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Parshas Beha'aloscha
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Candlelighting: 8:45 pm

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Friday, June 17

7:00am Shacharis

7:15pm Mincha / Maariv (Early)

8:45pm Candlelighting

8:45pm Mincha / Maariv

Shabbos, June 18

8:45am Shacharis

Kiddush sponsored by the Lesson family in honor of their daughter Chana Tziporah's graduation

7:20pm Pirke Avos

8:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv

Sunday, June 19

8:00am Shacharis

9:15am *Parsha Class*
(R. Nisenbaum)

10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, June 20

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *Climbing the Rainbow: Satisfaction with Life*
(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, June 21

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar*
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, June 22

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *Nach Still Speaks – Tehillim* (R. Stoll)

Thursday, June 23

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *The 12 Jewish Months*
(R. Stoll)

10:15pm *Parsha Class*

Class Connection

R. Nisenbaum:

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R. Stoll:

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Parsha: Beha'aloscha

Ahron felt remiss that he did not take part in the dedication ceremony of the Tabernacle. G-d reassured him that he would be given the mitzvah of kindling the menorah in the Tabernacle instead. This was considered to be a greater merit, since it was not merely a one-time mitzvah, but rather a mitzvah that was fulfilled each day.

Ramban adds, that Ahron's merit was passed on to his descendants too. Many years later, when the Greeks desecrated the Second Temple, it was the descendants of Ahron, the Maccabees, who fought the war victoriously. There, too, they were rewarded with the merit of re-kindling the menorah. Commemorative of Ahron's desire, we continue to kindle the menorah each year during Chanukah.

Another incident is recorded about people who felt remiss about missing a mitzvah. There were some individuals who were unable to bring the Passover offering the year after the Exodus because they had come in contact with a human corpse. Some opinions say they were the ones who had carried Joseph's bones, and others say they were the ones who had buried Ahron's sons. They came to Moshe and Ahron and complained that they too wanted to have a part in the Passover offering. Although they knew that being impure, they could not have brought the Passover sacrifice, they wanted another chance. Moshe brought their complaint before G-d, and G-d responded with the mitzvah of *Pesach Sheni*.

Insights: Beha'aloscha

When you kindle the candles... (Numbers 8:2) The Steipler Rav was meeting with a group of talmidei chachamim. He asked each person for his name and occupation. One introduced himself as a rav, another as a judge, and another as a dean of a yeshiva. One man, a kindergarten teacher, seemed embarrassed by his profession in front of the others and mumbled that he taught children. The Steipler, who was hard of hearing, asked the man to repeat himself. The teacher blushed and spoke a little louder. The Steipler's face brightened. "Are you embarrassed that you teach Jewish children? Why your profession is more important than everyone else's!"

He continued. "Rashi says that Ahron was embarrassed that he did not donate sacrifices for the dedication of the Mishkan like the princes of the other tribes. G-d told him that he should not be ashamed because he lit the menorah, which was greater than all the other gifts. Here, too, everyone else takes people who already have an appreciation for Torah and they teach and advance them even further. But you are like Ahron, you kindle the souls of children who do not yet know how to appreciate Torah. Your lot is greater than theirs!"

Did You Know?

The Talmud says that when one is sick, he should inform a wise man to pray on his behalf. Since Judaism does not require a medium between G-d and man, why is this prayer necessary, or even permitted? Some explain that the wise man can teach the ill person how to pray with the proper protocol, etc. Others explain that the righteous person is pained by another's distress, and thus stands a better chance of having his prayers answered. There is a dispute among the authorities whether one may desecrate the Shabbos to ask a righteous man to pray for a deathly ill patient. Although most authorities prohibit it, it is nonetheless telling to see the faith the authorities have in the righteous person's prayers.

Thought for the Week: The world is a book that practically everyone judges by its cover.
(A Candle By Day)