

Parashat Trumah • פ' תרומה

PARNESS HAYOM ADAR

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The Inner Meaning of the Menorah

We find ourselves in the midst of the details of the construction of the Mishkan. These parshiyot seem at times very technical and with little relevance to our lives. In fact the opposite is true. One can learn many valuable lessons from these details.

Moshe Rabbeinu himself had difficulty with the construction of the Mishkan. According to the Midrash, Moshe tried several times to fashion the Menorah, but was unsuccessful. He asked Hashem for aid and Hashem told him to throw the gold into a fire and it miraculously came out completely shaped as was instructed.

What is so special about the Menorah that its construction was even beyond Moshe's understanding?

The Menorah was sculpted from one solid piece of gold into 7 branches, 22 cups, 11 knobs, 9 blossoms, totalling 49 components. If we add the menorah itself we get 50 (this is a common concept in *gematria* called—kollel).

In Kabbalistic terms, there exists 50 Shaarei Binah (levels understanding), where the highest level is represented by Hashem Himself.

As was taught by Chazal, Moshe Rabbeinu was able to reach the 49th level of understanding. As taught in the verse:

וַתִּחַסְרֵהוּ מִעֶטְמָא קִים (Tehlim 8:6). This refers to Moshe reaching the highest spiritual level a human can achieve, which is one less than Hashem.

Now we can understand why Moshe had trouble with the Menorah. The Menorah represents the entire 50 Shaarei Binah and Moshe only reached level 49.

Chazal teach us that those who want to achieve understanding should orient themselves to the South, if you want to achieve wealth, one should orient themselves to the North. The Menorah was placed in the Southern part of the Heichal (Sanctuary) and we are charged to emulate the Menorah.

According to Chazal there are 7 spheres of wisdom. Each one represented by one branch of the Menorah. Interestingly enough, the 6 outer branches faced the centre branch, which represents the Torah and Divine wisdom. We learn from this that one should use all the wisdom of the world to direct himself to Torah and to Avodat Hashem.

As we see, the details of these parshiyot have many interesting hidden meaning that we can fulfill the command of "Ve'Assu li Mikdash" (build me a Tabernacle) inside each and every one of us.

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Haftara: Kings I 5:26–6:13

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