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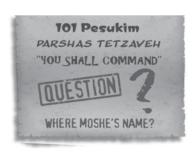
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### SPECIAL MYSTERY EDITION

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## MYSTERY OF MISSING NAME REMAINS UNSOLVED

More than 3,300 years after Moshe's name went missing from the Torah portion of Tetzaveh, investigators are still scratching their heads regarding its whereabouts. Detectives point to several suspicious circumstances, including the fact that this portion is always read



close to the 7th of Adar, which is both the birthday and Yahrtseit (anniversary of the passing) of the great leader.

"Moshe's name is missing, and we are extremely baffled, bewildered, confounded, mystified, perplexed, and a bunch of other adjectives," commented chief investigator Dr. Dovid Doresh. "If you have any information or leads, please submit it to your local Torah journal or contact the staff of 'The Parsha Post'."

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#### **RASHI & THE MYSTERIOUS NOBLEWOMAN**



A woman of royal descent was seen riding through the city square on horseback, dressed in an unusual riding apron, and the great scholar, Rashi, stood there gazing at her. Our TNS reporter, Berel Shmerel Shazakowitz, questioned the great sage. "I'm surprised and confused that I even took note of her. It really troubled me," replied Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki, who was on his way to his daily Chumash with

Rashi class. "But then... Aha! I figured it out! I was just working on my Torah commentary and I'm up to the part of the Kohen Gadol's apron but I couldn't really picture it. Now, **my heart tells me** that is why HaShem showed me this **noblewoman riding a horse.** Her apron is just like the Kohen Gadol's Eiphod. PERFECT! That's how I will describe it in my Rashi commentary! I'd love to talk to you more, Mr. Shazakowitz, but I must get back to my writing..." Zoom... Swoosh... Zap...

Rashi's commentary Shmos 28:4: **Eiphod**: I have never heard how it looked, nor have I seen it in Rabbinic writings, yet **my heart tells me that it is like an apron tied on the back**, called "portsent" in Old French, **which nobleladies wear when riding horses.** 

### **MENORAH MYSTERY**

Twenty-four hours after the Menorah was lit by the Kohen, the Ner HaMa'aravi is still burning brightly. Situated in the middle of the Menorah, with three flames on both sides, there is no rational explanation for this flame outlasting the others every single day.

"This is positively a supernatural sign from HaShem," says Yochanan, a Kohen who has been monitoring the case. "These so-called 'little' things are His way of showing us that He loves us and cares for us deeply."

#### **HOLY ALTAR'S IDENTITY CRISIS**



Citizens of Israel are bewildered by the small Mizbei'ach located near the Menorah in the Kodesh section of the Mishkan.

"I thought it's named Mizbei'ach **HaKetores** because we burn **incense**, **Ketores**, on it," Mrs. Kailah Konfusious told TNS. "However, my sister-in-

law, Goldie, calls it Mizbei'ach **HaZahav** since it's covered in **gold, Zahav.** And, believe it or not, my third-cousin, Pninah, insists it's Mizbei'ach **HaPnimi**, because it's **inside**, on the **Pnim**, of the Kodesh. Now, I'm totally confused!"

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