

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

PARSHAS VAYAKHEL

Without Guilt

In this week's Parsha, Vayakhel, we read about the participation of all the Jewish people, men and women, in donating to and constructing the Mishkan, the Tabernacle.

After the sin of the golden calf, Hashem's presence left the Jewish camp. The Mishkan was meant to be a dwelling place for Hashem's presence; so that It be among us once again. Hashem's command to build the Mishkan was a clear indication that He forgave us.

Later we had various Mishkans in Israel and finally the first and second Temples in Jerusalem.

Now that we have neither Mishkan nor Temple, how do we merit Hashem's presence in our midst? The Torah tells us that the women brought more than the men. But the fact is, that they were not involved in the sin of the golden calf. Why were they so driven to be involved?

Today, one of the ways to do the mitzvah of building a Mishkan is by making our home a dwelling place for Hashem. Each and every one of us can be involved. Men by keeping Torah study and prayer times, women by keeping a kosher home, and children by getting a Torah education. Being that the mother is the backbone of the Jewish home, and she naturally understands the value of having Hashem's presence blessing her home, she sets out to design and manage her home in a way that will create an environment for Hashem's presence.

Her family is mostly influenced by her, her attitude, her insistence on a Jewish atmosphere, and her ability to move her husband and children in the right direction. Because she knows intuitively that the future of Judaism rests

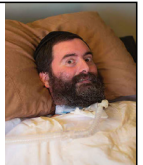
in her hands.

Although the men also gave and were involved in the construction of the Mishkan, their involvement didn't reach the level and enthusiasm that the women displayed. This is for two reasons. First, while the men were obligated to give, the women were not. The men gave from a sense of obligation, the women gave from their hearts. Second, when giving, the men felt the guilt of sin golden calf, the women felt their connection to Hashem and yearned for His presence and closeness.

Every man, woman, and child can now give of themselves from a place of love and closeness. In this way, every family can make their home into a Mishkan. In this merit, Hashem will surely send Moshiach. May it happen soon.

This article was typed in 2016 and dedicated to Devorah Schochet, in honor of her birthday. "May Hashem always be with you. And may we merit either a cure to ALS or a miracle. Ben, keep strong."

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.



*"Dear Rabbi Yitzi,
Your post today was incredibly inspiring!
It's insane how someone with so many hardships can look on everything with such a positive light!
Thank you!"*

- A.S., Brooklyn, NY

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Our dear brother, Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz, the Chabad Rabbi in Temecula California, was diagnosed with ALS nine years ago. He is celebrating his 50th birthday on Shabbat, 2 Adar 2 (March 5) • Rabbi Yitzi has always demonstrated a huge passion for the Rebbe's Tefillin Campaign, to help others fulfill the Mitzvah of Tefillin. • Unfortunately, he is physically no longer able to help others with this Mitzvah due to his condition. • Let us join together with the greatest vigor yet to give Yitzi the greatest birthday gift and fulfill his birthday wish: Our goal this year is to help **30,000** Jews put on Tefillin! Let us reach EVERY Jew in the world with this Mitzvah, and **LET'S MAKE MIRACLES!**

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