

SYNERGY**By: Yosef Vogel**

What is the largest Jewish gathering you have ever attended? 1000? 10,000? 100,000?

We all appreciate the great power in numbers. The coming together of thousands of Jews represents a powerful energy. Can you imagine being at an event with one million Jews in attendance. Can you imagine the energy and power present in the midst of that gathering?

What is it that makes the coming together of so many Jews so awesome.

In Jewish history there were moments when millions of Jews came together as one. Needless to say these gatherings were preludes to the most momentous events in our history. In the first instance the Jewish people saw G-d and received his Torah on Mount Sinai. In the second instance they embarked on one of the most ambitious and timeless projects of building a home for G-d in this world.

The most powerful and accurate mystical metaphor passed on to us by our sages to describe this phenomenon is that of the human body. The Jewish people as a collective are compared to one single body. Each and every Jew representing a different organ, contributing to a powerful dynamic that transcends the sum parts.

Consequently when two Jews come together a powerful synergy naturally emerges resulting in a fifty percent increase on performance. What is even more remarkable is that to the degree that the numbers increase, the compounded synergy created as a result has an exponential growth rate.

It is for this reason that Moses gathers all the Jewish people before telling them about this grand project of attracting G-d to dwell amongst them. For in order for finite man to connect to that wavelength which is infinite in nature one has to bring together all the Jewish people, creating a most powerful synergy where the finite becomes infinite and on which level the impossible becomes possible. There is no other way.

At the beginning of our history it was a "top down" scenario, with G-d imposing himself on mankind. It is now time for a "bottom up" approach, where all Jews come together as one resulting in attracting G-ds blessing not seen since revelation at Mount Sinai.

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VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

Shabbat Begins: 5:38 pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:41 pm