Parsha Bullets on Vayakhel/Pekudei, 5783 - Subjective Shabbos Rabbi Efrem Goldberg

Exodus 35:1-3	שמות ל״ה:א׳-ג׳
 (1) Moses then convoked the whole Israelite community and said to them: These are the things that Hashem has commanded you to do: (2) On six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a sabbath of complete rest, holy to Hashem; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. (3) You shall kindle no fire throughout your settlements on the sabbath day. 	(א) וַיַּקְהֵל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־כּל־עֲדֶת בְּגֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיָּאֶמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אֲלֶה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־צָוָה ה׳ לַעֲשָׂת אֹתָם: (ב) שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים מָעָשֶׂה מְלָאכָה וּבַיָּוֹם הַשְׁבִיעִׁי יִהְיֶה לָכֶם קֶּדֶשׁ שַׁבַּת שַׁבָּתָוּ זַה׳ כּּל־הָעֹשֶׁה בָּוֹ מְלָאכָה יוּמָת: (ג) לא־תְבַעַרָוּ אֵׁשׁ בְּכָל משְׁבְתֵיכֶם בְּיָוֹם הַשַּׁבָת:

Bullets:

- **Rabbi Nachman** notes that Moshe's persuasive was not due to the powerful nature of his voice, but due to his personality. The Tzadik can influence people with their very being.
- **The Shlah** says that we are most predisposed to anger ('kindling a fire') from Friday afternoon.
- **R. Yosef Sorotzkin** teaches us that the rest of shabbos is not the lack of work. Rest is a form of work, which we do specifically on shabbos.
- The **Otzar Peleos HaTorah** quotes a number of different approaches regarding why the korbanos are brought on shabbos, but the construction of the Mishkan is halted.
- The Netziv reminds us that the verse says "יִהְיָה לָכֶם הֶדָשׁ". We need to do something on shabbos to make ourselves holy.

Exodus 35:10	שמות ל״ה:י׳
And let all among you who are skilled come and make all that Hashem has commanded:	ַיְכל־חֲכַם־לֵב בָּכֶם יָבְאוּ וְיַעֲשׁׂוּ אֵת כּל־אֲשֶׁר צְוָה ה׳

Bullets:

- The **Otzar Peleos** HaTorah mentions that the women in Egypt practiced weaving and the like, as they believed that the Redemption would come speedily in their days.

Exodus 35:21	שמות ל״ה:כ״א
And everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit was moved came, bringing to Hashem an offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service and for the sacral vestments.	וַיָּבֿאוּ כּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־נְשָׂאַוֹ לְבָּוֹ וְכֿל אֲשֶׁר ּנָדְבָּה רוּחׁוֹ אֹתֿו הֵבִּיאוּ אֶת־תְּרוּמַּת ה׳ לִמְלֶּאכֶת אְׁהֶל מוֹעֵד וּלְכל־עֲבָדָתֿו וּלְבִגְדֵי הַקְּדֶשׁ:

Bullets:

- **Rabbeinu Yehudah HeChasid** learns from this verse that both parties of the couple should make donation decisions.

Exodus 38:21	שמות ל״ח:כ״א
These are the records of the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle of the Pact, which were drawn up at Moses' bidding—the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest.	אֶַלֶה פְקוּדֵי הַמִּשְׁכָּן מִשְׁבָּן הָעֵדֵׁת אֲשֶׁר פֻּקָד עַל־פִּי מֹשֶׁה עֲבֹדַת הַלְוּיִּם בְּיַד אִיתָמֶׁר בֶּן־אַהָרָן הַכּּהֵן:

Bullets:

- The **Otzar Peleos HaTorah** points us toward a Yerushalmi about how we tried to do it our way with the Chet Ha-Egel. Hashem teaches us how to follow Hashem's ways in a legitimate manner.
- He also cites a source that says that the Amidah is our way of reconnecting to Hashem and His way.

Exodus 38:27	שמות ל״ח:כ״ז
The 100 talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets for the curtain, 100 sockets to the 100 talents, a talent a socket.	וַיְהִי מְאַת כַּכַּר הַכֶּּסֶף לָצֶׁקֶת אֲת אַדְנֵי הַקְּׁדֶשׁ וְאָת אַדְנֵי הַפֶּרֻכֶּת מְאֵת אֲדָנֵים לִמְאַת הַכָּכָּר כָּכָּר לָאֲדֶן:

Bullets:

- **R. Asher Weiss** teaches us what the connection between 100 sockets and 100 daily brachos is. Brachos are our sockets that keep our life together.
- **R. Nosson of Breslov** says that these sockets were paid for from the Half Shekel. Everyone needs to contribute toward an attitude and community of gratitude.
- The **Zohar** teaches that brachos are keys. They are keys to our life.