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HOW TO EDUCATE

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Parshas Emor

There are two absolutely amazing lessons in chinuch to be learned from the very first passuk in this week's parsha. The passuk states, "Hashem said to Moshe: Say to the Kohanim, the sons of Aharon, and tell them: to a corpse you shall not contaminate yourself to a corpse."

Rashi cites the Gemara in Yevamos which notes some seemingly superfluous words in this *passuk*. Once it says. "Say to the Kohanim", why does the Torah also need to state, "and tell them"? Why the double expression of telling over? The Gemara explains that the purpose of the repetition is, "to warn the elders on the youngsters." In other words, the Torah is instructing us about the concept of *chinuch*, that adults must guide children in keeping the Torah. Thus, there are two expressions of "telling," one to the elders and one for the elders to repeat to the youngsters.

R' Moshe Shapiro asks that there don't seem to be two distinct expressions of "telling." Both phrases seem to be directed at the adult Kohanim and direct them to avoid becoming contaminated? Nowhere does it imply an additional idea of teaching the youngsters to heed this commandment.

He answers with a beautiful idea. The Dubno Maggid once asked the Vilna Goan about the best way to inspire and influence others? The Vilna Goan answered with a *mashal*. Suppose there is a large cup filled with water surrounded by other cups. The best way to fill the surrounding cups is not by pouring directly from the big cup into the other ones. If one would do that, the big cup would be emptied in the process. The better way is to keep filling the large cup until it overflows into the other cups, allowing all of the cups to become full. The best way to instruct the elders concerning the children, says R' Moshe

Shapiro, is by telling the elders twice! Adults and parents being extra careful with keeping the Mitzvochs, will have the biggest influence on children - more than any speech or drasha!

R' Moshe Feinstein explains our Gemara similarly but with a bit of a different twist. The two "tellings" are both directed at adults, but one commandment is to follow the halachos and the second one is to do them with happiness. He explains that this is the way of the Torah's guidance for *chinuch*, that if you do mitzvos with happiness, that will influence your children to follow. So not only is the Torah stating the idea of *chinuch*, it even gives us the best way to do it - by setting an example! If you are doing it so well with such zeal and happiness. your kids will pick up on it and be inspired and excited to follow in your ways! In Tehillim (112:1) is says, "Praiseworthy is the man who fears Hashem, who greatly desires his commandments." Rav Matisyahu Salomon points out that it's no surprise that the next *passuk* is: "Mighty in the land will his offspring be, a generation of the upright who will be blessed!"



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MAKE THEM HOLY

וקדשתו כי את לחם
אלקיר הוא מקריב

"AND YOU SHALL SANCTIFY HIM [THE COHEIN], FOR HE OFFERS THE FOOD OF YOUR G-D" (21:8)

We are commanded here to honor Cohanim, to glorify them and to elevate them and to set their status as the most prominent.

[Rambam, Sefer Hamitzvos]

It is a positive commandment to distinguish the Cohanim and to sanctify them and to prepare them for the service of offering sacrifices, as it says in this pasuk.

Every Jew is required to behave with great respect towards Cohanim and to give them precedence in any spiritual matter. (Since we attribute utmost importance to spiritual matters, according the Cohein respect in those matters affords him the greatest honor, however any scenario that offers an opportunity to give the Cohein genuine respect should be utilized). A few examples include:

1. To speak first at any important gathering whether it was convened for Torah or for other purposes.
[Rambam, Klei Hamikdash 4]
2. To lead Birchas Hamazon 3. To take a choice portion first.
[Rashi to Gittin 59B]



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The second amazing lesson in chinuch is expressed by the Chasam Sofer. He says that this passuk is written in a specific way to teach us a lesson in how to be *mechanech*. It first says, "Say to the kohanim, sons of Aharon" and then it states "tell them to a corpse...". The Torah is telling us that the kohanim should tell their children, you are the sons of Aharon! You are so special to be the son of such a great tzaddik and be a part of the special Kohanic family! Then, and only then, should you go on to give them rules! Before you instruct and discipline your children, you must tell them how special they are! The Torah is saying, don't just tell them rules and boss them around. Explain to them they are so holy and therefore there are extra rules for you. For example, if a person wants to stop the use of phones in shul, there are two ways to go about it. Either he can go straight to discipline and make a rule that whoever uses a phone will be asked to leave, or he can explain what an amazing opportunity it is to daven in a shul and how it's a one-on-one conversation with Hashem who loves us and cares for us more than we care for ourselves! Once people feel this deeply, they won't even have the desire to touch a phone in shul! Are you kidding!? I don't want to waste one second of talking to Hashem!

One of the things taught in a lifeguarding course is how to

escape from someone attacking you underwater. This is necessary because someone drowning will, in desperation, grab and hold anything within their reach, including the lifeguard coming to save them! Similarly, when a person is falling down and is depressed, he will do anything to feel good about himself and keep "afloat," doing any sin he feels is necessary to that end. We need to instill in others who they are and compliment them in a way they can hear, reminding them how special they are. Then, the need to do bad things will hopefully vanish into thin air!

The mishna in Avos says העמידו תלמידים הרבה which translates simply as, one should have many Talmidim. The commentaries ask if so, it should say העמידו הרבה תלמידים. Rather, they explain, it is saying Stand up your talmidim greatly! Stand them up and make them realize who they are! Make them feel good about themselves! When one realizes who he is, he won't feel a need to do the wrong thing! Unfortunately, we live in a world where self-worth is all but lost! The world has fallen onto all sorts of substances and abuses to create the illusion of feeling good! It's our job to instill in our children who they truly are and build them by showing their importance. Then they will have the strength to grow and shine.

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