

# North American Inclusion Month

# NAIM

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Parshat Tetzaveh

### “Being Unique in Our Mitzvot”

This week we read the following pasuk in, Parshat Tetzaveh:

שמורת פרק כט פסוק כ

וְשִׁחַטְתָּ אֶת הָאֵילַן וְלָקַחְתָּ מִדְּמֹו וְנִתְתָּהּ עַל תְּנוּךְ אֵיזֶן אַהֲרֹן וְעַל תְּנוּךְ אֵיזֶן בְּנָיֹו הַיְמָנִית וְעַל בִּיָּהוּ יָדָם הַיְמָנִית וְעַל בִּיָּהוּ רַגְלָם הַיְמָנִית וְזָרַקְתָּ אֶת הַדָּם עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ סָבִיב:

“And slaughter the ram and take from its blood and put it on Aharon’s and his sons’ right ear and on their right hand and right leg, and sprinkle the blood around the altar.”

The blood from the Korban, the sacrifice, is put on different parts of the body that we use to do mitzvot. The ear can be used to hear and understand the mitzvah. Hands can be used to physically perform a mitzvah, such as shaking a lulav, and feet can be used to run and quickly perform a mitzvah.

Each one of us is able to perform mitzvot in our own way. Some of us may be able to use our ears, hands, and feet while some of us may have been given the challenge of only being able to use our ears, hands, or feet to do so. We should recognize and thank Hashem for what we have been given, while recognizing that everyone performs the mitzvah in their own adaptive way, if need be.

During this month of February, North American Inclusion Month, let us go the extra mile to include individuals with disabilities in our community as they too “run” to perform mitzvot.

**Shabbat Shalom!**



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