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פרשת צו

ולא יַנִּיחַ מִּמֶּנוּ עַד בּקֶּר זּ זּט Appreciate Every Tiny Drop of Your Life That Hashem Gave You

The meat of the *Korban* must be eaten within a specific time, after that, none may be eaten. And ALL the meat must be eaten, you may not leave anything over. We can suggest that the *Invan* of eating up your *Korban* without leaving anything over, can be *M'ramez* on the Inyan of Sameach B'chelko. "Eat" ALL you have, and appreciate ALL your Kochos that Hashem gave you. Your unique abilities and Nisyonos, your background, Parnasa, and your *Derech* in *Avoda*; "eat it up" and enjoy every inch and every particle; it's all from Hashem, and all, total-good, including the difficult parts. Don't exclude even a tiny drop of your life, and make sure to appreciate every: מַשֶּהוּ tiny bit. It's all *Min HaShamayim* and L'tovah.

Appreciate, Adorn, Admire and Thank Continuously for All Your Qualities

We know that the *Kiyor* was made out of the copper mirrors of the Jewish women, and Hashem had tremendous appreciation for them. (*Rashi*¹). They helped the women dress up, and adorn themselves for their husbands. It prevented all kinds of *Tzaros* of intermarriage and *Z'nus* with the *Mitzri'im*. *** We can suggest that enhancing and appreciating what you have in all areas is a

paramount need for every human. Being a Sameach B'chelko is a lifetime job, and Kin'ah causes Sin'as Chinam and all Tzaros. The fact that a Jewish Kalla is: מְקוּשָׁטֶת bejeweled, can also be a Remez on our entire lives in all areas.

We don't just stick with what we have; we need to "adorn" and continuously appreciate and admire, and thank for all our qualities.

קָרְבָּן עוֹלָה וּשְׁלָמִים Not Always Do Bad *Middos* Need to Be Completely Eliminated

Sometimes you have to go all out to destroy a bad *Midda*, like a *Korban Olah* that gets completely "consumed" and burned on the *Mizbeach*. And other times you hold on to the *Gashmiyus* and potential evil, and channel it to be used in a positive way, like a *Sh'lamim*, where you eat most of it, and enjoy your *Gashmiyus*.

אָשֶּה רֵיחַ נִּיחוֹחַ א ט Having An Inner Fire Makes You Feel Full and Happy

The word: אָשֵׁה (fire) is all over the *Parsha* of *Korbanos*. To destroy your *Yetzer Hara* and the: בְּהַמִּי animalistic part of you, it is very hard unless you have a fire in you. When you have a fire, you feel plenty "full" and happy, and you don't feel like you're missing anything. I recommend plenty of *Tefila*, since Hashem

¹ רש"י עה"פ בְּמַרְאֹת הַצּבְּאֹת (לח ח) בנות ישראל היו בידן מראות, שרואות בהן כשהן מתקשטות, ואף אותן לא עכבו מלהביא לנדבת המשכן, והיה מואס משה בהן מפני שעשויים ליצר הרע, א"ל הקב"ה קבל, כי אלו חביבין עלי מן הכל, שעל ידיהם העמידו הנשים צבאות רבות במצרים, כשהיו בעליהם יגעים בעבודת פרך היו הולכות ומוליכות להם מאכל ומשתה, ומאכילות אותם ונוטלות המראות וכל אחת רואה עצמה עם בעלה במראה, ומשדלתו בדברים לומר אני נאה ממך, ומתוך כך מביאות אותם ונוטלות המראות וכל אחת רואה עצמה עם בעלה במראה, ומשדלתו בדברים לומר אני נאה ממך, וזהו שנאמר "בְּמַרְאֹת לבעליהן לידי תאוה ונזקקות להם ומתעברות ויולדות שם, שנאמר (שה"ש ח ה) תַּחַת הַתַּפּוּחַ עוֹרַרְתִּיךּ, וזהו שנאמר "בְּמַרְאֹת הַצַּבְאֹת", ונעשה הכיור מהם שהוא לשום שלום בין איש לאשתו להשקות ממים שבתוכו למי שקינא לה בעלה ונסתרה. ותדע לך שהן מראות ממש, שהרי נאמר (לח כט-ל) וּנְחשֶׁת הַתְּנוּפָה שִׁבְעִים כָּכֶּר וגו' וַיַּעֲשׁ בָּהּ וגו', וכיור וכנו לא הוזכרו שם, למדת שלא היה נחשת של כיור מנחשת התנופה, כך דרש רבי תנחומא, וכן תרגם אונקלוס "בְּמֶחֶזְיָת נְשַׁיַּא". והוא תרגום של "מראות", מירוא"ש בלע"ז (שפיעגעל). וכן מצינו בישעיה (ישעיה ג כג) "וְהַגּלִיוֹנִים" מתרגמינן "וּמַחְזְיָתָא".

Жеер

davening day

and night all

your life for

more and

more

greatness.

Hashem can

do anything.

Always run to

Hashem for all

can put you on-fire, and then it becomes very easy to overcome the worst addictions. **

The worst Baal Ta'ava can Davka become

the biggest *Tzaddik*; don't be *Mya'esh! Tefila* can do ANYTHING, if you persist!

The *Meforshim* say² that when Yehuda felt like he had an unusual Ta'ava, he realized that he would be Zoche to great things, and Gevaldige Tzaddikim (Malchus Bais Dovid) would come out of this. Look how he wasn't Nis'pael from his "scary" Yetzer Hara. Aderaba! He saw only good!

Someone said "Davka me, the professional addictive bum, will do great things for Klal Yisroel".

sometimes

improvement, or not giving up, my futile and half-hearted attempt that didn't even last, can bring the biggest Yeshuos". Believe in the Ma'ala of a: דַל גָּאָה פּסחים קיג ב penniless Baal

"And

יַחִיד : inflated chutzpa, and חֲצְפָּא יִסְגֵּי (וּמּמּמּם הּיֹג ב הַמּוֹחַ מָּבְּיָּא יִסְגֵּי (וּמּא פּוּב Even

if just ONE person does Teshuva, the entire world is forgiven.

TRUE STORY

Venezuela was having terrible problems with one of his sons. The whole family was petrified of this son, and he persecuted everyone. When he entered the home, all family members would disappear and hide.

I told him that *Davka* this boy would be his biggest *Nachas*. Four years later he told me that this is exactly what happened. The family can't wait till he comes home, because he is so nice to everybody!

שָׁרָה וְאֶסְתֵּר Do You Lack *Simcha* & *Hatzlacha* in Your Life? You Can Become So Great, and Be A #1 Zechus for Klal Yisroel The Sefer Minchas Erev brings down³ the Medrash, in which Chazal compare

2 אמרי נועם (דברים נפלאים יוצאים מפי קודש הקדשים הרה"ג ר' מאיר הורוויץ זצוק"ל אבד"ק דזיקוב, נדפס לראשונה בפרעמישלא תרלז, פרשת וישב אות כב, עמ' קנה במהדורא חדשה תשסג) בפסוק וַיֵּט אֵלֶיהָ אֶל הַדֶּרֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר הָבָה נָּא אָבוֹא אַלַיִּךְ כִּי לֹא יָדַע כִּי כַּלְּתוֹ הִיא (לח טז) וברש"י ז"ל, 'הבה נא' הכיני עצמך ודעתך לכך. הנה המפרשים הקשו במה שאמר "כִּי לֹא אַלַיִּךְ כִּי לֹא יָדַע כִּי כַּלְּתוֹ הִיא', משמע לכאורה באם היה יודע שהיא כלתו לא היה עושה כזאת, כי היא באיסור עליו. הלא אדרבה, כאשר אמר צדקה ממני, ניצולה בזה, יען כי אז היה קיום מצות יבום בזה (עיין ב"ר פח ה, וברמב"ן וישב לח ח). ונראה לפרש, כי יהודה היה איש קדוש ונורא מאוד, פרוש מכל תאוה. וכאשר ראה כעת התגברות התאוה מאוד, אז שיער בנפשו הלא דבר הוא, אשר מעולם לא הכיר את עצמו לבעל תאוה כזה, ועתה בוערת בקרבו תאוה גדולה, בוודאי מאת ד' הוא הדבר, ויצמח מזה דבר גדול להוליד איזה נשמות גדולות. וכמו שהיה באמת אשר נולדה אז נשמת משיח. על כן לדבר זה צריך הכנה מזה וקדושה יתירה. על כן אמר לתמר "הָבָה נָּא", הכיני עצמך ודעתך לכך. כִּי לֹא "יָדַע" כִּי כַּלְתוֹ הִיא, על דרך הכתוב (שמות גדולה וקדושה יתירה. על כן אמר לתמר "הָבָה נָּא", הכיני עצמך ודעתך לכך. כִּי לֹא "יָדַע" כָּיְתוֹ הִיא, על דרך הכתוב (שמות אח) וַיָּקְם מֶלֶךְ וכו' אֲשֶׁר לֹא "יָדַע" אֶת יוֹסַף, כמו כן הפירוש בכאן לשון "הכרה", שמעולם לא הכיר את עצמו אשר כזה הוא כח

יהיה מצד תאוותו, כי ידע בנפשו כי איש קדוש הוא. על כן ידע מזה כי מאת ד' נסבה זאת, ונשמות גדולות יבואו מזה. על כן (אמר) הכיני עצמך ודעתך, שיהיה הדבר בקדושה.

תאוותו חלילה. ותיבת "כַלֶּתוֹ" לשון "תאוה" ו"חמדה", כמו "כֶּלְתָה" נַפְשִׁי (תהלים פד ג), ומעולם לא הכיר את עצמו אשר זאת

[§] מנחת ערב (פירוש קצר מלוקט מספרי מוהר"ר משה אלשיך ושארי חיבורים נכבדים ומעט הוספות משלו על חלק "כתובים" שבתנ"ך, לרבי משה פרנקפורטר שהיה דיין ומדפיס באמשטרדם, נדפס לראשונה בתוך תנ"ך מקראות גדולות המפואר שהדפיס שם בשנת תפד-ח הנקרא "קהלות משה") עה"פ וַיְהִי אֹמֵן אֶת הֲדַסָּה (ב ז) להורות כי צדקת גמורה היא, אם מצד שהדפיס שם בשנת תפד-ח הנקרא "קהלות משה") עה"פ וַיְהִי אֹמֵן אֶת הְדַסִּה (כי הצדיקים נקראים הדסים, כמה דאת אמרת (זכריה האומן שהוא מרדכי, ואם מצד היא, שנקראת הדסה על שם חסידותה, כי הצדיקים נקראים הדסים, כל שכן כשמגדל א ח) וְהוּא עֹמֵד בֵּין הַהְדַסִּים, כי הנה כשהצדיק מגדל ומיישר את מי שאינו צדיק מצד עצמו, יועיל לעשותו צדיק, כל שכן כשמגדל ומיישר את מי שהוא צדיק מצד עצמו, שעל ידי תרבותו יכפל חסידות המתגדל עמו. ולזה כיוונו רז"ל בנועם מליצתם באומרם (ב"ר נח ג) למה מלכה אסתר על מאה ועשרים ושבע מדינות, אלא תבא אסתר בת בתה של שרה, שחיתה מאה ועשרים (ב"ר נח ג)

פרשת צו – פרה תשפ"ד

Who can

imagine the

greatness of

those many

guilt-ridden-

souls who wish

they could get

out of the

"mud" of their

unfortunate

backgrounds

Esther, who ruled over 127 Me'dinos (countries), to Sara who lived for 127 years. He points out that both Sara and Esther were kidnapped by a gentile king. Sara, however,

was saved, and was not defiled by *Paroh*. And in her *Zechus*, all the women in *Mitzrayim* preserved their purity, which was one of the reasons we were *Zoche* to be redeemed from *Mitzrayim*; in the *Zechus* of these *Tzniyus'dike* women. *Esther* though, was the exact opposite. She was forced to marry *Achashverosh* who defiled her. It seems confusing why Hashem did not do for her a *Ness* like for *Sara* (which may arouse suspicion about her purity). To lift this doubt, *Chazal* say that *Esther*

and *Sara* both had the number 127, a clear message from *Shamayim* that *Esther* is related to *Sara* and a continuation of her legacy, and that's why they both brought about *Yeshuos* for *Klal Yisroel* (end quote of *Minchas Erev*).

Chazal say⁴ that Esther was a: יְרַקְּרֹקֶת (she had an ugly greenish complexion). The Gr"a

asks⁵ how could she be ugly, if the *Passuk* in the *Megila* states: יָפַת תַּאַר וְטוֹבַת מַרְאֶה בּ that she was beautiful? The *Gr"a* answers that the trauma of her situation gave her constant

Tza'ar (distress) and she became: יְבִקְרֹבֶּתְ יְבִקְרֹבֶּתְ green, yet Hashem made a Ness, and: וַּתְּהִי אֶסְתֵּר נֹשֵׁאת חֵן בְּעִינֵי gave her tremendous Chen which made everyone like her.

There are fortunate people who are *Zoche* to lots of *Torah* and/or *Avoda*, good *Middos* and *Kedusha*, they have a frum background, with lots of love, good *Kishronos*, good friends, and a happy disposition, with wonderful *Rabbeim*, etc. But there are plenty underprivileged people who are missing all (or

some) of the above.

They can be lacking plenty of purity and/or *Torah* and/or goodness in all areas. They have no *Simcha* and no *Hatzlacha* in their lives. However, if they try their best despite their ongoing *Peckel*, they can become so great, that they can even be a #1 *Zechus* for *Klal Yisroel*.

The main thing is to do the best you can, and then you're top tops. *Esther* was stuck with the most horrific *Tamei* situation with a *Rasha* (*Achashverosh*). (*Chazal*⁶). And a worse anti-Semite than *Haman!* (see *Chazal*⁷). She had to hide for three years, she never asked for all the cosmetics, she refused the gentile food, and she never revealed her background.

She did the best she could in order not to fall into the *Tum'ah*, and she was rewarded by being a #1 heroine of *Klal Yisroel:* לְדוֹרֵי דוֹרוֹת for generations. We can suggest that perhaps her situation was the *Tikkun* of the *Chet*: שָׁנֶּרֶנוּ מִסְעוּדָתוֹ שֶׁל of having pleasure from the feast of that *Rasha*. She was known for always listening to *Mordechai*.

What was the #1 request of Mordechai that he begged Klal

Yisroel? That they should NOT go to the Seuda of Achashverosh. The sin of having pleasure from Seudas Achashverosh caused all their Tzaros. Now we have an Esther, whose very essence is a deep hatred for Treife pleasure. Here she is, the most beautiful in the world, and marries the biggest Melech, yet...

Not only does she not appreciate all this fake *Ta'avas Olam HaZeh*, but she becomes: יֵרְקְרֹקֶּת (green) getting physically disformed and in constant pain over her "lovely" *Olam HaZeh'dike* plight. Her very: מְצִיאוּת essence is a war against the concept of *Seudas Achashverosh*.

ָהָעוֹשֶׂה מִצְוָה א' מַכְרִיעַ כָּל הָעוֹלָם לְכַף זְכוּת ע"פּ קידושין מּ ב Our Greatest *Yeshuos* Came as A Result of a Tiny Input in A *Matzav* of *Yi'ush*

And the same *Mordechai* who fights against the concept of *Seudas Achashveirosh*, is constantly encouraging *Esther* not to reveal her background, so *Achashverosh* shouldn't appreciate her royal lineage (she was a descendant of *Shaul HaMelech*). When we

A broken
heart is
super
precious!
Striving is
everything!
The Baal
Teshuva is
the "real
thing"!

involved in doing his best. Although *Esther* appeared to be lost to the wicked gentile world, *Mordechai* kept visiting and asking about her.

And these tiny and seemingly unimportant gestures caused him to hear about the plot to kill the king (by: בָּגָתוְ וְתָרֶשׁ), and he was Zoche to save the whole Klal Yisroel. Similarly, we have Miriam following the "lost case" of Moshe floating down the Nile River. And in the end, she saved him and the whole Klal Yisroel.

Our greatest Yeshuos; the Purim and Pesach stories, started off with such insignificant involvement in a Matzav of

מגילה יא א, הוּא אֱחַשָּׁוֵרוֹשׁ (אסתר א א) הוא ב**רשעו** מתחילתו ועד סופו. 6

⁷ מגילה יג ב, אמר רבי אבא, משל דאחשורוש והמן למה הדבר דומה (כלומר יש ללמוד מאחשורוש שאף בדעתו היה להשמידן. רש"י) לשני בני אדם, לאחד היה לו תל בתוך שדהו, ולאחד היה לו חריץ בתוך שדהו, בעל חריץ אמר "מי יתן לי תל זה בדמים". בעל התל אמר "מי יתן לי חריץ זה בדמים". לימים נזדווגו זה אצל זה, אמר לו בעל חריץ לבעל התל "מכור לי תילך", אמר לו "טול אותה בחנם, והלואי!".

Yi'ush. How important it is for us to keep trying and pushing, davening, and having Bitachon in all those "lost cases" of our lives.

There are many different ways of being *M'kadesh Shem Shamayim*, and they may be extreme opposites, like *Sara* and *Esther*. A *Yid* has to value his own struggles, and **even though they may seem unimportant, or not so successful, in** *Shamayim* **they could be equal to the most outstanding** *Inyanim***.**

Have an Ayin Tova and Judge Others
L'kaf Zechus

OLD MUSSAR VS. NEW MUSSAR

Old Mussar	vs.	New Mussar
"All day he talks about <i>Moshiach</i> . Why doesn't he learn something?"	use instead	"At least he talks about <i>Moshiach</i> , and maybe this is the best he can do!"
"He helps the whole world, but his own family he never thinks about."	use instead	"Maybe he's not cut out to be a family man, and at least he does what he's good at. He's a real Tzaddik!"
"Why doesn't he ever learn Mussar?	use instead	"Maybe <i>Mussar</i> doesn't work for him?"
"Why doesn't he ever help his wife?"	use instead	"There must be a piece of the puzzle that I don't know about."

All criticism is usually your own problem, since you don't have an *Ayin Tova* to be *Dan L'kaf Zechus*. And this applies to yourself, as well, i.e., BE *DAN* YOURSELF *L'KAF ZECHUS*, that you're also not guilty. Did you ever learn in a *Mussar Yeshiva*?? Or have a *Moreh Derech* and *M'chanech*?? No!! So it's not a *Tayna* on you! Of course, there are exceptions to all this, and sometimes it's a totally different story.

Dovid saw good in his worst enemies; like Shaul, Avshalom, and Avner, etc. When Shim'i ben Gera cursed Dovid, calling him a No'ef, Mamzer, Rotze'ach, To'eva, etc. (Chazal⁸) he didn't kill him, but instead he used this Chutzpa positively; and Shim'i became Shlomo's Rebbe. Shim'i was the perfect Rebbe for a Ben-Melech, since such a person isn't afraid to give him Mussar. And indeed, right after Shim'i's death, Shlomo married Bas Paroh.

And by saving *Shim'i*, *Mordechai* was born, and *Mordechai* used this fearless *Chutzpa* against *Haman HaRasha*. For this reason, *Chazal* say⁹ that *Mordechai* is called: אָישׁ *Ish Yehudi* (i.e., from *Shevet Yehuda*, even though he was really from *Binyamin*) since *Dovid* (who was from *Shevet Yehuda*) was the cause of *Mordechai's* existence. A true *Yehudi* is a *Baal Hoda'ah* (grateful person) who is constantly thanking Hashem, and seeing good in all "bad" situations and people.

Old *Mussar* is often (but not always) behind times, and it can be a big *Aveira* and a source

⁸ שבת קה א, רב אחא בר יעקב אמר, וְהוּא קּלְלַנִי קְלֶלָה נִמְרֶצֶ"ת (מ"א ב ח) נוטריקון: נואף הוא, מואבי הוא, רוצח הוא, צורר הוא, תועבה הוא. (כן הוא גירסת הגמרא שלפנינו. אבל מוהר"ר משה אלשיך בבספרו מראות הצובאות על נביאים (ש"ב טז ו) מביא הגירסה: כי הנה אמרו רבותינו ז"ל על פסוק והוא קללני קללה נמרצת, שקראו נואף ממזר רשע צורר תועבה, ראשי תיבות נמרצת, והיא הקללה שקללו. וכ"כ בראשית חכמה בשער הענוה פרק ג. וכ"ה בכמה מדרשים שנדפסו בזמנינו מכת"י). מגילה יב ב, קרי ליה יהודי, אלמא מיהודה קאתי, וקרי ליה ימיני, אלמא מבנימין קאתי? אמר רב נחמן, מרדכי מוכתר בנימוסו היה. אמר רבה בר בר חנה אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי, אביו מבנימין ואמו מיהודה. ורבנן אמרי, משפחות מתגרות זו בזו, משפחת היה. אמר רב בר חנה אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי, אביו מבנימין ואמו מיהודה. ומשפחת בנימין אמרה: מינאי קאתי.

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of pain and Hezek (damage). Gedolei Yisroel have said this. You need a Rebbe to guide vou.

Be an Ish Penimi - Don't Judge from The Outside

The main part of Olam HaZeh is the true world of Olam HaBah. **Understanding** people is so important. The: פַנימיוּת *Penimiyus* (inside) of a person is the side which you don't see, powerful and the side he doesn't talk about. How important it is to be Dan L'kaf Zechus. See through a person, and don't just judge him from the outside.

Maybe he doesn't realize certain things! Maybe he didn't have your type of *Chinuch!* Understand others! Don't be a: שָׁטָחִי, i.e., a superficial person who doesn't see the inside and the Shoresh (root) of what's going on, like *Eisav*, who just sees "red" הַלעִיטֵנִי נָא מָן) (הַאַדוֹם הַזַּה תולדות כה ל. He doesn't even know what he's eating!

Don't Treat Yourself Like a Cruel Nazi, Who Insists on Standards That Are Simply Impossible

At the end of WWII, during the infamous

death marches, if the Jews didn't march in a straight line, they were beaten to death. The Nazis, Y'mach Sh'mam, would scream at

them: "Why aren't you walking straight?! Can't you walk like a positive mensch?!" They were talking opinion starving, half-dead people, and they of others were outraged, since those Jews weren't following orders.

Have you even seen screaming at a child: "Why aren't you

learning and/or davening like a normal boy?" Their child may have 1,000 good reasons why he simply can't do what's expected of him. "Why don't you help at home?" Maybe having a screaming nervous parent is exactly the reason, since it's so difficult to perform properly with such a background.

How many people we accuse and look down upon, when they aren't the "Chasidim" or "Bnei Torah" or nice people that we expect them to be! How they suffer! What cruelty! Being Dan L'kaf Zechus is an emergency issue. In Shamayim they judge people the same way those people judged others. (Chazal¹⁰).

. שבת קכז ב, ואתם כשם שדנתוני לכף זכות, המקום ידין אתכם לכף זכות. 10

וכתב החפץ חיים (ספר שמירת הלשון, שער התבונה פרק ד) וְהָנֶה יָדוּעַ הוּא דְּבַעְנָיַן הַזְּכִּיּוֹת שֵׁיֶשׁ בְּיַד הָאַדֶם, אַף אָם כַּחֹל יִרְבּוּן, אָם הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יִתְנַהֵג עִמּוֹ בְּמִדַּת הַדִּין הַגָּמוּרָה, לֹא יִשָּאֲרוּ בְּיָדוֹ, כִּי אָם מְעַט מִזְּעֵיר, כִּי כַּמָּה וְכַמָּה מֵהֶן לֹא הִשְּׁלִים ַלַעשוֹת אוֹתָן בָּכָל פָּרָטֵיהֶן וָאָפְנֵיהֶן הַנָּאוֹתִין לְאוֹתָהּ מִצְוָה, וַאָפִלּוּ אוֹתָן שֶׁהְשָׁלִימָן כַּדְיו, לֹא הָיוּ בְּאַהֶּבָה וּבְיֵרָאָה וּבְשָׂמְחָה הָרָאוּי לעשית המצוה. כּלָלוֹ שׁל דָּבָר, אם יִדְקָדָק הַקְּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא, חָס ושׁלוֹם, אָחַר עשׂיַת מצוֹתִיו, יִמְצאוּ רְבָּן בַּעלִי מוּמין, והמצוֹת שישארו לו יָהִיוּ מעוּטָא דמעוּטָא נגד הַעוֹנוֹת שׁיַשׁ לוֹ, ויָקָרָא עַל הָאָדָם עבור זה שׁם רָשׁע לעוֹלָם. אַבְל אָם הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּהְ הוּא יִתְנַהֵג עִמּוֹ בִּמַדַּת הָרַחֲמִים וִיחַפֵּשׁ עָלָיו זָכוּת בִּכָל עִנְיָנָיו, יִשָּׁאֲרוּ זְכֵיּוֹתָיו עַל מְכוֹנָן. וִיוֹתֵר מְזֵּה, שַׁאֲפִּלּוּ אָם נִמְנוּ מַעֲשָׂיו וְנָמָצֶא שַׁיָשׁ לוֹ רֹב עֲוֹנוֹת, אָם הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא יָתָנָהֶג עְמוֹ בְּמִדְּת הַרָחֲמִים הַגָּמוּרָה יָתָמַעָטוּ מִנְיָנָן. כִּי בְּוַדְאי יִמְצָאוּ כַּמָה וְכָמָה מֶהָעֲוֹנוֹת שַׁיָשׁ לְחַפּּוֹת עַלִּיו שַׁעַשָּׁה אוֹתַן בְּשָׁגָגָה אוֹ בַּסְבָּה אָחֶרֶת. כָּלָלוֹ שֶׁל דְּבָר אָם יִרְצֶה הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא לְחַפֶּשׁ זְכוּת עַל הַאָּדְם לֹא יָבָּצֵר מִמֶּנוּו. וּמִמֵּילָא אָם יִתְמַעֲטוּ מִקְצַת עֲוֹנוֹתָיו תַּכְרִיעַ כַּף הַזְּכוּת, וְיִקְרֵא עָלָיו שֵׁם צַדִּיק לְעוֹלָם. **וְהִנֵּה כָּל זֶה תָּלוּי לְפִי הַהַּנְהָגָה** שָׁהָנָהִיג אֶת עַצְמוֹ בִּימֵי חַיַּיו עָם הַבָּרִיּוֹת. אָם דַּרְכּוֹ הַיָּתָה לָדוּן אוֹתָם לְכַף זְכוּת, דַּנִין אוֹתוֹ גַם כֵּן לְזְכוּת, כְּדְאִיתָא בְּשַׁבָּת קכ"ז. ואָם דַרָכּוֹ הַיָּתָה לַלְמֶד חוֹבָה עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת וּלְדַבֶּר עַלִיהָם רַע, גַּם מַלְאָכֵי הַשְּׁרַת מְדַבְּרִים עַלִיוּ רַע לְמִעְלָה, כְּדְאִיתָא בָּמִדְרַשׁ מִשְׁלֵי. עַל כֶּן צָרִיךְ שֶׁיָדַע הָאָדָם בְּנַפְשׁוֹ בְּעוֹדוֹ בַּחַיִּים, כִּי בְּעַת שָׁהוּא דָּן אֶת חַבַרוֹ, בֵּין לְטָב בַּין לְמוּטָב, אָז בְּדְבּוּרְיו מַמַש הוא מסָדֵר דין לעַצָּמוֹ.

ובשם הבעל שם טוב, כתב בספר ליקוטי מוהר"ן (קמא סי' קיג) ונָפַרְעִין מון הַאַדָם מַדַּעַתוֹ וְשַׁלֹּא מַדַּעַתוֹ שַׁמַעִתִּי בַּשֶּׁם הַבַּעַל שָׁם טוֹב: כִּי קֹדֶם כָּל גַּזֶר דִין שֶׁבְּעוֹלָם, חַס וִשְׁלוֹם, מַאַסְפִין כָּל הַעוֹלָם אָם מַסְכִּימִין לָהַדִּין הָהוּא. וְאַף אָת ָהָאִישׁ בְּעַצְמוֹ שֶׁנָגְזַר עָלָיו הַדִּין, חַס וְשָׁלוֹם, שׁוֹאֲלִין אוֹתוֹ אָם הוּא מַסְכִּים, אֲזַי נִגְמָר הַדִּין, חַס וְשָׁלוֹם. וְהָעִנְיֶן, כִּי בְּוַדַּאי אִם **הוּא מַסְכִּים**, אֲזַי נִגְמָר הַדִּין, חַס וְשָׁלוֹם. וְהָעִנְיֶן, כִּי בְּוַדַּאי אִם יָשָאַל לוֹ בָּפֶרוּשׁ עַל עַצָמוֹ, בָּוַדָּאי יָכָחִישׁ וִיאמַר שֶׁאָין הַדִּין כֶּן. **אַר מטעין אוֹתוֹ, וְשׁוֹאַלִין אוֹתוֹ עַל כִּיוֹצֵא בּוֹ, וְהוּא פּוֹסָק הַדִּין**, וָאָזַי נָגָמָר הַדִּין. וְכָעַנְיָן שֶׁמָצִינוּ בְּדָוִד הַמֶּלֶךְ, עָלָיו הַשָּׁלוֹם, בְּבוֹא אֵלָיו נָתָן הַנָּבִיא וְכוּ', וְסִפֵּר לוֹ מַעֲשֵׂה הָאוֹרֵחַ (שְׁמוּאֵל ב י"ב)

And last but not least, don't be "platchik" (i.e., a superficial fool) about yourself. So many of us demand from ourselves *Madregos* that we simply cannot do, nor are we expected to do.

For

למעו

Hashem's sake! Don't treat yourself like a cruel S.S. Nazi, who insists on standards that are simply impossible. Some people simply don't believe in: אונס רַחַמָּנָא פַּטְרֵיה ב"ק כח ב "lf you can't, you are Patur (exempt)". They feel that they must be just like everyone else, no matter what! No excuse! (However. sometimes being tough on yourself can have true. healthy fruits. Every case is different). In Breslov, they call this "self-persecution". Shlomo Freifeld Zatzal told me to be easy on myself, and easy on other people.

So:

Remember: דָּרֶכֵיהָ דַרְכֵי נֹעַם משלי ג יז the Torah's ways are sweet. זה אָ-לִי ואַנוֶהוּ בשלח טו ב It's our job to make our Avodas Hashem beautiful, and to find the right M'halech. Each person

needs a "tailor made" prescription for his unique *Matzav*.

Appreciating Yourself Even at Your Lowest Situation, Is A Big Segula for All

Kinds of Goodness Purim is definitely a great time to Teshuva, and to daven for a Teshuva Shleima. It was the Yidden's Teshuva for: מסעוּדַתוֹ שׁל אוֹתוֹ רַשׁע מגילה יב א participating in Achashverosh's party that caused the Ness of Purim. So it's an: עת רצוֹן favorable time for Teshuva. You have some serious sins, and *Teshuva* is long overdue. Rachmana Litzlan. However, I advise to first spend thanking for the present Matzav. despite Tum'ah, and all kinds of

שׁנּהנוּ

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time

failures.

Parnasa.



R' Shlomo Freifeld

Chesed. etc.

Even in your lowest state, there may be lots of Kedusha and Zechusim. Like the Chovos Halvavos says¹¹ that sometimes doing

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Gashmiyus

relationships, and even

for lack of Torah and

עָנָה וְאָמַר: חַי ה' וְכוּ', וְאֵת הַכִּבְשָׂה וְכוּ', אֲזַי נִפְסַק הַדִּין עַל דָּוִד כַּאֲשֵׁר יָצָא מִפִּיו. וְזֵהוּ וְנִפְרַעִין מִן הָאָדָם מִדַּעִתּוֹ, כְּלוֹמֵר שֵׁשׁוֹאֲלִין ַדַעָתוֹ. וְאַף עַל פִּי כֵן הוּא שֵׁלֹא מִדַּעִתוֹ, כִּי אֵינוֹ יוֹדֵעַ שֶׁהַדִּין הוּא עָלָיו.

¹¹ חובות הלבבות שער עבודת האלוקים (פרק ד) והמדרגה התשיעית אנשים, האמינו בתורה ובגמול ובעונש עליה בשני העולמים. וכוונו בעבודת השם לשמו ולמה שיאות לו. אלא שלא נשמרו ממפסידי העבודות ונכנס ההפסד עליהו ולא הכירו מאיו. דומה למה שנאמר (קהלת י א) זָבוּבֵי מָוֶת יַבְאִישׁ יַבִּיע שַׁמָן רוֹקָחַ יָקָר מֶחַכְמָה מָכָּבוֹד סְכָלוּת מַעָט, ואמר (קהלת ט יח) וְחוֹטֵא אָחָד יִאַבֶּד טוֹבָה הַרְבָּה. ואמר קצת החסידים לתלמידיו: אלו לא היו לכם עוונות, **הייתי מפחד עליכם ממה שהוא גדול מן** העוונות. אמרו לו: מה הוא גדול מן העוונות? אמר: **הגבהות והגאוה**, כמ"ש הכתוב (משלי טז ה) תּוֹעַבַת ה' כָּל גַּבָּהּ לֵב. ובחובות הלבבות שער התשובה (פרק ח) חוטא זה הוא שיש לו יתרון על הצדיק, שלא חטא החטא ההוא והדומה לו, כי הצדיק

פרשת צו – פרה תשפ"ד

You may

have lots

of

Teshuva

to do on

Aveiros is a Ma'ala over being a Tzaddik, since it makes you a: לב נָשָׁבַּר broken heart. If you spend lots of time appreciating yourself even at your lowest situation, it is a big Segula for all kinds of goodness. *** Imagine! The Ganav who stole a sheep and shechted it (or sold it) pays back only 4 sheep (instead of 5, like someone who stole an ox) since he had the pain of embarrassment carrying а sheep on his shoulder! (Gemara¹²). And this is a pain that he himself caused, when he was engaged in a low-life sin! How much Chashivus a Yid must give to

all kinds of pain in his life, and how it will save him from all kinds of evil. **** Certainly, you must keep trying to do *Teshuva*. And your difficulties and frustrations in trying to do *Teshuva* can be your biggest *Zechusim*.

GOOD NEWS

All those Yidden who were Moser

Nefesh for Mishloach Manos, and were caught in traffic with all kinds of nervewracking pressures, are Zoche to Gevaldige Zechusim and Yeshuos, millions of times more than if it went easy, since we Jews believe in Chazal who say:

13 טוב פּעם אַחַת בְּצַעַר מְמֵאָה שֶׂלֹא בְּצַעַר מִמָאָה שֶׁלֹא בְּצַעַר מִמֶאָה שֶׁלֹא בְצַעַר מִמָאָה שֶׁלֹא בִּצַער אַחַת אָבַער מִמֵאָה שֶׁלֹא בִּצַער מִמָאָה שֵּׁלֹא בִּצַער מִמֵאָה שֵּׁלֹא traffic.

LESSONS OF PURIM

Those Who Don't Mind *Bizayon* Win, And Those Who Are Worried About Their *Kavod*. Lose

R' Chaim Mordechai Wainkrantz Zatzal pointed out that if Vashti would have accepted the Bizayon that Achashveirosh was giving her, it would have been a Kapara for her, and she would have been saved. Not being able to tolerate killed her! Some say she was decapitated, and some say she was burned alive.

And Achashverosh's love for being a show-

off, lost him his wife. And Haman's inability to tolerate the Bizayon that Mordechai was causing him, by not bowing down to him, eventually caused his death by hanging.

Mordechai doesn't mind screaming in public and wearing sackcloth in front of: שַׁעַר הַמֵּלֵךְ the royal gate, and

having the entire *Klal Yisroel* hating him. (*Gemara*¹⁴). His approval rating was down among the *Sanhedrin*, as it says: וְרֵצוּי לְרֹב he had the approval of (only) MOST of his brothers. (*Gemara*¹⁵). And *Esther* doesn't mind being looked at by everyone as a person without any *Yichus*, like the lowliest: אַסוּפִי "abandoned baby"

אין בטוחים בו, שלא יתגאה ויגבה לבו וירום במעשהו, וכבר נאמר, כי יש חטא שמועיל לשב יותר מכל צדקות הצדיק, ויש צדקה שמזקת לצדיק יותר מכל חטאות השב, כשיפנה לבו מן הכניעה ודבק בגאות ובחונף ואהבת השבח, כמ"ש אחד מן הצדיקים לתלמידיו: אלו לא היה לכם עון, הייתי מפחד עליכם ממה שהוא גדול מן העון. אמרו לו: ומהו גדול מן העון? אמר להם: הגאות והחונף.

¹² ב"ק עט ב, אמר רבן יוחנן בן זכאי, **בא וראה כמה גדול כבוד הבריות**! שור שהלך ברגליו, חמשה, שה שהרכיבו על כתיפו, ארבעה.

אבות דרבי נתן (ג ו) לפי שטוב לו לאדם דבר אחד בצער ממאה בריוח. ¹³

¹⁴ מגילה יב ב, קרי ליה יהודי, אלמא מיהודה קאתי, וקרי ליה ימיני, אלמא מבנימין קאתי? אמר רב נחמן, מרדכי מוכתר בנימוסו היה (בשמות נאין. רש"י). אמר רבה בר בר חנה אמר רבי יהושע בן לוי, אביו מבנימין, ואמו מיהודה. ורבנן אמרי, משפחות מתגרות זו בזו, משפחת יהודה אומרת אנא גרים דמתיליד מרדכי, דלא קטליה דוד לשמעי בן גרא (שהיה חייב מיתה), ומשפחת בנימין אמרה, מינאי קאתי. רבא אמר, כנסת ישראל אמרה לאידך גיסא (לצעקה ולא לשבח, איש יהודי ואיש ימיני גרמו לי הצער הזה), ראו מה עשה לי יהודי, ומה שילם לי ימיני, מה עשה לי יהודי, דלא קטליה דוד לשמעי דאתיליד מיניה מרדכי דמיקני ביה המן, ומה שילם לי ימיני, דלא קטליה שאול לאגג דאתיליד מיניה המן דמצער לישראל.

¹⁵ מגילה טז ב, כִּי מָרְדֶּכַי הַיְּהוּדִי מִשְׁנֶה לַמֶּלֶךְ אֲחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ וְגָדוֹל לַיְּהוּדִים וְרָצוּי לְרֹב אֶחָיו (אסתר י ג) לרוב אחיו ולא לכל אחיו, מלמד שפירשו ממנו מקצת סנהדרין (לפי שבטל מדברי תורה ונכנס לשררה. רש"י).

found in the street. She doesn't feel the urge of having to reveal her royal lineage (*Shaul HaMelech*).

She doesn't have to need to impress and to look beautiful, despite her incredible beauty. She asks for no perfumes or jewelry. She hates the *Kavod* of being a queen, and she hid as long as she could. She doesn't mind having *Klal Yisroel* suspecting her that she's against them, and is on *Haman's* side! (*Gemara*¹⁶).

Not Needing *Kavod* Is True *Malchus*, And Running After *Kavod* Is True *Avdus*

Look how: הַכָּבוֹד מוֹצִיא מִן הָעוֹלָם the pursuit of *Kavod* takes a person out of the world, and how those who run away from *Kavod*, are *Zoche* to save *Klal Yisroel* and become the leaders of 127 *Me'dinos* (countries); major *Malchus!*Because not needing *Kavod* is true *Malchus*, and running after *Kavod* is true *Avdus!*

How important it is to work on these *Inyanim*. It is known that BMG was built on the *Bizyonos* of R' Ahron Kotler *Zatzal*. His greatness in *Torah* was so extraordinary, that the entire *Yeshivas Slabodka* knew that even their biggest *Iluy'im* (geniuses) had no *Shaychus* with R' Ahron's *Madrega* in learning. But in the area of having *Mesirus*

Nefesh for the Klal, with all the Bizyonos involved, his son R' Shneur Zatzal was Zoche to inherit.

We all owe everything to our beloved R' Shneur and his selflessness. After his *Petira* (passing), R' Shalom Schwadron *Zatzal*

noted that R' Shneur served as Rosh Yeshiva exactly the same amount of time (to the day) as his father, R' Ahron (19 years, 7 months, and 1 day). A clear message from Shamayim: How valuable are all those selfless Mordechai and Esther's, who don't mind Bizyonos (especially in order to help Klal Yisroel).

Worrying about your *Kavod* can stunt your growth in a big way. It's a disaster when a person could have accomplished much more in *Olam HaZeh*, and he didn't because of his fears over: מה יאמרוּ הבריות

What will people say?? The *Velt* says: If you want to avoid criticism, then say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing.

Wow! Look At That Dignitary! STORY

A friend of mine became a M'chutan to a world-famous personality (his child became engaged to their child) and he was guite intimidated by him. He felt plenty of fear and concern to make а good impression. Sometimes these fears can sour all the "fun" and Geshmak of so many מַה יֹאמָרוּ הַבְּרִיוֹת !Simchos in your life (What will people say??) is always dominating your mind 24/7, and unless you work on it, or become distracted by loftier concerns, like Zikkui HaRabbim, you can have

loads of suffering in your life.

The more my friend got to know his *M'chutan*, the more the scary personality "let down his hair", and he became less fearsome. And the day the *M'chutan* opened up to him, and told him about his depressive issues and

On Purim we have to be like Mordechai who wasn't intimidated by people and their opinions.
And not like Haman who all he cared about was people's opinion of him

¹⁶ מגילה טו ב, תנו רבנן, מה ראתה אסתר שזימנה את המן? וכו', רבי נחמיה אומר, **כדי שלא יאמרו ישראל אחות יש לנו** בבית המלך, ויסיחו דעתן מן הרחמים.

Hashem

intentionally

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scary like an

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"bear", to see

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weaknesses, he became total "mush" for the rest of his life.

There are so many "gods" in your life, whom you simply don't know. All your fears are built on air, and they hamper your ability to grow and to do more for *Klal Yisroel*. You can be rest assured that all those special "*Malachim*" in your life have "issues" just like you do, so

don't get carried away by the great impression they are giving you. Some people are simply good at making impressions. Many don't even realize this Ma'ala that they have, and they don't appreciate it. Only you appreciate their *Ma'ala*, and you live in awe and fear of a simple Basar V'dam that you don't really understand. Many, many, of these good-impression-types suffer much worse than most people. ***** It's all a fake show, and the Yetzer Hara is very good at getting everyone afraid of each other, and so much unnecessary wasting nervous energy for no reason whatsoever. The tricky thing is that this person may be comfortable

while you aren't, but he has other weaknesses that you don't have.

People are often *Nis'pael* from "confident" and "comfortable" people, and are full of jealousy. If the other person is truly a total "winner", in *Gashmiyus* and/or in *Ruchaniyus*, then he for sure has a much more serious issue, called *Ga'ava* (*Ga'ava* = *Gehinom*) no matter how *Ois'ge'arbet* (refined) and humble he appears on the outside.

פרשת פרה

ּוְהָזָּה אֶל נֹכָח פְּנֵי אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד מִדָּמָהּ שֶׁבַע פְּעָמִים חוּקת יט ד The *Ikar* Is Where You Are Aiming Towards

Why do we use a *Parah* (mother cow) and not a *Par* (male)? A mother cow produces milk, and *Chazal* say¹⁷ that milk originates from

blood, which turns into milk. When *Klal Yisroel* were attacked by the *Pelishtim*, they approached *Shmuel HaNavi* and begged him to daven to Hashem to save them. *Shmuel* took a: יְלֵה חָלֶה חִלֶּה חִלְּה hursing sheep, and brought it for a *Korban*, as an *Olah*¹⁸. Immediately, they had a victory and were saved from the *Pelishtim*. *Chazal* say¹⁹ that although an *Olah* is usually a male, this *Olah* was a female. And it was nursing, i.e., from its mother's milk. Why do we mention milk?

Shmuel was inspiring Klal Yisroel to do Teshuva, and red ugly blood turning into creamy rich white milk is a symbol of Teshuva, like it says:

אָם יִהְיוּ חֲטָאֵיכֶם כַּשָּׁנִים כַּשֶּׁלֶג יַלְבִּינוּ ישעיה א יח If your sins are (red) like "*Shani*", they will turn white as snow!

We can suggest that Parah Aduma was Davka a mother (milk), to serve as a symbol of Teshuva. It was not brought inside the Bais Hamikdash like all the Korbanos, but rather outside the Bais Hamikdash, on Har HaMishcha (which is Har HaZeisim). After being shechted, the Cohen would throw the blood of the Parah, and aim towards the Bais

ָאָחָד וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ עוֹלָה. "וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ" זכר משמע! אמר רב נחמן בר יצחק, "וַיַּעֲלָהּ" כתיב.

¹⁷ בכורות ו ב, נדה ט א, **דם נעכר ונעשה חלב**.

¹⁸ וַיִּקָּח שְׁמוּאֵל **טָלֵה חָלָב** אֶחָד וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ עוֹלָה כָּלִיל לַה' וַיִּזְעָק שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל ה' בְּעַד יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲנֵהוּ ה'. ש"א ז ט. ¹⁹ ע"ז כד ב, דאמר רב אדא בר אהבה, מנין לעולה נקבה שהיא כשרה בבמת יחיד, שנאמר (ש"א ז ט) וַיִּקְח שְׁמוּאֵל טְלֵה חָלָב

פרשת צו – פרה תשפ"ד

Hamikdash. Why is it called Har HaMishcha, and not by its name, Har HaZeisim?

The Avoda of Parah Aduma is very similar to the Avoda of Yom HaKippurim. Both require
1. פְּרִישַׁת שִׁבְעָה that the Cohen seclude himself for seven days prior. 2. In both, the Cohen wears the four: בְּגְדֵי לֶבָן white clothes (as opposed to the 8 Begadim of the Cohen Gadol all year), and 3. both have: שֶׁבַע הַזְאוֹת the blood is thrown seven times. Yet, the Avoda of Yom Kippur is done in the Kodesh HaKodoshim, the holiest place, and the Parah Aduma is done outside, while aiming towards that place.

The Avoda of Parah Aduma teaches us that the Ikar is where you are aiming towards, even if you are still standing outside. And that's why it's called Har HaMishcha, which means anointed. A king is anointed with oil, since oil symbolizes being elevated, like oil which rises to the top. And even though he isn't holy yet, and he hasn't even entered (he is still standing outside), but since he wants to be holy, and desires to improve himself through learning Mussar, and he constantly davens to become a Tzaddik and a Gadol, he is already considered a great and elevated and superior person because of his striving (see Divrei Chaim²⁰).

The Worst Person Can Turn into The Best, If He Has with *Bitachon* in Hashem And this *Parah "Aduma"* must be completely red. Redness symbolizes sin. Complete redness means total sin; pure evil! And it must be a cow that had never carried a yoke.

One of the worst ways to describe a *Rasha* is: בְּלִי עוֹל שָׁמֵיִם meaning: בְּלִי עוֹל שָׁמִיִם a person without the yoke of *Shamayim*. A red cow without a yoke, *Davka* the worst of the worst becomes the purifying agent to purify the worst *Tum'ah*??

When a person does *Teshuva*, his *Aveiros* become *Mitzvos*. We can suggest that the *Mitzva* of *Parah Aduma* teaches us how good Hashem is to us; and how the worst person can turn into the best, if he has with *Bitachon* in Hashem.

A TRUE STORY

Berel and Chaya G. were having terrible problems with *Shalom Bayis* and stress and *Parnasa*, etc. When they were told to make jokes out of all their problems instead of kvetching, they started having miraculous *Yeshuos!*

NOVARDOK

In *Novardok*, they hated *Shiflus*. Many times, when I was afraid of doing something and was intimidated by humans, my *Rebbi* screamed at me: "*Shiflus!* No good!" If you're a "nobody" (like an *Ani* pauper) then be a "proud" nobody (*Ani*). Never look down at yourself! "I'm the BEST second rate *Masmid*, [or *Baal Chesed*, or *Oved Hashem*] in the world!"

Yet, being pushed around and being ordered to help in the house in *Novardok* was a gold mine. "I love being like a rag doll - like a

²⁰ ספר דברי חיים (לרבי חיים האלברשטאם אבד"ק צאנז, פרשת שמיני על הפסוק זֶה הַדָּבֶר אֲשֶׁר צְּוָה ה', ט ו) ויש לרמז שעל דרך זה בא פרה אדומה, שהנה מצינו בכמה קרבנות הקדושה והזהירות בטהרה יתירה כמבואר, ולהיפך אצל פרה אדומה מטמא כל העוסקין בה, והיתה מעשיה חוץ לירושלים, ומטמאין הכהן השורף הפרה, והלא כל זה בודאי טעמא רבא איכא מטמא כל העוסקין בה, והיתה מעשיה חוץ לירושלים, אך עם כל זה קצת יש לרמז שאפילו מי שהוא בתחתית שפל המצב בעונו במילתא, ואם כי ידוע אשר טעם הפרה נעלמה, אך עם כל זה קצת יש לרמז שאפילו מי שהוא בתחתית שפל המצב בעונו והוא חוץ לקדושה וטמא, עם כל זה אם עיניו נוכח פני אהל מועד ומזה דמו בשבירת לב, ורואה ההיכל כמו שהיה המצוה חוץ לירושלים לטמא הכהן, רק שיזה דמה ורואה ההיכל מרחוק. כמו כן אפילו מי שנתרחק ביותר, אם מזה מדמו בתשובה ובשברון לב, ורואה מרחוק הקדושה, מקבלו ה' ובא אחר כך אל המחנה וטהר. אדרבא, לחד מאן דאמר בעל תשובה עדיף מצדיק מעיקרא.

Shmatta". This is good practice for Middas HaAnava, which should be a primary goal in every Yid's life, especially on Chag HaMatzos. The Anav lives longer, healthier, and happier.

R' Gershon: I'm Looking for Opportunities to Break My *Middos!*

Novardok's specialty was in balancing Middos. R' Gershon was an unusually happy and jovial person. You would think that he doesn't have a serious bone in his body. Yet,

it is known how he constantly gave his life for away Hashem, especially during the Holocaust when he gave his bread away for others, and constantly risked getting tortured order not to work on Shabbos. or other some



R' Gershon Liebman (second from right) with his trademark smile

Mitzva. This is the power of Chovos Halvavos and Madregas HaAdam with thousands of Chazaros (repetitions).

When I would say good-bye to R' Gershon *Zatzal* on my way back to America, he would joke: "Give my regards to President Bush". He once fell down, and being quite old and heavy, he couldn't get up. He was holding his head in pain, and he was surrounded by his

Talmidim who were concerned about him. Despite his situation, he yelled up to me: "In America, do people also fall??" He was one piece of humor, in all circumstances.

Your "Holy" Kavod

When R' Gershon was in Lakewood and hundreds of people came to see him, someone mentioned that maybe he would like to eat. "Of course, I would like to eat!" was his response. People in the public eye are embarrassed that others should see them

eating. They think they need to be Malachim, or else their "holy" Kavod is in danger. I once sat together with R'

Wainkrantz
Zatzal at a
Chasuna, and
when he
finished his
portion, he
asked for a
double. *******

have no

doubt he did this in front of me for a "*Prat*". He also made sure I should also eat, even though I wasn't invited to this *Chasuna*. *Novardokers* know how to "chill" and relax and enjoy life. I was told that *Madregas HaAdam* was written in order to show people how to enjoy *Olam HaZeh!* If you don't need *Kavod* and you have *Bitachon* and *Li'shmah*, you really enjoy life.

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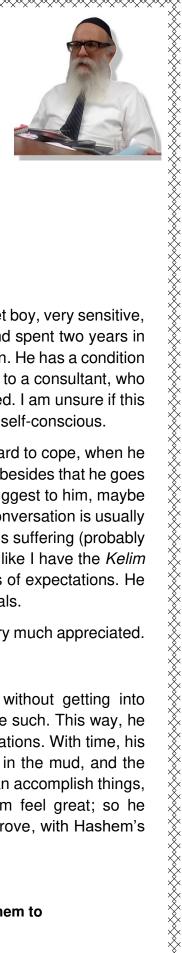
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Questions To Rabbi Mandel



Lack of Motivation and Self-Consciousness

Question: Dear R Mandel,

I am not coping at all with the situation with one of my sons. He is a very sweet boy, very sensitive, but completely unmotivated to do anything. He came back from *Yeshiva*, and spent two years in *Eretz Yisroel*. The first year he did okay, but the second year he got very down. He has a condition where he sweats very much, and he is very self-conscious. I have taken him to a consultant, who recommended various things to alleviate his condition, which have not worked. I am unsure if this is partly psychological, but he finds it very hard to be in a group, and is very self-conscious.

In the past, we had a reasonable relationship. But now, I am finding it very hard to cope, when he stays in bed till dinnertime, does not daven, and does not do anything, really, besides that he goes out for a bike ride, and comes back in and goes to his room. Sometimes I suggest to him, maybe you should try and do some work, or anything to motivate yourself; but the conversation is usually detrimental. I just don't know how to deal with the situation. Our relationship is suffering (probably due to me), but I don't know what to do. I don't want to lose him. I don't feel like I have the *Kelim* to help him; probably because I was brought up without much love, and lots of expectations. He always says that he wants to achieve, but never manages to achieve his goals.

As I said, I feel I am losing him. If you can give me any advice, it would be very much appreciated.

Answer: Try to coach your son to do things that he can accomplish, without getting into contact with others, such as jobs that have to do with using a phone, and the such. This way, he will be able to motivate himself, while keeping away from uncomfortable situations. With time, his whole body may calm down, and things will improve. But as of now, he is in the mud, and the world isn't bowing to him. He doesn't like the world. So if in a quiet way he can accomplish things, like being an accountant, or jobs he can do remotely, that will make him feel great; so he shouldn't waste away. Then he will feel good about himself, and he will improve, with Hashem's help.

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