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

HASHEM SAVES BABY'S LIFE

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היפלא מד' דבר?

HASHEM PERFORMS MIRACLE!

**AS WE GO TO PRESS; BREAKING NEWS
OUT OF YERUSHLAYIM!**



Hashem has given Harav Tzvi Kush-elevsky Shlita, who is almost ninety-years-old, and his wife, who is in her mid-fifties, a baby boy! It's Rav

Tzvi's first child!!

According to reports, nine months ago, Rav Tzvi received a bracha from Rav Moshe Shternbach shlita for a child. He now came to Rav Shternbach to say thank you and Rav Shternbach told him, "Don't thank me. Thank Hashem!"

הודו לד' כי טוב - כי לעולם - חסדו

YOU NEVER LOSE OUT...

I learn in kollel. For a supplementary income, I translate documents for clients from English to Hebrew. One day, a Yid from Yerushalayim called and asked me

**R' DANIEL!
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to do several important translations for him. "Please come to my office tomorrow at 9 a.m. and translate some documents for me. It's very urgent, and I'll pay you 400 shekels for the job. Everything suited me – the work, the pay... but not the time. At 9 a.m. I am supposed to begin seder in kollel, not be sitting in some office. I told him, "It doesn't make sense for me to come to you at this hour. I only work



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לעילוי נשמות:

ר' שלמה זלמן בן ר' ישעיה זצ"ל



Continued from front page between sedarim, not during kollel hours."

He was disappointed and looked for a different translator, and I too was disappointed that I had almost been able to make 400 shekels. But I strengthened myself, telling myself that Torah was worth more than anything else, and I had certainly made the right choice.

I stayed in my city – Beit Shemesh – and was zocheh to learn as I usually did. At the end of seder that day, the rosh kollel told me, "A benefactor gave me money to give out to avreichim. I imagine you'll certainly have what to do with it," and he placed 400 shekels in my hands. This was a he'aras panim from Shamayim!

[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

ON THE DAY OF THE FINAL INSTALLMENT

My name is Aharon Klein, from Bnei Brak. A relative of mine told me about an amazing process that took place over the past five years. This is what he described:

I was not born the way I am today. I was zocheh to discover the light of truth during my teenage years, and to learn in a yeshivah. The time came for me to establish a home, and Hakadosh Baruch Hu brought me my proper zivug. We both wanted to establish a Torah home, and I longed to learn in kollel as an avreich. This was especially important to me, more than for someone who was born in a religious home, for I felt I had to make up for what I had missed.

Before my wedding, I approached my grandfather, who is a wealthy man and is strongly opinionated. He claims that if someone needs money he should go to work. There are no free gifts. "Saba," I said, "what do you think of giving me a gift for my wed-

ding?" A wedding gift is different from plain old tzedakah, I thought.

"How much do you want?" he asked.

"180,000 shekels," I responded.

"You're asking for a nice gift," my grandfather answered me, "and I'm willing to give it to you." I was really happy that I would now have what I needed for the wedding expenses, but then my enthusiasm



cooled off completely as he continued and said, "I'll give it to you in 60 payments of 3,000 shekels each!"

He did not ask if this seemed right to me, and like a good, appreciative grandson, I said "Thank you!" I did not understand at that moment how much good was hidden in this. I only felt bad that I was not getting all the money in one shot, and I would still have to find a solution for the immediate need to cover all the wedding expenses.

I went to my other grandfather, who is a traditional Jew. I did not ask him for a



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gift, only for a loan, which I would return in 60 monthly installments, using the checks from my other grandfather.

I got the loan and, baruch Hashem, I had everything I needed. The wedding was celebrated properly, and we were zocheh to establish our home in joy. After the wedding, the second grandfather told me, "You don't have to return the loan.



Take it as a wedding gift from me, and use the checks to support yourself."

And that's how it was. The payments were spread over five years. Each month 3,000 shekels went into our account, and thus I was able to delve into Torah peacefully, without worrying about parnassah. My grandfather, who, unfortunately, did not keep Torah and mitzvos, gave me money each month in order to

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support a home based on the foundations of Torah and yiras Shamayim, and this merit stood by him.

Five years later, on the very day that I deposited the final check, my father called and said one word: "Saba...."

I understood everything.

Saba passed away on the day that the final check supporting his grandson the avreich was deposited in the bank. It was so obvious. Supporting Torah had kept Saba alive. The day he completed his support of Torah, he passed away.

May the chizuk received from this story give him an iluy neshamah.

[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

TRUE "PROTEKTZIA"

R' Yankelowitz* relates the following:

I have three wonderful children. I sent them to a specific Talmud Torah with the thought that this institution was suitable for them, but as time went on, it became clear that it was not. I suspected that my children were being negatively influenced there.



I sat with my wife, and we thought about what to do. We connected one fact to another, we brought up the difficulties and our suspicions, one by one, and the conclusion was clear: We would move our children to a better Talmud Torah, and the sooner the better. The Talmud Torah we then chose was truly excellent. Children from the very best families learn there. "I want our children to have friends like these," my wife said, "so that our children will grow up to be like them."

We were in total agreement about our children's Talmud Torah. Only one "small" issue remained: The menahel had yet to inform us that they were accepted.

We are a young family, not well-known,

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and not connected to the specific type of families who send their children to this Talmud Torah. What were the chances that they would agree to accept our three children, especially after they had learned in that other Talmud Torah that was so vastly different? I knew that through natural means, there was no chance, so I turned directly to the chief Menahel – Hakadosh Baruch Hu, Who teaches Torah to His nation Yisrael. I went to Har Hamenuchos and davened near the tziyun of Mori V'rabi zt"l. I asked Hakadosh Baruch Hu to have pity on me and my children, because I desired to do His will, to be mechanech my children that He'd given me, to serve Him and to learn His holy Torah in purity. I begged that my children would be easily accepted into the Talmud Torah. After a long hour of davening I went back home, ready and prepared for the next hishtadlus – calling the menahel of the Talmud Torah.

The next day I called the Talmud Torah and asked to speak to the menahel. "What can I do for you?" he asked respectfully.

"My name is Yankelowitz, and I want to transfer my three sons into your cheder."

"B'imchah rabbah," The menahel answered. "I'm waiting for you in the office." I went to his office, and the menahel asked me for the exact age of every child. "This child will go into Rav Cohen's class, this child into Rav Levy's class, and this one into Rav Yisraeli's class."

With that the conversation ended, and my wish had been granted. Starting the following day, the children would be going to the Talmud Torah where we wanted them to



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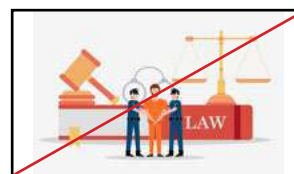
Ignore the size of his wallet!



Ignore which leader he follows!



Don't accuse! Don't judge! Don't convict!



be.

I was totally amazed by the way things had worked out. It seemed very strange that the menahel did not even call us for an interview, did not ask to see the children or test them. When our plans don't work out we ask "Why?" but when good things happen we do not. I've never heard anyone say, "I don't know why Hashem is doing this to me – why am I succeeding in making a generous parnasah?" or, "Why are my children bringing home tests with grades in the nineties?" People ask questions only when something doesn't succeed for them.

I thanked Hashem, and as far as those questions that nonetheless arose in my heart – I quieted them down. If you are given something good, take it. Don't ask questions.

A few days later, I found out how my children had slipped so easily into the Talmud Torah I wanted. A week after my children started learning in that Talmud Torah, a call came into the office. "Hello, this is Yankelowitz. I want to put my children into the Talmud Torah."

"Classes are full," they told him, "and besides, it's impossible to take in children in the middle of the year."

"But the donor told me that he spoke to you and got your approval..."

Indeed, one of the big donors to the institution had spoken to the principal about Yankelowitz and asked him to accept them into the Talmud Torah. When I called, the principal thought this was the Yankelowitz he had spoken about. It did not enter his mind that I was some other unknown Yankelowitz, and he accepted my children because of the sponsor's request!!

It was incredible hashgachah pratis that I had called right after the donor's recommendation, and before the actual Yankelowitz he had spoken about called.

Ultimately, the children of the other Yankelowitz, who had the high connections, were also accepted into the cheder.

But I ask you, is there such a thing as a "simple" Jew? That other Yankelowitz placed his trust in the recommendation of the wealthy man, who, with all due respect, is only a human being, while I

trusted in the One Who supervises everything, davened to Him and asked of Him, and indeed, we had protektzia like only Hakadosh Baruch Hu Himself could make. No one else can create protektzia like Hashem!

[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

THE TRUTH WINS

Harav Avraham Moskowitz from Bnei Brak relates:

An askan who is involved in providing help for widows and orphans told me the following story: One day a wealthy man called me and said, "I'm marrying off a son, b'ezras Hashem, and I want to give \$5,000 for the wedding of an orphan, which will take place the same night as my son's wedding, on 10 Shevat."

I gave him the name of a family, and then I told the widow that a certain



gvir wanted to give her money for wedding expenses, since her son's wedding was slated to take place on the same night as his son's wedding. I told her the date, but she corrected me: "I am not making a wedding on the tenth of Shevat, but on the eleventh of Shevat."

I got back to the gvir and told him what she'd said. "If so, then it's not the segulah that I wanted," he said. "I'm only interested in giving to someone who is making a wedding on the exact same day."

I was at a loss. How would I inform the widow that she would not be getting the money after all? I thought of an idea, and I told her, "If the chuppah takes place before shekiah, then it will come out on the same day, and you'll be able to



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receive the money."

But the almanah answered calmly, and with conviction and emunah, "I learned from my husband that one does not play around with the truth. I cannot promise that the chuppah will indeed take place before shekiah, because there can always be setbacks. If my son's wedding is not on the same day as the gvir's son's wedding, then this means the money does not belong to me. Don't worry about it. Everything's okay."

That gvir found another wedding, and several days later, a different gvir called me and said, "I want to donate \$7,000 for a wedding that will take place during the month of Shevat." I immediately gave him the number of that almanah, and baruch Hashem, she received the money. I was so happy!

But the story doesn't end there. Several days later the first gvir called me, all apologetic. "I haven't slept in several nights. How could I tell a widow who thought I was giving her money that in the end I wasn't giving it? Please give me her bank information, and I'll transfer \$5,000 to her, as we originally discussed."

Ultimately, she got \$12,000 for her wedding expenses, in the zechus of her honesty.



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WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP

The Ko'ach of Emunah



Rabbi Golombeck's talmid woke up one morning with a splitting headache. He couldn't imagine how he was going to function.

He took a cup of water and made a shehakol. And BOOM, just like that, the headache disappeared!

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Who's Really In Charge?



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HASHEM'S MIGHTY ARMS!**

Mrs. Gold's* daughter wanted to go to camp with all of her friends. The camp said that all her friends were accepted, but she was not. She felt very rejected.

Then she said, "One second. They're not in charge; it's Hashem."

The next day, the camp said, "OK, you are accepted to camp; you can come!"

Worked out to the Dime!



Rabbi Golombeck went to the cleaners, and the item was \$6.95. He only had \$6. The cleaners said that the credit card minimum is \$15. He said to them, "What do you want me to do?" They said he could take the item, and when he gets 95 cents, he can come back and pay the rest.

Rabbi Golombeck walked outside, and he saw three quarters and two dimes on the floor! He went back in and gave them 95 cents!!

Am Yisrael is So Amazing!

A Rosh Kollal by the name of Reb Yehuda Tzvi Kramer has a Bitachon Kollal where he pays the yungeleit to learn about Bitachon every day

for five minutes. He was making a raffle for those who give money for the Kollal.

One yungerman came over to him. He said, "I want to give you 100 dollars. I don't want to be entered into

the raffle, I want to give it lishma." Another yungerman came over to him and said, "I want to give you 300 dollars. Not for the raffle, I want to give it lishma!"



"Just Try!"

One of Akiva Schwartz's children was taking a very hard test and was nervous



about failing.

He said to his child, "Who takes the test? Hashem. Who gives you brains? Hashem! Who marks tests? Hashem! So what do you need to do? Just to try! Trying is very easy!"

She tried, and she got the best mark in her class! 100%!

Hashem is Running a Perfect World!

Mrs. Scharfer* left a message with a question on the hotline. Rabbi Golombeck called her back and told her that the question was for her Rav and she should be



asking him.

She said that for this type of question, her Rav tells her to speak to Rabbi Forcheimer. So Rabbi Golombeck asked her, "So why don't you call him?"

She said that the last time she tried to call Rabbi Forcheimer, it took her a week to get through. And she couldn't wait a week to get through to him.

Rabbi Golombeck told her, "Okay, I'll call him." Usually, Rabbi Golombeck also has to call Rabbi Forcheimer about 20 to 40 times in order to get through to him, but he decided he'll do it anyway, to help an-

other Yid. He called, and on the first try, Rabbi Forcheimer answered!!

Rabbi Forcheimer said that he didn't have a clear answer to the question and that Rabbi Golombeck should call Rebbetzin Halberstadt; she would know.

So Rabbi Golombeck called Rebbetzin Halberstadt, and she said that she was leaving to teach in three minutes; and that Rabbi Golombeck caught her right as she was about to leave! She said she had 60 seconds. She gave Rabbi Golombeck 100 percent clarity on the answer to the question.

Within two minutes of Rabbi Golombeck speaking to the mother with her question, she got an answer!! Everything was orchestrated perfectly!

Nissim Geluyim!

R' Hoffman from Eretz Yisrael struggles to

make ends meet. He doesn't have an extra penny.

He was making a chasunah, and he had to help out his daughter with a dirah and everything else.



He said that now he was after the chasunah; he did not go one penny into debt! He said that if he

were to make a list of who donated to the chasunah, the list would just keep on going and going and going and going! To be able to walk out of a chasunah without one penny in debt??

There is no way a Yid could make sense out of such a thing; it's all nissim geluyim!

And Mi K'amcha Yisrael!

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Family Trusts in Hashem

The Berger family was trying to play a CD, but it was all scratched up and not playing well. They were mechazek in Bitachon that Hashem is in charge of everything, and there is no such thing as a scratched CD! If He wants it to work well, it will work well!



Then they tried it again and it played beautifully!

In other news,

Girl Has Bitachon

Chani had her school's production on Motzei Shabbos. She needed her costume to be ironed. They were going away for Shabbos, and her mother said that she



had no time to iron it. Chani turned to Hashem and said, "I'm trusting in You. I know that You're going to iron the costume for me. I don't know how, but I know that You will do it for me."

Not long after that, her mother said that she was able to iron the costume!

In other News,

Woman in Need Turns to Hashem

Mrs. Schwartz was trying to open a locked door, but the lock was jammed, and she was not able to open it. She tried this and that but to no avail. She called a Life with Bitachon and listened to the yeshod. It was all about how we do nothing and Hashem is doing everything.



Within twenty seconds, the lock opened up!

"Baruch hagever - asher yivtach b'Hashem!"

the bed!

In other news,

A second grader got a special key from his rebbe. He lost it, and he was not able to find it. He davened to Hashem. Baruch Hashem, he later found it!



In other news,

Shaya, a Pre-1Aer from Chestnut Ridge N.Y., came to shul on Erev Shabbos. Usually outside the Beis Medrash there is leftover kugel from the Likras Shabbos program. This time, he did not see the kugel in its usual place. His first reaction was to daven to Hashem.



"Harini es - marayich hashmi'ini es - koleich!"



Hashem Sends Bachurim a Ride

Tzvi Abrahams and his friends are bachurim learning in a yeshiva in Lakewood, NJ. They went bein hasedarim to the local park. They walked on the path and they got a little lost. They did not know how to get back.

They found a road, and they tried hitching back to yeshiva, but there were very few Yidden who drove on that road, and nobody was stopping

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for them.

It was getting late and they were afraid they would be late for seder. The bachurim made a Kabbalah and said that if Hashem sends them a ride right away, when they get to yeshiva they're going to go straight into seder.

Baruch Hashem, right after that someone stopped for them and gave them a ride straight to yeshiva!

Thank You, Hashem!

Klal Yisroel Is Coming Back To Hashem

Louis Har, one of the hostages who was freed from captivity in Gaza, thanked Hashem for freeing him by saying birchas hagomel!

"V'ameich Kulom - Tzadikim"



Hashem Saves Baby's Life

R' Yosef lives three flights up. His baby fell out of the window, three flights down onto the concrete floor. Nothing happened to her!! Hatzolah brought her to the hospital; they checked her out. There was no internal bleeding, no broken bones! A neis niglah!

"Hod u L'Hashem Ki - Tov Ki - L'olam Chasdoi"



Yeshiva Bachur From Lakewood Thanks Hashem

Shloimie, a 10th grader from Lakewood, NJ who reads the Spring Hill Times and listens to 'A Life With Bitachon' and to R' Yehuda Mandel was binding Sefarim. He was using a razor, and by mistake he sliced his hands.

The first words that came out of his mouth were, "Thank You, Hashem!" He



wasn't even thinking; it came out automatically.

He was so used to thanking Hashem for whatever Hashem does for him!

"Tov L'hodos L'Hashem U'lizamer L'Shimcha - Elyon"

Yeshiva Bachur Davens To Hashem

Dovi, a bachur learning in yeshiva, had someone in the yeshiva who was bothering him to no end. Dovi did not know what to do. So he turned to Hashem, and he said, "Hashem I want shalom. I can't deal with this anymore."

Ever since then, that bachur became his best friend!

"Boruch Shomeia Tefillah"



Non-Jew Is Nice To Yid

It was Motzei Shabbos, and the Stern family heard a knock on the door. It was a non-Jew they did not recognize. He asked, "Is that your car outside? The lights were left on." It was their car. Mrs. Stern went down to turn it off. The non-Jew said, "I would not want to wake up in the morning to find a dead car."

He then noticed that Mrs. Stern hadn't locked the car door and he advised her that it was not a good idea.



"Thank You, Hashem"

Anti-Semitism Is On The Decline

R' Avishai Berkowitz from Manchester, England was taking his father to the doctor. By mistake, he went down the wrong road, and he was not able to access the doctor's office from that side.

Suddenly, a non-Jew who was passing by in his car rolled down his window and asked "Are you looking for the doctor?" R' Avishai said, "Yes," and the non-Jew gave him exact directions how to get there!

"Ki Ani Hashem Elokecha Machzik Yeminecha"

Our Neshamos Are Connected To Each Other

Two friends
were playing a
game together.



All of a sudden they felt a tremendous
urge to say Tehillim. They said two ka-
pitlach Tehillim. When they were done
they heard the news that two hostages
were rescued!

"K'Ish Echod B'lev Echad"

Hashem Is In Charge Of Parnassah

R' Efrayim was
struggling to
make ends meet.
He did not know
what to do. He
then saw the



ad in the Spring Hill Times how if one
benches with a geshmak, he'll be zoche
to Hashem's brachos. He was mekabel

to wash and bentch every day.

Not long after that, all his debts were
paid up; he now has a surplus of mon-
ey!

**Hazon Es
Ha'olam Kulo
Btuvia B'chein
B'chessed U'Vi-
rachamim"**



Hashem Is The Best Dentist

Mrs. Rosen from Monsey, NY went to
the dentist. He said she had a cavity.
She was very disappointed because
she recently had other cavities, and it
was very hard and painful for her to go
through the fillings.

So she said, "Hashem, You're the Kol
Yachol; You could fill up the hole."

She then went to a different dentist to
get a second opinion. He took a x-ray,
and he said, "There is
no cavity there!"

"Ki Ani Hashem Rofe-



cha"

Anti-Semitism Is On The Decline

Mrs. Schapiro has neighbors who are
Chinese. They never said hello to the
Schapiros. But since the attack on Sim-
chas Torah, they keep on asking how
the Jews in Israel are doing, and they
keep on saying "We feel so bad for
you." They don't stop showing how
much they care!

**"Ahavti Es-
chem - Amar
Hashem"**



Tremendous Kiddush Hashem

The former American ambassador to
Israel sent out a message emphasizing
how the two hostages who are Argen-
tinian citizens were rescued right after
the Argentinian president, who is a
tremendous Ohev Yisrael, davened to
Hashem by the Kosel Hamaaravi.

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Anti-Semitism On The Decline

Mrs. Gefner was walking down Central Avenue in the Five Towns. An African-American came over to her and told her that there was a girl crying on the next block, maybe she could go check out if she needed some help?

Mrs. Gefner went and it was a Jewish woman who was crying. She offered her help. She was amazed how an African-American cared about a yid.



"Ahavti Eschem - Amar Hashem"

Umala Haaretz - Deia Es Hashem

According to reports, the Argentinian President told the Chabad Rabbi that he put a mezuzah in the Pink House (the Argentinian version of the White House) because he wants



to be connected to the kedusha of Klal Yisroel!

"V'Yishmau Rechokim V'yavou Vyitna L'Cha Kesser Melucha"

Hashem Is Running A Perfect World

Mrs. Schwartz needed to buy shoes for her child, but she could not afford it. She did not know what to do.

She said, "Hashem, I don't have money to buy shoes, but it's not money that buys shoes. It's you, Hashem who gives shoes.



Shortly afterwards, her neighbor came over to her and told her that they she just bought a pair of shoes, but her child does not like the color. She asked Mrs. Schwartz, "Do you know anyone who could use a new pair of shoes?"

Those shoes were the exact size, they fit Mrs. Schwartz's child like a glove. It was the perfect color. Hashem worked everything out to the last detail!

"V'divrei Niflaosecha Osisa"

Hashem Hears Our Tefillos

R' Pinchos, a Rosh Kollel was trying to raise money for the kollel but he was not getting anywhere. So he turned

to Hashem and he said "Hashem, your yungerleit need money. Please, instead of me having to run after the money, let the money run after me."

He was then walking on the street and a business man came over to him and said, "Last year you came to me for money for the kollel. Why didn't you come to me this year? I want to give money."



The businessman gave R' Pinchos a check for the entire amount that he needed to pay his yungerleit!

"Boruch Shomeia Tefillah"

Hashem Is The One Taking Care Of Us

We reported about R' Dovid, a yungerman from Lakewood, N.J., who was struggling with parnessah. It was occupying his mind.

It was right before seder and he was listening to the Ki Tov Hashem news station, and he heard how Hashem takes care of parnessah. It calmed him down and he was able to learn with a peace of mind knowing that Hashem is taking care of him.

A couple of days later, he got the Aliyah on the pe-



sukim that talk about the aron, where we find the concept that "Aron Nosei es Nosav", the aron carries those that carry it. He was



sure that Hashem was going to send him the yeshua.

Two days later the yeshua came, and all his expenses were taken care of!

"Nosein Lechem - Lchol Basar - Ki L'ol-am Chasdoi"

Hashem Takes Care Of Yungerman

R' Binyamin badly wanted a certain set of Sefarim but he was not able to afford it.

Out of the blue, his neighbor came over to him and said, "I have double



of a certain set of Sefarim. Would you like it?" H a s h e m sent him exactly what

he needed!

"Poseich Es - Yodech Umasbia - Lchol Chai Ratzon"

Hashem Is The Best Mechanic

Avrumy was trying to open the trunk of his car, but it was not opening. He tried this and that to no avail. Everyone in the family tried to help him, but it was just not opening.

Finally, he said to himself that he would have to bring the car to the mechanic.

But then he said, "One second, let me bring it to the best mechanic – Hashem." He then said, "Hashem, You're the

One who can open the trunk."

He then tried again, and this time, the trunk opened!



"Boruch Ha-gever - Asher Yivtach B'hashem"

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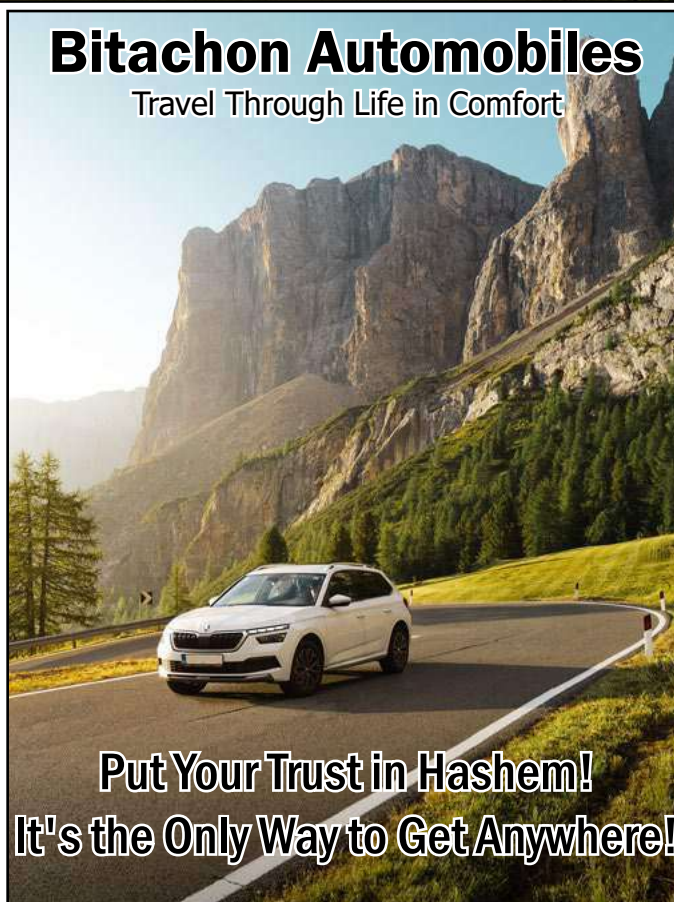
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LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

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

COMPLIMENTS AND MORE COMPLIMENTS!

R' Yisrael Kellner was walking down the street and he saw a Yid who looked like he needed Chizuk. He went over to him and started complimenting him, and he saw Techiyas Hameisim! He said he wouldn't have done this if not for all his chinuch from Navardok, that if it's hard for you to compliment someone, it's not your personality, that's the biggest reason to go do it!

Now that he saw how much it is mechazek people to hear a compliment, he started doing it more and more. People should realize that giving a compliment is the easiest mitzva, it's free, and it could change someone's life.



NON-JEW PRAISES YIDDEN

R' Katz ordered a taxi. The driver was a non-Jew, and he said, "You Jews, you're so united, there is so much peace by you. By us, there is so much fighting."

Klal Yisrael lives in harmony. They are always there to help each other out, with shalom, achva and rayus!



NON-JEW HELPS YID CATCH FLIGHT!

Nachum Stern's father was in the airport, and his flight was delayed. He asked the security guard, "When is my flight leaving?" The security guard said, "Not for another half hour."



Reb Stern took out a sefer and he got so engrossed in the sugya that he didn't notice the time passing and didn't notice when his flight started boarding. The security guard went over to him. "Remember you asked me when you can board the plane? Well, I see you're in a corner and are probably oblivious to the time. I wanted to tell you that now you can board the plane."

Hashem made sure that the non-Jew would realize he was there so he wouldn't miss his flight!

HASHAVAS AVEIDA HASHGACHA

Mordechai Klein, a bachur from Lakewood who was learning in Eretz Yisrael, flew back to Lakewood for a family simcha. At the airport in Eretz Yisrael, one of the security guards came over to him and told him that someone left a shtreimel in the airport. The phone number on the shtreimel was an American number. Mordechai told the security guard that he would take the shtreimel and track down the owner.

Mordechai found out that the shtreimel belonged to a family in Monsey. He said to himself, "I live in Lakewood, but Hashem will work it out."

He brought it with him from Eretz Yisrael to Lakewood, and when he got home, he told his mother about it.

She said, "Our neighbor, Yaakov Newman, travels to Monsey every day." The complex was a nine-apartment complex, and the Newman house was just a few steps away from theirs. Mordechai brought it over, and Yaakov Newman brought it to Monsey.

It turned out that owner of the shtreimel learned in the same Beis Medrash that Yaakov Newman learned in! Hashem orchestrated that no one had to go more than a few feet out of their way to get the shtreimel from Eretz Yisrael to Lakewood to Monsey!



A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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Thank You, Hashem, for Birds! They give us such beautiful background music and are really cool to watch!



Thank You, Hashem, for Pushkas! We have a set safe place to put our tzedaka money!



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Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim
Ir Hakodesh

L'zechus that people should feel loved by Hashem!

Thank You, Hashem, for Dentists! We can make sure our teeth are all strong & healthy and do repairs if necessary!



Thank You, Hashem, for Bath Mats! We can keep the bathroom dry when we come out of the shower!



Thank You, Hashem, for Clocks! They keep us aware of the time so we can do things when they need to be done!



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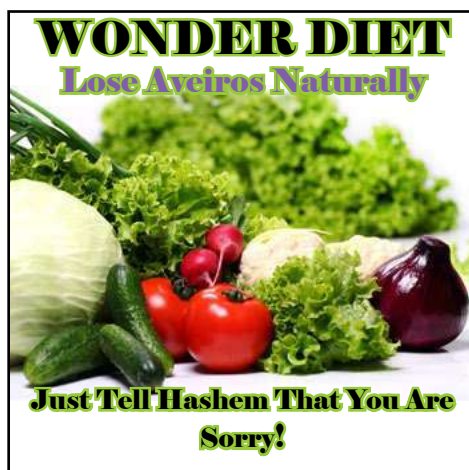
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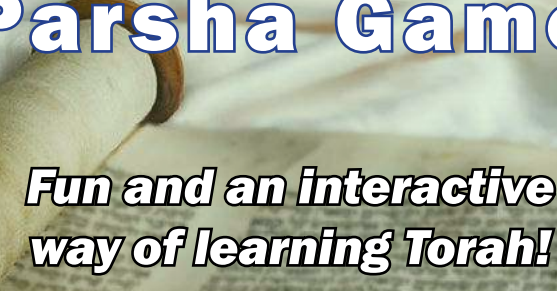


Patient

I am 50 years old and I am extremely shy and tense around people whether in shul, while shopping and especially at simchas. I cannot make a conversation with anyone. This makes me feel very lonely. What advice can you give please? Thank you

I'm prescribing 5 medications for you:

1. Feeling shy and uncomfortable around people is painful. Every time you experience it, it is wiping away your aveiros. It's saving you from a trip to gehennim! It's a steal of a deal!
2. Accept the shyness and the discomfort with love and thank Hashem for it. You will be giving Him pleasure that no one else in the world could give!
3. Realize that Hashem accepts you the way you are and loves you. In His eyes you are perfect! And that's all that counts.
4. Even if you aren't able to have a conversation, you can still show love and connect to other people. Just smile at everyone you meet with the most beautiful sincere smile possible and say, 'So glad to see you.' Or 'Good morning/evening/night.' And continue on your way. Doing this will also generate positive feelings in the people you meet. This will cause them to feel positive towards you. This will make you feel more comfortable around others.
5. When it's too difficult to talk to people, talk to Hashem. Tell Him how much you appreciate what He does for you and how much you love Him. That more connected you will be to Hashem the happier and healthier you will be.



Parsha Game

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A close-up photograph of a water droplet just above the surface of a body of water. The droplet is perfectly spherical and reflects light. The surface below shows concentric ripples. The number '1' is in the top left corner.

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



THE SPRING HILL TIMES - KLAL YISRAEL'S NEWSPAPER

Ayin Tova

Seeing the good in every situation



CASE OF THE WEEK:

Moshe was on his way home. He approached a traffic light and it turned yellow. Like a good driver he slowed down to stop.



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Suggestions for the case of the parents who return home and their house is flying.

All the kids are up and an unapologetic babysitter is talking on the phone:

- Maybe the phone call was an emergency/or an embarrassing situation.
- It's a reminder that it's such a blessing that they have kids.
- They can put themselves in her shoes. Maybe she's going through a tough time and had to take that call and that's when things started spiraling out of control.
- They can be grateful that the babysitter came, and they were able to attend the wedding. That is something to be grateful for.
- Sometimes people just have off times. Since they know her to be a capable person, they can just write it off as an off night for her and hope that next time things will



be better.

- Or even bigger of them, they can reach out to her and turn the whole thing around and just be there for her and ask if everything is, okay. Maybe she needs something from them, and they can be the givers to her instead of what they were expecting that she would be the one providing for them.

FEELING DOWN?

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- At least the kids would soon get tired out from the jumping and go back to bed without putting up a fuss.
- She was involved in a shidduch with someone she thought was great and that night while she was babysitting, she was informed that he had some serious character flaws and she got caught up in her distress.
- Perhaps, the kids woke up and she really had taken control, and just when they walked in, she got an important call.
- Maybe they had promised to return earlier, and they had inadvertently stayed out longer, and she left abruptly so not to make them feel bad!

SIXTY SECONDS OF INSPIRATION

With Rabbi Label Lam - Monsey, New York

No Artist Like HaShem



Sometimes I'll ask my wife when we're looking at a beautiful piece of scenery together, or at the face of a child, or a piece of fruit, or a fireplace fire, "Who's your favorite artist?" And she'll say, "HaShem!" Ah—that's my favorite artist, too.



Actually, the Gemara in Brochos says אין צייר באלקינו, there is no Artist like our G-d. And I think what the sages are meaning to give us a pair of glasses, a way of observing all the phenomena of the world around us.

I remember sitting with Rav Mordechai Schwab זכר צדיק לברכה, the Tzadik of Monsey, when suddenly he turned his attention to a giant leafy dumbcane plant that was next to him, and he started chuckling like a little child—it tickled him so—and he said, "Who painted this? Who painted this?" And I have no question that he was wearing those glasses that say אין צייר באלקינו, there is no Artist like HaShem.



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With Much Appreciation!

The Spring Hill Times

We are told that the structure of the Mishkan consisted of 100 sockets. Does this have any special significance? The Ba'al HaTurim explains that Chazal instituted that we say 100 berachos a day, based on the fact that the Mishkan consisted of 100 sockets. What is the connection between the mitzvah to recite 100 berachos daily and the sockets of the Mishkan?

The Chidushei HaRim answers with something beautiful. He explains that although nowadays we don't have an actual Mishkan, really every Jew is their own Mishkan! So just as the original Mishkan had 100 sockets that were its foundation, so too the berachos we make are the foundation on which the Shechinah rests within us! An allusion to this is that the Hebrew word for socket is *adan*, connected to the word *adon*, master. Each time we recite a berachah we are acknowledging that Hashem as our Master, causing the Shechinah to rest upon us. Phenomenal! The entire day we recite berachos. During davening, before eating and drinking etc. Each time we do so we are causing the Shechinah to dwell in our own Mishkan!

It is so beloved to Hashem when there is a hashraas HaShechinah in this world. The Ohr HaChayim explains that the reason why our parashah is seemingly so repetitive, telling us details about the Mishkan we have already been told, is because the Mishkan is a place of hashraas HaShechinah. It is so beloved to Hashem that there is a place in this world for hashraas Shechinah, that the Torah repeats the details. The Torah is usually so sparing with words yet a place for hashraas Shechinah is so beloved, that the Torah uses many more verses! So, when we recite berachos and bring the Shechinah into our own Mishkan, it is just as beloved by Hashem.

Why did Chazal institute that we recite at least 100 berachos daily? The Tur writes that in the times of Dovid Hamelech there was a plague that caused 100 people to pass away each day. Dovid Hamelech saw with *rauch hakodesh* that this plague could be stopped if the people would recite 100 berachos daily. Shortly after he enacted this, the plague miraculously stopped! There-



fore, Chazal instituted that we recite 100 berachos daily. How does reciting 100 berachos daily have the power to stop such a deathly plague? The Levush explains that the plague was caused by a lack of gratitude for our constant blessings. Bnei Yisrael were taking for granted the countless gifts that Hashem showered upon them each day. Therefore, reciting 100 berachos, expressing their gratitude constantly throughout their day, is the perfect rectifi-

cation for this!

Hashem loves us more than we can possibly imagine and each second He showers upon us countless gifts. After all we are alive! Not to mention the numerous other benefits we constantly gain from, we can see walk, talk, the list just goes on and on. Reciting berachos is a great way to express our gratitude to Hashem for all our many gifts. The Rambam teaches that the reason why Chazal enacted so many different berachos in order that we can constantly remember Hashem's kindness throughout our day. Being meticulous in reciting these berachos has such a great impact. The Zohar teaches that one hundred berachos that we recite daily are keys that open Hashem's treasury to shower countless blessings upon us. As a result, we will receive physical abundance and reach spiritual heights.

The Ohr Zarua writes that a man who recently passed away appeared to a Rav in his community in a dream. The man was wearing a beautiful crown made of leaves and told the Rav that he was faring very well in the next world and was regarded in Gan Eden with the highest respect. The Rav was surprised as this man was known for being very simple. He explained that he was always particular to say his morning Berachos in a pleasant voice. Due to this, he merited a high place in Olam Haba with a beautiful crown with leaves from Gan Eden. The Ohr Zarua commented "I am publicizing this story in order that people will internalise the importance of saying berachos pleasantly, thereby meriting Gan Eden." (Ohr Zarua vol.2, 42)

- *There is no individual in Klal Yisrael for whom hidden miracles do not occur each day. (Rabbeinu Bechaya, Shemos 30:12)*
- *Even though Hashem has thousands and myriads of angels who praise Him, He only desires the praises of Klal Yisrael. (Midrash Mishlei 14:28)*
- *Each Jew should strive to remember the kindnesses that Hashem does for him on a constant basis. (Sefer Charedim 9:23)*
- *If gratitude ceased to exist, how would the world carry on? (Akeidas Yitzchak, Ki Sisa 181)*

Let's thank Hashem for: Planes. What a miracle! How a vehicle made of metal can transport tens of people at great altitudes across the world's vast oceans in a matter of hours is truly wonderous. We can visit friends and family in far distances with relative ease and comfort, something previous generations would never have dreamt of.



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A LIFE WITH BITACHON ON THE PARSHA

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Rashi in this week's Parsha (39,33) brings down from Chazal: Hashem saw that Moshe Rabbeinu didn't have any part in the building of the Mishkan. So he told Moshe that his Cheilek should be to erect the Kerashim. Moshe turned to Hashem and exclaimed, "How can I raise up these heavy Kerashim? I don't have the strength to do such a thing?" Hashem responded to Moshe by saying, "You just have to go through the hand motions, and I will be the one to stand them up."

The Meforshim are bothered. If Hakadoish Baruch Hu wanted Moshe Rabbeinu to have a Cheilek in the Mishkan like the rest of Klal Yisroel, why is this helping? Everyone else in Klal Yisroel actually did something, but Moshe Rabbeinu was just pretending, as if he was doing something. In reality it was absolutely zilch. So how is that considered that he had a Cheilek in building the Mishkan?

The answer is, that in reality there is nothing we are actually doing. It is all an illusion. Because whatever outcome there is from any action

we do, is coming from Hashem.

Let's give a few cases to explain this concept: When you turn on the faucet, it is not your turning of the knob that causes the water to come out, rather at that exact second, Hakadoish Boruch Hu makes it appear. If Hashem wouldn't want that, then no water would come out no matter how hard you try. The same is true with every step we take. Whether it's opening the door, blurting out a word, crossing the street and everything else in the world, big and small.

It comes out that all we are ever really doing, is the hand motions. Because everything from start to finish is from Hashem. All results, outcomes and accomplishments are up to Hashem. So whenever we are doing something and we see a result, it is because Hashem decided that the result should happen.

If a person lives with this mindset, he realizes that anyone in Klal Yisroel who helped the build the Mishkan didn't really do anything. All they were doing were the hand motions. And Hashem was telling Moshe that by moving his hands to raise up the Kerashim, he has the same Cheilik in the construction as everyone else.

The only difference was that by Klal Yisroel it looked like it was real that they were doing something and by Moshe it was more obvious that it was Hashem.

This is what it means to live with Bitachon. To realize that Hakadoish Boruch Hu is doing everything. If a person lives with this mindset, he will be able to live a life full of Menuchas Henefesh. Because he knows that it's all Hashem anyway. He is running an amazing, perfect world where nothing can go wrong. Our job is just to do the hand motions, and everything else is already perfectly planned by our loving, caring Father, the Ribono Shel Oilam.

A Yid shares: *It was Erev Shabbos right before the Z'man and my sink was stuffed. It was overflowing and as hard as I tried to fix it, it wouldn't drain. It was too late to call a plumber and I couldn't go into Shabbos without a working sink. I didn't know what to do. I was thinking, what does Hashem want from me? I realized that 'I' was trying to fix the sink! I can't do it. However if all I do is the motions and I realize that the outcome is from Hashem, then it is whole different story. With that I tried unclogging the sink with the mindset that all I am doing is the motions, like a puppet, and it is Hashem really doing the outcome. Seconds later it started working!*



A Yungerman shared: *I was in the supermarket and the lines were endless. I was in a huge rush and I could not afford to wait on line for twenty minutes. I was thinking that anyhow I need to come onto Hashem to take the items, go to the checkout counter and bring the stuff home. So if I need to rely on Him for all that, I might as well turn to Him to help me get out of the store in a flash. How will it happen? That's not my department.*

Just then the manager went to a new checkout counter, sat himself down and called me over. He told me, "I see that the line is really long. Come over here." Out of all the people waiting on the lines he called me over. I got out of there in a flash!



• **How will my perspective change if I know I am just doing the hand motions when it comes to Parnassa, Chinuch, studying for a test or learning a Blatt Gemara?**

• **The Alter of Novardak never asked if I am able to do it, but if it's the right thing. If it's the right thing it means Hashem will give me the means to do it. What can I take on to do with knowing that it's really Hashem running the show, and I only have to 'play' my part?**

• **If I know all my accomplishments is Hashem, not me; how will this help me feel towards someone who didn't achieve the same results?**

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"The Korban Article"

It was Tuesday night, the deadline to give in my article to The Spring Hill Times for next week's newsletter.

I wrote an article the night before and it turned out beautiful with the right words, sentences, wit, details, insight, all twirled, and tied together, creating a gorgeous piece of creative



writing, along with a strong message, of thankfulness for a few things.

As I try to save it but . . . yep! You guessed right, the entire article went blank, except for the first paragraph.

I was broken. It was in middle of the night, as I sat down to gather my thoughts on how to take this loss.

Boruch Hashem, I gathered the strength to say 'Gam Zu L'Toivah.' I am a very emotional person, and I really thank Hashem for giving me the koichos hanefesh to stay calm and composed. That's not my nature at all! To top it all off, I had some family member that I could have easily blamed for the mistaken steps that I had taken in the course of trying to save the article. "I could've really blown my fuse, Chas V'shaloim.

As I was sitting on the recliner, B"H not losing my temper, I was surprised at my reaction! I gathered my courage to say these words to Hashem: "Riboinoi Shel Oilum please take this extinguished fire of anger, and let this be considered a burning fiery Korban of love for You". (I may have heard this line from Rabbi Fishel Schachter)

I B"H was able to fall asleep despite the loss.

I had this thought of, "maybe I had written some words or sentences that could have hurt someone who is in a situation in life that doesn't have those special gifts from Hashem to be able to be thankful for".

The next night, as I was putting my

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R' Moshe Davidson
A Rebbe From Brooklyn, NY

To Share My Share Of My Daily "Shir Chadash"

youngest child to sleep, I got a phone call from the computer technician, a tzaddik who lives across the street from my house. He told me that he tried to retrieve the lost article but he couldn't find it or access it in any way. I said, "So I guess it's gone", and I continued speaking to him as I left my son's bedroom to meet him and get my laptop back. I met him outside and with a smile he returned the laptop without asking for any charge for his service.



I came back to my son to continue laying on the empty adjacent bed, putting him to sleep, when my 9 year old asks me, "Totty what did you say is gone?"

I told him the story and added that we Yidden know to say, "Gam Zu L'Toivah"! he then asked me what the article was about, and I told him in short the content of what I had written about.

This little smart child answered me these exact words: "Totty maybe you wrote something that someone living somewhere else would have read, and could have felt bad that he, or somebody in his family doesn't have that thing to thank about!" I was astounded at the words that came out his mouth! I said "That's Mamesh what I was also thinking!" Wow! It sounded like a message from Hashem!

I then said to him the possuk from Shema, the famous words 'V'ahavta Es Hashem Eloikechca, B'chol Lvovcha Uv'chol Nafsicha - Uv'chol M'oidecha.' I told him what the Chazal teach us, that we should love Hashem even when things seem not good! I added "the Gemara states that we should be M'kabel it B'simcha!

I then couldn't believe hearing myself singing a song to thank Hashem for what had happened and transpired in the last 24 hours! That's a "new me"!

There is one more point that I would like to add. Last week at my seudas Shabbos my smart, intelligent, intellectually insightful dear guest Reuvein Chaim, related a story from Rabbi Yissochor Frand.

Rabbi Frand's daughter had written an article and . . . you guessed right again, it got deleted. Rabbi Frand pointed out a message from that story that we can apply to the consequences of speaking the opposite of Lashon Toiv. We should be careful not to Chas V'shaloim have any of our zechusim deleted. Keeping our mouth on the Lashon Tov speaking path, will keep all of our zechusim intact! This sounded like another direct message from Hashem.

May we always have the sense to "take things right," to pick up on the messages from Hashem, internalize them, and have the "message saved".

Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

THERE WAS A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL who was falling off the derech. Many people who knew him tried to persuade him back to the right path, without success. His fall went so far that he decided to charter a yacht to sail off to the middle of the sea, and scheduled his departure for none other than Yom Kippur, r"l.

R' Yaakov Meir Schechter was asked to talk to him, hoping that he would be able to positively influence him, and he agreed. They spoke warmly, and at one point, R' Yaakov Meir directed the conversation to his yacht voyage. "Why did you decide to go out on that boat on Yom Kippur of all days?"



The man responded: "Ever since I started my journey away from Yiddishkeit, I've felt my neshamah tugging at me, drawing me to return to Torah and mitzvos. This greatly disturbed my peace of mind; I was finished with observing mitzvos, and I didn't want them anymore, but my inner conscience was pulling me away from what I was doing, disturbing me from enjoying the 'fun.'

"So, after much thought, I decided to do something to disconnect me from everything, leaving no trace of Yiddishkeit. That's why I chartered a boat and ate on Yom Kippur, r"l. It would sever my final connection with Yiddishkeit, and I'd be 'liberated.'"

"And how do you feel now?" asked R' Yaakov Meir.

"The same as before! The pull, tug, agony, and guilt I always had is still there in full force, disturbing my life and preventing me from enjoying my new direction!"

Putting his hand on the boy's shoulder, with a warm tone of voice, R' Yaakov Meir responded: "Wow! I'm so impressed!"

"I have so many people crying at my desk, bemoaning how they're yearning to feel connected with Hashem and His mitzvos. They feel their bond with Hashem is so dry, lifeless, and dull, and they come to seek guidance to rebuild that connection. You, on the other hand, are telling me that you constantly have this feeling, and that your problem is how you can free yourself from it. Your inner neshamah has such a longing to Hashem and wants so badly to have that association. That is something so special, and that's why I'm so blown away."

Every Yid, in every situation and in every level that he finds himself, has that inner desire toward Hashem and His mitzvos. We might not be aware of it, and it might not be on the forefront of our minds, but it's there. The feeling that this young man had is something that us observant Yidden might take for granted, but we all have it. In every situation and level that we find ourselves in, our neshamah yearns for it. The neshamah of every Yid contains a desire and a yearning toward Torah and mitzvos.

These words deeply penetrated the young man's heart, and they reignited in him the spark to start observing Torah and mitzvos. Today, he is a respectable yungerman, learning and growing to

great heights.

"DON'T LET IT GO"

When we have problems, we seek the guidance of the gedolei Torah in how to deal with them. Someone wrote to the Avnei Nezer, zt"l, asking guidance for the problem he was encountering. He was worried about that he wasn't feeling close to Hashem. What should he do to gain this feeling?

The Avnei Nezer replied, "I ask from you one thing: Don't tell anyone that you have this problem. Don't tell anyone that you feel distant from Hashem and that it bothers you, unlike what we find by other problems.

"By other problems, Chazal relate from a pasuk in Mishlei that if a person has a worry, he should tell other people about it (Mishlei 12:25). He should share his worries with a good friend. Often, that helps the person deal with the problem. The burden feels easier to bear after sharing it with others.

"This one, however, I request that you should not share your worry with anyone. I want the fact that you feel distant from Hashem to bother you for your entire life. You should always seek Hashem. If you speak it over with other people, you may cool off, and that's why you must avoid discussing this 'problem' with others." (Reprinted with permission from Mechon Be'er Haparsha, Torah Wellsprings, Va'eira, p.10)

"TAKE HASHEM WITH YOU!"

Our generation was privileged to have R' Chaim Kanievsky
zatzal. Besides for

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his holy presence, we benefit greatly from the many sefarim that he wrote on a wide range of



subjects. One of his sefarim is Shoneh Halachos, which was actually written by his devoted chavrusa, R' Elazar Tzadok Turtzin.

As a bachur, R' Elazar Tzadok learned in the Chevron Yeshiva, and he was very close to the Chazon Ish. Once when he was at the home of the Chazon Ish, the Chazon Ish told him, "Lazer, Lazer, do you really think that observant Yidden who, r'l, go off the derech all of a sudden take off their yarmulka? No! It

happens gradually; it starts a little at a time, they stop this and then that, until eventually they take it off."

R' Elazar Tzadok was totally bewildered. He thought, "Did the Chazon Ish see in me something that is straying from the right path? Why is he speaking to me about this? The Chazon Ish doesn't say things for no reason!"

Broken and distraught, R' Elazar Tzadok left the Chazon Ish's home. For the entire four-hour return trip back to his yeshiva, he was in a complete daze. "What was the Chazon Ish's intent?"

When he finally arrived at the yeshiva, a close friend of his saw him unsettled, bothered, and disturbed. He asked R' Elazar Tzadok, "Lazer, what is bothering you? I see you're not yourself. It seems that something is distressing you. How can I help you?"

R' Elazar Tzadok went on to explain what was bothering him and the strange words of the Chazon Ish. "So why did you leave without asking the Chazon Ish?" his friend asked. "You should have asked the Chazon Ish what he was intending. Head right back to the Chazon Ish's home and ask him what he meant by what he said."

R' Elazar Tzadok took to his advice and made the four-hour return

trip to B'nei Brak. When the Chazon Ish saw him, his face lit up. "Why did you run away so quickly? I was talking to you, and you left in the middle of our conversation."

"I wasn't sure what Rebbe saw in me that made him say that," Lazer replied sobbingly. "I was so degraded that I just dashed to the door."


"Chalilah," said the Chazon Ish consolably. "That was not my intention. Don't suspect that for a moment. I know that you're a tzaddik, and that was not my intention at all. All I wanted to tell you was one thing:

"How does the day of a person look? He wakes up, he davens, then he says some Tehillim, and he asks Hashem that he should have a successful day in business. And then he leaves shul until Minchah. When he leaves shul, he also leaves Hashem in shul, and this repeats itself the next time he leaves. He davens, and then forgets about Hashem in the interim. And this repeats day in and day out.

"This is not the right way to live. We must take Hashem into our day-to-day living, thinking about Hashem, talking with Hashem, and that's the way to live.

"Suppose someone needs a pair of shoes. There's a lot of siyata d'shmaya needed to get the right pair. One can talk to Hashem, asking that the right pair should come his way and that it should come easily. He should also daven that it should be of good quality and have a long life. Hashem wants us to turn to Him at

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Lashon Hara



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any and every time of day.” (V'higadeta)

FRIENDSHIP

One of the most valuable items to R' Yankel Galinsky was a letter that he had received. What's the story behind this letter? And what made it so treasured?

There were many tasks that the Chazon Ish needed to be done on behalf of Klal Yisrael. He many times approached R' Yankel for the task, since he was a Novardoker, and the students of the Novardok Yeshiva were known for their brazenness in serving Hashem. So, when he had tasks that required great boldness, R' Yankel was the man. On some occasions, the Chazon Ish sent him to pull people out of the Arab Quarter or the like, and R' Yankel devotedly did these

seemingly impossible tasks.

In one of these he's the “friend” of the Chazon Ish, and they'll grant him a special place.

such letters, when the Chazon Ish requested him do such a mission, he called R' Yankel “Yedidi” — my friend. R' Yankel cherished this letter greatly. He saved this treasured letter for a staggering twenty-five-years among his personal possessions. He even requested in his tzavaah, will, that it should accompany him in his grave. That is how much he cherished that letter.

He explained the reason for attachment to the letter as follows: When he'll come to Shamayim, he is not sure what type of Olam Haba they'll grant him. But if he comes with that letter, they'll see that

the bechorim, and redeemed His first-born, referring to the Yidden, “v'zeidim tibata,” that the wicked ones drowned, and “v'yedidim he'evarta,” and the beloved He crossed through the Yam Suf.

“As soon as I read this last one, I was overtaken with joy and happiness. I saw that I'm called the ‘beloved of Hashem.’ When I thought about it, it dawned on me: how can I treasure that letter that declares that I'm the friend of the Chazon Ish when I have a letter stating that I'm the friend of Hashem? That brings my association to a new level.

“It filled me with such joy that I simply do not need the letter of the Chazon Ish to ensure me of this comfort of being the yedid of the Chazon Ish. All that I could have, I get from being the yedid of ‘Hashem.’”



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Many years later, when he returned one day from Shacharis, he took the letter, ripped it up, and threw it out. This bothered his talmidim: “Why is he ripping that precious letter of his? It was so treasured by him. Why would he throw it in the wastebasket?”

He turned to them and said: “While I was davening, something caught my attention. Toward the end of the birchos k'rias Shema, we discuss the various nissim, miracles, that Hashem performed when we were leaving Mitzrayim. We start by mentioning how Hashem killed

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Purim — A Day of Boundless Joy

Perhaps one of the most perplexing days in the Jewish calendar is Purim. Purim is a day when all of our usual standards of behavior seem to be abrogated. It is a day marked by incredible, unbridled rejoicing and complete drunkenness to the point of “ad d’lo yada bein arur Haman l’baruch Mordechai.” This seems to defy everything we would expect from a sacred Jewish day. What is the place of such limitless merrymaking on this most meaningful day?

Furthermore, the joy of Purim seems to clash with a number of other established rules. For instance, the Gemara teaches us (Berachos 31a), “Rabbi Yochanan says in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai: It is forbidden for a person to fill his mouth with laughter in this world, as the pasuk says, ‘Then our mouths will be filled with laughter and our tongues with song.’ When will this take place? When ‘the nations will declare: Hashem has done great things with these people.’” Until our final Geulah, we are forbidden to display complete, unfettered joy. But then how can we be permitted to lose ourselves in the drunkenness and revelry of Purim?

The explanation of Yosef Lekach (9:23) for the requirement of ad d’lo yada makes the mystery grow even deeper. Yosef Lekach explains that on Purim Chazal wanted us to forget our suffering in exile and the pain of the Churban, instead rejoicing over the fact that Hashem exercised His hashgachah over us even after the Shechinah had departed. But Chazal did not want to command us explicitly to forget the destruction of Yerushalayim, so they phrased the halachah as a requirement to lose our understanding of the difference between Mordechai and Haman, who were diametric opposites. If we reach that level of intoxication, we will certainly be unaware of the tribulations of galus.

Yosef Lekach’s approach is truly astounding. How can a Jew ever forget the destruction of Yerushalayim, even for a moment? We are all familiar with the pesukim in which Dovid Hamelech cries (Tehillim 137:5-6), “If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its cunning. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I do not remember you, if I do not recall Jerusalem at the height of my joy.” Yet Shaa-



rei Teshuvah (Orach Chaim siman 695) quotes Mor u’Ketzieh, who rules that there is no requirement to recall the Churban at the seudah of Purim. Furthermore, some authorities maintain that during the month of Adar, one should place a sign bearing the words

Mishenichnas Adar marbim b’simchah over the section of the wall that is left unpainted as a commemoration of the Churban. Why would there be such a drastic turnaround on Purim that we are actually required to forget it?

A fascinating resolution from the sefer Egeres Hapurim paints the revelry of Purim in an entirely new light. Rabbeinu Bechaye writes in Kad Hakemach that the entirety of Megillas Esther represents an allusion to future events. Just as many non-Jews converted to Judaism during the times of Mordechai and Esther, the nations of the world will abandon their false religions in the future, at the time of the Geulah, and serve Hashem. Just as Haman’s nefarious plot against Klal Yisrael was miraculously reversed and the Jews became dominant, in the future as well, the Jewish people will go from being oppressed and downtrodden to being the most exalted and respected nation in the world.

The miracle of Purim, in other words, generated an awesome revelation of Hashem’s honor. The Jewish people’s salvation from Haman’s decree caused the entire world to recognize our special relationship with Hashem, foreshadowing the events that will take place when Mashiach comes at last. Thus, Purim is a day when we experience a microcosm of the future Geulah. That being the case, it is entirely fitting that Chazal instituted the halachah of ad d’lo yada on Purim. As the Gemara clearly states, the prohibition of unadulterated joy applies only until all the nations of the world acknowledge Hashem’s sovereignty, but on Purim, we are essentially catapulted into the future era when that will have already taken place. We can also understand how we can be commanded to forget the Churban on this day, for the joy of Purim is itself a celebration of the Geulah and the rebuilding of the Beis Hamikdash. The most fundamental aspect of the Geulah is that it is a time of kiddush Hashem, when Hashem’s honor and glory will be revealed to the entire world, and on Purim we celebrate such a revelation.

Purim teaches us that not only must we constantly strive to create kiddush Hashem, but we should be incredibly overjoyed when it takes place. Kiddush Hashem should be a source of more joy to us than any other accomplishment in

the world. Our great forebear Avraham Avinu taught us this lesson, as well. After Avraham succeeded in vanquishing the mighty army of the four kings, the king of Sodom offered him the rights to the enormous bounty from the war, but Avraham flatly refused to accept any of it. Malbim

explains that Avraham's sole objective in life was to bring awareness of Hashem and His Providence to the world. His victory over the kings demonstrated conclusively to the world that Hashem is its true King, and that accomplishment was the greatest reward he could ever expect. There was no reason for him to derive any other benefit from his victory, since he had already achieved the exclusive goal of his life.

In our days, as well, there have been great people who mastered this attitude. Rabbi Shmuel Bloom relates that Rabbi Moshe Sherer appeared before Congress in 1961 to testify in favor of government-funded financial aid for pri-



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a chillul Hashem. The liberal Jews in America have promulgated the notion that only Catholics support religious education, whereas Jews are opposed to it. That very idea is a terrible chillul Hashem. But now Americans know that religious Jews are in favor of religious education, and that is a great kiddush Hashem."

Yeshivos throughout the country were in dire need of the vital infusion of financial support that Rabbi Sherer's testimony was meant to bring about. But for Rav Aharon Kotler, that was not the primary benefit of Rabbi Sherer's actions. The reason to rejoice was simply that a kiddush Hashem had been created. What could be more important than that?



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Purim is a day when we celebrate the massive kiddush Hashem of the victory over Amalek, the primary detractors from kavod Shamayim. The avodah of Purim is to express the fact that a Jew experiences true joy only when there is kiddush Hashem. Therefore, kiddush Hashem should be at the forefront of our consciousness on this day; it should be the sole object of our concerns. The unbridled festivity of the day, the drunkenness and the atmosphere of unchecked celebration do create a significant danger of chillul Hashem. We must be careful to use such a powerful day in the right way and conduct ourselves in a way that can lead only to kiddush Hashem. Then, perhaps, we will usher in the era when Hashem's honor is fully evident to the entire world.



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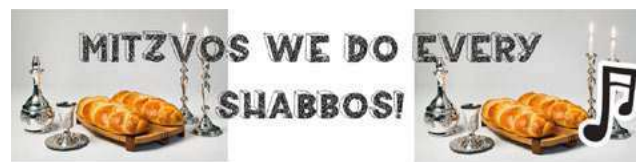


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mitzvos you do. Even more, write down all your good retzonos, every time you wanted to help another Yid, daven with Kavana... Write down everything you want to accomplish! Focus on your Retzonos! Read the stories, and see how special you are! Chazer over these stories! The more you appreciate yourself and hold of yourself, the bigger and better you'll become.



In Navardok, not only did they write down for themselves how great they were, they even reported it for their Rosh Hava'ad, "Look, over here I did shviras Hamidos..." and the Rosh Hava'ad would praise them and compliment them for it. It's very important to know, because many people think that this is ga'ava, but as the Alter m'Navardok said, the only time a person should work on ga'ava is if they were born like that, but nowadays, almost everyone has a low self-esteem, so the Alter m'Navardok said we have to go to the opposite extreme.

As Yosef said, "Einini Gadol Babayis," there is no one greater than me in the house. If you feel good about yourself, you are able to grow much more! In Hashem's eyes, you are a Gadol, and you have to become a Gadol in your own eyes, in order to reach your potential!

(Heard from R' Yehuda Mandel, from his Rebbeim in Navardok)

Gold Mines

Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel

By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

R' Mandel says over from R' Yaakov Galinsky Zt"l that if you serve Hashem and believe Chazal, you will realize that you're always in the best situation.



On the other hand if you live life the way the world thinks, life can be disap-

pointing and challenging. The world believes that in order to be successful you need results. However, Chazal say regarding avoiding Hashem, "לא עליך המלאכה לגמור" - all you need to do is try. The world also views struggles and challenges as obstacles and unfortunate, but Chazal say when we struggle we are even better, as we see - "טוב פעם בצער" when you struggle, it's worth a hundred times more than when things are going good.



Additionally, contrary to the world's view's, even when your nichshal you can become even greater because you have the opportunity to do teshuvah and - "עומדין אין צדיקים גמורין" - and Chazal also say when you do teshuva your aveiros turn into mitzvos.

Furthermore the pain you have from falling is also precious and serves as a tikkun for your neshama. If only we believed in the Torah way of thinking and not the way the world thinks, life would be such a pleasure and we would be much happier.

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to R' Yaakov Meir Hirschberg and family (Lakewood, New Jersey) on the birth on a new baby boy!

Mazel Tov to R' Moshe Dovid Weisbord and family on the birth of a new baby boy!

By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

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

A Drink of Life

Last week we saw that with a little thought we can turn daily aspects of life into opportunities of *simcha*. Let us take for example the pleasure of drinking a cup of water.

In days of old, if you wanted a cup of water in the middle of the night and your water jug was empty, you would need to get dressed, put on a heavy coat, and go out into the cold and darkness. Then you would need to draw up water into a bucket from the well, or crank it out with a hand pump. After that you would filter the water from the sand and sediments, and sometimes even boil it to remove the germs and bacteria. Yet today, we just need to open the faucet and out comes clean delicious water. So, our first step to *simcha* is while we are filling up the cup. Think about how easy it is to get this basic pleasure of life.



Next, let us focus on the great pleasure of drinking water. First, your mouth was so dry and now the soothing elixir will take away that uncomfortable feeling. If you were hot and worn out, you will be overtaken by a refreshing feeling. Then pay attention to the fact that when you swallow, the water goes down your throat painlessly. I am sure you remember what it felt like to swallow when you had a sore throat. Even though you probably have food inside your stomach, Hashem created a wondrous system that filters out the water and delivers it smoothly and swiftly, in the precise amounts, to every part of the body. Approximately 60% of our body is water, so it is very vital for our existence. Now, too much of a good thing is not good, and can even be damaging. Therefore, Hashem instilled an automatic gauge which ensures that any excess water gets sent to a special "container", where it waits for us to find a convenient time and place to remove it from our body. For most of us, this is a painless process, which we don't give any thought to. But the truth is that there are people who are scared to drink water, knowing that when they will need to expel the excess from their body it will be a very painful and difficult process. Yet, we merely pick up that glass of water and empty its contents without any hesitation!

Drinking water is like drinking wine! If we would bear this in mind while saying the beracha of *shehakol*, we would get more drunk with real, everlasting happiness, than a drunkard gets from a bottle of wine. A simple cup of water would put us in good spirits and help us discover more of these wonderful pleasures and joys of daily life.

Every cup of water is an opportunity to: 1) Think about how thankful you are to Hashem for this life-saving elixir and for the wondrous mechanisms of the body that absorbs it and sends it to where it is most needed. 2) Say the beracha of *shehakol* with that *kavana*. 3) To keep these thoughts in mind until you finish the cup, you can also imagine the water spreading life throughout your body.



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HABITACHON POWER!

BY: Rabbi Chayim Tzvi Blau



The Quote – The Lesson – The Story

A Meaningful "QUOTE" BASED ON the Sefer Chovos Halevavos "SHAAR HABITACHAN"

The Quote: One is not obligated to use every option to get his פרנסה. It is in our hands to choose the precise type of פרנסה that best suits our personality and our nature. The person who has a weak mind, but a strong body, can choose one type of פרנסה. Whilst, if one has the opposite nature, a different form of פרנסה will suit him better. One should never choose the wrong type of job, a job that doesn't match his תכונות. One should never choose a job that will become taxing on his גוף so that it shouldn't ה"ו take away from his מנוחת הנפש and cause him that he will not be able to toil in תורה."



The Lesson: WHAT MAKES THIS SO INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING, is that we can think that we need to "kill ourselves" to make a living. However, the Chovos Halevavos teaches us that the truth is that this is not hishtadlus. Hashem can easily give you the same livelihood even if you take the sort of job that is not taking up your entire life. It is purely unnecessary hishtadlus! This is so calming and so incredible just knowing that you can do something and still live a life with menuchas Hanefesh. You will be able to learn Torah without any shadow of a doubt that you will not be neglecting your livelihood!

The Story: There is a story with one of the Balei Tosfos. There was a rich man that lived in Paris and he had everything he wanted – except happiness. One day, he moved near Rebbeinu Yechiel. Every morning he watched how Rebbeinu Yechiel left his house early in the morning wearing talis and teffilin his face radiating true simchas hachayim. He watched how Rebbeinu Yechiel walked home surrounded by his talmidim with much simcha! The rich man's wife, who also had everything she wanted, saw how Rebbeinu Yechiel's wife was always so happy even though she had almost nothing!



One day the gvir approached Reb Yechiel and asked him, "How can it be that I have everything that I can imagine and yet I am unhappy. You have nothing and you radiate simcha! Why is this so?"

Reb Yechiel responded "My child, you are chasing after the wrong things! You have a neshama that is thirsty for ruchnios and you are trying to satisfy yourself with more and more gashmios! You will never be happy this way!

Reb Yechiel agreed to learn with him and teach him Torah and the fellow's life completely changed! He was a happy person finally living a life of meaning! His wife joined him in this new life and they also supported Torah learners.



Continued from Chapter 2:

The Torah Obligation to Enjoy Olam Hazei

A New Perspective

In addition to the lesson of Gan Eden, there are other pesukim in the Torah that teach us that Hashem wants people to be happy and enjoy their lives in this world. One is the pasuk in Parshas Bereishis (1:31), which says that Hashem declared that the world is very good. Now, why did the Torah take the time to tell us Hashem's opinion of the world? Rav Miller explained that this is so we should share Hashem's opinion. In other words, Hashem told us that He thinks our world is very good so that we should train ourselves to think the same way!



In the book *The Beginning*, Rav Miller explained an important principle for understanding the Torah: When the Torah says something is "very good," it means it is good to the greatest degree possible. In Rav Miller's words, "'Very good' in Hashem's language means 'endlessly good.'" (Rav Avigdor Miller, *The Beginning*, p. 57). We therefore see that Hashem's opinion is that Olam Hazei is incredibly, amazingly, endlessly good — and that He wants us to feel this way, too! Now, thinking that this world is endlessly good does not mean to think that the world is merely a very useful place. It means that we must feel with all our heart that the world is the most amazing, wonderful place, and that we are extremely lucky to be here! In other words, it is a Torah mitzvah for us

to greatly enjoy life in Olam Hazei; it is what Hashem wants from every person!

More Torah Sources

In addition to the above, other sources in the Torah clearly teach us that a person is meant to enjoy life. Here are some of them:

1. The pasuk in sefer Mishlei (15:15) says,

יָטוּב לֵב-מִשְׁתָּה תָמִיד.

"For a



good-hearted person, [life is a] constant banquet."

It's surely an obligation for every person to have a good heart, and this means that Hashem desires that our lives should feel as exciting and fun as a great big banquet! This is clear proof that Hashem wants us to enjoy our lives to the fullest!

2. The pasuk in Mishlei (11:17) says,

גִּמְלַל נֶפֶשׁוֹ-אִישׁ חֶסֶד.

"One who gives to his soul is a man of kindness."

This means that it's a mitzvah of chessed to do kind things to oneself, including giving oneself food and drink (Sefer Chareidim 66:124). It's thus a mitzvah of chessed to give oneself an enjoyable time.

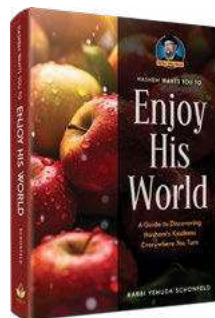
3. The mishnah in Pirkei Avos (4:1) teaches,

אִיזְהוּ עֹשֵׂי הַשְׂמֵחַ בְּחִלּוֹ.

Many people translate these words to mean: "Who is wealthy? One who is satisfied with his lot." However, the word הַשְׂמֵחַ does not mean "one who is satisfied." A good English translation of simchah might be "one who is joyful." This mishnah is not teaching that to be wealthy, a person must merely be content. Rather, he must rejoice and delight in what he has! He must be in a state of

simchah because of his lot!

From all these sources we learn that Hashem wants a person to enjoy life in this world with simchah and happiness from beginning to end. Not only that, there are even enjoyments that Hashem will reward us for having, since, as we know, some of the mitzvos require us to enjoy gashmiyus pleasures — for example, the mitzvos of oneg Shabbos and oneg Yom Tov, and simchas Yom Tov. In the coming sections we will discuss more concepts that demonstrate that Hashem wants us to enjoy our lives very much.



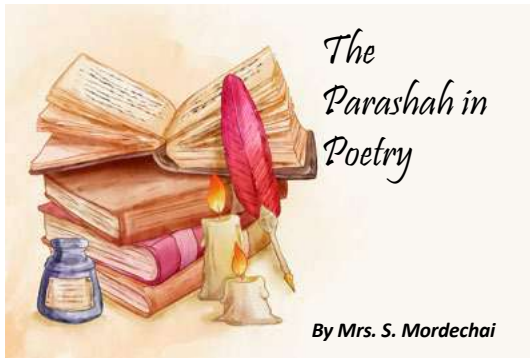
The Sweetest Marmor

Rabbi Yehuda Mandel of Lakewood, New Jersey, once asked: Why is it that of the five vegetables that are acceptable for fulfilling the mitzvah of eating marmor at the Seder table, chazeres (romaine lettuce) is the most preferred one? Why, it's not bitter at all! Shouldn't it be the least preferable of the five? In his characteristic spirit of positivity, Rabbi Mandel explained that Hashem so desires to lavish sweetness on His children, the Jewish people, that any food that isn't deliciously sweet is already considered to be very bitter in Hashem's eyes! (Seen in Bitachon Weekly) This teaches us the correct perspective with which a person should relate to Hashem. He is our Father Who only desires to shower upon us enjoyable sweetness and abundance.



To be continued...

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*Nkodos HaKasef
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That Which Is Holy Will Last Forever

*Gold and silver form empty vessels
as do flesh and bone,
but that which is holy will last forever
Hashem assures us from His Heavenly
Throne.*

*Even structures of stone, like fleeting birds
flap their wings and fly away
no matter how grand.
Only those established with pure intent*

*and Noam Hashem can outlive
work of the hand.*

*What is imbued with His Chesed
and Faith
will survive forces that would take
their toll,
when sheathed in the Glory of The
Master Craftsman who created
every soul.*

*May we know who is Ribon Kal
HaMassim and see His "Yad" in all
we do.
May Hashem bless us with His Kindness
and Emuna
as we cling to the Kedusha of HaKadosh
Baruch Hu.*

*The Mishkan was illuminated by Hashem's
Shechina
rendering it permanent like His Heilige
Name;
just as He placed within the heart of every
Yid, an everlasting flame.*

*Im Yirtse Hashem, His Divine Presence will
soon permeate the third and final Mikdash*

*not built by flesh and yad as in the past,
but in all its splendor be lowered from Sho-
mayim
by the Master Craftsman Himself
to eternally last.*

*Hashem's Cloud of Glory crowned the
Mishkan by day, B'Laila Aish Tihye Bo
as He led through the midbar
Bnai Yisrael, His Beloved Am Karovo.*

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST





A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness

All the various sounds that humans produce are through the vocal cords. How does this happen? How do two small flaps of muscle create sounds and noises?

The way the vocal cords produce sound is through vibration. An example that we are familiar with of this phenomena, is guitar strings. Even though the physical build of vocal cords is quite different than guitar strings, they both share the same concept in producing sounds. When you pluck a guitar string which is tightly strung, it quickly vibrates by shaking back and forth. The sound of its vibrations bounces off the hollow of the guitar, creating sound. The vocal cords that Hakadosh Baruch Hu gifted us with, produces sound in the same fashion. The muscle tissue that partially covers the opening of the air pipe vibrates rapidly when we speak or sing. Vibrations rebound and resonate in the voice box, delivering sound.

Hashem in his infinite wisdom created man compact. Everything takes us a minimal amount of space. So while the hollow of a guitar can easily be two feet long, the voice box is only two inches long. This is so much more convenient than having a cavity the size of a guitar in our necks or in the top of our chest. The voice box also doubles as serving as part of the windpipe which we're constantly are breathing with. There's

no specific box which is designated for voice and sound. Rather, it's the wind pipe which also serves as an echo chamber to produce sound. Such amazing chachmah!



Let's continue studying together Hakadosh Baruch Hu's amazing creation called sound. It's the vibrations of the muscle tissue that's referred to as vocal cords, which produce sound. How many times do our vocal cords vibrate when we speak? How much activity is taking place inside our necks when we talk? You might be like me, amazed to find out the number of vibrations. Every time we speak our vocal cords vibrate over 100 times per second! That's a hundred cycles of vibra-

Answers for the Parsa Game page 17
Cloud: Hashem's cloud rested on the Mishkan
Water: The Kiyor was filled with water.

tion in which each cycle records a moving forward and backward.

If we translate that into regular life conversation, that means that if we talk for ten minutes, then our vocal cords vibrated well over 60,000 times. The number we used of 100 vibrations per second is actually starting at the low end. It's the amount that's used in low pitched voices that men usually talk in. Women who usually speak at a higher pitch, vibrate close to 200 cycles per second. And children, who speak at a very high pitch, vibrate in the area of 300 vibrations per second. That means, in a ten minute conversation with a child, he's vibrating over 180,000 times.

Hashem put so much movement and activity into the production of our speech that we are not even aware of. So many pieces work together so perfectly.

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The Amazing Electric Eel!

This article will focus on the fish called the electric eel. Officially it's not an eel, but a fish, however, since it looks like an eel, the name stuck. So be it. Now, this fish has some very unique structures that generate the electricity. These structures take up 80% of their body.

The electric eel has three large organs used to generate electricity.

The main organ is light purple in the below picture, the Hunter's organ is light green, and the Sach's organ is yellow. The brown on top, going across the length of the body, are its muscles used for moving around to propel the electric eel forward. The head area is the 20% of the body that holds all the important other organs.

80% is taken up by 3 electric organs and the rest of the organs are in the front 20% part of the electric eel.

the Hunter's organ can be combined or work alone, and make medium to extremely high voltage charges. As high as 680 volts can be generated, which is plenty and it can easily cause heart failure to a large crocodile, very quickly. A regular electric house socket is 120 volts and if you ever by accident got slightly electrocuted, you know that it's already a nice punch at 120 volts. On each side of the electric eel there's about 70 stacks of 5,000 – 10,000 flat electrocyte cells in each stack. That's what these three organs are made of. There can be over half a million electrocytes in one electric eel.

EVERY SINGLE ELECROCYTE is connected to the nervous system. While each electrocyte, when signaled gives off only a small amount of electricity, like .08 to .15 percent of one volt, when all the electrocytes are triggered off at EXACTLY the same time

to work properly. Now, I know very little about these things, but I am intelligent enough to understand that this needs a very clever and creative plan for it to work. It needs the correct setup of the electrocyte cells, with the positively and negatively charged particles all arranged in the correct order, and connections from the neurons must reach every single of the half a million electrocytes for them to be activated when needed. Otherwise, it just won't work. These stacks of electrocytes are anything but an accident that's for sure!

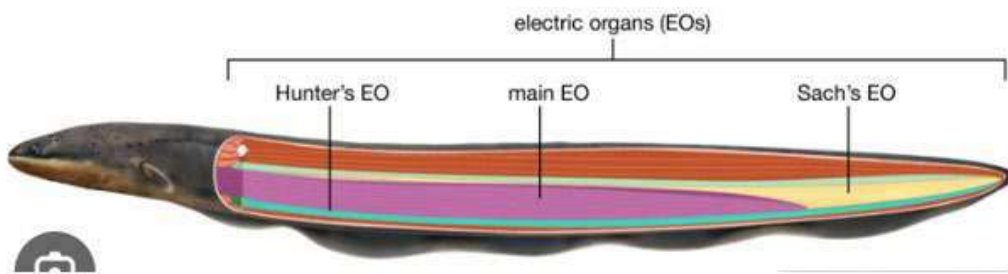
Using just the Sach's organ, low amounts of volts are generated, which helps them move around and it also can help them find prey in the nearby vicinity through a process of electrolocation.

How much voltage is used will determine what it can do with it. But, without going into the details, they

can avoid potential large predators by zapping them with high voltage shocks. They can use them to find prey, and once the prey is located, they can stun the prey. They can actually freeze the prey's muscles for a few seconds, which

gives them enough time to suck up the small stunned fish. Sometimes, from afar, it will give a quick double burst of electricity into its local vicinity, called a doublet, and it causes in nearby potential prey a twitch in their muscles which helps to give away the prey's location.

Truthfully, there's much more to explain about the way all the electrocut-



Now, the electricity can be low voltage, 25 volts, medium voltage at 100+ volts, and high voltage at 600+ volts! The Sach's organ is used to produce the low voltage. It's used to scavenge around for prey, and to search its environment to find out what's there. The Main organ and

– it creates a huge amount of voltage. The electric charges come out at great speeds. When at high charge, it can pulsate as fast as 500 pulses per second! Obviously, the electrocytes must be stacked in a very precise way to allow successful electricity generation. There's the positively charged parts and negatively charged parts that MUST be set up correctly for it



ing works, but that's not my focus. My focus is to think about this a little deeper. Firstly, can an accident set up half a million electrolytes all in the correct order? The positive sides and the negative sides all have to be set up correctly or it will break up the voltage flow and that will break up the voltage continuity thereby lowering the full voltage considerably. That all half a million are set up correctly is quite a miracle.

The fact that the neurons of the spine, that provide the important signals of activation, are connected to all half a million electrolytes in a way that the signal reaches all of them, at exactly the same millisecond (a millisecond is one thousandth of a second) is quite amazing! Signals that are sent as fast as one per two thousandth of one second, with as many as 500 pulsating signals sent PER SECOND, trust me, is also no accident!

But here's the main thing to think

about. Can an accident "know" ANYTHING about the simple existence of electricity? Do any animals know what electricity is? Would it "know" of the potential of using electricity as a method to detect and catch prey? Of course not. That's IMPOSSIBLE! Would an accident HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE how to generate electricity? I read articles about how it works and it's far from simple, that's for sure.

Can an accident know ANYTHING about the concept positive charged particles and negative charged particles?

Can it know how to use them in a way that it could be made to enable them to generate electricity?

Can an accident know that it will need to pass sodium ions between the positive and negative charges in order to create the flow of the electric charge? These sodium ions need to be waiting on standby to be summoned at any

millisecond to be ready to flow in.

Can an accident know that this must be prearranged for the electricity to be generated? Last I checked, ACCIDENTS CAN'T COMPREHEND ANYTHING!

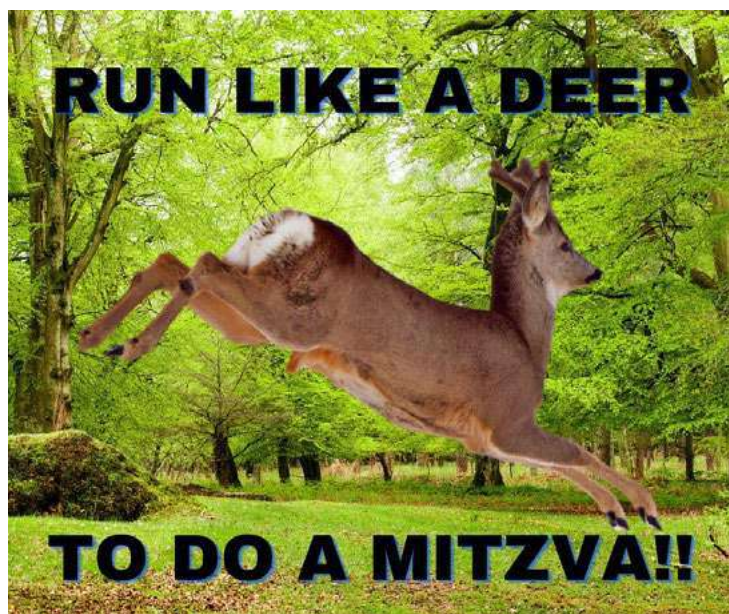
So, the Electric eel is an-

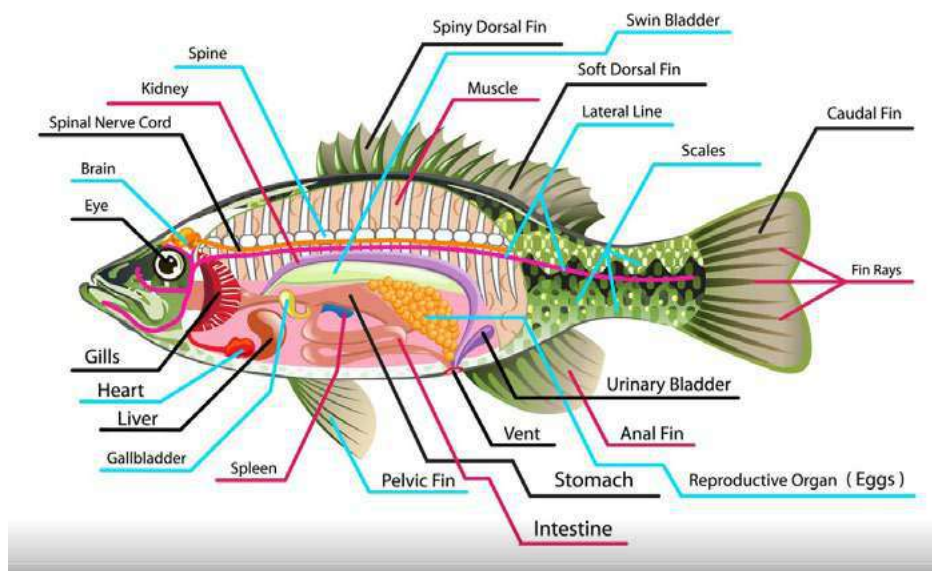
other one of Hashem's miraculous creatures with their electric producing capacity. How amazing are Your works Hashem! (There are a few other water creatures that can generate some electricity, but none come close to the voltage power of the electric eel. Each of these creatures are also miracles of Hashem!)

Now we can discuss some other points about the electric eel. Another important fact that must be known is that these electric eels have very poor eyesight. They also hunt at night which makes that a bigger problem. The water is also typically murky and muddy. So, Hashem gave them this method of finding prey with their electricity. They also don't have upper teeth so they need to be able to disable the fish so that they can easily suck in the fish through their mouths.

In addition, being they live in such muddy waters, the waters are very low in oxygen so Hashem made it that they can, and actually usually do, breathe air. They have gills, but typically the water won't provide enough oxygen, so they need to breathe air. Even though they have no lungs, their mouths are heavily vascularized (which means it has a lot of blood vessels) with folds that increase the surface area, allowing them to breathe air and get enough oxygen entering these folds and then going into the blood stream. This is a miraculous extra oxygen capturing apparatus, found only in some fish.

Another point that is important is as follows: We said that the electric organs take up 80% of the length of the electric eel body. The main visceral





(vital) organs, which are the soft internal organs of the body, including the lungs, the heart, and the organs of the digestive, excretory, and circulatory systems, had to be “moved” to the front 20% of the body.

An electric eel can grow up to 5 - 8ft

long, nevertheless, the typical structure of a fish (see picture below) has these organs spread out nicely along about 80% of the body for effective functioning. Now, in the electric eel, they “supposedly” got squished into the front 20% of the

body, while the electric organs were supposedly being developed by accident. Now, can an accident go and perfectly readjust, replant and squish all the organs into a new cramped space that it wasn’t in before, and/or have to shrink the organs that were supposedly much larger at one time, and still function 100%? Of course not! It’s completely ridiculous!

The electric eel was created with their main organs proportionately smaller in size and in its correct, yet smaller space than usual, in the front 20% of the Electric eel, and they function perfectly while Hashem put the electric organs in the rest of the body.

A typical fish with its organs spaced nicely across 80% the body.

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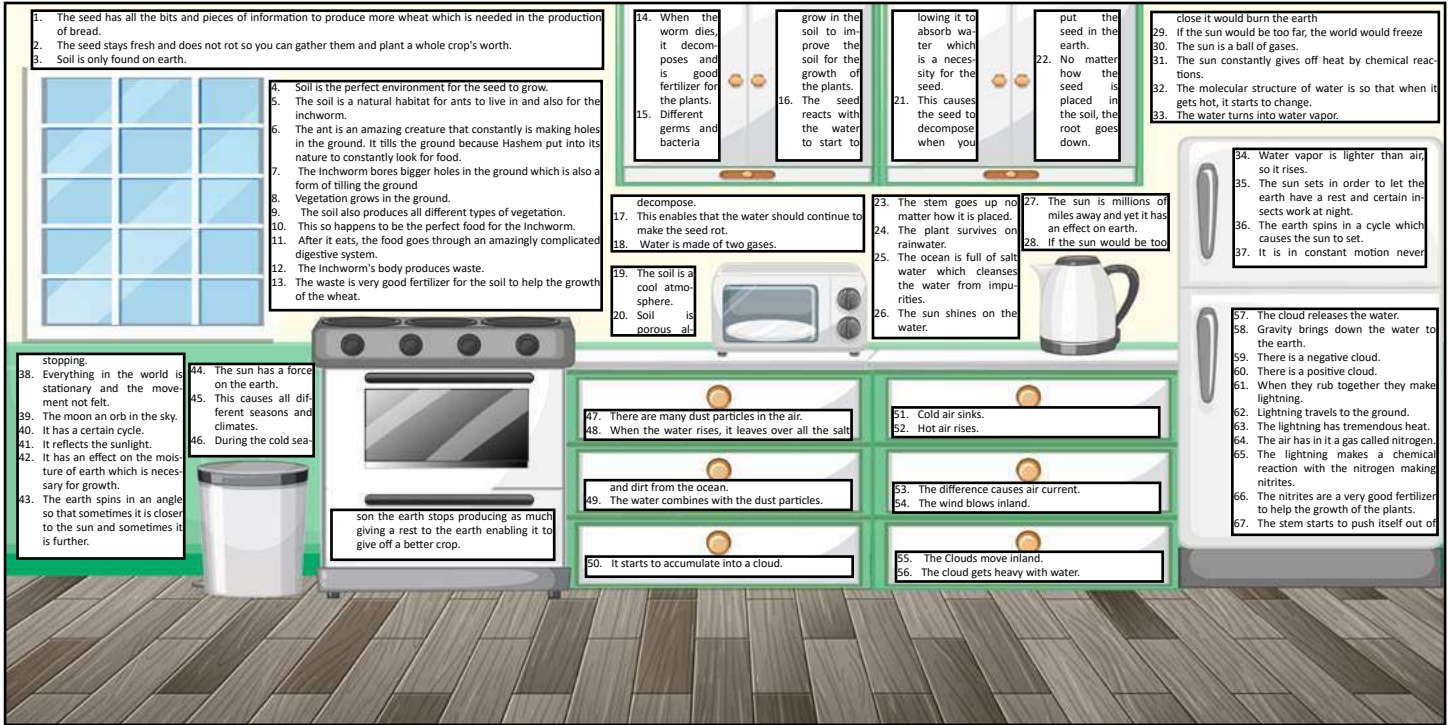
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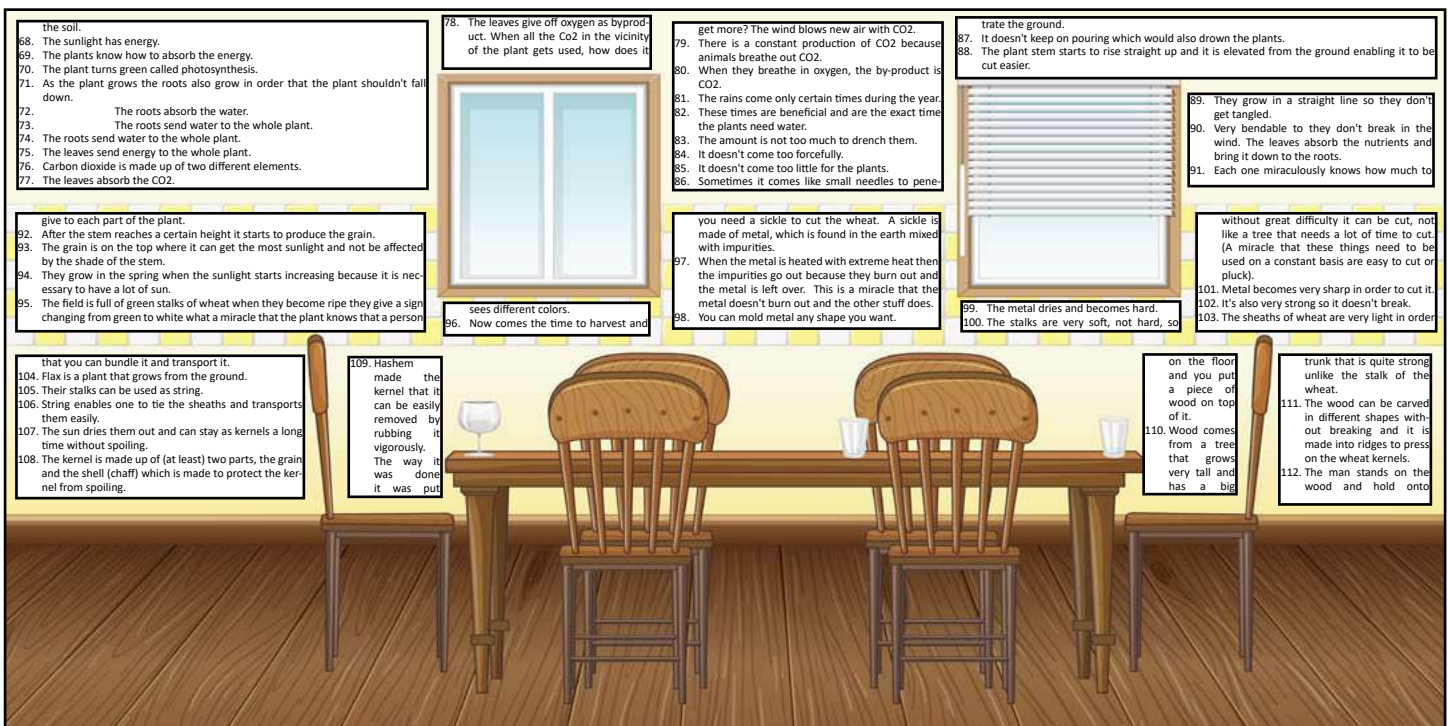


The Miracles Inside Your Slice of Bread

By: Mordechai Solomon



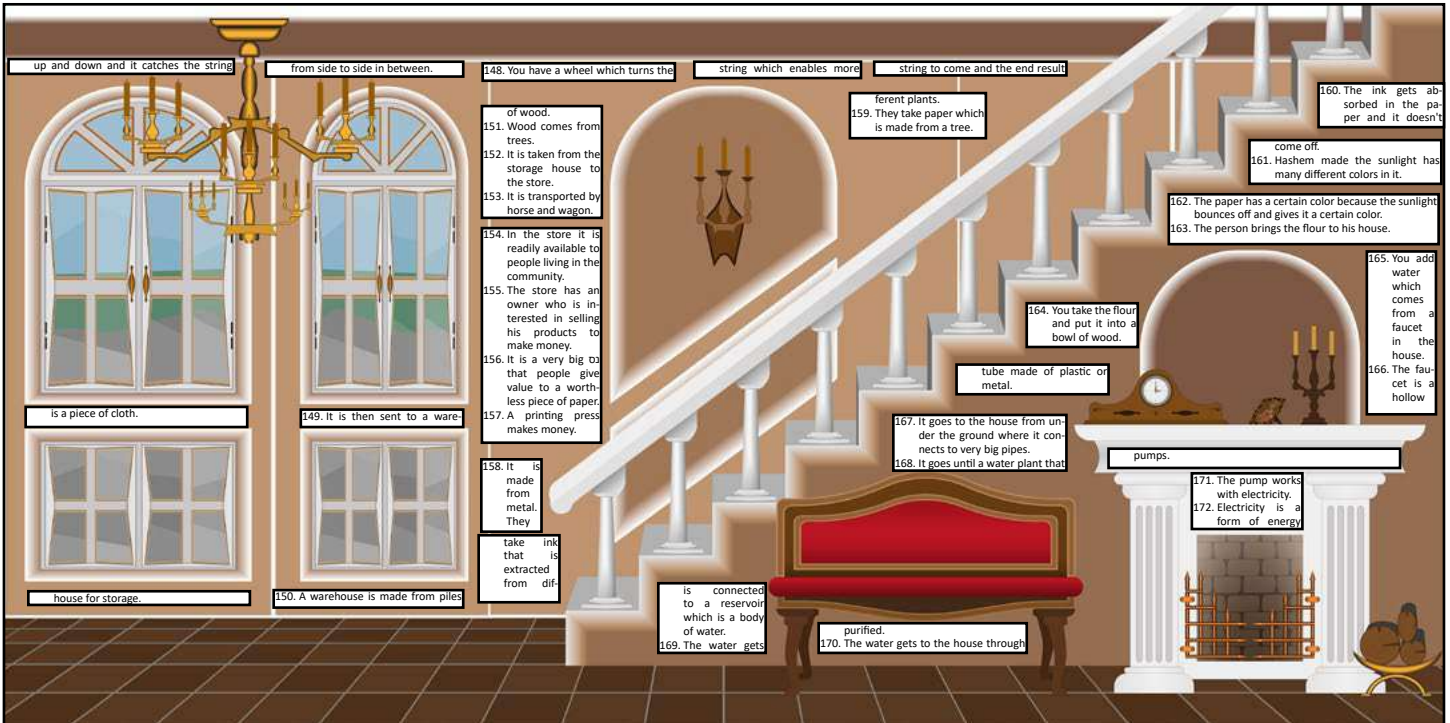
**No more space in the kitchen!
Let's go to the dining room.**



**No more space in the dining room!
Let's go to the living room.**



**No more space in the living room!
Let's go to the steps.**



**Baruch Hashem, we found more
space....**

...in the laundry room!

that is very powerful.
173. Hashem made it that it travels through metal.
174. It doesn't give off heat when it travels so it doesn't melt the metal.
175. It causes the motor of the pump to move which causes the pump to work.
176. The electricity is made with a turbine which has two different magnets. They move in different directions which cause an electric force to be created.
177. The turbines get moved through a flow of water passing over it.
178. The flow of water is sometimes a waterfall which is a big mass of water which is on top of a mountain and it falls off a cliff.
179. It falls down with tremendous force.
180. This force causes turbines to move at tremendous speed which supplies electricity to the whole city and factories.
181. There are electric wires connected to the electric company to all places enabling them to use the electricity.
182. The wires are covered with rubber in order to travel in one direction.
183. Rubber is made from sap of a tree.
184. When you put the water on the flour it has to kneaded so a person has two hands.
185. The hand has 10 joints enabling to knead.
186. Each finger has a palm to grab.
187. The hand has a wrist to maneuver the dough.
188. Hashem made a forearm.
189. Hashem made a chest.
190. Hashem made chest muscles.
191. Hashem made a spine to be able to move back and forth.
192. Hashem made shoulders that is where the arms are connected.
193. Hashem made a knead.
194. Hashem made it with these things one can apply pressure to
195. Hashem made a knead.
196. Hashem made it with these things one can apply pressure to
197. It is a nes that the water and flour form a new
198. There is a bacteria called yeast.
199. This bacteria is able to exist in the air.
200. Hashem made the air a very good breeding atmosphere for all types of bacteria.
201. The yeast grows very well in dough.
202. The yeast makes the dough start to rise which is how bread is made. With
203. You let the dough sit for some time improving the quality of the dough.
204. Hashem made that the dough is soft, not like cement, so now one can cut it easily in order to make loaves of dough which will eventually be bread.
205. An oven is a metal or stone box that are able to maintain a lot of heat.
206. Heat is a byproduct of fire.
207. Fire is caused by gas which comes from the ground.
208. To get gas from the ground you need special machinery.
209. From the source of gas to the house one needs hollow pipes.
210. Hollow pipes are made from metal and the gas travels through them.
211. The pipe is connected to the stove.
212. The oven has a valve that lets the gas go into the stove.
213. There is a knob on the oven which when it is opened it opens the valve and allows the gas to come in.
214. The knob is made from plastic.
215. In the oven or a match makes a spark.
216. The spark is made by a certain material rubbing against another material.
217. Hashem made the gas flammable and it starts to burn and makes a fire.
218. Hashem made that the fire uses oxygen in the air to exist so it continues to burn.
219. Hashem made that the fire gives off heat.
220. Hashem made that the heat travels in the air.
221. Hashem made that heat gets absorbed by objects.
222. When the heat starts to get absorbed by the dough – Hashem makes that the dough starts to change.

This Week's Six Miracles

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LET US IMAGINE

Editor's Note: Back in the days, when I used to have more time on hand, I would BS'D have this weekly column which was many readers' favorite column. B"H things got busier and especially with the addition of the Ki Tov News Station and I wasn't able to continue making the articles.

Here is one from the past. It's always good to make chazara!

Dear Reader! If you feel that you have the ability to create such an article each week or every other week and have an urge to be mezake the Rab-bim, please contact me. Please text: 845 327-5041 or email: thespringhill-times@gmail.com

Let us imagine for just a few moments, what life might look like if animals and bugs would have long lives and would grow at a fast pace their entire life c"v...

Centipedes the size of 18 wheel tractor trailer trucks would be creeping around our houses.

They would be zooming at 1000 mph up and down our walls and across the floors with their millions of huge feet...

Bubbies, Zeidies, middle aged people, Rebbeim, teachers, students, doctors, nurses, policemen, teenagers and young children would all be shrieking in fear and promptly fainting when chancing upon one of them...

The mighty brave ones, who would somehow manage to stay conscious, would be emptying one 120-gallon-can of exterminating spray



after another, onto the massive centipede, but it wouldn't do a thing to it...

They would try electrocuting the centipede. But that too would do nothing...

Terrifying humongous mosquitoes, the size of helicopters and airplanes, would be flying around our houses and outside.

They would be smashing right through our windows and screens...

The noise caused by their beating wings would be so loud that we wouldn't be able to hear anything else! People would be going deaf c"v...

We would have such a hard time fall-



ing asleep from all the noise and from fright... We would attempt to calm down with calling 'A Life With Bitachon' but we wouldn't be able to hear anything c"v...

As a result, everyone would be walking around so scared, tired, exhausted and dispirited...

Just one bite of a mosquito would suck out all the blood of the hapless victim c"v...

Hundreds of fruit flies the size of tables and chairs would be flying around

our houses.

Every step we would take we would bump into them...

One fly would eat up an enormous pot of soup or cholent in less than 50 seconds...

Every time a bird would land on our house the roof would cave in with all the inhabitants inside...

We would be busy day and night rebuilding our crushed houses...

Mice, the size of elephants, would be running around in our attics and in our basements...

We would be petrified to meet a squirrel...

Everyone would be going crazy from fear and fright...

We would just be staying all day in bed under our blankets afraid to peak out...

We wouldn't go to shul, school, work and shopping... Resulting in a complete collapse of the entire society...

Worst of all, we wouldn't be able to serve Hashem properly; we wouldn't be able to daven or learn... Our minds would be fully occupied 25/7 with insects and animals...

We would run from one exterminator to another but there would be nothing in the world that they could do...

We would call chaverim but even they would not be able to help us...

We would run from one congressman to another. We would place calls to all our senators...

All the leaders in the world would get together for an emergency meeting...

The greatest scientists and inventors

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would be working day and night to figure out a solution but everything would fail miserably!

And this world would be a most horrible terrifying place to live in...

Who has the unlimited knowledge to know that human beings cannot live with large sized insects???

Who designed, with unlimited wis-



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that the
trillions
of in-
sects all
over the
world
should
be cre-
ated

small????

Who designed with infinite brilliance the perfect growth rate for insects and animals???

Who manufactured with infinite perfection that humans should be larger than insects and not the other way around?!?!?

Who designed with unlimited re-
sources and power that the mosquito
and other common insects should not
fly and crawl 1000 times quicker than
their current speed....?!?!?

Who designed with infinite kindness the perfect life span for insects and animals???

You Hashem, BLESSED BE YOUR NAME!!!

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5. Laugh it off (inside).



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**Practicing Safety
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Dovid, the town g'vir, lost his money right before Purim. He went to Warsaw on Purim to escape the embarrassment of all the poor yidden coming for tzedakah. He davened to be able to do the mitzva he did for so many years on Purim. When he arrived, his rich friend seemed almost upset that Dovid was there...

Don't pretend you don't know about the auction! There's no reason you would've came to Warsaw if you didn't know.

but -

I told all my friends not to tell you because I know that you, the best bidder, will win the Poritz's auction!

All I came to do is to hear megillah.

Yeah right. Makes a lot of sense. The best bidder in the area comes to Warsaw when there's an auction, on Purim, just to hear megillah!

At home.....

I hope Dovid comes home soon

Meanwhile in Warsaw...

Where does the town g'vir live? I really need some money, and I'm new to this town. I heard he lives around here.

I assume you're looking for R' Dovid Richman! He lives in that house over there, come with me I'm on my way there now!

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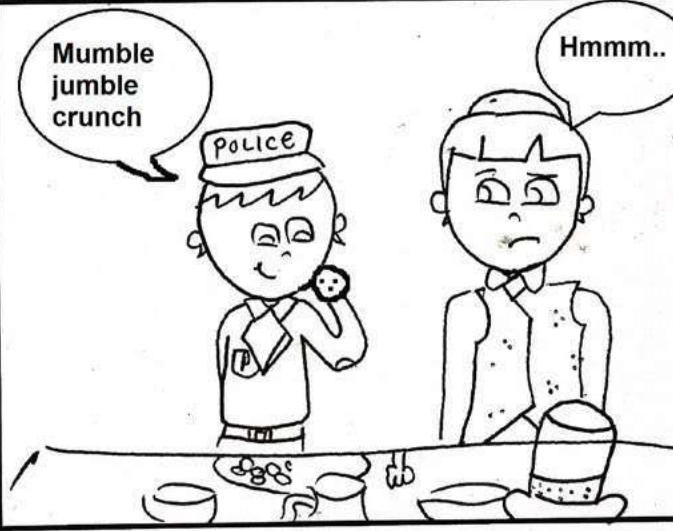
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Yum,
everything
looks so
delicious!!



Baruch...
mumble
jumble



Mumble
jumble
crunch

Hmmm...

TTO: Misheh, Misheh, Misha Nichnos Adar...

Brachos, Brachos we must say

Everywhere, every day (x2)

High:

Brachos, every time you say it

Brachos, a malach is created!

Low:

Brachos, Brachos important are they

So Brachos make sure you say (x2)

High:



Baruch
Atah....

By: Ahuva Rothenberg

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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.*

We then had a most fascinating interview.

R' Daniel: It's all to make the person into a better person and to give him a tikun so that he could get as much good as possible. In fact every Neshama, before

I'll tell you an interesting thought that went through my head at that time. After tasting the bitterness of the night without mitzvas, I thought to myself, "I wonder if the same thing is happening in Shamayim. It's a night that Hashem too waits for all year long. Tonight is the night that we usually show Him so much love. Perhaps Hashem was saying the same thing, "This night without the beautiful mitzvas is something I can't afford to lose... Klal Yisrael is just too dear to me..."

THE SPRING HILL TIMES - KLAL YISRAEL'S NEWSPAPER

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Illuminating Words of Chazal

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

Question: We hear all the time on 'A Life with Bitachon' to take people out of the picture and to focus on Hashem instead. Why is it that on Purim we are so focused on Haman? We bang

by Haman's name, and we say "Arur Haman." Haman was nothing more than Hashem's puppet. Why in the world are we focusing on the stick in Hashem's hand? Why are we pointing fingers at him and being upset and angry with him? Shouldn't the focus be on Hashem? In addition, Haman was the best gift for Klal Yisrael; he brought about the



greatest teshuva in history. Shouldn't that be our focus?

A. One of the main yesodos of Purim is to realize that Haman is just a puppet. Everything that happens in this world is just a puppet show, and as we know from looking at the advertisement in the Spring Hill Times, when you realize that everything is a puppet show, you won't be angry at others.

And that's actually how to understand the halacha of "ad d'lo yada," the halacha that you're not supposed to know the difference between arur haman and baruch Mordechai. This halacha is difficult to understand. You shouldn't know the difference between baruch Mordechai and arur Haman?

Aren't Mordechai and Haman opposites? Haman is the biggest rasha and Mordechai is the biggest tzadik! Their titles are Haman harasha and Mordechai hatzadik! You're not supposed to know the difference between arur Haman and baruch Mordechai? How is that possible? This halacha is very hard to understand. Furthermore, in order to

reach the point of "ad d'lo yada" we drink or go to sleep. What does sleeping have to do with Purim? Furthermore, we have a minhag to dress up. What's this dressing up all about? What does this have to do with the yom tov of Purim?



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The answer to these questions is that the avodas hayom of Purim is to realize there's no Mordechai, there's no Haman, it's all Hashem, and everything that Hashem is doing is all for our very best interests and benefit. Like we see that Haman was the best kiruv organization, he caused klal Yisrael to do teshuva. We see nowadays the same thing unfolding, that Hamas was the best teshuva and kiruv organization. They were able to be meorer Yidden that were anti-religious and anti-frum, and from one day to the next, all these people are being mekabel krias shema, Shabbos, tznius, chavrusos. The amount of teshuva that Hamas caused Klal Yisrael to do is ayom v'norah. That's why there's a halacha that we shouldn't know the difference between arur Haman and baruch Mordechai. Similarly, that's why there's the halacha to dress up. Dressing up shows that it's all one big puppet show. Just like behind the mask it's



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somebody else, so we're teaching you that behind the story of Purim is Hashem.

That's the whole theme of Purim. That's why we go to sleep or get drunk. Sleeping is the biggest raayah of the yesod that we focus on Hashem and not on people. Because what's the point of sleeping on Purim and what's the point of sleeping in general? Sleep is to demonstrate that we're willing to put ourselves in a state where we won't be able to watch ourselves or protect ourselves, but we trust that there are no harmful people in the world, there's only Hashem, and Hashem is the only One watching us and protecting us. And that's the point of sleeping and that's the point of drinking. Drinking and sleeping shows us that we can't take care of

ourselves, and we're relying on Hashem to take care of us.

So now that we know that all the questions are takka the theme of Purim, now back to the questions. So, what's the answer? Why are we stamping by Haman and why are we having hatred towards a rasha if he's just a puppet? And we're saying ad dlo yada, we shouldn't know the difference?

The answer is that the translation of middos means measurement, a balance. In order to grow and shteig, a person has to know how to juggle. They have to know how to juggle two emotions at the same time. So therefore, yes, the translation of bechira is that all actions are Hashem, but the thought process is the human being. A Life with Bitachon focuses on and teaches that any action that you see, attribute that action to Hashem. But at the same time, you have to understand that a person has bechira in the thought process. And Haman had a very evil thought process. It's important and good to focus that Haman was a rasha and that we wipe out his name, because a human being is motivated by hating ra. When you hate ra, you're going to want to do good. That's how human beings work.

So when it comes to hating Haman, you have to have a balance. You have to realize that his thought process was evil and we want to wipe it out, and that it's a mitzvah to hate a rasha, to motivate you to do good and have good retzonos. At the same time, when you see what the results were of Haman's actions, you have to recognize that the outcome was amazing.

Similarly, there was a gadol who went through the Holocaust, and he never spoke of anything the Germans did. He didn't want to make people think that there was a koach in the Germans. He didn't want to focus on feeling hatred toward the Germans, because it would be coming because he'd think that they had done something to him and that would take away his emunah. So, he decided only to focus that everything was Hashem, and therefore all he saw was Hashem. So, when they asked him do you have any trauma or hatred to the Germans, he said I don't know of any Germans. I never saw any Germans; I only saw Hashem.

To end off, a person has to be a juggler and weigh out these two concepts, on the one hand focus on the rasha's bechira in the thought process, which is evil, and hate it. On the other hand, recognize that his actions are from Hashem. Now that we know that we have to be a juggler and balance both emotions, which one should you focus on more? So, everyone has to know themselves, whatever makes them a bigger, better, happier, healthier person. Whatever brings them more menuchas hanefesh and simchas hachaim. Whatever brings them a closer connection to Hashem.





Story Time

Stories From 'A Life With Bitachon'

#1736- This story was called in by Mrs. Sofer. She said that her family needed to go away somewhere. They knew the directions to where they had to go. The issue and problem was that on the way back they made a wrong turn. They ended up in Hicktown with only roads and trees; they had no idea where they were! The last time their GPS ever worked was six months ago. In the past six months, whenever they needed it, they would press this and press that, but the light wouldn't even go on! There were no movements; nothing working on the GPS. They realized that they were stuck. They didn't even know where they were. There were no signs, no people; nothing around. Again, they tried the GPS, but it wouldn't budge or turn on!

Then they said, "One second. That's if you go with teva, with laws of nature. But you could go with the fact that Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the Kol Yachol and He can do everything and anything!"

With the family singing, "Hakol Yachol, Hakol Yachol, Hakol Yachol..." they tried pressing the button on the GPS... and this time it started working!



#1737- This story was called in by Mrs. Gold. Mrs. Gold said that she needed to make a doctor's appointment for two of her children. She called the doctor's office and asked if they had any appointments for that day. They said, "If you want, we can give you only one appointment." She said, "I really need for both of my children." They said, "If you want you can bring in one child today, and one child tomorrow, but there's no way we can squeeze them both in today. It's simply not shayach."

Mrs. Gold thought to herself, "I don't really want to go on two different days. I want them to be at the same time! Isn't that much easier? Who is in charge if they can take both of my children at the same time, or on two different days? I'm going to be mechazek that Hashem is Hakol Yachol, He can do anything. He can make it work out!"



As she was speaking to the secretary, she said that they just got a phone call right now that someone canceled; right around the same time as the appointment for your child! The secretary said to Mrs. Gold, "If you want you can take that appointment as well, and you can have back-to-back appointments!"

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#1738- This story was called in by Mrs. Goldstein.

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Mrs. Goldstein said that she has an old refrigerator. It was looking like it was starting to go. It was giving her different issues and problems. She called the technician, and he said, "Yes, it means it's time to get a new refrigerator. It's not going to last too much longer in this condition."

One day, it stopped working completely. There was no noise, no sign of life; it simply was not working. So she thought, "Okay! It's time to get a new refrigerator!"

Then she stopped and she said, "One second. Who made the refrigerator work up until now? You think it's because you plug it into the outlet and boom the refrigerator goes on? No! It's because Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam, is the one in charge of making refrigerators work. So if it's Hashem in charge of making refrigerators work, you think for Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam, it makes a difference if it's new or if it's old? You think it makes a difference if it's on the go? For Hashem, it makes no difference any condition, any situation. I'm just going to take out the plug, and I'll plug it back in with Emunah and Bitachon." This time, she plugged it in with Hakol Yachol, realizing that it's Hakadosh Baruch Hu who is in charge of making the refrigerator work.



She said that once she is coming with Emunah and Bitachon, now she can rely that it is going to work better than it ever did, with no issues and no problems! She plugged it in and right away she heard noises! The refrigerator gave a sign of life!

She said it's already a month, and it's working perfectly with no issues and no problems! Better than it was when it was going down the drain! It was working better than ever!



#1739- This story was called in by a very chashuv Yid, Mr. Kroulick, from Heimeshe Express. He said that a Yid called him up and asked if he could pick him up at 3:00 because he has a doctor's appointment an hour away. He asked him, "What time is your doctor's appointment?" The Yid answered, "At 3:00." He said to him, "Is this some kind of joke or something? You want me to pick you up at 3:00 for an appointment that's an hour away and the appointment is at 3:00? When will the doctor's office close? When is the last appointment?" He said, "The office closes at 3:00. But don't worry, I'll explain to you while I'm in the car." He picked him up and he asked him, "Right now it is 3:00, is the doctor's office open? I thought it closes at 3:00! So I told him, "Try calling." The Yid called, and he got the answering machine. It said, "We are closed now." He said to the Yid, "Why am I bringing you an hour away to a doctor appointment that's at 3:00 and you're the last appointment; it closes at 3:00; and it's already 3:00!" He said, "You start driving and I'll explain it to you."



While he was driving, he said: "Do you know why? Because I'm going with Emunah and Bitachon. I'm going with Hashem, Who is the Hakol Yachol. While you drive me, let's sing together. Hakol Yachol, Hakol Yachol, Hakol Yachol..."

Throughout the whole way to the doctor's office they were singing Hakol yachol over and over; thinking that it's Hakadosh Baruch Hu Who is the only one in charge. It's not the doctor's office, it's not the clock, it's only Hashem!

When they arrived there at 3:55, they went to the doctor's office. They come in and the doctor says, "Sure! Come right in! Even though we closed an hour ago! No problem!" In no time, with a smile, they gave him the best service, better than ever! ❖

The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. Whenever I point out to my husband something that he needs to correct, he doesn't respond well. He takes it personally and becomes defensive. It feels like there's no one to talk to.

A. Having to suffer from your husband's flaws without having anyone to talk to is certainly frustrating. But there really is someone who you could talk to: Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

The truth is, your husband's issues are not being caused by your husband. No human being could affect you whatsoever. Your husband, with all his flaws, was tailor made by the 'Master Tailor' Hakadosh Baruch Hu to be the best possible husband for you. You're given the opportunity to work on your relationship with him, to strengthen your trust in Hashem and it's good for your overall tikkun haneshama.

Certainly, you should learn techniques on how to express your point in a sensitive way. But always remember, your primary focus should not be on fixing your husband. It should be on fixing yourself and your relationship with Hashem.

And the more you put Hakadosh Baruch Hu into the picture and take your husband out of the picture, Hashem will show you how to navigate your situation in the best possible way.

Q. We know that the shechina only dwells in a house where shalom bayis pervades.

Unfortunately, I am in a marriage which includes friction and machlokes. But I, too, want to have the shechina in my house.

A. The presence of the shechina doesn't require having the result of shalom. It requires putting in effort to have shalom.

One exercise to achieve shalom is: put Hashem into the picture: When you wake



up in the morning, say, "Hakadosh Baruch Hu, You are in charge of emotions. Please help us feel love and harmony towards each other".

Another exercise: in your mind, envision your shalom bayis is improving. Imagine that you and your spouse are speaking to each other kindly and respectfully. Positive thinking activates a koach in the bria that can have a concrete effect.

When you do exercises to create shalom, not only will the shechina want to reside with you, but your efforts will also give you

a special *אור* to restore shalom to your home.

Q. My wife makes decisions without consulting with me, even major ones. As the husband, I'm supposed to be the leader, and I feel bad that my wife decides things on her own. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The ba'alei mussar teach us that whenever something is bothering us, we have to zoom in to our emotions and discover what's the root.

Ninety-five percent of the time we will discover that what's really bothering us is that our kavod was hurt.

In your situation, the main thing that's bothering you is that your wife doesn't value your opinion. In other words: your kavod was injured.

The way to stop caring about your kavod is by, internalizing that *הכל הבל*. What is kavod after all? Nothing at all! It doesn't give you money and it doesn't give you health. It doesn't make you happy. It doesn't make you calm. It's just an illusion.

If you're worried that your wife is making major decisions without you, and could cause you harm, remember: no human being can affect you one iota. Whatever was nistar for you will happen regardless of your wife's decisions.

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Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from
Av-Tishrei!

Hashem Returns Retainers



I'm a yungerman who learns in Bais Medrash Gavoha. I want to share a hashgacha pratis story that happened to me.

At night, I wear retainers, and I take them off before I eat breakfast. Since I am in Yeshiva for breakfast, I put them in a paper towel and into my jacket pocket.

One day, at the beginning of first seder, I decided that I wanted to wear my retainers also during first seder. I had put them into my jacket pocket but I didn't feel my retainers. I kept checking my pockets and they weren't there! It never happened to me before. It's always there in the pocket where I put it.

I was about to retrace my steps to see if perhaps I dropped them, but I remembered that there was an olam that was mekabel to learn the first half an hour of seder b'ritzifus, so I couldn't go then. I thought to myself that I want to go as soon as I can because its a very big dining room with many people and many workers, and things get moved around. In addition, my retainers were wrapped in a paper towel and would just look like a piece of garbage which could easily get thrown out. But if Hashem wants me to find it I'm going to find it."

I didn't go then, and I didn't go when the half hour was over either. I went around

45 minutes after that, when I felt my chavrusa and I were at a stopping point, At that point, I went out to the dining room, and Baruch Hashem, the retainers were right there, right where we had breakfast! They were in a paper towel on the floor! I found it! It was such hashgacha pratis that they didn't get thrown out or moved. It was also such hashgacha pratis that Hashem put the thought into my head that I should wear the retainers that morning, because I almost never wear them during first seder! Usually, I only wear them at night. That morning when I lost them, Hashem put it into my head that I should go put them during first seder so that I would realize that they were lost! If I wouldn't have wanted to put them on in the morning, then I would only have realized at night that I didn't have them. Obviously by then, it would already be long gone.

A Yungerman - Lakewood, New Jersey

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The one toilet in my house was not working, and I was not sure what the problem was. I spent a long time during lunch trying to plunge it, and it got a drop better, but it was still not really working. I spent time on it again during supper, but it still wasn't working. Later on, I tried again, and it still wasn't working.

I called my landlord, and he told me that he has a snake, and although he isn't home, he gave me permission to go get it and try with it.

I went upstairs but I was not able to find it. I came down and I said, "Yes snake, no snake... It's not the snake that will get it done. If Hashem wants it to get done,

it will get done even without a snake. I don't need a snake to make it work."

I was davening that it should work and I said I'm relying on Hashem to help me work it out. I said that if it works this time, I would be mefarsem it in the Springhill Times.

I tried to plunge it again and it still didn't work... but about 10 minutes later, someone came to help me, and they were able to fix it!

— A yungerman from Lakewood

Everything is For the Best!



I had an eye doctor appointment for my child. I had to pick up my child from the other side of town and then drive to a different side of town for the appointment. We were stuck in traffic and running late to the appointment. I was mechazeik myself that whatever Hashem wants will be and that everything Hashem does is for the good. I was also davening that they should let me in for the appointment.

When I got there, the secretary told me that the appointment had been switched to a different doctor who was running late so we didn't miss the appointment.

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A Reader

A Spring Hill Times Bracha



I want to thank you very, very much for all the amazing work that you do! You give such chiyus to so many people. I see it firsthand! Someone made the bracha of shehakol nehiyeh bidvaro in the coffee room, and another yid commented, "That was a Spring Hill Times bracha!"

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A Reader

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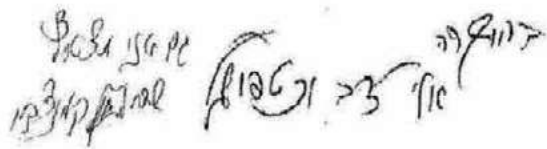
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Hashem Loves You!

Rav Zecharya Wallerstein ZT"l related that when he shopped for Shabbos he would see an old woman, Mrs. Klein* sitting in front of the grocery store with her little cup. People would put coins and dollar bills into her cup and she would thank them. Rav Wallerstein noticed that each Friday Mrs. Klein had a Danish and a coffee in her hand. Someone was bringing Mrs. Klein a fresh Danish and a hot coffee every Friday. Rav Wallerstein didn't know who this kind person was, until one week he caught the Baalas Chesed in action - a high school girl named Chedva* running to the local bakery and delivering to Mrs. Klein her weekly delivery of Danish and coffee.



Rav Wallerstein asked Chedva what inspired her to perform this weekly Chesed. She responded, "I noticed Mrs. Klein sitting in front of the store the entire Erev Shabbos, week in, week out, and I saw that she never gets up. So I asked her if she eats anything and she replied that 'Fridays I fast. I don't eat'. I asked her why, and she said, 'I arrive in

front of the grocery at 6 AM, and sit here with my cup until close to Shabbos. If I take ten minutes to cross the street, buy food and return, I will have lost ten precious dollars.' So I decided to buy her food every week."

Rav Wallerstein was stunned! He later explained, "I always saw Mrs. Klein with her cup every week, and never thought to ask her if she had eaten or not. But Chedva saw more than an old lady with a cup for dollar bills. She saw that connected to this cup is a person, a Tzelem Elokim, who appreciates when someone cares."

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