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## BERACHOS 17A

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Rav said to Rabbi Chiya, “How do women have merit? By bringing their sons to learn in shul, by having their husbands learn in the Bais Medrash, and by waiting for their husbands to return from the Bais Medrash.” (Brachos 17a)

It is clear from the Gemara that women are rewarded for sending their husbands and sons to learn Torah and for waiting for their husbands to return from the Bais Medrash. Although they also have many mitzvos for which they certainly are rewarded greatly, nonetheless, the Gemara emphasizes the fact that they help their husbands and sons learn Torah.

Hagaon Rav Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin ztz”l (known as the Netziv, 1816-1893, Rav and Rosh Yeshiva of Volozhin, author of “Haamek Sh’eila” and many other works) derives a fundamental concept about Jewish women’s role from this Gemara.

In his commentary “Haamek Davar” on Sh’mos 6:25 “Elazar ben Aharon took for himself from Putiel’s (Yisro’s) daughters for himself as a wife, and she bore Pinchos for him.”, he notes some difficulties in the posuk. Firstly, Elazar’s wife’s name is not mentioned, and her lineage is mentioned. Secondly, why is there so much repetition of “for himself” and “for him”?

He answers, based on this Gemara, that a woman’s primary virtue is enabling her husband to learn Torah and educating her sons to learn Torah. This is her mission, and by fulfilling it optimally, she can reach the highest level to which she can aspire and strive.

When Elazar sought a wife, he emphasized neither prestigious lineage nor spiritual accomplishments; he focused on her ability to help him be engrossed in Torah and awe of Hashem. Therefore, her name is omitted, lest we think that he married her because of a special quality she may have had. On the contrary, the posuk mentions her lowly lineage, descended from a former idolater, so different from

his honorable, priestly family. He married her “for himself”, for his need, seeing that she would dedicate herself to helping him grow in Torah and serving Hashem. Furthermore, it was due to this virtue that she merited bearing Pinchos, a son “for him”, that is, worthy of being Elazar’s son.

*...the Gemara does not refer only to reward in the World-to-come, but also to having scholarly, righteous children in this world.*

In contrast, writes the Netziv, Moshe Rabeinu married Tziporah, also Yisro’s daughter, an exceptionally righteous woman, but did not have worthy sons, which the Gemara (Baba Basra 109b) attributes to her less worthy lineage. The Netziv explains this apparent incongruity.

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בבא קמא יב	ברכות טז:	11/14/23	א כסלו	ג
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בבא קמא טו	ברכות יח:	11/17/23	ד כסלו	ו
בבא קמא טז	ברכות יח:	11/18/23	ה כסלו	שבת
בבא קמא יז	ברכות יט:	11/19/23	ו כסלו	א
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בבא קמא יט	ברכות כ:	11/21/23	ח כסלו	ג
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בבא קמא כב	ברכות כא:	11/24/23	יא כסלו	ו
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