



# MAOR DAVID BOCA RATON CAMPUS

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## IT'S WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART

Gleanings from the Ohr HaChayim

Vayakhel starts with all of Am Yisrael gathered in a crowd so that Moshe could deliver a message to the people after the Egel. Just as after a defeat an army will gather for a debriefing, Am Yisrael was gathered to analyze everything that they had done.

Moshe begins by telling Am Yisrael (Shemot 35:1), "Aileh HaDevarim Asher Tziva Hashem La'asot Otam." HaDevarim means something tangible. This order that Hashem gave Moshe to give to Am Yisrael was something that they could feel and understand and had to perform with their hands not just their hearts. And this order was the Mitzvah of Shabbat. The Torah has already mentioned Shabbat a few times, but here it is repeated again to give us a hint into what our Sages say: Shabbat is equal to the whole Torah, and keeping Shabbat is considered like one observed the whole Torah.

Yeshaya (Chapter 26) states: "Praised is the man that will do so." The Sages learned this Pasuk in Masechet Shabbat (Daf 118) to mean that if someone keeps Shabbat according to the Halakha, even if he worships Avodah Zarah, it is as if the idol worship is erased from his ledger. We understand the importance of the day of Shabbat is valuable to the world and to the soul. As it says in Shemot (31:17): "Shabbat Vayinafash." It means Hashem rested and was refreshed and so too with the human being.

The whole world and all of creation exists because of Shabbat. Rabbi Eliezer ben Parta says, "Why is keeping Shabbat like making the world? As it says (Shemot 31:16): "They will keep to do the Shabbat." That is why the Pasuk says "Aileh HaDevarim/this is the [tangible] thing." And it says "Asher Tziva Hashem La'asot Otam" meaning that Hashem says to make it. Shabbat comes, but each Jew has to make Shabbat in order that it be a real physical experience and not just a spiritual one. And the Ohr HaChayim says that there is much that we can learn and understand from this.

Furthermore, there is no reward in this world for observing the 39 Prohibitions of Shabbat (39 Melakhot). But when Hashem says "Aileh

## SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

**Candle Lighting:** 5:59PM

**Shabbat starts:** 6:17PM

**Dinner:** 7:45PM

**Shachrit:** 9AM

**Z'man Shema:** 9:42AM

**Hatzot:** 12:34PM

**Lunch:** 12:15PM

**Mincha:** After Lunch

**Various Shiurim with**

**Dessert:** Following Mincha

(Parsha, Zohar, Yalkut

Yosef, and more)

**Kids Tehillim:** 5:00PM

**Seudah Shlishit:** 6:10PM

**Shkiya:** 6:17PM

**Motzei Shabbat:** 6:53PM

**Rabbeinu Tam:** 7:30PM

**Arvit/Havdala:** 7:00PM

**Parshat Vayakhel:**

Shemot 35:1-38:20

**Haftarah:**

Melakhim I 7:13-26

HaDevarim,” it means there are certain mitzvot that if a Jew keeps, he is rewarded in this world. But if one just keeps Shabbat alone by himself, this action will not be in the category of a tangible action that you can get reward for in this world. Shabbat must be kept with the community just as the order was given to the community as a whole. The clear understanding, in the correct way, of this Pasuk is: “Vayakhel Moshe Vayomer Aleihem Aileh HaDevarim” - Moshe gathered the community and gave a lecture of Torah. “Tziva Hashem La’asot Otam” – Moshe gave the lecture to Bnei Yisrael: Because of the Tangible Things that Hashem has ordered you to do, all your sins will be erased (just as Rabbi Yishmael mentions in the Midrash).

We also learn that from each order there is a message behind it that needs to be revealed. Like we see in the Terumah (Shemot 35:5): “Yevieh’ha Et Terumat Hashem/he shall bring it as the donation of Hashem.” When someone brings Terumah, it’s as if it was already Hashem’s and he is giving it back to Hashem. This Pasuk shows you very clearly, like you’re pointing with your finger, that for each order besides the general sense there is also a deeper concept. This is what the Sages mean when they say the action of the Terumah is something that comes from the level of the Shekhina: there is the general rule of Terumah and there is more behind it. That’s why the Torah called it “Terumat Hashem” or “donation of Hashem” and not “for” Hashem. And once the giving of the Terumah is completed, it will cause good things to happen and it will lay the foundation for the Ohel that will never be destroyed.

When someone has a desire to do something, the main part of that action is the concept behind it. That’s why the Pasuk (35:5) says, “Kol Nadiv Libo Yevieh’ha.” It means when you have a feeling in your heart to do something, it’s coming from the spirit in your heart. And the spirit in your heart creates the desire to do that action. It means that someone can give more or less than others, but if everyone gives their Terumat Hashem equally it is considered as if all the donations are equal. It doesn’t matter what the quantity is; all that matters is the quality of your heart when you do anything.

#### Halakhot of the Week (Halakhot of Purim)

The Megillah read on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar and during the day of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar. In order to fulfill the mitzvah of Kriat Megillah, he himself has to read it. But because the Shaliakh Tzibur is reading the Megillah and the kahal listens, the kahal fulfills the mitzvah because of the principle of “Shomea Ka’One/He who hears is as he did.” It is very important to pay close attention to the reading of the Megillah and to hear every single word so that you can fulfill the mitzvah of Kriat Megillah.

## NEWS

- Monday and Thursday Minyan this week at 7:30AM. Bagel breakfast to follow.
- Thank you to Natalie’s mom, Freja, for donating to our Matzah Bakery Fund.
- Many thanks to Ilan Mizrachi for taking care of the Shmura flour delivery from New York.
- Thank you to Moshe Chakim for the help and the support in the process of building the Matzah Bakery.
- Mazal Tov to Matan and his fiancée for moving into our growing community.
- Thank you, as always, to Rivka and Orli for cooking and getting everything ready for us to make another wonderful Shabbat.
- We’re still missing \$1500 to complete the oven. Please contact Rabbi Korkos about sponsorship opportunities after Shabbat. Hurry before time runs out.

Bezrat Hashem, we’ll see you in Yerushalayim very soon!!

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