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Shemos 25:2

דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִקְחוּ-לִי תְרוּמָה מֵאֵת כָּל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִדְבְּנוּ לְבָבוֹ תִקְחוּ אֶת-תְּרוּמָתִי:

Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved.

What does this mean?

Rashi

THAT THEY TAKE ME A HEAVE OFFERING — “Me” means to the glory of My Name.

Shev Shmaysa

Why is the construction of the Mishkan singled out as requiring *lishmah*, doing it for its own sake?

He answers based on the Alshich in Kiddushin 7: when a woman gives a gift to a person of status, it is considered like she receives something.

So too, in this case when we bring gifts to Hashem.

Degel Machane Ephraim

Eruvin 54 teaches us that this world is compared to a wedding.

We are here to get married to Hashem and we are focused on the externalities.

Meor V'Shemesh

Hashem asks the people to do for His sake. He wants them to be satisfied with their lot.

Then He will know that the people are in it for the right reasons.

Shemos 25:19-20

וְעָשָׂה כְּרוּב אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזֶּה וְכְרוּב אֶחָד מִקְצֵה מִזֶּה מִן־הַכַּפֹּת תַּעֲשֶׂוּ אֶת־הַכְּרֻבִים עַל־שְׁנֵי קְצוֹתָיו:
וְהָיוּ הַכְּרֻבִים פְּרֹשֵׁי כַנָּפִים לְמַעַל סִכְכֵּים בְּכַנְפֵיהֶם עַל־הַכַּפֹּת וּפְנֵיהֶם אִישׁ אֶל־אָחִיו אֶל־הַכַּפֹּת יִהְיוּ פְּנֵי
הַכְּרֻבִים:

Make one cherub at one end and the other cherub at the other end; of one piece with the cover shall you make the cherubim at its two ends. The cherubim shall have their wings spread out above, shielding the cover with their wings. They shall confront each other, the faces of the cherubim being turned toward the cover.

What did the Keruvim look like?

Baal HaTurim

They looked like a young man.

The Alter of Kelm

Why are children represented and not adults of renown?

We need to preserve the vigor childhood.

R. Yechezkel Levinstein

The reason we call a wise person a תלמיד חכם is because we need to always be a student.

Otzar Peleos HaTorah

Why did Moshe toil to make the keruvim, but not the menorah?

The keruvim represent children, which we need to toil in order to mold.

Where did the Keruvim face?

Beis Yisrael

Some people have wings spread upwards, but they do not care about their fellow people.

Shemos 25:22

וְנִוְעַדְתִּי לְךָ שָׁם וְדִבַּרְתִּי אִתְּךָ מֵעַל הַכַּפֹּרֶת מִבֵּין שְׁנֵי הַכְּרֻבִּים אֲשֶׁר עַל-אֲרוֹן הָעֵדֻת אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר אֶצְוֶה אוֹתְךָ אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פ}

There I will meet with you, and I will impart to you—from above the cover, from between the two cherubim that are on top of the Ark of the Pact—all that I will command you concerning the Israelite people.

Why does it use this unusual language?

R. Soloveitchik

If there is no closeness, there is no prayer.

Shemos 25:26

וַעֲשִׂיתָ לָּו אַרְבַּע טַבַּעֲוֹת זָהָב וְנִתַּתָּ אֹת-הַטַּבַּעֲוֹת עַל אַרְבַּע הַפְּאֵת אֲשֶׁר לְאַרְבַּע רַגְלָיו:

Make four gold rings for it, and attach the rings to the four corners at its four legs.

Why were these rings?

Kli Yakar

Life is a ring. Someone who was on top can one day can be on the bottom the next.

Noda Beyehuda (Otzar Peleos HaTorah)

Money is round as it moves and is not permanent.
