



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Vayerah
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The Pasuk in this week's Parashah says (18:2): "And [Avraham] lifted up his eyes and he saw and behold three men were standing near him and he saw and he ran to greet them from the entrance of the tent." In this verse, the Torah tells us in great detail every specific act of hospitality Avraham did towards his guests. Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented on this with an analogy. He said that when a person inherits a house, he would usually say 'I have a house' but because he received it in one shot, he would not elaborate on the details. But someone who would build his own house would talk about every detail from the beginning to end. He will talk about how he purchased the land, how he bought the material, how he built the house, etc., every part is important to him. The more effort he put in, the more he would talk about it. Rav Yerucham said that the actions and behavior of the righteous are like a building. With every good deed, a righteous person is one step closer to completing the building. For this reason the Torah tells us every specific detail of Avraham's chesed. Every movement was another stage in the building of a righteous person.

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