WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

PARSHAS TERUMAH

At the Core We Are One

In this week's Parsha, Parshas Teruma, we read how Hashem commands the Jewish people, to build the Mishkan.

We read about Hashem's instructions on how to build the different vessels and which materials should be used. While most of the vessels in the Mishkan were constructed from a combination of materials, the Menorah and the Kaporess were made from solid gold. In addition, these two vessels were different in how they were built, as welding was forbidden. They were only to be hammered from solid chunks of gold.

What significance do these two hold? Why did they have to be made of one solid piece?

The Kaporess covered the Aron, the ark. It was a rectangular plate that had two cherubim protruding

"EVEN WHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HASHEM **GETS ROCKY.** YOUR SOUL **REMAINS ONE** WITH HIM"

from the top, one had the face of a girl, the other a boy. It symbolized the relationship between Hashem and the Jewish people. It is one solid piece because though at times our relationship seems rocky, we are essence one and therefore symbolized by one solid piece.

The Menorah symbolized the relationship of the

Jewish people to one another. The Menorah had seven branches, suggesting that we have differences. Again, it was from one solid piece, because at the core we are one. This core is the Neshama, the soul, which is truly a part of Hashem. The more we are in tune with our Neshama, the more love you feel towards other Jewish people, because he and you share a single essential core. Loving him is loving yourself.

Both were made of pure gold to show how important these ideas are, to accomplish our mission, to change the world into a Mishkan, a place where Hashem's presence can dwell openly.

First, being one with Hashem, we can accomplish extraordinary things. We can change the world.

Second, each of us has a unique mission, yet, we are all in this together. Being there for each other is necessary to accomplish our common goal. Loving each other is the catalyst for change.

Let us strengthen our bond with Hashem and with each other. This will surely help us complete our mission and usher in the coming of Moshiach. May he come soon.

Despite facing one of life's most difficult challenges Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz continues to spread joy and faith to thousands around the globe. Diagnosed in 2012 with ALS, Rabbi Yitzi is now 95% paralyzed and no longer able to speak or breath on his own. Thanks to the miracle of technology. Rabbi Yitzi continues to spread his wisdom through his eyes, focusing on each and every letter of these Torah articles. Rabbi Yitzi, his wife Dina and their seven children are the Rebbe's Shluchim to Temecula, California



"As a fellow pal struggling with my own personal difficulties and as an admirer of you for years, Rabbi, I cannot tell you how important it was to see your post today. You are the first on my Mi Shebeirach list in my daily prayers and will be until you are blessed with a complete recovery.

- Toger F, Raleigh, NC

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