

## Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

**The Torah** states: "Cover (the ark) with a layer of pure gold on the inside and outside and make a gold rim all around its top" (Ex. 24:11).

**Why** was it necessary to cover the ark with gold on the inside?

**The Talmud** (Tractate Yoma 72b) comments that from here we see symbolized that a Torah scholar must be pure inside as well as outside to be considered a *Talmid Chacham*, a Torah scholar. That is, just as the ark which symbolized Torah knowledge had gold on both the inside and the outside, so too a Torah scholar is not someone who just speaks wisdom on the outside, but he must also internalize his wisdom and live with it.

**There** have been many intellectuals throughout the ages who have espoused profound philosophical ideals. They have expressed the most elevated thoughts of universal love for humanity. However, in their own private lives they have been arrogant and cared only for their ideas, but not for the people with whom they actually had to deal with on a daily basis. This is not the Torah concept of a *Talmid Chacham*, Torah scholar. To be considered a true Torah scholar and not merely someone who carries a lot of book knowledge with him, one must practice the lofty ideals that he speaks about. This has held true for all our revered Torah scholars both in ancient and modern times.

**Our** lesson: Whenever you speak about lofty thoughts, ask yourself whether you actually follow the principles you speak about. If not, do not stop speaking about those ideals, rather you should elevate your behavior.

## Got A Halachic Question?

Need a quick answer  
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### Davening Times

**Shacharit**  
Monday & Thursday – 06h00 & 06h40  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 06h15 &  
06h45  
Sundays & Public Holidays – 07h00

Mincha – 18h15

### Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoed

1st Minyan – Davening will commence  
at 05h45 throughout the week  
2nd Minyan – Davening will commence  
at 06h30 throughout the week

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9 February	5:00:05 AM	8:28:24 AM	6:55:12 PM
10 February	5:00:54 AM	8:28:52 AM	6:54:31 PM
11 February	5:01:43 AM	8:29:19 AM	6:53:50 PM

## Make the Connection

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09 February 2019  
04 Adar I 5779

Candle Lighting: 6.15pm  
Parsha: Terumah  
Mincha: 6.10pm  
Havdalah: 7.28pm  
Haftarah: Avron Alter



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### Shabbat Shalom U'mevorach

I trust you will enjoy the refreshing new look "Kugel" coming soon. I invite your comments and suggestions on how we can make it even better going forward. We have a lot of fun putting it together and hope there is always something of interest for you.

I came across an idea during this week that I thought to share with you. The story is shared by Rabbi Avi Billit and was told to him by his sister. Not long ago in a well-known bakery in Jerusalem her friend (from whom she heard the story) was standing behind the famous Russian refusenik Natan Sharansky. She told him she had just cited from his book this week in a class she was teaching on Sefer Tehillim, sharing his inspiring story of how he had kept a tiny book of Tehillim with him at all times, even when he had to struggle with the authorities to get it back. At that point, Sharansky smiled, reached into his shirt pocket and pulled out a tiny (palm-sized) tattered book of Tehillim. Stunned, she asked him "Do you carry that wherever you go?" Sharansky didn't even pause and he replied "**Actually, it carries me!**"

There are literally Psalms for every occasion, for every need and situation. Here are just a few examples the list way too large to print here, however if you have a specific requirement call me with pleasure.

**Psalm 4** for any need. **Psalm 12** for protection of bad advice. **Psalm 14** to be saved from gossip. **Psalm 18** for thanksgiving for a miracle. **Psalm 24** for financial success. **Psalm 19** for wisdom. And lots and lots more!

Let us each take on reciting Tehillim, even just one or two daily and allow that to carry us and to lift us all. I am happy to share my favorites with you.

G d Bless you!

**Rabbi David Shaw**

### Parashat Terumah: A Summary Aliya by Aliya

**1st Aliya:** A list of raw materials necessary for building the Mishkan was presented to the Bnei Yisrael: gold, silver, copper, wool dyed sky-blue, dark red, and crimson, linen, goat's wool, ram skins, acacia wood, oil, spices, incense, and precious stones. The Ark is described in detail.

**2nd Aliya:** The cover of the Ark and the Cherubim are detailed. The weight of the cover alone, without the Cherubim, is between 150 lb. and 2500 lb. of pure gold! The Shulchan, The Table and the Showbread are described.

**3rd & 4th Aliyot:** The Menorah and her utensils are described. Her weight was 1 Talent = 3000 Shekels = 150 lb. of pure gold. The basic structure of the Mishkan, consisting of beams, decorative materials and leather coverings, is outlined.

**5th Aliya:** The Paroches- curtain dividing partition, separating the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Mishkan is described.

**6th & 7th Aliyot:** The ramped, copper, Mizbeach, alter is described. The outer enclosure surrounding the entire Mishkan is described.

### “I Gave Already” by Rabbi Norman Lamm

About 170 years ago, shortly after R. Hayyim of Volozhin had built his great yeshiva, *he* found that it was *very much* in need of 50,000 rubles, which today would be equivalent to approximately two million dollars. In order to raise the money, he travelled to the large city of Minsk, where there were two distinguished philanthropists, extremely wealthy, scholarly, and pious. The two were partners, and their names were R. Barukh Zablodowitch and R. Hersh Pines. R. Hayyim approached R. Barukh for the contribution. R. Barukh asked R. Hayyim to stay in Minsk for about a month while he tries to raise the money. Meanwhile, he provided him with room and board and a fine library so that R. Hayyim could continue with his studies. After two weeks, R. Barukh notified R. Hayyim that he already raised half of the amount, or about 25,000 rubles. Two weeks later, he informed him that he had raised the entire amount. A short time thereafter, before R. Hayyim left Minsk for Volozhin, R. Hersh and R. Barukh both approached R. Hayyim and they asked him to be the judge in a Din Torah or suit brought by R. Hersh against his partner R. Barukh. R. Hayyim agreed to hear the case. In his suit, R. Hersh charged that the two of them had agreed that they would be partners in everything pertaining to money, not only in their main business. Now, charged R. Hersh, R. Barukh had reneged and had not kept up to his agreement, because he gave the entire 50,000 rubles to R. Hayyim for the yeshiva, and forgot or neglected to take R. Hersh in as a partner in this deal!

After the Din Torah was settled, however it may have been decided, R. Hayyim turned to R. Barukh and said: “Now that we have heard the complaints of R. Hersh against you, I too have a complaint. Tell me, since you decided to give the money out of your own pocket, why couldn’t you give it to me as soon as I came here, instead of making me spend four weeks in Minsk, time which I could have spent so valuably teaching in Volozhin?”

To this, R. Barukh responded, “Rabbi, do you think it is so easy to give money yourself? I did not raise this from others but gave it all myself. And I did not do it all at once. Instead, I divided the 50,000 rubles into four weeks or 28 days. Every day I made a decision to give that certain amount. And the next day I decided all over again to add that amount. That means that *every* day I had to make a new decision, I had to force it out of myself, I had to pull out that amount out of my mind and my pocket with the pliers of my own persistence. It took me one whole month to raise the entire amount from myself for you!”

“And this,” concluded R. Barukh, “is what the Torah meant when it said “Vayikchu **Li** Terumah”. This does not refer only to God, but “**Li**” means every individual from himself should make the contribution.”

“Giving is rarely a pleasure. If there is a pleasure, it comes later on when we see the results. At the time we give, it usually hurts. We must give, whether we like it or not, and usually we do not. But how much greater if we pull it out of ourselves instead of waiting for others to force it out of us. And how much greater yet if we do it, despite all, with tenderness and compassion and sensitivity and respect.”

**Quote for the week:** Happiness is not doing what you enjoy, but enjoying what you do!

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## Our Sandton Jolly Seniors Club

Motivational talk by Carol Zimmerman

Food for thought with Rabbi Shaw!

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10am for a fun morning!

Bring your friends!

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## Blood Drive

Join us and Donate Blood:

Date: 10 February

Venue: Manor Medical Centre, 189 Kelvin Drive, Gallo Manor

Time: 9am to 2pm

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## Shiurim

**Rebbetzin Renee Shaw** will continue with her weekly shiur for Ladies at her home on

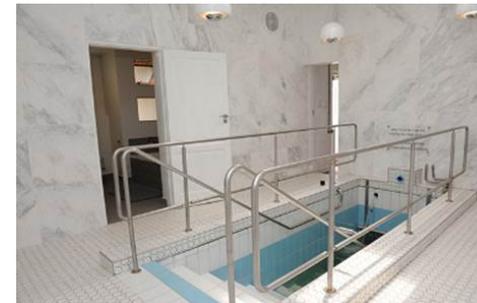
Monday nights @ 7.30pm on The Book of Joshua

**Rabbi Shaw** Contemporary Halacha Shiur recommences on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the Upstairs Shul

**Rabbi Shaw** - Thursday morning Ladies Shiur on the Parsha of the week @ 9.30am

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## Sandton Shul Mikveh



Sandton Shul’s State of the Art Mikveh is open for ladies for 90 minutes from nightfall each evening. For any enquiries or assistance, please contact Lynda Romain on 0832668149

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מרבית בשמחה!