

BH. SICHA SHEMINI VOL 17 - DEBATE between MOSHE & AHARON:

**MOSHE**

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Temple inauguration overrides mourning

**AARON**

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"Sacrifices of Generations" should be burnt

**Aaron explains his position. "Moshe heard & it pleased him" (he agreed)**

**TALMUD**

He admitted & wasn't bashful to say

"I haven't heard this law"

Rather, he said "I heard & forgot"

**RASHI**

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"I haven't heard this law"

**RASHI'S INTENT:**

**COMMENTARIES on RASHI**

Same as the TALMUD

Moses had FORGOTTEN this law

**THE REBBE**

Means what he says

Moses never heard this law

**Why does RASHI differ from TALMUD:**

- A. It's not a praise to say Moses didn't lie
- B. If he heard & forgot, what's the meaning "& it pleased him"

**Further Proof to Rebbe's approach:**

RASHI in MATOS: 3 places Moses got angry & forgot law:

1. Eating sacrifice while in mourning (our discussion here)
2. Law of Koshering Midyanaite vessels (Matos)
3. Hitting the rock

Why wait until Matos to mention this?

Because here it isn't obvious, since it was primarily a "logical" debate (not an argument on what G-d had said)

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### **Why they took their positions:**

#### **TRUTH – "Companion to the King"**

Consistent at all times

Death & impurity don't affect

#### **KINDNESS – "Companion to the Bride"**

People aren't consistent at all times

Death & impurity are real

### **Moses accepted it - there's value to KINDNESS from TRUTH'S perspective:**

Even a limited measure of TRUTH (infinity) is a reflection of absolute truth (& true infinity)

"...with all YOUR might"

"Gold created for Temple"

Fire: analogous of Divine soul

### **Moses agreed – Real TRUTH is actually about KINDNESS:**

Purpose of HEAVEN is to reflect truth here on EARTH, with all its imperfections & limitations

### **Rebbe's approach to OUTREACH**