

Sheva Borochot for Dina & Malachi Kalfa – Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> June '06

Welcome to the newlyweds, Dina & Malachi, to the Moss and Kalfa families, and to all our friends.

We have known the Moss's for most of our time in Israel, and Dina since she was born. We have watched the Moss daughters grow up and get married and now Dina as well.

If I had to describe Dina in one word it would be "smile". She greets everyone with the same wonderful smile.

On Friday night at home we read from Mishli 31:

A woman of worth, who can find ?

אִשָּׁת חַיִּל מִי יִמְצָא

Malachi, **you** have found **your** woman of worth.

Two days ago, under the Chupa, the two of you took on the commitment of marriage. In Parshat Naso, 4:24 it says:

זֹאת עֲבֹדַת מְשֻׁפָּחוֹת הַגֵּרְשֹׁנִי לְעֹבֵד וּלְמֹשֶׁה

This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and bearing burdens.

They had to set up the sanctuary while the Israelites were travelling in the desert.

In your marriage there will also be service, of **each one to the other** and of sharing the burdens of life. You will also be setting up a sanctuary in your home, a place of good deeds, of Torah and learning, of charity and welcoming guests.

Dina and Malachi, our sages tell us that every sense organ of the body also has a way of covering it. Our eyes can be covered by the eye lids, the mouth by the lips and teeth and so on. The brain however, that is, our thoughts, can be controlled only with difficulty. For this reason we are told that if we have a good thought we should act on it immediately, but if we have not good thoughts we should wait and think again. So if you think of something nice to say or do for the other, follow their advice and say or do it straight away.

In Parashat Naso, HaShem commanded Aharon and his sons to bless Benai Yisrael with a three fold blessing. The descendants of Aharon, the

Cohanim, bless our people with this same blessing every day. As a Cohen, I would like to finish by giving you that blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you	יְבָרְכֶךָ ה' וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you	יָאֵר ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּחַן
The Lord lift up His countenance to you and give you peace	יִשָּׂא ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם

מזל טוב !!