

## TAPPING INTO INFINITY

We all experience moments in our lives when we feel we have reached our limit and we wonder how it is possible to grow and move beyond our current life situation.

After all, we are finite creatures and therefore our capacity to achieve greatness in our lives is limited to some extent. We work very hard juggling the balancing of our responsibilities to family, business colleagues and community, and in doing so, we often feel worn out and unable to push on beyond our natural limitations.

This week's Torah portion teaches us that there are two opposing dynamics that function concurrently at any given moment in the universe. The first is the natural order of the universe which is limited to finite existence and is therefore limited in its capacity to sustain itself. The second is the power of the infinite, with which G-d has permeated all of existence.

It can be said that the purpose for mankind in this world and especially for the Jewish people is to unlock the "infinite" energy that lies beneath the natural order of existence. In this way even when our physical bodies are tired, we can rise above the confines of the natural order and renew ourselves with invigorated energy to inspire us with a new sense of hope and possibility.

This friction between the finite constraints of the physical body and the infinite ability to achieve greatness with a fresh opportunity has been reflected in the reality Vs miraculous narrative of our people since the beginning of time. When we built the tabernacle in the desert, the Jewish people worked tirelessly for seven days, doing their best. At which point, as a result of doing their best, a miracle occurred and G-d's presence was revealed.

This story is a powerful lesson which can offer us guidance and inspiration as we embark on all of the endeavours we set out to do. We always need to remember that if we do our best, with prudence and hard work, we will eventually reach a level where we are able to unlock the untapped energy of the infinite that often lies dormant within us and ultimately set ourselves on a footing where miracles can be achieved as we step into a world in which there are no limitations.

May we be blessed to live in the realm of the infinite, because it is therein that lays the triumph of the human spirit and the opportunity to enjoy a relationship with G-d whereby we refract the radiant light that he has sewed into the core of every soul.

Warm Regards,  
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Shabbat Begins: 6:01 pm  
Shabbat Ends: 7:04 pm