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*Parashat **Tetzaveh** (Shushan Purim) Maqam Raast*
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The Midrash teaches us: When Hashem instructed Moshe to bring close Aharon, to give the priesthood to his brother instead of him, Moshe felt negatively about this. Hashem then told him that he had given him the Torah. This is hard to understand at face value. How could Moshe, the humblest of men, be bothered that his brother Aharon was being appointed as Cohen Gadol instead of him? Also, what was the connection through Hashem's answer – I gave you the Torah? The author of *Avne Kodesh* explains: When Moshe delayed in returning from heaven with the Torah, the nation demanded that Aharon create for them an idol, the Golden Calf, to guide and protect them. The Pasuk says that Aharon 'saw', the Hebrew word can also be translated as Aharon was *afraid*. Aharon knew that they were grievously mistaken, but he calculated that if he defied them, they would kill him, and if they did, that would make their sin and rebellion even worse. Indeed, Hur, whom Moshe had assigned to share the leadership with Aharon in his absence, had resisted and been killed. Aharon therefore stalled for time. He asked them for the gold and jewelry of the women and children. He was certain that they would refuse to surrender it immediately, and by the time the rebels succeeded in seizing the gold, Moshe would probably be back, squelching the panic. But Aharon miscalculated, for the people

were so enamored of the prospect of a new leader, the temptation of an idol which was great in those times, that they had the gold in hand without delay. He had also explained that he would need to be the one to fashion the gold, not them, thus enabling him another opportunity to delay the outcome and stall for more time until Moshe's return. Aharon called out that there would be a festival for Hashem tomorrow. He built an altar for a major religious festival the next day, in the hope that either their enthusiasm would dissipate or that Moshe would be back. Aharon personally attended to all the preparations, so that he would be doing so under protest, instead of allowing the nation to do so with fervor and excitement, thus saving them from the terrible spiritual blow such actions can cause to those committing such sins. All Aharon ever wanted to do was save the nation, and protect the people from themselves. But don't we know the Halacha that one cannot commit even a light sin himself in order to save his friend from committing an even harsher sin? For example: If someone is baking on Shabbat, which would be a harsh sin if the bread remains in the oven until it is baked, someone else cannot come and remove the bread to prevent it from baking further, even though removing it is only a light sin in comparison with the harsher sin of it baking completely. If so, how

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could Aharon create the Golden Calf, in his delayed and unintentional efforts, just in order to try to save the nation from a harsher sin they would have committed themselves? The answer is: this is only true when trying to save an individual from a harsher sin. However, if you are trying to save a group or many others, especially a nation, from performing a harsher sin, then a person can even perform a light sin to save them from themselves. Now, let us return to our original question: How could Moshe react negatively to the news of his brother being appointed as Cohen Gadol? Because Moshe had broken the first Lulav, which he had not been permitted to do. Who had allowed him to do so? Rather, Moshe reasoned: if he broke the Lulav, then Bnei Yisrael would only be judged for the sin of the Golden Calf as if they were unmarried to the Torah, since they had not yet received it, so if it was now broken, they would not be judged as an unfaithful married partner. Hashem then agreed with Moshe's actions. He told Moshe that He had given him the Lulav, which he broke without permission, and that He would now be giving him a second Lulav in the merit of saving the people from the terrible consequences of a severe sin by committing a lighter infraction himself. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Insights on Purim

1 – We recite in one breath the ten sons of Haman beginning from *'five hundred men'* because those sons were the officers over those five hundred men, one son per fifty.

2 – *"Let the king and Haman come today"* We know that when two men encounter a Nidah, if she had just began then one will face death, but if she is ending then the two men will fight. The law during those times was that concerning a law decreed by the king, if one of the designers of the law dies before it is carried out then it is nullified. Esther was Nidah at the time, as it says *"The queen was greatly distressed"* Therefore, Esther invited both men into her quarters at that time for two days in order that the two men would fight, followed by the death of Haman, and therefore resulting in the nullification of the decree.

History in Brief

50 years after the Temple's destruction, in the year 118AD. Many Jews were exiled to live in Rome, against the better wishes of the Romans, as the Jews that lived in their land did not assimilate or even slightly mix with their citizens. The Jews chose to remain isolated in one area of the land, completely separating from the Goyim, and continuously hoped to one day return to Sion and the Bet Hamikdash. Rabi

Eliezer had three sons, who were great Torah scholars, that lived in Rome: Rabi Eliezer Ben Matia, Rabi Yochanan Ben Matia, and Rabi Yehoshua Ben Matia. When Rabi Eliezer Ben Matia left the land of Israel, he tore his clothing, declaring that living in Israel is equal to all the Mitzvot, but he left nonetheless because the people needed him. He would sit all day in the Bet Midrash in Rome and busy himself in Torah. His face was like the sun, and his appearance compared to a ministering angel. He had never looked at a woman in his life. Now, the Satan appeared as a woman and wished to cause him to stumble. To protect himself from sin, he gouged out his own eyes. The angel Raphael came to heal him, but he did not let, until the angel assured him that the Satan would leave him alone, and then he allowed the angel to heal him. The people would have the custom to recite Shirat Hayam every day in Zemirot, whether in Spain or in Europe, however, on Tisha B'Av they would recite Haazinu instead of Shirat Hayam, in mourning over the Temple's destruction.

Health and Recovery

As we constantly travel everywhere all the time by car, bus, train, and other means of transportation, we are not walking under the sun and limiting our natural exposure to the sun, and its ability to provide us with much needed vitamin D. Even when we walk, the large buildings block much of the sunlight. By the time we reach adulthood, after spending many years in school, our bodies have only received about half the necessary amounts of sunlight and vitamin D. This is even worse for those whose bodies would anyway have been deficient and in need of extra vitamin D in the first place. The deficiency over the years causes weakness in the bones, which results in pain, aches, a bad posture, and an increased chance of breaking bones in the event of an injury or accident, as well as a slow and incomplete recovery to follow.

Mussar: Hashem's Kindness

We must constantly grace and thank Hashem for the countless blessings He bestows upon us every day throughout our entire life. He gives us even though we haven't earned it. He has created us from nothing. He has given us a body which is composed with countless wonders and outstanding wisdom. We were given a powerful and holy soul. We have intelligence in order to decipher between good and bad, right and wrong, and the ability to think and observe in order to recognize our Creator and Master. Hashem feeds us and gives us our necessities – even extras as well as some luxuries. He does not forsake us and cares for us every moment. The least we could do is recognize His

greatness and bless His holy name in the world. Do not slumber and be ungrateful. Sing His praises to others and spread His presence throughout the world. He has created us in the form of His image, and blew a living soul within us, a soul of superiority and sovereignty; a soul with wisdom and great power, with the ability to understand and develop, greater than any other creation. The body is so complex and the mind is the control center. We must realize the awesome gift of life and praise Hashem with great devotion and emotion. Those who praise Hashem in this lifetime will praise him after a long life in the next world – where the true praises are spoken. May Hashem watch over us, Amen. (*Ma'alot Hamidot*)

Rishon LeSion: R' Yehuda Navon 1770-1845

When R' Avraham, friend of the Rishon LeSion, on his way home one day noticed soldiers arresting a young Arab boy who was crying out for help, his heart had mercy and he asked the soldiers what the young Arab boy might have done to deserve this. They explained that he was a rebel, had acted against the government, and deserved death by hanging. R' Avraham asked them to please wait until he first discussed this matter with the correct parties in the government. Immediately he went to visit the Pasha, and after a few minutes of pleasantries, he got right down to the point. Why was the young boy being put to death? The leader got angry and explained that this boy was a traitor who had assisted the enemies of the government! R' Avraham knew the Pasha well, and understood that in this situation a bribe would be effective in saving the boy from death. He took out a number of golden Lirot from his pocket and with great respect he humbly requested for mercy to be shown for the young boy, that he should be punished with hard labor instead of death by hanging. With the glint of the gold in his eye, the Pasha agreed, and R' Avraham quickly ran to the soldiers to inform them that they were relieved from performing the execution. The young Arab boy went down on his knees and kissed the feet of R' Avraham for saving his life. Such a gracious act of kindness brings reward in this world and in the next world, and soon enough R' Avraham would see the fruits of his good deed of saving a life.

Story

Reuven, the poor water carrier, had fled from the Sefer Torah banquet in shame, hungry and embarrassed. That evening, after everyone had left, the wealthy man sat in his study learning Gemara, tired from all the festivities. He fell into a deep sleep. He saw himself being lifted up by a strong force and carried away to a dark place in a remote location. He found himself in

the middle of a dark and empty desert, all alone. He then noticed a light a distance away, but was concerned that perhaps there were plunderers, thieves, and murderers waiting for those who crossed their path unknowingly. He had no choice but to investigate the source of the light. With heavy and tired footsteps, he reached the location, and suddenly a palace stood before him. This scared him. Who would live in a palace in the heart of a desert? Perhaps the inhabitants were demons and evil spirits. Suddenly he heard from within announcements declaring the presence of David HaMelech! Make way for the king! Then he heard announcements declaring the presence of R' Yisrael Baal Shem Tov! Wow, he could not believe his ears. He looked around to get a glimpse of them, but all activity was happening from within the walls of the palace, and he was still outside, in the dark and empty desert by himself. He then heard a question ring out from the palace.

Two Halachot: Posek Rav Mordechai Eliyahu

1 – When Purim falls out on Friday, as it does this year, the Mekubalim instruct us to have the Seudah in the morning after Shaharit, and continue until midday Chatzot. If one did not do so before Chatzot, he should do so before 2:00pm.

2 – All Mitzvot of Purim are performed by women as well as men: Megillah, Al HaNissim, Seudah, Mishloah Manot, Matanot LaEvyonim, except drinking alcohol and becoming intoxicated which is forbidden for women. The Minhag is to eat seeds, vegetables, and grains in the Seudah, as Esther ate such produce while in the palace of the king, and did not eat non-kosher meat and dishes. One must also drink wine, as Vashti's downfall came about through a feast with wine, enabling the opportunity for Esther to take her place and bring about the downfall of Haman, which also came about through a feast of wine.

Laws:

1 – When checking raw chicken eggs, if blood is found in the yoke, then you throw out the egg, but if blood is found in the white, then you can just discard the blood and eat the egg. This applies only if the egg was produced through an actual male and female.

2 – Eggs produced without the male, only through a technological machine and the female chicken, then even if blood is found in the yoke, you can just discard the blood and eat the egg.

3 – If you do not know how the egg was produced, then you can be lenient and assume that most eggs produced today do not involve the male.

4 – If you have an egg not produced with the male, but rather with technological machines, and there is blood,

but you forgot to remove the blood before using the egg, then you can still eat it.
5 – One can swallow an egg and need not check it before for blood.

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