

Lesson Two: Separate = Special



וְהֵייתֶם לִי קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה וְאַבְדַּל אֶתְכֶם מִן־הָעַמִּים לְהִיזוֹת לִי

(קדושים: כ, כו)

“And you should be holy because I, Hashem, am holy. And I am separating you from all the other nations, to be with Me.”



The Queen’s Announcement

CHARACTERS: Official, Malka, Fraida, Queen

Official: Calling all citizens of this royal kingdom! Please gather in the town square. There is an important message from the queen.

Malka: Fraida, did you hear that announcement?

Fraida: Yeah, the queen wants everyone to come! Let’s go!

Malka: Wow! What a crowd is gathering.

Official: Thank you, villagers, for arriving so quickly. Now that you are all assembled here, I will be reading an announcement from the queen herself.

Fraida: Oh my! I’m so curious to hear what the queen wants to tell us!

Official: Please listen very carefully to the words of Her Royal Majesty! I will be reading her letter out loud. “Dear Citizens, Thank you for gathering to hear my words today. As you all know, I have been living alone in the palace for a long time. I am therefore making an offer to the first twenty people who came to hear this announcement.

Malka: (*interrupts*) We are one of the first twenty people!!

Officer: “Anyone who was willing to drop what they were doing and run to hear my announcement is worthy of this privilege! I am allowing the officer to open the gates to the first twenty people who arrived. Please wait inside the palace lobby for future instructions.

Fraida: Yay! I'm so excited! I'm a little nervous though. I wonder what the queen is expecting of us.

Officer: Follow me.

Queen: Welcome! All of you who are standing here in front of me are officially invited to live in my palace for as long as you wish!

Fraida: WHAT?! We get to live here?! We're so lucky! I can't believe it! But what about our families? I might get homesick!

Queen: Your families are invited to live here with you. There are twenty sections of the palace. You will have access to many beautiful rooms, private gardens, and more.

Malka: We couldn't have gotten a better deal!

Queen: There is one condition.

Fraida: What is it?

Queen: You will need to follow the standards of the palace. You may only wear certain types of clothing, both inside the gates and when you leave the palace. You will have to eat with proper table manners. You will need to take lessons in certain subjects, and speak in a refined way. This way, everyone who meets you will know that you are connected with me.

Malka: Wow. That's a lot of rules.

Fraida: But it's so worth it! We get to live in this beautiful palace.

Malka: I'm going to feel so different from all my regular friends in the village...

Fraida: You have me! And all the rest of the families here. We're so special! We were chosen by the queen.

Queen: That's right. I am choosing all of you to live with me!

Malka: Hey! I just realized! It's just like what we learned in camp today, about Tznius. In Parshas Kedoshim, Hashem tells us that He is separating us from all the other nations, so that we can be with Him.

Fraida: Right! When we dress in a Tzniusdig way, we will always remember that we are special. And everyone else will look at us and know that WE were chosen to be His nation!

Malka: Exactly! Hashem wants to keep us close. By keeping a Yiddishe lifestyle, we are reminding ourselves of how special we really are -- at every moment of the day!