel we read,

שמות (פרשת ויקהל) פרק לה פסוק ל - ל ד
וְיִהְיוּ לְבָבָו הָיָא אֶהְיֵא בְרַאחִיסְמָרָ לְמִטְהָדָן
Bezalel was also given the ability to teach, and אֶהְיֵא בְרַאחִיסְמָרָ לְמִטְהָדָן.

Was he given to Bezalel? What is his role? Why is he mentioned here or at all!

We find something similar in parshat Ki Tisa, see I have called by name, Bezalel etc. And I filled him with the spirit etc.

שמות (פרשת כי תשא) פרק לא פסוק ב - ו
וְיִמְנֵי הַנֶּה נִתְּנִי אֶתְוֹ אֶת אֶהְיֵא בְרַאחִיסְמָרָ לְמִטְהָדָן

And behold I have appointed with him Auhaliav..

Additionally, in each instance Auhaliav seems to be an afterthought.
There is Bezalel, filled with God and wisdom in all areas, and there is Auhaliav with no description.

Bezalel is the son of Uri, the son of Chur, to the tribe of Yehuda!
Auhaliav is the son of Achisamach, and no further back, to the tribe of Dan.
Bezalel has real yichus and tribal greatness, Auhaliav has neither!

Again, the question arises – what is his function? He seems to be a relative nobody!

The Midrash (Pesikta Zutrata) writes that Auhaliav has to be appointed because פחות משנים על הצבור שררה על עושין שררה על הצבור משנים, any communal appointment has to be in pairs.

In other words, don't think too much about him, he could be anyone, there just has to be someone along with Bezalel.

That might be right, but it makes a terrible sermon!

Rashi (Vayakhel) argues that Auhaliav is chosen to teach us a very important lesson. Hashem specifically chooses a no one from a nobody tribe, Dan is a child of the shefachot, not the primary matriarchs. And Hashem chooses him to stand alongside Bezalel, descended from the great Chur, from the great tribe of Yehuda to teach us what we learn from the following verse in Iyov.

He is not partial to princes;
The noble are not preferred to the wretched;
For all of them are the work of His hands.

Every person is created in the image of God and has inherent value and worth. Family and tribal lineage do not make one person any better than anyone else simply because of their lineage. Bezalel and Auhaliav are equals, despite the societal differences between them.

Especially as we stand before Hashem in the Mishkan, that is a critical message for us to learn. Before Hashem we are all indeed equal!

Rav Chaim Paltiel offers a slightly different approach. The lesson is not for us; the lesson is for Bezalel!

He quotes Rabbi Chanina who teaches us that a person should never become too arrogant. His proof is that the Mishkan was built by two people, Bezalel from a great tribe and Auhaliav from the lowest tribe. Hashem said, let this lowly one come and join the great one so that he should not become too arrogant!

Shabbos

Friday March 17

Candle Lighting
Mincha

6:46 PM
5:50 PM

Saturday March 18

Shacharit
Mincha
Shabbat Ends

9:00 AM
6:45 PM
7:56 PM

Weekday

Sunday March 19 - Friday March 24

Shacharit Sunday
Shacharit Mon - Fri
Mincha

8:00 AM
7:00 AM
6:55 PM

The same thing happened when the Mikdash was built. There was the great Shlomo and there was Chiram, whose mother was from Dan!

Auhaliav is sent to keep Bezalel in check and to remind him that it is the skills they both possess that make them uniquely suited to this job. The skills they worked hard to attain! That is what Hashem wants and why he chooses them, not because of who birthed them or where they came from!

Auhaliav then comes to teach us two critical messages:

- 1.The more it becomes about you, the less it becomes about Hashem and that is certainly not true avodat Hashem.
- 2.It is what we accomplish and who we are that determines our worth, not our lineage or bank account.



Mazal Tov To

Jeanie & Marty Guberman
on the engagement of their granddaughter
Liora Ita Guberman to Shuey (Yehoshua) Fish
of Jerusalem Israel (Formerly Montreal, CA)
Mazal Tov to the parents
Wendy & Richard Guberman of Jerusalem Israel

Dottie Zimmerman on the marriage of her granddaughter
Raquel Zimmerman to Avery Rubin



It's a Baby Girl



Mazal Tov

Chani & Mitchell Gilson
on the birth of a baby girl
Mazal Tov to the grandparents
Cynthia & Noah Gilson
Shoshana & Ted Diskin



It's a Baby Girl



Mazal Tov

Marlene & Alan Cohn
on the birth of a granddaughter
born to their children
Alyssa & Tommy Cohen



March 8
Through
March 31



Pre-Pesach

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WHAT WE NEED: SEALED SHELF STORAGE ITEMS ONLY

Canned tuna, chicken or salmon - Canned veggies - Canned fruit (in juice or light syrup) -
Cooking oils - Shelf-stable milk - Pancake mix & syrup - Peanut butter & jelly - Soups -
Ready-to-eat canned meals - Hot cereals - Cold Cereals - Fruit juice (100% juice)
- No glass containers --Please select low sodium & low sugar options whenever possible

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"No Child's Play": Children in the Holocaust - Creativity and Play

This exhibit, created and developed by Yad Vashem and on loan from the American Society for Yad Vashem, touches on the life of Jewish children during the Holocaust and their struggle to survive. Marlene W. Yahalom, PhD, Director of Education, will present a discussion and tour of the exhibit. This exhibit highlights the creativity and coping these children used to create a semblance of childhood normalcy.



Monday, April 17, 2023

8:00 PM

Congregation Brothers of Israel
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**HOT TAKES ON ISRAEL'S DIPLOMACY,
SECURITY, POLITICS, & US RELATIONS.**

WITH

MR. YONAH JEREMY BOB

Yonah Jeremy Bob lectures on foreign affairs and is the Jerusalem Post Intelligence, Terrorism and Legal Analyst. Speaking in the US, Canada and Israel since 2000, he covers diplomacy, security, the Mossad, war crimes and BDS, cyber warfare and politics. He was an IDF lawyer and worked for multiple ministries. Yonah has provided analysis to CNN, BBC, Al Jazeera, the Washington Post & Sky News.



He will be selling and signing his two books:

Editor/Translator of: **A Raid on the Red Sea** - (March 2021, with former IDF deputy intelligence chief Amos Gilboa): an intelligence and terrorism thriller.

Author of: **Justice in the West Bank? The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Goes to Court** (August 2019)

Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:00pm

**Congregation Brothers Of Israel
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SAVE THE DATE

MARCH

7: Purim Seuda

8: Passover Food Collection

APRIL

17: Yom HaShoah Exhibit

23: Hot Takes on Israel with Yonah
Jeremy Bob

25: Celebrate Israel's 75th Birthday

MAY

8: Lag Ba'Omer Festivities

10: YU Museum Tour Rambam Exhibit

17: Broadway Outing "Parade"

25-27 : Shavuot Learning and
Cheesecake Extravaganza

JUNE

22: CBI Dinner at The Wave Honoring
Rabbi & Tamar's 18 years of Leadership
& Guidance

JULY

3: Independence Day BBQ

13: Mah Jong Fun Game Day

24: Podcast Siyyum

27: Tisha B'Av Classes & Kinot

AUGUST

9: Art in the City with Nancy Traeger

13: CBI Annual Golf & Tennis Outing

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE

May

19-20: Rabbi Ken Spiro

June

9-10: Rabbi Menachem and Adeena Penner

23-24 : Friends of the IDF
Shabbaton

July

28-29: Rabbi Yehuda Sarna

AUGUST

18-19: Rabbi Dr. Ari Lamm



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SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

THURSDAY | 22 JUNE | 2023

LOCATION: THE WAVE HOTEL

Yahrzeits March 18 - March 24, 2023

25 ADAR II	Barry Elbaum for his mother Bella Elbaum, on Saturday, March 18
26 ADAR	David Sharon for his mother Eugenia Sharon, on Sunday, March 19
26 ADAR	Aimee Ostrov for her mother Anne Goldstein, on Sunday, March 19
26 ADAR	Alan Cohn for his brother Martin Cohn, on Sunday, March 19
27 ADAR	Linda Braka for her father Henry M Sager, on Monday, March 20
27 ADAR	Charles Katz for his aunt Dora Katz, on Monday, March 20
27 ADAR I	Robert Bloom for his mother Phyllis Bloom, on Monday, March 20
29 ADAR	Beth Jacob for her uncle Joseph Rassas, on Wednesday, March 22
29 ADAR	Harold Rassas for his father Joseph Rassas, on Wednesday, March 22
29 ADAR	Florence Joffe for her brother Sidney Joffe, on Wednesday, March 22
01 NISSAN	Doris Levin for her father William Levine, on Thursday, March 23
02 NISSAN	Alan Cohn for his father Thomas Cohn, on Friday, March 24

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