



BE A MENTSCH



Good things happen to people who wait patiently!

פְּרִשֵׁת וַיִּקְרָא

We know that בני ישראל were excited to build a home for Hashem. They donated millions of dollars in jewels, gold, silver, copper, wood, linen and many dyed wools. They also spent millions of hours making the many different parts of the Mishkan, the כְּלִים, the tapestries, and everything that was needed.

Yet when it came time to begin the holy עֲבוּדָה nobody entered into it. Not even Moshe! Can you imagine the anticipation the entire nation must have had when their months of preparation were complete? Everyone was excited to see the Mishkan put into use. However, they waited for Hashem to first invite them; they were **patient**. They possessed the sensitivity to not enter without first obtaining permission. What super אָרְץ אֶרֶץ! In fact, the Torah tells us that Moshe waited to be called to enter the Mishkan until he received a summons from Hashem, וַיִּקְרָא ה' אֵל מִשָּׁה. It was Hashem's home and it wasn't proper to enter someone else's house without first being invited.

The same idea is found by Noach. After the מַבּוּל was over, Noach only came out into the world again when he had permission to do so. He possessed an awareness that he not reenter the world immediately. Can you imagine the excitement which Noach and his family must have had so that they could leave their cramped space on board their ship. Yet, they also didn't exit until they were asked to do so.

We should learn this same lesson: before entering a classroom or a bedroom, we should knock on the door and wait for an invitation to enter. So let us exercise our **patience**, raise our hands in class and wait to be called on, before talking. This is the way בני ישראל has performed Hashem's Mitzvos in the past and we should try to do the same in our own lives!

Have a Great Shabbos!