



# TORAH 4 TEENS

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### Acts of Chessed

There are different types of chessed. When someone donates money, time, or other kinds of help, it is definitely a mitzvah, but when they do this only with the intention of helping someone in need, it's a stronger kind of chessed. We can see this in this week's parsha, when Moshe Rabeinu asked Bnei Yisrael to donate items for the building of the mishkan, but only on the condition that they give for Hashem's sake. They gave so much that Moshe had to tell them to stop.

We don't have the mishkan today, but we can still do acts of kindness for others only for the sake of the mitzvah, like ביקור חולים or לשמח חתן וכלה. For example, when you visit a sick patient in the hospital, you can tell them happy stories to help them remember the good times in their lives. When you go to a wedding and dance with the bride, you're participating in their simcha and increasing their happiness. When you do either of these mitzvot, you are doing them

without expecting anything in return - no strings attached - just for the mitzvah and to bring G-d closer to us. Shabbat Shalom



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In פרשת ויקהל Moshe gathers all of בני ישראל and tells them all the things that Hashem has commanded them to do. This included the commandment to contribute materials for the משכן and the construction of the משכן. "וַיָּבֵאוּ כָל אִישׁ אִשׁוֹ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׂאוֹ לְבוֹ וְכָל אִשׁר נָדְבָה רֹחוֹ אֹתוֹ הֵבִיאוּ אֶת תְּרוּמַת ה' לְמַלְאכַת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְלִכֹּל עֲבַדְתּוֹ וּלְבַגְדֵי הַקֹּדֶשׁ"

"Whose heart inspired him."

In מצרים, the Jews didn't learn finer skills. There were no Jewish artists as they weren't trained and couldn't spend time developing their talent. The Rambam says that there were Jews who even though they were unskilled, had the natural ability and were inspired and uplifted to volunteer for

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whatever needed to be done. In addition, they believed that Hashem would help them perform His will properly.

The Or HaChaim says there were 2 types of givers. There were those whose spirit motivated them voluntarily and wholeheartedly to give what they could afford. But, there was another group of even greater people whose hearts inspired them to do more than they could afford because of their desire to share in the construction of the **מִשְׁכָּן** was so great.

From this we learn an important lesson. It is always important to give, and to give what you can afford. However, we should try and get to a point that we aren't just motivated to give. We should try and become like the group of great people. To get to a point where our hearts are inspiring us to give as much as we can. ■

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