

## Ultimate Parsha continued...

Over the years I've been privileged to teach many students, some of whom were incredibly quick to pick up new concepts, some of whom were phenomenally hard workers, and some who had both of these qualities. It's certainly easy as a teacher to be impressed by those who are both brilliant and hard-working, and it can also appeal to one's ego to proudly claim this student and share in the success. But the truth us that we as teachers are equally or more gratified teaching a hard-working student who struggles on his standardized tests. This student, like Aharon, is doing everything possible to maximize his or her potential, and Hashem has set the example for us all in putting such an accomplishment on par with the achievements of the most outstanding students. Anyone who truly maximizes his or her potential is in a special category and deserving of our respect and honor.

May we all strive to maximize our potential, both in our day-to-day existence and in our lives.

Shabbat Shalom,

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