

Parshas Tzav - 5784 Parshas Parah

When discussing the special korban of the Kohen Gadol, the *minchas chavitin*, the Torah says (6:13) *זֶה קֶרְבַּן אַהֲרֹן וּבָנָיו... בְּיוֹם הַמִּשַׁח אוֹתוֹ* , This is the korban of Aharon and his children that they brought on the day he was anointed (as the Kohen Gadol).” From the letter *bais* of the word *b’yom*, it sounds like this korban was brought one time only, **on** the very first day that Aharon was anointed for his service as the Kohen Gadol. Rashi however points out that the Kohen Gadol actually brought this korban every single day (although a *Kohen Hedyot* brought it just one time - the day he began doing *avodah*). The Chizkuni actually comments that the *bais* of the word *b’yom* is in place of a *mem*, which would then read *miyom*, **from** that day. The *posuk* now means that the korban was brought daily, from the day of his anointment. If so, why didn’t the Torah just write *miyom*? What message lies therein?

Perhaps we can suggest the following. When we do something exciting day after day, we risk losing that thrilling feeling and instead approach that activity without enthusiasm or interest. What used to be rousing and inspiring now becomes boring and tedious. With the letter *bais*, the Torah reminds us that although we may do a mitzvah *miyom*, from this day onward, we should do it *b’yom*, as if it is the first and only time we will fulfill this mitzvah!

This concept is a key to effective *chinuch* of our children. Our children should see that we are still passionate and enthusiastic about the *mitzvos* we do, even though we have been doing them thousands of times over many years! There can be no greater impact than the way we model our dedication and freshness for Torah and *mitzvos*, showing our children we are still excited about them. *Tefila*, Torah learning, Shabbos *seuda*, *tefillin*, Yomim Tovim, *tzedaka*,... Do we look forward to Shabbos and anticipate the preparations with joy? Is Pesach exciting or a burden? Of course, learning with our children and going to our own *shiurim* should always be fresh and exciting. Do we go early to prepare for davening, showing eagerness for tefila? Even something as simple as saying *asher yatzar* or *brachos* on food- do we mumble and swallow the words or do we say it with fervor and concentration?

If we internalize the lesson of *b’yom*, we will be *zocheh* to the fulfillment of the next *pasuk* (6:15) *והכהן המשיח תחתיו מבניו, יעשה אותה* - the children who replace him will do the same. If our children see our excitement, they will surely follow in our *derech* as well.

Wishing you all a beautiful Shabbos!

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