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The World Was Created for You!



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There is a special story about a very special man - Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Peshischa. He lived in Poland in the 18th century and had a very peculiar habit: he carried a small piece of paper in both his coat pockets. One of the pieces of paper said "I am merely dust and ashes", and the other said "for me the world was created". How odd?! Let me explain. The first piece of paper was to remind him to be humble, not to become haughty. The second note, however, was there to remind him that without him in the

world, the world wouldn't be the same.

That second note, in particular, applies to all of us. The Lubavitcher Rebbe (1902-1994) teaches us that on the day that you were born, God decided that the world cannot do without you (yes, every one of us!) You have a special task in this world.

In this week's parasha, we read about Aharon, the High Priest (*Kohen Gadol*). He was tasked with lighting the Menorah every day (amongst all his other tasks as High Priest). It is said that he did this task every day with the same zest, the same joy. How? Didn't he get bored? I believe he did it with the same joy every day because he realised **that this was his unique task**. Only he, Aharon the



Kohen, could do this task. This was a way only he could serve God, no one else in the world could replace him.

But this idea doesn't apply only to special people like Aharon. Right after we learn about him, the Torah talks about the Levites (*Levi'im*). They are given the special task of singing at the Temple. A group, made up of thousands of people, are told: this is your task. And without each and every one of you, this world wouldn't be the same.

We might not carry two notes in our pockets, but the message is the same: God wants us here and has chosen us for our own unique mission. Finding out what that mission is and carrying it out - that is what we are here for!

Parasha Puzzle

Find the hidden word by answering the questions below. The first letter of each answer spells the hidden word.

1. Moshe's sister who speaks Lashon Hara in this week's Torah reading
2. Moshe appoints 70  to form a Sanhedrin, so that he would not have to lead alone
3. How often do Pesach Sheni and regular Pesach fall on the same day?
4. What is the time between Pesach and Shavuot called?
5. When the Israelites travelled in the desert, they travelled under the banners of Yehuda, Ephraim, Dan and Yaakov's eldest son 
6. He lit the Menorah every day in the Temple.
7. This is where the Torah was given (in Hebrew)

