

THE MIDRASH SAYS THAT MOUNT CARMEL CAME FROM SPAIN, MOUNT TABOR CAME FROM AILIM AND MOUNT SINAI CAME FROM THE MOUNT MORIAH TO REQUEST THE TORAH BE GIVEN ON THEM. THE QUALITY OF MOUNT SINAI IS CONNECTED TO IT'S ORIGIN OF MOUNT MORIAH.

MOUNT MORIAH WAS THE LOCATION OF THE BINDING OF YITZCHOK. THE BINDING OF YITZCHOK WAS AN ACT OF MESIRUS NEFESH, SELF SACRIFICE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING G-D ALMIGHTY'S WILL, WITH NO SIDE REASONS ATTACHED.

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THROUGH SPECULATION AND REASON YITZCHOK COULD HAVE DEBATED IF IT WAS NECESSARY TO BE BOUND.

THE INSTRUCTION WAS GIVEN THROUGH HIS FATHER, A PROHPET, AVRAHAM AVINU, AND CONSIDERING THE EARLIER COMMAND GIVEN TO ADAM, THE FIRST MAN, AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN OF NOACH, DIRECTLY FROM G-D HIMSELF, THAT MURDER IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN UNDER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, HOW COULD A PROPHET OVERRIDE G-D'S EXPLICIT COMMAND.

HOWEVER, SINCE YITZCHOK KNEW THAT THIS WAS THE WILL OF G-D, HE DID NOT ENTER ANY SPECULATIONS, QUESTIONS OR DEBATES, HE WAS COMPLETELY GIVEN OVER TO G-D'S WILL WITH INNER CONVICTION, INTENTIONALITY, AND WITH COMPLETE SELF SACRIFICE.

THE MOUNTAIN FROM MORIAH THEREBY CONSTITUTED THE FITTING RECEPTACLE FOR THE TORAH.

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ONE LESSON WE LEARN FROM THE FACT THAT THE TORAH WAS GIVEN ON **MOUNT SINAI** IS THAT ONE SHOULD NOT FULFILL MITZVOS FOR THE SIDE BENEFITS.

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FULFILLING MITZVOS FOR THE SIDE BENEFITS IS THE CONDUCT OF A '**CHITZON**' (A SUPERFICIAL PERSON). A CHITZON DOES ONE THING AND AT THE SAME TIME THINKS ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE. A **PNIMI** (AN INTENTIONAL PERSON) IS TOTALLY PRESENT IN WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING.

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HOWEVER, SINCE THE TORAH DESIRES **PNIMIYUS** (INNER INTENTIONALITY), THE MOUNTAINS COMING AND SHOWING OFF THEIR QUALITIES IN ORDER TO BE CHOSEN FOR THE GIVING OF THE TORAH WAS ACTUALLY **COUNTERPRODUCTIVE** BECAUSE TORAH IS GIVEN ONLY IN A PLACE WHERE NO SIDE BENEFITS/REASONS ARE PRESENT. **TORAH FOR THE SAKE OF TORAH.**

SIDE BENEFITS INCLUDE THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL REWARDS OR THE SOUL PURIFICATION RESULTING FROM MITZVAH PERFORMANCE.

VARIOUS MOUNTAINS CAME BEFORE G-D AND REQUESTED THAT THE TORAH SHOULD BE GIVEN ON THEM. THEY SHOWED OFF THEIR **EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES**, HOPING G-D WOULD CHOOSE THEM TO BESTOW HIS PRECIOUS TREASURE UPON HIS PEOPLE.

THAT IS WHY THE TORAH WAS GIVEN ON MOUNT SINAI. MOUNT SINAI WAS THE **SHORTEST** OF ALL THE MOUNTAINS. IT WAS A MOUNTAIN, HOWEVER SINCE THAT QUALITY DID NOT STAND OUT, AS IT WAS SHORT, **NO SIDE BENEFITS WERE FELT**, THEREFORE IT WAS FITTING FOR RECEIVING THE TORAH.