



Parashat Shemini

At the beginning of Parashat Shemini we learn about the Shechina coming to live amongst the Bnei Yisroel. This was a tremendous moment in history, how remarkable it must have been to feel Hashem's presence in the Mishkan!

At the end of the Parasha we learn which animals are kosher and which are not kosher. The Pasuk at the end of the Parasha say that we should make ourselves, holy, because Hashem is holy, therefore we shouldn't eat foods that are not kosher. This is an amazing idea! The Torah is telling us that the laws of kashrut are extremely holy laws and keeping them carefully will make us holy people.

Perhaps we can say there is a connection between the beginning of the Parasha and the end. If we become holy people carefully keeping the laws of kashrut, then we will bring the Shechina to live with us just like the Mishkan brought the presence of Hashem to be amongst us.

Shabbat Shalom

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