



# PARSHAS PEKUDEI

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וַיָּבֹאוּ כָּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׂאוֹ לִבּוֹ  
 and everyone whose spirit  
 was moved came,



Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz offered a powerful insight into the nature of success—both in the material world and in our spiritual lives. He noted that the world’s wealthiest and most accomplished individuals didn’t reach their achievements through penny-pinching or by waiting for opportunities to fall into their laps. Rather, they became successful by taking initiative, by innovating, by believing in themselves and moving forward even without guarantees.

This idea is deeply rooted in this week’s parsha:

“Vayavo kol ish asher nesa’o libo—Every man whose heart inspired him came.”

When it came time to build the Mishkan, the Torah describes how individuals stepped forward to offer their talents and energy—despite having no formal training in the intricate craftsmanship required. Their hearts were inspired and they rose to the occasion. They didn’t wait for certainty or expertise—they moved with emunah and bitachon and Hashem blessed their efforts with success.

This is what Rabbi Yeruchem highlights as the difference between earlier generations and today: previous generations were not afraid to reach beyond their abilities. They possessed spiritual ambition and were willing to act with courage and hope. That initiative—rooted in sincerity and aspiration—empowered them and unlocked capacities they didn’t even know they had.

Today, we often wait. We want to feel fully prepared, fully confident, fully assured before we act. But that’s not how greatness is born. In both our personal growth and spiritual journeys, we must take the first step. We must believe that we are capable, worthy, and guided by Hashem. Without that inner confidence and willingness to act, we risk remaining stagnant.

The foundation of all achievement—whether material, spiritual, or personal—is the belief that we are called to greatness. That we are meant to climb, even when the mountain feels steep. And if we take initiative, commit to the journey, and stir our own hearts with purpose, we will surely merit siyata deshamya far beyond our natural reach.

This week, let us each ask ourselves: What initiative can I take? What act of spiritual courage can I embrace—even if I don’t feel ready? In doing so, we connect to the legacy of the builders of the Mishkan.

Have a good Shabbos,  
 Rabbi Kalatsky

## ZMANIM

**Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Pekudei,**  
**Mar 28**

**Shacharis 7 AM**

**Switch to early Shabbos: Mincha 6 PM**

**CL 6:18 PM- 6:25 PM**

**Reg CL 7:18 PM**

**Shabbos Mar 29**

**Shacharis 8:45 AM**

**Mincha 6:55 PM**

**Shabbos Over 8:28 PM**

**Sunday Mar 30**

**Shacharis 8:30 AM**

**Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM**

**Monday – Thursday Mar 31- April 3rd**

**Shacharis: 7 AM**

**Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM**


**Friday Erev Shabbos Parshas Vayikra,**  
**April 4**

**Shacharis 7 AM**

**Mincha 6:10 PM CL 6:20 PM- 6:25 PM**

**Reg CL 7:27 PM**

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## MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Binyomin and Tybie Seeve on their marriage this past week! Mazel tov to Noam and Laurie Jaffa and Tzvi and Helene Cohen. May the be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman together!

Mazel Tov to Mark & Juli Sherman on the engagement of Esther to Shimshy Mendelsohn!



KI Congregation extends condolences to Rabbi Yosef & Renee Heisler & Family on the loss of their daughter-in law, wife of Avraham Eliezer Heisler- Faiga bas ybl"ch Tzvi Aryeh a"h, Mrs. Feigy Heisler ob"m

**HaMakom yinacheim eschem bsoch sh'aar aveilei Tziyon Vy'ru'sha'la'yim.**

## KIDDUSH



Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Ned and Carol Kantar in honor of their 51st anniversary, and by Merle and Anna Hillman in honor of their 41st anniversary.

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Noam and Laurie Jaffa in honor of the sheva brachos of Binyomin and Tybie Seeve.



## HALACHA

There are two primary minhagim regarding posture during Kiddush. Some stand for the beginning and then sit before reciting the berachah on the wine, while others remain standing throughout Kiddush. Even those who stand typically sit before drinking the wine.

The cup of wine is initially lifted with both hands and then held in the palm of the right hand. Some poskim suggest placing the cup on the right palm, with the fingers extended upright around the cup. During Kiddush, the cup should be held at least one tefach above the table. A left-handed person holds the cup in their left hand.

If someone is unable to hold the cup, they may still recite Kiddush with the cup resting on the table, though they should at least touch the cup during the recitation if possible.

There are also customs regarding where to direct one's gaze. When reciting Vayechulu during Friday night Kiddush, one should look at the Shabbos candles. When reciting the berachah on the wine (borei pri hagafen), it is proper to look at the cup and the wine, to focus on the mitzvah. If that is not possible, one should look at the cup alone. Those listening to Kiddush should do the same.

### RELEVANT HALACHA SHAILOS-GIVEN BY THE RAV AFTER MINCHA ON SHABBOS DURING THE LEARNING SEDER

Halachos -Mitzvah Of Sippur Yetzias Mitzrayim

- 1) A person has a choice to have a seder at home and lead the seder or go to a grandparent and have the grandfather lead the seder what should you do?
- 2) Does the mitzvah of Sippur apply to women, girls, and grandchildren?
- 3) A person has his children and grandchildren from Eretz Yisrael at the second seder where it is chol hamoed for them. Is he yotze the mitzvah of sippur yetzias mitzrayim?
- 4) Similarly, a talmid in Eretz Yisrael on the second day of Yom Tov goes to see his Rebbe to be mekayem the mitzvah of visiting your rebbe. It is not Yom tov for the rebbe. Does it work?
- 5) Why is there no beracha on Sippur Yetzias Mitzrayim?

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