THe Mashgiach’s Shmuz

# THoughts on the Parsha from Rav Yecheskel Levenstien Z”נשא))

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**The possuk** says:לכל עבודתם וזאת משמרת משאם “and this is their position of the load for their work”.

Each person was given a precise job which he had to do. Even up to the amount of קרשים that each Levi carried. Each Levi had a mission and they carried it out faithfully.

We must understand that there is no difference in the conduct that Hashem guides the world now and the conduct at that time. The only difference was that then Hashem’s presence was in the open and now it is hidden. Then, each man was instructed as to his mission and knew exactly what his job was. Now it is only though Divine and Hidden Intervention that guides a person on his path. But nevertheless, it is the same thing. If life takes a person on a certain mission, he must believe it is from Hashem and be proud of it.

We see how שבט שמעון carried a flag with a picture of Shechem, just as שבט יהודה carried a flag with a lion, indicating kingship. Each was proud of his mission. If one is given a Job by Hashem Himself, how could it be different?

**Story:** *When Rav Chatzkel was a Mashgiach Ruchni in Ponevez his finances were secure. He talked to a talmid about the time he was without a position. “Then I saw Hashem taking care of me”, he said, “I saw myself being provided for in amazing ways, direct from Hashem. Now, the check comes punctually and I don’t see his providence. I miss the good old days.”
A while later Ponevez was going through a difficult period and wasn’t able to pay timely. “Ahh”, exclaimed the Mashgiach with joy, ”Back to the good old days!”*