

Weekly Teaching

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And Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of the Meeting, and came out, and blessed the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. (Lev. 9:23)

According to the Chazal (Sages of Blessed Memory), there was a specific reason why Moses and Aaron went into the Tent together.

Prior to the Tabernacle being used, Aaron had seen how his own offerings weren't resulting in God's glory appearing before the people.

Aaron came to believe that this must be because of him; that God was still angry with him because he had built the Golden Calf.

Aaron, because of his own self doubt, specifically asked Moses to go into the Tabernacle with him and, together, their prayers would prompt God's Divine Presence to appear.

However, Moses—like his brother Aaron—had also become concerned that God's manifest presence hadn't come for many days.

He thought it might be because of his own failures as a leader of the Israelites.

The Israelites had also noticed the absence of God's presence and they had come to Moses, telling him it must be because of their sin; that they all had made the Golden Calf.

Moses, comforting himself and the Israelites, said to them: "God's presence will surely come, but only if Aaron goes into the tabernacle with me, and, together, our prayers will bring God's sheltering presence. For my brother is more worthy than me."

This rabbinic teaching tells us a lot about successful interpersonal relationship skills.

If one person chooses to blame the other, then any planned endeavor is doomed for failure. But, if people support each other, and praise each other, then they will succeed.

This is how human beings make God's glory present in their midst.

Shabbat Shalom,

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