



Parent Child Learning

פְּרָשַׁת תְּצַוֶּה

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Topic

Dressed for Success



Read about the clothing the Kohanim were supposed to wear when they served in the Mishkan...

¹[Separate] your brother Aaron and his sons from among the Israelites, [and] bring them close to you so that Aaron, and his sons, Nadav, Avihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, can become priests to Me. ² Make sacred vestments that are both dignified and beautiful for your brother Aaron. ³ Speak to everyone who is naturally talented, to whom I have granted a spirit of wisdom, and let them make Aaron's vestments. These [vestments] will then be used to consecrate him and make him a priest to Me. ⁴ These are the vestments that they shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a knitted tunic, a turban, and a sash. Make them as sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons so that they will be able to be priests to Me. ⁵ [The skilled workers] shall take the gold, the sky-blue, dark red and crimsons wool, and the linen.

⁴⁰ For Aaron's sons, make tunics and sashes. Also make them hats that are both dignified and beautiful. ⁴¹ Place these [vestments] on Aaron and his sons. Then anoint them, and install them, sanctifying them to be priests to Me. ⁴² Also make linen pants to cover themselves, reaching from their waists to their thighs. ⁴³ [All these vestments] must be worn by Aaron and his sons whenever they enter the Communion Tent or offer sacrifice on the altar, performing the divine service in the

שמות פרק כח, א-ה

(א) וְאַתָּה הַקָּרֵב אֶלְיָךְ אֶת אַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ וְאֶת בְּנָיו אִתּוֹ מִתּוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְכַהֵנוּ לִי אַהֲרֹן נָדָב וְאַבִּיהוּא אֶלְעָזָר וְאִיתָמָר בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן : (ב) וְעָשִׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ לְכָבוֹד וְלִתְפָאֶרֶת : (ג) וְאַתָּה תִּדְבֹר אֵל כָּל חַכְמֵי לֵב אֲשֶׁר מִלְּאֲתֵי רוּחַ חֲכָמָה וְעָשׂוּ אֶת בְּגָדֵי אַהֲרֹן לְקֹדֶשׁוֹ לְכַהֵנוּ לִי : (ד) וְאֵלֶּה הַבְּגָדִים אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשׂוּ חֹשֶׁן וְאַפֹּד וּמַעִיל וּכְתָנֶת תְּשֻׁבֵץ מְצַנְפֹת וְאַבְנֵט וְעָשׂוּ בְּגָדֵי קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ וּלְבָנָיו לְכַהֵנוּ לִי : (ה) וְהֵם יַקְחוּ אֶת הַזָּהָב וְאֶת הַתְּכֵלֶת וְאֶת הָאַרְגָּמָן וְאֶת תּוֹלַעַת הַשָּׁנִי וְאֶת הַשֵּׁשׁ :

שמות פרק כח, מ-מג

(מ) וּלְבָנֵי אַהֲרֹן תַּעֲשֶׂה כְּתָנֶת וְעָשִׂיתָ לָהֶם אַבְנֵטִים וּמַגְבָּעוֹת תַּעֲשֶׂה לָהֶם לְכָבוֹד וְלִתְפָאֶרֶת : (מא) וְהַלְבַּשְׁתָּ אֹתָם אֶת אַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ וְאֶת בְּנָיו אִתּוֹ וּמַשְׁחַתָּ אֹתָם וּמִלְּאֲתָ אֶת יָדָם וְקֹדֶשֶׁת אֹתָם וְכַהֵנוּ לִי : (מב) וְעָשִׂה לָהֶם מְכַנְסֵי בָד לְכִסּוֹת בָּשָׂר עֲרוֹנָה מִמְּתַנְנִים וְעַד יַרְכְּלֵם יְהִיוּ : (מג) וְהָיוּ עַל אַהֲרֹן וְעַל

sanctuary; otherwise they will have committed a sin and they will die.
This shall be a law for [Aaron] and his descendants after him for all time.

בְּנֵי בְבֹאֵם אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד אוֹ בְּגִשְׁתֶּם אֶל
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְשֵׁרֵת בְּקֹדֶשׁ וְלֹא יִשָּׂאוּ עֹן וְנִמְתּוּ
חֻקַּת עוֹלָם לּוֹ וּלְזֶרְעוֹ אַחֲרָיו :

...and discuss the following questions based on the text you read.

- 1) Find as many pieces of clothing as you can that the Kohen Gadol was supposed to wear. Is this all of them?
- 2) How many pieces of clothing did the other Kohanim (Aharon's sons) wear?
- 3) When were they supposed to wear this clothing? All the time? Some of the time? If not all the time, then when exactly?
- 4) Does the Torah say why they must wear these pieces of clothing? If so, what's the reason?
- 5) Who made the clothing for the Kohanim? How were these people described in the pasuk?
- 6) [Middle School Question] Why must the clothing of the Kohanim be "dignified and beautiful"? See Ramban. Do you think this was for Hashem's sake for the Kohanim?

For dignity and beauty. That he should be dignified and beautified with fancy clothing, as it says in the verse (Isaiah 61 10) "Like a bridegroom adorned with beauty". Because these garments are the clothing of a royalty, and in their style did Kings dress during the time of the Torah.

רמב"ן

לכבוד ולתפארת. שיהיה נכבד ומפואר במלבושים נכבדים ומפוארים, כמו שאמר הכתוב כחתן יכהן פאר (ישעיה סא י), כי אלה הבגדים לבושי מלכות הן, כדמותן ילבשו המלכים בזמן התורה.