



BE A MENTSCH

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Know Your Limit!

פְּרִשֵׁת קַרְחַ

In this week's Parsha, פְּרִשֵׁת קַרְחַ, we learn about the importance of *limits*. Sometimes, we cannot get what we want and we have to accept it in a Derech Eretz way. We have to be patient and realize that everything is in the hands of Hashem. If we do what we should, then good things will happen. However, we should not complain or act in a rude way because things are not going the way we want. This is not always easy because our feelings may be hurt and we may feel jealous of someone else. Yet, we just have to accept that “NO” means “NO” and not “MAYBE”.

In this week's Parsha, we learn this lesson of *limits* from קַרְחַ. קַרְחַ started an argument with מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן because he wanted to have the כְּהֹנֵן instead of אַהֲרֹן ל. אַהֲרֹן tell us that the reason for this jealousy was where it all began. קַרְחַ was jealous of אַהֲרֹן because he and his children were chosen to replace the firstborn, the בְּכוֹרִים. קַרְחַ himself was a בְּכוֹר and he felt that he had a right to do the עֲבוּדָה. He was also jealous because Moshe had appointed אֶלְיָצְפָן בֶּן עֻזִּיאֵל prince over the family of קְהָת, instead of קַרְחַ. Therefore, קַרְחַ started a rebellion against Moshe in order to gain what he felt he deserved. קַרְחַ's grandfather קְהָת had four sons, יִצְחָק הַבְּרוֹן וְעֻזִּיאֵל. Since מֹשֶׁה and אַהֲרֹן, the sons of עֲמָרָם, יִצְחָק's oldest son, already had high positions, קַרְחַ, the son of קְהָת's second son יִצְחָק, felt that he was “next in line.”

In the end, קַרְחַ himself died either from a miracle earthquake or fire and he never got what he wanted. We must take a lesson from his life and make sure to appreciate what we have and **know our limits**. This is especially true now when we have a chance over the summer months to vacation with family and friends that we remain calm and not complain.

Have a Great Shabbos!