

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

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PARSHAT TZAV

I Wood If I Could

In this week's Parsha, Tzav, we read, "The fire that was burning on the altar should not be allowed to go out, and the cohen must kindle upon it wood, every morning."

The fire on the altar was a G-dly fire that remained, whether the wood was added or not.

What was the purpose of adding the wood? What can we learn from this?

Every one of us is a *Beis Hamikdash*, a Holy Temple. At our spiritual center, our altar, is a G-dly fire that could never be extinguished; this is our Neshama, our G-dly soul.

One may mistakenly think, "I am a Jew at heart. Isn't that enough? I will set myself on auto-pilot; my current direction is good enough for me."

PLEASE, DO NOT TAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS FOR GRANTED. GRAB THE OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP DEVELOPING THEM.

We can take a lesson from this for our personal relationships. One may mistakenly think, "they know how I feel, that should be enough." You might think, "I give them everything they want," that should

be enough. To this, the Torah says, "The cohen must kindle upon it wood every morning." You must invest your physical, mental, and emotional self into the relationship regularly.

It is now over two years (I wrote this in 2015) that my arms and lips stopped working. I ache to hug and kiss my children. I ache to speak to them and tell them how much I love them and how proud I am of them. Now more than ever, I see the value of these things.

Please, do not take your relationships for granted. Grab the opportunity to develop relationships with the ones you love. Keep adding wood to your fires. Don't wait for the "right moment." Do it now.

"I was on a particular moment of my life when I heard Shine A Little Light and at the same time I watched the mini documentary about Rabbi Yitzi...I felt so inspired and I could say that Rabbi Yitzi has saved my life...I pray every day for his refuah."

- Zalman L, Mexico City

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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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