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Sefer Shabbos Kodesh
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Chapter 4: The Sanctity of Shabbos and the Beis HaMikdash

(קדושת שבת – כקדושת בית המקדש)

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The torah states that the day of Shabbos is blessed and sanctified more than any other day or time (*U'verachto Mikol Hayamim V'kidashto Mekol Hazmanim*). We spend more than one seventh of our lives living with Shabbos, which is many times more than our Yom Tov experiences; however, how many of us truly understand what Shabbos is all about? Each Yom Tov's purpose is clearly stated; Pesach is Zman Cheirusanu, Rosh Hashana is Yom Hazikaron, etc. Furthermore, each Yom Tov is associated with its special mitzvah that defines the day, Matzah, Shofar, etc. What is the purpose of Shabbos and what do we do on Shabbos? In order to understand this, Rav Pincus explains that we need to look deeper into the origins of Shabbos. The Pasuk in Shemos states "See that Hashem gave you the Shabbos" - Hashem had to inform Moshe that he was giving him a gift, the gift of Shabbos. The Gemorah in Shabbos learns a halacha from here, that if one gives a gift to another he needs to inform him. What gift is Hashem providing for us that we will not realize on our own? Chazal explain that the gift is the reward for Shabbos, which is unlike the reward for any other mitzvah, and the nature of this reward is a gift that found solely in Hashem's treasury like a diamond guarded from public view. Accordingly, Hashem needed to explicitly notify Bnai Yisrael of this gift otherwise we may not have discovered its true depth. Over the next several weeks, we will delve deeper into gaining a new appreciation for this gift that we receive every seven days.

Hilchos Shabbos

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Having a Non-Jew Operate Appliances on Shabbos

Noise-producing appliances in the home are not permitted to be operated on Shabbos by a non-jew - even if for the benefit of the non-jew – even if the non-jew was not told to turn it on - because the loud noise produced is a Zilzul Shabbos, (a shaming of the Kedushas Shabbos). Examples include a dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, washing machine or clothes dryer (all of which produce a loud noise).

Mishna Brurah 252:49, Hilchos Amirah L'akum citing R' Moshe Feinstein, Sefer 39 Melochos

Shabbos Tefillos Insight

(תפילות שבת)

The song שלום עליכם is said upon seeing the house ready for Shabbos, welcoming the two מלאכים who escort the בעל הבית home from shul, hoping that the מלאך טוב will find favor and bentch the house. The אשת חיל of פסוקים are then recited. Some say the אשה is the שבת מלכתא. Others say it refers to תורה that is acquired in 48 ways (בגימטריא ח"ל) and is more accessible on Shabbos. Others say it refers to the שכונה that comes to us on Shabbos. Many זמירות are sung as a way of elevating and sanctifying the סעודה. Song is used specifically as we are to use all of our resources to honor Shabbos, with money to beautify the physical aspects and with song to beautify the atmosphere.