



## Parashat Tezaveh

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### 6 Conversations

In two different conversations, with a religious man and with a young couple, the people mentioned that this is the first parashah since Moshe was born that his name is not mentioned, and the people provided similar explanations. Moshe told Hashem that if Hashem wipes out the People of Israel because of the sin of the golden calf then Hashem should wipe out him (Moshe) as well "erase me from your book" (Exodus 32:32). Every word that a holy person says is important and "your" that Moshe uses is equivalent to the number 20, so the power of that word led Hashem to erase Moshe's name from the 20<sup>th</sup> parashah since Moshe was born.

A woman who said she's Chabad said the word Tezaveh has a special meaning, it's about connecting with people in their own language and in a way they will understand. This is different than the usual understanding of "command!" and she said this approach is important in all kinds of situations.

A young fellow walking on the street in Mevasseret Zion responded to a request to hear about Parashat Tezaveh by saying that he won't talk now, he's on his way to the natural mikveh in Mevasseret Zion and when he comes out of this natural mikveh he feels like a different person (his words), that he goes into the mikveh ready to be moved and not just that he's dunking himself in the water and he feels this experience each time.

Two young women who said they are architecture students said they don't have something about this week's parashah but would like to express about last week's parashah, Terumah. They said it's important for everyone to give both because the act of giving is important and also because everyone giving for a common purpose strengthens unity within the people.

A father and his daughter told about how extensively the Cohen's clothes are described, and that the Gemorrah says that if a Cohen does his work but is not dressed in the clothes of a Cohen then he is not considered a Cohen - that is the importance of clothes and why they are described so extensively. The father compared this to a king and his

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clothes, and also that it's common that  
make the person feel different and affect the perceptions of others seeing the person.

the clothes a person is wearing