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The construction of the Mishkan in this week's parsha has much deep meaning and symbolism. We find at the end of the parsha that the Torah mentions the pegs that were used to stabilize the Mishkan. Rashi questions whether these pegs were hanging from the side of the walls of the Mishkan, and they helped stabilize it due to their inherent weight, or were they actually stuck into the ground and that's how they helped stabilize the Mishkan. HaGaon Rav Moshe Feinstein ZT"l explains that we learn out a very important child rearing concept from this question of how the pegs were situated. There are many temptations, forces, and outside influences that pull our children and challenge our children in remaining steadfast to our beautiful heritage, and tenets of the Torah. What are the ways that we can "stabilize" our children to proudly adhere to our mesorah? The answer, Rav Moshe writes, can

be found from this Rashi's question of how the pegs were positioned. We have to firmly plant them in the ground so to speak, by surrounding them with a positive Torah environment, keeping them grounded by connecting them to Talmidei Chachomim, true Torah scholars and true Yirei Shamayim. That is the peg firmly planted in the ground. However that is not enough. We also must give them "their own inherent weight" in Torah and Mitzvot, by explaining to them, teaching them, and showing them by example, the beauty of learning Torah, the beauty of a life lived by the Torah's statutes, the benefit that we get from fulfilling the ratzon Hashem, Hashem's will, and from all of the mitzvot. If we can give these over to our children we will surely have Siyatta D'shmaya, heavenly assistance, and we will only have true nachat from all of our children.



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