

Maharal Tzintz

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Parashas Ki Sisa

In this parasha, Hashem says to Moshe: **“And you, take for yourself choice spices...”** (Shemos 30:23). Why the focus on **“for yourself”**? Why **“You, Moshe – “take for yourself”**?

All the ingredients are mixed together with oil, and the mixture is then applied to all the vessels and the Tent of Meeting, and it makes them holy. But **how does the oil itself become holy?**

The Maharal Tzintz, in his work *Malo Ha'Omer*, presents a novel explanation: **The oil became holy through contact with the holiness of Moshe Rabbeinu.** Moshe takes from his own holiness and makes the oil holy. And this is the significance of, **“for yourself.” “Take it for yourself” so that it becomes infused with holiness.**

And once the anointing oil becomes holy in itself, it is able to transmit that holiness further.

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