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Hashem, life in Your world is so wonderful!!

CHICAGO SCHOOL CHILDREN SAFE

On Tuesday, Kislev 12, 5783, a school bus loaded with children



from a Chicago cheder made its rounds and dropped off all the kids safe and sound!

Amazingly, the same scene repeated itself all over the United States and across the globe!

Millions of children came back home to their parents, alive and healthy!!!

Thank You Hashem! Blessed be Your name!

GAN EDEN IN THIS WORLD!

Yidden all over the world are waiting with anticipation for the upcoming delicious Yom Tov of Chanukah.

We cannot wait to be able to serve Hashem with lighting the neiros!

We cannot wait to sing to Hashem the beautiful Chanukah songs!

We can't wait to thank and praise Hashem with Halle!!!

We can't wait to celebrate with exciting Chanukah mesibos! We can't wait for the greatest Chanukah gift Hashem gives us: The opportunity to come so close to Him! **What a Paradise!**



MAN THANKS HASHEM FOR TICKET

A Yid from Elad went to PTA. He heard very good reports from his children's teachers. He decided that he would go to the grocery store and buy his children treats.

While he was drove to the store, he thanked Hashem for such great children.

On the way, he **Continued on page 3**

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got stopped by an officer who claimed that he violated a traffic law. He would now get a ticket and some points on his license.

The Yid decided to continue thanking Hashem for his children and also for the ticket.

After 15 minutes the officer came back to the car and said: "for some reason the computer is not working, and I can't issue a ticket, so you are good to go." [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

NON STOP CHESED!

A sofer in Eretz Yisrael had a baby before Rosh Hashana. He moved with his family into his father-in-law's apartment.

A relative of his wanted to be for Rosh Hashana in the area where they lived. So he asked the sofer if they could borrow his apartment.

He was not that happy to let them stay there because it was a mess, and he would have to go back to clean it up. But he decided he would do this chessed anyway.

His relative stayed there

and called him after Yom Tov to thank him for the house. He told him that he noticed that he was a sofer. He hadn't known that before. He needed a bunch of mezuzos written and he ordered them from the sofer. This chessed brought him parnassa!

The sofer then told this story to his father-in-law. His father-in-law repeated it in the school where he teaches. One of the Rebbeim told him afterwards that he knows his son-in-law from Yeshiva and that he never knew that he was a sofer.

A couple of months later, the sofer didn't have income and didn't know how he would make it through the month. Then this Rebbe from his father-in-law's school called him up to order mezuzos for a new apartment he was moving to. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHGACHA PRATIS

A Yid said that one Friday he went to buy something, and the store owner apologized that he doesn't accept credit cards. So, he left the store and in the next store he got the item and realized in this store the item

was a fraction of the price. When he pulled out his credit card to pay, he realized that he had cash on him. Had he seen the cash in the first store he would have paid a much higher price. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

BOYS JUMP OUT OF BED

A Yid in Eretz Yisrael has a hard time, every Shabbos afternoon, waking up his children for shalosh seudes. He tried all types of way. He even offers them treats.

Last Shabbos afternoon, when he went to wake them up, he noticed two parrots landed on his window sill. The kids were so excited that they jumped right out of bed! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM SENDS MAN MONEY

A Rebbe related that he usually gets paid every Thursday. But one Thursday he didn't get his pay check. That night, his wife gave him a shopping list. He didn't want to stress her out by telling her that he didn't have money. He went to ma'ariv with bitachon that Hashem would

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help him.

After davening, someone came over to him and said, "I borrowed money from you a long time ago. I want to pay back now."

The Rebbe now had more than enough money for the shopping! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM HELPS MAN MAKE ESROG LIQUOR

A Yid said that he likes to make liquor from different fruits. One time, he wanted to make it from esrog. He didn't know if you make it from the peel or the fruit.

He came into shul and saw a paper about the halachos of shemita. One of the halachos explained the process of making liquor from esrog and how to do it during shmita! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM SAVES LITTLE BOY'S EYESIGHT

A young boy was in school when his glasses broke. His friend popped them back into the frame.

He happen to have an appointment scheduled by the eye doctor for the next day.

By the appointment, the doctor said that the glasses were the wrong prescription for him.

The parents didn't know how such a thing happened. Then they realized that maybe the lenses got switched left and right. That was indeed the problem.

Had he not had the doctor appointment, he would have walked around with the wrong prescription! He would have gotten headaches and ruined his eyes c"v! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM LOVES OUR SHABBOS

It was late Leil Shabbos, and R' Avi a yungerman from Chestnut Ridge, New York, decided to check his cholent to make sure it was okay. He noticed it was very low on water.

He decided to add hot water into the pot from the urn. But he needed someone to help him, and everyone was already sleeping. So he decided not to risk trying to do it on his own.

Shabbos morning, he took water from the urn

to make a coffee and that water was cold! For some reason the urn had malfunctioned! Had he put in the water the night before he would have cooked the water on Shabbos!

THE POWER OF SHMIRAS HALASHON

A yungerman needed a lot of work done at the dentist. The total cost was about 3,000 shekel.

The dentist told him that he would first need to get some x-rays done downstairs.

As he went down, he thought to himself that perhaps Hashem was sending him a message.

So he called his friend and asked him to please go to the nearest bookstore and buy for him 100 pocket sized Netzor L'Shoncha seforim (on shmiras halashon) to distribute. It cost four shekel a sefer.

He went back to the dentist and after the work was done he went to pay. They told him they are giving him a reduction on his bill of 400 shekel - just the amount he spent on the seforim!! (Kav Hashgacha Pratis)



LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

MAN FEELS GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF

A Yid was jealous of someone and had an Ayin Ra'ah on him. He knew that this is not what Hashem wants so he davened that Hashem should help him have an Ayin Tovah. He then noticed that right in front of him was a sefer that explained how to have an Ayin Tova. He was able to have better feelings towards that person and was then able to feel good about himself!

THE MORE YOU GIVE THE MORE YOU GET!

There's a organization for the Eiruv thats surrounds my community. One Friday, the one in charge said they had some expenses and asked if I could contribute some money.

Someone had given me \$52, so I passed on the money to this cause.

While I was sending him credit card information, someone texted me that he would like to give me some money! It was more than double of how much money I just gave! Hashem paid me back while I was still giving the money!!!

BOY LOVES HASHEM

Shmuel Yaakov Cohen was davening on Shabbos and one of the lenses in his glasses popped out. After davening, he went to the Rav and asked him if he could put it back in. The Rav told him that he needs to wait until after Shabbos.

Shmuel Yaakov said to me, that this was the first time in his life that it wasn't a nisayon or a bother for him to do what's right. He felt that it's geshmak and a privilege to serve Hashem and to do His Ratzon! He also said that now he started to appreciate his eyesight and his glasses and that his love for Hashem grew stronger!

GIRL DAVENS TO HASHEM

A girl needed to study with a friend of hers who lived far away. Her mother was busy, and she didn't want to bother her to drive her. So, she turned to Hashem and said, "Hashem, I don't want to bother my mother, but I could turn to You! You can help me!" Right afterwards, her mother said that she had to go pick up medication. But the pharmacy next to the house didn't have it, so she was going to a dif-

ferent location that was right next door to her friend!

HASHEM ARRANGES RIDE

Mrs. Fendel* needed a ride back home to Monsey from a chasunah she went to. She asked around and no one had a ride for her. The only person that was going back didn't have room for her.

She was at a total loss and she asked Hashem to please find her a ride.

Shortly afterwards, a lady walked in and wished 'mazal tov' to the mother of the Kallah.

She then heard her say that she was going back to Monsey. Mrs. Fendel* went over to her and asked if she had room for a ride, and she said, "Of course!!"

On the way home, Mrs. Fendel* heard her say to her husband that she wasn't planning on stopping in by the chasunah since she didn't know the family so well. But she was passing by the hall, so she decided to go in for one minute! "That one minute," thought Mrs. Fendel*, "was perfectly planned by Hakadosh Baruch Hu just for me!"



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YUNGERMAN SHTELLER

A yungerman wanted to use the talents he has to teach Torah, but he could not find a teaching position. He came to me, and I said to him, "Maybe you can't find a shteller, but Hashem can find you one!"

He had Bitachon and shortly afterwards, he was asked if he could give a shiur on Aha-vas Chessed! Of course, he grabbed the opportunity!

By one shiur, the topic was about what to do if someone owes you money and didn't pay you back. The people in the shiur had questions. B'hash-gacha Pratis, he said, he was following the Q & A section on "A Life with Bitachon" and he knew exactly the answers to all their questions!

HASHEM SENDS FAMILY FREE OVEN COVER

The Goldberg* family had a glass stove cover that shattered into hundreds of pieces. It was a big inconvenience, and a big expense to replace. They didn't have extra money on hand for it. As they were throwing the broken pieces out, they noticed that there

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was another stove cover sitting by the garbage that was exactly their size!! They found out that another family had just bought a new oven and they were able to take the old cover for free!

LOST CHILDREN ARE FOUND

Mrs. Klein* was desperately trying to find two of her children. She spent more than two hours trying to call them and track them down, but she was not successful. She was very nervous and decided to call a "A Life with Bitachon." As she was listening, she got a call from her kids who told her they were safe and sound and everything was fine! Baruch Hashem!

WE HAVE THE BEST PRO- TECTION IN THE WORLD!

Mrs. Haber* from Baltimore has a son who works for Shom-rim. Her son was notified on a Thursday that there was an antisemitic march planned on Black Friday. Everyone was very scared, and Mrs. Haber* called me to ask me what to tell her family for chizuk. I said, "The reason Hashem is doing this, is so you should

say, "Ein Oid Milvadoi! If you say this, it shows you got the message!" She told this to her family and Friday morning she called me back and said that her son said that the march was canceled!

MAN FORGIVES

A Yid had a family member who caused him great distress. He was not mochel him.

Later on, his child was not feeling well. They went to Dr. Shanik and he couldn't figure out what the problem was. They went to the hospital, and they too did not know what it was. For a few weeks, they went to doctors and appointments, and they were not getting anywhere.

Finally, the Yid said, "Hashem I got the message! I am mochel my family member with a complete heart!"

A few hours later, the child was feeling better! No more hospitals, no more issues, no more appointments! The power of conquering your yetzer and forgiving!

WOMAN THANKS HASHEM

Mrs. Fine* said that every time she says Modim in davening,

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she thanks Hashem for one new thing that happened that day.

She said that this changed her whole perspective to focus on the good. Also, the whole attitude in the house changed to a more happy and enjoyable atmosphere!

MAN MAKES LEMONADE FROM LEMONS

A Yid used to work for a boss who would always criticize him. He felt that his boss didn't appreciate him.

He decided that he was going quit his job, start the same business and run it very differently. He would hire employees, and he would build them up and compliment them and show them how much they meant to him and the business.

He asked a Rav. The Rav gave him the go ahead and that's exactly what he did. Now, Baruch Hashem his business is very successful, and he has very happy workers!

HASHEM SENDS RIDE FOR YESHIVA BOCHUR

Yehuda Fogel was in Far Rockaway on an off Shabbos and

needed a ride back to yeshiva in Lakewood. He called 15 people, and for different reasons no one was able to give him a ride. He was stuck. He went outside and he met a Bachur on his block that was going to Beis Medrash Gevoah, in Lakewood, in an empty 15-seater! Not only did he get a ride to Lakewood, but he had the best experience ever!

WOMAN FINDS PREFECT JOB

Mrs. Katz* was looking for a job. She was getting offers, but none of them were something she would enjoy. She knew that the Chovos Halevos says that one should enjoy their job and they should get satisfaction from it. She decided to wait until the right opportunity came up.

She waited a few weeks, and then the perfect job fell into her lap with the best hours the best pay and the best location! She said that she knew she was being tested by Hashem and she just had to be patient and know that Hashem loves her and would take care of her.

A LIFE OF BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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BEAUTIFUL QUOTES

"All the world is a road, and you keep on going and going to come closer and closer to HaKadosh Baruch Hu."

Rav Avigdor Miller Speaks
Vol 1, Page 137

"Prepare your bread in the summertime; this world is the summertime and the next world is the wintertime. There are no more mitzvos to do in the next world, no more opportunities. Whatever you bring with you from this world to the next is all that you have there."

Ibid. Page 146

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"The sight of a towering mountain is enough to inspire a profound awareness of the absolute majesty of Hashem."

Open Your Eyes - Page 287

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"Everyone benefits from an encouraging word, and all of

its everlasting effects will be rewarded to us, even though it may have been only a small encouragement."

"Zichru Toras Moshe - Parshas Vayishlach

"A person doesn't realize how his building up is real and alive and it produces realities! Even dreams can come true. How important is every positive thought and happy words and how respect can enhance and produce! So next time be careful when you insist everyone is better than you and remember how kosher gavaah can cause a life of Gan Eden and greatness all over the place."

Rav Yehuda Mandel - Bitachon Weekly, Parshas Vayishlach

"I saw the same hanagah by R' Chaim Tzvi Fogel shlita, a Slabodka talmid of R' Meir Chodosh. I was told that by some Slabodka Roshei Yeshivos it was like the worst sin to even hint a גנאי about any human!!"

Ibid.

"HaKadosh Baruch Hu is asking from us: Just sit back relax and enjoy this most delicious

yummy scrumptious world! You don't have to worry about one thing!"

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck - A Life with Bitachon, Yesod 1419

"HaKadosh Baruch Hu wants you to have pleasure. He wants you to be b'simcha. So obviously if there is something that you don't have, that's because it's poison for you."

Ibid Yesod 1422.

"Tell your son that Moshe Feinstein said that he knows some short people who can learn quite well.' Saying this, Reb Moshe, who was a very short man, smiled broadly."

Reb Moshe, Page 435

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OUR REAL V A L U - ABLES

To the
M e z a k e i
Harabim of
the Spring
Hill Times;

Thank you

so much for such a fantastic paper full of chizuk, and divrei Torah connecting us to Hashem.

In the issue for parshas Toldos, there was an article by Rabbi S. R. with a beautiful moshel from Rabbi Simcha Maimon from Eretz Yisroel about a person that gave up a case of real cash because he thought it was counterfeit. After 120 years, when we will get to shamayim, we will see that we gave up many opportunities to get real zechusim because we thought they were counterfeit.

Perhaps we can change the moshel slightly. The person selling the cash said it was real, and there was nothing to worry about. He needed to sell it for cheap for some reason. The buyer couldn't believe his good luck, and thought to himself it must be counterfeit. He therefore had it checked out at different banks, and they all said it is the real stuff. The fake police told him it's fake and can't be real. The poor fool gave it all up, and ran away from it, not believing the seller.

Hashem gives us on this world easy mitzvos for cheap amazing opportunities. The yetzer hara is the fake police, and tries to

entice us with other choices. He tells us to leave behind the valuable cash we can collect in return for the illusionary excitement this world offers.

We must stay strong and trust the seller of our goods Hashem Yisborach and not drop the case of cash for illusionary fakers.

Rabbi Moishe of Brooklyn

HAKOL YACHOL

Dear Editor,

I want to share my story on how being mechazeik in Hakol Yachol helped me. My cell phone was not working for seven days. Each day, I would call my carrier to try to fix the issue and I was told each time that it was being worked on and it would work by midnight. I was also told that I would receive a call back with updates which never happened.

Finally, on day seven, I called again but this time kept repeating Hakol Yachol in my head and promising to submit my story to the Spring Hill Times. B"H after just a few hours, my cell phone was back in service!

Thank you for being a source of inspiration for myself and my family each week.

A reader from Lakewood

LUNCH FROM HASHEM

Firstly I want to thank you for the tremendous effort you put into putting out the Spring Hill Times every week. I really enjoy the publication and I find that it helps me focus on all the tre-

mendous bracha Hashem gives us. Here's a story of hashgacha I've been meaning to send in for a while.

On Erev Sukkos, my husband was about to take the kids out to the dalet minim shuk and I made them sandwiches to take in the car. My son asked for two sandwiches so I put another one in the sandwich maker. Then they left.

Right after the door closed and I was about to get started on cooking, I realized that I was very hungry. I knew that if I just ate a small snack I would feel hungry and shaky in another hour but I didn't want to take the time to make myself lunch.

I decided that it was the right thing to make lunch so I opened the sandwich maker to put in bread and there I saw a hot delicious ready sandwich waiting for me! Hashem made my son ask for an extra sandwich and then forget to take it in order to provide me with a fresh, effortless lunch right when I needed it! When they came home, I told my son what happened and right away he said "we should send that story to the Spring Hill Times!"

Mrs. J. - Jackson, New Jersey

HASHEM ALWAYS LISTENS TO HIS CHILDREN

There were thirteen days left to the wedding and everyone had their gowns for the Chasuna, except me. It wasn't that I didn't have a gown, I thought I had one until.....

Six months earlier, I had borrowed a gown from a friend, who was thrilled to help out, of course. It was returned in perfect condition. My friend told me that she was happy to help and said she would be happy to lend that gown to me for the next Simcha.

I thanked her, but didn't plan to take her up on her offer, since she had shared with me that every time gowns are sent to the dry cleaners, (even if it's paid for and sent to the top cleaners) there is always an issue.

I went to every store I could think of, but did not find anything. So, I called her up, told her I would take her up on her generous offer and borrow the gown again. She said, "Fine," but then added, "I am not so excited to lend it, because of the dry cleaning issue, but, since you really need it, of course, I would lend it to you."

I heard the hesitation, but I was desperate... I thanked her, and hung up, grateful that I had a gown. BUT, capital B U T, I felt I should try and find one, and if I couldn't, then I could always "fall back" on this default gown.

I again went from store to store, Gemach to Gemach, but nothing (and yes, I was mechazek in Emunah and Bitachon).

That week, I was listening to Rabbi Golembeck shlita. I was as always, grateful to HaSh-m Yisborach, that my mishpacha had the z'chus to be participants in this life transforming worldwide telephone kehilla, known

as 'A Life with Bitachon'.

Rabbi Golembeck was asked a question from a participant: She was a teacher, and needed a substitute for Friday morning, she had asked a relative, who was an experienced teacher, and whom she knew would be very good with her class, however, the relative was not so excited, it was hard to do a Friday morning, but if she definitely had no one else, she would do it. The teacher tried to find someone else, but the only person was not an experienced teacher, and probably would not be successful in dealing with the students. What should she do?

Rabbi Golembeck answered, that if someone really is not happy doing something, we cannot take that person's favor, and she should allow the inexperienced girl, that might not do such a good job, teach. I realized this "dilemma" applied to me as well. Mamish hashgacha pratis that I had heard this at this point!

That Shabbos, we were in Lakewood by our children and eineklach, who also follow 'A Life with Bitachon'. When Sunday came, and we were preparing to go home, we discussed my 'maybe yes, maybe no gown'. We were all in agreement that I should not take her gown. We decided we would try one store. However, nothing was found. Just when I was ready to give up, my daughter asked my 9 year old ainekel, Devoiry, "Are you davening for Bubby to find a gown?" Immediately, she started softly singing to herself, with

lots of kavana, HaKol Yachol.. And of course we know the end of the story. The next gown I picked out was perfect and within a few minutes we were out of the store. I immediately called my friend, who sounded soooooooooooooo relieved. I told her she still has the mitzvah, after all, machshava k'masseh.

A Reader – Brooklyn, New York

EVERYTHING HASHEM DOES IS GOOD!

I was past my due date and went for a checkup. There was a serious decrease in the heartbeat of the baby. The doctor said I must go immediately to the hospital.

Boruch Hashem everything was okay. However they wanted to keep me under observation until the baby was born. It was very difficult on the family, plus there was a bar mitzvah boy who didn't have his mother to celebrate with him on his big day. It made me feel very bad.

However, looking back retrospectively it was the biggest Brocha ever. I got a lot of rest in the hospital before the birth that would never have happened at home. I was so well rested that I had koach to leave the hospital soon after birth to get back in time for the aliya latorah on Shabbos. And I had more strength to deal with the last minute bar mitzvah preparations (which was delayed for good reasons!).

A Reader





As we mentioned, the tongue is our main headquarters for our taste buds, so we are able to taste our delicious food immediately.

Besides that this gives us quick enjoyment, it also helps protect us. If we put in our mouth anything which is spoiled or inedible, our tongues let us know right away and we take out the harmful foods.

If we would not have taste buds, or even if we would have them in the back of our throats and not in the front center of our mouth, by the time we would realize that the food is spoiled or hazardous, it would have already spread its harmful bacteria all around our mouth and our teeth. Perhaps some of it would have already been swallowed without us real-

izing it.

So Hashem put our taste buds in the most convenient place, by the opening of a person's mouth. Anything that goes inside which a person tastes is not healthy or is dangerous, he stops and makes sure not to swallow it.

Let's go back a little and summarize some of the fascinating details that we discussed about the tongue.

The tongue is extremely flexible. It's from the most flexible muscles in the body. Hashem made this possible by a set of special facts which are unique to the tongue. The tongue is the only muscle in the body which is not attached to a bone.

Also, the tongue is made from 8 different sets of muscles, which is something unique in the human body. Sometimes we activate some muscles in the tongue and other times we activate other sets of muscles. Also, the muscles in

the tongue go in all directions, from up to down, from right to left and from forwards to backwards.

The tongue is a muscle that can expand and contract by choice. We can change the shape of our tongue and we can even stick our tongue outside of our mouth. The tongue can also pick up, right away, tiny things that are put in our mouth that can be dangerous and it helps protect us.

Thank You Hashem for creating such a brilliant thing called the tongue!

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Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. I live on a tight budget, and I have a teenage daughter who wants to buy all sorts of things. When she asks me to buy her things, I often tell her 'I'm sorry. At this point we can't afford it.'

My daughter complains: "Whenever my friends ask their parents to buy them things, they take them shopping and get them whatever they want. All because we don't have money, I can't get the things I want to buy." How should I respond to my daughter from the perspective of emunah and bitachon?

A. What's bothering your daughter? She feels that if you would be well-to-do, she would be able to buy whatever she needs. All because you don't have money, she is being deprived.

Explain to your daughter: Hashem gives each person everything he needs. There is no such thing as 'needing something and not having it'. True, a person can sometimes think he needs a certain thing, and he is lacking it. However, Hashem in His infinite wisdom will withhold it from him, because He knows that it's not good for him to have it at

that point.

Therefore, although it may seem that the more money a person has, the more he's able to buy, in reality, it works the other way around! Because Hashem sees that it's good for a person to buy certain things, therefore Hashem gives him the money to buy those things.

And if someone doesn't have money, it's because it's not good for him to have the things he wants to buy. Therefore, Hashem didn't give him the money to buy it.

The fact that Hashem allows your friends to get what they want means that He knows that this is what's good for them. However, for you to get those things would be damaging.

Just as a parent will only give his child things that are good for him, likewise, your loving and caring Father, Hakadosh Baruch Hu, will not give you something which is ultimately harmful for you.

If you recognize that Hashem gives each one what he needs, and money does not control this world, you will never attribute the fact that you can't buy something to the lack of money.

Whenever you feel that you need something and you are told that we don't have the money for it now, your attitude should be: "If Hashem knows that it's good for me to have that thing, of course He will give it to me. And if He knows that it's not good for me, thank you Hashem for sparing me from misfortune."

Furthermore, explain to your daughter: The fact that we can't afford everything is actually a tremendous gift from Hashem! Our portion in Olam Habah will correspond to the amount that we put Hashem into our daily lives. The more a person puts Hashem into his life, the closer he grows to Hashem, thus enabling him to bask in the presence of the shechina with greater intensity.

Hashem gave you the circumstances that you have so that you should remind yourself that He is the One who is determining what is good for you. Thereby including Hashem in your life will allow you to earn the greatest Olam Habah possible!

Additionally, your situation will also generate within you true joy in this world as well. A person's

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level of simcha is determined by his level of bitachon and how much he attributes all events in his life to Hashem's hashgacha.

If your friends can get whatever they want, then they are the ones who are unfortunate. They are lacking the gift of poverty to motivate them to include Hashem in their lives. They are missing the delight of living with bitachon in Hashem.

When you realize how lucky you are, not only will you not be jealous of your friends, rather you will come to realize how fortunate you actually are.

Child Refusing Help

Q. I have a child who is undergoing a certain emotional issue, and I desperately want to help him.

In my own life I have found that living with emunah and bitachon has helped me get through many personal difficulties, and I feel that I am capable of giving my child the tools to cope with his situation as well.

However, my child is not interested in what I have to tell him. It's

very hard for me to stand by and watch my son suffer when I know that he could benefit immeasurably if he would only agree to learn some tools. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The entire foundation of emunah and bitachon is built upon the realization that Hashem is the one conducting all events and that everything Hashem does is good.

These very concepts that you want to teach your son to help him deal with his pain, are the ones you should be telling yourself to handle your frustration!

The reason you are disturbed is because you feel, "If my child would only accept what I have to tell him, he would find his issue to be much more manageable. It's only because he refuses to accept what I have to tell him that he's suffering so much."

When you truly live with the realization that Hakadosh Baruch Hu decides the destiny of every person, you will understand that if your child deflects your efforts to help him, it's not your child who is refusing to get helped. Rather, it's Hakadosh Baruch Hu who does not want your child

to be helped at this point in time.

After you realize that the ordeal your son is undergoing is coming from Hashem, take it to the next step. Hashem is our loving and caring Father. He is the epitome of chessed and rachamim. Why would a loving father want his child to suffer?

Evidently, Hashem, in His infinite wisdom, knows that this is actually good for your child. This form of suffering is what he needs to undergo in order to fulfill his tikkun hanesham and complete his mission in this world.

With this understanding, instead of becoming broken and frustrated, you will realize that what's happening to him is actually good.

And when you realize that it's Hakadosh Baruch Hu who is in charge of all results, and that what's happening must be perfect, your z'chus will be so great that Hashem will send a yeshuah for your child, and you will attain menuchas hanefesh and

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Chizuk Corner

The unbelievable power of a good word

By R' Y. Friedman

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davening

We are heading into the holy days of Chanukah. We are all looking forward to these uplifting days when we will get elevated to great heights.

Let us tap into the light of Chanukah and understand the essence of Chanukah.

Let's take a brief look at the story of Chanukah. The Yivanim settled in Eretz Yisroel and slowly the Greek culture started infiltrating the minds and hearts of the Jewish people. Unfortunately, many Yidden started affiliating themselves as one of the Greeks. Whether it was living their lifestyle or wearing clothing similar to them, they were going lost. Their Neshamos were being extinguished by the Greeks.

These Yidden were known as the Helenists. They started making trouble for their fellow Yidden. They convinced the Greeks to make harsh decrees against the Jews, making it almost impossible to keep the Torah and Mitzvos. The Yidden had to hide in caves if they wanted to learn Torah. They banned Bris Mila as well.

The Greeks also contaminated our holy Bais HaMikdash and they put in idols r'l. They defiled the Bais Hamikdash with Tuma. They brought davar achars on the altar as well. They set up gymnasiums and all sorts of buildings that served as entertainment all over Yerushalayim and on the Har HaBayis as well.

They tried to change our mindsets. They wanted to take us away from Hashem and to believe in nature instead.

The situation for the Yidden seemed so bleak, that it seemed that Klal Yisroel was going to be lost forever Chas V'shalom. It could have seemed that there

was no hope for our nation c"v. The darkness was so thick that Chazal say on the Passuk in Bereishis "vayehee choshech al penal tehom", that this is referring to Yavan.

However, from amidst the deep cloud of darkness, emerged a



small blazing light that came from a small group of Tzadikim, known as the Chashmonaim. They recognized the gravity of the situation, and instead of throwing in the towel and saying "it is what it is", they got up like lions and proclaimed "Mi Lahashem Eilai". They went with the attitude that we won't give up, as long as the candle is still burning.

They assembled their tiny army and went to war against the vast and mighty Greek soldiers. Now it's important to note that this war that they waged wasn't a suicidal mission. One may have thought that out of sheer desperation the chashmonaim did something totally irrational even though they knew that they did not stand a chance.

However we see from Chazal otherwise. The Poskim bring down that we are supposed to say the perek of yoshev bisaizer just like the Chashmonaim did when they went out to war. This Perek is loaded with Chizuk and Bitachon in Hashem.

This war was a war to turn over the Chilul Hashem that the Yivonim and the Helenists made. They were fighting for the Bais hamikdash that was desecrated and contaminated. They went with complete Bitachon, understanding that Hashem was on their side and nothing else counts!

This is one of the fundamental yesodos that I would like to bring out. The Chashmonaim didn't go to war with expectations. They realized that their job is to go out to war to defend Hashem's honor. What the result would be is up to Hashem. Obviously, Hashem saw that this war was all about Him, so Hashem was on their side and the rest is history.

We clearly hear the messages that Chanukahh calls out to us:

1. No matter how much darkness we are in. No matter how difficult and bleak the situation may be, we can never give up.

2. Our job is not to think about the results. Our job is to do for Hashem even if it seems impossible, because the results are not in our hands. This should be a tremendous chizzuk for all of us.

3. As the Ramchal says: The great mesiras nefesh brought about the great light of Chanukah, in which we still bask in until today.

We see these concepts in the halachos of Chanukah. There is one Halacha, that preferably, the Menora should be lit under ten handbreadths from the ground. The Seforim teach us that this symbolizes precisely what we said. Even if we are so low down, we cannot give up, and we can still rekindle the fire of our Neshama.

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Another Halacha is to light the Menora when it's dark, and not by day in contrast to most Mitzvos. The Gemara explains that by day the candle is not really effective. But we can say that this symbolizes that our light emerges from the greatest darkness.

Another Halacha is, that if one lit the Chanukah candle, and it extinguished, you don't need to relight it. This is known as "Kavsa ein zakuk la". The Seforim teach us that this symbolizes the other concept. The message of Chanukah is that you need to light your candle. What would happen afterwards, whether it burns the full half hour or not, is not your business. However, obviously as the Gemara says you need to put in the right amount of oil, because you have to give it all you can as we explained.

In parshas Vayishlach we have the story of Yosef and his brothers. After they sold him and the brothers told their father that when Yosef was killed by an animal, Yaakov went into mourning. Right after this the Torah brings the story of Yehuda who goes off to find for himself a shidduch. The Midrash says something really fascinating: Yosef was sold to Mitzrayim, Yaakov was plunged into mourning, and Yehuda was going to get married. Hashem went and prepared the light of Moshiach. Obviously, this Midrash needs an explanation.

I heard a fascinating explanation. At that point of time Yaakov and the Shevatim were in a very dark and bleak situation as you can imagine. This can bring everyone into depression r"l. Yehuda is the lion. The lion is known to fight other animals to

the very bitter end, even against those that are mightier than him. That's because he has this trait of not giving up. On that note, Yehuda saw where this was heading, and he said that we need to move on, we can't give up. He got up and he went to look for a Shidduch.

Hashem said that this midah and action that Yehuda did, planted seeds for the light of Moshiach. Moshiach is preceded by a darkness, but we as Yidden don't give up and we still anticipate the crack of dawn. This is what brings about the light of Moshiach. Similar to Chanukah where the brilliant light of Chanukah was brought about through their perseverance and mesiras nefesh as we explained.

We will conclude with a powerful story: There was an informer who was causing many people a tremendous amount of pain and anguish. The people of the town went to the chozeh of Lublin to tell the Rebbe of their plight.

That day happened to be Chanukah. When they came to the Rebbe they wrote down the moser's name on a paper. When the Rebbe looked at his name the Rebbe commented that this man's Neshama was shining. The chassidim looked at each other bewildered.

Later, they found out that this man at that time was lighting the Chanukah candles.

We can see from here that the Light of the Menorah has the ability to shine through the lowest people. As we explained, the message of Chanukah is that no matter how far we have fallen we can stand up and rekindle our soul.

We are reliving a very similar

saga that preceded the story of Chanukah.

So many people are 1000% convinced that life on this world is terrible. They are fed daily, tens of stories painted in the most negative light.

Thousands of media outlets, are spreading around, 24/7 365 days a year, slander on Hashem and on the most stunning beautiful wonderful world He creates and runs. They are attempting to block Hashem out of the picture r"l!

They try to convince us that the world is in chaos. They try to scare us into thinking that there are human beings in this world who can harm us. They try to convince us that we are living in a terrible world.

Klal Yisrael is getting up like a lion and defending Hashem's name with mesiras nefesh.

NO! There is no such thing as chaos! Hashem is completely in control!

NO! We aren't afraid of any human beings! They cannot do anything!

NO! There are no such things as 'tragedies'! Hashem's perfect world is filled with beautiful kindness, from one end of the universe to the other! Our days are overflowing with His endless love and care!

With strengthening our bitachon in Hashem we will soon bask in the light of Moshiach who will be coming speedily, Amein.

GROWING FROM OUR GEDOLIM #6

WRITTEN BY: RABBI MATIS EDELSON

MIDDOS

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EMUNAH

AHAVAS YISROEL

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MITZVOS

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TZEDAKAH

Rotten Oranges

When Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld (1848 – 1932), the Rov of Yerushalayim and head of the Eidah Chareidis, came to Yerushalayim in 1873, he went to the Kosel Hama'aravi with another Jew. On the way, an Arab storekeeper threw a rotten orange at him. Rav Yosef Chaim turned to the Arab, and said to him in Yiddish, "Thank you very much." The Arab wanted to know what Rav Yosef Chaim said, so the other Jew translated his words for the Arab. The Arab asked him why he thanked him. Rav Yosef Chaim replied, "I am thankful that you threw an orange and not a rock." The Arab was embarrassed, and from then on, every time Rav Yosef Chaim passed his store, he would show him great respect.



Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld (2nd from left)

Always Be Prepared

Reb Yitzchok of Vurka, the Vorker Rebbe (1779–1848), was a talmid of the rebbe Reb Bunim of Peshischa and the Chozeh of Lublin, and is the ancestor of the current Amshinover Rebbes. He was once traveling in a wagon with a friend. The wagon driver, who was a rough and coarse person, insulted them. Reb Yitzchok's friend answered back to the wagon driver, but Reb Yitzchok remained silent. His friend asked him, "How can you stay silent while he insults us?" Reb Yitzchok told him, "You weren't properly prepared. You expected the wagon driver to be polite and friendly, so you were shocked when he insulted us. I know that wagon drivers may be coarse and rude, so I was mentally prepared to get insulted. The insults are usually not as bad as I expect, so they don't bother me!"

The Taxi Driver's Present

A certain Tzaddik who lived out of Eretz Yisroel, once visited Reb Aharon Leib Shteinman and told him, "I have to tell you that you saved my kehilla." He told Reb Aharon Leib the following story. "About two years ago, I visited Eretz Yisroel, and I took a ride in a taxi. I got into a friendly conversation with the taxi driver, and when we arrived at our destination, he told me that he wants to give me a sefer which had divrei Torah of Rav Shteinman (M'zkeinim Esbonan). He said that he received it as a gift from a previous passenger, and since he did not know how to learn, he thought that I would appreciate it more than he would. When I looked in the sefer, I saw that it was full of chizzuk about staying away from arguments and fights, and it was written in a clear and simple manner."

Here is part of what's written there: "If someone gets into a fight with you about money, and it leads to animosity, give in to him! What do you care? Just give in, you never lose from giving in! Even if the fight is about a lot of money, if it leads to hatred, give in! A person never knows his time, he's here today, but in one minute he can be gone, then what will his money do for him? It's true a person has to live, he has to eat, he has to have a home, he can't sleep on the streets, but "a lot of money"? What does he need a lot of money for? In one minute, he can be summoned to beis din shel maalah, and what will he tell them? "I had a lot of money"? They will laugh at him!

The tzaddik continued his story and told Rav Shteinman, "I saw that it was Hashgocha Pratis that I received this sefer, as in my kehila there are many wealthy Yidden, and there was a lot of fighting and animosity between them. I went myself to each one of the wealthy Yidden in my kehila, and I learned with them part of your sefer. The simple but sincere words in your sefer had a profound effect on them, and they stopped all the fighting and hatred, and now they live with achdus, love and peace with each other. I had so much appreciation to you for this, that I decided to travel here to you to thank you personally."



Reb Aharon Leib Shteinman

STORIES ABOUT OUR GEDOLIM

By: M.D. Applegrad

The posuk says Shivisi H' Lnegdi Samid. The Baal Shem Tov ztz"l explains that the word Shivisi comes from the word Shoveh- the same. Meaning that whatever happens to you, whether it's good or bad, you say: if this is good in Hashem's eyes then it's good in mine too. He adds that this is a great madrega.

Two Yidden were waiting for a train in Russia when a Jewish Russian soldier passed by. The soldier told them about all his hardships in remaining a Yid in the army. The two Yidden sighed, so the soldier told them not to worry because "I know that it's all for my good.".. The soldier explained that Hashem would have gained much more if I wouldn't be in the army - I could learn more Torah, keep Shabbos, keep kosher ... So why did Hashem put me in the army? It must be that Hashem knows that this situation is better for me. And if Hashem forgives his own pleasures (my avodas Hashem) for my sake then how can I complain...?

We can learn from this story two big lessons. One: Look at the emunah and ahavas Hashem of a "poshite yid". Two: how much we must appreciate that we can serve Hashem openly and freely.

Good Shabbos!

A STORY FOR THE PARSHA

By: Yaakov Berliner - Lakewood, New Jersey

"...for the Chief Wine Butler did not remember Yosef and he forgot him..." (look in Rashi for the connection to the story)

One night, the Alter of Novardok (R' Yosef Yoizel Horowitz), was sitting alone in his house in the woods, learning Torah by candlelight. He continued learning until his very last candle burned out. The Alter was left sitting in complete darkness and it saddened him that he would have to stop learning for lack of a candle. But then the Alter decided that he must strengthen his faith in Hashem and trust that Hashem provides him with all his needs, including a candle. The Alter quickly got up and opened the door of his house. At that very moment, a man stepped out of the forest, handed him a candle and disappeared.

For twenty-five years the Alter saved the candle as a remembrance of that miracle and to show his students that Hashem takes special care of those who sincerely trust in Him. But then a fire broke out in Novardok. The Alter's home was among the many houses that were destroyed in the fire. The fire consumed everything that was in his house, including the wondrous candle. "You should know," said the Alter to his students, "that Heaven made us lose the candle in order to teach us that we must trust in Hashem even when we have no proof that He will help us."

A Gut Shabbos!

SIXTY SECONDS

With Rabbi Label Lam - Monsey, New York



Manna From Heaven

I remember when I was a Yeshiva bochur, one evening I was beginning a walk down the long

Yeshiva driveway, and I looked up at the streetlight. I noticed what seemed to be a giant plague of locusts about to descend upon the city. But it was really billions of giant white snowflakes that were beginning to settle down. My immediate reaction was, shrek, thinking about all the slush, and the cold, and the inconvenience that

this snow would cause. As I continued the walk, coming up in the other direction was a young fellow from South Africa who never saw snow before in his life. And he was exulting and shouting, "Manna from Heaven! Manna from Heaven!"

As we passed, I was thinking about my thoughts about the snow, and reflecting on his reaction to the same phenomenon. And I realized that sometimes two people could look at the same thing, and one person says: "shrek," and the other one says: "Manna from Heaven!"

Good Shabbos!

AYIN עין טובה TOVA

פרשת וישב - כסליו תשפ"ג

By: R' Nesanel Landesman

Suggestions for the case of when Meir's high school friend becomes a famous Rav while he remains relatively unknown.

- Meir should take note of the qualities that made Dovi more successful and try to learn from him.
- Meir should also understand that success is not necessarily measured by how popular you are but by how many people you have positively influenced.
- Maybe Meir is shy and can realize that being a world known speaker would not be the right position for him.
- Meir can think that although it seems exciting to have the prestige that Dovi has, it also comes with a lot more responsibility and a lot more issues and a lot more to deal with. When you have the position that Dovi has it's not all fun. It comes with sleepless nights and huge decisions to be made and a huge achrayus on your shoulders. It sometimes interferes with your family, your learning time, your schedule, everything.
- When somebody runs away from respect, respect runs after them. When they turn around to look if respect is running after them, the kovod doesn't run after them.
- Meir can work on himself to actually be happy for Dovi and realize that Hashem who knows all the pieces of our life, gave Dovi the tools he needs to succeed, and gave Meir the pieces he needs to mold him to be the best he can be.
- Hashem doesn't give one person a lot of something and then "run out" of that for the next person. Hashem gives us each exactly what we need to be the best we can be.
- R' Zevy Golombek suggested:
- When you are happy for the success of your friend, you get all the schar. You will even benefit more because you didn't get the kavod and sipuk.
- The less kavod you get in this world, the more you get in the next world.
- If you wish to go around the world to be marbitz Torah: Smile at people and you will make the world a much better place.
- Rabbi Yehuda Mandel suggested:
- Meir should realize that if someone gets kavod, it is because they need the kavod. Meir is on a higher level and does not need the extra kavod.

CASE OF THE WEEK:

The secretary told Yehudis she must be at the doctor's office at 9:00 am sharp as the doctor was running on-time. The secretary stressed that if she came late, she might forfeit her appointment. Yehudis arrived a few minutes early and waited for her turn.

At 11:15 she was finally called in.

Help Yehudis have ayin tova for her situation.

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THE LOOK

By: R' Nesanel Yoel Safran

There are those who say they were brought to Yiddishkeit by a class, or maybe a seminar. Some say it was the warmth of a certain family, a Shabbos, or a charismatic Rav or Rebbitzin.

But for me, and I only realized it some thirty years after it happened, I was brought to Yiddishkeit by a look.

I was sitting in a London youth hostel, chatting, and planning the next move on my backpack-through-Europe itinerary, when he came over to me. About my age at the time (mid 20's), he asked me if I was Jewish.

The question irked me. After more than six months in about a dozen countries, I'd rubbed elbows with just about every type of human being. If there was one thing I was sure of, it was that the particularities of nationality, race, and (especially) religion were all just artificial designations and hindrances along the path to the great spiritual wellspring that I so thirstily sought.

But it didn't seem like

this portly fellow with the scruffy bush of a beard and cabbie's cap was going to be able to appreciate that sort of an answer, nor let up his steady, questioning gaze. So what was I going to do, lie?

"Yes," I answered through the side of my mouth, hoping none of my table mates had heard either question or reply.

"So am I," he smiled. "Would you like to learn more about Judaism?" he forged on eagerly, apparently encouraged by my answer.

Learn more about Judaism? Hadn't seven dreary years of afternoon Hebrew School already acquainted me with far more on the subject than I'd ever cared to know?

"No, thanks," I tossed off somewhat haughtily. "I'm not interested in Judaism; I'm interested in finding spirituality."

That's when he gave me the 'Look'.

It was at once incredulous, astonished, stymied, and pained. And it was totally guileless, just his natural

reaction to my apparently outrageous non-sequitor.

As if he'd asked me if I wanted ice cream, and I'd said 'no thanks; I want something sweet.'

...Like he'd offered me a meal and I'd said, 'nope, I want something to eat.'

...Like he'd offered me millions, and I said I'd prefer having money.

...Or to tell me a joke, and I'd asked instead to hear something funny.

The look fell away as quickly as it had arisen and soon he was smiling, trying to talk me into some program or another.

How I got here from there is another story, which may someday be told. But had I been more self-aware back then, I certainly would have told him on the spot: "Stop working so hard. Can't you see? You've already won me over with ... the look. ♦

A VISIT TO R' DANIEL!

Recap: A most amazing piece of information that is too good to be true, came to our attention! That 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.

It was a beautiful chilly fall morning and we once again went to visit R' Daniel.

It was so long since we spoke to him last. We just couldn't wait any longer...

He welcomed us into his warm and cozy house. He excitingly made us a hot coffee and brought out from the kitchen delicious chocolate chip cookies. We then sat down and he gave us a most fascinating interview.

Spring Hill Times: Chanukah is approaching. It's a time when we invest a lot in the chinuch of our children. Can you please give us some guidance on how to raise our children to be ovdei Hashem?

R' Daniel: I think you need to speak to your Rav or your Rosh Yeshiva. I am from way back in time...

Spring Hill Times: But perhaps you have some ideas that you could share with us that would enhance our chinuch? Do you have any insight that you could share with our readers?

R' Daniel: Sure!

Make sure that your home is the best place for your child! There should be no other place on earth that he feels more loved and cared for, than in your house!

There should be no other place on earth where he feels more accepted than in your house!

There should be no other place on earth where your child feels more respected than in your home!

Spring Hill Times: This sounds so amazing. Is this all we need to do?

R' Daniel: This is just step 1.

Step 2 is: There should be no greater excitement in your house than doing a mitzvah!

No time should be more beloved than Shabbos and Yom Tov!

When the word 'Shabbos' is mentioned in your house you should be jumping up and down with excitement! When the word 'Chanukah' is mentioned in your house you should look like a drunkard who found another bottle of alcohol! Your face should look like someone who hasn't eaten all day and is sitting down to eat 3 extra cheese delicious slices of hot pizza and fries!

Spring Hill Times: But what if deep down I don't feel it.

R' Daniel: That is the trick and the trap of the Yetzer Hara! Yes! Your neshama feels it! It's 100% true! In no time, your body will feel it too!

There should be no greater anticipation in your home than looking forward to being close to Hashem!

The most delicious thing in your house should be learning Torah.

There should be no topic that is more interesting and exciting other than talking about Hashem.

Spring Hill Times: Wow! This sounds so amazing!

R' Daniel: Yes indeed!

Every time the word 'Hashem' is mentioned in your house your heart should start flowing with

gratitude for all that He does for you! It should be impossible for you to stop thanking Him and praising Him!

Spring Hill Times: Wow! This sounds so amazing!

R' Daniel: Yes it is! This is the true Gan Eden on this world!

And of course, don't forget to daven to Hashem that your children should follow in your ways...

Spring Hill Times: This so incredible. We can't wait to share it with our readers!

Spring Hill Times: How are we supposed to prepare ourselves for Chanukah? The Chashmonaim were such heroes! They went with mesiras nefesh to fight for Hashem! They were giants! How on earth are we supposed to connect to their levels?

R' Daniel: I'm sorry but I don't understand the question.

Spring Hill Times: How can we get into the spirit of Chanukah? We are trillions of light years away from the levels of the Chashmonaim!

R' Daniel: I'm so sorry but I don't have the slightest notion of what you are talking about.

We thought perhaps R' Daniel would understand better if the question was in yiddish:

ספרינג היל טיימס: מיר זענען אזוי ווייט פון דער מדרגות פון דער חשמונאים. ס'איז אזא בושע...

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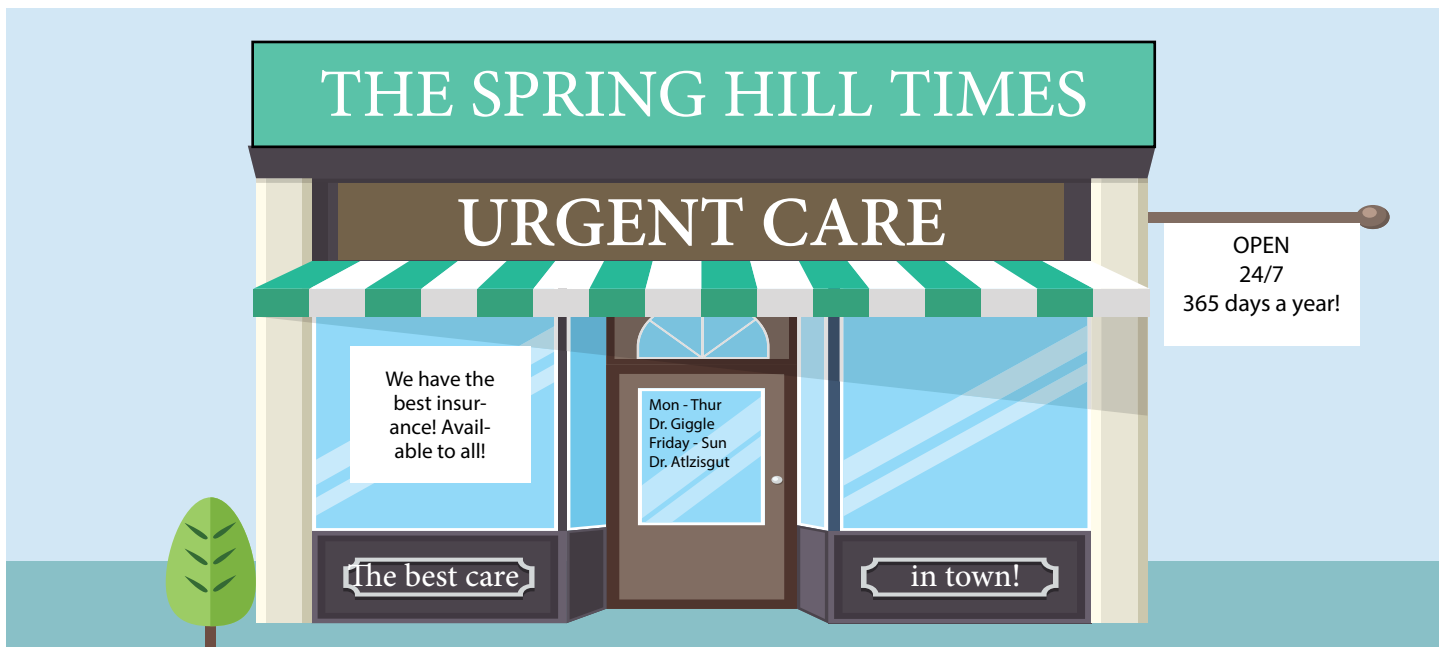
We then tried in Hebrew. Maybe then he would understand:

ספרינג היל טיימס: איך אנחנו יכולים לחגוג חנוכה כשאנחנו כ"כ רחוקים מהמדרגות של החשמונאים? ר' דניאל: אני מצטער אבל ממש אין לי מושג על מה אתה מדבר!

Spring Hill Times: Can you please explain to us why you don't understand the question?

R' Daniel: Sure!

**To be continued
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3. Thank Hashem that you are not stuck in 3 hours of traffic every single day!
4. Thank Hashem from the bottom of your heart that you aren't waiting in traffic while on the way to get treatments in the hospital!

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By Sruli Yelen - Lakewood, New Jersey



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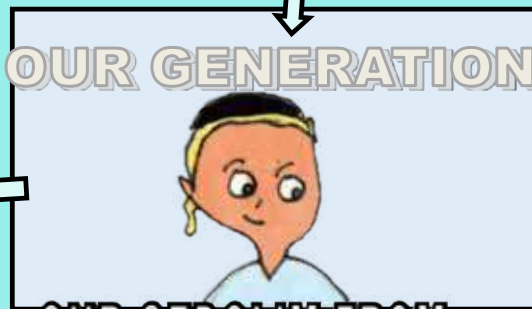
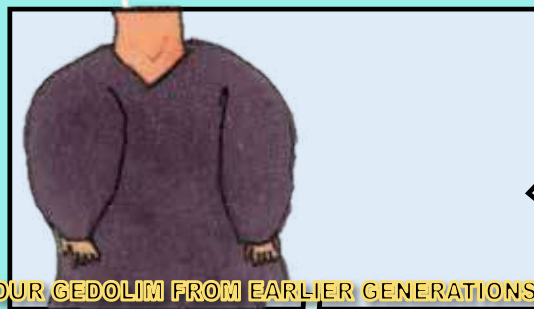


OUR GEDOLIM

by: Moshe Bunim Tkotzky



Once when Rav Shteinman traveled to Yerushalayim to give a derasha of chizuk, it was suggested to him that he visit The Kosel on his way back to Bnei Brak. But Rav Shteinman, rejected the suggestion. "A person needs to prepare himself before davening at The Kosel," he said, "and I don't have the presence of mind right now for that preparation."



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RECAP:

This happened with every strong man until it was the little boy's turn. He walked around the tree until he found a big crack and got the tree down.

A TRIP TO DENVER COLORADO



Please fasten your seat belts and join us on this amazing trip to Denver Colorado.

We are visiting Bentzy Krochmal. Don't forget to say Tefilas Hadelech... Have a safe trip!



One of the Spring Hill Times readers lives in Denver CO. He learns Hashem's Torah in the Denver Kollel and is very friendly with the local community.

One day, he saw a young boy being wheeled around in a wheelchair due to a broken foot. He was surprised to notice the boy looked happy and content despite not being able to use his feet.

The boy's name was Bentzi Krochmal. He asked Bentzi's parents if he can come and interview him on behalf of the Spring Hill Times to hear his story.

Spring Hill Times:

Hello Bentzi, how old are you and please tell us about yourself.

Bentzi:

I'm 8 years old. I live in Denver, Colorado. I go to the Hillel Academy School and I am in 3rd grade. My Rebbi is Rabbi Abrams. I love learning, and enjoy playing sports and with lego.

Spring Hill Times:

So tell us how you broke your leg.

Bentzi:

It was the first day of the last days of Succos. My family was in middle of their day meal and I went out to play on my plazma trike. My house is on a big hill. I started rolling



down the hill in the trike. Suddenly, it flipped over and I hurt my leg.

Spring Hill Times:

Oh my! That must have hurt! Were you in a lot of pain? Did you think that it was broken?

Bentzi:

Actually I was in a lot of pain but there was no swelling. There was even a doctor by our meal and he said it didn't look like it was broken, so we didn't rush to the hospital. But after a while we realized that the pain wasn't letting up so we knew we had to go.

Spring Hill Times:

So tell us what happened when you went to the hospital.

Bentzi:

Well when we got there, they took x-rays and the nurse said that she didn't think it was broken. So, we were in the mode of thinking that it wasn't broken. Additionally, I wanted to get back home so badly because that night was Simchas Torah. I really didn't want to miss dancing with the Torah. It's the high-

light of the whole Yom Tov.

But then the doctor came in and told us the news that it in fact was broken. The doctor said that if I would be like 10 years old then they would even have to do surgery, because it was a bad break (spiral fracture), but because I'm only eight they didn't have to do it. He said I would need to be in a wheelchair for a lot of weeks.

Spring Hill Times:

It must have been hard for you to hear that it was broken.

Bentzi's Father:

Yes! It was hard for Bentzi. In fact, one of the first things he said was that he was crying because he wouldn't be able to dance with the Torah on Simchas Torah! He was saying, "I just want to dance with the Torah."

We assured him that we would bring him to shul even if his leg was broken.

Now listen to this: the first thing that Bentzi said to the doctor when the doctor said that his foot was broken was: "Rabbi Abrams said that nothing happens without Hashem wanting it to happen. Whatever happens to us makes us stronger. Everything Hashem does is for the good!"

When the doctor heard that, he responded that during his whole career as a doctor he has never seen a child react so positively!

Spring Hill Times:

Wow! Bentzi, you made a real kiddush Hashem! Not only for the doctor but for all of our readers too! This will inspire all the girls and boys (and adults) who will read this interview.

Did you go to the shul on Simchas Torah?

Bentzi:

We came home that night too late, but the next day my dad brought me to shul in a stroller because we didn't get my wheelchair yet. My dad carried me around to dance with the Torah. They even let me hold a small Torah while I was sitting!

Spring Hill Times:

Wow! I guess you couldn't help your father take down the succah this year.

Bentzi:

That's right! My sister had to help out instead of me. But I got to help a lot with putting it up. Especially the lights and decorations. Because my older brother was in an out-of-town yeshivah,

so I was the only one who could help.

Bentzi's Mother:

The Shabbos after Succos, I took Bentzi in his wheelchair to the park near our house. It wasn't easy for Bentzi because Bentzi loves to run and play, and it made him a little sad. We were discussing the fact that we take so many of these gifts for granted, like using our feet to run and play. Then Bentzi said "Maybe the reason Hashem made me in this situation is so that I could just sit back and see the Fall season; all the colorful beautiful leaves. Whereas if I would be able to run and play, I wouldn't be able to enjoy and realize these gifts."

Spring Hill Times:

Wow, that's such an amazing perspective, that's so inspiring!

So Bentzi, tell us how you kept busy at home, before you started to go back to school.

Bentzi:

I kept myself busy with building big lego projects, I built a big lego motorcycle.

Even before I started to go back to school, my classmates kept coming over to my house to be with me and sit next to me and play. This was nice because a lot of them would have wanted to go out and play ball but instead they chose to be with me and make me feel good. The class also sent me a jumbo 'get well card' which they drew and that made me feel very good. The boys also called me and sent me emails. My Rebbi called as

well and the Principal, Rabbi Goldbaum, who lives near me stopped by too.

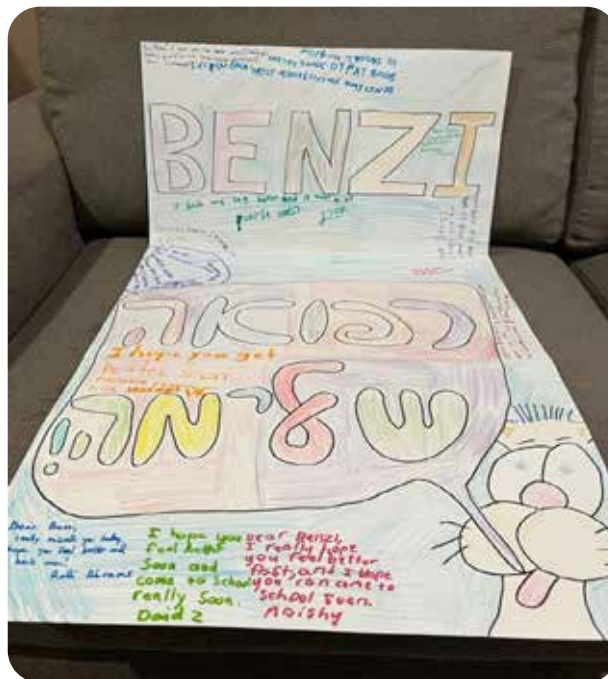
Spring Hill Times:

Wow! What amazing friends you have!

When did you start actually going back to school.

Bentzi:

About a week and a half after I broke my leg, I went back to school. I had to wait until it wasn't



hurting me as much, because if I would go back right away then people could bump into me and it would hurt.

When I came back to school, everyone was so excited! Everyone wanted to take care of me! The Principal, Rabbi Goldbaum, was very helpful and went out of his way to accommodate my needs. He would wheel me around if I had to go somewhere, because the teacher and Rebbi couldn't just leave the class.

Spring Hill Times:

I bet you never realized how lucky you are to have such good friends, Rebbiem, teachers and Principal!

Bentzi:

Yes! That is something I realized that I didn't think about before I had broken my leg.

Spring Hill Times:

What did you do during recess time?

Bentzi:

At first, I would stay inside and play with my lego. Then, after a few days, I would go out in my wheelchair to the football game my class would play. My friends wanted to include me in, so they appointed me to be the referee of the game. Usually there would be some fights whether someone got out or not, but now that I was the referee there weren't any fights.

Spring Hill Times:

Wow!

Bentzi's Father:

Bentzi would always want to go to the Kollel Minyan in our neighborhood to daven and to come a little early so we could learn mishnayos. I really tried my best to take him out whenever possible.

Spring Hill Times:

Wow! Very impressive!

So Bentzi, when did the doctor say that you could take off your cast and leave the wheelchair?

Bentzi:

At the last visit, the doctor said that it would be around two weeks, so hopefully I could take it off soon.

I actually have a funny story that just happened the other day. I had an itch in my cast, so I took

a lego spear and stuck it in to itch myself. And then before I knew it the spear fell into my cast. At first, I didn't want to tell my parents because I was a little embarrassed, but the next day, I told them.

We went to the doctor who said that we must take off the cast and take the lego piece out and then put on a new one. That's what they did and the new one wasn't as thick, and when I went home, I felt that I could walk much better on it!

Bentzi's Father:

And Bentzi remarked: "Maybe that's why Hashem made the lego piece fall in so that I could get a new cast and then it would be easier to walk on!"

Spring Hill Times:

Wow! That is amazing Hashgacha! This is so exciting! I bet you are going to be back to running around and playing as soon as you are able to.

Bentzi:

Yes. I cant wait!

Spring Hill Times:

Bentzi, it was a pleasure to interview you, your family and to hear your story.

What message would you like to give our boys and girls who will read this interview?

Besides the fact that one shouldn't ride a plazma trike fast downhill...

Bentzi:

Well, like my mother said before, it was a lesson to realize all the good I have in my life that I take for granted. I learned to appreciate a lot of things I wasn't able to do and to appreciate the friends, family and teachers and all they have done to help me.

Spring Hill Times:

Wow! That's an amazing message. Thank You for taking the time to tell us your story! You are a very special boy Bentzi! And I can tell that you will inspire many people in the future. You should have a full recovery and continue to grow in school and give your parents and teachers only nachas!

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HATTY'S TALES

Yossi that's the 3rd λ in a row! Is it weighted or something?

Not that I know of. If it was, you would also get them.

Hey Uncle Shuey can you tell me a Chanukah story!

Um well we were in the middle of a game...

In Yeshiva we never hear stories other than in gemara shiur, and those don't have voices

You're saying a story with voices? That sounds exciting!

The game was getting a little boring and I love your stories!

It makes me learn better. Also you only come once in a while.

PLEASE

Okay Okay

TIATTY'S TALES

Sarala, a yesoma, lived in the loving home of the Gravitzer. The Rebbe promised her that she would find a shidduch. It was Chanukah and she still wasn't a kallah.



I shouldn't cry. I'm zoche to set up the Tzadik's menorah!



Sarala, I have an idea. I think you should hide the menorah and not say where it is, until the Rebbe tells you when or how you will find your chosson.



But Rebbitzen!!!



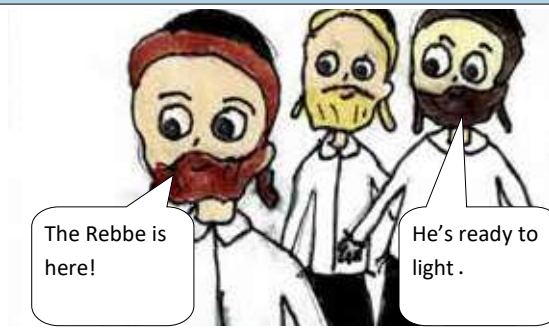
I can't bear to see you upset anymore. You went through so much in your life and, I just want to see you happy. Don't worry I'll take responsibility!



I guess so. Here come the Chasidim!



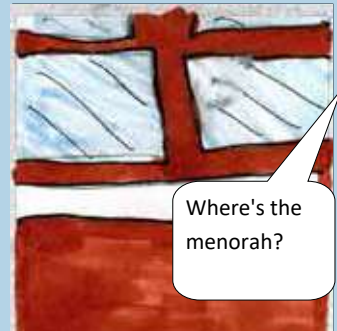
The Rebbe is here!



He's ready to light.



Where's the menorah?



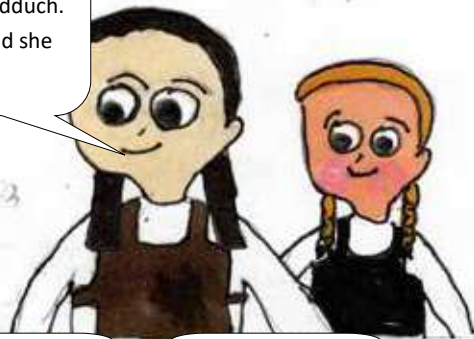
FLATTY'S TALES



Rebbitzen, Sarala, where's my menorah?



I hid it! You said that Sarala would find her shidduch. What should she do now?



After Yom Tov set up a stand in the market. You could always visit and come for Shabbos, but you'll live in a little house there. You must remember to always be emesdik!



It will be so hard to leave but I must have Emunas Chachamim! That was a weird request I'm a pretty honest person



After Yom Tov

A little bit later



Wow that man looks rich!



A few minutes later

I'm here on business from Brazil. Here's the money for the fruits. Have a good day.



He dropped 5 diamonds I'm rich! Wait, that's why the Rebbe said to be emesdik. I have to return it!



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By T. Bauman

I am a very busy creature.
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Spreading and collecting
At a steady, quicker pace.
Most people find me pesky,
Some call me mean.

I guess because when we connect
It usually ends with a scream.

© But still, deep down, I know
There's an appreciation for me.

For in my home you find
Some treat that wouldn't be.

I have a truly large family
and we are all in the business together,
We focus on the manufacturing
While it's warmer weather.
If you know my name,
Bang the buzzer loud!
Don't bumble some guesses,
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But they don't even come close to the deliciousness of simply saying: "I love You Hashem."

The Path to Success

By: R' Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

We all enjoy a good challenge. For some, it can be a difficult hike or game. Others find it exciting to prepare for an upcoming event. It could be raining, someone could get dirty, or the person might have to pull an all-nighter, but it is all insignificant, as the person is focused on completing his goal.

This is exactly how the Alter of Novardok describes how a person should view difficulties in his life (Sefer Madreigas Ha'adam, Nekudas Ha'emes, Perek Daled). Difficulties are exciting challenges from Hashem that bring out one's true greatness. Much like a ladder is needed to reach a high place, so too one's struggles lead one to greatness. A person does not fulfill his potential despite his nisyonos; he fulfills his potential because of his nisyonos.

Rabbi Daniel Kalish shlita beautifully explains how ones' struggles and challenges awakens his emotions. If he finds a way to bring Hashem into the nisayon, he will automatically connect to Hashem in a very real, emotional way. For example, if a person is nervous about his parnassah, he has the opportunity to grow and connect to Bitachon in Hashem that He will provide for him. Someone who struggles with negativity and feeling down can connect to Hashem with simcha,

in a more profound and meaningful way than someone who does not share the same struggle.

One can daven and have Bitachon that Hashem will shield him from nisyonos, as this itself is a way of utilizing and growing from challenges. There is no need to look for trouble. But for the present moment, one should recognize that a nisayon is an opportunity to attain the highest level of Gan Eden.

A woman once came to Rav Chaim Mordechai Weinkrantz zatzal. She complained to him, "My relative treated me so badly. How can I deal with it?" Rav Weinkrantz responded, "Do you know how I became a gadol? Whenever I was faced with difficulties, instead of getting angry or irritated, I would label it as a nisayon. I would view the difficulty as a test from Hashem to see if I would react positively or not. With that, I would pass the test with flying colors. So, too you, label your relative as a nisayon. You are surely going to want to score well on tests. This way, you will respond calmly and become someone great."

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach!

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