

North American Inclusion Month

NAIM

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Parshat Tetzaveh “Rising to the Top”

This week we read Parshat Tetzaveh. In this Parasha, as one of their jobs, Aharon and his sons were commanded to light the menorah every day with olive oil.

The Jewish people are compared to olive oil. Olive oil is the finest and purest of all the oils. So too, Bnai Yisrael, is the holiest of all the nations of the world. Olive oil is a source of light and so are the Jewish people; we give light to everyone else in the world.

When olive oil is mixed with water or another liquid, the oil rises to the top. When Bnai Yisrael follow the Torah, we rise to the top, above the other nations.

There are many actions that can be taken to rise to the top. The act of inclusion is an act that will truly influence not only you, but the entire Jewish community. By accomplishing true inclusion, we can rise to the top. This way, all Jews are included in society- those with disabilities and their typically developing peers.

Shabbat Shalom!



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