



No one could believe it was really happening. The fact that the princess would be going on a two-year wilderness trip to study Nature, and living in a tiny portable home could be understandable. What was hard to understand was the revelation of the astonishing love the King had for his daughter. Unable to bear the separation from his daughter, the King was exchanging his royal palace for his daughter's portable home in order to be together with her for the next two years. What was even more amazing than the love this displayed was the respect the King had for his daughter. The prime minister reported in awe that when he said to the King, "What an honor this will be for your daughter," the king responded with deep feeling, "I really believe it is my honor to be dwelling with her!"

The Creator of the Universe, in His infinite love, leaves all the celestial worlds to dwell with Klal Yisroel's tiny Mishkan, as Chazal state: "And He called to Moshe." From where did He call him? "From the Tent of Meeting." May His name be blessed forever! For he leaves the upper worlds and chose the lower ones to dwell in the Sanctuary, due to His love for Yisroel. Similarly, Shlomah said (Melachim 1 8:27): "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You; much less this temple that I have erected. Does a creator yearn to dwell in a pottery vessel? For He is the Creator of everything!" Only due to His love, 'My soul yearns, yea, it pines for the courts... (Tehillim 84:3). (Shemos Raba 34:4) But it doesn't end there! Hashem considers it His honor to do so! As Chazal state:

"You're my children and I'm your Father," as the verse (Devarim 14) states, 'You are children of Hashem, your G-d, and I'm your Father...' It's the children's honor to be by their father and it is a father's honor to be by His children....' Create a house for the Father and He will dwell with His children."

Similarly, Chazal teach us that the Malachim said during the splitting of Yam Suf: "Hashem our Master! How awesome is Your name in the entire land! It is Your honor to dwell with Your children!" (Yalkut Shimoni, Tehillim 8)

So hold your head high! The Creator and Sustainer of the entire Universe loves you passionately! And He alone recognizes your true, inherent greatness and therefore feels it is His honor to dwell beside you!

