



Parashat Terumah

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1 Conversation

In a beautiful encounter this week with a group of special needs Haredi students that were on a walk by the lake here in Beit Zayit, when I asked about Parshat Terumah to give me a few sentences, several of the students offered their take on Parashat Terumah.

One said it's temporary, so that it could be always picked up and moved together with the people of Israel in the desert.

And another said each tribe of Israel had their own role. Who folds this up? Who carries that? Who does this and that, and that they were all coordinated together, and that all of the tribes of Israel worked together related to the Mishkan.

And then one said that it was on poles, the Mishkan, and how can there be poles in the desert? But he said that while Bnei Israel were still in Egypt they planted the appropriate kind of trees and knew to take them with them, take the trees with them, the wood with them, when they left Egypt to the desert, because it would be needed for the Mishkan.

Quite an extraordinary and beautiful full conversation with this group of Haredi special needs students.