



# TORAH 4 TEENS

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## THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING OUR GOALS IN LIFE

In our parsha, we are told that עם ישראל would follow Hashem's sign on their travels through the Midbar: "על פי ה' יחנו ועל פי ה' יסעו". Sometimes בני ישראל would stay for a while, Rashi tells us a year or more, and sometimes they would not stay even a full day.

Although we no longer have ענני הכבוד guiding us, there is still a powerful lesson here. Am Yisrael is on a long journey toward the final goal: reaching Eretz Yisrael. Similarly, in each of our lives, we pass through different stations on the way to our destination. We must listen to ourselves and let Hashem guide us, knowing when to stay and when to move on. That "gut feeling" we experience is really Hashem's guidance.

The same applies on a national level. We must turn to Hashem and seek His guidance regarding where to dwell and where to keep moving. But unlike in the Midbar, we must make those decisions ourselves in order to bring the Mashiach and the Geula.

## LIGHTING UP EVERY JEW

In Parashat Beha'alotcha, the Torah says: "When you light the lamps." Rashi teaches that Aharon had to hold the fire to the wick until the flame could burn on its own.

There is a beautiful lesson here: when you help another Jew, one moment of inspiration is not enough. You need to stay with him and support him until he is strong enough to keep going by himself.

This was what made Aharon so special. He did not just give people a quick spark, he gave them a real, lasting light that stayed with them.

There is also another idea here: the Menorah was made from one single piece of gold, showing us that all Jews are one. When you help another Jew grow, you do not lose any of your own light. Everyone simply shines more.

That is the power of a true Jew: to light up the people around him, so that even when he is gone, the light keeps going. ■

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