

## **Pekudei: A few Divrei Torah for Pekudei**

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Three very short Divrei Torah for Parshat Pekudei

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ELE PEKUDE HAMISHKAN, MISHKAN HAEDUT, ASHER PAKAD AL PI MOSHE AVODAT HALEVIYIM BEYAD ITAMAR BEN AHARON HAKOHEN UBETZALEL BEN URI BEN HUR,... VEITO AHALIAV BEN AHISAMACH (35, 21-23). Rabbi Avraham Saba Hasefardi write in Tzeror HaMor: To teach that a person must fulfil his obligations both to God and to man; LATZET YEDE SHAMAYIM VIYEDEY HABRIOT: As it states, VEHIYITEM NEKIYIM MEADOSHEM VEYISRAEL (Bamidbar 32, 22).

For consider: Who was the person appointed over the donations? Moshe, about whom it is stated "In all My house none as faithful as he" m(Bamidbar 12,7); and who was the trustee? Itamar ben Aharon Hakohen, and who did the work? Betzalel ben Uri ben Hur, about whom the Almighty Himself, as it were, testifies and whom the Almighty Himself chose to do the work. And together with him, Ahaliav ben Ahisamach, so wise and worthy that the Shehina would have descended upon Israel in his merit alone.

About such people not an iota of suspicion could possibly fall. Nevertheless, they gave a precise accounting of every penny that went into the sanctuary. Our sages have considered this an example and lesson for all those occupied with the community, that they must not only be held to act with perfect integrity by Almighty God, but also by fellow men.

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ELE PEKUDE HAMISHKAN MISHKAN HAEDUT.

Story of the seven trustees of Vilna, at the time of the Gaon, who decided that guest preachers disturb the regular Shiur schedule, and wanted to eliminate it. The Gaon summoned them and said, This Mishkan, built by God through Moshe, was not called Mishkan for any other reason than that the Shehina descended and dwelt in it. And the Shehina descended only because of the tablets of the testimony that were in the Ark of testimony, as indicated by the passage, ELE PEKUDE HAMISHKAN, MISHKAN HAEDUT. So too the Bet Midrash is only called Bet Midrash only because of the Derashot that are preached there, inspiring the people towards Torah and mussar, and now if there is no Derasha, there is no Bet Midrash. So they changed their minds...

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VEHILBASHTA ET AHARON... UMASHACHTA OTO: VEET BANAV TAKRIV ... UMASHACHTA OTAM KAASHER MASHACHTA ET AVIHEM (40:13,15). Without an iota of jealousy, even though his own children would not take over his position. Just as he anointed

Aharon without jealousy because his own position was even greater, so must he school his heart to anoint Aharon's children in the same way.

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