

# Parshat Beshalach

- Zeh Keili V'anvehu. Rabbi Aharon Ziegler

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To all my good friends and relatives,

In the shira of BeShalach we find ,15:2, "ZEH KEILI (this is my G-d) VE'ANVEIHU".

Gemara shabbat 133b has two interpretations of Ve'anveihu.

a- from word -na'eh, beauty. I will beautify the mitzvot to Hashem, by purchasing a beautiful etrog, using a silver decorated etrog box, beautify my sukkah, my tefillin and bag, etc.

b- an'veihu is a compound word, meaning - ani (I) and vehu (and Him-Hashem) that is, I will try to be like Him, emulate Him. Just as He is Kind , Compassionate, Forgiving, Concerned for the poor, the indiginate, Gomel Chesed, etc.

Rav Solovietcik noted that both interpretations are true. neither one is exclusive to the other. It is just a matter of priorities.

we should strive to beautify our mitzvot as much as we possibly can. However not at the expense of the other.

If its a matter of spending money a beautiful etrog or, giving the extra money to another Jew who needs it for yom tov meals, my priority should be -to my fellow Jew and not concern with a beautiful talit atara. Unless, of course, I can afford both.

Shabbat Shira Shalom

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