

## "And all of the congregation of Bnei Yisrael went out from before Moshe (35:20)

The *Or Hachaim* questions the apparent redundancy in mentioning from where the *Bnei Yisrael* departed. Is it not obvious that since Moshe had assembled *Bnei Yisrael* for a specific purpose, upon completion of his speech they would leave from "before Moshe"? The *Alter of Kelm Z"l* answers this question insightfully. When *Bnei Yisrael* left Moshe's study hall after listening to a lecture from their great teacher, it was apparent from where they had come, and from whom they had heard words of *Torah*. Moshe's students did not reflect his teaching only in his presence. Their essence was permeated by their *Rebbe's Torah*. Thus even upon departure they mirrored his influence. Hence, the *Torah* emphasizes their place of spiritual sustenance, for it was obvious that they had been coming from before Moshe. They conducted themselves as if they were still in Moshe's presence. One who studies *Torah* should always portray the image of a *Ben Torah*. The character development and refinement which are direct benefits of *Torah* study should be manifest in every activity of a *Ben Torah* wherever he may be.