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This week's issue is smaller than usual. BE"H we will be back next week better than ever! **Have a wonderful Shabbos!**



Hashem, Your world is overflowing with kindness!

THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF LAKEWOOD

It was Thursday night and Mrs. Katz* from Lakewood, New Jersey was shopping in a local store lekvod Shabbos.



When she was done, she went to the cashier to pay. But she did not have enough money. So she started telling the cashier, "Please take off this item. This one too... I'm going to put them back"

All of sudden, the man waiting in line behind her said, "Don't put the items back. I'm paying for them." מי כעמך ישראל

PATIENT ADMINISTRATORS BITACHON TO DOCTOR

Mrs. Weiss had a baby. While she was in the hospital, she called 'A Life with Bitachon' and listened to the songs. They helped her relax.

She noticed that one of the doctors was at times uptight. But when she put on the songs of Bitachon he would become calmer.

The doctor told her, "Wow there is something about those songs. They are making me very calm. Can you please give me the number to the hotline?!?!?"

HASHEM LOVES US!

It was 4:00 am in the morning, and Mrs. Malinowitz, from Lakewood, New Jersey, was all ready to leave to the airport. She was going to pick up her son who was coming back from Eretz Yisrael.

But the keys to her Toyota Avalon were nowhere to be found. She searched all over but couldn't

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A LETTER OF BRACHA AND CHIZUK FROM THE ZIKNEI RO-SHEI YESHIVA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HARAV SHMUEL KAMENSKY SHLITA

AND

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הגני בזה להכיר ולהוקיר ולהודיע בשער בת רבים פעולותיו הברוכות של המל"ע המפורסם והנודע "ספרינג היל טיימס", אשר מטרתו להפיץ אהבת ה' ואהבת ישראל וכל כולו בנוי על טהרת הקודש ללא שום ידיעות חיצוניות מאומות העולם, וכל מטרתו להביא לידיעת הציבור הרחב הדברים הטובים שהקב"ה עושה לנו בכל יום - נפלאותיך וטובותיך שבכל עת ערב ובוקר וצהריים.

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שמעון קאמניטקי
אליהו ב"ר יצחק וואכטפוגל

WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP

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find them. She did find the keys to a car that used to belong to her mother a"h, a Honda that they didn't own anymore. Remembering the story mentioned in Chazal about Rav Chanina ben Dosa who had bitachon that Hashem could make vinegar burn, she said, "The same Hashem Who said that the right key should turn on the engine can make the wrong key also turn on the engine." She then went ahead and took the Honda key and stuck it into the Toyota Avalon and the engine went on!!! Baruch Hashem she was able to pick up her son!

Yes! Klal Yisrael today is as beautiful as ever! Yes, Hashem loves us now as ever! And yes, there is nothing like the power of bitachon!

HASHEM SENDS MAN \$100

Sruli* from Lakewood, New Jersey, is usually busy on Mondays, and never goes then shopping. One Monday, they had run out of bread, so he had no choice and went shopping. While he was shopping, he met some-

body that he knew who told him, "I heard that you are putting out a Sefer and I want to give you \$100."

Sruli openly saw the Hashgacha Pratis that Hashem made him go to the store at that specific time. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM GIVES FAMILY BOILED EGGS

It was Sunday evening, and the Braun* children from Eretz Yisrael wanted boiled eggs for supper.

So Mr. Braun put up a pot with eggs and tried turning on the gas but it didn't work.

He called the gas company, and they told him that there was a problem with the gas and they would only be able to fix it the next day.

He didn't know what to do.

Then he remembered that he had cooked eggs in his fridge because he had made eggs for Shalosh Seudos, but then on Shabbos afternoon, one of his friends had invited him over with his family for Shalosh Seudos!

Hakadosh Baruch Hu worked everything out so that even though the

gas didn't work he would still have eggs to give his children for supper! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

HASHEM HELPS WOMAN

A Bachur in Eretz Yisroel was waiting for a bus to go to yeshiva, but the bus wasn't coming. So he ended up walking. The walk was very hard, and he was thinking to himself, "Why did Hashem want me to walk to yeshiva?"

He then suddenly heard a woman calling out to him, "Can you please help me? Can you please help me?"

He saw that she was stuck behind the gate of a kindergarten, and wasn't able to open it from the inside. She was able to give him the code so he could open it from the outside. Hashem made it happen that he would not have a bus, so that he would be able to help the lady get out of the gate! [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

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

WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP

HASHGACHA PRATIS IN THE BEIS MEDRASH

MAN UNDERSTANDS SUGYA

My father was learning in the Bais Medrash. He got up to certain part that he just could not understand. The sugya was just not clicking.

He tried to see if there was an Artscroll sefer or something that would explain his confusion, but the Bais Medrash did not have any such seforim. Then my father realized that it's Hashem who makes people understand. So he asked Hashem to help him understand.

A minute later, he went through the sugya again and he saw that there was one part that he missed and then the whole sugya clicked and made sense!

SPRING HILL TIMES ENCOURAGES YESHIVA BOCHUR

Chaim,* a yeshiva bochur in an out-of-town yeshiva, was struggling and not doing well.

One week, he read the Spring Hill Times and was very encouraged by it.

At the same time, there was a maggid shiur from Eretz Yisroel who spoke in his yeshiva. He spoke about Rebbi Akiva. He

said that Hashem gave Rebbi Akiva a chance to grow. He saw the rock that had a hole formed by the dripping water, and learned from it.

The maggid shiur continued and said that Hashem gives every Yid the chance to shteig.

So this struggling bochur was mechazeik from the Spring Hill Times and Rebbi Akiva.

He asked Hashem to help him shteig, and he asked for a siman.

The next day, during first seder, the bochur saw a younger bochur who he used to learn with and it didn't really work out so well.

They ended up doing something not so smart and he got a big knas. Due to the knas he couldn't learn.

The bochur decided to tell his Rebbi the story what happened and why he couldn't learn first seder.

The Rebbi said "I'll try to see what I can do."

The next day, the Rebbi told the bochur, "I have a chavrusa, a businessman, who is very machshiv Torah. I told him about a bochur who couldn't learn first seder because of what had he

did and the knas he got.

The businessman heard the story and said "I'll pay his whole knas!"

He gave me the money and paid the whole knas for you!"

The bochur took this as tremendous chizuk. He felt as this was his siman from Hashem. He couldn't believe it really happened to him!

Now this bochur is k'knocking away. He's mamash one of the best bochurim in yeshiva!

Interestingly, the maggid shiur from Eretz Yisrael who gave over the shtickel about Rebbi Akiva had stayed at this very same businessman's house!

Thank you Spring Hill Times for the chizuk! You should continue b'hatzla-cha!

A Yeshiva bochur

Editor's note: *It was worth creating the entire Spring Hill Times just for this story alone, to be mechazek a Yeshiva bochur .. and of course also for all the other thousands of people who get chizuk...*

LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

MAZAL TOV!

A Kallah who follows 'A Life with Bitachon', called me with a most amazing story:

She had heard on my hotline a story about a doctor by the name of R' Naftali Golombeck.

He was thirty years old and he hadn't yet found his shidduch.

Someone came over to him by his brother's vort and said, You will become a chosson in the next three months."

And yes, he became a chosson within three months!

The power of positivity!

R' Naftali then saw a 30-year-old boy by his younger brother's vort and he used the same method. he told him that he would become a chosson within three months and yes he also became a chosson!

So, this kallah said that she was an older girl, and she used the same approach of positivity. She told herself that she would be a Kallah in the next three months.

Five weeks later, she became a kallah!!!

HASHEM GIVES MAN \$70,000

R' Efraim*, from Monsey, New York, was making a chasunah. He didn't have any money.

Someone asked him, "How are you making a chasunah?"

He said, "Oh, Hashem is making it for us."

The man was so impressed by that answer that he gave R' Efraim a \$70,000 check!!!

R' Efraim wasn't used to such money and he didn't even know how to spend it.

They even had leftover money to put away for the next Chasunah...

YIDDEN LOVE TO BE KIND

I was in the otzer at Bais Medrash Gevoah and needed a tissue. The yeshiva doesn't supply tissues. I got up from table and there was a tissue box on the table that said "please take."

It's so nice how Yidden want to give! They want to do chessed. Yidden care about each other!

REBBI TURNS TO HASH-

A Rebbi in Lakewood, New Jersey, lives on an extremely tight budget and desperately needed more money.

He said, "Hashem, should I reach out to someone? Yes, I'll reach out to You!"

On Zos Chanukah, a Yid gave the Rebbi \$8,800!

Klal Yisroel is so unbelievable, so generous! What a beautiful nation!

HASHEM HELPS BUBBY COME ON TIME TO BAR MITZVAH

My neighbor was making a Bar Mitzva. They put up their bubby in the house across the street.

The bubby asked one of her grandchildren to wake her up in the morning, so she would be on time for the Bar Mitzva.

When the morning came, the grandchild went to the house where her bubby was staying, but the door was locked. She didn't know the combination and she did not know what to do.

Right then, the hostess walked out of the house! The grandchild was then able to go in and wake up

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her bubby!

HASHEM GIVES YUNGERMAN FREE PLACE TO STAY

R' Shloime,* a Chassidische yungerman, likes to go to Skver for Yomim Tovim and Shabbosim to be close to the Rebbe.

Apartments during those times of the year are in very high demand and the rent prices are very expensive.

He really wanted to go, but he found it hard to find an affordable apartment.

He did not know what to do.

He was speaking with someone who lives nearby who said that he always has an open available basement with a few bedrooms. He told R' Shloime that he is welcome to come for as long as he wants and whenever he wants, for free!

THE SECRET INGREDIENT

Mrs. Altusky* had a guest one Shabbos.

The guest noticed that her dealings with her children were calm. The kids were happy and the whole atmosphere in the house was good.

The guest went over to Mrs.

Altusky* and asked her what her secret trick was to a happy home.

Mrs. Altusky* said that its very simple! She follows 'A Life with Bitachon' and there she learns all the tools she needs to be calm and positive in every situation that comes her way! When she sees and feels that everything is positive, she acts positive, and it spreads to the rest of the family!

PAYMENT GOES THROUGH WITH BITACHON

A yungerman went shopping in a store and he wanted to pay with his EBT card. The cashier said that he's so sorry, but the EBT system was down the whole day. "The only way you could pay is with cash or credit card."

The yungerman decided that he had another way to pay. "I'm going with Bitachon that everything should work out!"

He asked the cashier to try one more time with the EBT card. The cashier tried, and it worked! He had no clue what happened and what he did different this time! It was not working the whole day and now it miraculously went!

A LIFE OF BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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**YIDDEN
LOVE EACH
OTHER**

I want to share a story that happened in a bookstore in Tzfas.

One day, someone left a box of doughnuts in the store. They called up to tell the worker in the store that they would come to pick them up.

The store is located in a place where it is very hard to find parking on the street. So, when one of the workers in the store got a message that they were on the way to pick up the doughnuts, the worker said that it would be no problem for her, and she would gladly bring out the doughnuts to the car, so she would not need to find parking! Mi K'amcha Yisroel!

A reader - Tzefas

HASHEM WANTS BITACHON

I lost a piece of jewelry. It was a day before my brother's Bar Mitzva and I really wanted to wear it, but I couldn't find it. I had Bitachon, and I said that if Hashem wants me to have it, I could still find it. I also said that if Hashem helps me find it, I would publicize my story in the Spring Hill Times.

Less than a week later, I found the jewelry in a place that I had already looked! I realized that Hashem was just waiting for me have Bitachon in Him!

A reader - Monsey, NY

**HASHEM TAKES CARE OF US
DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL!**

I always make a lot of chicken soup and then freeze portions of it

to last a few weeks. I made a big pot of chicken soup erev Shabbos Mikeitz.

Because it was a short Friday, I did not have time to pack away the soup before Shabbos. I did not have room for the large pot in my packed refrigerator. But as I often do in the winter, I take advantage of the "extra fridge" that Hashem provides me, putting the full soup pot out on the porch. It was cold enough to keep the soup from spoiling.

Under typical circumstances, after Shabbos, I would put the cold soup in smaller containers to freeze. However, Shabbos Mikeitz was frigidly cold and to my surprise, I found my soup completely frozen Sunday morning. To put it away, I would need to heat it first. I got busy with other things, and in fact, the soup stayed frozen the entire week! It only started to thaw as the weather warmed to almost spring-like temperatures on Friday erev Shabbos Vayigash and then I warmed it for Shabbos, putting the extras into their containers in the afternoon.

Hashem didn't just give me an extra refrigerator, He gave me an extra freezer for exactly the amount of time that I needed it!

A Reader

WOMAN DOESN'T GET ANGRY

I'm a mother of a big family from Eretz Yisroel. I haven't been able to finish the month without help or using credit cards for a long time.

Recently, I had an opportunity where I could have gotten really upset and instead I stayed quiet.

I davened hard to HaShem and B"H for the first time in many months I finished the month nicely without using my credit card or asking

people for help. And the cupboards are full.

A reader - Eretz Yisrael

A SPRING HILL TIMES STORY

Hello Spring Hill Times,

I bought shoes but they didn't work for me. Although I kept the receipt, my toddler climbed into my desk and the receipt got misplaced.

I thought, "ok, No problem. I will just have to show the store my credit card so they can look up the record as the proof of purchase."

Meanwhile, during the course of the week, we lost our credit card! We canceled the card and ordered a new one.

I still had the shoes and it was a waste for them to just be sitting at home, but I was very skeptical to return them without any proof of purchase. All I had now with me was the pair of shoes!!

I said to myself I'm going to try. I would focus on my davening and see if I could speak to a manager with rachmanos and explain.

As I waited in line, I said to myself that if I'm able to return these shoes I would put my story in the Spring Hill Times.

When it was my turn, I asked for the manager. The young lady helping asked me if there was anything she could do before she got the manager. I explained the situation and B"H was able to return the shoes for credit in the store. The Spring Hill Times is a wonderful magazine and this story show me that a Hashem wants us to share and be mechazek each other with stories; both big and small of Emuna & bitachon.

Hatzlocha Rabbah!

A Reader - Chestnut Ridge, New York





Hashem positioned our taste buds primarily on our tongues. But some taste buds can also be found on our cheeks, our palate, the back of our throat and even at the beginning of the esophagus; where we swallow.

One place that seemingly got left out is the lips; there aren't any taste buds on the lips.

Why didn't Hashem create us with taste buds on our lips, like the rest of our mouth?

It can be suggested that Hashem wanted to connect and attach our pleasure with our nourishment, so we only taste our food once it is inside our mouth and at the point it is not convenient, or refined to spit it out any more. If we would be able to taste with our lips, we would just do that and no more. We would taste the food and we wouldn't necessarily swallow it, which would cause neglect in nourishing our bodies, which is the main reason why we eat.

Therefore Hashem did not give us any taste buds on our lips, to make sure that we would put the food into our mouths to get the pleasure and we would swallow it and get nour-

ished from the food.

Let's take a closer look at the function of our taste buds. Taste buds break up into different types of tastes. I'm sure that we realize that we have different types of taste, but we probably don't ever give it too much thought.

There are four basic tastes that we have (besides for another one or two that are not common) the four tastes are – sweet, salty, sour and bitter. Which means that there are different taste buds for sweet, different taste buds for salty, different for sour and for bitter.

Each group gives us different pleasures, and it is this variety which helps make eating an enjoyable experience.

It is important to note that there is something else called spicy but spice is not one of the groups of tastes. The reason for this is because the feeling that we get from spicy and burny foods is not something which we are receiving through our taste buds. It is a small trigger of pain that goes through our nerve endings and that is why when something is too spicy, the pain is too strong and we can't eat it.

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The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. I live in a city where it's very difficult to find parking. In order to find parking, I need to circle the block over and over. I find it very aggravating; instead of being productive, I'm spending all my time circling the block. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. Hagaon Rav Moshe Feinstein Zatzal teaches a fascinating concept. He writes that whenever we find ourselves in a situation that requires us to do something, that action is actually a fulfillment of the will of Hashem! Because if this is what he is being led to, then that is what Hashem wants him to do!

For example, writes Rav Moshe, when European Jewry had to migrate to America, they were actually fulfilling the 'mitzva' of following Hashem's orders – similar to Avrohom Avinu listening to Hashem's command of לך לך מארצך! Since that is where Hashem led them, then that is where Hashem wanted them to go.

The difference between Avrohom Avinu and us is, that Avrohom Avinu knew that Hashem was commanding him to go. Therefore, he went in order to fulfill the mitzva of Hashem. Those who migrated, though, did

not intend to do so as a fulfillment of Hashem's command, but rather because that's what they wanted to do. However, in truth, even though they did not have in mind l'sheim mitzva, that is what Hashem wanted them to do.

Concludes Rav Moshe: Whenever we find ourselves in a situation where we have to do something, we should be mindful of the fact that this is what Hashem wants from us, and then it will be considered that we have fulfilled Hashem's will.

Let us apply this concept to your situation. The reason you are frustrated is because you feel that since you can't find parking, you're going around in circles getting nowhere, while you could really be accomplishing so much.

However, you must realize that the reason you can't find a parking spot is not because it's such a busy neighborhood, and it's not because there are so many cars. It's because Hakadosh Baruch Hu does not want you to find a parking spot. Hashem knows that this is the best thing for you. When you are going around and around in an attempt to find parking, you are actually carrying out the will of Hashem!

When you go with this mindset, each additional time you have to circle the block, you will do so with a feeling of purposefulness, because that is what Hashem wants you to do; על פי ה' יחנו, ועל פי ה' יסעו!

After each round that you can't find parking and you have to make another circle, you can imagine that Hashem is [k'viyachol] speaking into your GPS and directing you to make yet another round! And you will get s'char for following Hashem's orders!

When you habituate yourself to going through everything in your life with the awareness: "If this is the situation I am in, then this is what Hashem wants from me", you will be living according to the principal: בכל דרכיך דעהו, in all your ways, serve Hashem, and you will be getting a mitzva for everything that you do.

In addition to acting according to Hashem's plan, when you are mindful that events in your life are not determined by mikreh, coincidence, rather it is Hashem Who is conducting every detail of your life, you are instilling emunah into your bones, which is the greatest of all accomplishments.

Chizuk Corner

The unbelievable power of a good word

By R' Y. Friedman

Last week we discussed about this that Yidden are compared to the stars. We explained that every Yid has an inner light that is shining brightly, whether we see it or not. The reason why we don't see it is usually because it's covered up by clouds. This week be"H we will continue on this subject, how we are compared to the stars.

Go outside on a dark night and you will see the beautiful stars in the sky. You will notice that the stars seem to be a tiny speck in the sky. However, the truth is that the stars are tremendous. Those tiny specks can be a hundred times bigger than planet earth (which is astonishing). The reason why they appear to be small is due to their astronomic distance from the earth.

Similarly, when we look at a Yid we only see a speck of his greatness. But in essence, every Yid is huge. Every Yid is tremendous beyond our wildest imagination. Obviously, we can't fully grasp the true greatness of a Yid (until Moshiach comes), but with Hashem's help we will try to get a better glimpse at our amazing Yidden (which includes you). Let's explore this from two angles.

In the days of old there was a king in every country. He was the most respected and powerful person in the country. His child was known as the crown prince. This title was not dependent on the accomplishments in his life. This is who he was. Period.

In a similar vein, Chazal tell us that we are a benei melechim, We are all princes. We are a tzelem Elokim and a chelek Elokai mimal. This is who we are. This itself should give us a tremendous source of pride and joy. Furthermore, as we mentioned



last week we are offspring of the famous luminaries and pillars of the world- the Avos. This defines us as tremendous shining stars. This is our essence.

Sometimes we may forget these concepts. Therefore, Rav Avigdor Miller zt"l urges us to say each day while looking at another Yid (or even in the mirror) "I am looking at a Tzelem Elokim". This exercise will help us keep this concept fresh in our minds. "Yes we are a holy nation, and I have a holy Neshama regardless of the circumstances in my life."

However, there is another dimension to every Yid. Just like the crown prince, besides for his royal blood, he also has the potential to be the next king. This makes him even more unique and special. Although we don't know for sure that he will be the king. He can die before his father, or he can become

sick and unfit to rule the kingdom. However, the mere fact that he has potential to become the next king makes him exalted and special.

Now we know that Chazal tell us that "Mon Malchi Rabanan" our chachamim are kings. Why is that? The simple reason we can say is, because they rule over themselves and their Yetzer hara. They are great warriors that conquered their Yetzer Hara.

The Rambam says that every Yid has the potential to be great like Moshe Rabbeinu. The Rambam does not make any exceptions. Therefore, this includes you.

We are constantly working on ourselves. We are great warriors as we conquer our yetzer hara so many times each and every day. We are like the prince who has potential to become the king. This is a new dimension to our greatness.

There is a famous story about the Bais Halevi that came to an inn late one night. The innkeeper unaware of his identity treated the Bais Halevi roughly and without any respect. He even refused to give him a proper bed. The story goes that a Rebbe came to the inn the same night with his entourage. As expected the Rebbe was given the royal treatment.

To the horror of the Rebbe, the Rebbe found the Bais Halevi lying on the floor. When the innkeeper found out who he had mistreated, he fell on the floor and begged the Bais Halevi for Mechila. The Bais

Chizuk Corner

By: R' Y. Friedman

Continued

Halevi replied, "You need to ask mechilla from every simple Yid."

Based on what we are saying, we can say that the Bais Halevi was telling him two points. "First of all, you are terribly mistaken on your assessment of a fellow Yid.

You think that there is a poshuter Yid. Oh no! Every Yid is tremendous as we elaborated earlier. Therefore you need to ask mechila from every Yid.

Furthermore, even with your view, why don't you look at their potential. They can become Gedolim in Torah, Avoda, Gemilas chasadim and in Middos tovos.

Just like you thought that I was a "Poshiter Yid" and in a few hours I was transformed into the Bais halevi, it's the same with another Yid. When you mistreat that Yid today, perhaps in a few years, months or even days he will be transformed into a Bais Halevi. You obviously don't realize the power and potential that a Yid has."

That is a powerful thought indeed.

We know that Chazal teach us that even a Rasha who did Aveiros his whole life, if he does a sincere Teshuva he is forgiven totally. Furthermore, if he does Teshuva out of love, then his trainloads of sins are transformed into merits. Can we imagine how much potential we have? "Yesh shekona Olamo bsha'ah achas".

Now we all know the story with Rebbe Akiva, who was but a simple Shepherd. Rachel the only daughter of the Great Kaba Savua wanted to marry Rebbe Akiva. Kalba Savua was up in arms to stop the Shidduch.

I heard a tremendous insight from Rebbe Yisroel Applebaum Shlita. He pointed out that Kalba Savua wasn't looking for a working boy. He was looking for a Talmid Chacham and Rachel could have had it all. So why was Rachel so insistent on Rebbe Akiva? The answer is that she saw in Rebbe Akiva the potential of a Gadol Hador, and that was what she was looking for. On the other hand her father did not see it. He just saw an ignorant Shepherd boy.

We see from here that every Yid has a tremendous treasure buried within them. Sometimes you have to dig a bit to find the treasure but it's there.

There is a famous story of a struggling person who we will refer to as Yitzchok Hamberg. One night he had a dream, that in a different country near a certain bridge, there was a great treasure. The man took the dream seriously and he made the journey to find the treasure. When he arrived he started digging near the bridge.

A soldier passing by stopped him and asked him for an explanation. He hesitantly revealed the dream to the soldier. The soldier had a hearty laugh. He said, "and

I had a dream that there is a treasure in the backyard of Yitzchok Hamberg. Should I go to his house and start digging?"

The man returned and found the treasure in his own backyard.

We see from here that sometimes you need someone else to help you find the treasure that's buried within you. Therefore, when you compliment someone on their maalos, in essence you are helping them find the treasure that is within them. That's because many people are not aware of their great Maalos and they need you to help them find it. That is a tremendous Chessed which is everlasting.

When we view ourselves and others in this beautiful positive light. And we see in ourselves and in others a prince, a child of Hashem, an offspring from the great Avos, a Tzelem Elokim. And understand the great potential that every Yid has, then we will start treating every Yid regardless of their age, or type or who they follow with utmost respect and love that they deserve.

This will bring an unimaginable Nachas ruach to Hashem. Then Hashem in turn will bring a nachas ruach to us and He will bring the Geula Shelaima with tremendous love, as we say in davening Leman shemo Bi-ahava. Amein.

GROWING FROM OUR GEDOLIM #13

WRITTEN BY: RABBI MATIS EDELSON

MIDDOS CHESSED EMUNAH AHAVAS YISROEL
AHAVAS HATORAH MITZVOS TEFILAH TZEDAKAH

Mikvah Water,

There is a family in Herzliya in Eretz Yisroel who merited that all their children grew up to be Talmidei Chachomim. When Rav Reuven Karlenstein asked the gather how he was zoche to such a thing, he related the following story. He grew up as a child in the country of Georgia. The government caused the Jews a lot of trouble, particularly in regard to the Mikvah. One day his father heard that the government inspectors were planning an inspection of the mikvah, and he feared that they would shut it down. He hurried to the mikvah and arrived there right before the inspectors. When they came in, they took one look at the mikvah, and announced that due to the lack of cleanliness, it was unfit for use, and must be shut. When he heard that, he took a big cup and filled it with water from the Mikvah and drank the whole thing. He exclaimed, "How can it be unclean, I just drank a whole cup of water from the Mikvah!" When the inspectors saw that, they allowed it to remain open. His act of sacrifice was what allowed the Yidden of Georgia to have a kosher mikvah and was very likely the merit in which he had children who were all Talmidei Chachomim.

17 Daf - 17 Years

Rabbi Aharon Fisher, the father of Rav Yisroel Yaakov Fisher (1928–2003), the renowned posek from Yerushalayim, was once ill with a terrible sickness. The doctors said that there was no hope for him, and the shuls in Yerushalayim were full of people tearfully crying out to Hashem to save him. When Rav Yisroel Yaakov heard about the serious situation of his father, he stood up and said, "Master of the World, I hereby give up the zechus of 17 blatt of Gemorah for my father's life!" As soon as he said that, they received the good news, that his father's condition had made a turn for the better. He miraculously recovered from the illness, and he lived another 17 years!



Rav Yisroel Yaakov Fisher

Protector of Eishishok

In the mid 1800's, many years before 4,000 of its Jewish residents were brutally murdered by the Nazi's y"s, the city of Eishishok, Lithuania had a flourishing kollel. In that kollel learned a man Reb Chaim Leib of Stavisk, author of *Pnei Ha'Ari HaChai*. He learned Torah from morning until night, with intense diligence, while standing on his feet. A terrible outbreak of disease once hit that region, and many people died from it, but the disease did not enter Eishishok. The Rov of Eishishok, Rav Avraham Shmuel Rabinowitz, author of *Amudei Eish* and rebbe of the Chofetz Chaim, said to a member of the kollel that the disease did not enter Eishishok due to the Torah learning of Reb Chaim Leib. One day, Reb Chaim Leib's father-in-law, who lived in Lida, sent him a letter urging him to leave Eishishok, so as not to get ill. Reb Chaim Leib left Eishishok, and the disease promptly entered the town.

When there was an earthquake in Japan that killed thousands of people, the Chofetz Chaim said that it occurred because there was no one learning Torah in Japan to protect it. - *Rav Chatzkel Levenstein*

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A STORY FOR THE PARSHA

By: Yaakov Berliner - Lakewood, New Jersey

"Any of the diseases that I placed in Egypt, I will not place upon you because I am Hashem, your healer...."

The Rambam was the personal physician of the King of Egypt. Under his care, the King never took ill and always remained in the best of health. "How can I be sure you are a proficient physician," asked the King, "After all, my health never falters. What If I would get ill, would you be able to heal me?"

"The best type of doctor," an-

swered the Rambam, "Is one who is able to prevent illness, not one who heals people that are already ill. Like it say in our Torah 'Any of the disease that

I have placed in Egypt, I will not place on you, because I am Hashem, your Healer. It is saying that I am your healer because I will prevent diseases that were placed in Egypt."

A Gut Shabbos!

SIXTY SECONDS OF INSPIRATION

With Rabbi Label Lam - Monsey, New York



Citizens of Shabbos

As we make the transition Friday night during Kabbolas Shabbos, we pass over

an invisible boundary and enter a realm called Shabbos. It's like going to a different country, with its own set of rules and its own currency.

This state of being pre-existed any other nation-states that dot

the globe today. And as citizens of Shabbos, we have survived now for thousands and thousands of years. Long after the final human experiment and political arrangement is concluded, and the last anthem is quieted, we will still be saying, "Yom hashishi, vayechulu hashomayim veho'oretz"; we'll still be making Kiddush.

Good Shabbos!

LIVING WITH APPRECIATION

By: R' Daniel Shasha

Our parashah recounts the wondrous miracles of the Manna that fell straight from Shamayim.

The Gemara (Berachos 48b) teaches that upon witnessing this miracle, Moshe composed the first berachah of birkas hamazon out of gratitude to Hashem.

It is interesting that nowadays, when we don't have manna, we still say the same text enacted by Moshe upon witnessing this miracle.

Rav Hirsch (Devarim 8:10) explains that this is because each piece of food should be considered as a gift straight from Hashem, just like the manna that fell from Shamayim!

Hashem could have just given us a pill that contains all the nutrients we need. Instead, He generously gives us a wide array of food with delicious tastes and appealing textures which every palate can enjoy.

The large variety of food available is a sign of Hashem's constant care and involvement in our lives.

Cholent, noodles, pizza, pancakes, stake etc. each time we benefit from these tasty dishes, we need to remember how they are a gift from our loving caring Father, who just

wants us to enjoy.

Just in fruit alone, there are over 2000 species! Each fruit is ingeniously designed with incredible properties. For example, let's look at an orange. This fruit has a hard, water-tight peel to protect the tender inner fruit from damage. It has a very attractive color, making it appealing, and it contains a high content of vitamin c, perfect for its primary season the winter.

The Sefer Darkei Mussar teaches that the reason for the minhag of eating fruit on Tu Bishvat is to appreciate the variety of delicious ingeniously designed fruit that we are privileged to enjoy. As well as being a fun minhag we must try not to miss the point and use this as an opportunity to appreciate Hashem's incredible fruit.

One time, Rav Yerucham Levovitz was in front of a large amount of talmidim, he asked one of them to bring him the Maaseh Elokim that was on his table. He went to Rav Yerucham's table but couldn't find a sefer called the Maaseh Elokim so he reported this back to Rav Yerucham. 'It is there' replied Rav Yerucham, 'please go and bring it'. The talmid came back and said 'all I found was this orange.'

"This is what I meant," said Rav Yerucham.

He started to peel the skin, commenting how much there was to learn from this Maaseh Elokainu.

He then began opening the orange, marveling at the ingenious properties of this delicious fruit.

He then smelled it reciting the berachah, Ha'nosen reayach tov b'piros, taking in the pleasant fragrance with tremendous enjoyment.

Rav Yerucham then enthusiastically recited she'hechyanu and borai p'ri haeitz, and tasted the orange.

"Wow, this is truly Maaseh Elokainu," Rav Yerucham exclaimed, to his started audience. The talmidim learnt a life changing lesson from this incident. Everything in Hashem's bria, no matter how used to it we are, is truly spectacular.

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To Share My Share From Hashem's Daily Shiur.

By: R' Moshe Davidson - A Rebbi in Brooklyn, New York

A short time ago my daughter reminded me of something that I once did.

It was an easy, quick and cute way to make an accounting of all the shefa we were (and are) receiving every day from Hashem's חסד קל כל היום.

It went like this.

I started collecting and saving the receipts from the grocery store.

I then took a pencil and taped the first receipt to the pencil with some scotch tape.

I proceeded to roll the long receipt paper onto the pencil. I then continued to tape the next long receipt onto the end of the first one and I rolled and reeled in another piece of paper that accorded some of the goods that I had received from Hashem that day.

It went on and on and in no time the roll was huge.

When you unrolled the loooooong paper it was amazing and actually unbelievably surprising that "all of that stuff was in the grocery orders."

I couldn't get over the fact that I had long forgotten about the previous grocery orders.

All the goods had been deliv-

ered to my house, (I had witnessed it firsthand) and here I was a day later, almost unaware of all the things I had gotten.

A week later looking at the old receipts it was almost impossible to believe that all



the products mentioned on the printed slip were once in my house.

It was long consumed and used up, but the most amazing thing was that it was totally forgotten by then.

We added fish order receipts and meat store receipts.

Amazing stuff!!

We then took the idea to the next level. We took the monthly utility payment bills.

We bought a scrap book and we slipped through the plastic pockets the paper bills.

We started filling up the book easily since I had plenty of old paid bills for the

Gas

Electric

Telephone

Cellphone.

I then added some odds and ends,

Come and go, once in a while, charges.

Different bills of שכר לימוד.

It was astonishing.

We didn't keep up the project for too long. For as long as it lasted it was amazing. It had made an impression on my daughter who had been then a very young child.

It's about ten years since then and she has such good memories of the positive impact on her mood and the happiness that it generated.

Maybe I'll restart the project and get back to thanking Hashem for soooooo much that He has given me and my family for so long. So many days months and years.

Endless shefa tov.

AYIN עין טובה TOVA

By: R' Nesanel Landesman

Suggestions for the friends, Rivky and Baila, whose family is moving across the country

- B"H Rivky and her family are moving by personal choice and not chas v'chalila because of other circumstances. At times people need to move because of a person in the family who is not well and they need to be near a certain hospital or doctor, or perhaps because the home is no longer affordable, and they need to downsize. Rivky and Baila will still have a wonderful meaningful relationship through writing and phone conversations, and they always have the opportunity in the summer to see each other in person.
- They can focus on being thankful for all the years they had that close friendship.
- This is a great opportunity for Baila to learn about a different part of the country and for Rivky to visit and see new things.
- Baila will get to make new friends and will introduce them to Rivky when she comes to visit.
- Baila's family was a little low on money and her father just got an amazing job opportunity that pays a lot and Baila will be able to go back and visit.
- They could focus on the fact that they live in a time that it is possible to keep a regular communication via telephone and mail.
- They are still young and could end up in seminary together or the like.
- • כמים פנים אל פנים... When these friends have warm feelings for each other, the other one will feel them and they could continue their friendship in that manner.

R' Zevy Golombek suggested:

- Hashem was the One who paired these friends together and He could find them other friends just as easy.
- Hashem wants them to build their relationship with Him. People who are blessed with many friends sometimes never actualize a relationship with Hakadosh Baruch Hu. These friends could focus on this valuable opportunity!

CASE OF THE WEEK:

Doniel had an important meeting to attend. He had to make the next bus to arrive on time. He closed his sefer, grabbed his coat from the coat rack and hurried from the shul to the bus stop.

As the bus approached, he reached into his coat pocket for money and suddenly realized he took the wrong coat.

Now, he would miss the bus and surely be late for his meeting.

Help Doniel have ayin tova for his situation.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

By Sruli Yelen - Lakewood, New Jersey



Rav Mordechai Gifter with Rav Yaakov Yitzchok Ruderman zatzal



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The weather will be perfect to think about Hashem while making your coffee!	It will be a wonderful day to thank Hashem for giving you two ears!	There will be perfect weather to greet your spouse cheerfully!	Perfect day to realize how much Hashem thinks about you!	Perfect day for jumping up and down from excitement while tasting the heilige Shabbos food!!	Stunning weather! Perfect to celebrate Hashem's Shabbos with delicious eggs and liver!	Beautiful weather! Will be a great day to start learning the week's parsha!

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RECAP: In Eretz Yisrael Dr. Avraham Walters met his driver John. They were going to Netivot so he went to the Baba Sali. When he arrived he got called in right away to the Baba Sali. Chacham Ovadia Yoseph came in and told Avraham about an agunah named Mrs. Daodba that escaped Syria and her husband never arrived. When Avraham goes to Syria he should see if he's alive. Avraham was confused but agreed.

Chapter 3

TATTY'S TALES
The Neis Chase

Illustrated by: Nechama Liba Ross - Detroit, MI



It's late and I still need to daven. John said we have a long day. I wonder where we're going?

This is Paul he's our pilot to Syria today!

WHAT?!?!

No need to be scared I'm a professional pilot!

We're going to Syria! Wow! What Ruach Hakodesh!

The helicopter is out of control! I didn't know there would be a storm!!!

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Sand storm!!! I can barely see!!!! The helicopter is making a crash landing!!

There's a hut there I'll take shelter in there.

I'm a Syrian soldier and..

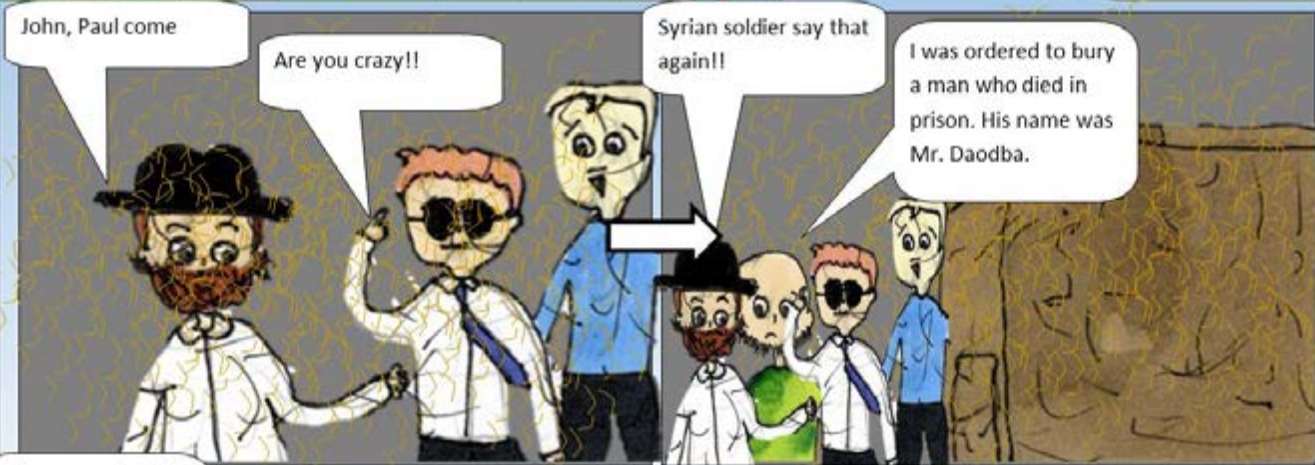
I'm sorry for going into your hut.

I want to tell you something. I'm a Syrian soldier and..

I was ordered to bury a man who died in prison. His name was Mr. Daodba.

TATTY'S TALES

The Neis Chase



John, Paul come

Are you crazy!!

Syrian soldier say that again!!

I was ordered to bury a man who died in prison. His name was Mr. Daodba.



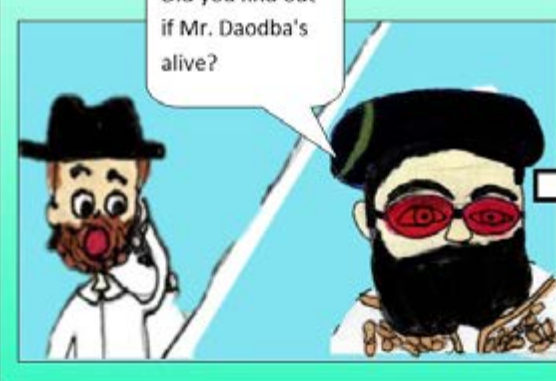
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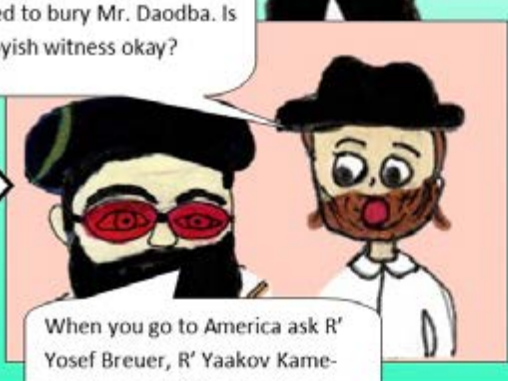
The next day

Hello who is this? R' Ovadia Yoseph!

The Baba Sali has Ruach Hakodesh. I saw nissim! A Syrian soldier said he was ordered to bury Mr. Daodba. Is a goyish witness okay?



Did you find out if Mr. Daodba's alive?



When you go to America ask R' Yosef Breuer, R' Yaakov Kamenetzky and R' Moshe Feinstein

To Be Continued BE"H

YES! HASHEM LOVES YOU!

HaRav Nissim Kaplan was trying to help a major community that was having serious problems and issues with their Mikvah.

The community asked him, "Can you please spearhead this campaign as we need you to urgently raise money for this important project." He responded that he would love to do it, but was so busy and had so much responsibility and so many talmidim, that he didn't see how it would be possible for him to fit it into his already over-packed schedule. But after they insisted he agreed.

He worked tirelessly, made many phone calls, put in much effort, money, time, and resources and yet he found that nothing was working. It seemed that no one cared or even thought that the need was so strong and great. It bothered him.

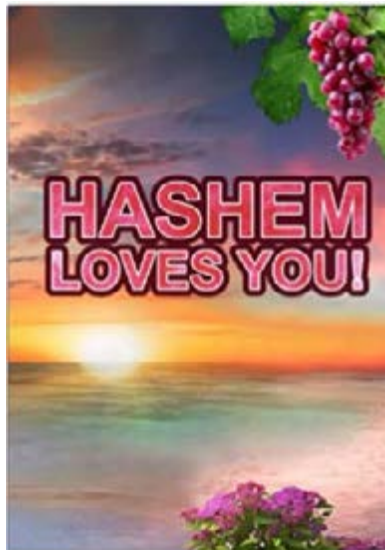
People were calling him and asking him "How is the mikvah campaign going?" And he responded, "I am trying but nothing is really happening."

People were also asking his late wife 'How's the mikvah campaign going?' And she was saying, 'Better than ever, everyone wants to be part of it! Everyone's contributing! Everyone's excited about it, the energy, the contagiousness is unbelievable and unprecedented.'

And people responded 'YES! I also want to join! I also want to be part of it! I also want to be on board!'

People started joining and giving and asking, "How can I help? How can I increase the campaign? How could I spread the word more to more people?"

Sure enough, within just a few days many people were involved, spreading the word, and making donations. They were raising money, collecting money and it was really taking off. It was successful - by a week it was almost done; they already almost raised all the money.



R' Nissan Kaplan realized from this story a powerful lesson. All the time that it wasn't going, and it wasn't working, people were asking him: "how's it going", and he was answering: "It is not going, it is not working," so they were thinking: ok- if it is not working out well, I don't want to be part of this.

But then his wife said 'You know something? Let us create energy! Let's create power! Let's create enthusiasm

and share with anyone that calls on the phone all the positive things! She just increased it and multiplied it and she just fanned the flames of positive energy. Sure enough, within just a few days, everyone said "I want to be part of it, we are all working together and we are all part of a team! Everyone wants to be on board!"

The positive energy, of saying the right positive words and increasing the enthusiasm, made everything succeed. It's just unbelievable - the power! R' Nissin Kaplan said this story publicly and I was there when he said it! It teaches us the power of remaining positive no matter what!!

Hashem made us such a wonderful world! All we need to do is focus on the good!

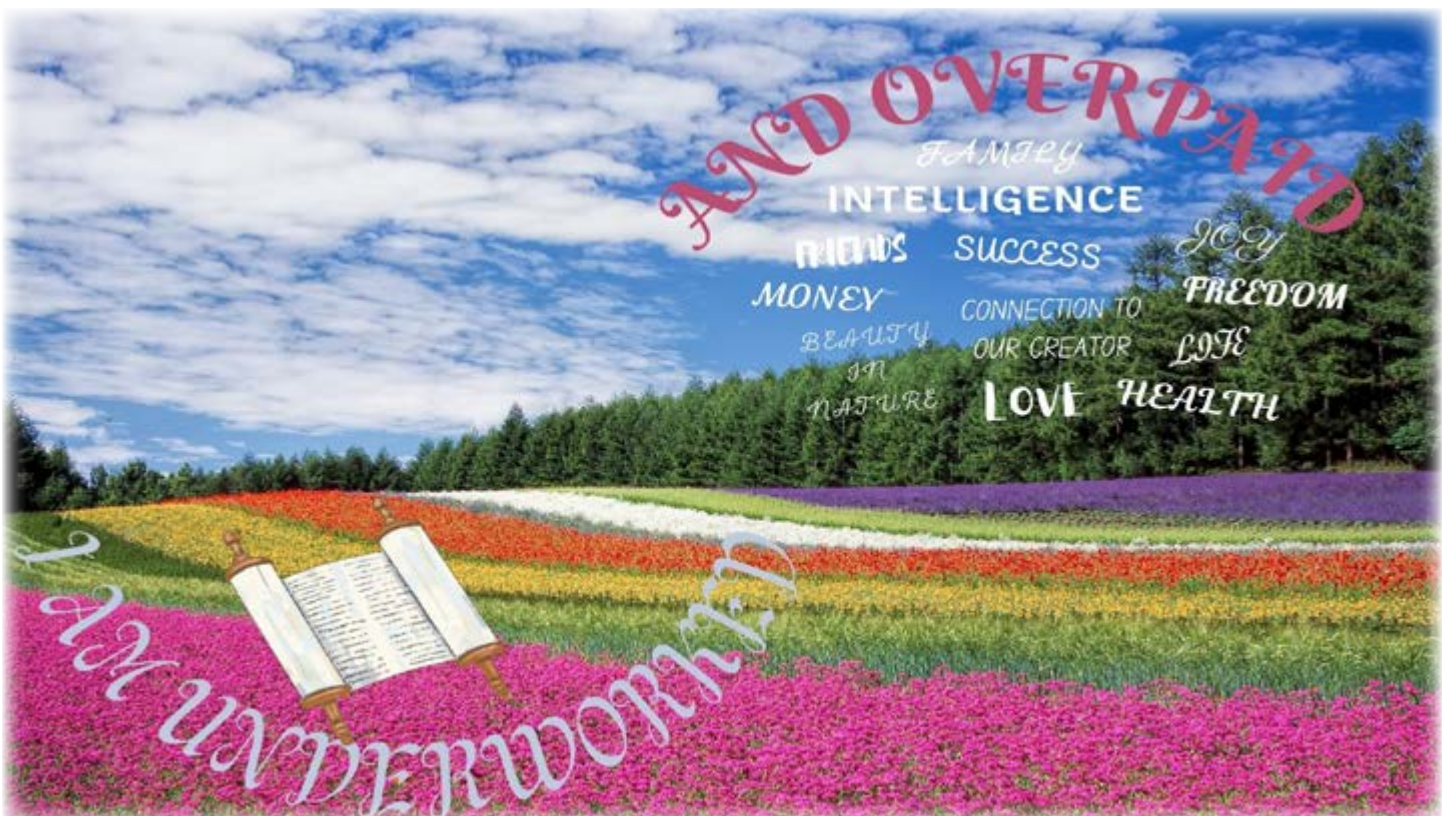
Just Look At What Hashem Made For You!

By Leiby Berger - Jackson, New Jersey

It's a
Stunning
World!



It's a
Wonderful
World!



HASHEM'S WONDERFUL FRUIT TREES



Hashem **loves** you. He created everything just for you, and thought of **everything** - down to every last detail.

Just look at the tree. Hashem wanted to give you shade-protection from the sun. He designed the tree that out of the stump comes big branches, and then branches out into smaller ones, and into twigs etc.

He could have just made it continue to branch out into tons of more tiny twigs, and it would just be a thick layer of twigs above your head, and presto - you have shade above your head.

But NO!-Hashem loves you and he also wanted to make it nice, so you should enjoy it and recognize his greatness. So He added these beautiful little buds that grow into beautiful green leaves-in all different shapes and sizes.

But that's not it. He wanted to make it even more beautiful than it already is-all for you, just because he loves you. What did he do?

He made it that every year in the fall/autumn, the leaves change into all different beautiful colors-in multiple different shades of each color. (If it would be like that all year, you'd get bored. This way it falls off, regrows, changes colors etc.) and during spring, you can watch it blossom beautifully.-Ah!- ma rabu maasecha Hashem!



But wait! That's not all. Because Hashem loves you so much, He wanted you to enjoy it even more, and even to grow and become healthy from it. So He made beautiful, delicious, healthy, and nutritious juicy fruits-all different colors, shapes, sizes, smells, and

tastes. All just for you to enjoy.

Ahh! Baruch atta Hashem...borei pri haeitz!

And now you also get mitzvos by making a bracha (rishona and achrona) with kavana, and recognizing his niflaos haborei.

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5 ^{Weekly} Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim
Ir Hakodesh

Thank You Hashem for Highchairs! They keep our kids in a safe place when we feed them.

Thank You Hashem for Pain! So that we can realize when somethings wrong.

Thank You Hashem for Bottled Milk! We don't have to go milk the cow every morning...

Thank You Hashem for Maps! We can figure out ways to get places...

Thank You Hashem for Hot Plates! So that we can easily keep our food warm on Shabbos.

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By: Rabbi Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

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Sometimes we see successful businessmen and we think, "Of course he is successful. He is so smart! If only I was so smart, I would also be wealthy." Or we see someone in shidduchim that has yichus and externals get married quickly, and we say, "If only I also possessed those qualities I would be much better off." In truth, we have it backwards. R' Zevi Golombeck shlita explains that Hashem knows exactly what each person needs to fix his neshama and live happy in this world and the next. Based on this, Hashem creates the perfect circumstances for each person

to live. Because it is best for one person to be a successful businessman, Hashem gives him great ideas. For another person, wealth can be very detrimental, so Hashem makes him with a less business-savvy mind. The person that it is beneficial that he gets married young, Hashem gifts him with yichus. The one who must wait Hashem does not. Hashem orchestrates a beautiful play and gives everyone the tools and challenges that are perfect for him that allow him to perform his distinct role.

My friend Avromi* told me that for his whole life, he always wished he was tall and wondered why Hashem did not make him that way. On Lag Ba'omer, he was stuck in a crowd of people in Meron, and one of the stairs broke. Somehow, he suddenly found himself squished under a pile of people. With great difficulty, he managed to wiggle and squeeze his way free, leaving behind only his sneakers which came off his feet due to the great weight of the pile. Avromi said, "Had I been any taller, I would not have been able to escape. Now I know why Hashem did not make me tall. Hashem knew it would save my life!"

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach!

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