

תצא, the parsha in the Torah with the most מצות. An interesting topic in כי תצא, which on the surface of it is not relevant to us at all, is the famous topic of a בן סורר ומורה in the beginning of the parsha. The גמרא says that there has never been anyone who meets all of the criteria to be called a בן סורר ומורה and nor will there ever be.

What are the criteria for a בן סורר ומורה? His parents have to have exactly the same voice, they have to have exactly the same appearance, and they have to have exactly the same height. So when you when you see these requirements, you know that it's virtually impossible. The גמרא says it is totally impossible.

So if that's the case, what's the point? So we always hear the answer, להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה, to learn תורה regardless of whether or not it could possibly happen. However, we do know, as brought down by the בעלי מוסר, that there are many תמצא that we have in the גמרא which are wild, impossible, or so far-fetched that they could never ever happen, but we still discuss these situations and we discuss them very seriously. So how does the גמרא know for sure that a בן סורר ומורה will never happen? The answer which is a really a מוסר השכל and it's a יסוד.

What does it mean that the parents have the same voice? It means that the two parents do not contradict each other. They don't make choizek of each other. They have one message that they're transmitting to their children. That's one point, which is the same voice.

They have the same appearance means that their behavior is consistent from what they expect from their child. They behave in a way that they would want their child to behave, and they do it consistently together.

The same height represents the goals that they set for their child, laudable and appropriate goals which are for that child, not for all children. [It's so important never to judge one child by another and never even to compare one child to another, that fits right into this here]. If the parents fulfill all of these very demanding, but certainly very doable categories and they raise that child that way, it is impossible for their child to become a בן סורר ומורה. That's how the גמרא can say with such great confidence that a child with such parents could never ever become a בן סורר ומורה.

We should pay attention to this and learn from it. I'm talking to myself of course. And we should continue to do all of those things which we want to do to have אמתע יידישע נחת from all of our children, אייניקלעך און איר אייניקלעך.

