

## **"Every man with his own flag, with signs according to their father's house, the Bnei Yisroel shall camp." (2:2)**

*Rabbi Ahron Kotler Zt"l* expounds upon the importance of being orderly and organized in every facet of one's daily endeavor. This is noted from the *Torah's* detailed description of *Am Yisroel's* every movement, their setting up of camp, and the arrangement in perfect order and sequence of every tribe according to its specific flag. This also applies to the laws detailing the service in the *Mishkan* and the order and sequence of carrying the Holy vessels during their travels in the desert. He explains that as a result of a lack of organization and order, the greatest holy endeavors can become defamed and distorted through error and clumsiness. When the *Bnei Yisroel* came to Mount Sinai the *Torah* describes their encampment in front of the mountain in the singular voice "*And Yisroel camped opposite the mountain*" (*Shemos 19:2*).

This leads the *Mechilta* to explain "*As one person with one heart*". Until now their travels were tainted by petty arguments and constant discord. As a prelude to receiving the *Torah* they resolved this disharmony and were able to unify themselves in sharing a common goal. The concept of "ouka (peace) is rooted in ",unhka" (perfection). People who are at peace exist in perfect harmony with each other, each one recognizing his own specific place, never stepping on his friend's boundary. The *Torah* can only be given to *Am Yisroel* when they are at peace with each other. The essence of *Torah* is perfection which mandates complete orderliness and discipline for its successful study and mastery.