



## MAOR DAVID BOCA RATON CAMPUS

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SHABBAT TERUMAH/SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH ADAR I 5774/JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1, 2014

### TERUMAH, LOVE, AND THE SPIRIT OF HASHEM

Gleanings from the Ohr HaChayim & Rabbeinu Bachaye

Hashem tells Moshe to take a donation from every man who is willing to give one, and to take His donation from them. In the Pasuk (25:2), it mentions "Terumah" twice meaning that when man gives a donation wholeheartedly, it is like Hashem is giving the donation. The Pasuk also adds an extra "vav" to the word "Yik'khu" to make it "V'yik'khu" and the Ohr HaChayim says this refers to the Three Shkalim: One, the shekel from the census; the second, to support the Korbanot in the Mishkan/Beit HaMikdash; and the third, to support the Mishkan/Beit HaMikdash. For the shekel of the census, even if someone wants to give more, he must and is only allowed to give M'chatzit HaShekel. For the Shkalim HaTerumah, he can give as much as he wants. But if the donation doesn't come from his heart, it is not considered Terumat Hashem.

We learn here that when Hashem gave us the instructions for the giving of the Terumah, he gave us a hint as to how to defeat the darkness and give light to our life. We do this with Simcha. Zechariyah HaNavi said, "Not with might nor power, but by my Spirit" said Hashem." Without the Spirit of Hashem, man is open to all sorts of impurities; but if he has the Spirit with him, he could have nothing else and can still persevere.

Giving Terumah without love, without truly wanting to give, is not really giving Terumah. The formula isn't correct if there is no love. With love, with the Spirit of Hashem, anyone can rise above. That's why in the listing of donations to the Mishkan gold, silver, bronze, and everything else were listed above diamonds. Diamonds are the most valuable and should be first!! But those who gave the diamonds gave last, and did so without complete devotion to their act, and so every donation that came before them was considered better and more complete.

When Hashem told Moshe to build the Mishkan, Moshe was shocked. What could human beings possibly build for Hashem? HaKadosh Baruch Hu told Moshe that he will make a Mikdash and Hashem will be there.

#### SHABBAT TIMES FOR BOCA RATON

**Candle Lighting:** 5:44PM

**Shabbat starts:** 6:02PM

**Dinner:** 7:30PM

**Shachrit:** 9AM

**Z'man Shema:** 9:49AM

**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:** 5:45PM

**Shkiya:** 6:03PM

**Motzei Shabbat:** 6:40PM

**Rabbeinu Tam:** 7:16PM

**Arvit/Havdala:** 6:50PM

**Parshat Terumah:**

Shemot 25:1-27:19

**Maftir Rosh Chodesh:**

Bamidbar 28:9-15

**Haftarah:**

Ishayahu 66:1-24

Moshe was still confused. Hashem said that He will give Moshe all the instructions and the first thing Moshe is told is to make the ark from wood. But not regular wood, not cedar wood, not olive wood, not a high quality wood. It should be atzei shitim, a desert wood, wood that could survive without water, without nutrition, in the worst conditions on the planet.

The acacia wood symbolizes what David HaMelekh meant when he said that a human being is like a tree. Just as the tree was living in a physical desert and was lacking in everything except Hashem's support, so too is the Jew in a spiritual desert. But with the Spirit of Hashem, the Jewish People can persevere and overcome everything, elevating the world with them. Khizku vayametz l'vavkhem, kol hayakhalim Lashem (Tehillim 31:25). It means, "Be strong, and let your hearts take courage, all who wait longingly for Hashem." Let your hearts find refuge in the Spirit of Hashem and you will be strengthened.

Shabbat Shalom!!

Chodesh Tov!!

Mishenikhnas Adar Marbin B'Simcha!!

#### Halakhot of the Week

Many times Scotch is aged in used wine, port, sherry, or brandy barrels. The question arises if one is allowed to drink such a Scotch (or other type of whiskey). Maran quoted the Rashba in the Beit Yosef (Siman 122) that if the whiskey is made in a large quantity, it nullifies the wine and it is perfectly kosher to drink even Lechatchila. However, the Shach and Taz comment on the Shulchan Aruch (Siman 99) that such a mixture would be forbidden. So the ruling is, if you follow the rulings of Maran Beit Yosef, you can drink almost any Scotch or other whiskey that was made in a wine barrel. If you don't hold by Maran, you cannot follow this halakha and must check the Scotch before you buy it to make sure it isn't made in a used wine barrel.

#### NEWS

- Mazal tov to Shuki on moving into your new house. Welcome to the community.
- Mazal tov and Siman tov to Matan and his fiancé. Welcome to our community. Congratulations on buying a house.
- We are looking for donations to support Matzat Boca Raton, our in-house matzah bakery. We're only missing \$5,000 so don't miss the opportunity to support this very important mitzvah for our community.
- Welcome back to Rivkah Davidov. We hope you enjoyed your stay in Eretz Yisrael. We missed you very much.
- Toda Rabah LaShem Yitbarakh.