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This week issue is sponsored l'ilui nishmas Ahron ben ybl"c Dovid Shain, upon his second yartzeit 17 kislev. Ahron a"h was careful to hear and spread only positive news, and didn't let sad things bring him down. He worked to constantly strengthen his Bitachon, singing 'hakol yachol' and feeling that we are in Hashem's loving Arms. May his neshama have an aliya.

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



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Wonderful News

HASHEM PAYS FOR RENOVATION

The Shapiro* family from Monsey, New York, needed to add a small bedroom for their children. They got a very good quote but they were not sure how to pay for it.



They decided to go forward with it and Mrs. Shapiro said, "We are doing this so there should be shalom between the children. I know this is the right thing to do. We will do this and Hashem

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will send the money".

The construction began and a few days later Mr. Shapiro got an un-

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WE NEVER LOSE OUT FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING!

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Emunah and Bitachon News

EVERYTHING HASHEM DOES IS GOOD!

WHAT SEEMED BAD, SAVED THEIR LIVES!

Rabbi Lieberman* grew up on a secular kibbutz. With Hashem's help, he was Chozer B'Teshuvah and moved away. A few months ago, an old friend from the kibbutz, Yishai;* called and asked Rabbi Lieberman to get him tefillin, but not to tell anyone that he was donning tefillin and saying Shema.

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continued rah, he called to tell from front Page R' Lieberman how Hashem saved him.

On the Shabbos of Simchas Torah, Yishai got up at 6:30 in the morning to the sound of the air-raid siren. A moment later, a rocket fell near his home, and the house was instantly dark; the electricity was cut off. All the electronic devices, including the refrigerator,

stopped working. This was a very serious problem,



because Yishai was a diabetic, and his insulin injections needed refrigeration. Since he didn't know when the problem would be fixed, he needed to find someone who had a refrigerator who could host him.

Yishai hurried to the home of a friend, where everything was still in working order. A few seconds later, a rocket fell in his friend's courtyard as well. The friend, who had only recently completed renovations on his magnificent home, watched as the front wall blew up. This was a special wall made completely of glass, and it cracked with a huge crash, its shards spread-

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ing everywhere. Baruch Hashem, although the outside of the house was a picture of total destruction, the interior of the house remained stable. Yishai and his friend ran to the sealed room and locked themselves inside.

Not knowing what was going on outside, they stayed in the sealed room, and not until 18 hours later did soldiers come to save them. Yishai was overtaken with emotion

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Afterward it became clear that two things that had seemed to be terrible were

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in actuality what saved them:
First – his diabetes. Because
it was urgent for him to find
a working refrigerator for
his insulin, he hurried to his
friend's home. The rocket that
landed near his home caused
him to leave it, and thus he
was saved from the terrorists
who later burst into his home
and found it empty.

Second, the exterior wall of his friend's home blew up dramatically, and the glass shards spread over a large expanse, giving the impression that the entire home was destroyed. Seeing the exploded wall, the terrorists assumed that the house had already been "taken care of" on the inside as well, and they skipped over it.

Yishai and his friend saw clearly how the things that seemed bad were actually good! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

GUNS ARE JUST AN ILLUSION

Daniel* lived in one of the settlements near Gaza. He was on his way to hakafos in shul, and suddenly a terrorist came up to him and pointed his gun at him. The terrorist pulled the trigger, and nothing happened. He tried again, and no bullet emerged! The

terrorist started checking the gun to find the problem, and Daniel escaped. He ran away quickly and hid among the trees. He hid there for hours. On Motzaei Shabbos, he called his family to tell them that Hashem had saved him! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

SHABBOS SAVED HIM!

A Yid Recounted:

I went with my son to the Rosh Yeshivah to get a brachah for Rosh Hashanah. The Rosh Yeshivah greeted us warmly and blessed us. Then he asked, "How did you get here?"

"In a taxi," I said.

"Perhaps the driver also wants a brachah?" The Rosh Yeshivah asked.

I told him I would check, and I went out to call the driver. He was excited by the idea that the Rav wanted to bless him, and he came with me into the Rav's home.

"Do you agree to accept something upon yourself?" the Rosh Yeshivah asked. "Something small," agreed the driver, who was not wearing a kippah. "Commit to keeping Shabbos during the month of Tishrei," the Rav proposed. The driver committed to this,

and he received a bracha for a shanah tovah.

When friends invited him to the festival that would be taking place in the South, which was to be held on Simchas Torah, he was tempted to join them, but he decided to stay true to his promise and stayed home. He kept Shabbos, and the Shabbos safeguarded him! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM ARRANGES PRI-VATE PLANE TOUR

The Kohn* family from Lakewood NJ went apple picking. They really enjoyed themselves there and they decid-



ed to make the trip a little lon-

ger by stopping off at the Monmouth County airport to watch some planes take off. None of the kids had ever been on a plane before, and it was a fascinating sight for them.

On the way there, Mrs. Kohn mentioned that she really wanted her children to have a tour of the inside of a plane. One of the kids suggested that they sing 'Hakol Yachol', the whole car burst into song.

They pulled up at the airport, and before they even came out of the car, a man came over to them and asked if they would like a tour of an airplane! They couldn't believe it! However, their excitement was short-lived.

As they began entering the main building to go the plane, a woman stopped them and said they could not get a tour since her manager would not





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The pilot who had originally offered looked downright dejected. Mrs. Kohn turned to Hashem and said, "Her manager is not here, but MY Manager is. Please Hashem, help us get a tour!" It didn't take long before they sorted things out, and the family was given a full tour of the inside of a jet, including the cockpit! Our Manager is always with us!

Reb Chaim* lived in Har Nof. One evening, he noticed that his wallet was missing. Earlier that day, he had been in a neighborhood on the other side of Yerushalayim, and he thought that his wallet had gotten lost over there. The problem was that going there



WALLET FOUND WITHOUT WASTED TIME

would take a lot of time, and

he needed to go learn with his chavrusa in two minutes.

He decided that even though it would be a big loss, he would still learn with his chavrusa.

He went to learn, and when he finished he saw that he had a missed call from home.

He called back, and they said that Baruch Hashem, the wallet was found in the house!

Reb Chaim realized that had he gone to the other side of Yerushalayim, it would have been a waste.

Baruch Hashem, he strengthened himself, and he didn't lose out from learning!

[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM IS THE BOREI RE-FUOS

Seven-year-old Dovid* broke his hand right before Yom Tov. His hand was placed in a cast.

He went back on Chal Hamoed to the doctor. The doctor said, "The hand is not healing right and would require surgery."

Dovid's father asked if surgery could be pushed off a week as they wanted to go out of town for the last days.

"Yes, we can push it off a week."

Dovid was crying, he didn't want surgery. His father told him, "Hashem is the Kol Yochol and could fix it.

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When they came back to the

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doctor a week later, he said, "We have to do the surgery."

Dovid's father asked if he could push it off another week.

The doctor said, "Yes, but, that's it." I'm scheduling the surgery for next Thursday."

Dovid's father asked if they could have an appointment on Wednesday to check if they still need surgery?

The doctor couldn't understand why they should check on Wednesday, but gave them the Wednesday appointment.

They finished mesechta Yo-

dayim and came on Wednesday.

The doctor said, "You don't need surgery – the bones aligned themselves!"!

Postscript: Dovid's three year old sister said, "I didn't think that Hashem would listen that Dovid wouldn't have surgery. But, now that Hashem listened, we should daven for the Yidden in Eretz Yisroel!"
[Harav Eli Yelen]

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WONDERFUL NEWS

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page 1 from his work that he was eligible for a bonus from New York state.

After taking off ma'aser, what he received was about \$100 less than they spent on the room!

They felt a hug from Hashem. Thank You, Hashem!

HASHEM LISTENS TO **MOTHER'S PRAYER**

They Eisen* family were flying from Chicago to New York to visit relatives. When they got on the plane, the baby's car seat was blocking the seat in front from leaning back. Nobody was in that seat yet, but Mrs. Eisen

expected notice was worried that someone would come and they would be



She davened to Hashem and asked if He could please help that the person should not want to move their seat back, or be annoyed that they can't.

Then a lady came. For a while she didn't say anything. Mrs. Eisen kept davening that the woman shouldn't mind and that they should make a kiddush Hashem.

Then, the flight attendant gave out pretzels that were not Cholov Yisrael.

She overheard the lady in front of them ask the steward for pretzels but she was told that there wasn't any more! Mrs. Eisen handed the lady her pretzels which made the her so happy!

The lady was so impressed with them. She couldn't get over how amazing the kids were. Hashem answered their tefillos! They made a Kiddush Hashem and the lady wasn't upset!!

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- 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).





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"Hashem, I Did My Part, Now I am Leaving it Up to You!"



Mrs. Weinberg's* two daughters needed new shoes, they needed a specific type, color, and they had to fit into a tight budget.

With a Simcha coming up, she went with her daughters to the local shoe stores.

When they returned empty-handed, she said, ""Hashem, I did my part; now I am leaving it up to You!."

Later on that day, her aunt called, "I have two pairs of beautiful, stunning, brand new pairs of shoes that daughters don't want, and I wanted to see if you could use them.""

She told her what the shoes style color and size were, and they matched exactly what they were looking for!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]

K'Ish Echod U'Blev Echod

Nachman* from Eretz Yisrael saw that a friend of his was making a Chasunah. Chasunah expenses can be quite a sum of money.

He didn't have the money to be able to help, so he went on



his own initiative and started a campaign to raise funds for the Chasunah. He raised 5000 Shekel!

Hashem is Always Thinking About You!

R' Shmuel,* an avreich from



Lakewood, New Jersey, tries very hard to arrive at Kollel before his chavrusa, to be well prepared when they start learning.

One day, R' Shmuel's morning was very hectic and he wasn't able to come at his normal

time.

When he arrived, he saw that lo and behold, his chavrusa wasn't there! He arrived only when he had prepared completely for their day of learning.

R' Shmuel was enthralled by how Hashem worked everything out!

Am Yisrael Loves Each Other!

Mrs. Berkowitz* needed a new pair of shoes. The problem was that she was low on funds. She was talking to her friend and her friend told her about a Jewish shoe store owner who gives shoes to women in her situation without them having to pay a penny!

Mi K'Amcha Yisrael! [R' Zevy Golombeck]

Jewish People Love Each Other!

Aaron Broun* was making a Chasunah, but he didn't have a penny to his name, and he didn't know where he would get the money from.

He was learning with his chavrusa, and his chavrusa said, "Oh, your making a Chasunah, here's eight thou-



WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP

sand dollars." Just like that! And with the money, he had everything sorted out!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]



Dinner on the Friend!

Mrs. Ulman* was overworked and she simply wasn't up to making dinner. She turned to Hashem and said, "I may not know how to take care of my children but You could get us a free night - a free supper."

Later on that day, a friend who she hadn't spoken to in seven years, called.

Her friend said "I need a yeshua for something. As a zchus that Hashem should make me happy, I want to make someone else happy. So, I would like to make you an offer. I would like to take you and your whole family out for supper! You could order whatever you want, take what ever you want." They never saw so much food! They were never treated out so well in their

whole entire life!
[R' Zevy Golombeck]

Hashem Turns Everything



Around!

Rav Golombeck had a cleaning lady for a year. One day she told Rav Golombeck that her kids really need her, so she is going to help them instead of coming to clean by him.

So Rav Golombeck said "Hashem, You have helped me, You are the same Hashem who will always help me."

Rav Golombeck asked the neighbor's cleaning lady if she could start coming to his house too, she declined.

Rav Golombeck asked again, this time supercharged with Bitachon, and she agreed.

Normally when you lose your cleaning lady, it's such a let down, so Rav Golombeck made a list of reasons why the new cleaning lady was better than the old one:

- Cleaning ladies take your vacuum cleaner, and they just clean up what ever is on your floor, and big things used to go inside, and Rav Golombeck used to have to bring it every couple weeks to the repairman to get it fixed which was burdensome and costly. He thought that this was just how it supposed to be. The new cleaning lady comes with her our own vacuum, and now he doesn't have this problem any more.
- The old cleaning lady used to have to be picked up, which meant Rav Golombeck would sometimes have to wake up early to pick her up, or to pick her up while he was in the middle of things, and it would interrupt his schedule. The new cleaning lady drives.
- The old cleaning lady used the cleaning supplies that he had in the house, which meant that he used to have go to the store to replenish the supplies. The new cleaning lady brings her own cleaning supplies. Rav Golombeck is so thankful to Hashem for all of His Chesed!





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Hashem is Our Protector!

According to reports coming out of Eretz Yisrael, a soldier in Gaza entered a building. In there, were eight terrorists. They all tried shooting him. But none of their guns worked!!!! He killed them all, one by one. He clearly felt how Klal Yisrael's tefillos are protecting them!

השם איש מלחמה!

Hashem Loves the Jewish Nation

A non-Jewish worker in a yeshiva went over to the 8th grade Rebbi and said, "We are so sorry for what you are going through. Our whole family is praying for the Jews."

In other News:

Yidden in England were walking and it started raining. They did not have an umbrella. A non-Jew came and over to them and said I'll walk you home with my umbrella!

A construction worker blocked a Yid from passing by with his truck. The guy apologized to the Yid and then told him, "You should know I'm with you and care about the Jews."

אל תירא- כי אתך- אני!

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Chesed Saves Two Families

About a year ago, Yehuda was driving on a road in Eretz Yisrael. He noticed a car stuck on the side of the rode. He pulled over. The driver, a non-frum yid, by the name of Yaakov told him that he ran out of gas. They were waiting already for a half hour. Yehuda was the first one to stop for them.

Yeudah told him, "No problem, I'll go to the nearest gas station and buy gas for you."

Yehuda went and came back with the gas. Yaakov offered to pay him but Yehuda would not sell his mitzvah for any money in the world. Yaakov was so overtaken with the care Yehuda showed that he went to the back of his car where he had a bumper sticker that put down Chareidim and pulled it off. Yehuda kept up a connection with Yaakov. At one point he invited Yaakov who lived in Kibutz Be'eri to come to him for Shabbos to Bnei Brak to see how wonderful Shabbos is. Yaakov agreed. It was

right before Rosh Hashana and he wasn't sure which Shabbos would be good for Yaakov to come. Yehuda called his Rav. His Rav told him bring them for Simchas Torah. Yehuda said, "But I'm supposed to going to my parents in Sderot for Simchas Torah." So the Rav said, "Bring your father too to Bnei Brak."

After Simchas Torah they saw the huge neis Hashem did. Yehuda's parents lived right on top of the Police station in Sderot that was attacked on Simchas Torah. Yaakov and his family lives in Kibutz Beeri. All of his neighbor in the Kibbutz were attacked.

B"H, because they were in Bnei Brak they were saved!

ועל ניסך שבכל יום עמנו!

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Monsey Girl Says Tehillim

10-year-old Raizy from Monsey, New York was in class. Her teacher was making a raffle. Raizy didn't have such a good chance of winning. She didn't have as many tickets as other girls. She said a kapital Tehillim and she won the raffle!







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Family in New York Davens to Hashem

A family in Chestnut ridge, New York, had an abundance of leaves on their large property. The cost to blow the leaves and take them away was way over their budget. They davened to Hashem, the Kol Yachol, that He should send them the right shaliach.

On Sunday, they were in Lakewood for a Simcha, and came home to see their property looking more beautiful than ever! All the leaves were gone! A neighbor's sons decided to surprise them and took care of all their leaves for themfree of charge! Hashem sent this family the perfect shaliach!

Thank You Hashem!

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Hashem Saves Shul

Kav Hashgacha Pratis reported that a Shul in Ofkim, after Simchas Torah, looked over their security cameras. They noticed that when they reached Shmonei Esrei, the terrorists came to shul and stood outside but they didn't hear any noise so they thought it was empty. and they left!

הנה לא – ינום – ולא יישן – שומר !ישראל

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Hashem Loves the Jewish Nation

There is a coffee shop in Manhattan that's owned by a frum Yid. The store had Arab workers. Because of what's going on in Gaza, they all said they don't want to work for the Yid anymore.

Non-Jews in the area heard about it, and they said "We don't want the Jew to lose his business." They worked it out and got workers for him to keep the store going!!

Starbucks around the corner heard what happened. They told the Yid, "Take our machines! We will do whatever it takes to help you out!"

Goyim offered to work in the Yid's coffee shop, without asking for pay!

בי אני ד' אלוקיך מחזיק ימינך!

Mother in Eretz Yisrael Trusts in Hashem

Mrs. Fischer from Kiryat Sefer was looking all over the kitchen for the measuring cup. She wanted to make challah. She looked for a couple of minutes and she couldn't find it. Then she said the first Ani Maamin: "Shehaborei Yisbarach Hu Borei Umanhig" and right afterwards she found it!!

הוא בורא ומנהיג לכל הברואים!

The Miraculous Vacuum Cleaner

The Grossman family's vacuum cleaner was broken. Someone had stuck a block and it was not coming out. They tried pushing it out with sticks, broomsticks, everything they could think of but it wasn't budging. The father tried doing it. The mother tried doing it. But to no avail. Their floor was getting dirtier and dirtier.

One of the girls, Chani, asked her mother if anyone tried yet singing 'Hakol Yachol'?? Her mother said that they might have forgotten. So, Chani stacked up a few markers together and decided to try to stick it in, while singing 'Hakol Yachol'. She said the work 'Hakol',





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and even before she got to the word 'yachol' the block was out!

But even after the block came out it still wasn't working. It wasn't suctioning up the dirt.

Chani opened it up and looked inside and saw that there's a hole in the suction. She told her mother that the vacuum is garbage because if there was a hole in the suction and there was no way it could work. Then she thought, "We could sing 'Hakol Yachol' the same way we just did to get the block out. She then screwed it back together sang 'Hakol Yachol' and it vacuumed better than ever.

Hashem Listens to Everyone's Tefillos

ברוך הגבר – אשר יבטח בד'!

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Kav Hashgacha Pratis reported that a Yid by the name of R' Avraham was on a plane. Sitting next to him was a not-yet- religious Jew. R' Avraham started explaining to him the power of tefilla. The frei Yid asked him, "Could I daven for small things too." R' Avraham an-

swered 'Sure'!

The frie Yid said that he lost a button and he looked all around his seat and he couldn't find it. "I'll daven to Hashem to find it." He davened and then checked under his seat (where he had checked earlier) and there was his button! He then noticed that right next the button, was a bag with his wife's jewelry.

He told R' Avarahm that had he not found the bag then, they wouldn't have noticed that it was lost until they came back home!

קרוב ד' לכל קוראיו!

Hashem Saves Family from Crash

Mrs. Rosenberg was about to have a baby. They got into the car to go to the hospital. He was mischachik in bitachon that all would go well. He was driving very fast. The lane he was driving in had potholes so he switched lanes. Three seconds later he saw that there was a deer in the other lane. Had he not switched lanes he would have crashed. Besides for the danger of crashing, his wife gave birth a

few minutes after arriving at the hospital, had there been any crash they would not have made there in time

הודו לד' כי טוב – כי לעולם – חסדו!

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Hashem Helps Mother Buy Shoes for Child!

Mrs. Silberman told her husband that their child needed new shoes but there was no money to buy them. He told her to daven for money to purchase shoes. She said, that she was worried that if cash comes in, it will get used for daily expenses. So, he told her to daven for a check written out to her name which will be harder to just spend. And that's what she did.

She then went to open a phone book to look up a number, and found a check that was written out to her that she must have placed there some time before and forgot about it. [Rav Eli Yelen]

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Editor's note: Many of these stories are from Elul-Tishrei.

HASHEM'S GEMACH IS FULLY STOCKED AND ALWAYS OPEN!

Mrs. Goldstein* was making a simcha and didn't have the money to buy or rent flowers.

She called up a flower gemach to borrow flowers. She told them the color she wanted, and they told her, "All the flowers of that color are lent out. We don't know when they would be coming back."





Mrs. Goldstein said, "I'm going to go to the gemach later today, even though it will be after hours, and I'll just have bitachon."

She went when the gemach was closed, and just then, someone came to return flowers they had used

for their simcha! It was exactly the type of flowers that she wanted!!

The Gemach was closed and she walked away with the flowers she needed!

THANK YOU HASH-EM FOR SAFE SLEEPING

I wanted to thank Hashem that we didn't fall off our beds last night and none of my kids did either.

I remember ten years ago, my son fell off his bed and woke up with a black eye and a concussion.

We went to sleep thousands of nights after that and it never happened again. Hashem made it happen once so that we could appreciate that every night He is watching us. We're sleeping and who's watching? Hashem! Thank you Hashem!

WE NEVER LOSE OUT...

R' Meisels* from Eretz Yisrael was short 2,000 shekel. He had an opportunity to go to a gvir to get some money, but he would miss shiur. He realized that it was not proper hishtadlus for him to miss his shiur.

He said to Hashem, "You have many other ways of sending me the money. I don't have to run to the gvir."

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Shortly afterwards, there was a different gvir from America who came over to him and asked, "Do you need money?" He said "Yes, 2,000 shekel," and the gvir gladly gave him the money.

He didn't give up his shiur, and the gvir came to him! It's impossible to lose out by doing the right thing!

NO ONE TO RELY ON BUT HASHEM!

Mrs. Leibowitz from Eretz Yisrael underwent a full-day surgery. When the surgery was finished, R' Leibowitz wanted to go visit his wife. The hospital said, "Sorry, policy is that you can't see a patient post-surgery for the first three hours, and it's going to be night by then, after visiting hours, so you have to come back tomorrow."

He said "Tomorrow? My wife needs me to come visit her now, to see how



she's doing."

He called askanim, but the

askanim said,
"Nothing doing. They don't
budge. They go
with the policy.
By them, a rule
is a rule."

R' Leibowitz hung up the phone and he said, "Hashem, no one could help me. Not askanim, no one! I'm going straight to You!"

He called the manager of the hospital one more time. The manager said,

"Okay, don't worry, just go up!"

They let him in!

PRESSURE DOESN'T PAY

R' Mordechai Martin went to the seamstress to get some clothing finished before Succos. The seamstress told him, "I'm so sorry. I am overloaded. There is no way I can



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get your stuff done before



Yom Tov."

His natural instinct was to push her and try and get her to put him in before Yom Tov so that he'd have his clothing in time. Then he said, "No. I follow the bitachon hotline, and I did my hishtadlus, so I'll just rely on Hashem."

He said to the seamstress, "Okay, it's not a problem."

The seamstress was so shocked that he was so understanding of her. She said, "You're the kind of person I want to do it for before Yom Tov. No problem, I'll do it for you."

This is a powerful lesson in hishtadlus. People think they need to nudge and bother and pressure, but no. Hishtadlus is saying "Hashem, You don't want me to do that. I'm leaving it up to You." That's the best hishtadlus.



A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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 L'zechus that people should feel loved by Hashem!





By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh

Thank
You Hashem for
Shipping!
We can get
stuff send
to us from
d is tant
countries/
places!



Thank
You Hashem for Measuring Cups!
We can know exactly how much we're putting in to all our baked/cooked food!



Thank
You Hashem
for Ink!

We can have so many things written/printed in all different colors!



Thank
You Hashem for Toilet Paper!
We can take care of our needs safely and comfortably!



Thank
You Hashem for Penclips!

You can so conveniently clip your pen to your shirt.





Patient

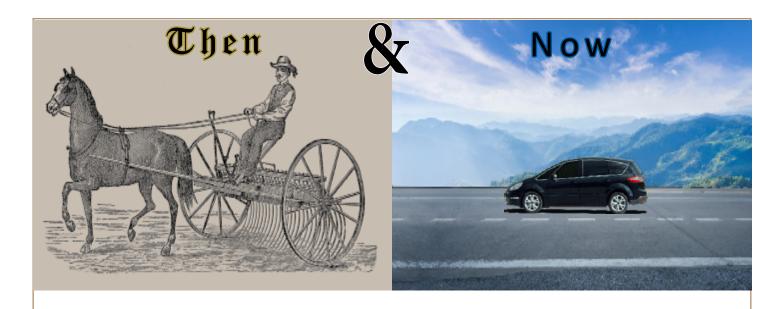
Every time I walk down the road and pass my neighbor's mansion it bothers me. I live in this old dilapidated cramped house...

Please help!

Dr. Chaim Altzisgut M.D.

I'm prescribing 4 medications for you:

- 1. Wow! Hashem has given you so many opportunities to make yourself a better person! Every time you work on yourself to be happy for your neighbor you are fulfilling your mission in life and giving Hashem so much pleasure!
- 2. That mansion is just a mashal of what you will be getting in the next eternal world. Life in this world goes by so quicky! No need to get too excited or too upset over it.
- 3. Thank Hashem that you have a house over your head! There are many people who are homeless! Appreciate the millions of Kindnesses He showers upon you every second with so much love!
- 4. Every little tzar you go through in this world is for your good! It's your tikkun! Enjoy them and thank Hashem for them!



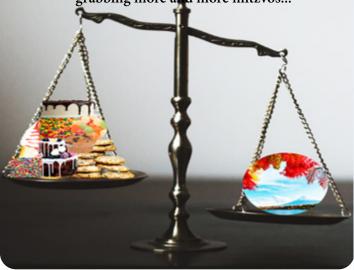
Weren't feeling good and couldn't make food for Shabbos?

1800's:

You and your family went hungry for Shabbos. Sometimes if your neighbors had a little extra they would be able to share with you a slice of bread or a few crumbs...



All the delicious pleasures in this world cannot compare to even one second in Olam Haba! Just keep on grabbing more and more mitzvos...



Today:

Go to the store and buy delicious: Challohs, Whole wheat challohs, Spelt Challohs, Sour dough Challohs, Ready made gefilte fish, salmon, tens of different dips, soup, chicken, shnitzel, fried vegetables, salads, cholent, kishke, potato kugel, apple kugel, lukshin kugel, broccli kugel, yerushalmi kugel, cake, cookies, chocolate rugelach, vanilla rugelach, and what not?

Can't afford to make Shabbos? You Have Tomchei Shabbos and so many other organizations to help out! Thank You, Hashem! We love You, Hashem!







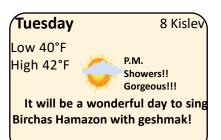


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WEATHER STATION

Weather Reports Brought to you by: Meteorologist Velvel Honig





Wednesday	9 Kislev	
Low 35°F High 51°F	Periods of Rain!! Gor- geous!!!	
There will be perfect weather to thank Hashem that your body has heat!		



Erev Shabbos	11 Kislev	
Low 31°F High 49°F	Partly Cloudy!!! Yay!!!!	
Perfect day to prepare for Hash- em's holy Shabbos with brushing		





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PARSHAS VAYEITZEI

Q: Where in this week's Parshah do we find a connection with the pictures below?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 46



Enjoy Your Gifts!

Your talents! Your strengths! Your feelings! Your intellignce! Your family!



Eat the lunch that Hashem packed up for you with love and care.

DON'T EAT SOMEONE ELSE'S

Fulfill YOUR Mission!

LUNCH!!!

CHEISHEK HATORAH

Riddle #64 Parshas Vayetzei

When Yakov fled from Lavan – "Vayivrach" The Torah states. When Yosef fled from the wife of Potifar – "Vayanos" The Torah states. The difference between these two words – Do you know? If you want a hint, look at 31:21 in the Sforno!?

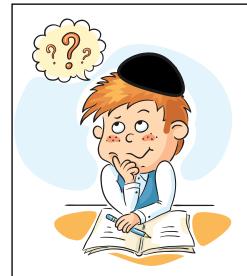
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Ayin Tova

Seeing the good in every situation

CASE OF THE WEEK:



Miriam was scrambling to get her house ready for the sheva brachos she was hosting later that day. She still had to make the side dishes and the desserts and set all the tables. She was anxiously waiting for her cleaning lady to come and clean the house and set the room up so she could tend to the things she needed to do. Miriam went

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into a panic when the cleaning lady called to say her child was sick and she wouldn't be able to come.

Help Miriam have ayin tova for her situation.

Suggestions for the case where Mendy is waiting on the checkout line and a man is talking on the phone and holding up the line behind him.



- Technology and our times have made people completely oblivious. So, we can assume that this man (like many others) just got caught up on his phone conversation and is just oblivious to what's going on around him, not that that's OK, but he doesn't mean bad.
- Hashem has decided you need this lesson in patience, or you need to be somewhere later than you thought, or you need a push to not get angry about trivial things. Focus on what you can take out of it instead of worrying about Hashem's messenger to you.
- He was waiting for the manager to bring over some more cash so he could receive his change.
- The people on the line can't see that someone is in front of him blocking him.
- B"H he is so engrossed in a dvar Torah that he lost track of his surroundings.
- Maybe the man has a special weekly phone Chavrusa with someone who is becoming a Baal Teshuva, but his wife is not feeling well so he also needed to do the shopping for her at that same time.
- Mendy could stop for a moment and listen to the man's conversation and gain a new insight on the Parsha that he can share at the Shabbos table.

SJXTY SECONDS OF JNSPJRATJON

With Rabbi Label Lam - Monsey, New York

359 + 182 = 541

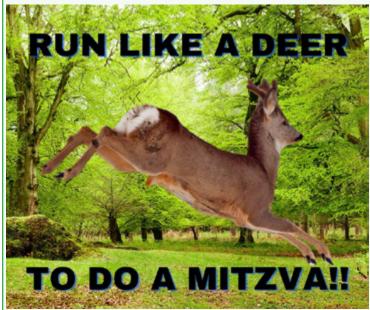


When Yaakov was wrestling with the angel, at one point the angel surrendered, and he wanted to leave, but Yaakov says, "You can't leave until you've blessed me." What did Yaakov want? So the angel asked him, "What is your name?" and Yaakov said, "Yaakov." He says, "No, your name is not Yaakov anymore, it's Yisroel." What just happened over there? Who was Yaakov Avinu wrestling against?

And that is: The Satan, the opposing force. And Yaakov Avinu

didn't want to just let him go; he wanted to take over his weaponry. If you add up שטן, gou come up with a new number, 541, and that is ישראל.

Yaakov Avinu expanded his power and his potential by incorporating the tools and the weaponry of the Yetzer HaRa. That's what it means to be a Yisroel, Bnei Yisroel—not only the ability to vanquish and to beat the Yetzer HaRa, but to employ his negativity, and to use it for holiness. Good Shabbos!



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Living With Appprectation By: R' Daniel Shasha

When Leah had her fourth son, she named him Yehudah (from the word to thank), stating "this time I will thank Hashem" (29:35). Our Rabbis teach (Berachos 7b) that from when the world was created, there was nobody who thanked Hashem until Leah. Surely this is very hard to understand After all, does this mean that all the tzadikim before her didn't thank Hashem? In fact, the Torah tells us that the Avos used to build a mizbeach out of gratitude to Hashem. So how could this be?

The Maharam Shick explains that Leah was the first person to make a permanent reminder of Hashem's kindness, by naming her son Yehudah. Every time Leah would say his name, she would be reminded of the tremendous kindness that Hashem did for her. Therefore, her entire life, she would be reminded of this great kindness from Hashem. So Leah was the first to thank Hashem in such a way.

We can learn from Leah to make a permanent sign in order to remember a kindness which Hashem did for us. This will ensure that we won't forget it, even decades after. One way we can do this is to write down what we are grateful for in a journal and review it every so often. This practice is nothing new. In fact, over 800 years ago, Rabbeinu Tam encouraged both writing such a journal and reviewing it once a week. Rav Chaim Shmulevitz was quoted as saying that just as we have the Megilas Esther, really every Jew should write their own Megilas Esther, keeping track of all the miracles that they constantly experience.

The Mir Yeshivah miraculously survived the war and witnessed countless miracles that defied all odds. Rav Chatzel Levenstein, the Mashgiach at the time, ensured that all these miracles were written down in a megillah to make sure they would not be forgotten, known as megillas nes.

Writing them down isn't the only suggesting to remember these kindnesses. We can think of other ways too. This story is just one possible example.

Rabbi Yitzchak Zilberstein recounts that he once went to visit a prominent talmid chacham in his study. He was surprised to see that the wall was full of newspaper clippings. He noticed that the clippings recorded events when there was great danger at stake, yet Hashem saved us. These clippings were just from one month alone! One clipping reported the capture of a terrorist who was on the verge of carrying out a large attack. Another recorded a rocket that fell in Sderot, yet miraculously no one was physically injured. The talmid chacham told Rabbi Zilberstein, "For many years I used to have feelings of gratitude, but they always wore off. I hear about stories of Nissim, yet just forgot about them after time. I decided to make a permanent reminder of the kindnesses that occurred. I looked out for news articles which dis-

cussed recent salvations and to stick them onto my wall, in order that I don't forget Hashem's great kindnesses and how He is always looking out for us.

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והנה מלאכי אלקים

מלאכים say that the מלאכים got very excited when they saw יעקב and they recognized him since his face was חקוק על.

יעקב! יעקב! יעקב! The stones were also excited and each one said עלי יניח הצדיק את From the highest form of creation (מלאכים) to the lowest דומם stones - the entire universe lauds the perfect human being. For sure יעקב אבינו was חייב כאו"א לומר בשבילי נברא who say חז"ל



העולם.

Part II

Just like the stones were in awe of יעקב אבינו and they appreciated his greatness, so was he מרומם them when he poured oil on top of the stone and oil symbolizes (משיח ה') and being exalted. There was no such thing as a lowly creation by him since the entire world is a holy product of הקב"ה. And we know that he went out of his way for פבים.

Part III

The Ahavas Hashem **POWER PLANT**



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By a true צדיק everything is important and precious. הקב"ה 's glorious world with all its awe inspiring details and variations. The trees, the mountains, the oceans, the animals, the birds, the fish. And, of course, his precious time and every tiny action that he does. Last but not least, his very self - since he is the most indescribably creature - a צל"א and a של"א ממעל ממש

Part IV

The first עבודה they did every morning in the בית המקדש - literally uplifted the ashes of yesterday's עבודה. When the smallest and dirtiest עבודה that you did is important to you - then you are fit to start a full day's עבודת ביהמ"ק. This is the extreme opposite of עבודת ביהמ"ל in the world are unimportant and מזולזול then so is every-



thing else.

Part V

He (עשיו) can say what he wants and do whatever he wishes. Nothing really matters. He's an איש שדה - a free for all open and empty field. He is wild and untamed with no rules in his life. No חורה and no דרך ארץ. You can even kill or be killed. The worst pain and tragedies of the world: Having מלחמות (hefkervelt) all come from the עשיו types עשיו.

Part VI

Keep destroying yourself and others. Who cares? What's the difference? No accountability. Do zero and become zero. And יעקב respects even a low דומם which can become a מדבח and reach the highest יעקב. The world belongs to יעקב and he cares for it and holds it up like הקב"ה Himself. He is full of love and giving. To total strangers he says אחי מהיבן -אתם. Everyone is his brother and his beloved friend.

Part VII

Out of his great love for them he's worried that they should do their job properly בגדול and with superhuman באר he easily takes the giant stone off the באר and single-handedly gives all the sheep to drink. He is the extreme opposite of עשיו - when he learns for 14 years. He never sleeps! And when he works for לבן he is non-stop in his devotion despite freezing weather (קרח בלילה).

Part VIII

His respect for a job and his total ehrlichkeit is incomprehensible. תתן אמ-ת ליעקב. For sure he has learned to love and respect every human from his זיידע א"א ע"ה who bowed down to 3 people who looked like lowly Arabs who worshiped the dust of their feet. Every human is super precious by א"א ע"ה and he even davens for wicked סדום people.

Part IX

Yet, יעקב isn't מלאך even from a מלאך and he wrestles with him all night and wins! This is totally impossible to understand - but we see the בח of a true אדם who appreciates his own צל"א. And for sure his superior strength in easily taking off the stone of the באר as if it were a bottle cap (חז"ל) is also a סימן.

Part X

א"א also isn't נתפעל from 4 powerful kings and he unhesitatingly goes to war against them to save לוט.

(ולבו כלב הארי - רמב"ן).

When we try to emulate our (וחייב כאו"א לומר מתי יגיע מעי למעשי אברהם יצחק ויעקב) - אבות,



We should try to always make believe that we are strong (even if we feel inside that we are weak) and will conquer even our most powerful such as series.

Part XI

Despite the great יעקב that התגלות had when he slept, he still had חרטה when he awoke מה נורא- המקום הזה - ואנובי לא- ידעתי . He has fear and awe of holiness. He is the total opposite of

's carefree cheap and זלזול. At the end of the פרשה it says עשיו. His father taught him וישבע יעקב- בפחד אביו and true fear means respect and חשיבות and truth.

Part XII

יעקב is like a רבקה over the whole world. Just like the water ran up to רבקה so did it run up to יעקב. When he came to נילוס there was a ברכה for the entire country. The נילוס River was controlled by his ברכה And when he left פנה זיווה פנה הדרה it says חרן. Wherever he lived the שבינה came along with him.

Part XIII

He was the #1 בעל בטחון and the חוה"ל חוה"ל פפתיחה) בפתיחו ויהא גורם (בפתיחה). And ויתברכו בקרבתו ובראיתו ויהא גורם (לפתיחה). And לתקנת עירו לדחות הפגעים מאנשי מקומו כמ"ש וצדיק יסוד עולם. He is a true ברכה for the entire universe ברוך הגבר- אשר יבטח בה the entire universe ברכה ברוך הגבר- אשר יבטח בה so much respect for the whole world is because he sees through its guise and he sees only הקב"ה everywhere.

Part XIV

מכניע is מבע in דברי בינה ומוסר ז"ל says that the entire מכניע is מבע and the entire universe דברי בינה ומוסר was created to serve the person whose main desire is to serve הקב"ה. For this reason ר' פנחס בן יאיר was able to split a river even just to help an Arab מפני דרכי שלום.

Part XV

He says that every tiny move that you do in doing רצון ה' gets the whole world to want to serve you. Like the מדרגת הטבע אל התורה במדרגת העבד אל אדוניו. You should realize that if you work a lot on בטחון then the whole world and especially your own city has lots of benefits because of you.

Part XVI

You may not be aware, but if you spend lots of time with שער הבטחון והשגחות then Lakewood owes you lots of ברכה. You may be causing all kinds of ישועות and ישועות and הצלחות בתורה וי"ש.

Efrayim was graduating Yeshiva. At the gradation, his teacher called up the students to receive their rewards and certificates. When it came Efrayim's turn, his teacher leaned

toward him and told him, "Efrayim keep moving. Keep moving."

Those words penetrated his soul very deeply. Over the next few years, whenever challenges would arise he would hear his teacher's voice echoing in his ears: Efrayim keep moving. Keep moving.

When he sometimes stumbled in life and he was about to get down he would again hear the encouraging words "Efrayim keep moving. Keep moving.

Years flew by and Efrayim has grown into a fine out-

Chizuk Corner

By R'Y. Friedman

standing person. One day, he bumped into his teacher. Efrayim gave him a big hug and he exclaims to his former teacher that he pretty much saved his life. The teacher blinked in surprise and asked him, "How is that?"

He told his teacher of the encouraging words that he told him and how it kept him going through life. At first the teacher looked shocked, and then he unexpectedly exploded into laughter.

Efrayim did not see what was so funny, and he waited patiently until his former teacher calmed down. Finally, the teacher explained to him that he was just telling him to keep moving and not to hold up the line.

As comical as this story ry sounds, this story has lots of depth. Many times, we need to hear chizzuk in life and Hashem sends it to us. It can come through very unexpected sources.

Hashem is sending us messages of lovewith the all the nissim going on in

Eretz Yisrael.

We see how many Yidden are returning to their roots!

Mitzvos: Tens of thousands are putting on Tzitzis and Tefillin. The Spring Hill Times is keeping us updated on all the love for Mitzvos that is gushing forth at this time.

Tefilla: I just heard a story of a sergeant, who never said anything about Hashem, just told a soldier in his battalion, who was also non-religious, to pray hard before going to war. The soldier looked at his sergeant with wide eyes, and asked for an explanation. The sergeant told him the following story:

On the day the terrorists came into the party and started to kill r"l. There were two people who were total non-religious and anti-chareidim

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Just Tell Hashem That You Are Sorry!

who went to hide in an outdoor bathroom. Obviously, it was a very poor hiding place, but those two people prayed with all their heart. They prayed for seven hours straight.

Terrorists kept passing by consistently, but not one of them stooped to open that bathroom. "Do you now understand the power of prayer?" He concluded.

The IDF released a statement stating "PLEASE PRAY FOR US"! This is a first..

We should also get chizzuk on the power of Tefil-



la. Yes, our Tefilla can even bring miracles. The power of a Yid's tefilla has no limits.

Torah: Baruch Hashem the chizzuk of Torah that I am hearing about is unbelievable. Many people added more time to their learning, as they are aware how much our Torah is cru-

cial to this battle.

ı would like to point out another factor from the story of Efrayim and his teacher. We see from here the effect that word one chizzuk of can have on one's life. This teachdidn't er even mean it for chizzuk and it kept Efrayim going. How much more so, if we give chizzuk to someone from our heart, how much it can affect someone's life for years to come.

I just want to conclude that as Reb Avraham Schur said that as we said we have the Koach of Tefilla and when we will cry out to Hashem, "take us out of Galus then we will be answered immediately". And that's what we see Klal Yisrael is doing like never before!

The stage is set. The Chassuna is all prepared. The flowers the musicians and the Chassan Hashem is waiting for us. We Klal Yisroel are the beautiful Kalla and we are preparing ourself for the great chuppa that Hashem has prepared.

The music is ready to play "od Yeshama b'arei Yehuda uvichutzos Yerushalayim" and the other famous song of "Yasis olayich Elokayich kimsos Chassan al Kalla.

We will soon see the third Bais Hamikdash bimiheira bivameinu Amein!

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SEARCHING TUNNELS

On Shabbos at the seudah, I mentioned to my family the following:

"Let's be more careful with checking the fresh pistachio and cashew nuts to make sure there are no tunnels with worms in them."

I explained, "Let this be a zechus to find the terrorists hiding in the huge network of mazes of tunnels. They actually amount to whole underground cities under the Gaza strip!

I actually did find one cashew with a full worm inside!

Sunday morning on my way home from shul, a Sephardic Yid I happen to know, stopped me. This man grew up as an orphan, after his father על ק"הש was killed על ק"הש during the Yom Kippur War.



He was all smiley and greeted me with the hot news. He said: "They just caught 20 terrorists in a tunnel under the Khan Yunis City."

"כן יאבדו כל אויביך ה"

I don't listen to any news stations or hotlines. I try to pick as much constructive ideas how to do positive deeds to help the מצב of Yidden all over the world. I also try tuning into stories of Teshuva, more קיום מצות,

and especially to hear stories of miracles, and סייעתא stories that are inspiring and uplifting.

However, Hashem sent this Yid

to share with me this piece of news, about the רשעים in those tunnels. I guess Hashem was sending me a message "That was a good

to do, checking for worms in tunnels!"

THE HOT & COLD WAR

At home, we were also discussing the שמירת over שמירת that is going on in Israel and that the רבנים are urging us to be שמירת שבת מוסיף

to a higher level.

Someone suggested learning הלכות שבת at the seuda.

Another family member suggested more time should be spent throughout Shabbos for תפילה and תפילה.

A third person brought up

the next idea of maybe to only read English publications that have content of toirah'diga מוסר or מוסר to learn from.

Well, Hashem had His way of giving us some more שמירת of שמירת.

It started on a Friday when we heard the weather forecast that predicted 80 degrees for Shabbos afternoon. We couldn't decide what to do about setting the air conditioners since at the time, it was still in the 50's.

We decided on putting on the air conditioners and leaving it up to the thermostats to shut the compressor as soon as it reaches the desired temperature.

The only thing we forgot to do was to shut the separate steam system!

Over the course of Shabbos there was a major competition between the heat of the steam competing against the cold air from the air conditioner. Each one did his best, and in turn kicked on the thermostat of



the opposing system. Tick-tock we heard. The tick of the heating thermostat, and then the tock of the air conditioner. On and on, tick-tock..... They were both going full blast. It was the "Hot and Cold War" each trying to outdo the other, and battling to win their war.

Well, us as amused onlookers, benefited an abundance of added שמירת שבת

not touchthe ing switches to shut any one of the systems, to in any way save the dollars were we watching fly out the window.

We sang ושמרו בני ישראל -את השבת and Shabbos kept us looking and watching the "Hot and Cold War" in our houses.

We happily looked on, as our dollars flew out the window and straight into our bank

account of שכר טוב and

Ours, and every Yid's שמירת is a zechus to have Hashem watch over all Yidden in this war.

May it be over soon, לטובת כל ישראל.

כי אשמרה שבת קל ישמרני

-ובא לציון- גואל ולשבי פשע ביעקב נאום ה'! בקרוב!





THE BANK MANAGER'S DILLEMA

A NON-RELIGIOUS BANK MANAGER in Eretz Yisroel one day decided to become observant of Torah and mitzvos. Already on the first day of his commitment, he faced challenges in fully integrating his decision. Every morning, the bank provided cake and coffee for all the employees, and as he was starting to eat he re-

membered that he couldn't just eat without making a brachah. But to do that, he knew he must put on a yarmulka (which, at that time, he wasn't wearing), and if someone caught him doing so, they'd fire him! (Editor's note: Of course, this isn't a reason for hesitation.)

Just as he was thinking over all this, he noticed on the security cameras a prestigious

philanthropist

had just come into the bank to put something into his safe deposit box. As he was walking, the bag he was holding ripped open, and out fell his whole collection of priceless gems onto the floor, scattering this way and that.

All the bystanders started bending down to take the "once in a lifetime" opportunity to get their hands on a free, priceless jewel.

Seeing the potential liability on his hands, the bank manager quickly pressed the "control button," which in case of a bank robbery locks all the doors of the bank, effectively sealing everybody in.

When he then looked closer at the scene, he saw the famed philanthropist on the floor gathering all his gems. He had totally lost his regular, dignified demeanor and was on his hands and knees, collecting his gems like everyone else.

The bank manager thought to himself, "Is this really what I'm seeing? That this philanthropist is conducting himself in such a way? It's beneath his dignity to do so!"

But he knew the answer: When there are "diamonds" at risk, you don't play games. You do what you have to do. This man's wealth was at stake, and thus he got to the floor to save his savings.

The manager then understood clearly Continued on the message next page

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that Hashem was personally sending him, at this challenging time. When you have "diamonds" on the line, no matter what embarrassment you'll undergo, whatever you have to do is worthwhile to get them.

With that, he mustered up the courage to put on a yarmulka to make the brachah, and was proud to be a Yid! (as heard on Stories to Inspire hotline)

"WITH EVERY PRESCRIPTION YOU'RE SAVING LIVES!"

R' Eliyahu Dushitzer relates that there was a mechalel Shabbos who, in his opinion, became one of the "lamed-vav (36) tzaddikim" through an interaction with the Chofetz Chaim.

This man was a pharmacist, and every day he provided people with their prescriptions and remedies for their ailments and sicknesses. One day, the Chofetz Chaim came in to pick up some medication, and as he was leaving, he went over to the pharmacist and gave him a big hug.

"I'm so jealous of you," the Chofetz Chaim told him.

"Me?" the pharmacist ex-

claimed. "I'm a simple person, and I'm not even observant. Why do you envy me?"

The Chofetz Chaim told him, "You're saving lives with every prescription that you fill. Chazal say that 'one who saves a neshamah is considered as if he saved an entire world,' and therefore you're saving entire worlds with your work every day!"

This was the only conversation he ever had with the Chofetz Chaim, yet it changed his entire life. From then on, he started valuing the job that he had, and it led to him keeping other mitzvos until he became fully observant.

There are many outstanding points in this story, but two points to note are: 1) how the Chofetz Chaim influenced this man in such caring way, and 2) the great effect of valuing mitzvos. By valuing his mitzvos, the pharmacist felt so motivated that it led him to continue doing more and more until he became a very great person.



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When we think of "expensive articles," we probably think of diamonds or gems, or other things we associate with rich people. The wealthy possess such things, we think, but not simple people. But, in truth, the true "gem" is given to us, the Yidden. We are the ones who have the real gems, while whatever value we attribute to the other type is only artificial and fake.

R' Shlomo Farahi relays an incredible story that brings out this point:

"I have many congregants who, when the need arises, are ready to invest in unique and rare mitzvos that come up. For example, there are times in which a Jew might not be able to afford a proper burial, and I ask my congregants if they would want to partake in the opportunity, and they gladly respond.

"One time, I got a call from a Holocaust survivor who was interested in starting to putting on tefillin each day. However, he did not have the money to buy himself a pair, so I informed the people in my community about this special tzedakah opportunity.

"An unusual number of people responded to this particular request. Many people wanted to partake in this rare mitzvah, and the money I received was far greater than what was needed to cover the cost of the tefillin. We bought the tefillin, made a respectable spread for the occasion, and he started wearing them.

"One week later, I received a call from an individual requesting to participate in buying the tefillin for the man who didn't have. To his disappointment, I told him that the tefillin had already been purchased, and that everything had been paid for.

"The man on the phone asked if he could be put in contact with one of the donors who might agree to sell their share in the mitzvah, saying that it would mean so much to him to just be

able to take part.

"I gave him two of the donors' numbers, hoping that they would agree to sell part of their mitzvah. With that, he contacted them, asking if they'd sell him a share in this mitzvah. But neither of them agreed!

"I'll pay any amount, even for just a small piece of the mitzvah!' the requester told them, but they were unwilling to relinquish any part, not even for any amount.

"Later, when I asked one of the donors who were contacted why he refused, he told me something amazing. 'I wasn't initially going to say no,' he said. 'But when I saw how he was willing to pay all the money in the world for the zchus, I started to feel how chashuv it was. Then I started think of the eternity that's awaiting me for this act, and I just couldn't just give that up."

When hearing this story, we start feeling the true value of a mitzvah. It's the most valuable thing in the world! The yetzer hara makes us forget the immense value that it has, but stories like this reawaken our appreciation of its value. This man wasn't willing to relinquish any part of his mitzvah, not for any money in the world! We too, had we been in this situation, wouldn't give it up either.

After such an experience, we start to rekindle this awareness. Every mitzvah that we do has immeasurable value. overloading us with joy and excitement.

OWNING THE UNI-VERSE!

R' Elya Ber Wachtfogel, shlita, spoke at the siyum of Vehaarev Na, a program in which bocherim learn and review a whole masechta many times. He mentioned the words of Chazal that say 'that one who learns a masechta inherits a world,' and

explained as follows:

"Imagine what it would mean to receive a city as a gift thousands of homes, businesses. parks, stores, attractions, and properties. Afthis. ter think what would be if this wasn't just a city but rather a whole country. What would it feel like then?

"Then ponder what it would feel like to get the entire universe. That's already something unfathomable!

"Now, when one learns a mesechta, he inherits an entire world. This means that it's as if you've gotten an entire universe! That's no small feat! You are multi-millionaires!"

OUR TIMES

We currently find selves in self-awakening times. What's happening all around us bring forth these incredible lessons more than ever. The number of stories that are told of the exceptional protection that Hashem is showing to people devoted to Torah and mitzvos in itself brings out the greatest awareness of the value of our mitzvos.

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Peter, the owner of a tile company in New Jersey, once shared the following story with a frum Jew he met.

"A few years ago, the Yeshi-



vah of Philadelphia hired my company to redo the floors in their beis medrash. We gave them a price quote, and when they agreed to it, we ordered the sand and tiles we needed and began the job. After we finished, the yeshivah paid the agreed-upon sum, but before I left, one of the rabbis came over to me and handed me a check for an additional 400 dollars. When I asked him what it was for, he explained, 'Rabbi Kamenetzky, the rosh yeshivah, noticed that you ordered additional sand while you were in the middle of the job. He realized that you initially miscalculated the amount you would need, and the job ended up costing you more than you expected. So he made some calls to find out how much the extra sand cost you, and he is giving you this extra money to cover the expense. He insists that you accept it."

Peter was deeply moved by the experience. "Never in my life have I received money for something when I didn't ask for it," he said with feeling. "What an amazing Rabbi!"

In the fifth chapter of Hilchos Deios, the Rambam lists a number of distinguishing characteristics of a talmid chacham; he describes how a talmid chacham should set himself apart from society in his conduct, in the way he eats and drinks, in the way he dresses, in the way he does business, and so forth. The Rambam then concludes, "The general rule is that he should be among the pursued and not

among the pursuers, among the offended and not among the offenders. A person who does all these things and the like is an example of what the pasuk describes as, 'Avdi atah, Yisrael asher becha espaar — You are My servant, Yisrael in whom I take pride."

What does the Rambam mean when he enjoins a talmid chacham to be "the pursued and not the pursuer"? Rav Mattisyahu Salomon shlita explains (Matnas Chaim, Maamarim, vol. 2 p. 378) that the true realm of a Jew is Olam Haba; for a Jewish person, Olam Hazeh is merely a transient stop on the way to his ultimate destination. A rodef, someone who pursues another person, declares through his actions that the material world is important to him, so much so that he will engage in aggression in order to take something that is not rightfully his. This mode of conduct stands in sharp contrast to Chazal's teaching (Derech Eretz Zuta, ch. 1), "The way of talmidei chachomim is to be humble and lowly in spirit ... and beloved by every person, and to say, 'I have no desire for anything in this world, for this world is not mine."

The Rambam, then, is teaching us the imperative to become "Olam Haba Yidden," people for whom the World to Come, not this world, is the focus of their lives. And when a person becomes an "Olam Haba

Yid," this attitude pervades every aspect of his life. Thus, the Rambam describes this ideal with examples such as, "He praises his fellow man and nev-



er speaks ill of him; he loves and pursues peace," and, "A talmid chacham is careful about what he says, he eats and drinks and supports his family in keeping with his finances and his level of success, and he does not exert himself unduly."

An Olam Haba Yid is perhaps most recognizable in the way he conducts business. Here, too, we turn to the Rambam for his description: "The business dealings of a talmid cha-

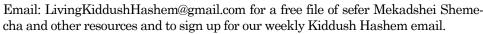
cham are truthful and honest. He says 'no' when he means no, and he says 'yes' when he means yes. He is exacting with himself in his calculations, but he gives

in to others and is not exacting with them... He obligates himself to others even when the Torah does not obligate him to do so, and he remains faithful to his word and never fails to keep it. If others owe him money, he will be patient and forgiving with them, and he will be a gracious lender. He will not encroach on his fellow's profession, and he will never in his life cause distress to anyone else." Such a person, the Rambam concludes, is a true source of glory to Hashem.



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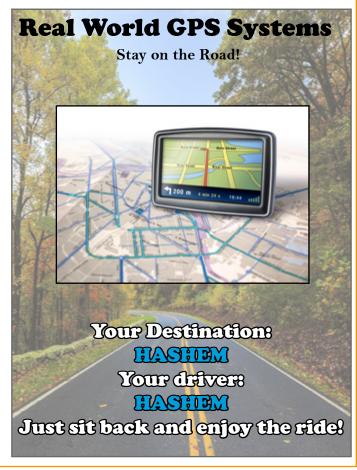
Rabbi Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

Someone told Rabbi Golombeck That his hotline changed their life. All of a sudden, Hashem Became real to them! Rabbi Golombeck knew this person's family and was puzzled. "You're a grand-child of R Avigdor Miller and 90% of my material comes from him so why is it that your life changed so much from my hotline?"

The Yid responded, "it was the difference of terminology. My grandfather zatzal would say to his generation, "We need to give gratitude to Hashem." On the hotline you say, "We need to feel Hashem's Love." Those words clicked with me!

R Golombeck explained that the first step to any service of Hashem Starts with feeling Hashem's love; recognizing that He is giving to us and taking care of us. Only after that can we then move onto the next step which is, being appreciative and gratefully performing His Mitzvos.

In our generation just doing the first step -feeling Hashem love, is already the greatest accomplishment and will enhance our lives tremendously!



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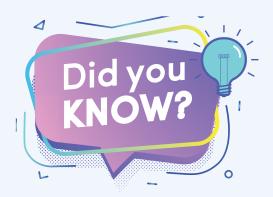
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By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck



Someone went to the heilege Chazon Ish. He was tzubrochen because he had done an Aveira. The Chazon Ish told him, do you know that feeling down because of your aveira is actually worse than the aveira itself. There's the pshat in the gemara in Yuma, hirhur aveira kasheh meaveira. To be so busy bogged down by your Aveira is worse than the aveira itself. Also, there's a Separno in Bereishis that when Hashem spoke to Kayin after his aveira, Hashem said, why are you falling on your face? Seporno says, the message was, don't be busy with your aveiros. So you did an aveira, go veitar. Hashem doesn't want you to get bogged down. Hashem doesn't want you to walk around with anxieties, worried, nervous, "Oh, I did this wrong, oh, I did that wrong." That's not Yiddishkeit. Yiddishkeit is always positivity.



Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel
By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

We have a job to appreciate the people around us and



not to be turned off by details. "He's too frum or not frum enough" or "a little weird", "interesting", "can't

get his act together", or any other petty reason. Similarly, it's important to tell Hashem what a wonderful nation he has and be meiletz yosher on Klal Yisroel, especially these days. The Pela Yoetz tells a story of a Jewish lady during a shas hashmad when Yidden we're being killed al Kiddush Hashem. She told Hashem, "Look how fortune You are, kvyachol, that You chose Klal Yisroel as Your nation! Look how they give their lives up for You!" As soon as she said that, everything stopped. R' Ahron Belzer was famous for his middas ayin toivah, he would only want to hear how amazing Klal Yisroel is doing, and he attributed all his madreigos in avodas Hashem to this great middah.



Mazal Tov to R' Yaron Davis and family (Old City, Yerushalayim) on the birth of a new baby girl!

Mazal Tov to R' Yossi Cohen and family (Lakewood, New Jersey) on the birth of a new baby boy!



By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

This column is part of the "ASHER TO THE YATZAR" initiative, and is written as a zechus for a refuah sheleimah for my daughter (Esther bas Sara Miriam) a young mother who is undergoing treatment for the machalah, and for R' Yossi Hecht (Yosef Chaim ben Devorah Leah), founder of ashertotheyatzar.com. (Please take a moment to say a perek Tehillim for them.) If you would like to receive the monthly leaflet, please email ashertotheyatzar@gmail.com.

Personal request: My daughter Esther bas Sara Miriam needs lots of tefillos. Can you please accept upon yourself *bl"n* to say Asher Yatzar for one week from a card or poster as a *zechus* for a *refuah sheleimah* her? Thank you so much!

Stories that Inspire

An Everlasting Impression

I heard from my Rosh Yeshiva, HaRav Meshulam Dovid Soloveitchik zt"l, that when he was a young boy, he once saw an old man wash his hands in the hallway of the shul in Brisk and begin to recite Asher Yatzar. The man said the *brachah* with such *kavanah* and fire that he could never forget that *brachah* – it had truly made an everlasting impression on him. Who was he? Harav Baruch Ber Leibowitz zt"l, Rosh Yeshivas Kamenitz!

See How He Says Asher Yatzar!

He also related that the father of the Beis Halevi once spent Shabbos with a certain *Chasideshe Rebbe*. Of course, the tefillos and singing were with tremendous fervor and excitement. The Rebbe was the chazan for the *tefillos* and indeed he davened with much passion and strength. The chasidim looked at their guest and they saw that he didn't seem to be impressed. When they asked him why, he answered, "I am waiting to see how he says Asher Yatzar. That is the true test!"

Q and A's

Question: Which two letters are not found in the *brachah* of Asher Yatzar?

Answer: Rav Don Segal shlit"a pointed out that the only letters which do not appear in Asher Yatzar are "ז" and "ט" because they represent two stomach disorders called זיוה. Perhaps we can explain that since this is the *brachah* that gives us health, we do not want to even allude to any type of disease, as doing so could weaken the potency of this special *refuah*. How great is the power of Asher Yatzar!

Question: Where in the *berachah* of Asher Yatzar do we find a hint to the number of limbs in the human body?

Answer: The Tur (6:1) writes that the words "הֹלוֹלִים הלוּלִים "חַלוּלִים פּqual 248 which is the number of limbs in the human body. Perhaps the reason Chazal included this reference to all the limbs was in order to ensure that the special cure of Asher Yatzar goes to all parts of our body. Another possible reason is so that our thanks to Hashem will include all our limbs – not just the digestive tract!

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Dedicated to my Uncle and Aunt:

Yisrael Aharon and Sarah Leah,

and the family they built, Sheyichiu Ad Meah V'Esrim Gezunt and Shtark with Bracha and Hatzlacha.

Yaakov Avinu arrived at
The Place,
Hashem's Holy House of Prayer.
All the tefillos of the world,
he knew, rise to shomayim from
there.

He went to sleep with twelve stones to protect his head and the entire Eretz Canaan folded under him, a bed.

He dreamed of a ladder stretching from earth into Heav-



en's Gate;

Angels of exile climbing the rungs; the number, deciding Yisrael's fate.

Yaakov Avinu saw Edom, who is Aisav, climbing higher and higher. With no end in sight, Yaakov Avinu's fear was on fire.

Hashem Yisborach was standing over him and Yaakov heard him clearly say

"I am Hashem, G-d of Abraham, Avicha, and G-d of Yitzchok. I will give to you and your offspring the land on which you lay."

"Your descendents shall be as the dust of the earth.

You shall burst forth in every direction," declared Hashem.
"Through you and your offspring, the families of the earth will be blessed.

all of them."

"I will guard you everywhere you go. I will return you to this soil," Hashem assured. I will remember my promise to your fathers. For eternity, you can rely on my word."

Then Yaakov vowed a

vow and poured oil over the single stone,

that united from the twelve, right there.

"I'll tithe whatever I own to you, my G-d,

and here will be your House of Prayer."

Yaakov Avinu traveled to Charan and came upon a well, where he met his future wife, the shepherdess, named Rachel.

He kissed her and wept. He knew they would be married. He would love her forever, but separate they'd be buried.

All his possessions and wealth had heen stolen by Aisav's son when Yaakov de-

parted Canaan.

To marry Rachel, Yaakov Avinu worked for seven years with all his kochos

for Rachel's Imeinu's father, Lavan.

Rachel had an older sister. Leah was her name. Older tto older, younger to younger.

It seemed bashert that Leah

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Imeinu would marry Yaakov's brother who was known for hunting game.

With an Eved Hashem,

Leah Imeinu longed to build a bayis ne'emon, a Torah life. Knowing what she knew about her cousin Aisav, Leah lived in dread of becoming his wife.

Leah Imeinu spent her days in prayer.

Tears to fill a yam she shed, begging Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu that Aisav HaRasha she would not have to wed.

Two half-sisters named Bilha and Zilpah, their father, Leah and Rachel shared.

When Leah and Rachel would sy, marry

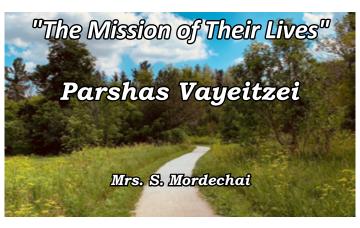
with a sister, as her maidservant, each daughter would be paired.

When it was time for their chasuna. not knowing what tricks and traps her father had laid; Yaakov Avinu devised secret signs cree. for Rachel Imeinu in case her father attempted a from Leah Imeinu. trade.

Lavan sent Leah with Zilpah, the his deceit.

With Leah Imeinu dressed and after sheva brachos, veiled as a kallah under the ch- Avinu had two wives. upah,

Lavan's plan was now complete.



Then Rachel was caught between what she and Yaakov, with all their hearts expected and her sister, Leah, feeling shamed, humiliated, and rejected.

Rachel taught her sister the signs so Leah would not feel spurned and with that enormous sacrifice, merit, for all eternity, Rachel earned.

A kallah is protected from jealouher glowing face she will hide; but now, to this day, her Chaasan places her veil

to insure he has the right bride.

Shidduchim, like who is blessed, who gives birth, and every detail are decided by Adon Hakol's de-

Priests and Kings would come and so Laivi, Yaakov Avinu's third

Her marriage to Yaakov Avinu was by, Divine Plan, meant to be.

younger half-sister to strengthen Agreeing to work seven more Together they would raise 12 years-

Leah Imeinu. Rachel Imeinu and their maidservants Bilha, and Leah Imeinu thought each wife Zilpah

would now share their lives.

It was hard for Leah Imeinu to feel like wife number two, less loved in Yaakov's eyes. She hoped giving birth to his first child would make her status rise.

Her sorrow somewhat was soothed,

knowing that Hashem had seen her pain,

when she gave birth to Yaakov's bechor.

Leah Imeinu named Yaakov Avinu's firstborn boy, Reuvain.

Leah's womb opened again after more tfillos to Hashem Ely-

Since He listened and heard Leah Imeinu called her second son Shimon.

"He'll serve me and be attached to Me."

a Bas Kol from Heaven proclaimed

"and my husband will be attached to me," said Leah Imeinu, son was named.

The prophesy was known to Yaakov Avinu and his wives: sons, 12 shvatim. Yaakov Building the Chosen Nation was

the mission of their lives.

would bear three tribes

but was gifted with more.

To express hoda'a from the depths of her soul, Yehudah, she named her son number four.

That she had not given birth to a shevet, Rachel Imeinu expressed to Yaakov Avinu, her despair.

Cry out to Hashem Yisborach with she earned your broken heart. Your help can only come from ing. there!

Rachel Imeinu hoped to give a nance Yissachar's child to her husband Imeinu. Yaakov Avinu married Bilha and sixth son Rachel named Bilha's son Dan for the judgement Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu.

Naftali was the name Rachel Yaakov, Leah, Bilha, and Zilpa Imeinu gave Dan's brother because tefillah and Torah drips like sweet honey and nofes titoffrom a Talmid Chacham's lips.

After Yaakov and Zilpah were Aisav is compared to dried grass, married, voice she did raise. Leah Imeinu named Zilpah's sons naan from where he came. **Gad and Asher**

praise.

Leah Imeinu was blessed with silver and gold. two more sons. Yissachar was her fifth; a shevet immersed in learning.



She named him for the reward for her lashaim shomayim yearn-

His younger brother would fi-Torah with trade. through her maid, like Sarah Leah Imeinu named him Zevulun, hoping that with the birth of her there would be a Beis Z'vul, a dwelling place she believed she'd received from for Yaakov and the Divine Presence of The Holy One.

> joined Rachel in her prayers and tears.

> Finally, Rachel Imeinu gave birth to the eleventh shevet: Yosaif after waiting all those years.

while Yosaif is a flame. with gratitude and tehilla, Leah's After the birth of Yosaif, Yaakov was ready to return to Eretz Ca-

for good mazal and worthy of Yaakov Avinu had worked diligently without rest and brought wealth to Lavan, like With Yaakov as his shepherd, Lavan's flocks had increased every month a thousand fold.

The Tzaddik Yaacov Avinu brought bracha to all of Padam Aram. Where wells had been dry, with his presence, water flowed. With speckles and spots and stripes on the sheep,

Hashem helped Yaakov Avinu to obtain the wages that from the swindler Lavan he was owed.

Yaakov Avinu would return to his Promised Land. taking the wealth that was now his own and with his family almost complete

Yaakov Avinu continued the journey that he had begun alone.

True to His word, Hashem sent a camp of malachim to escort Yaakov Avinu and his family, to the place of his birth, from Charan.

A second camp greeted them when they reached the Holy Land. These were special malachim sent to watch over them in Eretz Canaan.

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Our lips play a central role in our speech, like we mentioned when we discussed the functions of our teeth.

Chazal teach us that there are five different groups of sounds that come from our mouth, and we have five organs which are used in composing our speech. The five איברים are our throat, palate, tongue, teeth and lips.

Our lips produce the four letters, \square , \square , \square . In the alphabet it corresponds to the letters, b, v, m, p. if we were missing this

s o u n d ,
it would
greatly limit our vocabulary. In
define the letter 'ו'
is the most
used letter
from the
whole Aleph
Beis.

In addition to this, our lips are involved generally in all of our

speech. They help finish off, smoothen and polish our speech. Due to this, our lips are in constant motion when we speak, regardless of which letters we are using. This is something we can easily experiment with and discover.

Try saying any simple sentence, without moving your lips. For example, try to say the short sentence of — "I crossed the street". You can say it, but it's missing the gentle sound we usually have when we speak. It sounds robotic, metallic, and even harsh. Our lips play an important role in our speech and communication.

Let's bring out another angle to the Chasdei Hashem found in the role our lips play in com-

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munication. This that our lips act as a partner and helper to all of our speech, is invaluable for people who are deaf. When they learn the skill of lip reading, they are able to understand people by watching the constant varied movements of their lips without actually hearing what they are saying.

This point applies to all of us, whom Hashem blessed with healthy ears.

When someone talks to us, without realizing

it, we very often understand what they are saying by combining some basic lip reading with what we hear.

Sometimes people speak unclearly or in a low tone, or there is a lot of background noise;

For example, someone quietly whispers -"no", it's easily discernible from his lips that he said 'no' and not 'yes', even if we can't hear him. So we all benefit from lip movement in our verbal communication.

we often resort to the lip move-ment to understand what they are saying.



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Oil: Yaakov poured oil over the stone.

Flames of Fire: Yaakov and Yosef are compared to a fire and flame.

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THE SUNDEW (FLY PAPER TRAP) PLANT

We spoke about the Venus Fly Trap. It's called a snap trap since it catches its prey by snapping close.

Now we will discuss a totally different type of carnivorous plant. It goes under the category of moving flypaper trap plants. We will see a few of these types of plants. They all go under the group called Drosera plants. Translated into normal language, they are different types of plants called Sundew plants.

Keep in mind that these are plants. Plants have no brains. They know noth-



ing, yet, it will seem that they "know" a whole lot of things. To understand better what I am writing here please look at the pictures. Typically, these types of Sundew plants are like a vertical popsicle.

Out of the plant there

grows long colorful (usually orange or red) sensitive glandular hairs or tenticles. It's called glandular since they have important glands in them as we shall soon explain. They are actually like the tentacles found on an octopus that can wrap around their prey they are capturing. So, here's how it goes.

Out of these tentacles there are globs of clear looking dew with a honey look, that's really a very powerful glue! But that alone won't do a good enough job to attract

insects, so they also have glands in them that provide sweet smelling nectar in them as well and that will surely attract plenty of insects. So, let's pause and think about this. Do you know how to make a deceptive looking glue, or any type of glue? I don't have a clue how to do this. Yet this totally brainless plant "knows" how to



make a very powerful deceptive looking glue with which Continued on next page



got, it also "knows" that there are insects to catch. But not only does it know how to make this deceptive glue, it also "knows" that insects like sweet things so it put nectar into the glue. That's a lot of things for a brainless plant to "know".

Ok, so the insect was fooled into landing on the glue trap. It immediately

to catch insects. Oh! I for- gets stuck. Of course, it of starts to bend and curl

starts to struggle to try to get off the trap. Well guess what? The more it struggles the more it (somehow) stimulates the surrounding tentacles to start bending towards the struggling insect.

How can these hairs bend to surround the insect? Whose plan is this and how can it be carried

> out? The hairs surround the insect with a force strong enough that it can hold down a large sect! Slowly but of the entire tentacles are with out it? growing



over the insect. (See the picture).

This continues until the curls completely stem over the insect thereby suffocating it.

How can this happen? How can the stem curl around the insect to sufstruggling in- focate it? The plant has a whole method for killing surely, the insect. This is beyond the top part amazing! Who gave it this plan? And now what? So, stem that the it's dead, what does it do

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hairs worry. B"H, there's special Finally, after a few days, So, "luckily" the have special glands that absorption glands that when the entire process is

send out special digestive enzymes to digest the insect!

Again, we must wonder in astonishment. Enzymes are extremely complicate chemical structures that accomplish many feats. How can this all happen? (Is there the slightest chance in the world that this could all happen by accident?) And there's more.

You need special glands to take the digested insects' nutrients and have a way transport to them into the internal parts of the plant so that it can benefit from the nutrition.

absorb the nutrients and then transfer the nutrition into the plant for the crucially needed nutrition that it provides. This of course is quite a complicated process as well.

finished, the plant reopens and is ready to start all over again!

How amazing is Hashworld! There's em's no way possible for any of these processes to come about by accident, let alone have the ability to function all together in such harmony. It's all Hashem's handiwork!

> Hashem created these amazing plants and all His other creatures for US to see His great amazing wisdom and thereby learn to be aware of Hashem and His



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greatness! To be continued BE"H

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THE MIRACLES INSIDE YOUR SLICE OF BREAD

By: Mordechai Solomon

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

- The seed has all the bits and pieces of information to produce more wheat which is needed in the production of bread.
- The seed stays fresh and 12. does not rot so you can gather them and plant a whole crop's worth.
- Soil is only found on earth.
- Soil is the perfect environment for the seed to grow.
- The soil is a natural habitat for ants to live in and also 15. for the inchworm.
- The ant is an amazing creature that constantly is making holes in the ground. It₁₆. tills the ground because Hashem put into its nature to constantly look for food.
- The Inchworm bores bigger 17. holes in the ground which is also a form of tilling the ground
- Vegetation grows in the 19.
- The soil also produces all

different types of vege-

This so happens to be the perfect food for the Inchworm.

After it eats, the food goes through an amazingly complicated digestive system.

The Inchworm's body produces waste.

The waste is very good fertilizer for the soil to help the growth of the wheat.

When the worm dies, it decomposes and is good fertilizer for the plants.

Different germs and bacteria grow in the soil to improve the soil for the growth of the plants.

The seed reacts with the water to start to decompose.

This enables that the water should continue to make the seed rot.

Water is made of two gas-

The soil is a cool atmo-

- Soil is porous allowing it to absorb water which is a necessity for the seed.
- This causes the seed to decompose when you put the seed in the earth.
- No matter how the seed is placed in the soil, the root 35. goes down.
- The stem goes up no matter how it is placed. 36.
- 24. The plant survives on rainwater.
- The ocean is full of salt water which cleanses the water from impurities.
- 26. The sun shines on the water.
- The sun is millions of miles 39. 27. away and yet it has an effect 40. on earth.
- If the sun would be too close 41. 28. it would burn the earth
- If the sun would be too far, the world would freeze
- The sun is a ball of gases.
- The sun constantly gives off 31. heat by chemical reactions.
- The molecular structure 44. 32. of water is so that when

it gets hot, it starts to change.

The water turns into water

Water vapor is lighter than air, so it rises.

The sun sets in order to let the earth have a rest and certain insects work at night.

The earth spins in a cycle which causes the sun to set.

It is in constant motion never stopping.

Everything in the world is stationary and the movement not felt.

The moon an orb in the sky.

It has a certain cycle.

It reflects the sunlight.

It has an effect on the moisture of earth which is necessary for growth.

The earth spins in an angle so that sometimes it is closer to the sun and sometimes it is further.

The sun has a force on the earth.

- 45. This causes all differ-59. ent seasons and climates.
- During the cold season the 60. earth stops producing as much giving a rest to the 61. earth enabling it to give off a better crop. 62.
- There are many dust particles in the air. 63.
- When the water rises, it leaves over all the salt and 64. dirt from the ocean.
- 49. The water combines with 65. the dust particles.
- 50. It starts to accumulate into a cloud.
- 51. Cold air sinks.
- Hot air rises.
- The difference causes air current. 68.

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- 54. The wind blows inland.
- 55. The Clouds move inland. 69.
- The cloud gets heavy with water.
- The cloud releases the wa-71. Gravity brings down the wa-

ter to the earth.

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- There is a negative cloud.
- There is a positive cloud. When they rub together they

make lightning. Lightning travels to the

ground. The lightning has tremendous heat.

The air has in it a gas called

nitrogen. The lightning makes

chemical reaction with the nitrogen making nitrites.

The nitrites are a very good fertilizer to help the growth of the plants.

The stem starts to push itself out of the soil.

The sunlight has ener-

The plants know how to absorb the energy.

The plant turns green called photosynthesis.

As the plant grows the roots also grow in order that the plant shouldn't fall

- The roots85. absorb the water.
- 73. The roots send water to86. the whole plant.
- The roots send water to the 74. 87. whole plant.
- The leaves send energy to the whole plant.
- Carbon dioxide is made up of 88. two different elements.
- The leaves absorb the CO2. 77.
- The leaves give off oxygen as89. 78. byproduct. When all the Co2 in the vicinity of the plant gets 90. used, how does it get more? The wind blows new air with CO2
- There is a constant produc-91. 79. tion of CO2 because animals breathe out CO2.
- When they breathe in oxygen,92. 80. the by-product is CO2.
- The rains come only certain times during the year. 93.
- These times are beneficial and are the exact time the plants need water.
- The amount is not too much to 94. drench them.
- 84. It doesn't come too forcefully.

It doesn't come too little for the plants.

Sometimes it comes like small needles to penetrate the ground.

It doesn't keep on pouring which would also drown the plants.

The plant stem starts to rise straight up and it is elevated from the ground enabling it to be cut easier.

They grow in a straight line so they don't get tangled.

Very bendable to they don't break in the wind. 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.

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

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

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

- The field is full of green stalks of wheat when they become ripe they give they become ripe they give they becaute the stalks of wheat when they becaute the stalks of wheat when they are they are the stalks of wheat when they are they are the stalks of wheat when they are the are they are they are the they are the a sign changing from green to white what a miracle that 103. the plant knows that a person sees different colors.
- Now comes the time to harve<mark>st a</mark>nd you ne<mark>ed a</mark> sickle<u>104. Flax</u> is a plant that grows to cut the wheat. A sickle is made of metal, which is found in the earth mixed 105. with impurities.
- When the metal is heated 106. with extreme heat then the impurities go out because they burn out and the metal 107. is left over. This is a miracle that the metal doesn't burn out and the other stuff does.
- You can mold metal any shape you want.
- 99. The metal dries and becomes hard.
- 100. The stalks are very soft, not 109. hard, so without great difficulty it can be cut, not like a tree that needs a lot of time to cut. (A miracle that these things need to be used on a constant basis are easy to 110. cut or pluck).

Metal becomes very

sharp in order to cut it.

doesn't break

The sheaths of wheat are very light in order that you can bundle it and transport

from the ground.

Their stalks can be used as string.

String enables one to tie the sheaths and transports them easily.

The sun dries them out and can stay as kernels a long time without spoiling.

108. The kernel is made up of (at least) two parts, the grain and the shell (chaff) which is made to protect the kernel from spoiling.

> Hashem made the kernel that it can be easily removed by rubbing it vigorously. The way it was done it was put on the floor and you put a piece of wood on top of it.

Wood comes from a tree that grows very tall and has a big trunk that is quite

strong unlike the stalk

- 111. The wood can be carved in different shapes without breaking and it is made into ridges to press on the wheat 121.
- 112. The man stands on the wood and hold onto straps which hold onto an animal that goes 122. Also, the good stays in one around in circles etc.
- 113. The straps that the man holds onto are made of leather.
- 114. Leather comes from the hide of an animal.
- Leather is formed by a process called tanning and it is very durable and lasts a long time.
- 116. Salt is used for tanning.
- 117. Salt is made of two gases.
- comes ready for use.
- 119. It's a big miracle that the animal is domestic and listens to orders and is not wild and doesn't have big demands and is happy to go around in circles.
- 120. The person is heavy enough

to put pressure on the kernels to separate the kernel from the chaff but not to crush it so that you can retrieve it.

Hashem made that the chaff is lighter than the kernel so when it is thrown in the air it gets separated easily.

place and the bad part gets blown away.

123. The grain is thrown in the air with the strength of one

> It is thrown up with a pitchfork which is a tool made of metal and wood.

125. Thank Hashem for gravity or they would never land or the wind is not so strong to blow it away.

118. Eventually it dries and be-126. Afterwards, it is taken to a grinder which consists of two rocks that come from mountainous parts of the earth that aren't soft like dirt.

הזן את העולם כולו בטובו!!!!



To carve out a rock you need a chisel which is metal and when it is shaped a certain way it can penetrate rock.



A hammer is made of wood and metal and you hit it on the chisel and it knocks away at the rock.



The rock has to be transferred to the grinding place so a wagon is made of a wooden box that is strong enough to contain a big rock.



The wagon needs wheels that are carved from wood in a circle.



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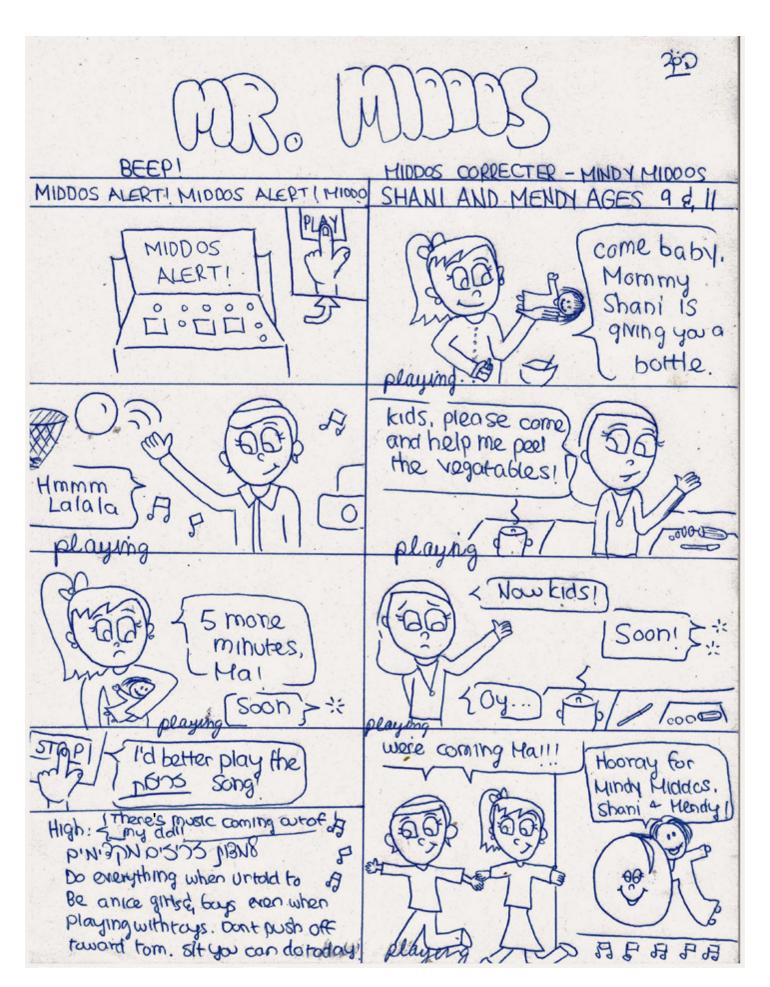
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"Our function in this world is to look. We have to look at the sky, at the earth, at the trees, at ourselves... and be surprised of this miracle."



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"'Don't worry,' the Rebbe repeated. The car will start

for a Mitzvah, with or with-

out the keys..."

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"Hakadosh Baruch Hu made a world full of beauty, a world full of color, a world ful of geshmak."

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck - A Life with Bitachon

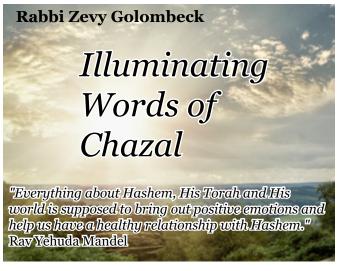


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Q: The Gemara Moed katan 18a brings a story where Shmuel's brother said something that could sound like a curse (unintentionally) to Shmuel. Then, one of Shmuel's relatives died. Shmuel got angry at his brother (he threw his cut nails at him). He said, "Don't you know בריתה לשפתים?"

- 1. We always hear on 'A Life With Bitachon' to take people out of the picture and put Hashem there instead. How could it be that Shmuel was putting his brother in the picture and blaming him?
- 2. We always hear how everything Hashem does is good, so why was Shmuel getting angry and upset at a good thing?

3. It sounds very scary and frightening that just because someone says something, even unintentionally, he could destroy someone's life? We hear on 'A Life With Bitachon' that Hashem runs a perfect world. How could this be considered perfect?

A. First of all, it's very important to note that this is the biggest reason to prove Rabbi Avigdor Miller's yesod that a person needs a live Rebbe to teach him mesorah, to teach him what it means to live with Hashem, to live with emunah and bitachon. You can have all the sefarim in the world, but if you don't have a mesorah, you don't have a Rebbe, you can take even a gema-

ra and turn it into kefira and apikorsus.

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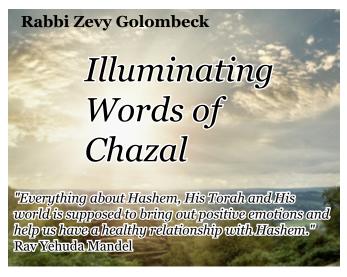
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This would be an example where people would say, "Ah, you see a proof, people have bechira to affect others, because it says, ''
לשפתים

The Chovos Halevavos in Shaar HaBitachon writes over and over and over and over and he doesn't stop writing it, that chas vshalom to ever think that any human being has any koach whatsoever! He's a powerless creature.

The Chofetz Chaim in his sefer Shem Olam says that wherever it seems like a human being has the power to affect others, it's only that a human being can be megalgilin zechus al yedei zakai or megalgilin chov al yedei chayav. It means that either you can be a shaliach of Hashem to carry out something good, or you can be a shaliach of Hashem to carry out something that's not openly good but rather it's hidden good. That's what the Chofetz Chaim says.

With this hakdama, now we can go to the gemara.



When a person's action or words seem to affect others, it's either a situation of megalgilin zechus al yedei zakai and he was a shaliach for good, or it was a situation of megalgilin chov al yedei chayav, and he was a shaliach for hidden good. Chayav is called hidden good, because everything is good. Our job in this world, what Hashem wants from us, He's asking us to be a shaliach of open good. Even though everything is good, Hashem wants us to be a shaliach of open good, not hidden good.

Shmuel was telling his brother that he said some-

thing that seemed to result in hidden good, and even though obviously of course everything would have happened anyway, he was the shaliach. Shmuel wasn't getting angry. He was acting and pretending as if he was getting angry, in order to motivate his brother for the future to learn from the story to make it his life's career to go around saying only positive words. This is the lesson that we are supposed to learn from the story as well. Like this we can be the shaliach of Hashem to give everyone open good.

And therefore, of course he wasn't angry. The Rambam says a person is never allowed to get angry. Hashem, says the Chofetz Chaim, never gets angry, no one gets angry. You're not allowed to get angry. It's just a show, a puppet show, to motivate a person for the future to be able to

be careful in what their life's mission is.

And that's what Shmuel was saying. I want your life's mission to go the opposite extreme. Go around saying positive words, go around saying it looks gevaldik, everyone's amazing, you're great, you're this and that...

Once a person takes the mussar of Shmuel, to be a shaliach of megalgilin zechus al yedei zakai, now he doesn't have to feel bad that he was megalgilin chov al yedei chayav. Because now he's growing from what he did, the gemara says that now even what he did turns into a mitzvah, because when a person grows from his experience it turns into a mitzvah. Like we know that bmakom sh'baalei teshuva omdid ein tsaddikim gemurim omdim, and then he becomes a zakai again.

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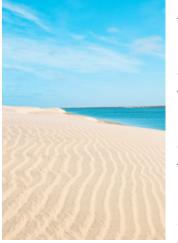


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#1664 - This story was called in by Mrs.



Hirschberg. Her friend just called her up and told her that she has to tell her the most amazing bitachon story that she just experienced first hand.

"Last night, I went to a beach. It was close to shkiyah, and there was no one around,

just my friend and myself. I went all the way up to the water. I have a very expensive pair of glasses because I have a very hard time seeing. These glasses are very special glasses, tailor made for me. My friend warned me, "Don't get too close to the water because what happens if your glasses fall in? They'll be lost forever." I said don't worry! I'm just by the edge! There's nothing to be concerned about." Not too long afterwards, a humongous wave came and knocked off my glasses. They were lost and gone forever.



I started eating myself up and saying, "Why didn't I listen to my friend?? Now my glasses are in this humongous ocean! What should I do now?"

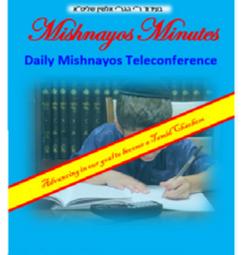
Then I said, "One second. I follow a Life with Bitachon. I realize who is running the world. You think it's the ocean that controls the world? No, its Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribbono Shel Olam. Therefore, Hakadosh Baruch Hu is Hakol Yachol. He can do everything and anything. I am going to walk home right now. At the same time I am going to have Emunah and Bitachon that the impossible can happen. From where, from when, from what? I have no clue. But I don't have to figure out solutions. I am just going to leave it up to Hashem."

As we were walking home, we were on a different part of the beach, and my friend looked

down and said, "Do I believe what I see?? I see your glasses! It's intact, its perfect!" I picked it up, and yes, there it was, delivered right to me with door to door service!"



#1665 - This story was called in from Eretz Yisrael by Mrs.



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Hertz. They said over that their children were asking them if they could please have a sandwich maker. It would make such a difference! They told their children, "Yes, we know



how much of a difference it would make, and we really want to give you one! But right now, there are too many Yom Tov expenses. We can't even think about an extra one. Right now is not a good time. But even though it might not be a good time to ask us, you can ask Hakadosh Baruch Hu the Ribbono Shel Olam. He's Hakol Yachol. He can do everything and anything. Therefore, tell Hashem exactly what you're turning to Him for. Tell Hashem what you're relying on Him for."

That's exactly what their children did.



Later on that day, they get a phone call from their friend. He said he's moving to Chutz L'aretz after Sukkos, and he has a lot of gift cards that he never used in stores in Eretz Yisrael. He has a gift card to an appliance store with all different appliances that he wouldn't be able to use in America. He said to them, would you like it? R' Hertz said, "Are you serious? This is exactly what we were looking for!" Not only was it enough to get one sandwich maker, it was enough to get much more stuff to make the kids happy. In no time he saw, "Haboteach B'Hashem Chessed Yisovivenu." When you rely on Hashem, Hashem gives you double and triple.



1666 - This story was called in by Mrs. Weber. She said over that she was with her family in the middle of no-man's land. They wanted to call a taxi to bring them home. When they called a taxi, the taxi asked them, "What's your address? Where are you located?" Mrs. Weber said, "Sorry! We don't have an address. We're in the middle of no-man's land." The taxi service said, "Sorry! We can't come pick you up unless you give us an exact address. We can't come. First find



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out the exact address and then call us back." With that, they hung up the phone. The Weber family thought to themselves, "The taxi driver said that

he won't be able to find us because we don't have an exact address. But guess what! Hakadosh Baruch Hu knows exactly where we are! Therefore, we can say, "Hashem, were turning to You! You can send a taxi right here!" With that, they started being mchazek and singing, "Hakol Yachol, Hakol Yachol..." They looked up, and what did they see?? A taxi, from the same company that they had just called, was passing right by them!! They flagged it down and they said, "Are you available?" The taxi driver said, "Sure! No problem! Come right in!" With that, 1,2,3, they got the best service!



#1667 - This story was called in by Mrs. Bodensky. She said

Story Time Stories From 'A Life With Bitachon'

over that it was Shabbos afternoon, and she knew that every week her sister-in-law who lives a few blocks away from her goes to visit a home-bound Yiddishe Mama, who lives in an apartment building all by herself. She really wanted to go along this week to visit her, but she had no idea how to get there. She knew how to get to her sister-in-laws house, but the issue and problem was, that she knew that her sister-in-law always left at a certain time, and it was already past that time. So what should she do? Then she said, "One second. Who is the one in charge of me getting there? My sister in law? It's Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribbono Shel Olam! He's Hakol Yachol, He can do everything and anything. I'm just going to do the actions of walking to my sister-in-law's house, and I'll leave the rest up to Hashem!"

When she got to her sister-in-law's house, they said "Oh, she left a long time ago. She left over 15 minutes ago!" Mrs. Bodensky said, "Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the one who is running this world, and He can arrange it, and He'll be able to get me exactly to where I need to go!" She looked up, and she saw her sister-in-law coming towards her! Her sister-in-law told

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her, "You know, I really left the house a long time ago, but I just remembered that I forgot something very important that I had to do in the house. Because of that I had to come back. Now, I can take you!"

In no time, she was able to bring her exactly where she needed to go, with the best service!

Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. There is a lot of cleaning that needs to be done around the house, and I ask my children to help clean up. But some of them are simply not interested.

It's so frustrating that my children aren't pitching in when there is so much that needs to be done.

Also, I want to be mechanech my children to help around the house. But in order to get them to help, I have to practically twist their arms. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The reason you feel frustrated that your children aren't helping is because you think, 'If only my children would help out more, I would be able to accomplish so much more. All because my children are lazy, the house is so disorganized'.

However, you have to take your children out of the picture. And put Hakadosh Baruch Hu there instead.

The Chovos Halvavos teaches us that no human being can affect you, not for the positive and not for the negative.

Whatever is supposed to get done, you will finish even if your children don't help you. And whatever you are not supposed to accomplish won't be achieved even if your children help you.

Knowing this, there is no room to get annoyed or upset at them for not helping.

As far as training your children to help, Mitzvas Chinuch does not mean get your children to help. The goal of chinuch is to make your children want to help. This is done by giving them praise for their help, showing that it's geshmak to help, explaining how important their help is, offering incentives etc. However, if you force them to help, you are teaching them to resent helping, which is the opposite of chinuch.

Q. I have a child who's struggling with his Yiddishkeit, lo aleichem. I never know when I should ignore his in-

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appropriate

behavior and when I should say something.

A. Of course, you should consult with Da'as Torah to get specific guidance.

But as a rule, when in doubt, don't criticize. Better to shower them with love and understanding. Often, this is the biggest encouragement for him to change.

Q. Whenever neighbors ask to borrow toys, my children are reluctant. They say, 'Don't give it to them. It might break or get lost.'

Should I tell them to lend the toys anyway?

A. Rav Yisroel Falk responded: If your children are very young, simply tell them, 'Lend it to them, and if it breaks or if they don't return it, I'll buy you a new one'.

If they are of age that you could be mechanech them, explain to your children: The entire purpose of the briah is in order to give, and Hashem wants us to emulate Him and give to others as well.

About the fact that they're scared that the toy will break, explain to them that a person never loses out by doing

chessed.

If the toy does get broken or lost, help them see that Hashem will pay them back; go out yourself and buy them a new toy.

If even after explaining the importance of chessed, your children still don't want you to lend out their toys, you should not lend out the toys against their will. This will just cause resentment, and is not included in mitzvas chinuch.

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Hashem Gives Money Just in Time!



We were getting ready for Shevuos

on a very limited budget, and had to scrimp a bit on some things we wanted.

My wife took some dresses for Shevuos into the tailor to make more tzniusdig, and the tailor said it would be a bigger job than we thought, costing more than we could afford. My wife said to do it anyway, not knowing how we would be able to pick them up for Yom Tov.

As she was leaving from dropping them off, she davened to Hashem, begging him to help us, as what we were doing was for tznius.

Little did she know

that someone who had owed me some money had just contacted me, arranging to pay what he owed. We ended up having money to pay the tailor, as well as some other things we had wanted for Yom Tov!

A Reader

Mi K'Amcha Yisrael



I was trying to get to the ENT for an important visit to

check out my son's ear. I had scheduled it for that day, and I had to figure out what to do

with all my kids. I figured, after thinking of different options, that the best idea would be to just take them. I asked the person on the line when I scheduled the appointment who I was allowed to bring along, because I had once had an issue that they were very strict with who was allowed to come because of Covid.

The secretary told me that I could take along a baby. I asked if I could bring along other children if they would stay in the waiting room, and

the lady said I could.

Attention Readers!

Didn't see the story you called or sent in? Don't worry, BE"H your story will be printed in the paper.

Please keep you stories coming!

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However, when I got to the office, I realized there had been a mistake, because they still had a very strict rule of only two people per patient. The office staff were livid

and were being rude about the fact that I had shlepped along all my kids for the visit.

I was really stuck. This place was 25 minutes away over the highway, and it had taken so much planning to get everyone there on time. I had picked up kids from school, and it was an important visit that could not be pushed off. I didn't know what to do, and I was really stressed.

There was another frum lady in the waiting room, and she came over and asked me, "Is there anything I can do to help you?" She saw what I was going through, and she was so supportive. I asked the office staff if I could leave my kids in the waiting room with this nice lady, and they actually agreed!

When I got to the waiting room, that lady wasn't there anymore but there was a different frum lady there who said, "Oh my! You were the one dealing with that angry receptionist? I saw what was going on. They were treating you terribly. I can for sure watch your kids for you!"

I felt so blessed to be part of this special nation. Mi ka'amcha Yisroel!

A Reader

Thank You, Hashem!



Dear Spring Hill Times,

Here's a story that just happened to us:

We have a Canadian car. To register it in the U.S., it needs to pass through customs at the border. The car however was in the states already. The DMV here, in Spring Valley, New York, told us that there is nothing to do without it.

The car sat in our driveway for many months without us being able to use it, since without registration it was impossible to get insurance coverage for it...

I was schmoozing with my cousin and I told him about our situation and he told me he had the same issue and he just walked into the DMV office in Haverstraw and registered it (and they never asked him for the customs papers that you officially need).

We decided that we would go to the DMV with Bitachon and surely Hashem would Provide us with the registration that we needed! We kept repeating Ha'Kol Yachol, and Davening to Hashem as we waited for our turn.

The agent behind the counter seemed to be having a hard time registering our Canadian car, she even muttered to herself, "Where is this car coming from?" But we kept focusing on the fact that she is merely a Shaliach from Hashem, "Hashem please just let her give it to us and not demand the Customs forms!!" And Baruch Hashem, she did not ask us for it, and we walked out with our NY plates!!!

Thank you Hashem for saving us that big Tircha!

A Reader - Monsey, New York

Hashgacha Pratis



I have a Hashgacha Pratis story.

One day I was doing deliveries and noticed at one of my stops that my front passenger tire looked low to me. I was also low on gas that day. I decided to get gas first and deal with the tire later.

I went to a gas station and started filling up, when I noticed a CAA Truck at the side of the gas station.

(Our CAA truck is equivalent to the American AAA)

Even before I finished filling up with gas, I went inside the gas store and saw a man wandering around and just happened to ask him if the CAA truck was his. He said yes. I asked him to look at my tire and he said it looked fine. I told him that the tire doesn't feel that its topped up properly. He checked again and noticed that it had a nail sticking out of it. I asked him if he could fix it on the spot. He again said yes, because if a nail is stuck in the front tires then it can be patched on the spot. If a nail is stuck in the back tires, you need to bring the car to a shop.

After I finished filling up with gas and paying, I moved my car close to his truck and he patched it up right away.

What makes this story amazing is that I:

- 1) I decided to get gas at this station
- 2) I went into the gas store and asking a random person if the CAA truck was his.
- 3) I asked the person to check the tire twice.
- 4) it just happens to be the front tire that had the nail.
- 5) it could be patched on the spot.

Thank You, Hashem.

A Reader, Toronto, Ontario

"Hashem Could Do Anything"



My husband had to mail something, but we need an ap-

pointment to go to the post office and none were left that day.

So we made an appointment for the next morning, and he decided to try to go and see if he could send the letter.

I thought, "Hashem could do anything."

He came home and said that they let him send it!

A Reader - Yerushlayim

Hashem Sends Money



My wife wanted money. Said that on Thursday we would

be at 0.

She doesn't work and I hadn't made a commission in months. (I work in an office doing real estate financing and mortgages. They pay my children's tuition.)

I did three six-hour-prayers to Hashem.

On Wednesday, I got a com-

mission! And my COVID unemployment went through. We got the money by Friday!

Even if we don't deserve things, Hashem still looks out for us!

A Reader

Thank You, Hashem!



I want to share two stories:

I needed to attend my daughters play. I was looking for my camera but I was unable to find it. I had to leave in five minutes, so I said, "Hashem please help me find it and we will send the story to the Spring Hill Times."

Just then, I got through to my husband, and I asked him if he had seen the camera. On the spot he said, "It's downstairs."

The same story repeated itself a few days later with my phone.

Thank you for your most wonderful paper where we can see Hashem's Hashgacha in the little acts of kindness He does for us.

Thank you!

A Reader - Chestnut Ridge, N.Y.

Hashem Gives Ger Chizuk



When Rabbi Motti
Schneider z"I was a
bochur he learned

in Telz Stone with Rav Gifter zt"l. He would tape Rav Gifter's shiurim.

He had a cousin, a Belzer chosid, whom he would give the tapes to listen to.

His cousin usually didn't have time to listen because of his very busy schedule.

One Motzei Shabbos, he popped a tape into his cassette player. He was busy doing other things and wasn't able to focus on the tape. However, one part of the tape caught his attention and he heard that snippet.

Rav Gifter was saying how the Ger Tzedek of Vilna once

bemoaned to the Gaon how lonely he felt. He was all alone in this world without family.

The Gaon told him, that there is someOne else Who is also alone, and he can be together with Him – Hashem.

The next morning, this Chosid, who had a hat store in Geula, had his store full of customers. He would always say over a vort or story to his customers.

That very day, he had a customer who was a Telzer, who brought his son along.

In honor of the Telzer, he repeated what he heard from Rav Gifter the previous night. He said it in Hebrew instead of Yiddish, as the Telzer's son didn't understand Yiddish.

After the customers were finished making their purchases,

one person stayed behind. He approached the Chosid, and told him, "You just resuscitated me. You gave me such chizuk. I'm a Ger. I was feeling in the dumps and so lonely. What you said – you've given me a new lease on life."

The Chosid was astounded at the Hashgscha Pratis. He hardly ever has time to listen to the tapes. He played it last night. He caught this snippet. He had a Telzer walk in, so he told him this piece. He would have said it in Yiddish, which the Ger didn't understand, but said it in Hebrew because the Telzer's son understood Hebrew, all to give chizuk to this Ger!

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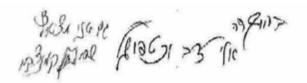
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Avi lived in Belguim and was wealthy. Avi heard that the Mekubal R' Nissim Mo'el from Kiryat Gat was visiting, and made an appointment to meet him. R'Nissim runs a Talmud Torah and a Kollel. At the meeting, R' Nissim requested of Avi, "Can you kindly help my precious Talmidim by donating a school bus for the Talmud Torah? It will cost \$25,000". Avi replied, "I just met you for the very first time, and I don't yet feel comfortable donating such a large sum".

R'Nissim said "I wasn't going to tell you this, but now I have no choice. Do you recall, around fifty five years ago, when you were eight years old? You were playing in the sand and you decided to go to the waves. And then a wave overtook you?!" Avi turned white and began trembling. "Sure I remember. I recall going to the waves and then waking up in a hospital bed. I was rescued after almost drowning. It's a great miracle that I survived. My parents told me the entire story with all of the details and how grateful and thankful they are that Hashem literally sent a Malach to rescue me when every second counts." Rav Nissim continued, "Let me share with you exactly what happened at that critical moment. The Heavenly Beis Din was judging you. There were Malachim of zechus and favor, but there were more Malachim of Din opposing you. It looked like you would not make it. Until many tens of thousands of words of Mishnayos, Pesukim of Chumash, letters of Tehilim, and pages of Gemara entered the Beis Din.. The Malachim of Din challenged, 'Where are all of these words of Torah from, he never learned these words!" To which the Beis Din replied, 'These words are from the school-bus which he is destined to dedicate in over fifty years from now. These future words of Torah and Tefila belong to Avi since he will dedicate a bus to bring thousands of Yiddeshe Kinderlach to and from Yeshiva.' It was then determined that you would live."

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