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Hashem Shows Open Love to Yidden Across the East Coast

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This week's issue is dedicated as a Zechus for our brothers and sisters all over the world and especially in Eretz Yisrael.
Our Minds and our Hearts are with them.
May Hashem Protect, Heal, and Comfort All of Klal Yisrael!

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Wonderful News

BRACHA WITH NO END!

172,000 babies were born in Eretz Yisrael this past year!!! [R' Simcha Elefant]

LAKESWOOD COMMUNITY MAKES KIDDUSH HASHEM

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Emunah and Bitachon News

IT'S ALL LOVE!

Right before we went to press, the news came in about the war in Eretz Yisrael.

The following is a letter that we received from a reader in Eretz Yisrael showing how people felt Hashem's love even in this situation:

- A rocket fell in the Gilo neighborhood on Rechov Rosmarin - usually a very busy street, but was miraculously empty then!
- A missile fell in

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ר' שלמה זלמן בן ר' ישעיה זצ"ל



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Ramat Beit Shemesh Daled right near a whole bunch of Shul caravans with people going to and from shul, but it didn't explode or hurt anyone!! It had 20 kilo of explosives and made a 6 foot crater in the ground. See picture.



It fell right before Kol Hane'arim so there were many women and children outside at the time. All four shuls next to where it dropped, are built as a 'binyan kal' which means the whole thing is just a metal frame with plaster and cinder block walls with no safe rooms. On top of everything, due to technical issues the sirens in that neighborhood weren't working so every time a siren went off the people heard it very faintly. If you were in the shul you didn't hear them at all. Rumors were going around that there were going to be sirens

night. 6 p.m. came and went, but there have not been sirens since yesterday morning!

- *There were no Hatzalah calls related to rockets or missiles in Yerushalayim! [as of when this letter was written.]*
- *The city of Ofakim has been cleared of terrorists now!*
- *A tremendous Kiddush Hashem has been created over the past two days.*
- *Jews of all stripes and backgrounds are giving chizuk to each other and*

of snacks, letters, and toiletries have been sent to the army bases. Soldiers have been putting on tefillin. Men and bochurim have been learning with hasmadah during bein hazmanim.

- *A Chassidish man was driving his car, when he heard a siren. He ran out of his car and a rocket hit it then, and exploded, while he watched this happen from safety!*

- *There is a woman in Yerushalayim ordering tons of camouflage tzitzis, and many soldiers are ordering them, possibly putting on tzitzis for the first time!*
- *Over 2,000 Afghanistan's were killed in a tremendous earthquake just yesterday. Afghanistan had promised to join in the fight against Israel. Hashem is amazing!!! Let us daven that they and all the other countries will be unsuccessful!*



davening for the safety of their brothers and sisters. Cars filled with freshly baked goods, tons

Editor's Note: As painful the situation is, we know that Hashem is always fully in control of the situation. And of course everything that Hashem does is only good and is

coming from pure love.

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In related news:

Many Countries including the United States, England, France, showed strong support for us Yidden.

The United States, in a show of support, sent an Aircraft Carrier Strike Group to be near Eretz Yisrael!

Thank You Hashem!

**HASHEM STANDS AT YUN-
GERMAN'S SIDE**



R' Yehuda* and his wife had a baby boy. After a few days, they began to suspect that the baby was a special needs child. The baby was tested, and when the results came back, it was confirmed.

It was a few days before the bris, and R' Yehuda had been planning to make a very small event to save some money. He planned to just to invite a minyan of a few people that he know and

was very close with.

However, now his wife insisted that since Hashem gave them the tremendous shlichus of taking care of a special child, they have to make a special bris. She wanted to make a Kiddush Hashem by demonstrating that they are mekabel the challenge b'simcha and understand that the baby has a very special neshama. R' Yosef agreed with his wife, but he didn't know what to do, since he didn't have the money for a big bris.

R' Yosef's mother-in-law had a distant relative that has a lot of money. His mother-in-law 'happened' to be talking to her and mentioned to this relative that Baruch Hashem there was a simcha in the family, she had an einikel, but it was a special needs child. This relative said, "I want to be able to help out. Let me sponsor the entire bris."

With that, they sent money into R' Yosef's account. Since it was a wealthy person's idea of how much money was necessary to make a bris, it was enough to make a big bris and still have a few thousand shekel extra to spend on other expenses.

R' Yosef saw how the Ribono Shel Olam was helping him out through this challenging time to help him fulfill his shlichus and be mekadash Shem Shamayim by doing it b'simcha. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

ty. R' Ephraim noticed that throughout the entire flight,



the way he spends his time on a flight, just reading random literature? He tried to be dan l'kaf zchus anyway. He decided that it wasn't his place to say something, so he decided to stay quiet.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

About nineteen years ago, R' Ephraim Rabinowitz zt'l was on an airplane from America to Eretz Yisrael. Sitting next to him was a very choshuve Rosh Kollel from a different communi-

ty. R' Ephraim noticed that throughout the entire flight, the Rosh Kollel was reading a random English book, nothing Torah'dig. It was very difficult for R' Ephraim to be dan l'kaf zchus. He was thinking to himself, *'He's a choshuve Rosh Kollel, he's a respected talmid chacham, and this is*

About a year ago, R' Ephraim was by a chasuna, and he noticed this Rosh Kollel was there. People were giving him a lot of kavod. R' Ephraim went over to him to say Shalom Aleichem, and he mentioned to him, "Eighteen years ago I was zoche to be on a flight with you." The Rosh Kollel asked him exactly when it was. R' Ephraim told

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him the date. The Rosh Kolllel was thinking back, and he said, "That was when one of my parents was niftar, and I was on the way to Eretz Yisrael for the kevura. I was bringing the aron, it was on the flight."

With sudden clarity, R' Ephraim realized that the Rosh Kolllel had been an onen. He had been reading those English books because he wasn't allowed to learn. R' Ephraim saw the tremendous Hashgacha in the way that the Ribono Shel Olam helped him get clarity in the story eighteen years later, and thereby taught him a lesson that even when we don't understand why people are doing certain things, we constantly have to be dan l'kaf z'chus. [Kav Hashgacha Practis]

MAN IN FRANCE DAVENS TO HASHEM

Chaim,* a youngster from London, drove in his car to France. While he was in France, he accidentally smashed the rear windshield of his car. He needed to get back to London that night, and he didn't know anyone in France. He davened to Hashem that He should please help him out. He took upon himself that if everything worked out, he would publicize it on Kav Hashgacha Practis]



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Amazingly, someone happened to have known about a random place that could fix it for him. He went there, and Baruch Hashem, they were able to put up a temporary solution that was very cheap.

Baruch Hashem, he saw how the Ribono Shel Olam worked it out for him. [Kav Hashgacha Practis]

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HASHAVAS AVEIDA HASHGACHA

R' Shmuel,* a youngster, was sitting in his house, and he found a pen in his pocket. He took it out, and he realized it wasn't his. He was trying to think where he got it from, and it hit him. A couple of weeks before, he was in a different city filling out forms, and he by mistake kept the pen. He didn't know what to do. He decided he would hold onto it, and hopefully he would be able to return it.

That night by Maariv, he davened in a different shul



than usual, and he recognized one of the mispallelim. After some thought, he realized that the man had been sitting in the office where he had been filling out the forms, running the organization. R' Shmuel went over and told the man that he had accidentally taken his pen, and he gave it back. The man

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said, "Thank you!"

It was such hashgacha. He didn't usually daven on that side of town, but just that night he had attended a Bar Mitzvah in the area. He realized the tremendous hashgacha, how the Ribono Shel Olam worked it out, and he was able to return the pen to the gemach. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

MIDDA K'NEGGED MIDDA

R' Shalom,* a youngster, was in bed trying to fall asleep, and he remembered that his baby had been eat-

ing bread in the highchair and had thrown some on the floor. Shalom was generally very makpid to pick up bread



so it shouldn't be a bizayon. He decided that even though he was already in bed and he didn't really want to get up, he was going to overcome his inclination to stay in bed and do the right thing.

He went to the kitchen, and he saw that sitting on the counter was a very big pan of perishable food. They had completely forgotten to put it in the fridge. It would have been a very big disappointment for him and his wife if it would have been left out all night! He saw that in the zechus that he was careful with avoiding bizayon of food, and came to the kitchen to pick up the bread, middah k'neged middah this pan of food did not go to waste, and he saved himself tremendous agmas nefesh, Hodu L'Hashem. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

The Spring Hill Times Fire Dept.



Important Safety Tips How to Prevent Fires.

1. Flee, as far and as fast as you can, from a fight.
2. Maintain a safe distance from fights - a minimum of 1000 miles.
3. Drown yourself in all the good Hashem gives you and be as uninterested as possible in anything else.
4. Someone said something hurtful? DON'T be hurtful back. It's extremely flammable!
5. Laugh it off (inside).



REMEMBER:

Practicing Safety Saves Lives!

BIZYONOS BRING BRACHA

A number of years ago in London, a chashuve Rav got a call from a relative. He said he was making a chasuna and he would love it if the Rav could come.

The Rav asked, "Is there going to be a video by the chasuna?" The relative said, "There isn't going to be a vid-



eo."

The Rav said, "In that case I can come. In our kehilla there is a takana to not have videos. Since there won't be a video, I can come.

The day of the chasuna arrived, and the Rav came to the chasuna, and he saw there was a video! He went to his relative, the ba'al simcha, and asked what was going on.

The ba'al simcha said that the other side wanted a video, and he didn't want to cause a fight, so he was mevater.

The Rav said, "I can't be in the room where the video is. I won't leave, because you're a relative, but I will stay out in the hallway."

There in the hallway the Rav sat throughout the wedding. During the wedding, Mrs. Gross* came over to the Rav. She saw how the Rav was willing to be mevazeh himself in order to follow his community's takana. She said, "I need a bracha. I have been married for almost twenty years, and I still don't have children." The Rav gave her a bracha on the condition that as long as he is alive, if she has a child, she can't tell others the story. So it was. She had a child, and didn't tell anyone the story until the Rav was niftar. This story is very famously known in London. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

A YID RETURNS... AND A YID RETURNS!

Rabbi Kramer* is a Rebbi in Eretz Yisrael in a Yeshiva for Baalei Teshuva. He was getting off a bus and found a wallet that had some valuables in it. He noticed

that it had an ID of a boy who wasn't wearing a yarmulke. He did research and found who it belonged to. He called up, and the father picked up. He said that it was his son who lost the wallet, and his son was very down about it. He gave Rabbi Kramer his son's number. Rabbi Kramer called, and they made up to meet at a certain time in Rabbi Kramer's house.

The boy arrived and thanked Rabbi Kramer



from the bottom of his heart. He mentioned that one time he went to a certain yeshiva to check out Yiddishkeit, but it didn't work for him. Rabbi Kramer invited him to his ye-

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different vibrant colors.

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FAMILY HAS LACK OF SPACE

Monsey, New York- Mrs. Zisser* was putting fruits and vegetables into her refrigerator. After a couple of



minutes, the fruit bin filled up and there was no more room for the rest of the fruit! It was full with apples, oranges, clementines, kiwis, peaches, plums and avocados!

There is a strong suspicion that this scene repeated itself in many houses around the globe.

Thank You Hashem!

KLAL YISRAEL IN PARADISE

Yidden all over world celebrated with their families a month of beautiful Yomim Tovim! They had a wonderful

time serving Hashem with love and joy! It was Gan Eden in this world!

HASHEM SAVES BABY FROM CHOKING

Dovi,* a 11- year-old boy was playing with his 11-month-old baby brother. He noticed that the baby wasn't babbling while he was playing with him.

All of a sudden, he heard funny choking noises and then he quickly put his finger in the baby's mouth to check if there was anything inside.

B"H he found a silver monopoly toy in the baby's mouth and scooped it out!

Thank you, Hashem for saving the baby!

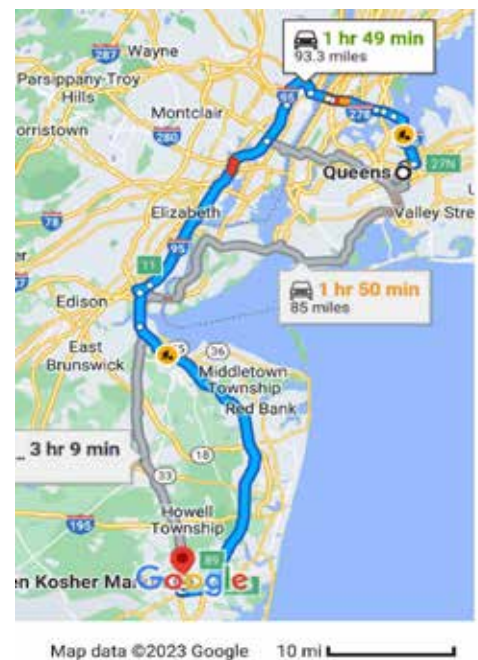
11-YEAR-OLD ENJOYS SHOES WITHOUT LACES:

Dovi* a 11-year-old boy got new Shabbos shoes without laces. When his mother asked him

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Mrs. Goldstein (name changed) struck up a conversation with a young Hispanic cashier at the Evergreen supermarket in Lakewood, New Jersey. She was surprised to discover that she lived in Queens, a 90-minute drive from Lakewood. "Why do you travel so far for this job?" she asked.

"I have many friends here," the cashier re-



plied.

Mrs. Goldstein looked around in confusion. "The other employees here are your friends?" she asked.

"No," the cashier said with a smile. "It's all the people who shop here! I know many of the customers in this store and their children, and they are always so pleasant and friendly; I consider them my friends. I love working here and the long commute is totally worthwhile".

[Living Kiddush Hashem]

how it is to put on his shoes in the morning before davening, he answered with a smile: It is such a mechaya to just slip my feet into my shoes like slippers and not have to take the time to tie them! [Heard from Dovi's mother]

CHILDREN SURPRISE MOTHER

Mrs. Goldman* took a few of her children on an outing. When she called home to check on how her kids who she left at home were doing, one of her son's told her there was a surprise awaiting her return. She eagerly arrived home looking forward to the surprise. When she came in she was pleasantly surprised to find two of her older children cleaning up the toys from the floor and making the room so neat!

Thank You, Hashem, for children who give their parents so much nachas! Halivay vayter! This was an amazing surprise! [Heard from Mrs. Goldman]

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY TALKS ABOUT OLAM HABA

Little Avromi H. From Lakewood, New Jersey, was one morning racing his younger brother to get to the bath-

room first. His brother got it first. Instead of making a fight, Avromi was mevater. He said to his mother, "I'm going to get a prize in Shamayim. Not like a prize that come out of the machine a much better prize!" [Heard from Avromi's mother]

FREE SIMCHAS YOM TOV!

Hundreds of families in the Monsey area enjoyed a beautiful first day of Chal Hamoed at Viola park.

The Town sponsored free attractions! They gave out free water and cups! Free Reflectors! They even had free delicious Cotton Candy and Popcorn!

They had free buses to bring people from a nearby parking lot to the park! There were police patrolling the streets to make sure that the traffic flowed smoothly and keeping everyone safe!



Bears at the Bear Mountain Zoo on Chal Hamoed.

All so Yiddishe children can have a fun and exciting Simchas Yom Tov!

Thank You Hashem!

P.S. A family in one of the neighborhoods in Monsey, New York, set up free Chal Hamoed fun in their backyard. They had a slide and gave out free Cotton Candy, Slush, Popcorn and Hot Dogs!

Hashem, Your Nation is as beautiful as ever!

YIDDEN START THE TORAH AGAIN!

Yidden all over the world completed the Torah on Simchas Torah with an outer-worldly love and happiness. They then started again the cycle of learning the Torah from Bereishis with tremendous excitement!

Yes Klal Yisrael is already in Galus for close to 2000 years but their love for Hashem and His Torah is stronger than ever!



A toddler enjoying cotton candy at the Chal Hamoed Fair.

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Yid Forgoes His Esrog

Ezra from Monsey, New York, was speaking to his friend and his friend told how much it meant to him to have a Chazon Ish esrog. Ezra then did the unthinkable. He gave his own esrog to his friend!

With Sukkos coming around the corner, Ezra still didn't have his own Chazon Ish esrog, he then remembered that you never lose by doing the right thing. At the last minute, a friend showed up at his house and presented him with a gift: a Chazon Ish esrog!

The happiness was shared by all!

Chocolate in the Nick of



Time

A couple of weeks ago, R' Shmuel Braunstein's* air conditioning broke down. He called a repairman to fix it. When the repairman finished, he said that he wasn't taking money for it. The fixing was done as favor.

Two weeks later, R' Shmuel wanted to return the favor, so he bought a chocolate and brought it to the repairman's home. When the repairman saw the chocolate, he was amazed. He told R' Shmuel that his wife just went through a difficult surgery and that she was craving a chocolate at that very moment! He looked all over and couldn't find the type she needed, and this was the



exact type she needed!

Delicious Scrumptious Fish for Shabbos

There is a organization that was set up by a Yid who has extreme Ahavas Yisrael. He had a dream to make sure that anyone who can't afford fish for Shabbos should get delicious gefilte fish and salmon delivered to their door on Eruv Shabbos.

R' Sruli Waldman* had this Yid over for Shabbos. The Yid noticed that there was room for improvement in the fish selection. Now R' Sruli gets delicious scrumptious fish delivered to his door every Eruv Shabbos!

HASHEM 'HUGS' HIS BELOVED NATION

A Dramatic Story How Hashem Changed the Weather and Put a Massive Rain-storm on Hold So His Yidden Could be Mekayim Mitzvas Sukkah Undisturbed

SPECIAL COVERAGE

OUTPOUR OF LOVE COMES FORTH FROM KLAL YISRAEL



It had rained for seven days straight in Lakewood, New Jersey (Except for a few hours on one day - enough time for people to put up their Sukkos). On Friday Erev Shabbos and Yom Tov it *mabuled* all over New York and New Jersey and a record amount of rain fell, flooding streets in Monsey, Brooklyn and Lakewood. Weather Forecasts predicted that it was going to continue to rain non-stop

the entire first night of Sukkos and first day of Sukkos until noon...

Yidden in Brooklyn, Monsey, Lakewood and all over the Tri-State area were extremely worried. The way things seemed, they would not be able to be mekayim the Mitzvah of Sukkah on the first night. They couldn't entertain the thought that Hashem did not want their mitzvah.

Over fifty people reached out to Rabbi Golombeck for chizuk on how to deal with the crises. One woman told Rabbi Golombeck that she davened to Hashem that it shouldn't rain, by saying the entire Sefer Tehillim!!!

A man told Rabbi Golombeck that he could not cheer up his wife. She was devastated. He said 'It was Pikuach Nefesh' that Rabbi Golombeck give her Chizuk. A man told me that the day before Yom Tov he kept on repeating to Hashem, "We love You and we love Your Mitzvah of Sukkah!!!"

Yidden all over New York and New Jersey stormed the Heavens with prayer and Bitachon.

I said to myself, as many other Yidden did, that there was no way Hashem is going to make it rain on the first night. It just can't be. I kept checking on Erev Yom Tov the weather app (on my kosher flip phone) but nothing was budging. It kept on predicating non-stop rain till midday the



Boys from Chestnut Ridge, New York, helping hang up decorations in the rain.

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first day of Yom Tov.

On Erev Yom Tov, about 2 p.m. I went with my children into the Sukkah, in the pouring rain, to hang up the decorations. We hung them up with such Simcha! The rain dripped into our eyes, nose, ears and mouth but we never had such a fun time hanging up Sukkah decorations! It was such a pleasure showing Hashem how much we love his Mitzvos!

At about 4 p.m. the Shul sent out a text message with instructions from the Rav what to do Leil Sukkos in the rain.

I kept on checking again and again waiting to see some improvement in the prediction. Baruch Hashem something changed and it said that it was going to be dry from around 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Still not a Yeshuah but an improvement!

OUTPOUR OF LOVE COMES FORTH FROM HASHEM

Suddenly the weather forecast showed that it was going to stop raining for a couple of hours until about 9:00 P.M. What a simcha!!! We went crazy with joy. It was a dream come true. I texted Rabbi Golombeck that things started looking better here in Monsey and He told me that in Lakewood too! At that point my bitachon kicked in and I said to myself, "That's it! Hashem is not going to make it rain. For sure!"

I told my wife that I wasn't going to take my raincoat to shul. "It's not going to rain." Even though it looked quite threatening outside.

Before Ma'ariv, the Rav spoke about how to make kiddush and start the Seudah in the rain. I whispered to the guy next to me, "It's good to know the halachos but it's not going to rain!"

After ma'ariv, it was not raining. I ran home to quickly make Kiddush and Hamotzei in the Sukkah. There was such an excitement in the air!!! We kept on singing 'Chasdei Hashem'. We couldn't believe that we were actually able to make a Leishev and be mekayim the mitzvah!

The meal proceeded. I kept on waiting for the rain to come back but it didn't! Chasdei Hashem!

When the meal was over I told my wife, "Hashem deserves a double as-good-bentching from

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me."

I was sure that by the time we went to sleep it would be raining again. But no! It stayed dry! It stayed dry the entire night! Until about 7:35 a.m. the exact time when we needed to get up for Shacharis! Then it started raining lightly!

The Rav by his weekly drasha before mussaf, spoke about the open love Hashem showed us with withholding the rain the entire night! Against the weather forecast, up until right before Yom Tov!

By the time Shacharis was over it was dry again!

A very similar story repeated itself in Brooklyn and in Lakewood, New Jersey! It was the talk of the town everywhere!

Hashem made it pour buckets before Sukkos and then made it stop in time for the mitzvah! There is no greater sign of bracha!

And of course we also cannot forget the beautiful warm days of Chal Hamoed Hashem gave us!

There is No Such Thing As Hashem Doesn't Want Our Mitzvah!

Chazal seem to indicate that if it rains on Sukkos it is a siman klalah - a sign that Hashem isn't interested in our Mitzvah. However this is impossible, because a person has a Chiyuv Min Ha-Torah on Yom Tov to be happy. Understanding Chazal this way, will destroy a person's Simchas Yom Tov and cause him to not fulfill a Mitzvah Doraisa! In addition we say every day: אוהב עמו ישראל. Hashem always loves us.

ה'הלל ק backwards is קללה. It is something that we need to thank Hashem 100 times for! It's Love and Bracha but just hidden! When Hashem makes it rain on Sukkos, He **makes it appear** as if He isn't interested in our Mitzvah so as to test us to see our reaction: Will we show a longing for the Mitzvah or not (like the Goyim Le'asid Lavo). But in truth, His love for Klal Yisrael and their Mitzvos is something that will never ever diminish, Chas V'shalom. [Rabbi Golombeck]

LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck



Editor's note: Many of these stories are from Nissan-Iyar.

“Hakol Yachol” Haskama!

Yisrael Willner* found what seemed like a contradiction in the Mishna Berurah. He was working for a full hour to try to understand it. After an hour, he thought of an answer,

but he wanted confirmation that his answer was correct. He was in a different city, not in a place he knew well, and he wasn't familiar with the people there, and he wanted to ask a Rav.

He started singing 'Hakol Yachol'.

came to her and poured out her heart about all her nisyonos and challenges. She was complaining and saying, “Hashem never listens to me...”

Mrs. Schwartz said, “I'll tell you the truth, I listen to the “Life of Bitachon” hotline, and all I hear is Hashem is always listening to us!”

The friend said, “Really?” Mrs. Schwartz answered, “Yes! What do you want right now?”

Her friend answered, “I want to find a parking spot when I get home because I usually never find a parking spot when I get home.”

“Okay,” Mrs Schwartz said, “Let's have Bitachon that you will find a parking spot when you come home.” Her friend drove up to her house and found a spot right in front!

Never once did she ever find parking there! Her

All of a sudden, he looked up, and he saw his own Rav from his city! He had no idea what his Rav was doing there, but the Rav said, “Yes, your answer is the right answer.”

Wow!

Hashem is Always Listening

Mrs. Schwartz* said that a friend of hers

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friend lives in Brooklyn in a busy, prime location!

Publicizing a Yeshua

R' Miller* wanted to rent out his property because the first of the month was coming and he wanted to be able to collect rent for the coming month.

He left a message on 'A Life with Bitachon' that if



he finds a renter, he will publicize that Hashem sent him a yeshua.

As soon as he finished leaving the message, within two minutes, he left another message that he got a call from someone

who wanted to rent his property!

In the zchus of wanting to publicize Hashem's chessed, he got the yeshua instantly!

Hashem Helps Yid Give Tzedakah!

Baruch Shulman* wanted to donate coffee to a shul, l'zecher nishmas someone. He thought that he had \$320 in his wallet, and he planned to donate it to the shul. Then he realized that he had left his money in a car service, so he was unable to make the donation.

He really wanted to donate!

Later that night, he was walking back from Yeshiva and was looking on the ground, and he found \$320! The exact amount that he had lost and that



he wanted to donate!

The Best Therapy

Mrs. Hoffman* suffers from panic attacks. Baruch Hashem she listens to the 'A Life with Bitachon' hotline and it's mostly under control.

One day, she was driving in the rain and she sensed that she was going to have a panic attack. She turned on R' Ephraim Wachsman singing on 'A Life with Bitachon' and it disappeared.

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Every Yid has "Pull"

Mrs. Lieberman* was telling her friend that she got her daughter into a school where you need a lot of "pull" to get in.

Her friend was shocked and asked her who her "pull" was because there were a lot of people trying to get into that school! She answered, "My Father runs the school." Her

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friend was shocked to hear that! Mrs. Lieberman explained, "My Father is Hashem, and He runs everything!"

Bitachon Brings More Bitachon

R' Yeshoshua wasn't feeling well. He'd been having stomachaches for a few days, and he couldn't sleep at night. One morning, he heard on the bitachon hotline the yesod about the power of speaking positively, of just saying, "I feel good!" R' Yehoshua started speaking positively, saying "I feel good!" He then felt all better.

R' Yehoshua left a message for the hotline, describing how even though he had been following the hotline for a few years already, he had to hear the Yesod at the time he actually needed it, in order for him to apply it.

This message was used as the basis for new Yesod a different day, about the importance of constant re-

view of the yesodos of Bitachon.

R' Leifer* had been following the hotline for a couple of years already, and had decided that he already knew all the yesodos and wouldn't benefit from listening any longer. He decided that this was going to be the last day of listening to the yesod.

That day, the yesod was this yesod from R' Yeshoshua about the importance and benefit of constant review!

R' Leifer realized it was a message to him, loud and clear, directly from Hashem! The yesodos of Bitachon require constant review!

The Power of Thinking Positive!

Mrs. Shain,* a Bubby, also heard this yesod of thinking positive. The next day, she was sitting on a chair and trying to reach something, and she fell off. Since she was an older woman, she hurt her

shoulder and felt many aches and pains. She had to rest on the couch. She thought, "One second. I just heard a yesod yesterday from 'A Life With Bitachon' about speaking positively." She started saying "I feel gevaldik! I feel amazing!" Almost immediately, she got back on her feet, and she started feeling better!

Hashem Pays Debt

Yankel* was making a Chasuna, and he didn't have a penny to his name. He needed 5,000 dollars. He asked the bank, "Can you lend me money?" They said, "Sorry, we can't give you money, you have a bad credit rating." Yankel said, "Okay, but you have a system that I can



overdraw my account and

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be in debt for a certain amount of time. Can you just extend it? Can you let me be in debt of 5,000 dollars a little longer? The bank agreed, and they gave him a date when it would be due.

It was the day before the date and he still didn't have the money to give the bank.

His wife said, "Let's picture the Yeshuah, we'll picture the money coming."

Later that day, the Rosh Kollel came over to him and said "Here's a Chasuna present, 5,000 dollars, we're wiring it into your account!"

One day before they needed the money to give to the bank!!

Wallet Found

Yisroel Tessler,* a Bachur, went with his brother on a flight out of town to be Menachem Avel their grandfather for their grandmother. He took his boarding pass and he



clipped it onto his wallet. He said to himself, "Why am I keeping it? I could just throw it out." But he kept it clipped onto his wallet.

After he got off the plane, he was passing through security and he couldn't find his wallet. Just then his mother called him to tell him that the airport just called that they found the wallet.

Yisroel asked his mother how they knew to call her. His mother replied that it was because his boarding pass was clipped to his wallet and it had all the information on it!

May this week's issue be a zechus for our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisrael, Ukraine and all over the world. May Hashem continue to shower us Klal Yisrael, His most beloved nation, with open kindness!

A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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L'zechus that people should feel loved by Hashem!

Weekly
Thank You's



By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh

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1. If Hashem created you, it means that you are important to Him. If you are important to Hashem then you are definitely special!
2. Realize that in your home, to your wife and children, you are the Rav, Rosh Yeshiva, Dayan, King, master Mechanech, Doctor, Ba'al Chesed, Askan, Handyman, Banker and much more! You give them financial, emotional and physical support. You give them love and care. Something that no-one else can do. These are the most loyal people to you. They will stick with you no matter what!
3. When you walk in the street and smile to people, you are being the biggest Rebbi! When you behave in public in a way that is considerate to others then you are ta big Rosh Yeshiva! When you are honest in your business and others notice, then you are the biggest teacher! When you greet people with a 'Good morning' you are teaching the world the greatest lesson to value another human being! You are showing the world the beauty of a Yid and the beauty of a servant of Hashem!

Every single action you do affects others!

4. Your social status in this world is nothing but a passing shadow. In the next eternal world you will be so important! Just keep on serving Hashem happily and loyally!

Patient

I feel like I don't have much value. Many of my friends are Maggdei Shiurim or run important organizations. I work from 9-5 to support my large family and I don't do anything special.

Please help me!

Ayin Tova

Seeing the good in every situation

CASE OF THE WEEK:



Miri was apprehensive as she would be traveling on the bus with her newborn baby for the first time. Now she found herself boarding the somewhat crowded bus. After she folded the stroller to make more room she searched for a seat. There were none. To her surprise no one got up to offer her a seat or to even hold the baby.

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Suggestions for the case where Mr. Davids always parks in Nechama's driveway:

- Maybe Nechama assumes it's her driveway because it's closer to her home but really Mr. Davids has the legal rights to it. Or maybe he is used to parking there because the neighbor beforehand had not owned a car and now, he feels it "belongs" to him because he has been using it for so many years.



- Nechama can't find the time to exercise with all her work so this is a good time for her to get some exercise in.
 - Maybe Mr. Davids is hard of hearing.
 - Perhaps this is an opportunity to work on having more courage. If 'gently' asking Mr. Davids isn't working, she needs to stand up for herself and ask the neighbor to move the car in a firmer yet loving manner.
 - Maybe her neighbor is old, so he needs to have a closer parking spot and by letting Mr. Davids park there she is making his day much easier.
- After doing her hishtadlus, Nechama can focus on the fact that this is orchestrated by Hashem and Mr. Davids is just a shaliach.

Nechama (not her real name) is one of our readers and she responded with the ayin tova she has for her situation, we were impressed. "My ayin tova in this particular case is twofold.

- First is I am very grateful that I have a driveway at all, many people do not, and if somebody parks in it occasionally, that's their problem.
- The other thing is, B"H I usually act with good middos even though the person stealing my driveway is not. I am always responsible for how I act, and if I can act appropriately that is a very good thing."

SIXTY SECONDS OF INSPIRATION

With Rabbi Label Lam - Monsey, New York

Celebration of Creation

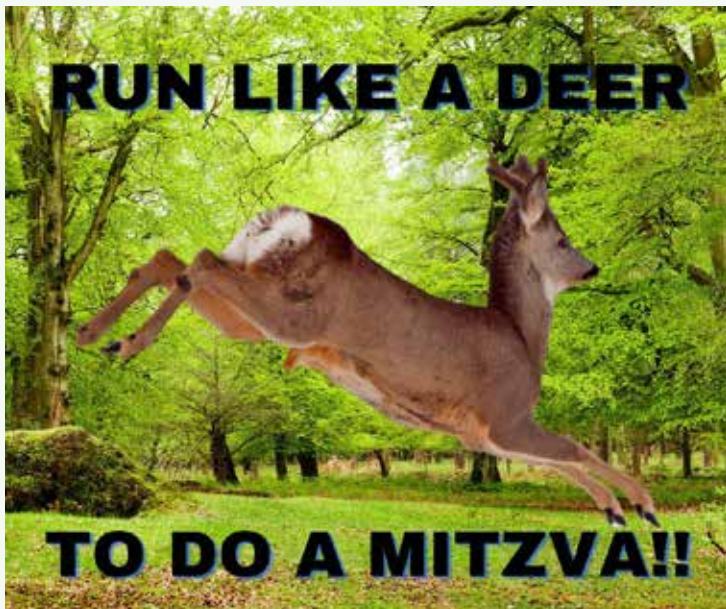


Can you imagine making a wedding, inviting the whole world, and no one shows up? How painful and lonely that must be. Can you imagine making that wedding every week, putting out a giant spread, and no one shows up, for one-thousand nine-hundred and forty-eight years?

The possuk tells us, "*Vayevorech Elokim es yom hashevii vayekadeish oso*" - HaShem blessed the seventh day and He made it holy," right from the beginning of Creation. And not until Avrohom Avinu came along did it get its proper appreciation. Now a giant family and a community develops, a whole nation that appreciates HaShem's Shabbos, to join HaShem at His great celebration of Creation.



Good Shabbos!



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Living With Appreciation

By: R' Daniel Shasha

How phenomenal was the creation of the world! It went from absolute nothingness to having mountains, hills, oceans, lakes, trees, flowers, fish, animals, and most importantly, humans. The account of maaseh bereishis is truly fascinating, yet why did Hashem create this beautiful world? And why were we created? To answer these questions, let's look at one of the first Midrashim.

Chazal darshan the first word in the Torah bereishis to read bishvil raishis, 'because of the first' a reference to the first crop offered in Yerushalayim, the bikurim. The Alshich explains that the whole essence of bikurim is gratitude to Hashem for giving us produce. Therefore, Chazal are telling us that gratitude is so fundamental that it is the reason for the creation of the world! Another Midrash teaches that this is also why Hashem created mankind in order to praise Hashem. We and the stunning world around us were created to thank Hashem! Fascinating!

Throughout our day we have countless opportunities to express our gratitude. We recite many berachos, recite pesukai dezimra, modim, aleinu, etc. We say phrases like Baruch Hashem, chasdai Hashem etc. These are all ways of fulfilling the reason for the creation of the entire world and the reason why we are here.

It is very interesting that during the berachah of refa'einu, when we daven for health, we say Ki tihilasainu Ata, 'for You are our praise'. What is the connection? Rav Chaim Kanievsky explains that we are asking Hashem for health so that we can praise Him since this is the reason why we and the world were created! Praising Hashem gives us health and life since we are fulfilling the purpose for which we and the world were created!

Each second, we are surrounded by such tremendous blessings. We can see, walk, talk, and breathe; we have shelter over our heads; friends and family who are there for us. The list just goes on and on. Each day in modim, we say 've'al nisecha shebechol yom imanu', thanking Hashem for the miracles which happen to us constantly. Just pausing for a few moments taking note of these miracles can add tremendous meaning to our lives, as we see in the following story.

A bachur in the Manchester Yeshiva was undergoing a very difficult nisayon. He approached his Rosh Yeshiva, the renowned gadol, Rav Yehudah Zev Segal, who gave him life changing advice. He said 'each night when you daven Maariv, and you say the words, veal nisecha shebechol yom imanu, you should think of a certain miracle that happened to you that day.' Determinedly, he followed this practice each day and it made a huge impact on his life and he became a very chashuvah talmid hacham. He exclaimed, "For forty years, each night I did what my Rosh Yeshiva suggested, and I can testify wholeheartedly that there wasn't one day all these years that I didn't find some miracle to praise Hashem for."

May we be zocheh to thank Hashem for His constant gifts and miracles; fulfilling the reason why we and the entire world at large was created!

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Bitachon Gems

Learning the Parasha with Rav Yehuda Mandel Shlita

האשה אשר נת' לי - אדם ודוד



I always wondered why was Dovid's life totally involved in הטבה במקום הקפדה. He never points at his enemies and says, "You are the problem in my life." Instead he always forgives and he only sees הקב"ה in them. He loves and respects אבנר אבשלום who were his worst enemies even though they all hated him and wanted to kill him.

Part II

דוד was actually the last 70 years that אדם הראשון lost. The main problem with אדם הראשון was when he blamed חוה for his sin. האשה אשר לי and נת' לי calls him an ingrate (כפוי טוב). The זוה"ק says that he would have been somewhat forgiven right away for his sin, but saying that it's הקב"ה's fault because He gave him חוה for a wife, was his true major sin.

Part III

We can suggest בס"ד that this is why דוד was so involved in forgiving his enemies. He was being אדם מתקן. When you see a human before you and you don't realize that he is only a נסיון from הקב"ה in disguise then you fail to understand the basic truth of your existence.

Part IV

You were created to work on your middos and when you love your enemies without blaming them then you are living with the truth. The people in your life simply don't count. They are just tests מן השמים. This is why דוד was always מודה on all his wrong-doing וחטאתי מדות. "מ' always blaming myself because then I grow in מדות."

Part V

Not like שאול who said: ואשמע בקולם כי יראתי- את העם. He didn't take responsibility for his actions. Rav Wainkrantz ז"ל told me that in your life there is only 'you' and הקב"ה testing you via the people in your life. This is why דוד's greatest accomplishment was when he said about א"ל קלל (who was cursing him) שמעי בן גרא - it's not him, it's הקב"ה.

Part VI

This made דוד the רגל רביעי של מרכבה. He grew in סבלנות and in seeing only הקב"ה while שמעי threw rocks at him. This was his #1 achievement since it was his main mission in life - not to blame, like אדם הראשון blamed and said לי האשה אשר נתת לי.

Part VII

After אדם received קללות from הקב"ה it says that he gave חוה her name and said כי היא חוה. He praised her. We can ask, why right after being cursed by הקב"ה does he name חוה? We can suggest בס"ד that he was doing the opposite of being ungrateful and saying נתת לי האשה אשר- נתת לי.

Part VIII

After all the צרות that his sin caused him, he gives the יסוד of his sin (חוה) a big boost. ממש הטבה במקום הקפדה. This is the beginning of ע"ה דוד המלך. Not only isn't he angry at

חווה - he gives her a respectable name.

Part IX

And the very next פסוק says that אדם וחווה gave clothes to חווה. The גמ' in שבת calls clothes the respect of a person. We see a מדה כנגד מדה - he respects חווה and חקב"ה respects him.

Part X

Why did דוד המלך have such an unusual amount of צרות in his entire life? To show the one with the most צרות becomes נעים זמירות ישראל - the sweetest singer. Not only isn't he angry at חקב"ה for his צרות but he goes extreme במקום הקפדה and he becomes the greatest singer to חקב"ה.

Part XI

The מלך is the example - no ingratitude - no matter what, and only singing. Every day we say דוד עבדך נהללך. People may wake every day with all kinds of problems, but when they daven שחרית they are emulating דוד - always be in a "Thank You" mode.

Part XII

The king's job is to be an example and to encourage. When people see דוד singing despite much more צרות than they have, then it gets easier for them to stop kvetching and start appreciating! No blaming חקב"ה and/or people. Just being happy despite a challenge - is the main תכלית of all humans.

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Part XIII

And then דוד sins "להורות תשובה ליחיד". "Look how I can do the worst sin." (Of course not to be understood as Chazal tell us). So now everyone else can feel free to do teshuva. דוד was involved in the worst life and the worst sins (again not כפשוטו) - so we can all make a ק"ו and despite difficulties and do תשובה and despite the worst kind of sin.

Part XIV

"This will also pass" (so don't get depressed). A proof that the job of royalty is to encourage. דוד also said על צוארו - Never give up. The king teaches בטחון and to be "above" עוה"ז without getting depressed and feeling low.

To Share My Share Of My Daily "Shir Chadash"



R' Moshe Davidson
A Rebbi From Brooklyn, NY

It was 8:30 pm and I was at home in my dining room.

I was studying שמואל א' with my daughter and the words in the pasuk: ונר אלוקים טרם יכבה that we were learning, struck me. עלי was "still alive" even as an elderly person.

I told my daughter that there is another פסוק that speaks about the נשמה as a נר ה'.

The very well known פסוק is נר ה' נשמת אדם.

I got a emotional about those words.

We then continued on with learning about the first נבואה of the then young שמואל הנביא who had already reached an astonishingly exalted קדושה in מדריגה.

The נבואה contained a



painful punishment, ending with the amazing powerful words of עלי who accepts the will of ה'.

whole heartedly and is מצדיק עליו את הדין.

What amazing words of a great tzaddik!

The next day, at 1:30 p.m. in my classroom, I was looking at the broken USB drive that I had bought not long before.

I'm not tech savvy and I still had a CD player which also has a cassette deck!

So I bought a new CD player that has a USB port. (Now we're moving forward!)

I figured it's time to upgrade my audio system in Yeshiva. I'm a bit late in the game, since USB drives in audio systems are also a thing of the past...

I bought it for \$100 and the guy in the store told me that this is all that's available since these systems aren't being produced any more.

I also bought a few new USB devices and they are easy to use.

I, however, did not know what

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to watch out for.

Children passing by, brushing the device or any accidental force applied to the small USB like stepping on it, sitting on it or leaning on it, could easily result in bending the metal pointer off the whole plastic casing.

That is exactly what happened to two of my devices but somehow, they still worked.

But then one day, one of them stopped working.

I had no idea what to do. *Was it possible to fix?* I asked myself. I wondered

if there is anything to do with it.

I figured *let's crack it open and check out the inside. Maybe we can get it to work.*

The plastic casing easily gave way to the pressure I applied to it and it cracked open. I discovered inside a tiny green tech-board with lots of little silver metal connections.

Well let me check it out. Maybe it'll work now? I wondered.

I plugged it in and bingo! It worked! There was a tiny red light blinking at the edge of it.

Who put there a tiny light and why was it there? I wondered.

One cannot see it only if it is opened!

Well, I guess it's to show me that its 'Neshama' was still

alive!

It then came back to me: ונר ה' טרם יכבה.

Seemingly broken, cracked open, exposed for anyone to see its shame. Vulnerable. Not protected at all... Flimsy, thin, bendable. It still was working perfectly.

The little red light was blinking. It was working fine.

ונר אלוקים טרם יכבה

That is the most important thing that counts.

Your Neshama is alive and kicking!

You have so much koi-chois hanefesh!

Appreciate life!

You are still a functioning person and you gotta just fix the casing. The ארום און ארום.

The little red light is still blinking.

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Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

The Tzemach Tzedek relayed the following story:

In a neighboring town of Yerushalayim, lived a simple-minded man. He didn't know how to daven or learn. Every week, he would come to town to sell the produce from his farm. After finishing, he would go to the Rav in town to ask if there were any upcoming Yomim Tovim he should know about—both to make sure he wouldn't come on a day nobody would be buying, but also to

learn about the Yom Tov.

One time, when he came to town, much to his surprise, he saw that the streets were empty. As he continued on toward the market where he sold his goods, his wonder got even stronger, as even the stores were closed. "Why are the streets empty and the marketplace closed?" he wondered. "Did the Rav forget to tell me about an upcoming Yom Tov? Is today possibly Shabbos, and I lost calculation?!"

When he saw a Yid coming down the street holding his tallis and tefillin, he was comforted that at least it wasn't Shabbos. "Excuse me," he asked the man. "Why are all the stores closed and the streets empty?"

"Today is a taanis tzibbur," the man answered, and continued on his way.

The farmer accepted the explanation, but it disturbed him greatly. "Why didn't the Rav tell

me about this when I was last in town?" he wondered. "I already ate today and davened the wrong tefillos!"

Leaving his donkey and his produce, he ran to shul to ask the Rav why he wasn't informed of this upcoming fast day the last time he had been by the Rav. "Today is not a calendar fast," the Rav told him. "You're surely aware of our lack of rain. When the heavens seem to be shut for us, then we call for a day of fasting, so that we can call out to Hashem and beg for His mercy."

The innocent man wasn't convinced. "I don't see the need for such a burden on the people."

"Well, how else do you suggest we deal with the problem?" "When I sense that my field isn't getting enough rain," the man told the Rav, "I turn to Hashem and I say, 'Father, we are in need of rain!' Soon after, the rain starts coming."

"If so, then do the same now," the Rav requested of him.

Diligently, the farmer then went over to the corner, turned to Hashem and said, "Hashem, your people need rain. Do You want them to die from drought?!"

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Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

Soon after that, dark clouds started to form, and plentiful rain came down. (Tiferes L'Moshe, p. 57)

This incredible story shows the great power of a simple-minded tefillah. Hashem is there for each of us, and is ready to give us all the good in the world. This temimos'dikah tefillah has even a greater ability of being answered, as it comes with no complicated calculations or caveats. Simple belief that Hashem is listening to us and desires to fulfill our needs is

what brought about the yeshuah for this farmer in even an abnormal fashion.

The gift of tefillah is given to each and every person. This means is that Hashem is telling us that EVERY SINGLE PERSON, without exception, can merit great yeshuos. When approaching Hashem with simplicity, knowing that Hashem listens to each and every one of us every time we turn to Him, our reliance on Him is strengthened, and we will be granted our requests.

This is reflected by the following halachah: If someone during his davening mistakenly says "V'sein tal u'matar" in the middle of the summer, he must repeat Shemoneh Esrei. Now, even if this man is in Yerushalayim, a place where it almost never rains at that time of year, he still must go back and repeat his davening because he uttered a request at the wrong time.

Do we really think that Hashem would take his tefillah seriously and make it start raining

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Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

in the middle of a bright, sunny day? Moreover, the person we're discussing didn't even request rain with any real kavanah, and yet we're still concerned that his tefillah is going to bring rain?

We learn from here: that each and every individual has the enormous power, regardless who he is or what he is intending. Therefore, he must repeat his davening.

CLUELESS!

An additional story that brings out this concept is relayed by the great tzaddik, R' Gamliel Rabinowitz:

There was a particular family whose mother had raised them on a kibbutz. She merited to see every one of their children grow to become great talmidei chachamim and rabbanim. What was the secret behind their success?

Their great-grandmother had grown up behind the Iron Curtain in Russia, and therefore never received any formal Yiddishe education. She knew nothing of Torah or mitzvos, but there was one thing she remembered from her mother: lighting Shabbos candles on Friday night. Although she

hadn't known what Shabbos was, she nevertheless would light candles on Friday night. She also recalled her mother davening with great kavanah for her children's success after she lit, and so that was all that this daughter continued doing.

Not knowing much, when she was able to leave and come to Eretz Yisrael, she initially settled in a kibbutz far from where any frum Yidden lived, and became inculcated in the ways of the chilonim.

When it came time for her to light Shabbos candles and daven for her children, with her simplemindedness, she davened that they should grow to be like Ben Gurion, the big rasha. She was convinced that he was the biggest "tzaddik" of the generation, as he had been the one chosen to run the country.

One day, she saw that Ben Gurion had made a trip to the heilige Chazon Ish. At that meeting, the Chazon Ish persuaded him to drop his terrible plans for policies that went against the spirit of Yiddishkeit. When she heard this, she understood that there must be someone more special person than Ben Gurion (as she didn't know the difference between the two!).

So, her Friday night tefillos switched to now request that her children be as great as the Chazon Ish, since she figured that he was an even bigger tzaddik if he had been able to persuade Ben Gurion.

As a result of these tefillos, she merited that her children and grandchildren should be outstandingly special and devoted to Hashem and his Torah.

R' Gamliel Rabinowitz explained that we learn from this story the effect of the tefillah of even a simple woman, coming from the depths of her heart. She merited to raise outstanding children and grandchildren without even known the basics of Yiddishkeit. Hashem listens to everyone's tefillos, and thus she was able to get such a wonderful family.

How much more power do we then have? Baruch Hashem, we who were given the proper chinuch and are able to serve Hashem properly are certainly able to access this wellspring of berachah. By believing in the power of our tefillos we'll see their results (Tiv Hischazkus, Hallel V'hoda'ah, p. 449).

Mentchlichkeit – A Ben Torah’s Top Priority

In a story related by Rabbi Paysach Krohn, Rav Yisroel Salanter allud-

ed to this idea when a shidduch was suggested between his granddaughter and a young Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzensky. Rav Yisroel had met Rav Chaim Ozer years earlier, when the future gadol was a child and approached Rav Yisroel after a derashah to offer a brilliant answer to a question he had raised. At the time, Rav Yisroel kissed the young child and offered his berachah for a good shidduch. When the shid-



duch was redt, though, Rav Yisroel insisted on investigating more than Rav Chaim Ozer’s brilliance and knowledge. To those who praised

Rav Chaim Ozer for his greatness in Torah, Rav Yisroel responded, “I knew that he was a talmid chacham when he was ten years old, but the Torah describes marriage with the words ‘I have given my daughter to this man.’ In order to be fit for marriage, a person must be a ‘man’; he must be a mentch. If he is not, his Torah learning is not worth a thing!”

Rav Mendel Kaplan, a legendary educator in his time, was known for constantly stressing to his talmidim the importance of mentchlichkeit. A renowned rosh yeshivah once commented, “I make talmidim, but Rav Mendel makes mentschen.” Rav Mendel’s entire life was dedicated to instilling sensitivity and caring for others in the hearts of his students — and the ideal of derech erez was exemplified by his own behavior as well.

Rav Mendel was approached by a recent baal teshuvah who was returning home to visit his parents. The young man wanted to know the nature of his spiritual obligations during his visit, and Rav Mendel replied, “Your mitzvah while you are at home is to honor your parents . You must find things

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to do that they will appreciate, such as washing and waxing your father's car."

“You Don’t Speak with a Horn”

Rav Mendel was once approached by a wealthy man who was seeking advice on how to formulate his will. He wanted to know how much money he should leave to his children, who were not religious, and how much he should leave for charity. “Leave the majority of your assets to your children,” Rav Mendel advised him. “If you leave too much money to charity, it will cause your children to feel ill will toward Yiddishkeit. On the other hand, leaving most of your money to them will cause them to look favorably on your beliefs. They may even begin observing Shabbos as a result.”

When Rav Mendel drove a car, he sounded the horn only when it was absolutely necessary for safety. “You don’t speak to a person with a horn,” he would often say.

Shortly after his passing, someone else brought his car to his usual auto shop for repairs. One of the non-Jewish workers



recognized the car and asked, “Where is the rabbi?” When he was told that Rav Mendel had passed away, the man began to weep. “I know I am a simple

mechanic,” he said, “but the rabbi always treated me like a special person. He would take interest in my life and would make me feel like a million dollars. No one in the world made me feel as good as he did.”

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Gold Mines

Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel

By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

Money is something that occupies the minds of many



people. People are loaded with worries about money, even if they have money, they're thinking "What's going to be how and we going to manage" especially now with inflation.

Sometimes worrying about money is a tradition passed down from generation to generation, they worry about money because they were brought up hearing all day "we need money" regardless of how much money their parents had.

Why should there be a concern!? There's an Aibeshter so why shouldn't things work out?

R' Levi Yitzchak Berditchiver once, after davening, gave a clap on the bimah to remind the oilam "there's an Aibeshter!"

When you make Hashem tangible, inflation won't mean much. In Novardok, the approach to working on bitachon isn't just, "we have an issue, so let's work on bitachon ." Rather it was, "What's the matter with you? How could you forget? There's an Aibeshter!" When you live with Hashem, these financial fears don't have a place.

Rabbi Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

This past Yomim Noraim, I davened by Rav Yehuda Mandel's Shul; 'Khal Sha'ar Bitachon' and I noticed something amazing. There is a beautiful diversity of Yidden, some of which have very different Minhagim and dress, yet everyone felt comfortable -like they belonged...

I was intrigued, why is it that in this Shul everyone can feel like a first class member?

It occurred to me that Rav Mandel chose to name the Shul 'Sha'ar Bitochon'! and that's really its identity. It's a place where first and foremost, Jews come together to trust and pray to Hashem. So even through the Minyan is mainly comprised of Beis Medrash Gavoah Yungeleit, people that are different can feel at home since everyone can unite to trust and pray to Hashem!

This is an important goal of any Home Shul or Yeshiva that the identity and main aspiration should be 'living with *Continued on next page*

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to R' Menachem Mendel Kaufman and family (Kiryat Sefer) upon the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yaakov Yehoshua!

Mazel Tov to R' Chanoch Krohn and family (Chestnut Ridge, New York) on the birth of a new baby boy!

Rabbi Yosef Moshe Mizrachi
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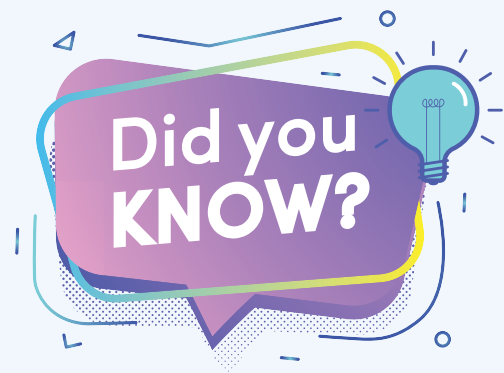
Hashem'. As holy and special our Minhagim and nusachim are, they cannot overshadow and take up more focus than Hashem Himself!

I once asked R' Golombeck whether I must change my Sefardi minhagim in order to be a true Navordoker. He responded that I do not need to change anything since the whole point of Navordok is to get us to live with Bitochon and work on our Middos!

You can speak English, Hebrew Yiddish or Spanish and keep whatever customs you have, just make Hashem Your main Focus and you are in!!

Chag Sameach!

By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck



Did you know?

We're lucky to live in today's generation. When we do even the smallest, tiniest mitzvah, Hashem magnifies it a thousand times. We are in galus for more than two thousand years, and still doing mitzvos? Our tiniest mitzvos are bigger than Amoraim and Tannaim's mitzvos. When we do an aveira, Hashem is dan l'kaf zchus; how can more be expected of us?!

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A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness

When we eat and chew, our mouth and teeth are very active. It seems like both of our jaws – the higher jaw and the lower jaw are in constant motion, moving up and down. The truth is that our two jaws work very differently from each other. Our bottom jaw is the one that’s constantly moving – biting, chewing and crushing, as opposed to our higher jaw and the upper set of teeth that are inside it, which are fixed and not too movable.

Let’s think about this for a moment. Why did Hashem set it up this way? Well, if our top jaw was the active one – or even if both of our jaws were equally active, our faces would be in constant motion when we eat. Every bite would jilt it up and down. Even when we speak, this would occur – but on a smaller level. This would make it very difficult for us when we eat to focus on anything – like the person across the table or reading material. It’s not too conducive for *ישׁוּב הַדַּעַת*. In addition, perhaps this constant movement thousands and thousands of times each day is not so healthy for the brain, it would keep shaking it around. This is besides for the fact that it would diminish the respect that the human face calls for.

הַקַּב"ה with His חַכְמָה created the upper jaw stationary to assist us in a number of ways, like we mentioned. The movements of eating and speaking are confined to the lower jaw which is at the bottom of the face.

To smile – and to do an act of חַסֵּד like it’s מְבוֹאֵר

in the גִּמְרָא – contains the power to gladden and strengthen others, and to build relationships. Smiling is also very beneficial for the person himself who is smiling to others. As the saying goes, “Whatever you do for others, you’re really doing for yourself.” This actually applies to both our emotional and physical health.

Smiling releases a hormone in our brain, it improves our mood and makes us feel happier. So when we feel down and start to dream of different ideas to lift our spirits, instead of heading to the refrigerator or searching for some other distraction, just find some people to smile at. That’s a simpler and quicker way to change your mood. You can also pick up a priceless מְצוּה of חַסֵּד on the way. Our physical health also benefits from smiling in a number of ways.

Studies show that smiling reduces blood pressure, boosts our immune system, increases our endurance, and reduces stress and pain. Laughter is the best medicine. We cannot laugh without smiling, and that helps us our both emotionally and physically. These two fields work together, as we know that our physical health is greatly influenced by our emotional state. Smiling is always important, but if you’re down or in pain, then it’s extra important. It might be hard to do, but it’s worth the extra push.

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The Rambam in Hilchos Yesodei Hatorah Chapter 2 Halacha 2 and in the Sefer Chovos Halevuvos in Shaar Habichina in the first paragraph of the hakdama, both say that when one contemplates the amazing wisdom and complicated structure and mechanism of everything in Nature, one immediately comes to recognize the amazing Yad Hashem in them. The Chovos Halevuvos says that proper study of Nature is the quickest way to strengthen one's Emunah. Everything in Nature shows very complex design — and where there is complex design, a Designer exists and that of course is Hashem. From atoms and molecules, to plants, to animals, to humans — the world screams: "Something very Intelligent created me! I didn't just pop into existence by accident!" The method I use is basically the method taught by Hagoan Hatzadik Horav Avigdor Miller ZT"L.

Let us begin with something so complex, and yet so very simple, that we tend to overlook its great message.

Let us begin by studying a simple orange.

THE ORANGE

The simple orange contains unimaginable wisdom and design.

First, the tree's main ingredients are sunlight, earth, water [and time, if you want to call that an "ingredient"] and of course the orange pit. Ok, so, let's start by considering the actual trunk and branches of the orange tree. (Of course, the following not only applies to the orange tree, but to other trees as well.) They consist of wood.

But let's ask ourselves, where did the wood come from?! From the water? Obviously not. Wood and water are two entirely different substances. Did the wood come from the sunlight, then? Of course not. How about from the orange pit? That can't be either, since the pit is also not wood. So, it must have come from the earth, right? Well, besides the fact that wood is clearly not the same material as earth, there's another problem with this assumption. Let's do a little experiment. Say you placed an orange pit in 500 pounds of earth and waited fifteen years or so for a well-developed orange tree to grow. If you measured the dirt surrounding the tree fifteen



Orange fruit on a tree testifying to the world the Greatness of their Creator.



years later, guess how many pounds of earth there would be? That's right, about 500 pounds!

Where, then, did this ton or so of wood of the tree come from? How did this complex combination come about? How did the microorganisms, (tiny live organisms which live in the earth), know how to combine completely unrelated materials into a "live" tree?

The human equivalent would be an incredibly huge factory with dozens of highly trained and skilled technicians (the microorganisms in the earth) working to create a car using only some paper, rubber bands, and paper clips (the water, sunlight, and pit). It's highly unlikely that they would succeed no matter what machinery or chemicals they would use. Yet, without any tools or machinery, from the little orange pit is produced a large tree with hundreds of fruits on it. Fruits that even have the ability to reproduce themselves! Somehow, one pit turns into thousands. It's truly amazing. It's a miniature factory, yet it has no foreman, no blueprints, no electricity, and still, it works!

Let's examine this a little further next week B'ezras Hashem.

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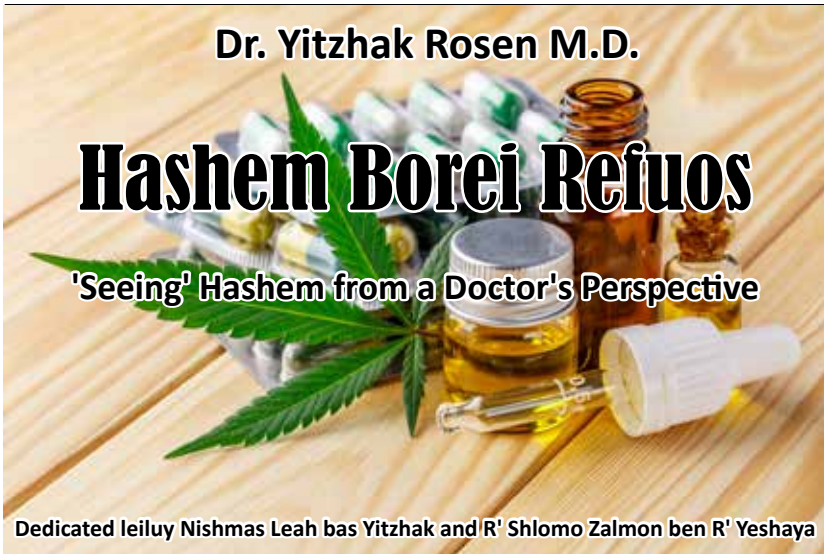
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Hashem is the 'Borei Refuos'. In order to understand the word Borei, we can learn it from another place. It says Yotzer Or and Borei Choshech in the Shacharis of Yom Tov/Shabbos. The word Borei means to create something from nothing. Indeed, with regards to Refuos we find numerous examples where medications have come from the most unexpected places, thereby coming from "nowhere", and have made dramatic changes in mortality

and morbidity.

For example, 'Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors' (ACE inhibitors) make up a critical armament for heart failure and have been shown to be of the very few medications to lower morbidity and mortality in heart failure. The active ingredient in the first ACE inhibitor, captopril, was actually derived from poisonous snake venom of the Brazilian viper (Bothrops Jaraca)!



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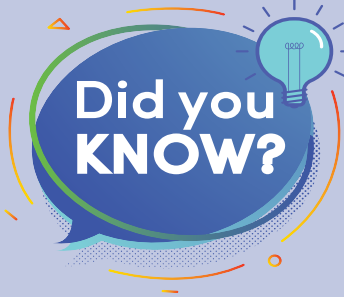
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/bothrops_jararaca?wprov=sfti!

If we take this matter further, we see that sometimes not all medications work all the time, or they may produce undesired side-effects in various individuals.


We find an interesting Gemara in Maseches Nedarim (41a): *Rabbi Alexandri said that Rabbi Chiya bar Abba said that greater is the miracle performed for the sick person than the miracle performed for Chananiah,*

Mishael, and Azariah. They were rescued from the fire of a layman and anyone could extinguish it but a fire afflicting the sick with a fever is the fire of Shamayim and who can put it out?

Knowing how many things could go wrong with a medication from the vast complexities of mechanisms, it is truly a miracle from Hashem that a medication derived from snake poison could work properly in a sick person!



Did you know? Hashem has made available, to every person, a free medication that he can take at any time and anywhere: **Laughter!**



The Miracle of Bread

By: Mordechai Solomon



Recap: *The many miracles that's in your slice of bread.*

1. The seed has all the bits and pieces of information to produce more wheat which is needed in the production of bread.
2. The seed stays fresh and does not rot so you can gather them and plant a whole crop's worth.
3. Soil is only found on earth.
4. Soil is the perfect environment for the seed to grow.
5. The soil is a natural habitat for ants to live in and also for the inchworm.
6. The ant is an amazing creature that constantly is making holes in the ground. It tills the ground because Hashem put into its nature to constantly look for food.
7. The Inchworm bores bigger holes in the ground which is also a form of tilling the ground
8. Vegetation grows in the ground.
9. The soil also produces all different types of vegetation.
10. This so happens to be the perfect food for the Inchworm.
11. After it eats, the food goes through an amazingly complicated digestive system.
12. The Inchworm's body produces waste.
13. The waste is very good fertilizer for the soil to help the growth of the wheat.
14. When the worm dies, it decomposes and is good fertilizer for the plants.
15. Different germs and bacteria grow in the soil to improve the soil for the growth of the plants.
16. The seed reacts with the water to start to decompose.
17. This enables that the water should continue to make the seed rot.
18. Water is made of two gases.
19. The soil is a cool atmosphere.
20. Soil is porous allowing it to absorb water which is a necessity for the seed.
21. This causes the seed to decompose when you put the seed in the earth.
22. No matter how the seed is placed in the soil, the root goes down.
23. The stem goes up no matter how it is placed.
24. The plant survives on rainwater.
25. The ocean is full of salt water which cleanses the water from impurities.
26. The sun shines on the water.
27. The sun is millions of miles away and yet it has an effect on earth.
28. If the sun would be too close it would burn the earth
29. If the sun would be too far, the world would freeze
30. The sun is a ball of gases.
31. The sun constantly gives off heat by chemical reactions.
32. The molecular structure of water is so that when it gets hot, it starts to change.
33. The water turns into water vapor.
34. Water vapor is lighter than air, so it rises.
35. The sun sets in order to let the earth have a rest and certain insects work at night.
36. The earth spins in a cycle which causes the sun to set.
37. It is in constant motion never stopping.
38. Everything in the world is stationary and the movement not felt.
39. The moon an orb in the sky.
40. It has a certain cycle.
41. It reflects the sunlight.
42. It has an effect on the moisture of earth which is necessary for growth.
43. The earth spins in an angle so that sometimes it is closer to the sun and sometimes it is further.
44. The sun has a force on the earth.
45. This causes all different seasons and climates.
46. During the cold season the earth stops producing as much giving a rest to the earth enabling it to give off a better crop.
47. There are many dust particles in the air.
48. When the water rises, it leaves over all the salt and dirt from the ocean.
49. The water combines with the dust particles.
50. It starts to accumulate into a cloud.
51. Cold air sinks.
52. Hot air rises.
53. The difference causes air current.
54. The wind blows inland.
55. The Clouds move inland.

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The Miracle of Bread

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56. The cloud gets heavy with water.
 57. The cloud releases the water.
 58. Gravity brings down the water to the earth.
 59. There is a negative cloud.
 60. There is a positive cloud.
 61. When they rub together they make lightning.
 62. Lightning travels to the ground.
 63. The lightning has tremendous heat.
 64. The air has in it a gas called nitrogen.
 65. The lightning makes a chemical reaction with the nitrogen making nitrites.
 66. The nitrites are a very good fertilizer to help the growth of the plants.
 67. The stem starts to push itself out of the soil.
 68. The sunlight has energy.
 69. The plants know how to absorb the energy.
 70. The plant turns green called photosynthesis.
 71. As the plant grows the roots also grow in order that the plant shouldn't fall down.
 72. The roots absorb the water.
 73. The roots send water to the whole plant.
 74. The roots send water to the whole plant.
 75. The leaves send energy to the whole plant.
 76. Carbon dioxide is made up of two different elements.
 77. The leaves absorb the CO2.
 78. The leaves give off oxygen as byproduct. When all the CO2 in the vicinity of the plant gets used, how does it get more? The wind blows new air with CO2.
 79. There is a constant production of CO2 because animals breathe out CO2.
 80. When they breathe in oxygen, the by-product is CO2.
 81. The rains come only certain times during the year.
 82. These times are beneficial and are the exact time the plants need water.
 83. The amount is not too much to drench them.
 84. It doesn't come too forcefully.
 85. It doesn't come too little for the plants.
 86. Sometimes it comes like small needles to penetrate the ground.
 87. It doesn't keep on pouring which would also drown the plants.
 88. The plant stem starts to rise straight up and it is elevated from the ground enabling it to be cut easier.
 89. They grow in a straight line so they don't get tangled.
 90. Very bendable to they don't break in the wind.

הזן את העולם כולו בטוב!!!

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The leaves absorb the nutrients and bring it down to the roots. Each one miraculously knows how much to give to each part of the plant.

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After the stem reaches a certain height it starts to produce the grain.

93

The grain is on the top where it can get the most sunlight and not be affected by the shade of the stem.

94

They grow in the spring when the sunlight starts increasing because it is necessary to have a lot of sun.

95

The field is full of green stalks of wheat when they become ripe they give a sign changing from green to white what a miracle that the plant knows that a person sees different colors.

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Now comes the time to harvest and you need a sickle to cut the wheat. A sickle is made of metal, which is found in the earth mixed with impurities.

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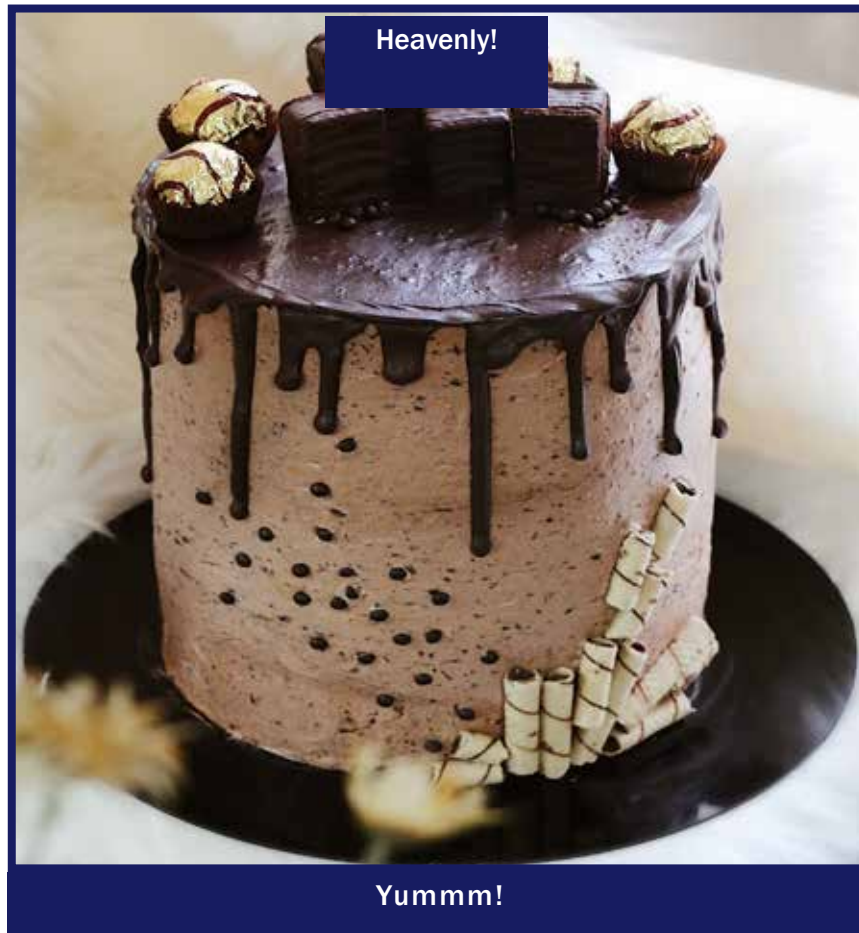
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I couldn't put it down!

Thank you Rabbi Naftuli Hershkowitz for giving us permission to share with our readers a story from your book.

Foggy and Clear

It was Sunday, Rosh Chodesh Elul. Rabbi Mordechai Koval was traveling with his brother and business partner to a trade show at the Javits Center in Manhattan. It was of utmost importance to them to arrive at the show on time, so they researched the different options and settled on a 6:30 AM flight to New York. According to their calculations, they would have just enough

time to daven Shacharis in Williamsburg before heading to the show. On Motzei Shabbos, Mordechai called his brother. Pointing out that it was silly for both of them to drive to the airport separately, they arranged for the brother to pick him up from his house at 5:00 AM., and they would travel to the airport together. At exactly 5:00 AM, Mordechai was awakened by a knock at the door. A quick glance at the clock made him gasp and shock that he had overslept.

He rushed to the door and flung it open. "I am so sorry. I overslept. I'm totally not ready to leave yet." His brother cast a worried glance at his watch. "What should we do? I don't want to miss the flight."

"Leave without me. It's going to take me some time to get ready. You could go ahead and make the flight. I'll do my best to get there as quickly as possible after you." Determined to make the flight at all costs, R' Mordechai rushed through the house. Putting together his belongings. He flew into his car and careened into the airport parking lot just in time. In fact, he was only minutes behind his brother and the rest of their small group. Panting in relief, they boarded the plane and found their seats. Seated nearby was a Rebbe who had spent Shabbos with his followers in Cleveland and was now returning to New York with three of his chassidim. The group settled down in preparation for the next hour

and twenty minutes - the amount of time it would take them to fly to New York.

Or so they thought.

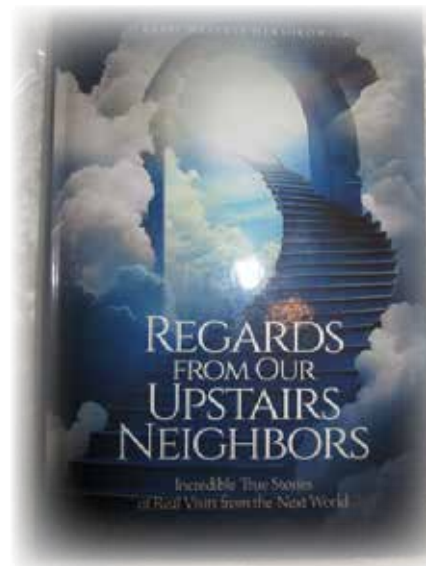
An hour and fifteen minutes later, they began to realize that something was quite not right. At this point, the plane should have been descending rapidly, or at least some preparation for landing should have begun. Why were they still flying at the same altitude with no hint of change? It was not long before they found out. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. I'm sorry to inform you that due to heavy fog in New York, we are unable to land. Instead, we will be extending our flight and landing in Washington instead. We assure you that we will do everything we can do to help you reach your destination safely.

Collective grunts of frustration were heard from all sides. A few hours delay was not on anyone's plane plans for the day.

The first thing the group did when they landed at the Washington airport was to find out the time of the next outbound flight to New York. Soon they were booked on a flight that was to leave in one hour.

Looking around them, the Jewish passengers realized that they had exactly ten men. Just enough for a minyan. Okay. They could just daven shacharis there, then.

"Excuse me," one of the members stopped a passing attendant, "Can you direct us to a quiet location where we can pray?"



The man led them to a room with glass walls. Quietly Mordechai marveled at the way Hashem helped him make the flight just in time, so that he could ensure that there was, indeed, a minyan for the entire stranded group. Little did he know that Hashem had activated far greater forces to make this minyan

happen!

In the end, they had eleven men. During the davening, a secular looking fellow whose kippah was quite obviously a one-time visitor on his head - spotted the group huddled in prayer through the glass walls and joined them. At the end, he asked if he could say Kaddish. Then he proceeded to recite the words with tremendous emotion, actually sobbing as he did.

The group was hushed as they wandered about the outpouring of emotion, but of course nobody said anything, especially when they noticed the ribbon that the man was wearing.

(Apparently wearing such a ribbon is the reform substitute for the traditional tearing of one's garment when beginning shiva for a close relative; at least it was at the time the story happened.)

Despite the sorry start of the morning, R' Mordechai is an extremely punctual man, so the moment the davening was over, he and his partners rushed to make the flight to New York. They were not taking any more chances!

Chassidim, on the other hand, somehow never tend to be in a rush, and they and the other members of the group lag behind, chatting with the Kaddish-sayer for a few minutes longer. Later, the chassidim shared with R' Mordechai what the man had said. His name was Robert, and he had lost his father only a few days before. On Friday night, his father had appeared to him in a dream, looking upset. "Why aren't you saying Kaddish for me?" He demanded.

"Dad, it's not just I don't care, I'm just so busy. I wish I could say Kaddish, but I fly a lot and Just can't make it to a minyan with my crazy schedule."

His father looked pensive. "What if I arranged for a minyan to come to you?" He finally asked. "Would you

say Kaddish then?"

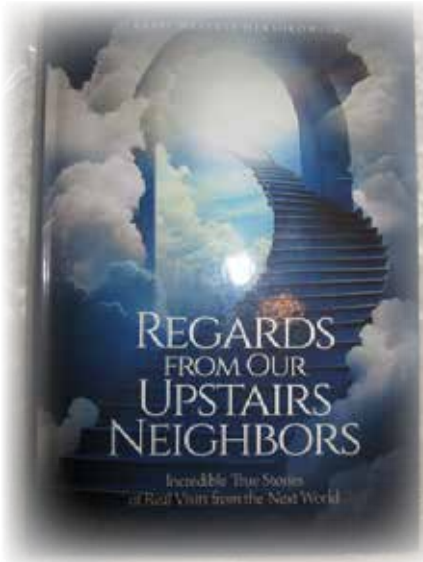
"Of course," the man declared. "If you take care of the minyan part, I'll certainly say Kaddish."

Apparently that satisfied his father, because at that moment. His dream and sleep were over.

And now he had come to the airport, generally devoid of much Jewish presence, and discovered a minyan imported straight from Cleveland especially for him. A fog, a closed airport, a delayed descent, a connecting flight... Hashem had done everything. A

custom-made minion was ready and waiting for him at the airport just as he arrived. Hearing the story, no one in the group wondered any longer why they had been delayed or why the man had cried while reciting the Kaddish for his father.

I cannot help but think of the hundreds of thousands of people stranded that morning, grumbling about the thwarted plans never envisioned. That they were playing a part in an elaborate Heavenly act, orchestrated just so that one wayward Jew could say Kaddish for his father...



Recap:

A yid in New York in 1910 opened a suit store, and ברוך ד' he had plenty of customers ! An antisemite opened a suit store across the street and was on a mission to destroy the yid's פרוקטא and seemed to be succeeding. His friend suggested to request guidance from R' Shaya 'la of Keristere

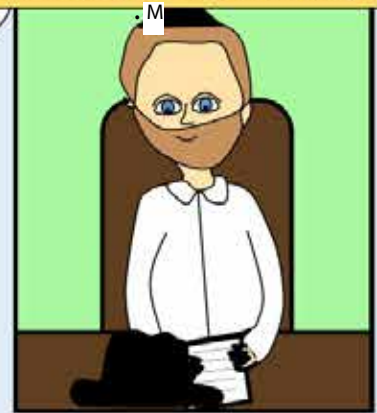
A SHAILA TO P' SHAYA'LA

Chapter 3

A week later a letter arrived from Hungary

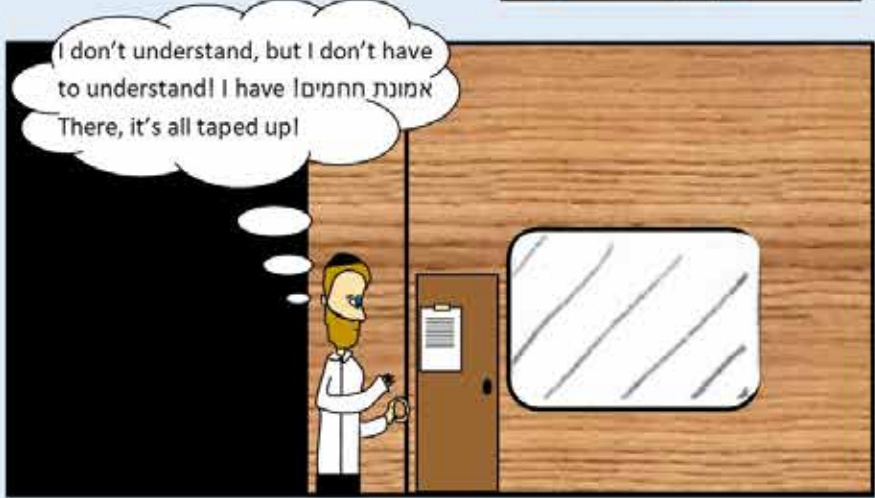


I wonder what my store will look like when I get home. בעזרת ד' will respond, but only Hashems knows. I could only do my השתדלות and mail the letter!



Don't worry about this man who is harassing you. Does the לא יתוצב איש בפניכם פוסוק פחדכם ומוראכם יתן השם אליכם על פי כל הארץ אשר תדרכו בה כאשר דבר לכם

I want you to take this letter that you received from me, go late at night, tape it on the door to his store, and before the morning go back and take it away—and you see Hashem will help!



I don't understand, but I don't have to understand! I have אמנות חממים There, it's all taped up!



מורה אני...

Now I need to remove the letter as R' Shaya 'la instructed even though it's cold.

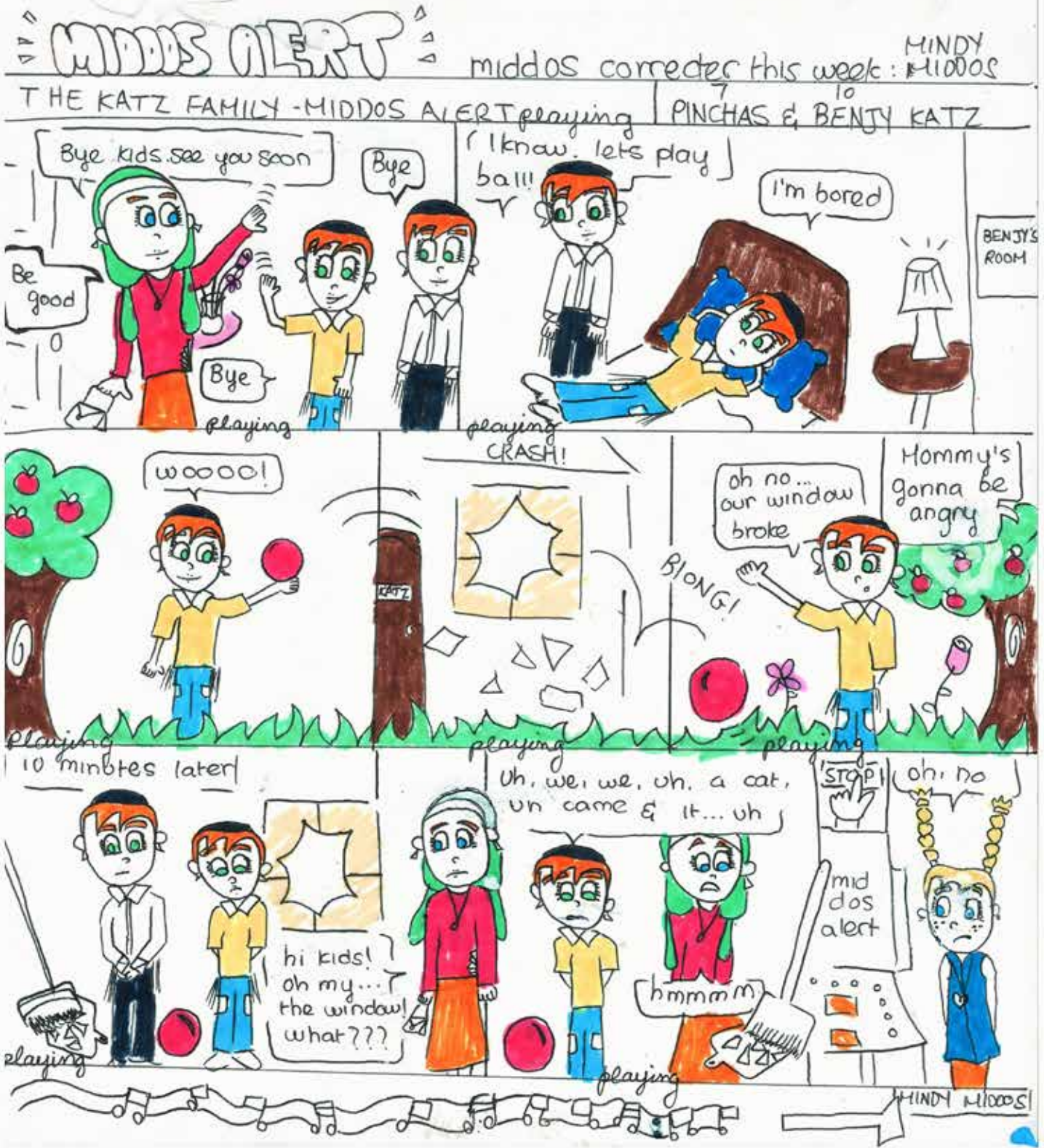


After, things just seemed to be getting worse!

Great! His store is flooding due to me "by accident" opening the pump!

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MR. MIDDOS



MR. MIDDOS

Oh, no! I better play the jnic so ng!

TTCO: who spilled the milk...? The Middos Family, a lesson to be learned - okay, okay. jnic is the way to go - yes, yes, yes, yes who thinks so too? That's me, that's me Another lesson learned by the Middos Family yay, yay, yay

hey, there's music coming from the window!

Uh, Ha, we're sorry, really the ball crashed into the window & ...

chorus: תתן לנו
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 you'll feel so much better
 if you just say the truth
 honesty is jnic make sure all
 your words are true so Tatty.
 Mommy & '3 will be so proud of you

play

kids, I'm very proud of you. That wasn't easy, I'm sure

Thank you Hindy - Middos -

MISSION accomplished HINDY!

BEEP!

SNORE!

By: Sarah Freida Haivri

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The world was truly empty

except for the Borai Olam.

The entire briaah He would build

would be for the tfillos of the Basar v' Dam.

On the first day, His work completed;

all was meod too.

A perfect promise

lay just beneath the surface anticipating the rov.

He wants to share,

He Who forms yaish mayin

and ayin myaish,

with he who was born of earth:

The Mvakaish.

Seeds sprouted on day three,

but as commanded, patiently waited

so the man could daven

for the rain and the shefa;

that for his enjoyment his Creator had created.

He holds back the potential

before hamatar Hu Yamteer.

The bakashos, most precious,

He Who listens and answers

longs to hear.



The Garden He Tends

By Mrs. S. Mordechai

As our crops crave

every drop of rain

and wisp of air

HaKadosh Baruch Hu

delights in each word

of every prayer.

Our desires, our needs,

we seek our own ends;

but the gift

of connection

is the garden He tends.

In our fields,

we plant to fulfill our ratzon.

The true harvest

is to know we are

never alone.

A full heart is the produce

of the trees He sows.

Open wide your mouth.

He will open His Hand.

*Enjoy the orchard of aha-
vah He grows.*

Every request, a bud.

Every tear, a new shoot.

Taste the bounty,

the yearning,

the most delectable fruit.

He showers us with bracha

from Mishmei Kadsho

and cultivates

the bond

with His Yididim, Amo.

Call out to Hashem

like the starving Oraiv.

Mivakshai Hashem

are close to Him.

Mivakshai Hashem, Yismach Laiv.

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Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Illuminating Words of Chazal

*"Everything about Hashem, His Torah and His world is supposed to bring out positive emotions and help us have a healthy relationship with Hashem."
Rav Yehuda Mandel*

Q. The Gemara in the end of Meseches Kiddushin says: *The world needs boys and girls. Lucky is the one who has boys and woe is to the one who has girls.*

1. It seems as Chazal are giving us a negative view on something that Hashem does. How can that be?

2. Hashem is running a perfect world and everything He does is perfect. If this man would have boys then it would be poison for him, so why is it 'woe' for

him?

3. There is no intrinsic value in boys or girls. It's all ratzon Hashem. So what's the difference between the two?

4. What message is Chazal trying to teach us? Is that the attitude that we are supposed to have when someone has a girl?

A. It's amazing how when someone doesn't understand properly the Gemara, it can turn them into a person who is lacking in his belief in Hashem, and doesn't believe that everything that Hashem does is perfect. That's why some people can fall into the trap of thinking, "Nebbach, I had a girl. B'dieved, I had a girl...."

Chas veshalom, rachmana litzlan! A girl is lechatchila shebechatchila shebechatchila!! My Rebbe said that whenever you find such a Chazal, you'll always find the opposite Chazal. In the Gemara in Bava Basra, R' Yochanan said he liked daughters better than sons. It's a clear Gemara that says that daughters are even better than sons. We all know that b'zchus nashim tzidkaniyos nigalu by Mitzrayim. We find in many places in Tanach that Klal Yisroel only continue to exist in the merit of the women. We know that the mirrors from Mitzrayim were used for the Kiyar. We find that Amram didn't want to have any more children, but his daughter told him, "You have to have children!" We see in many places that actually the daughters saved Klal Yisroel. We are only existing because of the daughters!

Of course, daughters are l'chatchila shebichatchila. When a person has a girl, they have to realize that it's the happiest thing in the world! Wouldn't it have been better to have a boy? No. The girl was born at the moment that if she wasn't born, the world would've been destroyed.

So then what is this Chazal telling us? What are we supposed to learn from this? The answer is that Chazal are telling us the halacha perspective, the halacha attitude. There's a halacha in the Shulchan Aruch that if two people are drowning, a boy and girl, you

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should save the boy. Why? Because boys are obligated in more mitzvos. Our job as an Eved Hashem is to serve Hashem with what we see in front of our eyes. So we see that by saving a boy, there will be more mitzvos in the world, it will be promoting mitzvos, and we're always supposed to promote mitzvos. That's how we serve Hashem.

R' Chaim Kanievsky says a similar point, that within the first forty days, we should daven for

a boy, because a boy is obligated in more mitzvos. The Chazal is teaching us this perspective, that when it comes to halacha, such as in the case of saving a life, or davening before the baby is born, the boy takes precedence. (Similarly, a man makes the bracha of "shelo asani isha" because he is obligated in more mitzvos.)

However, this is only in the Olam Hanigleh (the revealed world), not the Olam Hanistar (the hidden world). When a woman makes the bracha "she'asani kirtzono" she is thanking Hashem for creating her as she is (as Hashem wanted to create her). Even though

according to the Olam Hanigleh, it looks to us like the boys have more kedusha because they have more mitzvos, she knows that in reality it is the best thing that she was created as a girl.

In the Olam Hanigleh, it looks like a boy brings more kavod shamayim and is serving Hashem more than a girl, but the reality is not like that. In the Olam Hanistar, which is the Olam of Emunah and Bitachon, if she was to have been born a boy, there would be less kavod shamayim. If Hashem made a girl, that is because the world would be imperfect without her, and that is how the biggest kavod shamayim will come out.

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Mr. Bizyonos

1619 - This story has been called in by Mrs.



Fendel. She said that she had a cleaning lady for a very long time who did the most amazing, Gevaldige job;

she was so reliable. Well, from one day to the next, she said, "I'm so sorry, I have to go back home. I'm not going to come back for another nine months."

At first, Mrs. Fendel was thinking, "Oh-oh, what am I going to do now? How am I going to replace her? It was so hard just to find her! Where is a cleaning lady going to pop out from?" Then she said, "One second. Why do I have to figure it out, where am I going to find my next cleaning lady? Let me leave it up to HaKadosh Boruch Hu, let me leave it up to the Ribono Shel Olam. Wasn't it HaKadosh Boruch Hu who found the first one? The same HaKadosh Boruch Hu who found the first one, he'll find another one, 1-2-3. From where, from when, from how – I have no idea. I'm just going to leave it up to Hashem."

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Later on that day, her neighbor called, and she said, “You know, I never ever had a cleaning lady up until now. But one of my friends just offered me the most amazing cleaning lady; she just crossed the border. She does an excellent job. And she's looking to fill up all her slots. I'm using her and she's doing amazing job. Would you also like to use her?” She said, “Are you serious? Of course!” And with that, with the snap of a finger, she said she got a cleaning lady who did the most amazing, Gevaldige job. She stayed for a few months, but after a few months, she said, “I’m sorry, I have to work closer to home.”

Now Mrs. Fendel was back to square one. She was thinking, “Oh-oh, what am I going to do? Another six months till the other one comes back...” She said, “One second, who found me the first cleaning lady? Hashem! Who found me the second one? Hashem! The same Hashem will always help me.”

Shortly afterwards, she got a knock on the door. It was a non-Jew who asked, “I'm looking for a place to rent. Can you help me out?” She said, “I'm sorry I'm not able to help you out, but can you help me out? I’m looking for a cleaning lady.” He said, “ Oh, my sister, she could do the best job! Of course! Here's the number.” She called up, just like that. She said, “I'm coming right away.” She knew exactly what to do. She was Mamesh perfect, just like the first two, and in no time she had all the slots for the whole nine months filled up, with the best cleaning ladies!



1620 This story has been called in by Mrs. Hiller. She said that she got married a short time ago and moved to Eretz Israel. She wanted to go away for Shabbos, and she found an empty apartment in Tzfas, so they traveled 3 1/2 hours to go to Tzfas for Shabbos.



When they arrived and got off the bus, they were looking all over for their suitcase, but it was nowhere to be found. They said: “Oh-oh, what probably happened was that the bus first stopped in Meron, and someone in Meron must’ve taken off our suitcase. But the issue and problem is, we have no idea who, where, when, why? On top of that, the suitcase didn't even have our number. All it had was our name, “Hiller.” We're not listed in any phone book. How are we ever going to get the suitcase before Shabbos? ”

Then they stopped and said, “One second, why do we have to find our suitcase? Who knows where the suitcase is? Our loving, caring Father, HaKadosh Boruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam. We can just

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say, 'HaKadosh Boruch Hu, You are the Kol Yachol, You know exactly where our suitcase is. And you know exactly how to get back our suitcase. I can't fathom and figure out how in the world, but I don't have to figure it out. All I have to know is- HaKadosh Boruch Hu, You are the One in charge!'

With that, they went to their apartment, and they told the landlord of the apartment exactly what happened. He said, "Are you serious? There was just someone who sent me a message that somebody from Meron just got off the bus, and he ended up with a suitcase, and it says "Hiller." He sent messages to many phones asking if anyone knows who Hiller is. I just got this message, and I'm going to Meron right now, actually. I'll be back very soon. If you want, I could pick up your suitcase and bring it right back."

In no time, in a flash, with the flick of a finger, they got their suitcase delivered to them, door-to-door service!



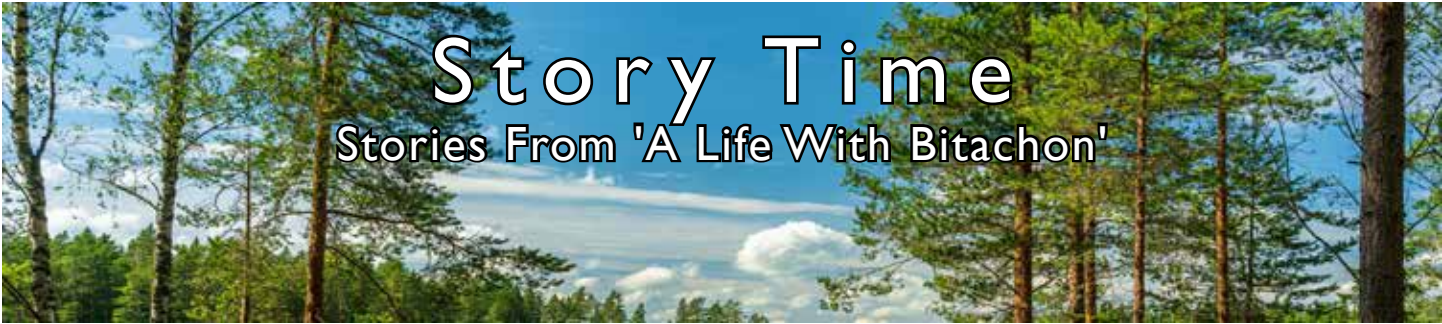
#1621 - This story has been called in by Mrs. Strolley. She said she needed to make an appointment together with her husband in the evening hours. Her husband asked her, "When should I make the appointment for?" She said, "Make sure to do it earlier rather than later because every single time when it comes to looking for babysitters, they never like to stay too late. So let's do it for 8:30." Her husband said, "Ok, of course, I'm going to try to ask them for that."



He called up, and he said, "Sorry, there's nothing available until 10 o'clock." She was thinking to herself, "10 o'clock? In the past, all the babysitters want to be home by 10, and now the meeting is going to start at 10?" Then she said, "One second, who found us babysitters up until now - it was me? It was Hashem! The same Hashem that found us the babysitter that wanted to come up until 10, will work it out and now the babysitter will want to start after 10!" She said,

"HaKadosh Boruch Hu, you are the Kol Yachol. I'm leaving it up to you!" With that, she was looking around for a babysitter.

She finally got a phone number for a babysitter that was very good and responsible. She called her up and said, "Are you willing to come and babysit for my family tonight?" The babysitter said, "Of course, my greatest pleasure! The only problem is, I'm going to be very busy until 9:45 at night. I won't be able to come until after that. Is that too late for you?" She said, "Are you serious? It's exactly the time that I need you for!" In no time, she got the best babysitter, with the best timing!



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#1622 This story has been called in by Mrs. Wasserman. She said that her fridge wasn't working well. One shelf after another shelf was broken. She knew it was time to get a new fridge, but right now, she didn't have the time to start looking for a new fridge. But she knew she need-

ed one right away. She was thinking, "What should I do? I don't have the time to get a new fridge, but I really need one. So how am I going to work this all out?" Then she said, "One second, why do I have to work it all out? Let me just leave it up to HaKadosh Boruch Hu, the Ribono shel Olam. He is a Kol Yachol; he can do everything and anything. I'm just going to tell HaKadosh Boruch Hu, "You can take care of me. You have all time in the world, and you're the one that can arrange everything from start to finish and everything in between."



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Shortly afterwards, the phone rang, and it was a friend calling her. She said that she just moved, and she has now an extra refrigerator. "It's in perfect condition; it's just like new! Would you like to have it?" She said, "Are you serious? That's exactly what I was looking for!" And in no time she had the best refrigerator!

The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. I am a mother to a large family. When my husband comes home at the end of the day, he often sees me struggling to take care of all the kids simultaneously. However, instead of offering help, he goes straight to the couch and relaxes. I tried every hishtadlus to explain to him that I desperately need an extra pair of hands, but he always responds that he's too tired to help. Whenever this happens, I become very annoyed and frustrated.

What should be my perspective about this?

A. In Novardok they would teach that whenever a person feels frustrated, he should zoom into his emotions and see what's bothering him. Then he

could take the 'emunah and bitachon perspective medication'.

If what's bothering you is that you feel, 'all because my husband is not willing to help, I have to work so hard', your medication is to understand that Hashem is the one who decides how much you have to work, not your husband.

If Hashem wants you to have an extra pair of hands helping you, He will send you one. And if Hashem decreed that you should have to work extra hard, your husband's assistance won't make your work any less.

If you're annoyed at your husband's poor middos, 'how could my husband take it easy when he sees that I'm struggling so

much?', remember, Hashem is perfect, and the way He made your husband is perfect for you. Your husband, with his personality, is exactly what you need for your tikkun haneshama, and there's no room to be upset about the way your husband is.

Perhaps you're concerned over your children's wellbeing. You feel 'all because my husband refuses to lend a hand, the children are not getting the care they need'.

If this is what's bothering you, you have to remember that Hashem is the one who's taking care of your children's needs. And you can be certain that He's making sure your children are getting exactly what Hashem knows they need.

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dren in whatever way you can. Ultimately, however, Hashem is in complete control of your children's welfare. And your husband's lack of cooperation cannot affect the welfare of your children whatsoever.

And in the z'chus of recognizing that your situation is from Hashem for your best, Hashem will show you openly how He's taking care of you and your children in the best possible way.

Q. I borrowed an expensive camera from my daughter, which contained all her cherished pictures, but I misplaced that camera.

Now, I'm afraid that when I break the news to my daughter, she will become devastated and heartbroken.

A. We must remember at all times: we are in this world only to please Hashem – not to please people. Therefore, whenever someone is upset at us, our primary concern should not be: how can I find favor in the eyes of that person. Rather we should be busy with: how should I react in a way that Hashem will be pleased with me. If the person is justifiably upset at us, our responsibility includes doing whatever we can to rectify the situation to the best of our ability.

Therefore, in regards to your

daughter's camera, your first responsibility is to turn to Hashem and say, 'Hakadosh Baruch Hu, I know that you are the One in charge of people's emotions. You could make it that my daughter won't be upset, rather she will be mekabel what happened b'simchah'.

Next, go over to your daughter and apologize. Show her how terrible you feel. Tell your daughter that you understand how devastated she must be that her camera was lost. Make it clear that you're not giving up, and that you'll do whatever it takes to try to find the camera.

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Hashem, and once you've

done what Hashem wants from you in your situation, Hashem is pleased with you and you should walk around with a light heart.

2. Insensitive Behavior

Q. Whenever I'm on the phone with my daughter-in-law, and she gets a beep, she tells me, 'One moment; someone is calling me', and she takes the call. She puts

me on hold, I'm left waiting for a while until she finishes on the other line.

When this happens, I grow very annoyed, 'A chutzpa! This is how you treat me? Where is your derech erez? Where is your sensitivity?'

If I tell my daughter-in-law anything, I'm scared that I'll make things worse. What should be my perspective about this?

A. Every person possesses ma'alos, and every person has shortcomings as well.

If you focus on your daughter-in-law's weaknesses, naturally, you will be upset at her and look down at her. Therefore, whenever this happens, habituate yourself to dwell on your daughter-in-law's good qualities, and to excuse her faults by judging her l'kaf z'chus.

Next, turn your situation 'into a business'. When you find yourself getting annoyed at your daughter-in-law's weaknesses, remind yourself that we're not in this world to change anybody else other than ourselves. Don't you possess flaws as well?

You don't have to look too far to discover a flaw. Why does it bother you so much when your daughter-in-law interrupts her conversation with you to take incoming calls? It's your pride that's being hurt. 'How could my daughter-in-law keep me waiting just like that?' 'Does she think that everyone else is more important than me?'

Take this opportunity to work on the flaw of kavod. Tell yourself, 'hakavod hevel havalim. I don't live off of other people respecting me'.

When you do an exercise to work on not caring about kavod, you are using an unpleasant situation to your advantage and coming out ahead.

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Our Readers Share



Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from Shevat-Adar!

The Best Decorations



Dear Editor,

This year -- when it rained on and off the entire week before Succos -- at least in the Tri-State area, many of us probably didn't get to decorate the succah as much as other years.

It brings to mind a story I heard from Rav Laibel Wulliger, Rosh kollel and Morah Horaah in Torah Vodaas, in Camp Ohr Shraga.

Once, a rebbe came into his succah on the first night of Succos, and saw that the family hadn't gotten to put up the decorations. Several of his talmidim had come to walk him home, and he said 'these are my decorations'!

S.R. - Lakewood, NJ

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A Reader

Waiting for Mashiach

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I was once speaking to my brother-in-law and he asked me, "What does it mean, tzipisa leyeshua, waiting for Mashiach?"

He gave me a mashal for tzipisa leyeshua.

When a person's by a red light, and he's waiting for the light to turn green, he's really waiting. Imagine it's you. You're itchy, you know you have to get somewhere. You have somewhere to go and the light's red! You're waiting for the light to turn green. That's really tzipisa,

you're really waiting for it to turn green. You keep thinking, "When is it turning green already?"

So I was thinking to myself that this thought is a really great opportunity.

Every time a person is waiting at a red light, whether driving in a car or walking, and he's waiting for the red light to turn green, he's **really** waiting. He's doing nothing constructive at that moment.

(Editor's note: If the driver is working on being patient, working on accepting with love the red light Hashem gave him, having in mind to be mekayim 'v'nishmartem l'nafshoseichim with waiting by a light, or is thinking about Hashem or His Torah then he is definitely yes doing something constructive with waiting by a light.)

If a person could switch his mindset so that every time he is at a light, he could channel that waiting for Mashiach, then that would really be

tzipisa leyeshua!

A Reader- Lakewood, N.J.

Fixed by Bitachon



I'm a bachur and last night the heater in our dorm

room wasn't working. I thought to myself that if it worked, I would publicize it in the Spring Hill Times. I plugged it in and... it worked!

A Reader

Door-to-Door Service



This past winter Zman, I was with another Bachur by

the hitching spot in Lakewood Thursday night. It was getting later and later, and we thought for sure we weren't going to get a ride.

He was going to Brooklyn, I was going to Monsey. I said, "If I get a ride, I'm going to call the Spring Hill Times."

The other Bachur gave up and left at around 11:00 at night.

Right before I was going to leave, at 11:30 at night, a car pulled up, and he was going to Monsey. Not only that, I live far out in Monsey, so most people, even when I get a ride to Monsey, I have to get a ride from where they drop me off to my house. At 1:15 in the morning, it would be a very difficult. This person was willing to drop me off at my house, even though it was an extra twenty minutes!

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Doron, in desperation, went to the Ribnitzer Rebbe. The Rebbe told him to find a good lawyer and to then explain to this lawyer the entire Tefila of אשמנו בגדנו that we say on Yom Kippur, and when the judge asks Doron to state his defense before the court, he should simply get up and recite this Tefila in front of the entire courtroom, with as much genuine feeling and heartfelt emotion as possible.

The Rebbe assured him that all would be well.

A few months passed and the trial date arrived. The prosecution stated their entire long laundry-list of crimes and their rock solid evidence was unbreakable. After a very long hour of accusations, the judge asked Doron if he had anything to say for himself.

Doron said 'Yes', got up in front of the entire court, and recited the entire Tefila of אשמנו בגדנו while crying the entire time in an unprecedented display of sincerity and real feelings and emotion.

Everyone in the room was wondering what Doron was saying since they didn't know hebrew. Finally, the judge asked, "Does anyone understand what this man is saying?" No one responded except for his attorney, who proceeded to give a detailed explanation of the meaning of this Tefila, recited on the holiest day of the Jewish Calendar. Everyone was stunned. The judge called for a recess. Finally, after a very long period of deliberation, the judge announced, "The case is dismissed!" The prosecutor was furious, and asked 'How can you do this?' The judge responded, "I have been at this bench for over thirty years and have seen everything. But I have never seen such real, genuine sincerity. The whole point of prison is to change the person and teach him a better way of living. Well, the accused has clearly learned his lesson and is a completely changed person like I have never seen before. The case is dismissed."

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