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Jerusalem Divrei Torah

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The Precondition for the Beit ha-Mikdash

Our parsha describes the goal of building a house for Hashem while the haftarah focuses on the fulfillment of that dream. The parsha teaches of Hashem's initial command to build the mishkan, but it is the haftarah which focuses on the actual building of the Beit ha-Mikdash – the intended final resting spot for the Shekhina. The connection between the parsha and the haftarah is made abundantly clear via the phrase "and I will dwell amongst you" which appears in both sections.

However, before the haftarah relates to us Hashem's promise to live amongst the Jewish people, there is another verse, a precondition of sorts: The word of Hashem then came to Shlomo saying: "This Temple that you build – if you follow My decrees, perform my statutes and observe all my commandments, to follow them, I shall uphold My word with you that I spoke to Dovid your father. I shall dwell among the Children of Israel, and I shall not forsake My people Israel."^[1]

These verses teach a crucial element regarding sanctity in general and the Beit ha-Mikdash in particular. One might think that the Beit ha-Mikdash is a

30 years after Glienicke Bridge

"I want you to know that I remember, and that I am grateful. I want you to know that when I saw my parents playing with their grandchildren near Lefortovo Prison several years ago, it was your victory that made me almost dance with joy. Thirty-five years earlier, my father's KGB investigator told him that "we don't let heroes leave Lefortovo alive." You, the Jewish People, proved him wrong.

Your spirit and strength in those years freed a man, and brought an empire to its knees. When I feel tired, when I fear for the future, when we squabble and fight within ourselves, I go back to your echos inside me, and find hope."

Read the whole article by Rachel Sharansky Danziger, on Thirty Years of Freedom for Natan Sharansky. [Click here](#).

Shmuley Boteach Tweets from the Shiloach and Yemenite Village



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