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DVAR
TORAH

Banksu
Frank you.

Why was
the Todah
different?

Franks
by Rabbi Dani Locker

Tank oo .

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All parents understand what I just wrote. It is of course, what children say when their parents ask them to say "thank you" but they're too shy. So they dig their ear into their shoulder, and mumble something incoherent. Something that slightly resembles actual thanks, but carefully avoids actually saying the words.

The Torah portions this time of year, tend to get forgotten in a corner, sandwiched as they are between all the excitement of Purim and Passover. There are so many special readings, stories and celebrations, that it's easy to gloss over the actual book of the Torah called Vayikra (which wins second place on the 'strange and pointless translation list' as Leviticus). Mostly it discusses the temple service, including the different offerings that were brought in the Holy Temple. There was actually an offering called the TODAH, which means Thank You! The Todah was different than all other offerings because it had some bread brought along with it. Actual, yeast filled, fluffy bread. All the other offerings were not allowed to have fluffy bread, only matzah. Since matzah hadn't been invented yet, that was a bummer.

Because they rise and inflate with air, yeast and fluffiness represents an inflated ego. In plain English, it reminds us of people who think they're better than they actually are (yeah, we all know people like that). Usually that's a pretty dangerous way to feel. It's important that we don't feel too full of ourselves.

Perhaps it's different when it comes to saying thank you. People often fail to show proper gratitude because they're too shy, or don't feel like they're important enough. Kids will try to mumble something that doesn't actually amount to a real thank you. Maybe people who don't have a strong self esteem are afraid to admit they owe thanks. Either way, the Torah is telling us that when it comes to thanks, puff yourself up a bit, realize it's important, and make your thanks be heard, loud, clear and without any shoulder twitching.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Normally, in Jewish law, night comes first, followed by day.
Can you name two laws where night comes after day?

Answer is on page 2.

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**ANSWER
OF THE WEEK**

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Yo, whatcha lookin at?
You gotta think first!

When it came to eating korbanos - Temple offerings, night came after day. Also, when we make blessings on the Torah - Birkas Hatorah, the blessing in the morning works for the following nighttime as well.

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