

"Every man with his own camp and every man with his own flag." (1:52)

The inclination to be orderly is an essential prerequisite for achieving *shleimus*, completion, in character development. One who is generally lethargic in his attitude and thoughtless in executing his responsibilities is often a confused person. Such an individual is frequently unreliable and inconsiderate. It is vital for an individual to have a systematized approach to planning out his daily endeavor, so that he can set priorities and act upon them accordingly.

Horav Simcha Zissel M'Kelm z.l. cites several sources from *Chazal* to illustrate this point. The heads of the *yeshivos* in Bavel were crowned with the title of "*reish sidrah*" or master of order. This indicates that the *Rosh Ha'yeshivah* was also responsible for inspiring the maintenance of *seder*, order, in the *yeshivah*. In another context, regarding the *halacha* of the *arba minim*, four species used on *Succos*, we note that a *hadas shoteh*, wild myrtle, is invalid for the *mitzvah*. It is a branch whose leaves grow in disarray. Only those branches upon which the leaves of each bud grow in the same cross section are kosher for the *mitzvah*. In another area of *halacha*, we find that a *shochet* who pauses momentarily from making a smooth, constant *shechitah*, renders the *shechitah* invalid. One drop of water is the determining factor in rendering a *mikvah* kosher or non-kosher.

In the *Bais Ha'mikdash*, the individual functions of the *kohanim* and *leviim* were clearly distinguished from one another, so that no one would perform a function not ascribed specifically to him. Indeed, even within the various families of *Shevet Levi*, each had a distinct rule which was the family's personal obligation to fulfill. To deviate from this *seder* is to incur a grave punishment. To perform a *mitzvah* in a listless and disorderly fashion is to denigrate the *neshamah*, soul, of the *mitzvah*. To perform a *mitzvah* in a vibrant and disciplined manner is to elevate the *mitzvah* to new heights.