



Table Talk Parshat Bo: *Special Leadership Series*

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller

שמות י"ב:א'-ג'

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם
לֵאמֹר: הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רִאשׁ חֳדָשִׁים רִאשׁוֹן
הוּא לָכֶם לְחֹדֶשִׁי הַשָּׁנָה: דַּבְּרוּ אֶל־כָּל־עַדְת
יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר בְּעֶשֶׂר לַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה וְיִקְחוּ לָהֶם אִישׁ
שֶׂה לְבֵית־אָבֹתָהּ שֶׂה לְבַיִת:

Exodus 12:1-3

Hashem said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb to a family, a lamb to a household.

רש"י על שמות י"ב:א'-ג'

דבר אל כל עדת. וכי אהרן מדבר? והלא כבר
נאמר אתה תדבר? אלא חולקין כבוד זה לזה,
ואומרים זה לזה למדני, והדבור יוצא מבין
שניהם כאלו שניהם מדברים (מכילתא):

Rashi on Exodus 12:3:1

SPEAK UNTO ALL THE CONGREGATION — But did Aaron speak? Has it not already been stated, (Exodus 7:2) "You (Moses) shall speak etc." But the explanation is: they paid respect one to the other, saying to each other, "Instruct me what to say," and the divine communication in question issued from both of them, so that it was as though they were both speaking (Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael 12:3:2).

"The different perspectives and striking personality contrast of Moshe and Aharon could conceivably have undermined their working relationship and fragmented the unity of Klal Yisrael. In fact, the opposite occurred. From the beginning of their partnership, the Torah emphasizes the mutual respect, harmony, and unity of vision that characterized their relationship. Instead of rivalry, competition and a battle of egos which would have been a natural development... The unity of vision and harmonious interaction determined that the diversity represented by their personalities and roles would dramatically enhance rather than undermine their partnership and the mission of Klal Yisrael."

-Rabbi Michael Rosensweig

Let's Talk!

What do we learn about Moshe from him asking for Ahron's help?
Sometimes people want to show that they know everything and do not ask for help. What could happen in this situation?
How does working with people who are different from us help us reach our goals?
What can we learn from people who are different from us?

Focus on Leadership:

***How does asking for help make Moshe a strong leader?
How does teamwork make leaders strong?***



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