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D'var Torah - Shabbat Shalem

Shabbat Shalom,

This week's parsha is Parshat Yitro. In this parsha Bnei Yisrael receives the Aseret Hadibrot. I want to focus on the scene at Har Sinai. There was a thick, heavy cloud on the mountain that the people could see. There was thunder and lightning and a very loud shofar blast that the people could hear. There was fire and smoke on the mountain that the people could probably smell. Har Sinai itself trembled and shook, and the people could probably feel that too. Hashem created an experience that involved many senses. People learn and absorb things differently, and Hashem wanted to make sure that every person had an opportunity to have a powerful and meaningful experience. Hashem made it so Bnei Yisrael could use all or some of their senses to feel Hashem's greatness, and everyone could experience Matan Torah in their own way.