

Lesson Nine: Women Throughout History



“כָּל כְּבוֹדָהּ בֵּת מֶלֶךְ פְּנִימָה”

(תהילים מה, יד)

“The entire glory of the King’s daughter is within”



Time Travel

CHARACTERS: Shoshana, Sarah, Avraham

Shoshana: Where am I? Huh? What happened to all the buildings? Why am I in a tent in the middle of the desert? Help!!!!

Sarah: Dear child, relax. You have just traveled through time. You have received the privilege to meet your very own Imahos! I am Sarah, the wife of Avraham.

Shoshana: Wow! For real? Wait, so the time-travel machine worked! I really wanted to meet you. I’ve learned all about you in Chumash! My name is Shoshana, by the way.

Sarah: It’s my pleasure to meet you, Shoshana. Here, have a drink of water.

Shoshana: Thank you so much. I have a question. Would you please be able to teach me a lesson in real life? Then when I time-travel back home, I can share it with all my friends and family!

Sarah: Of course. It would be my absolute pleasure to spend some time with you. I have a personal story which I feel would teach a wonderful lesson. On second thought... maybe my husband, Avraham, can tell the story. He’s sitting outside the tent, waiting for guests as usual! Avraham? Are you there?

Avraham: Boruch Hashem Yes, I’m right here. Do we have a guest?

Sarah: Yes, Avraham. She would like to hear a special lesson or story from me. I have a recent event in mind, but I told her that it would be better for her to hear it from you. Do you know which story I am talking about?

Avraham: The one about the tent?

Sarah: Yes.

Avraham: Okay Bezras Hashem. A few days ago, three messengers came to visit me. They asked me, "Where is Sarah your wife?" I knew that behind their question was a deeper meaning. They wanted to know -- in what Zechus did a woman of ninety years merit having a child?

Sarah: I still ask that question myself sometimes! I can't believe Hashem bentsched me with a child at the old age of ninety. It's a true miracle!

Avraham: Yes Boruch Hashem. A true miracle. Anyways, I answered them, "She is in her tent." I will give you the deeper meaning of my answer. In the Zechus of Sarah's Tznius, she became worthy of Hashem's promise: 'Kings will come from you'.

Shoshana: Wow. Sarah, you merited to have future generations of *kings*? That is really special! That's a big reward for a Mitzva.

Sarah: Yes. Shoshana, the Mitzva of Tznius is a big gift. I know you will be traveling back to the future soon. If there is one lesson you can take from today's meeting, it is "Kol Kevuda Bas Melech Penima"! All the honor of a Bas Melech, the daughter of Hashem, is within.

Shoshana: What do you mean by "within"? Aren't we out in the desert?

Sarah: Yes. But look at where all the special things are happening! Inside my tent is where I perform all my Mitzvos, such as baking Challah and lighting my candle. Shoshana, remember that these Mitzvos are yours as well! When your Neshama shines, you affect the world in a great way. You have the power to change the world. Remember that it all starts from the inside!

Shoshana: Thank you! Your tent is a very special place. I feel so lucky to have experienced it firsthand. True glory really does come from within. I can't wait to tell all my friends and family back at home. This was definitely one adventure I won't forget!