

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

PARSHAS NASSO

The Significance of Every Jew

This week's Parsha, Nasso, is the longest Parsha with 176 verses. It is always read right before or right after Shavuoth. This is a clear indication, that there must be something of great importance to be learned from here, that is central to keeping the Torah.

The Parsha starts with the tribe of Levi's responsibilities, moving the Mishkan. Then you have the Cohen's blessing. Finally, it ends with the offerings brought by each of the Israelite (Yisrael) tribal princes for the Mishkan's inauguration. This adds to the central importance of the message, to each tribe and each classification, Cohen, Levi, and Yisrael, with regards to our service of Hashem, symbolized by the Mishkan.

What central lessons can be learned from these three sections, Levi's responsibilities, Cohen's blessing, and Yisrael's inaugural offerings?

The service of the Levi was manual labor, moving and hauling parts of the Mishkan. This teaches us that even physical work can be holy and that we must serve Hashem not only with Torah and Mitzvos but also through our physical day-to-day actions.

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The Cohen, with love, blesses all the Jewish people with blessings of physical abundance, physical grace, and physical peace. The Cohen is made to recognize that Hashem loves and values every Jew, in every place and at every time, and wants him to have physical abundance, etc. So too, we

must recognize the value of every Jew and seek to have them included in Hashem's service. We must find pleasure in each other's good fortune and seek to help those who haven't found theirs yet.

It seems that all the princes brought the same offering. But if one is to delve deeper into the

symbolism of each prince's offering, you will find, that what looked the same, was, in fact, unique in meaning and therefore, truly different. When we do a mitzvah, it might seem that it is the same as the next person's mitzvah; we both put on Tefillin, and we both light Shabbos candles. In truth, we are all different. And though we are doing the same action, the Mitzvos we do couldn't be more unique. No one can do your mitzvah. This is why each offering had to be separately written. Because although they look alike, they are not.

So you see, your physical action is holy, your physical abundance is cherished and your Mitzvos are unique, the same but different. We can't do without you.

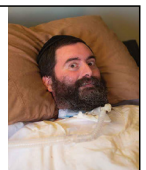
The Jewish people and the Torah are one. We are the ones who live it, we are living Torahs, and everything we do could be holy and special.

Writing these Dvar Torahs made me realize that I have my unique way of seeing the world. It made me realize that I have something different to contribute. Thanks to you, I feel that my efforts are valued, and I feel loved and cherished. I guess you really do get this, even if you haven't thought about it.

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Dedicated in honor of my daughter Mussie, in honor of her birthday, we love you Mussie.

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.



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