



PARASHAT SHEMINI

“ויקרבו כל העדה לפני ה'”

כתוב בפסוק (ט:ה) “ויקרבו כל העדה לפני ה'”. האר"י הקדוש היה אומר: על כל אדם ואדם, לפני שמקבל על עצמו עול מלכות שמים, עליו לקבל על עצמו קיום מצוות עשה של “ואהבת לרעך כמוך”. דבר זה מרומז בפסוק: “ויקרבו כל העדה לפני ה'” – קודם הגיעו למצב שבו באו כל העדה באחדות, ורק אז נגשו “לפני ה'”.

“And to the children of Israel speak, saying...”

In the beginning of this week's Parashah Moshe tells Aharon (9:3): “And to the children of Israel speak, saying...” What is the meaning of the double wording “You will speak, saying”? The Oznayim La-Torah offers a beautiful insight. Our Rabbis teach us that “You will speak” - “tedaber” in Hebrew, implies stern speech, while “saying” - “leimor” in Hebrew, implies gentle speech. Moshe is conveying to Aharon a very important lesson in leadership. Now as a Kohen Gadol, you are in a position of leadership and will have to give over messages to the people, there are times when the message you will convey must be stern, while at other times the message needs to be gentle. As a leader you need to choose the proper way of conveying the message.

Joy For The Wisdom Of Others

In the beginning of this week's Parashah we learn how Moshe was under the impression that Aharon made a mistake, Aharon then told Moshe the reason why his behavior was proper. The Pasuk then states (10:20): “And Moshe heard and it was good in his eyes.” The Sforno comments on this verse: Moshe felt joy upon hearing the reasoning of Aharon. Moshe's joy serves as a lesson for all of us to have pleasure when someone else comes up with a good idea, just as we would have pleasure when we ourselves come up with a good idea. (Growth Through Torah)