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Thank You Hashem for giving us the opportunity to serve You in this beautiful world!

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EXCITING DAYS ARE COMING!

Yidden all over the world are looking forward with much anticipation to this most wonderful time of the year. We are going to be so close to Hashem! We can't wait to spend eight full days together with Him in total ecstasy!

Thank You for choosing us to be Your special nation!

Our happiness will only be complete when You come back and dwell between us! Please Hashem come already...

The Spring Hill Times wishes all of Klal Yisrael a Gmar v'chasima tova and a Gut Yom Tov!
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GREAT HAPPINESS IN HEAVEN

The Hirsch* family moved into a new building. They soon discovered that the Weiss* family who live on the floor above them and the Braun* family who live beneath them, were not on speaking terms. One week, the Weiss family was making a kiddush for a granddaughter of theirs. Mrs. Hirsch decided that she was going to buy two platters to give them. One would be from her and the other would be on behalf of the Brauns. She called Mrs. Braun and told her, "I'm giving to the Weiss family a platter with a nice

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LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY

Bochurim at the yeshiva where I teach, like to run gemachim. One bochur has a gemach for cough drops. He has a pushka where the bochurim can leave donations.

One day, he needed to restock the gemach. He took all the money from the pushka without counting it and went to the store.

When he came to pay, the cashier told him that the total was $77. He took all the money he had from the pushka and it was $76. He opened his wallet and he had in it one dollar. He had the exact amount he needed: $77!

A HUSBAND GOES TO THE PARK

On Shabbos afternoon, a yungerman from Eretz Yisrael wanted to go learn Hashem's Torah. But his wife wanted him to come to the park with the family. He knew that his wife really needed it, so he happily went along. He told himself, "I know from 'A Life with Bitachon' that the Ya'aras Dvash says that when one wants to do a mitzvah but has an oines, he will get even more schar than had he been able to actually complete the mitzvah!"

Here is a similar story:

YUNGERMAN DOESN'T GET UPSET

A yungerman living in Yerushlayim was invited out with his family for the Shabbos seudah. The seudah was shlepping and shlepping. He really wanted to go the Bais Medrash to go learn but he reminded himself that being that he is an oines, it's considered as if he actually did the mitzvah. He will even get more reward because he doesn't have the satisfaction of getting the mitzvah done! With that, he was able to remain calm and happy!

Wow! So delicious!
Sitting in Hashem's Sukkah is even more delicious!
Yum...

WATCHES COME FROM HASHEM

A boy worked hard to collect for Tomchei Shabbos. If he raised a certain amount he would get a watch. But after counting the money and dividing it up between his siblings there was not enough for him to get the prize. His mother told him, "There is no need to be dissapointed. Watches come from Hashem. He can send it to you a different way."

Shortly atfterwards, his rebbi raffled off a watch and he won! It was the same exact watch as the one he wanted so badly from Tomchei Shabbos!!!

WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

My talmid Yirmi Friedman went to a simcha of a cousin of his last Shabbos. He walked over an hour each way! He accepted upon himself to tell every person he met on the way 'Gut Shabbos'!!!

PROBLEM IS INSTANTLY SOLVED!

I run a knas service for people who want to overcome a certain nature but need an extra boost.

One day, a yungerman called me that he has a problem for over twenty years. He bites the skin of his lips on Shabbos.

He went to countless people for help but to no avail.

We made up that he accepts upon himself that from now on he will give me $1000 if he will bite his skin on Shabbos. He called me back three months later and told me, "It's already three months and I haven't even once bitten my skin on Shabbos!!!

OUR BEAUTIFUL NATION

LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck continued

A mother called me up some time ago that they were having an issue with one of their neighbors. They were having a bad influence on her kids. She wanted to know what to do and why Hashem was doing this to them. I told her to speak to their Da'as Torah.

They called their Rosh Yeshiva R' Tzvi Kaplan and he told them that they must move right away! They immediately packed up their boxes and left!

Afterwards, she said she knows why Hashem did it to them. He wanted to give them more reward, so He gave them the opportunity to show how much they love Him!

WIFE DAVENS FOR HUSBAND

One day, a teacher came home from school and told his wife, "I had such a hard day today, It was the hardest of the year."

She told him, "You know something? Every morning I daven to Hashem that your teaching should go easy and smooth. Today I was too busy and didn't get a chance to daven for you!!"

DID WE EVER THANK HASHEM FOR THIS?

I went to the doctor with my child. The doctor was a little concerned about the growth of the baby. I then suddenly realized how grateful we need to be that we and our children develop normally!

Let's imagine what would be if things would malfunction and our brains wouldn't develop properly.

We wouldn't be able to walk or even crawl! We would be stuck for our entire lifetime at the newborn stage!! Completely incapable of doing anything!

The entire world wouldn't be able to exist!

There would be nobody that would be able to help us!

Thank You Hashem for this priceless gift of healthy normal developing children that You give to us for free, for one reason: because You love us!

FOR ANY PROBLEM JUST TURN TO HASHEM

A huge tree was felled in a rainstorm by powerful winds. The cost to remove it was $1000. But the yungerman didn't have $1000. He said to himself, "Who made it fall? Hashem! He who made it fall, can have it removed."

Shortly aterwards, a truck stopped by his house. A Goy came out and asked for a favor. "Can I take the tree for firewood!" "Sure," answered The Yungerman. After he removed the tree, there was a huge pile of leaves left. He thought to himself, "What should I do now? Hashem can take care of that, too."

A group of kids came over and asked, "Can we remove those leaves?" (From A Life with Bitachon story 1358)

A LIFE OF BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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note in your name."Ok, just make sure it's not too big," said Mrs. Braun. Mrs. Hirsch didn't listen and bought a **HUGE** beautiful platter and gave it to Mrs. Weiss together with a nice note.

When Mrs. Weiss got it, her heart melted. She went downstairs to thank Mrs. Braun, and invited her and her family for the kiddush! And indeed the whole Braun family came to the kiddush!

For over twenty years the families were in a fight over a comment one of them said to the other. With one little gesture of giving in, peace was restored!!! (Rabbi Zevy Golombeck)

OPEN HASHGACHA PRATIS!

I know of someone who teaches at a kiruv center. She watched the progression of one of her students, who eventually went to yeshivos, excelled and graduated from a top yeshiva. Eventually, he became a choson to a wonderful kallah. She went to the mother of the choson to explain our minhagim of giving presents. She told her that it is customary to give a bracelet to the kallah. The mother accepted it, and at the vort, she noticed that the kallah was wearing a beautiful bracelet.

She again approached the mother to tell her about the pearls that the choson gives in the yichud room. The mother said that she's out of money. So she went to the hachnosas kalla fund, and they agreed to help out the mother of the kallah with the expenses but she herself accepted responsibility for the pearls.

Some time later, she was at a Chinese auction. She never usually buys tickets, just comes to give tzedaka. When she arrived home, she received a phone call that anyone who came received a ticket. Her ticket won the jackpot ticket. That means that a ticket was thereby placed for her in every drawing. She won one prize: it was a beautiful pearl necklace!!! [Harav Eli Yelen]

BIZYONOS ARE GOLD!

Someone told me that when he was a bochur he davened slichos for the omud in a shtiebel. Apparently it was at a faster pace, and one attendee didn't appreciate it. After davening, he made a loud comment, "Fine gedavened" in a condescending manner, publicly. He was ready to respond, when someone came running over begging him not to respond. "Please, please don't answer. Please give me a brocho – I have three daughters in shiduchim!"

He gave him a bracha that his daughters should all find shiduchim. A year later, on Erev Rosh Hashana, someone came over to him and asked him if he was the one who last year gave the bracha for the shiduchim. All three got engaged that year! [Harav Eli Yelen]

AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT MOMENT

There's a man who lives in Eretz Yisroel whose father from Chutz La'Aretz was niftar and buried in Eretz Yisroel. They didn't do hakamas matzeiva right away. A couple of months later his brother was niftar. They decided to bury him right near the father. The day for his brother's shloshim approached and they were planning to go to the kever. They decided they would do hakamas matzeiva for their father that same day. They ordered the matzeiva to be placed by the father's kever. A couple of days before the shloshim, he was passing by the beis hakevaros and decided to detour inside to see if they put the matzeiva there. He went inside and he saw a crane, that moment, placing the matzeiva down. BUT he sees that mistakenly they were putting it on the brother's plot, not the father's plot. He was able to correct the mistake, because thankfully he came atthe right second. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM LOVES WHEN WE

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HELP OTHERS

A Yid in Eretz Yisroel hosted his sister and her family during bein hazmanim. During the visit, his sister mentioned that her oven broke. He knew that she didn't have money, and likely couldn't afford a new one, so he told her that he would order one for her. The oven cost 1200 shekel, which was a lot but he happily paid for it. The next day, a friend came over to him and handed him an envelope of 2400 shekel. It was exactly double of what he paid for his sister's new oven. Hashem paid him back double! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

BINZYONOS ARE A JACKPOT!

There was a couple that got married a few years ago. A friend of the wife was still not married and they kept trying to think of possible shidduchim, but nothing came to fruition. During bein hazmanim they went away on vacation and someone embarrassed the wife very badly. After that incident, she understandably wanted to go home. He encouraged her to forgive the person and that it should be a zechus for her friend in need of a shidduch. She was mekabel what he said and was mochel. Shortly afterwards, her friend got engaged! L'chaim! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

WHAT AN AMAZING WORLD HASHEM IS RUNNING!

There was a boy in Bnei Brak who was home babysitting his little brother. Suddenly, the little boy started coughing. He called his mother to find out what to do and his mother said to put him in the stroller and take him for a walk to the bus stop and wait for the father who was coming off the 402 bus from Yerushalayim. So he got his brother ready and put him in the stroller. On the way out, he grabbed the cell phone that was lying around. He started walking and as they were approaching the bus stop the bus pulled up and lots of people came off. But not his father. He looked at the bus and saw his father was sleeping. He quickly pulled out the cell phone that for some reason he brought along and started to call his father. At first his father didn't answer but after a few tries he finally woke up and was able to get off at the next stop, which was not too far from home. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

KLAL YISRAEL IS SIMPLY AMAZING!

A Yid was making a wedding and his wife had to buy clothing. The only money they had was 1,000 shekel credit on their credit card. He gave his wife the credit card and she went shopping. She came home with bags upon bags of clothing. It looked like it had cost them way more than 1000 shekel. She said she just swiped and swiped and it worked so she continued shopping. They looked at the first receipt and it looked like the machine was broken and didn't charge her. The next receipt the store mistakenly gave her a refund instead of charging her. And the third store charged her for real. They called the first and second store and the manager said, "It's ok. You can send us the money in a few days." They decided that it was hashgacha that they were able to get away without paying them right then. When the time comes Hashem would surely send them the money.

The Yid then told his chavrusa the story and his chavrusa told this story that night at a speech he was giving at a sheva brachos. After the speech was over someone stepped forward and told the speaker that he would pay the full bill to the tune of close to 3,000 shekel! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

YIDDEN LOVE HASHEM'S TORAH!

A yungerman in Eretz Yisroel said that he had to buy a suit for Pesach. Generally the suits cost around 1,000 shekel, which he can't afford. A little while later, he saw a sign that they were

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having a few hour sale for 50 percent off - 500 shekel. The sale was during learning seder. He wasn't sure if he should take off precious learning time to buy a suit. In the end he decided that he was going to learn instead of going to the store. You only gain from not taking off from learning Torah.

A few days later someone came over to him and handed him a coupon to buy the same suit for only 250 shekel. Oh did he gain from keeping the sedarim in kollel! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

KLAL YISRAEL LOVES HASHEM

At the end of bein hazmanim Kehillas Meshovev Nesivos from Kiryat Sefer made a special event for all the boys of the kehillah to show appreciation to a couple of farmers that keep Shmitta.

At the event the farmers spoke about their experience during the shmita year.

After the event all the boys lined up to receive a bracha from the farmers.

The boys made a tremendous Kiddush Hashem by giving chizuk to these farmers.

One of the farmers, Mr. Osher Chagag, related the following day to the director of the program. He and his friends got tremendous chizuk from the boys by the event, it made a strong impression on them. But one thing moved him the most, to the point that he didn't sleep that whole night! When he saw dozens of children approaching

him at the end of the event to ask him for a bracha. All the children without exception went on to ask for a bracha for others who needed Yeshuos and Refuas. Or a bracha for them to grow up in Torah and middos tovos. But none of them asked for a bracha for gashmius. That made the biggest impression on him. Mi Kamocha Yisroel!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

There was a Menahel who related the following story: In his school, there were two brothers who were the top of the top. Besides for getting amazing grades, they also had wonderful Middos, and a burning passion to serve Hashem. The Menahel knew a secret about their parents, namely that they were both Geirim. This led him to be even more puzzled. What is their secret in raising their children that are so extremely successful? He decided to ask their mother. She responded that perhaps this has to do with her nightmares. She then explained that these two sons were born before she and her husband became Geirim. The Halacha dictates that a minor who converts is given a choice when he becomes Bar Mitzva whether he would like to remain Jewish or return to his original non-Jewish status. "I have nightmares about that future day", the mother said. "What will my boys decide? This motivates me to fill up every single day in their lives with so much enthusiasm for Torah and Mitzvos, so it will only be natural for them to choose to remain as Yidden! I try my hardest to make every day count since each day really does count!"

Let us reflect upon this story as we begin a new year. Every day of our lives most definitely counts! We each have a unique mission. Every day is needed! The more we internalize this, the more we will be able to motivate ourselves to bring out our fullest potential! [Chaishek HaTorah Line]

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A MODERN DAY YONAH HA-NAVI STORY

It was early Sunday morning, and a choshuva Yid from Los Angeles, CA,* was traveling with his wife to New York for a Chasunah, on a Frontier Airlines. About a half an hour in the flight, there was an announcement that there was a mechanical problem. They needed to land in the nearest airport for an emergency landing. His wife turned to him and said, "I feel like Yonah, when he was running to tarshish. Hashem made a stormy sea for the whole boat just for Yonah, so too us why did Hashem pluck this plane out of the sky? It's just for us not for all the non-Jews on the flight."

Out of all places, they landed at the Cleveland* airport.

They tried to fix the plane for about two hours. Then they announced that it's not going to be fixed so fast so the flight was cancled. The Yid then tried to get a connecting flight to New York, but that too proved futile. So, he then started to think what Hashem wanted from him in Cleveland. He decided to call an almanah they knew from Cleveland to see if they could visit her. This almanah said, "Yes, please come."

She told them that Sunday is the hardest day for her and that they were really mechazeik her.

They then proceeded to visit two more almanos and were mechazeik them. After they finished, they took the next plane trip back to L.A., and they realized that Hashem had guided them to fulfill the mitzva of uplifting almanos.

With renewed chizuk, they boarded the flight to LA. On the way, there was air turbulence to the likes that they never have experienced before. The plane was shaking everyone around. They continued their journey of getting closer to Hashem. They said Tehillim relying on Hashem rather than the pilot. The Yid thought of the chovos halevavos who says that every single person is a believer the question is what he are believing in.

When the Yid got back to L.A. the next morning, he learned with his Monday chavrusa. He wasn't supposed to learn with him had he gone to New York. It turned out that this chavrusa needed much chizuk in a health issue to which he gained much inspiration from this whole series of events that had unfolded the day before. He further strengthened his belief that Hashem is orchestrating the most perfect world!

VNE'EMAN ATAH - HASHEM IS TRUSTWORTHY TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM

An amazing story sent in from a reader who lives 'out of town.'

I have a close friend, a yungerman who was scheduled to move cross country back to the east coast with his family.

My friend's dream was that he wanted to become a Rebbi in a mesivta.

His move was scheduled for about four months away. He started the process of looking for a job and getting ideas.

It was a hard process and we started strengthening ourselves daily in Emunah and bitachon together.

Day in day out we worked on bitachon that he would get a job.

There was an additional hurdle because there were a lot of other things depended on his job: his wife's job, his children's schools and where they would live….

His job search wasn't going anywhere, so this yungerman started to further strengthen himself on bitachon and thinking positive.He learned about bitachon. We discussed it together and got guidance from our Rebbi. The yungerman set a date that by Rosh Chodesh Sivan he hopefully would finalize

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his job and then he can finalize everything else.

But Rosh Chodesh Sivan came and went with no job in sight.

Additionally, even with the prospective jobs that came up he was having a hard time getting through to people. Many people were not answering their phones. He worked on taking people out of the picture and that it's not dependent on people.

Many people were scaring him that since he had no experience, it would be near impossible to get any decent job. But he didn't get fazed by their remarks! Just the opposite. He started working more on Emunah and bitachon and that things don't run on the natural way of things.

It was hard work especially since nothing seemed to be working out. They had to eventually sign a rental place in their choice of town and get the kids set up with schools and his wife with a job. The hardest part was that he signed a rental and didn't have the job yet to pay for the rental. But he worked on bitachon that it's not the job that is paying the money, rather it's Hashem that's paying the rent.

He ended up moving without the job, but he didn't move with empty handed. Rather, he was full with his trust in Hashem and with the firm belief that V'ne'eman Atah - Hashem is Trustworthy to those who trust in him.

When we departed, I told him: I'm not even going to be surprised when you call me that you got your dream job."

A few days after he moved, he attended a vort of his Rosh Hayeshiva's son. At the vort he met a long- lost friend of his that he didn't see or speak to in ten years!

They proceeded to talk to each other about their lives and my friend mentioned that he was looking for a job.

The next day, his long-lost friend was learning with his chavrusa. His chavrusa was a Rebbi in a yeshivah. This chavrusa then mentioned haphazardly that the 10th grade Rebbi in the yeshiva just informed the yeshivah at the last minute that he wasn't coming back for the coming year. The yeshiva was now desperate for a Rebbi.

This long-lost friend then told his chavrusa that he met my friend last night by a vort and that he was looking for this specific job.

They made the connection and my friend had his interview. The Menahel was so excited over him, he loved him and was on the way to give his "yes".

I too called the menahel and relayed to him my information about my friend. The Menahel was excited about my information and thanked me for it.

He then told me a piece to the puzzle I hadn't known. He said that when their previous 10th grade Rebbi quit he called another Rebbi whom he had known and offered him the job. The other Rebbi responded that he had just signed on a shaky job in a yeshivah that wasn't for sure opening that year so he wasn't available.

The day after my friend had the interview and the Menahel was excited over him, this Rebbi called back and said that he changed his mind. The job at the new yeshiva was too risky for him and he did want the job. To which the Menahel told him, "I'm really sorry but I already found someone!!"

We see how Hashem was orchestrating this sequence of events, meeting the long-lost friend, the chavrusa relaying the information to his long-lost friend that a Rebbi left, the preferred Rebbi saying no because he chose a risky job and the timing was so exact.

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Furthermore, my friend had signed on a side job in a yeshivah in the afternoon. It turned out that it was on the way home from the 1st job. This was indeed the dream job which he eventually got and was near his family's preferred place of living and this job was better then any other offer he ever had on the table. Most of all we saw the big lesson that Vne'eman Atah - Hashem is Trustworthy to those who trust in him!

HASHEM'S PERFECT WORLD

Rav Eliezer Tork Shlit"a related that he was once on a bus from Yerushalayim to Kiryat Sefer. Suddenly a lady started yelling, "Hatzolah! My baby stopped breathing" Within 10 seconds an ambulance pulled up in front of the bus. They ran out and called the driver who was able to come and revive the child. They asked the hatzalah member how he got there so fast. He said he had a guest who had to make this bus. But he didn't have his car so he took his ambulance. As he was getting close to the stop, he noticed the bus and didn't want it to leave so he pulled up right in front only to be told his services were needed emergency! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis

AN AMAZING HASHGACHA PRATIS STORY

A Yid from Beitar said over that recently his niece became a kallah. His mother, the grandmother of the kallah wanted to surprise her and buy her candlesticks and present it to her by the vort. Because he works in Yerushalayim, she asked him if he could go to pick up a leichter from a store in Yerushalayim and when he is in the store, he should call her and she would give him her credit card number. He said no problem. In the end he didn't have time, he had to head back home. He decided to go to a store near his home, in Beitar. He called up his mother when he got there and told her the price. She said it's expensive but because it's so late he should just buy it. When she started shuffling around to find her credit card, she realized she didn't have it on her. He asked the owner if he could take it and pay the next day. But the owner would not hear of it.

So, he left the leichter and went to a different store around the corner.

The owner in the next store told him that if he could wait; next week, he was having a 40% off sale. He told the owner that he couldn't wait for next week because the vort is the next day. The owner said, "Hey, I had a kallah here and told her too about the sale next week. She said her vort is tomorrow!" He asked the owner what her name was and indeed it was his niece the kallah.

He called his mother to tell her what's going on, and she proceeded to call the kallah. The kallah told her that her grandmother from the other side wanted to get her a leichter, and that's why she found herself in the silver store the day before her vort.

The fact that he didn't have time to go in Yerushalayim and the store owner in the first store didn't let him take without first paying saved them a lot of agmas nefesh.

After this ordeal he walked out of the store and saw people he knew dressed in Shabbos clothing walking to a chasuna. He stopped them and asked who is getting married. They said so and so is getting married. He said, "Oh wow I forgot all about it. I was invited to this chasuna and it totally slipped my mind." He was then able to go and be mesameach the chosson. All because he landed in this particular store! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

THE MIGHTY POWER OF BITACHON

The following story is not just a one-time occurrence; it is the tale of a life of emunah and bitachon, related by the Rosh Yeshivas Tiferes Avigdor in Cleveland, a grandson of Rav Avigdor Miller zt"l, Hagaon Rav Yisrael Brog shlit"a:

I would like to relate the story of my life, in order to bring honor to the Borei Olam and to give chizuk to Yidden, so they know what a wellspring exists for them, a wellspring from which they can bring forth blessing and success in every endeavor. A person who lives with bitachon sees great yeshuos; he understands nature differently. Don't think that these are empty words. I will tell you what happened to me regarding one of the most difficult sugyos that a person goes through in life, which is marrying off children. Everyone knows it is a big nisayon, especially in Eretz Yisrael. Mechutanim who were zocheh to have their sons or daughters engaged told me how they thought this was time a for simchah, but the burden of huge sums of money necessary for the wedding and apartment expenses was so heavy, they could not feel any joy, and

the pressure threatened to break them completely. The mechutan, who ought to be rejoicing on the day of his child's wedding, comes to the chuppah bent over in pain and worry. I am turning to those mechutanim to tell them my incredible story. I received ten daughters as a gift from Hashem Yisbarach, in addition to the dear sons He bestowed on me through His mercies. Immediately after my own wedding, I understood that this was the way: In order to merit a son-in law who is a talmid chacham, you have to give huge sums. I said to myself, A wise man thinks ahead. Every month I'll put aside money, so I'll have a sizable sum saved for weddings. And indeed, every month since the birth of my oldest daughter, I put a sum of money aside and invested it with a friend. Altogether, I gave him a lot of money, in the hope that this hishtadlus would help me when the time came. The sum reached a few hundred thousand dollars. My daughter got engaged, b'shaah tovah, and two weeks before the wedding, this friend called me and asked: "Are you sitting or standing?" "I can stand," I told him. "What do you want to tell me?" "All the money you gave me is gone." I asked him: "What happened? You made a deal that went sour?"

The conversation became more and more painful, for his answers hurt far more than if he had told me he'd made an unsuccessful deal. He sounded like a real nebach when he told me, "No. There was no business problem here. I simply stole all your money. All the 'profits' I gave you were actually from the sum you had given me." I didn't ask what he had done with the rest of the money. It was clear. Many people invested huge sums with him, and

he lived royally at the expense of those who trusted him. There is much room to pity him, no room at all to be jealous of him. It is also possible to get angry at him, but this will not help me. There is no reason for anger, as anger will not get me my money back.

It's two weeks before my daughter's wedding, and I am penniless.

Baruch Hashem, I understood immediately that this was a nisayon. Until that point I had thought that I have to take care of myself. Now the Ribono shel Olam wanted to show me that He could take care of me even without my efforts. He showed me that he could be mesader everything for me. I don't think I did something wrong. It's okay for a person to save money for the future, but he needs to know that this is not the reason he will have the money when the time comes to marry off his children. The only reason he'll have the money for the wedding expenses, the bar mitzvah, or anything else, will be: If

Hashem wants him to have, he will have. Hashem is the only One who will send him the money.

He and no one else.

Twenty years of preparations were behind me. For twenty years, I was zocheh to learn inyanei bitachon from my grandfather Rav Avigdor Miller zt"l, and from my great rebbi Rav Meir Halevi Soloveitchik zt"l. They implanted within me the knowledge – not only in my mind but also in my heart – that no person can move a finger down here in this world if it hasn't been announced in Shamayim that he will do so.

At this time of nisayon, these good words of chizuk came back to me. They were like the provisions that Yosef Hatzaddik had gathered in the years of plenty to prepare for the years of hunger, and now they came into full use. I put down the receiver and said: "Ribono shel Olam, You are here with me now. Help me. Be mechazeik me. I don't want to feel lost and worried, as the yetzer hara wants me to feel. I want to feel Your strong and powerful Hand. I want to lean on You completely. You know all. This is the way You wanted it to be, and I am certain that You have already prepared for us everything we need for the wedding and everything else

it entails." This was so clear to me that I was truly calm.

When the story exploded, people called and asked me what I had to say. "This is what Hakadosh Baruch Hu wanted," I told them. They could not understand how I was answering so calmly and patiently. "Don't talk nonsense," they said. "If you're continuing to live with such menuchas hanefesh, it's a sign that you got the money from him and you aren't telling anyone."

"I didn't get a penny from him," I answered forcefully. "What would be the point of storming in anger? If I kill myself, will it get me my money back? No!"

The other investors wanted to go to secular courts, but I withstood this nisayon as well. This is not the Torah way.

The days passed, the wedding came, and the question that you are certainly asking is: How was the money parshah resolved?

For my first daughter, I had taken upon myself to support the couple for ten years. I said to the mechutan: "I can't give the money ahead of time, but im yirtzeh Hashem, the couple will get what I promised each month."

"Where will you get the money?" my wife asked. I told her, "The Creator of the world knows that I need the money. Do I doubt that He will give me what to eat? What to live on? I haven't yet seen anyone who doesn't have bread to eat. He will take care of this as well."

Baruch Hashem, I was able to fulfill my hischayvus, and everything went well.

The next year, our second daughter got engaged. The mechutan had very clear demands. "My son is a talmid chacham," he said. "I want him to live peacefully. The first thing I am asking is that even before the wedding, you put down $100,000. Not shekalim. I don't want checks of Emunah and bitachon. I want cash!

"Don't worry," I told him. "You'll have all the money before the chuppah."

We set the wedding date for six weeks later, and he told me, "Remember, it needs to be before the chuppah." "Of course you'll have the money," I responded.

My wife sat there and kept motioning to me, as if to say, What are you doing? Where will you get the money? She wanted me to tell the truth – that we were not capable of fulfilling such a demand. "There will be money," I told her. "You'll see." "Will you collect money?" my wife asked. She was really feeling the stress.

"No. I do not collect money and I will not collect." I explained to her that this shidduch was made in heav-

en. Did we choose him? The shidduch came, in a heavenly ordained way, and so will the money.

My son was learning in a very chashuveh yeshivah, and when he came home for Shabbos I asked him, "Who is the best bachur in yeshivah?" He told me the name of a bachur, and this rekindled a memory. When I was a bachur, I had learned with someone with the same last name. "Ask him if his father's name is such and such," I told my son.

My wife wondered why I was interested in such matters. It is not my way to ask about other bachurim. The words had come out of my mouth thoughtlessly.

A few days later my son came back and told me, "Yes, this bachur is the son of your childhood friend." I enjoyed hearing about it, and then I forgot the whole matter.

Three years later, a shadchan called me and said, "I have a shidduch for you, a top bachur, one who has all the maalos, worth looking into." I asked for the bachur's name, and he told me the name of the bachur my son had described three years earlier. I told the shadchan, "This is it. This is our shidduch."

"What's this?" the shadchan wondered. "Is this how you respond? Don't you want to look into it first?" I told him, "I know without a doubt that this is the shidduch.

Three years ago, Hashem put a question into my mouth that I had never before asked in my life – not before and not since." It was so clear to me, that when my son wanted to travel to Eretz Yisrael I told him not to go, because then he would miss the vort. He insisted on going, and the engagement was closed without him, exactly as I promised.

"After such a miraculous series of events, do you still have doubts about money?" I asked my wife. "Hashem sent the chasan. Don't you think He will also send the money for the dowry and other financial arrangements?"

I asked my wife not to worry. This burden was mine, and there was no reason for both of us to worry. "Forget about the money, and prepare for the wedding calmly and with joy," I instructed her.

I knew where to get $40,0000. I had an insurance policy in Switzerland, from where I could get that sum, but I had no idea how to get hold of another $60,000.

Thus four weeks passed by. We traveled to New York to shop for the wedding, and on the way back, my wife asked where are we holding with the money.

"Didn't we have a deal?" I responded.

"I'm just asking out of interest," she said. "We're holding by nothing," I told her truthfully.

Two weeks to the wedding, and we were holding by zero. We went home after five days in New York, and we found a large pile of accumulated mail waiting for us. I opened an envelope and saw a check for $20,000, written out to me. I opened the next envelope and saw another check for $20,000. And in the next envelope, another $20,000.

I called to my wife, "Come see what's going on here! The money arrived! All the money arrived! Even earlier than anticipated, two weeks before the date, and the money is already here."

I called my mechutan and told him, "I am signing on all three checks and sending them to you as is, so you can be calm."

After the wedding, I began looking into things. What was this company that had sent me the checks?! I set up a meeting with the owner of the company and asked him: "Did you send the $60,000?" I told him that I had received three different checks totaling $60,000.

"Aah! It was you who received the money?!" "I hope it wasn't a mistake," I told him, "because the money is

gone and I have no way of returning it."

"No, no, there was no mistake," he assured me, and he told me his story:

"Several weeks ago, we moved into new offices and decided to computerize all our paperwork. So we were scanning all the documents, until I found a document dated four years ago. I had made a small deal with someone then, and he told me that he wanted all the profits from the deal to be sent to his rav, Rav Yisrael Brog in Cleveland. He gave me the address, and that was it.

"For four years, I forgot about the deal and the agreement, and now that I found the document, I started to look into how much profit the deal had made. I made an initial calculation, and I reached the conclusion that my partner's profits were $20,000, and I wrote a check. Two hours passed. I looked into the matter more, and I realized his profits were higher. I wrote another check for $20,000. At the end of the day I looked into it again, and I realized there was another $20,000 profit. These are the checks that I sent you."

I was amazed. The Ribono shel Olam had prepared the money for me and had organized for the partner to move into new offices so that he would remember exactly three weeks before the wedding, so the money would reach me on time.

These are only two stories regarding what I experienced in marrying off my children, may they all be well. For each child's wedding the story was more wondrous than the last. I would like to say something to every father, every mechutan: Think and know and feel that these are not your children, these are the children of the Ribono shel Olam. This is not your money, it is His money. He only wants to test us, for He is our Father in heaven. We are only His workers, His messengers. A messenger has no need to worry about anything. All the responsibility lies on the one who sent him. When the messenger thinks that he is the baal habayis, our Father in heaven says, "You think you're so capable? Nu, come, let's see. If you want to tire yourself out, go ahead!"

Hakadosh Baruch Hu takes care of all His children and brings them everything they need – money, tuition, clothing in the summer and the winter, travel expenses... All the money they need, He provides for them. Will He not take care of their weddings as well?! It is His will that they get married. He will send the shidduch and the money. What is there to worry about?!

This can be compared to someone whose mother invited him for Shabbos. He calls before Shabbos and asks tensely, "Ima, are you sure there's cholent? The mother assures him that there is, and he asks again, "Are you certain there is?" "Of course I'm sure," she tells him. "For decades you've been eating at my table. Was there ever a time that you didn't get your portion of cholent?!" Hashem is inviting you for Shabbos, inviting you to the wedding of His children. Do you think He'll bring them to an empty hall? How can our hishtadlus create such huge sums as are necessary for a wedding? Can we possibly do hishtadlus for sums of this sort?! We do hishtadlus when it is plausible, but here it is not plausible at all.

Here we need to collect checks of bitachon, to connect to the wellspring of bitachon, the wellsprings of successes and yeshuos.

May all of you rejoice in the simchos of your offspring with all your heart and with menuchas hanefesh. It is possible, for you are children of Hashem!

Trust in Hashem, and "rejoice, all who are of upright heart!" (Kav Hashgacha Pratis)

BEAUTIFUL QUOTES

"The Spring Hill Times saved my life"
From a message someone left on my machine

"If we lived a thousand years. If we lived a million years. There will never ever be time enough for thanking you Hashem for praising you Hashem for all you do for us."
Rav Ephraim Wachsman - song #67 on 'A Life with Bitachon'

"People don't realize how sweet it is to be mevater (to give in)"
Rav Akiva Grossnass, Rav of Kehilas Spring Hill, in the name of the Steipler zatzal

"True, it was pretty uncomfortable not having made a good impression on the crowd, but he realized that it's not the end of the world. So what if they don't hold of me? As long as Hashem holds of me - for that is the only thing that really counts!"
Lech Reid - Elul

"Not only are we able to come to Hashem with teshuva, we can even reach and surpass our previous levels in spiritual growth"
Gilyon Ezracha Mkodesh - Parshas Shoftim

"HaKadosh Baruch Hu is happy to no end when he sees Klal Yisrael doing the right thing. This is his whole desire in making this beautiful world - Olam Chesed Yibaneh - to give happiness to His creations. It is extremely important to realize this. It skyrockets your bitachon level and your general positive thinking and thankfulness. You realize that HaKadosh Baruch Hu desperately wants you to have more thankfulness and much more bitachon so he can give you loads of reward."
Rav Yehuda Mandel - Bitachon Weekly Parshas Nitzavim

"Your whole world looks different when you realize how HaKadosh Baruch Hu wants so so much just to make us all happy. And this is everything and it is the #1 yesod of the entire world - like the Mesilas Yesharim says: "Ha'adam lo nivra ela lehisaneig ol Hashem"! Those who copy HaKadosh Baruch Hu and are happy with other people's successes are the luckiest people in the world."
Ibid

"This love far passes the love that a parent has for a child. Where the love of a parent might end, the love of Hashem will go so much further - with no end."
Zichru Toras Moshe - Parshas Nitzavim

"Rav Shneur ztz"l would always tell of his father's repeated saying that, "A person's entire lifetime does not suffice to adequately express the hakoras hatov (gratitude) he should feel for the "zchus" to be able to learn."
A Living Mishnas Rav Aharon - page 431

"The way he went into the sukkah, the way he took his lulav and esrog; his happiness when performing any mitzva was clear for all to see."
Ibid

"When Rav Aharon came to fulfill the mitzvah of building the Sukkah by placing a few branches on it, his face would light up with a heavenly glow of Simcha Shel Mitzvah."
Ibid

"The only person you should aim to be better than, is the person you were yesterday"
A Spring Hill Times Reader

"The message is loud and clear: Just like when everything was going so smooth you felt so loved and cared for...
The same too when you are having nisyonos and chal-

BEAUTIFUL QUOTES

lenges, there are bumps on the rood.. Its all coming from HaKadosh Baruch Hu's love care and rachmanus..."

R' Zevy Golombeck - A Life with Bitachon Yesod 1362

"Do You know what happens when you are mamlich HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam? HaKadosh Baruch Hu says that's the key to activate all the bracha chesed and rachamim."

Ibid - Yesod 1364

*"HaKadosh Baruch Hu, I'm going to zoom into your unconditional love and say: HaKadosh Baruch Hu, You **want** to give it to me and You **could** give it me".*

R' Zevy Golombeck - 'A Life with Bitachon' Yesod 1365

"So whatever we do is magnified a billion and it is chashuv with no end - to be in such mud and yet strive for greatness - no generation was ever zocheh to such an unusual madreiga. Ashreinu ma tov chelkeinu us American "Harrys". And those holy doros who were so great that we don't even understand them, actually need us!"

Rav Yehuda Mandel - Bitachon Weekly Parshas Nitzavim

"I helped a menahel collect for his mosad and promised the menahel my tefilos would do wonders. After 3 hours knocking on doors all over Lakewood - we made only $36 - despite my davening hard at every doorstep. But I promised that my tefilos must take affect somehow! Indeed, that week the menahel received an unexpected $10,000 donation! Keep davening no matter what! Tefilos are seeds and investments for the future!"

Ibid

"When our friend screams louder in the bais medrash than we do and he seems to have more hatzlacha in learning or in other areas, we should try to be happy with his hatzlacha - this is actually an opportunity for our own greatness in becoming an ayim tova. People who don't have ayin tova are c"v compared to Sedom. I once saw Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky zatzal visit Lakewood - his face was beaming with simcha when he saw bnei Torah learning Torah - Although it wasn't his yeshiva - it was his friend R' Aharon's Yeshiva."

Ibid

"Rav Scheinberg said, "Every time you do a mitzvah, you get more emunah."

Rabbi Yehuda Mandel World of Navardok Nitzavim 5782

"There has never been a 70-year period since the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash where so few Jews have been killed."

'Fascinating Insights' quoting a father whose son was killed in 2018 at age 45 al kiddush Hashem

"Because nothing else is important in this world. There is only one thing important and that is to realize and believe that there is one intrinsic koach and power. And that is our loving caring Father the Ribono Shel Olam. The more we put HaKadosh Baruch Hu in our life and the more we make HaKadosh Baruch Hu real and tangible, the more we are going to fulfill the purpose why we were created."

R' Zevy Golombeck - 'A Life With Bitachon, Yesod 1366

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SAVED FROM A LOSS

I went shopping in the store and usually after I pay, as most people do, I don't look at the receipt. This time for some reason I thought they might have not charged me for something. So I looked and realized that they charged me for 22 packs of cups instead of 2 packs. (Over here in Eretz Yisroel disposble items like cups, recently became expensive.) What hashgacha!!

R.N. Kiryat Sefer

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HASHEM WAS TALKING TO US!

I went shopping with a friend and on the way we started discussing the crazy prices nowadays and how everything is so expensive. My friend went on to remind me that all our Parnasa is decided on Rosh Hashono and what we are meant to have we will have. It is all from H-shem anyway.

We then discussed how H-shem may give someone less money but that person may finds things cheaper or on sale or get what they need in so many different ways.

We arrived at the shop and had a photo developed and printed. We wanted to pay for it but the man in charge turned to us and said "Is it just that one photo? You can have it for free!" We wanted to insist and pay but the man said, "it's ok you can just take it."

We were amazed. We felt it was a direct Hashgocho to help us internalise what we had just been speaking about. We had never experienced such a thing before and thanked H-shem for all His Chesed.

C.H. Gateshead UK

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REBBI LOVES HASHEM

My husband is a Rebbi and the yeshiva he works in is struggling. He told them that he doesn't have sufficient equipment for the classroom. They told him that unfortunately they can't help him out right now financially but can help him order the things, if he wants. He decided to stay strong and not order online, instead taking the hassle to go to stores in search of toys and things for his young pupils. He also wanted to go to Jewish stores to protect his eyes, even though it was more expensive. He spent close to $300 dollars. He went to yeshiva the next day and told his fellow colleague what he spent while showing him the toys and activities. The colleague went to the administrator of the school and told him over what my husband, the rebbi told him. He was so impressed with what he heard, especially that he didn't want the school to shop online for him. A few days later a check for the full amount he spent arrived in the mail with a beautiful letter from the school about his dedication and how impressed they are with him. What a proud wife I am!

Anonymous - Lakewood, New Jersey

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HASHEM CAN DO EVERYTHING

I am in Kollel and my wife was told by her agency that she would have a job for the perfect amount of hours daily. On the day before she started the job she called to find out the details and they told her that due to unforeseen circumstances that particular placement was unavailable. First she was very upset but then she remembered that Hashem is a Kol Yachol and he would take care of it. Within a few minutes the agency called her back and told her they have a different placement for her... The new placement was in an environment that was much more exciting to work for with many friends who work there too.

A Yungerman

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A YID NEVER NEEDS TO WORRY

I was on a plane returning with my family from vacation and I was wondering how we were going to get home from the airport to Lakewood.

I had taken a copy of the Spring Hill Times to read on the plane and after reading so many hashgocha stories, I said to myself there is no reason to be worried.

Just then I saw another frum man walking around the plane talking to a different frum family and then turning to come over to me.

He said to me, "Are you by any chance going to Lakewood." I answered "Yes." He said, "Do you need a ride? "Yes," I said, "but I'm here with my family." He said, "I am traveling to Lakewood with a empty minivan that I have parked in the airport! I have room for all of you and your luggage!"

He then went on to explain why he had his van parked in the airport...

He drove us straight home and we couldn't stop marveling at the hashgocha involved.

Thank you Spring Hill Times!!

T. L. - Lakewood, New Jersey

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THE PHONE CALL; TIMED RIGHT

I learn in Kollel and last Tuesday I had a situation where I was delayed in leaving my house in the morning by an hour and a half. During that hour

and a half, I received a phone call from a friend that I hadn't spoken to in a long time who needed a lot of chizuk in a certain area. Since I couldn't leave my house I had plenty of time to give encouragement to this friend. We spoke for an hour and 10 minutes. How astounded I was to see how Hashem is running a perfect world, that this person called at the perfect time, when I had over an hour to talk to him!!

Sruly - Chicago IL*

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HASHEM IS SO KIND TO US!

Last Friday night, as our family sat around the Shabbos table, we spoke in detail about all the Shabbos food we were granted in the past year 5782.

I think I remember hearing this idea many years ago from R' Eliyahu Brog Shlita in the name of his grandfather, R' Avigdor Miller Zt"l. He advised us to think of all the Chasadim that Hashem granted us throughout the past year, before the coming Yom Hadin.

We pictured all the cases of chickens, bags and bags of potatoes, cases of flour for Challos and cakes, sugar, oil, crates and crates of cucumbers, tomatoes, and other vegetables for salad, fruits, dips, whole fish, sacks of carrots, packages of beans, slabs of meat, trays of eggs... that were all consumed just by our family over this past year.

The supermarket shelves would be emptied out if we bought all the Shabbos treats for the whole year at one time. Also the vegetable section, poultry, gefilte fish shelf... would all be wiped out if we bought all we needed for Shabbos for the whole year at once.

Then we thought of how much water we used for preparing for Shabbos and on Shabbos, for drinking, washing, cleaning... We pictured huge delivery trucks filled with gallons and gallons of bottles of water pulling up to our building. Everyone would wonder what is that truck doing here. Then they'd begin to unload case after case of bottles, just for our family!

We'd need huge basements rooms, industrial freezers and fridges to store all that food and drink.

But Hashem in His infinite kindness did not require us to buy and store all that food at once. That would entail a great deal of effort, shlepping and storing so much food, making sure nothing spoiled...

Instead, slowly, day by day, week by week, or month by month, we are able to stock up on food in a manageable, convenient quantity. And the water.. just flows from the pipes whenever we need it, at higher pressure to assist in showers or washing dishes, lower pressure when filling up a cup...

Thank you Hashem for your continued kindness to us, poseach.. umasbia lchol...

We turn to you Hashem to please grant us and all of Klal Yisroel a kesiva vchasima tova, full of your goodness, also in this coming year along with bias goel tzedek!

Over $3000 came over the past three weeks! Including almost $450 of repeated monthly payments!!
DEAR READER! WE STILL NEED ANOTHER $2550 EACH MONTH!

The L. family - Yerushalayim

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LOOK AT YOUR GORGEOUS NATION, HASHEM!

At 1:15 AM, Motzei Shabbos, I stood on my porch (marpeset) on a relatively quiet street in Yerushalayim. There were men slowly walking back home, ladies with their Selichos tucked under their arms, also girls and some young boys walking with their father.

There were also cars driving, probably with more Yidden coming home from Selichos.

Hashem, look at your special nation. We stay up late at night to beg You to forgive us and to return us to you. Others wake up early in the morning, even before sunrise, all to knock on Your door. We want to return to You. We want to cleanse ourselves from our Aveiros and renew our path of Avodas Hashem.

Hashiveinu...Eilecha V'nashuva...

Mrs. L. - Yerushalayim

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THANK YOU SPRING HILL TIMES

Dear Spring Hill Times,

We would like to thank you for the quality reading material you provide for our family over Shabbos. My 12 and 14 year old daughters especially eagerly await the moment that the Spring Hill Times arrives. We do not like the content of many of the magazines and newspapers out there, so we try not to bring them into our home. My children enjoy reading, so we need to find good reading material. With the Spring Hill Times, I am not worried that they will read something inappropriate, or an article that may be perfectly fine for adults, but not for young teenagers. Additionally, I am so happy about the Bitachon, Ahavas Hashem and other wonderful Hashkafos that they are being exposed to. The positive outlook on life is catchy, and I and my children find ourselves viewing and speaking of our personal situations in the same beautiful way portrayed in the Spring Hill Times.

We enjoy the articles, comics, pictures...

Keep up the great work. May Hashem grant you much Siyata Dishmaya in this great Avodas Hakodesh.

Anonymous

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MI K'AMCHA YISRAEL?

Thank you so much! I just had a great story.

I was by the gas station on Madison by 10th street here in Lakewood. The gas atendent asked me for a dollar. He said he needs some extra cash. I know we are supposed to give tzedaka to goyim too, so I gave him one. He said Thank you! Where is the cap? It was dark so he could not see my yarmulka.I showed it to him. He said there we go!

Even a goy knows if he got a dollar from someone they must be Jewish!

Ksiva vachasima tovah!

All the best! M. - Lakewood, New Jersey

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YIDDEN LOVE TO DAVEN

My friend who lives in Beitar told me how the Shteibelach next door had minyanim davening on the street because they ran out of room inside from having so many mispallellim!

She opened up her window to hear the selichos! She had such a geshmack from hearing Selichos at least three times over! Klal Yisrael is so holy!

Mrs. Anonymous

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As I was walking up the stairs, the boy and girl that deliver it to the Simons' house came! I followed them back down the stairs and thanked Hashem for the hashgacha pratis!

Chani Sumner - Kiryat Sefer"

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WRITE A NOTE

On Tuesday, September 27, besides for it being Rosh Hashana, the Daf Yomi will be beginning a new perek Hacosev L'Ishto, "He writes to his wife" (9th Perek, daf 83). Allow me to humbly suggest that when it's not Yom Tov or Shabbos if you're a husband write a nice note to your wife, and wives should do the same for their husbands. If you're in the parashas of shiddichum we wish you much hatzlacha in finding your zivug b'mheira, and if you're not we wish you hatzlacha at whatever it is you're doing.

Moshe Jacknin

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A DOUBLE HASHGACHA PRATIS STORY

Dear Editor,

My parents had a great hashgacha pratis story. A cousin of theirs, a meshulach, came from Eretz Yisroel, and stopped in to visit.

My mother commented to me that he received a nice supper, as she had just finished cooking meat for Rosh Hashana, and served him that.

I said it reminds me of the story about Rava (Kesubos 67b). The Gemara is discussing various points and stories about tzedakah and chesed, and says the following story: A meshulach once came to Rava, and he invited him for supper, and asked what he usually eats. The meshulach replied that he is used to fine chicken and well-aged wine (tarnegoles petumah v'yayin yashan). Asked Rava, 'are you not concerned about spending public money – i.e. tzedakah money – on luxuries?' The meshulach answered, 'I have bitachon in Hashem, and the food is coming from Him; not from them'. He quoted a pasuk in Tehillim 145:15, which teaches us that Hashem gives each person what he needs – and each person according to what he is used to (Rash"i).

As they were standing there, Rava's sister – who hadn't seen him in thirteen years – came, and she brought with fine chicken (a "meat board"!) and well-aged wine! Rava expressed his astonishment at how unusual it is that he should receive such a gift, and said to the meshulach that he apologizes to him that 'he spoke more than necessary', and invited him to come and eat!

And another amazing point: Our cousin had come on Wednesday, and my father had just learnt this Gemarra with Daf Hayomi on Sunday!

S.R. - Lakewood, New Jersey

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12 YEAR OLD BOY DAVENS TO HASHEM

During bein hazmanim, we were about to board the bus in Yerushalayim to take us to Ein Gedi when my husband couldn't find his wallet in his pocket. It had completely disappeared. Needless to say it was very stressful. We were stranded in Yerushalayim with no money, credit cards, house keys or Rav Kavs (bus tickets) and a bunch of disappointed children, all packed up with nowhere to go. In the midst of the ensuing hours we tried to retrace our steps to see if it had fallen out on the ground, spoke to the police in the event it had been pick pocketed and called a friend to borrow money to get home. Our 12 year old son davened to Hashem. "Please Hashem, can You somehow return our wallet to us. We will be so happy to write in to the Spring Hill Times to publicize it if You return it to us!" A couple of hours later we got a phone call from an irreligious young man who had found my husbands wallet on a local bus - it had slipped out of his pocket and he wanted to return it to its owner!

Anonymous - Kiryat Sefer

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HASHEM LISTENS TO TEFILA

A choshuv avreich was travelling to kollel from Kiryat Sefer to Yerushalayim. The Arab bus driver was playing Arabic music very loudly and only turned it down slightly after being asked. So he decided to move to the back of the bus in an attempt to learn with less distraction. The next day, a similar event happened with the driver once again only agreeing to reduce the volume only a bit. The avreich seeing little point in trying again, got up and once again moved to the back of the bus to try to learn. No one else on the bus attempted to approach the driver. After a bit, he davened to Hashem. "Please Hashem. Only You can do something about this horrible loud music. Please help me be able to learn in peace." Almost immediately the driver turned down the music! Yes really! And seconds later, he turned it off altogether!!

B. - Kiryat Sefer

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IT'S FREE!

The story on the front cover with the credit card was beautiul. It reminds of a different story I once read, about the bike store in Lakewood, Bike Blade and Ball (known to yeshiva bochurim as B3). Once a yungeman came in to buy a bike for his son, and after a couple of CCs didn't work, he said to his son that he will call the grandparents for their number, but he wasn't able to get through. When he got off the phone, the owner of the store told him that he's the one-thousandth customer, and the bike is free!

S.R. - Lakewood, New Jersey

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THE POWER OF ONE PASUK

Harav Zimbal shlita, Rav of Westgate, Lakewood, said over a story with about the Ribnetzer Rebbe zatzal. He would do slichos around 3 am. He was makpid that only someone who didn't daven yet could be in the minyan.

One night the rebbe was getting ready to daven slichos and he turned to one of the chassidim and told him he can't be part of the minyan because he already davened. The chassid said, "No, I'm sorry Rebbe I didn't daven yet." The rebbe said, "You did. So we can't count you for the minyan." Later, his friends asked, "Did you daven or not?" He said, "I was by a minyan earlier and I said the first pasuk of selichos: lecha Hashem tzedaka vlanu boshes hapanim," and then I decided I will daven with the Rebbe. Apparently just by saying the first pasuk it's considered already said selichos!

Thanks again for such a great newspaper!

Moishe Yelen - Lakewood, New Jersey

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KLAL YISRAEL LOVES HASHEM'S TORAH!

Efraim a working man from the East Side of Denver, CO, dropped everything and flew to Eretz Yisrael for the duration of Elul to learn in the Mir yeshiva in Yerushalayim!

Yoni Kohn - Denver CO

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A BEAUTIFUL VACATION

We went on vacation for the last weekend of bein hazmanim. We had planned to leave at 1:00pm on Thursday. We had every last thing packed and we were waiting for our van, which was at the mechanicy. At first we were told it would definitely be ready by 1pm however at 2pm we went to the mechanic and our van was still on the lift. They said they needed a bit more time. By 4:30pm they said they were having trouble putting the axel back together and it should be finished by the end of the day. Meanwhile our children were getting quite anxious and kept asking when we would be leaving. My husband and I B"H were able to remain calm and kept on replying as soon as Hashem wants we will leave and as soon as Hashem wants we will arrive at our destination. By 6:00pm the mechanic informed us that they were missing a part and would only be able to order it in the morning. We calmly told our kids “Ein od melvado” whatever Hashem wants is best for us. We were speaking to my in-laws and told them what happened and they said no problem you can use our van. We B"H left at 7:30pm and we had a beautiful vacation. On the way our children asked us if we can please write our story to the Spring Hill Times

B. family - Lakewood, New Jersey

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HASHEM RETURNS BALL

Dear Spring Hill Times,

I live in an apartment building on the top floor. A few years ago on succos, my kids were playing with a jumping ball (the type that has a handle and you can jump on). By mistake it fell off our porch and onto my neighbor’s porch, rather, it fell directly onto their succah. We said that we’ll go later to get it, but as life happens, we forgot. The next day, my wife went on errand with the kids and they were walking home. It was hashgacha pratis she walked straight past the entrance not noticing (something that never happened before) and just that second our ball got blown off the neighbor’s succah by the wind, right in front of them!

D.B.K Kiryat Sefer

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HASHEM IS OUR GPS

One time my parents were driving out of town and they were following the GPS. They went somewhere and when they came back to the car, they tried to turn on the GPS but it didn't turn on! They started driving back in the direction they had come from but they didn't know where to go after that. They kept on driving and the whole time they kept on saying, Hashem could just make the GPS turn on at any minute! As they were driving on the highway, they were nearing a place where the highway forked and they weren't sure which way to go. Suddenly, the GPS turned on! They were able to follow it to where they needed to go. Thank You Hashem!

Mali B., 10 years old

Since it is so important to have saliva in our mouth for eating more than other times in the day, Hashem arranged that more saliva is produced when we are about to eat. This means that any time that we smell food or we see food, automatically our body starts producing more saliva. Not only smelling or seeing food helps produce saliva but even if a person just thinks about food, even if it is not in front of him, already he starts producing more saliva to help him in the process of eating, chewing and swallowing. Another fascinating point about the production of saliva is that the action of chewing itself produces more saliva, even when the person does not see the food because it is already in his mouth. The more a person chews the more saliva gets produced, which helps get the food ready to be swallowed and digested.

We mentioned that for the overwhelming majority of people, swallowing happens without thinking about it at all. Once a minute, over the course of the day, when a person is up, he is swallowing his saliva without thinking at all.

But when we are eating and drinking we swallow much more often. There is a special chessed Hashem here which we may not be aware of. If swallowing would be only automatic, let's say once a minute, it would take a very long time for a person to eat a meal. If only once a minute he would have the opportunity to swallow he would have to wait a very long time when he is eating. A person would not be able to enjoy hot food more than a bite or two or a hot coffee after a sip or two because after two minutes it won't be so hot anymore.

The same thing with carbonated drinks, if it takes five to ten minutes to drink a cup of soda it won't have much fizz left anymore. Hashem gave us the ability to quicken the pace of our swallowing when we are eating and drinking even though usually it goes much slower so we don't have to waste a big part of the day eating and drinking.

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The Bitachon Perspective

By: R' Shalom Yedidya Klatzko

Q. My wife told me that our family is overworked, and we could all use a good vacation, and I agreed. I sat down and planned an exciting itinerary with the hope that my family would get reenergized.
However, while we were on our vacation, many bumps arose. Whenever something did not work out as planned, my kids started groaning, and my wife would chide me, "You don't know how to plan out a vacation. This is not what I had in mind. With a flopped vacation like this – we would've been better off having stayed at home." We all came home after the vacation very depleted and with a sour spirit.
I feel very bad about the whole thing. I tried so hard to make my family happy, but my efforts just backfired, and instead I caused my family to be unhappy. Now I'm being blamed by my wife for it. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The Chovos Halvavos teaches : If you think that you're in this world to make your wife and children happy, you are going to fail before you start. It's impossible to make a human being happy with you. No matter how hard you try, there will always be something you do that he won't be happy with. The only One who we can make truly happy with us is: Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

How does a person make Hashem happy? Says the Chovos Halvavos: when he tries to make his wife and children happy to the best of his abilities.

You worked hard planning a vacation to make your family happy. Therefore, Hashem considers you a successful husband and father.

When you look back at the vacation you should tell yourself, "The goal of the vacation was to serve Hashem by doing my best to make my wife and kids happy, and I succeeded in trying my best!"

You are upset about the fact that you are being blamed by your wife for something that's not even your fault. Rabbi Yehuda Mandel said about his Rabeim in Novardhok, that when they would be blamed by their wives, they would respond, "I'm sorry. I feel so bad. I made a mistake. I'll try to be more careful in the future."

If they felt that it would be constructive to justify themselves and explain their actions, perhaps they would do so. However, if they saw that there would be no to'eles in defending themselves, they would apologize, even when they were one-hundred percent right and the other party was one-hundred percent wrong!

The reason they acted this way was because they understood that one of our chief accomplishments in this world is gaining the precious middah of hachno'ah, humility .

When a person habituates himself not to fight to defend his pride, he adopts the attitude that his pride is not the most important thing in the world. When a person hears criticism and is able to say the words, "I was not okay. I'll try to do better in the future," he is ascending the heights of humility.

You now have a treasured opportunity to elevate your neshama with one of the highest forms of perfection. The next time your wife mentions how poorly the vacation went, say with your mouth, "You are right. I'm so sorry. In the future I will try to be more responsible", even if you feel that it really wasn't your fault at all.

When you come up to shamayim after one-hundred and twenty years, Hashem won't ask you, "How did your vacation turn out?" But He will ask you, "How did your middos turn out? How did your hachno'ah turn out?"

If you utilize this opportunity to gain a small amount of this precious middah, the entire vacation episode will prove to have been worthwhile!

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NIFLAOS HABOREI IN OUR BACKYARDS

By: S.R. - Lakewood, New Jersey

Hummingbirds – the smallest type of bird, that can hover and fly backwards – are leaving for the winter. They fly south in the beginning of the fall. It seems the reason is not because of the cold; they can survive freezing temperatures, rather, since part of their diet is small insects, and as the weather cools those are not around as much, therefore, they migrate to warmer climates.

Those who have feeders may know that they leave the NY/NJ area around Sept. 10-13.

The flowers in the picture are called Lantana, and are especially attractive to hummingbirds, although they'll go to others as well. We have a feeder with sugar water. You mix 4 parts water to 1 part white sugar, bring to a boil to kill any germs (bacteria or mold), then cool. You can keep extras in the fridge. Do not use any other type of sweetener. Wash out the feeder weekly with soap and water. You will need an ant-blocker on the string, so they don't go in. Otherwise, the birds don't like it.

The hummingbirds feed much before migrating, to build up strength. Amazingly, they will fly 500 miles over the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico! The non-stop flight takes 18-22 hours, although some do stop to rest on oil-drilling rigs.

They migrate as far south as Mexico and South America, and as far north as Canada and Alaska.

Once, in the spring, we saw a hummingbird hovering in the area where we kept the feeder during the summer. It was going back and forth looking for it! That means it flew perhaps 1,000 miles, and came back to the exact same spot!

The way they can hover is that their wings go back-and-forth in a figure 8.
What an amazing world!

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Chizuk Corner

The unbelievable power of a good word

By R' Y. Friedman

We are now standing in the Aseres yemai teshuva. We are also heading toward the Yom tov of Sukkos, also known as Zman Simchaseinu. They are special days when we reconnect to Hashem. We show our great love by going all the way out for Hashem, when we spend a tremendous sum on purchasing the Sukka and the decorations and everything in between. Additionally we invest much energy into building the Sukka. At the same time, we spend much time, money and effort searching for a beautiful set of Daled minim. With doing that, we are connecting to Hashem with a deep love and joy that emanates from the purity that we are attaining during these awesome days, and the great mesiras nefesh that we are putting into this Yom tov. Then we rejoice with our Creator for eight/nine days straight.

Hashem wants to be mechazek us and rejuvenate our relationship in general. Whether it's bein adom LeMakom,bein Adam lechaveiro and being Odom leatzmo. The Chasam Sofer writes in many places that these days are also known as joyful days as well. We are upbeat and joyful with such uplifting and refreshing days.

Life is constantly a battlefield as the Chovas Halevavos says. He brings a story of a Chassid that meets up with a battalion that was victorious, and were celebrating. The Chassid told them that you may have won the small battle, but you haven't won the greater battle, and that is the war on our Yetzer Hara.

During these tremendous days the battle intensifies much more. So one might get nervous and anxious, but there is good news. The Sfas Emes explains the words that we say daily during these exalted amazing days "Im tukim alai milchama bozos ani boteach". "If war is upon me, its with this I will have trust." He explains that when one sees that the enemy is waging war on you,

then you can understand that you are getting close to the flag. The Yetzar Hara is aware how much we can achieve in all areas during these Holy days. He knows that it's during these days we can break out of gravity, as we explained earlier. Therefore, he puts up a tremendous fight. This fight should give us great chizzuk.

Chizzuk is any form of encouragement that one gives a fellow Yid. It can be a pat on the back, a smile or a good word. However, Hashem gives us the ultimate chizzuk. He gives us all these wonderful days as means to get the tools we need to stand up to the challenges we face throughout the year. Whether it's the Avoda of Elul, the Malchiyus of Rosh Hashana, the Yiras Shamayim (and much more) of Yom Kippur or the exalted simcha of Sukkos. All these are tools to be Mechazek ourselves to stand up to our challenges. Let's start with a mashal.

A man went on an arduous hike through the forest. At one point he gets lost and is searching and searching to get back to civilization. After a full day of going in circles, he chances upon a small house. Fully exhausted, he knocks on the door. Seeing that it's empty, he walks in and collapses from the lack of energy and exhaustion, and falls into a deep sleep. Meanwhile a battle broke out in that area. Oblivious and deep in sleep the man hears nothing. All of the sudden a man appears at the door as the gunshots get louder. The man awakens bewildered and hearing the noise he asks the man by the door what's going on? The man smiles and responds that it's some fireworks, you can go back to sleep.

Now everyone will agree that this is not chizzuk. On the contrary you are endangering him even more, because you are reassuring him that there is no danger, so he won't protect himself. If this man cares about him and he wants to help him, he would alert him to the danger, and give him a weapon so that he can protect himself.

It's the same with us. As we mentioned earlier, life is a battle and at this time the battle is even heavier. It's at this time that Hashem gives us chizzuk to have the tools we need to persevere. We realize how much inner strength we possess, and that we can rise to the challenge. We know that the flag is near. Even more importantly, we know that Hashem is at our side and He is unlimited, Ain od Milvado. With Bitachon we can achieve anything. We know that "Kavei el Hashem Chazak viametz libecha vikavei el Hashem".

Chizuk Corner

By: R' Y. Friedman

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Let me share with you a fascinating story about my Grandfather a"h. I heard this story from the recipient himself. This story goes back approximately forty years. There was a wonderful young man that worked with diamonds in Manhattan. One day, he suffered loss after loss. He lost a diamond and he lost a huge amount of cash. Understandably, he was devastated. He walked outside for some fresh air. He felt his whole life crashing down on him. It was then that he saw my grandfather. He went over to him and poured out his woes. He was expecting some sympathy, but it was not to be.

My grandfather gave him a stern look and said the following. "You are a ben Torah. Where is your Emuna? Don't you realize that all this is coming from your loving Father Hashem? Grab a hold of yourself and accept it with love." (Obviously one cannot say this to just anyone, and not everyone has the license to say such powerful words. One must know their place.) The man related that this pure and honest statement gave him such a jump-start that it gave him a whole new refreshing outlook at challenges, and at life in general. This Yid concluded that he still feels that piercing chizzuk until today.

Here is another fascinating story that happened not too long ago that drives home this concept. There was a Rebbe that came running into the office of the Menahel in middle of class. He said that he needed to make an emergency call. As the menahel stepped out, he happened to overhear the Rebbe ask his wife. "Where is my old suit? Aha. Did the garbage truck come yet? Ok goodbye." Then he returned to class.

The Menahel was burning with curiosity. After Yeshiva the Menahel confronted the Rebbe, what's going on that you left in middle of class. The Rebbe explained that he had saved up over the years a huge sum of money for a dowry, and he had stored it in his old suit. Now it was close to Pesach and in middle of class it suddenly hit him that since his wife was cleaning for Pesach, she might throw it out, and the garbage truck was coming that day. I quickly ran to make the phone call, but it was too late.

The Menahel stared at the Rebbe unbelieving and with tremendous awe. "I don't understand, how did you return to class following this incident? I would have been a broken man for the rest of the week, and maybe for the rest of the month as well". The Rebbe responded. "I am a Talmud of the famous Reb Godel Eisner. He taught us that that when we come at the crossroad of tremendous challenges, we should know that the main reason we came down to this world is for these challenges. How can I lose myself when I feel like I have reached the destination of my mission in life?"

What a powerful story and lesson, but what we see here is chizuk at its peak. We see how the Rebbe planted in his talmidim the frame of mind to rise to the biggest challenges, and we can see what it accomplished. We can also plant words of Chizzuk into people's hearts that they can take with them for life. Especially children and even teenagers that are still fresh. Therefore it's even easier to plant in them concepts of chizzuk that will help mold their future. Which is giving them the tools they need to fight their Yetzer hara and their surroundings (obviously it's for every age until one hundred and twenty).

If you look at the requirements one needs to fight in the army you will see that we need it as well to fight our war. Courage, bravery and all the many requirements are all applicable to our life. We are soldiers. That's who we are. We fight for Hashem and the Torah and for our Holy Nation. We infuse ourselves and all those around us with Emuna and Bitachon of Ein od Milvado, and with this in mind our koach is unlimited.

I would like to conclude that on a national forum these days are tremendous days that we can be Zoche to the Geula Shelaima. This is in addition to all the Simanim of Moshiach that are blatantly in front of our very eyes. Whenever in history has Hashem showered upon us so much good as He does in our time? He gives us more than He gave all the other generations put together!!! Chazal say clearly in many places how these days are a tremendous eis ratzon for Moshiach. This should be the biggest Chizuk possible one can give to ourselves and others. Although someone may be going through a crisis, the Geula seems to be imminent. Be strong. Cling to Hashem with Emuna and Bitachon and we will dance in the streets of Yirushalayim sooner than you think. Achake lo b'chol Yom sheyavo!

Chag Sameach!

WONDER OF THE WEEK

By: Rabbi Yaakov Lubin

As you enjoy the delicious sweetness of Challah in honey until Simchas Torah, you may want to think about what a wonder of Hashem you have in front of you.

The fact that an insect can make such a tasty treat like honey is of course something to marvel at and be thankful for but if we look a little closer at the life of bees, we will be blown away at what an incredible creation Hashem made.

When speaking about bees we sort of need to be a little specific about which kind of bee as there are around 20,000 different bee species in the world and over 2 trillion bees.

Of these, only 8 kinds of bees produce honey. So for clarity, we will be speaking about the wonders of Hashem's honey bees, but you should know there are many more incredible stories to tell about the other bees as well.

Honey bees live in colonies called hives that have between 20,000 to 80,000 members.

There are three different types of bees in the hives, each having its own role to play. In a hive, there is one queen bee, thousands of worker bees, and hundreds of drone bees.

The queen is the biggest of all the bees in the hive and has the job of laying eggs to make more baby bees and to keep the hive unified.

Most of the bees in the hive are called worker bees that are all female and it is their role to build the hive, look after the baby bees (called grubs), and collect food.

HONEY BEES

There are much less of the third type of bees called drone bees whose only job it is to serve the queen when she needs them.

So how does Hashem use bees to make the delicious honey we eat? It really begins when a bee finds a flower that has a sugary juice inside it called nectar. The bees have long tongues they use like straws to suck out the nectar and then store it in a second stomach they have called their 'honey stomach'.

When their honey stomach is full, they go back to their hives and transfer the nectar they collected to other bees. The next bee chews on the nectar for about 30 minutes and then passes it on to another bee.

As the nectar goes from bee to bee it is slowly transformed into honey and stored in hexagonal-shaped storage jars made out of wax we call honeycombs. The bees then flap their wings over the honey to make it thicker until it is the right consistency and then seal it with a wax lid to store for later use.

Now if you are impressed with how Hashem designed bees to make honey for you, wait till you hear how He designed them to communicate with each other.

You may be surprised to know that bees are great dancers and do a lot of dancing. Unlike most creatures, bees cannot hear anything. In place of verbal communication, Hashem gave them a special language made up of dancing. Different dances have different meanings to communicate to different members of the hive important information.

While we don't fully understand the bee language, we have observed two of the classic dance moves they make and we know what they mean.

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WONDER OF THE WEEK

By Rabbi Yaakov Lubin

Continued We name these dances the waggle dance and the circle or round dance, both of which are commonly used by one bee to tell the others in their hive information about food or water they found.

In the round dance, the bee walks in a circle, turns around, then walks the same circle in the opposite direction, and then repeats the dance many times. The amount of time this dance take tells the others the amount or quality of food that she found but to explain in bee language where to find the food, the bee will use the waggle dance.

In the waggle dance, the performing bee waggles back and forth as she moves forward in a straight line, then circles back around to repeat the dance. It is the length of the middle line she makes, called the waggle run, that lets the other bees know far away the food is. The direction they dance the waggle run tells the others which way they need to fly to locate the food.

If you are wondering if intelligent dancing bees that have some crazy process of turning nectar into honey could really be true the honest answer is no, there is no way it could possibly be true. BUT IT IS TRUE! Hashem is Hakol Yachol and can do anything. With His infinite wisdom and unlimited power, Hashem can do the impossible and makes millions of dancing honey-making bees for our world every day!

They are real and Hashem's wisdom and kindness are all around us at every moment. It is just up to us if we notice it or not. So on behalf of The Jewish Center for Science, we wish you a happy and sweet new year, being written and sealed in the book of life, and that you notice more and more of Hashem's wonders that surround you all the time.

"The purpose of all these wonders is to make us aware that Hashem is there and that He is the One who brought these wonders about."
Rabbi Avigdor Miller (Ohr Avigdor, Chovos Halevavos)

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STORIES ABOUT OUR GEDOLIM

For Yom Kippur and Sukkos

By: M.D. Applegrad

In the Yom Kippur davening before kol nidrei we say, "Please forgive the entire community of Bnei Yisroel because all have done aveiros through negligence."

Said Reb Levi Yitzchok of Berditchov: (some attribute this to Reb Tzvi of Ziditchov, but regardless, the message is priceless) How we say that? Unfortunately sometimes a Yid does sin on purpose.

Answers Reb Levi Yitzchok, before a Yid does a mitzvah, he says "Leshem Yichud…", he's having in mind to do the mitzvah- but Ribono shel oylam- a Jew has never said a L'shem yichud before doing an avaira!

Reb Levi Yitzchok was being melamed zchus on Klal Yisroel, but we can learn from this how a Yid is always good and always wants to do good!

Let's be zoiche to a G'mar chasima tova and a gut gebenched yuhr.

Gut Shabbos!

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Rav Chaim Kanievsky zt"l was unique in many ways- his hasmada, knowledge in Torah, love for every Jew …

The following story brings out Rav Chaim's extreme concern for another Yid's parnosa.

In his younger years Rav Chaim would go lulav shopping himself. He would go to many stores till he found a suitable lulav.

One year people noticed that every store Rav Chaim went to he came out with a lulav. When they asked Rav Chaim about it he said "I don't want anyone to think that Rav Chaim doesn't like this stores "stock" so I make sure to buy a lulav in each store".

Wow! Look how a gadol was concerned about even the slightest possibility of hurting another yid's parnosa. How lucky is Klal Yisroel to have leaders like this!

A Gut Yom Tov!

REB BARUCH BER TEACHES US TO TALK ONLY POSITIVE

By: R' Yitzy Melamed - Denver Colorado

When R' Shraga Moshe Kalminovitch's father Harav Avraham sent him to learn by Reb Baruch Ber, he sent along a letter stating a request if Reb Baruch Ber could learn with R' Shraga Moshe privately.

When Reb Baruch Ber read the letter, he sighed and then turned to R Shraga Moshe and said that unfortunately he hasn't been feeling well lately and doesn't have the strength to learn with him aside from the regular shiur schedule to the yeshivah. After this, they proceeded to talk in learning for some time and then they departed.

R Shraga Moshe then started on his way towards the Yeshiva Building. After he was already far from Reb Baruch Ber's house he heard Reb Baruch Ber running after him saying, "Oy I have to do teshuva." R Shraga Moshe turned around and saw Reb Baruch Ber, who usually had a calm and serene look on his face look serious and full of fear.

R' Shraga Moshe was wondering what could've happened that Reb Baruch Ber was saying he has to do teshuvah for and that sounded serious.

When Reb Baruch finally reached him he said, "Oy I have to do teshuva for what I said. How did I say to you that I don't feel good and that's why I couldn't learn with you privately? How can I say that Hashem did for me something that isn't good? I should have told you that I can't learn with you like your father requested because I'm very busy giving the shiurim in the yeshiva and the rest of time I'm busy taking care of my health!!!"

What a beautiful story!

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

By Sruli Yelen - Lakewood, New Jersey

Rav Michel Yehuda Lefkowitz zatzal

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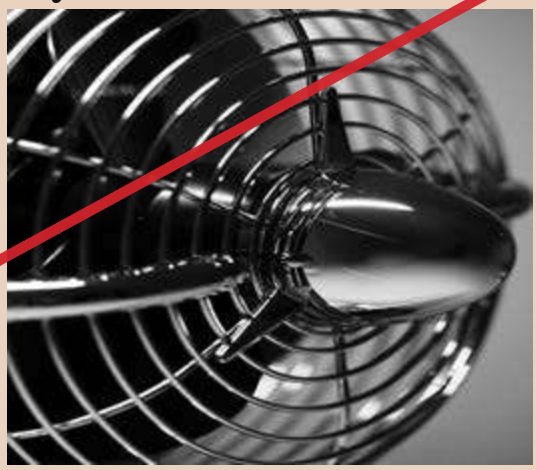

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There is more to the story!

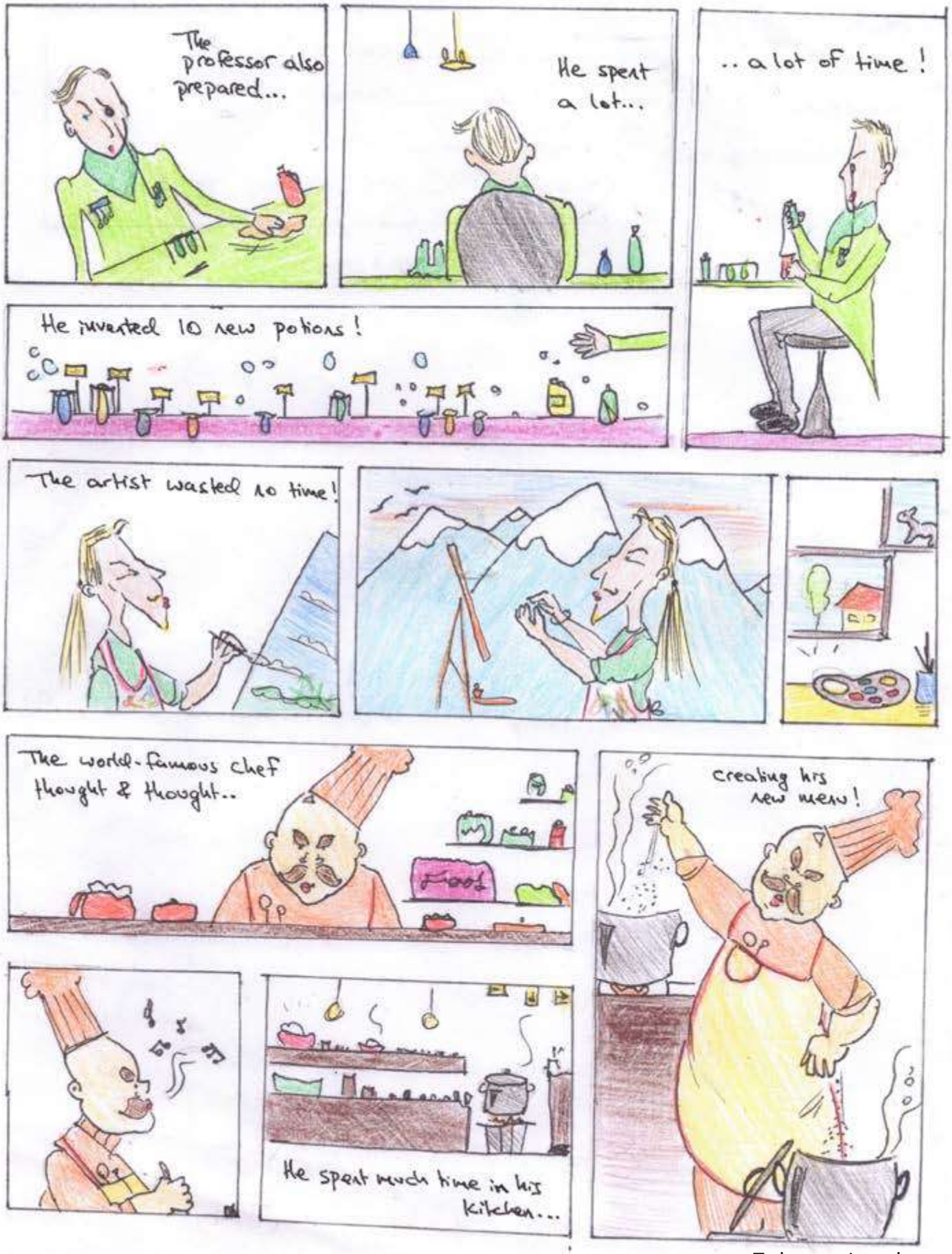
By Yehuda Noach Post -
Far Rockaway, NY

The Schnoodlepeppers get to work on their sukkah
NOODELPEPPER
Meanwhile, in the beehive...
So you two are too scared to do it?
GOOD
BAD
We're not scared! We simply think that it's not nice!
GOOD
You KNOW WHAT? Me and him will fly out of this beehive. We don't want to be with you guys.
Sure! I don't care. In the meantime, me and him will plan our stinging attack.
2

The trio good bees fly out.
The Schnoodlepepper's sukkah is almost ready!
Yitzchak, can you come here and take this hammer?
No, throw it to me; I'll catch it!
Okay...
Oh, no! I missed!
WHAM!!!
3

PLUNK.
Oh, no! Are you guys still alive?!
We're still alive! We're still alive!
ברוך השם!
You know what I learned from this story? "סור מרע ועשה טוב בקש שלום ורדפהו". Because I flew away, I didn't get hurt like they did.
Um, can I speak to you, bees?
I see that your beehive is smashed.
Yeah, we see also.
Do you want to stay in our sukkah for Succos?
Sure!
Were you just talking to bees?!
THE END!

The True Winner – Chapter 4 by Ephraim Weiss, Beitar Ilit



To be continued...

A VISIT TO R' DANIEL!

Recap: *A most amazing piece of information that is too good to be true came to our attention: Here in New York lives a very old man, who is the last known remaining living Yid who left Mitzrayim. His name is R' Daniel and he is from Shevet Don. When he left Mitzrayim, he was a 15-year-old boy and today he is 3349 years old! He lives today with his great-great-great-grandchildren in Monsey, New York. The Spring Hill Times has been granted the rare privilege of being able to interview him from time to time.*

Spring Hill Times: Can you please describe to us what Yom Kippur and Sukkos was like back in the time of the Bais HaMikdash?

R' Daniel: I'm sorry but it was indescribable!

Spring Hill Times: Please do tell us!

R' Daniel: So sorry, but it's not possible!

Spring Hill Times: Can you please at least try to give us a small picture of what you felt during these days?

R' Daniel: Sure! Yom Kippur was such a special day! We were in seventh heaven when we saw the red thread turn white! We saw so clearly how much Hashem loves us! We felt so close to Him! It was almost too good to believe! We needed to look at the thread fifty times to make sure it was true that it turned white!

We were so b'simcha! Nothing in this world can compare to those special moments! I remember the face of the Kohen Gadul when he came out of the Kodesh Kadashim. He looked like an angel! His face shone with kedusha and purity!

We celebrated all night motzai Yom Kippur! It was out of this world! And from there on, the simcha and rejoicing only got bigger and better!

Oh how we loved the Yom Tov of Sukkos! How we loved the sukkah! We were living a dream life! Every time I was in the sukkah I was transported back to those wonderful days when we were surrounded by Hashem's clouds of glory! We felt so close to Hashem!

Did I once mention to you about my friend Chaztkel?

Spring Hill Times: Yes.

R' Daniel: Well, every year, on the first night of Sukkos, when he sat down in the sukkah he would faint from excitement! To the extent that one year the doctors, who were concerned for his health, forbade him to sit in the sukkah. But little did they know that not being in the sukkah was even a bigger danger for him, so of course he didn't listen to them.

Spring Hill Times: Wow! It sounds so amazing! Can you please tell us about the Simchas Bais Hashoevah?

R' Daniel: It was the peak of the entire year! No matter how many musical instruments we played. No matter how long we sang and danced. No matter how many torches of fire we juggled. We still couldn't grasp and express enough our happiness that Hashem chose us as His nation!

Spring Hill Times: Wow! It must have been so wonderful!

R' Daniel: Boy it was!!! Nothing in this world can compare! Whenever I try to picture how wonderful Olam Haba would be like, the closest I get to is what we felt like during the Simchas Bais Hashoevah!

Spring Hill Times: Oh, if only we can also experience this!

R' Daniel: Don't worry you will! We all know it! We all feel it! Mashiach is around the corner! It's going to be so wonderful! We cannot even begin to imagine...

As much as we wanted to stay and hear some more, R' Daniel needed to go. He needed to learn Meseches Sukkah. He has a minhag for hundreds of years already, to be mesayim meseches Sukkah every year on the first night of Sukkos.

Spring Hill Times: Thank you so much or giving us your time! A gmar chasima tova and a gut Yom Tov from all our readers!

R' Daniel: You're welcome! Gmar chasima tova to you and your readers! Let our next interview be in Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh!

Spring Hill Times: Amein!

R' Daniel then walked us all the way out to our car. It was amazing to see how he showed so much respect to someone thousands of years his junior. We were even able to see in the mirror how he was waving to us as we pulled away...

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THE AMAZING CODE

by: R' Yaakov Storch

About two years ago Pesach time during the Covid outbreak, I was learning in Eretz Yisroel. I had some chavrusos in person and some over the phone. One of my favorite chavrusos over the phone was my nephew in seventh grade in New York, whom I'd call from Eretz Yisroel. He got quarantined several times, so I was zoche to learn with him very often.

As you know, learning on the phone is not so easy, and my nephew wasn't happy until he really knew the gemara cold. So I came up with a method to make sure that we were getting the sugya clear. I realized that in order to understand each step of the sugya clearly, we needed to find where each step starts, and what type of step it is. I started doing this in the gemara I learned. I would write what the first word of each step was, what type of step it is, and the step number. I printed up cards with this method on it, it's called "The Code", and I give them out to people I meet. B"H, people love them, and it has really helped many people gain clarity, and geshmak in their learning! Here's just one of the many stories of how people really got into The Code and how it helps their learning.

I told one of my nephew's friends about The Code, and when I met him a few months later, I asked him if he used it. He said "sure", and he pulled out a cardboard flap of a cookie box with over thirty steps of sugya written on it! I asked him why he didn't use a code card, so he said that it was Erev Pesach, and he didn't have a Code card to write on, so he ripped a piece off of the box of cookies that he had for the siyum, and learned a sugya with the Code.

Who would have thought that the box would have more of a tachlis than the cookies inside it! To find out more about the code, and see how it can improve and enhance your learning, and make you love what you learn, please feel free to contact me, Yaakov Storch:

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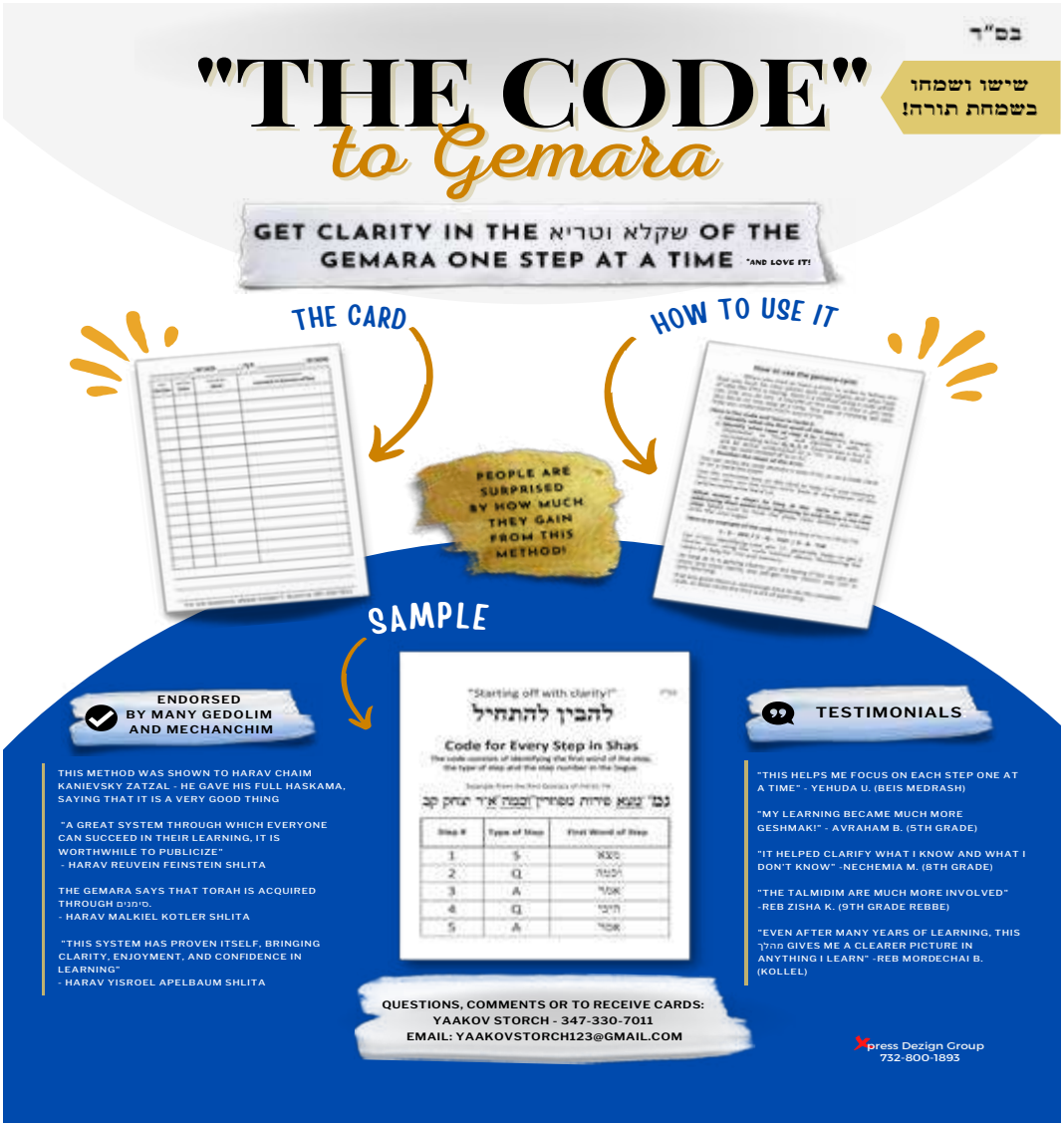

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Take care of the baby.

Help with the shopping.

Pour them a cup of water.

When we help our parents it means so much to Hashem, and it makes Him so happy and proud of us!

5 Weekly Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant

Thank You Hashem for Kol-lelim

Thank You Hashem for delicious homemade food

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Thank You Hashem for being so close to us

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By T. Bauman

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At Second Glance

By: R' Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

Sometimes people go through difficulties, and they feel like they are being buried, but in reality, they are just being planted!

One of the cornerstones of a Yid's Emunah is the knowledge that Hashem has a plan and journey for each person. Hashem guides the circumstances in each person's life and puts each person in the place he needs to be for him to grow the most and succeed in both this world and the next. When one goes through a difficulty, Hashem wants him to encourage himself and internalize that this is not simply an unfortunate situation; rather, it is Hashem helping him and guiding him in the deepest way. In fact, Rabbeinu B'chaya writes in D'varim 22:8 that before a person is born, Hashem shows him the circumstances that are perfect for his Neshama, and the person himself picks the exact life that he will live in this world, including the difficulties and tests!

Eli Miller* was raised in a non-frum home. While he was growing up, basketball was the most important thing in his life. He excelled at it already from a young age, and he gave it his all, hoping that one day he would play for a professional basketball team. Throughout high school and then college, he trained and practiced intensely.

At the prime of Eli's athletic abilities, he applied for the professional basketball league draft. Once a year, basketball teams get together and take turns drafting young players from college onto their professional team. To Eli's utter delight, two weeks before the draft, Eli received a call. "Hi, my name is Bob, and I am the coach of a certain team. I would like to share the good news with you that we did our research, and we plan on drafting you to our team!"

Eli was excitingly counting down the days until his position on the professional team would be official. However, unfortunately it was not meant to be. Bob was fired a few days later, and the new coach chose someone else to take the spot on the team. The day of the draft came and went, and Eli was not chosen by any team. This was a crushing blow for Eli; everything he worked so hard for in the past several years until this point just crumbled.

For the first time in his life, Eli started questioning, "What am I doing here? Who am I? What is truly important?" That very day, Eli started his inner journey to find meaning in his life. He knew there had to be more than just basketball. He eventually found his way back to Hashem, and he is now a proud, growing Yid. Eli said, "In the moment, the day I went undrafted was the worst day of my life. Now I realize it was the best thing Hashem ever did for me!"

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