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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!

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Emunah and Bitachon News

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THE POWER OF HISGABRUS

I am a bachur in vaad 6. In some places it's called Shiur daled, and in others it's called kibbutz. It's a group of bachurim who are chosen to deal with the nisayon of waiting for their shidduch. In our vaad, from an original group of 170 bachurim, only 25 remain. Together we strengthen ourselves and each other in emunah and bitachon, and we occupy ourselves with Torah and avodah.

In the beginning of Tammuz, one of my friends got married. This was a big wedding that took place in a very fancy hall, and a wide variety of gourmet foods was being

served. I know that I have a ta'avah for food. I enjoy good food and am happy for opportunities to taste interesting things. I knew this type of wedding was a culinary festival, and I wanted to decide in advance how I would act there: Would I sink into eating and tasting everything, or would I remember that I am a ben Melech, that I had come to gladden my friend on his wedding day, not to gladden myself.

It's true that there's no sin in eating with great enjoyment what is served, but I felt that in my particular

situation, Hakadosh Baruch Hu wanted me to hold back and be strong, as the Ohr Yisrael, the Yanuka from Stolin zt"l, says: The ikar Yid – the main characteristic of a Yid, is his hisgabrus, his ability to overcome. Thus I resolved that at this wedding I would eat only the roll and the salads!



This was not an easy kabbalah. The delicacies were served generously and with much variety, very far above the standard, but I kept my mouth closed. I remem-

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PARADISE!

Continued from front page bered the words of the baale mussar, that before davening that the words of Torah enter my intestines, I should daven that delicacies not enter my intestines.

I stuck to my kabbalah, and the simchah I experienced in my friend's establishing his own home was a complete simchah – spiritual and uplifting. This experience, of self-discipline and of partaking in a simchah solely for the purpose of gladdening another, accompanied me after the dancing ended. It accompanied me on the way to the dorm, and it went up the steps with me, where I met a friend from my shiur, a bachur who is the same age as I am. At 25, we are all in shidduchim – except for this bachur, because he has an older brother, 28 years old, who is still single.

At that moment I felt I could accomplish something. "You know," I told my friend, "I

have the merit of his-gabrus now. I gave nachas to our Father in Shamayim, and I want to take this opportunity to bentch you."

Indeed, in vaad 6 it is a common occurrence that someone gets emotional and then everyone gets excited along with him. I made a big mi shebeirach for my friend's brother to get engaged soon, and all those present responded with a fervent "Amen."

Within two weeks of that night, the bachur's brother was engaged! The power of hisgabrus; the power of simchah; the power of true participation in another's joy!



We can add another lesson to be learned from this story: The bachur who told the story knew how to evaluate his actions. He believed in his own powers, and through emunah in the words of our holy Rabbanim, his actions and words bore fruit. [Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

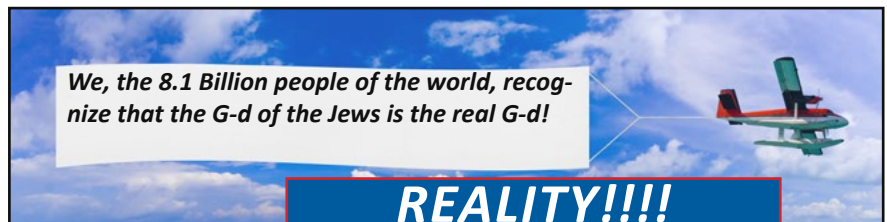
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THE POWER OF TEFILA

A Reader shared:

I want to thank you for your weekly inspiration! I save it for my Shabbos treat and I look forward to it all week! I wanted to share my personal story, which was inspired by a story I read in Spring Hill Times.

B"H, my three year old son is super adorable, but for some reason, cheder never agreed with him, which can cause some issues, mildly speaking. He never made a fuss about going, which was a bracha, but I would put him on the bus with my heart in my mouth- how long will he last before I get a phone call? Your son had an accident- please come change him. Your son had his second accident for the day- please come pick him up. The not-nachas calls at night- your son is on his own planet, totally shut down, not playing with the other kids, lagging behind in many areas... Oy, oy- what will be with him? He was trained for a while before he started cheder, so I was lost as to why he was having such issues. And as for everything else, he was such a friendly, outgoing boy at home and by his grandparent's! What was going on?

The teacher and principal advised me to check his sight and hearing, and we found the problem! He had tons of fluid in his ears, so he couldn't hear normally in the noisy environment of the classroom! At home, he would ignore me a bit, but I thought it was behavioral, but now, all he needs is tubes and everything will be just fine! B"H!!!

Except that it wasn't. I saw some improvement right away, but two weeks later, the morah called. She also saw some small positive changes right away, but since then, nothing else moved. Your son still wanders the classroom while everyone is at the rug. He's missing ba-

sic skills, he's always last, and he's just so lost in the classroom. I explained that he is a different child at home and I can't imagine why he's acting that way in cheder! The morah is wonderful, the atmosphere is welcoming (I know, I was in that classroom often enough!!!), so what's the problem? The morah felt that since he was underwater for a while when he had fluid in his ears, he missed out on important developmental milestones, so, in order to catch up, he needs help.

I hung up from the morah with those words in my brain- He needs help. And somewhere deep inside came a very strong feeling- he doesn't need help, he needs tefillos! This son was B"H an easy baby and was always on target with his milestones, while the child on top of him was a very delayed and struggling child, so the lion's share of heartfelt tefillos went to his brother. He has a huge deficit in his tefillos bank account and I needed to start filling the hole. But how? (I knew I wasn't being negligent in the hishtadlis department- the head of special ed in his cheder told me that she has no SEIT's for me until the beginning of the next school year, so I had a few months to wait it out, before I had to start the process, in order for him to be eligible for the next year.)

That Shabbos when I sat down with the Spring Hill Times, I read about a little girl who wasn't talking in playgroup and the morah recommended that she get help. The mother said Tehillim beritzifos and her daughter started behaving totally fine! Bingo! I felt like Hashem was sending me a personal message and that Monday, I sat down to say Tehillim beritzifos for my son. I felt really good when I finished, and I was super excited to take him off the bus that day- he'll be a new child IYH! But when I took him off the bus and scanned his face, he looked the same and

rolled around, the thought of, 'Did this even make a difference?' crossed my mind. I pushed it away, I was happy I did this for my child, but the feeling lingered a bit. That night, my bochur came over to me: Mommy, you have to hear this beautiful story! It wasn't so typical of him to do this and I stopped what I was doing to listen to the hotline that he put on speaker. Basically, R' Chaim Dov Greenfeld, the gabbai of the Tosher Bais Hamedresh in Boro Park, was sharing the story of a baby whose bris was supposed to be delayed because he was yellow. His brother decided that he needed to do something, and so he sat down to say Tehillim beritzifus for his baby brother, and yes, the bris was on time! I got such chills. Yes, my Tehillim counts and Hashem put so many pieces into place so I can get the chizuk I need.



The next day I started seeing small-big changes- his magnatiles structures were much more complex, his sentences started becoming fuller, he was talking more in general. The next week I finished Tehillim beritzifus again and I saw more changes. I kept at it, finishing Tehillim beritzifus once a week, every week, and then watching Hashem move my child along. I was in touch with the morah, who was also seeing changes in the classroom and she marveled when I told her which therapist my son has been seeing- tefillah, directly to Hashem. Hashem runs the world, so why go through a shliach if I can go direct? Yes, my son still has some small setbacks but the amount of progress that he has made in such a short amount of time is mind boggling! And I hope to be able to continue to say Tehillim beritzifus, as long as he needs it IYH.

he acted the same. Okay, but tomorrow morning, after his neshama goes up and comes back down, for sure he'll be totally different! By the time Wednesday

Let's turn to Hashem and ask Him for everything, because really, truly, only Hashem can Help us! Let's remember that our main hishtadlis is tefilla, turning directly to Hashem, our Loving, Caring Father, Who is fully in control of the situation and the Only One who can help us!

Parsha Delight Question of the Week
In memory of Izzy Chail A"l (ליפידו נוסט יישראל באויר בו יומן ג'וי"ו), a very nice Talmud Chocham

פרשת תזריע תשפ"ד (5784)

Regarding צרעת in clothing, the pasuk (13:48) states:
 "או בשתי או בערב לפשתים ולצמר..."
 "whether in the warp or the woof, of the linen or of the wool..."

Everywhere else in the Torah, when listing these two items, wool is listed before linen
 Vayikra (13:47), (13:52), (13:59), & Devarim (22:11).
 Why here is linen listed first and then wool?

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LOVE TORAH LIVE TORAH LEARN TORAH

There is a special mitzvah that we are privileged to perform in the month of Nissan, that of birkas ilanot. We say this berachah when the fruit trees begin to blossom, expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Hashem for creating such a beautiful and perfect world.

There are so many miracles that occur in a tree. Just the thought how one little sapling can turn into such a large tree that produces delicious fruit is really mindboggling! Furthermore, Hashem made it that the fruit is released from the tree only when it is ripe and ready to eat! Stopping to think about this just for a few moments, can be very inspiring. One time, Rav Shlomo Wolbe was once asked what inspiring emunah sefer he recommended. Rav Wolbe responded, "really every tree you look at is an emunah sefer, do the branches sprout by themselves...?"

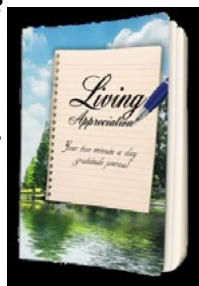
Rav Mordechai Gifter was also particular about this. He would occasionally pick up a nice leaf and use it as a bookmark for his sefarim. This was a way for him to marvel at the beautiful detail of Hashem's world, before he began learning.

There is really so much that we gain from trees. They add so much beauty to the world and produce such tasty fruit. Let's take an apple. It's so delicious and its beautiful red and green colors make it look very appealing. The thin skin is perfectly suited to it since its fruit is harder, as opposed to the tender orange. It is also highly nutritious and can be used for many different foods. This is just one example of the hundreds of delicious fruits that are grown from trees.



A grandchild of Rabbi Avigdor Miller described observing his grandfather eat an apple. Before reciting the bracha, he gazed at the fruit with appreciation and awe, exclaiming "Ribono Shel Olam, what a wonderful apple You created. The waterproof peel displays Your brilliant inge-

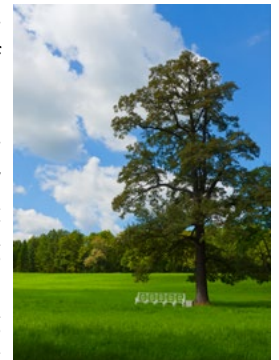
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nity: the pleasant fragrance and taste are a true testimony to Your lovingkindness. To think that You created such a delicious fruit for me? How could I even begin to thank You?" He then recited the bracha with such appreciation, awe and emotion.

Another important benefit we gain from trees is wood, something that we use so often in our day to day lives. Many types of furniture that

we benefit from constantly, such as tables, chairs and bookshelves, are made out of wood. Not to mention paper, a byproduct of wood. We are always using paper: for example newspapers, sefarim, and notebooks. Furthermore, trees provide shade. On a sunny day when we are outdoors, just sitting under a tree can be so refreshing. Coal, a by-product of wood is a useful source of fuel and is great for BBQs!



Furthermore, trees are important part in the eco system. They take in excess co2 and give out oxygen for us to breathe (during photosynthesis). The Torah warns against cutting down fruit bearing trees, emphasizing how significant they are and that they should be respected. Rav Avigdor Miller taught that since we gain so much from trees and we can learn so much from them, we need to treat them with reverence.

Let's try and make the most of the special mitzvah of birkas ilanot, expressing our gratitude to Hashem for the beautiful fruit trees and for all that we benefit from them. He created such a stunning world, just for us to enjoy!

Lets thank Hashem for:

Tables. These play such a useful role in our day to day lives, making eating, writing and studying so much easier. We can have small tables perfect for studying or large dining room tables for big family meals. Some even fold and can be stored very conveniently!



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THE RESCUE

A QUESTION AROSE between the Rozovsky family and the residents of Grodno regarding who would take over after Reb Michal David Rozovsky, the Rav of Grodno, passed away. The Rozovsky family wanted Reb Yehoshua Heshel, the older brother, to replace the Rav, but the townspeople wanted Reb Shmuel to become the new Rav, as they felt he was a greater talmid chacham and was thus more fitting for the position.

They decided to ask Reb Chaim Ozer, zt"l, to rule the quandary. The two opposing sides were scheduled to come to Reb Chaim Ozer at ten in the morning. Eight o'clock, that morning, Reb Shmuel came to Reb Chaim Ozer, telling him that the matter was not up for debate. "There's no need for deliberation," he told Reb Chaim Ozer. "I've decided not to be the Rav; my older brother should be the Rav."

Two hours later, the delegation arrived at Reb Chaim Ozer's desk. They discussed the issue, and Reb Chaim Ozer ruled in favor of the older brother, Reb Yehoshua Heshel.



A year later, the city was still not at peace with Reb Yehoshua Heshel. The community eagerly yearned for R' Shmuel, because of his brilliance, charisma, and personality. Reb Shmuel realized that as long as he lived in Grodno, his personality would cast a shadow over his older brother, pre-

venting Reb Yehoshua Heshel's influence from spreading to the community. Although his older brother was fitting for the position, the city wouldn't fully accept him as long as Reb Shmuel lived there.

Reb Shmuel made a goral haGra (using a Chumash to know what to do and where he should go). The goral fell on the pasuk telling Avraham to leave his homeland and settle in the land that Hashem would show him.

Reb Shmuel understood that this was telling him to move to Eretz Yisrael to protect the dignity of his brother. He came to Eretz Yisrael without family, but he felt that it was a worthwhile sacrifice for his brother's honor and for avoiding machlokes.

Some years later, the war broke out. The Germans killed the entire city of Grodno al kiddush Hashem, including Reb Yehoshua Heshel. Reb Shmuel, however, was the sole survivor of his entire family.

He ended up becoming the world-famous Rosh Yeshiva of Ponovezh, whose brilliance lights up the entire world. Where did his salvation come from? It came from avoiding machlokes.

This story teaches us (a) you never lose from being mevater. Reb Shmuel was mevater becoming the Rav, and that saved his life. (b) Even when things seem bad, it's all good. In Grodno, Reb Shmuel was appreciated and sought after; in Eretz Yisrael, he was a stranger. But that move and those hardships saved his life. All the Torah that he taught and continues to teach through his sefarim

and students is the product of those initial difficult years in Eretz Yisrael.

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THE UNFORGETTABLE CHECK

The Ponovezher Rav zt"l, known for establishing Torah in Bnei Brak by setting up his yeshiva there, would travel around by foot collecting enormous sums for the establishment and maintenance of his enterprise. Returning from a fundraising trip, the Rav stopped by the bimah in the yeshiva and showed the onlooking crowd a check given by one of the wealthiest individuals of Frankfurt. On it was written an enormous sum, enough to sustain the yeshiva for about half a year.



"When I arrived in Frankfurt," he told them, "I knocked on doors one by one. In one house, they opened, and in other they didn't; and so I moved from house to house. One day, Hashem summoned a special askan who informed me that it was not proper to go around by foot. 'The Rosh Yeshiva of Ponovezh shouldn't be going door-to-door. Sit in your house, and we shall arrange for you meetings, as is customary with important people, and this is how you will reach your goal.'"

When the askan came to speak with one of the very wealthy people and described to him the activities of the yeshiva, the rich man said: "Tomorrow at eight o'clock, I'll be

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traveling out-of-town. Please have the Rosh Yeshiva come to the train station at a quarter to eight, and we'll 'sort out' the matters."

"For the first time in my life," says the Ponovezher Rav, "I woke up at seven o'clock. I immediately calculated that if I daven with a minyan, I'd 'lose' the meeting with the rich man, as he was heading out-of-town. Better that I daven at home, I figured, as the talmud Torah of the yeshiva was on the line, and its worth forsaking davening with a minyan for the learning of the entire yeshiva.

"However, I immediately rejected that thought, as Chazal say that 'No one listens to me and loses!' (Midrash Rabbah, Reeh 45). I will go to shul, daven properly with a minyan, and Hashem will get me the money I need from another place.

"I finished the davening at 8:30. I thought to myself, 'I'll do my part by going to the train station. Maybe my salvation will grow from there, or from some other place, but I shall do my part. Indeed, I got there at 8:45, a whole hour after we were supposed to meet.

"Five minutes later, the rich man came running in, excessively apologizing for making me wait the full hour. 'I'm so sorry I delayed. I feel so bad. I want to compensate you, so I'll give much more than what I'd anticipated giving you.'

"He then gave me this check, which you can see will finance the yeshiva for six months."

The Ponovezher Rav continued: "I did not come to show you this check as a proof to the words of Chazal. We all believe the words of Chazal, and they don't need support. Rather, I'm here to show you that not only are there no losses from keeping the Torah and mitzvos; instead, we gain many times over. Had I hurried and davened without a minyan, I would indeed have arrived at the train station at the appointed time, and after waiting for him without him showing up, I would've left with no donation.

"Rather, only because I davened with a minyan did I end up being there at the time he showed up and receiving the check, plus much more. This is why I'm standing here to tell you this story.

There are many times where we think that by avoiding doing what's right, we'll gain. But, in essence, when we follow what the Torah says, we come out the winner."

THE YESHUAH!

When David's family outgrew its apartment in Yerushalayim, he thought about building an extension, but was soon overwhelmed with the enormity of the project. This was not a matter of luxury; his family simply couldn't manage any longer.

However, the project was going to be costly. It wasn't like he had a lot of money; buying his apartment in the first place was already a stretch to his finances. In addition, getting approval from his neighbors was going to be a daunting task, let alone the permits from the municipality, which were another expense he didn't know from where the money would come. He knew he was going to need a lot of *siyata d'Shamaya* to get this all accomplished, especially since he didn't have the money to do it.

David decided to take upon himself something to be *zocheh* for extra success. The next day, he was learning from the Shulchan Aruch and came across a Rama that rules that a person should choose a worthy wife and not marry one for wealth. The Rama adds that a person should take from his in-laws only as much of a dowry that they give him willingly, and then he'll succeed (see Even Ha'Ezer, beginning of *siman beis*).

He also recalled a story about a Jew who was *zocheh* to great children and ample *parnasah* in the *zechus* that he gave up the promised dowry, because it was too hard for his in-laws to keep it up.

He decided to follow the Rama's advice and went to his father-in-law. Thanking him for all the help that he had given them until that point, David told him that although he had committed to pay a certain amount every month, if it was becoming too hard, then he would happily forgive the money.

His father-in-law's face lit up. He said it had become a big struggle for him, especially with his other son's upcoming wedding. He

didn't know how he was going to continue with it. He said that he had saved up enough to continue giving him half the amount that they agreed upon, and would appreciate if they'd make due with just half. David said that he and his wife were happy to forego the rest, and they parted happily.

Here, when David needed the money the most, he took it upon himself to unburden his father-in-law from paying the money that he promised him. But he didn't stop there. He wanted to find a way to help his father-in-law pay for the upcoming wedding expenses as well. He managed to get three different loans from *gemachs* on behalf of his father-in-law, totaling 100,000 shekels.

What happened after that was truly amazing.

On the same day that the money was transferred to his father-in-law's account from the *gemachim*, he was notified that his own account was unexpectedly credited with that exact same amount of money. He had applied months earlier for a special *tzedakah* fund that just that day approved his grant.

Moreover, the amount he got was far more than he'd applied for. He didn't understand how it had happened, but it was clear that Hashem was behind it. He later received even more money and so much *siyata d'Shamaya* in the days following.

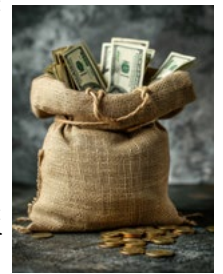
Hashem helped him in ways he could have never imagined. He made *hishtadlus* that seemed to be counterintuitive, but when it comes to Hashem, it doesn't go by what seems to work in the natural way of the world. It goes by doing His will.

THE TZITZIS STORY!

One of the famous publicized stories after the attack of Simchas Torah is how a pair of *tzitzis* saved a group of soldiers. The story goes like this:

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A *yesomah* from



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Eretz Yisrael approached Rav Chaim Zaid saying that she had 6,000 shekels in her savings. She wanted to use that money to buy pairs of tzitzis for Israeli soldiers. Rav Chaim took the money and bought 127 pairs of tzitzis.

When they approached the army base to give the tzitzis to soldiers, they were not granted entry because they had word that a terrorist was hiding somewhere in the area. Instead, Rav Chaim and his assistants were forced to throw the tzitzis over the fence to soldiers standing on the other side. And so they did.

When the bag with the tzitzis was being thrown into the base, a wind came and blew it in a different direction. Seeing something in the air flying toward him, the terrorist who'd been hiding in the area suspected that a grenade was being thrown at him. He ran out of his ambush, was spotted immediately, and was shot on the spot.

Reb Yaakov Rahimi repeated this story in English, and several weeks later, he got a call from a wealthy man in Florida. "I'd like to be the 'father' of this orphaned-girl," he told R' Rahimi. "Let me know when this orphan gets married. I'll cover the expenses of her wedding. Such an orphan! I want to be the one bringing her to her chuppah, and I'll buy her an apartment in Yerushalayim as well!"

The girl is now engaged, and her wedding will be paid in full b'ezeras Hashem, and she'll have a beautiful apartment in Bayit Vegan! She took her life savings and used it toward a mitzvah, not knowing where her basic expenses would be paid for, and we all see how Hashem gave it back more than a hundred

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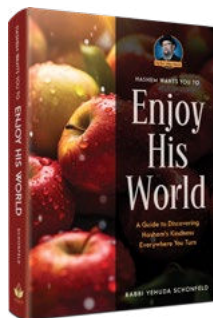
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Yisroel than the fifteenth of Av. And they come one after the other; so soon that it seems to us like there is no time in between!

“The answer is, that’s our job in life. We don’t have any emotions of our own. We feel with the emotions of the Torah. ‘Eis lakol’ – There’s a time for everything! There’s a time to mourn and a time to rejoice.

happiness that Hashem gives you. You can’t make a bracha for nothing! It means you are happy with these things. Only that you demonstrate sadness on that day. On another day, on Chamisha Asar B’Av, on Simchas Torah, you demonstrate joy. But always both qualities must be in the mind.



“And that’s how Jew must be. A Jew cannot be just one thing. If you’re just one thing then you’re a cripple. If you’re one thing, you lost your free will. A man who is alive has free will and he chooses constantly between this attitude and that attitude. And all the attitudes are true.” (Tape #607.)

Perhaps we can add to Rav Miller’s words the following insight. It is not even honest to feel sad because of the suffering of others, those people too can and should be happy despite their suffering. Yes, their happiness may be diminished at times, but still, they can enjoy life very much. In fact, we see that many suffering people are indeed able to enjoy life. Therefore, it does not make sense to be miserable because of them.

The Sweetest Maror

Rabbi Yehuda Mandel, shlit”a, once asked: Of the five vegetables which are acceptable for fulfilling the mitzvah of eating maror at the Seder table, why is chazeres, romaine lettuce, the most preferred one? Why, it is not bitter at all! It should 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 which isn’t deliciously sweet, is already considered to be 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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Continued from Chapter 2:

The Torah Obligation to Enjoy Olam Hazeh

Even Though Other People Are Suffering – Continued

On another occasion, Rav Miller was asked:

“You speak often about serving Hashem with happiness. But is it right to serve Hashem b’simcha when other people are suffering tzaros?

Rav Miller answered:

“A man must have the ability to departmentalize his mind. I’ll give you an example. Just recently we had Tisha B’Av. We sat on the ground, and we wept for the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. We wept al beis Yisroel v’al am Hashem shenaflu b’charev.

“Soon after that came Chamisha Asar B’Av and we didn’t say tachanun. לא היה ימים טובים לישראל כחמשה עשר באב – There were no happier days for the Am

“And therefore, when we think of other peoples’ misfortunes we should sympathize with them, no question. But it doesn’t mean that when you have some good fortune in your life that you shouldn’t appreciate it. Hakodosh Boruch Hu doesn’t want you to overlook the happiness He’s giving you. He wants you to appreciate it and enjoy it fully! And as a result, you’ll serve Him with a full heart. You’ll be grateful in thanking Him.

“And therefore, we have to have a mind that’s capable of both. Even at the time that you are rejoicing, if you’ll remind yourself of your fellow man’s misfortunes, you’ll feel for him. But that won’t stop you from dancing at your daughter’s wedding.

“And therefore, even the person who is mourning for the Churban Beis Hamikdash and for the multitudes who perished by persecution, nevertheless even then he shouldn’t lose sight of the fact

that Hakodosh Boruch Hu gave Him garments. He makes the bracha ‘malbish arumim’ even on Tisha B’Av. He makes a bracha for a belt, ‘ozer Yisroel b’gevura’, even on Tisha B’Av. He makes a bracha on the ability to walk even on Tisha B’Av. All the benefits that we enjoy in life we still enjoy on Tisha B’Av. So you see that even on the same day that you’re sitting and mourning, even on that same day you’re cognizant of the



A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness

Before we begin discussing a new organ, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you some divrei chizuk.

We are examining the niflaos of the human body. You might perceive this as interesting and informative information. Or that it is simply hakaras hatov to Hashem. But in truth, it's much, much more than this. We are involved in the mitzvah from the Torah of ahavas Hashem. Like the Rambam writes that one of the ways to do this mitzvah is to contemplate the wonders of Hashem's unbelievable creation. This mitzvah is one of the mitzvos temidiyos, a constant mitzvah which

is applicable every day, the whole day.

The Chafetz Chaim writes that we should make sure at least once a day to think a little bit about ahavas Hashem. So this short shiur is actually a fulfillment of the mitzvah of ahavas Hashem that we try to do daily, as the Chafetz Chaim said.

Let's begin examining the niflaos in a new organ – the nose.

The nose is a special organ that contributes to our health, and adds a lot of richness to our lives. The function that initially comes to mind when discussing

the nose is obviously the ability to smell. Smell is a special, wonderful gift that Hashem gave us to enjoy His world. Hashem created a large variety of smells that are so different from each other. Each one speaks to us in its own unique way. Let's give examples of the variety of smells that we have.

In the world of food alone there

are so many types that are so different from each other. For example, the smell of freshly baked challah or cake is quite different than the smell of fried onions or from the smell of popcorn. The strong smell of coffee is not like the wonderful smell of chicken soup. There are so many other unique smells outside the world of food, like smelling a freshly laundered shirt, walking through pine trees, or the



smell of the world after a good strong rain. These are just a few examples from an endless list; the list really goes on and on. Hashem arranged such a large spectrum of various different types of smell just for us to enjoy!

Answers for the Parsha Game page 15
Matzos: Aharon and children ate matzos
Pond: Gathering of water attached to ground is not mekabel Tumah.

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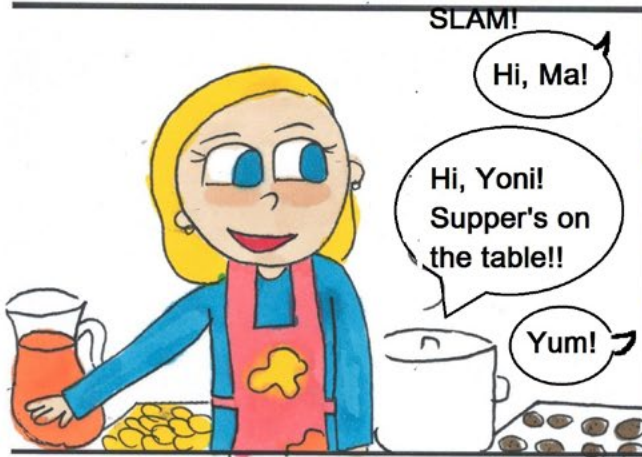
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SLAM!

Hi, Ma!

Hi, Yoni!
Supper's on
the table!!

Yum!



Whoa! I am sooo
starving!!!! I
better take a lot!!

10 minutes later:



I am
soooo
full!!!!



I cannot take
another bite!
Into the trash
you go!

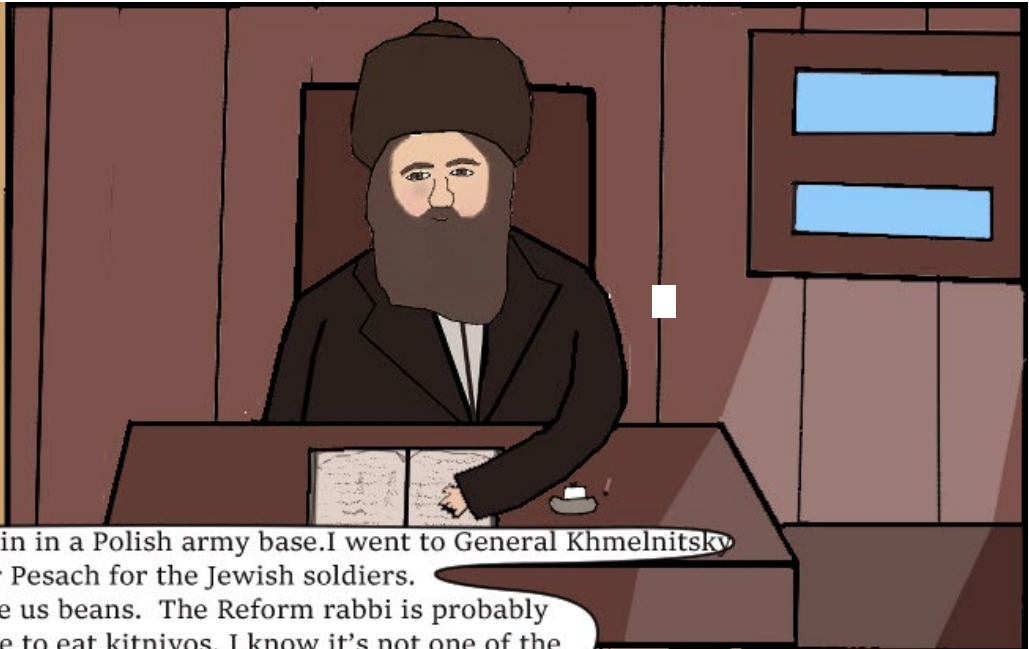
"HEY, THERE'S MUSIC COMING OUT OF MY PLATE!!!"
TUNE: NOACH WAS A BIG TZADIK (HIGH)
YONI HAS A BIG LESSON
THAT HE WANTS YOU TO LEARN
DON'T MAKE THE GARBAGE SAD
SO JUST MAKE IT GLAD
BY EATING WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE:)



Thanks
Mr.
Middos!!!

BY: AHUVA ROTHENBERG

R' Aharon Pietricov was a chaplain in a Polish army camp. It was almost Pesach and they needed potatoes for Pesach. He and the reform Rabbi, who didn't care about having kosher l'pesach food asked the general who only agreed to give them beans. He went to R' Meir Shapiro to ask him what to do.



Rebbe, I'm the chaplain in a Polish army base. I went to General Khmelnitzky to ask for potatoes for Pesach for the Jewish soldiers. He only agreed to give us beans. The Reform rabbi is probably excited that we'll have to eat kitniyos. I know it's not one of the three mitzvos that a Yid has to give his life for, but we would appreciate it if the Rav would tell us what to do.



Normally if you would have come to me with this Shaila, I would have said yes, but being that the reform are going to say that even the frum yidden eat kitniyos, and don't care about the gezeiros, it's Assur. It's a time of shmadi.



But with all due respect, the soldiers will starve!



To be continued

Story Time

Stories From 'A Life With Bitachon'



#1752- This story was called in by a very chashuv yungerman by the name of Yechezkel Zeev Mittleman. He needed to buy a washing machine and he knew it would be a very expensive purchase. At the same time, he needed to make another expensive purchase on a different item that he really needed. He was trying to figure out which one to spend the money on. He really needed both, but he only had money for one.

Then he said, "One second. Who is the one who pays my bills? What is the thing that brings me the items? Is it the money that causes me to be able to buy something? It's Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam! Therefore, I'm going to get the other item that I need. But I also need a washing machine! So I will place an order by my loving, caring father, Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam, and say, 'Hakadosh Baruch Hu! You're Hakol Yachol! You can do everything and anything! I would like a brand new washing machine, in excellent, perfect condition!'"



A short while later, all of a sudden, the phone rang. Someone called and said, "Did you hear that someone is giving away a brand new washing machine for free without having to pay a penny? Are you interested?" He said, "Are you serious? It's exactly what I'm looking for!"

The person gave him the number, and he called up. The person said, "Of course!" He was looking to give away a brand new washing machine in best condition! He got it delivered to him with the best service!



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1753- This story was called in by Mrs. Blumenfrucht. Mrs. Blumenfrucht said over that her husband's phone has been broken already for the past few months. Whenever he got around to it, he would take it apart and try fixing it. He would compare it to other phones to see what needed to be fixed and what was broken. He tried unscrewing here and unscrewing there, but to no avail. Whatever he tried didn't seem to work. This was going on already for a few months; his phone was simply broken. Whatever he tried, there just wasn't life to his phone.



After a few months of trying, he turned to his wife and said, "I am handing over the phone. You go with Hakol Yachol. Say Hakadosh Baruch Hu could do everything and anything. See what you could do with your Bitachon that Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the one that fixes phones."

She took the phone and put it into the charger and said, "Hashem. You're the one charging the phone. You're the one making the phone work. I'm leaving it up to you and only you."

All of a sudden, the phone came to life! It started

Story Time

Stories From 'A Life With Bitachon'

working, as if there were no issues or problems! In no time, it was working better than ever!



#1754- This story was called in by a very chashuv yid by the name of Yitzchok Aharon Sternfeld. He was flying overseas. When he landed he made reservations to rent a car. He went to the rental car place, but they said they needed three things. His license, a credit card and a ticket to show when he was returning. The issue and problem was that he just lost his license a couple of days before. His credit card he just gave to one of his family members and he didn't have it on him. He also didn't have a ticket back because he didn't know when he was going back! He was trying to figure out what to do. He asked them if he can give them a picture of his license, and a debit card. They said, "Sorry, it's not the way it works. This is what we need. License, credit card and a ticket back." He said, "I'm sorry, but I don't have that. Is there anything you could do for me?" They said, "If you want, you can speak to the manager, and he'll confirm exactly what we're saying."



The whole time while they went to get the manager, he was thinking, "Who is in charge of them giving me a rental car? Is it up to them? It's up to Hakadosh Baruch Hu. It's up to the Ribono Shel Olam! Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Kol Yachol. You think Hakadosh Baruch Hu needs me to have my license, credit card and a return ticket? Hashem doesn't go with rules and regulations. Therefore, I'm just giving it straight to Hashem!"

The manager came and said, "I would do anything to help you. I would forgo the license and the credit card. However, if you don't have a ticket back, I'm so sorry. First make a return ticket and then come back." Yitzchok Ahron was thinking, "Is the manager in charge? He's nothing more than fisher price, play dough, clay dough! It's all Hakadosh Baruch Hu. It's all the Ribono Shel Olam!"

While he was thinking that, the manager said to him. "Okay, just sign this paper. Take the car that you would like!" In no time, he walked out with the best service!



1755- This story was called in all the way from Eretz Yisrael by my very chashuv talmid by the name of Simcha Elefant. He was trying to make a passport for his baby so they could fly home during Pesach bein hazemanim. When he called up the passport office and asked them when he could make an appointment, they said that there was nothing available before six months! They said that six months was the earliest appointment they could give him. He was thinking to himself, "Six months? That's already after bein hazemanim! It's not nogeiah. I need it much earlier!" They said, "Sorry, there is nothing we can do for you. The lines are out the door. We're booked solid for six months! Nothing to talk about."



With that, he hung up the phone and he said, "Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam. They said that there's nothing to talk about; they can't help me. I don't NEED them to help me! I need YOU, the Kol Yachol, who can do everything and anything." With that, he said, "This time, I'm going to call thinking that I'm speaking to the Ribono Shel Olam." He called again and he said, "I need to make a passport for my child. When is the earliest appointment you can give me?" They said, "Oh! We can give you one in two weeks, would you like that?" He said, "Sure! Of course!"

In no time, he got the best appointment and the passport arrived in time, with the best service! ❖

The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. My husband does not follow the yesodos of A Life With Bitachon. Every day he comes looking grim. He tells me, 'Do you know what's going on in the world?' And he proceeds to tell me all the concerns about the security situation, how inflation is rising, how the economy is crumbling etc.

Since I follow the yesodos of A Life With Bitachon, when my husband tells me what's going on, I don't get nervous. I know that the world is not a scary place. Hashem is the one Who is running the world, and He is the One conducting all events. And the same way He took care of us until today, He will forever take care of us. But my husband does not want to hear these concepts.

Although I'm keeping strong, I would much rather have a husband who also traces all events to Hashem, and lives with the menuchas hanefesh this attitude brings.

A. Hashem is giving you the opportunity to appreciate how fortunate you are to be living with bitachon. In order to fully appreciate how fortunate you are, Hashem is showing you what it

looks like to live without bitachon.

When someone lives without bitachon, they think that the definition of 'reality' is to live with cause and effect, and to be nervous that we might be affected by outside sources.

But when a person lives with bitachon, he knows that events don't just 'happen'. He understands that Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the One who is con-



trolling every detail of what happens. He knows that Hashem is the epitome of kindness and Hashem wants us to live with menuchas hanefesh knowing that He's conducting affairs for our very best.

Use your gift of living with Hashem to deal with your personal challenge.

Tell yourself, 'The same Hashem who is conducting the rest of the events of the world for our good, arranged that I should have the exact spouse I have with his personality. This is what's good for me'.

When you live with this mindset, you won't commiserate, "Oy, I don't enjoy living with such a husband who's not on the same level as I am. I wish my husband would change." Instead, you'll tell yourself, "I'm not here to change anyone other than myself. And the way I will become is by having such a husband. This is exactly what I need to fulfill the purpose of my existence."

And when you work on recognizing that your situation is tailored exactly for your best, Hashem will show you how things will turn out the way you want it to be. B'ezras Hashem, your husband will also start gravitating towards living with Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

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Rav Dovid Ashear shared that Pesach was only six days away and Sarah* desperately needed to clean her home for the upcoming Yom Tov. She called her daughter in law, Malka, who was known for her cleaning and organizing talents, and asked her if she could come by and help out. Malka agreed to come the next morning while Sarah was away at work. Sarah explained to Malka, "My house is a complete mess. Please feel free to throw away as much clutter and old junk as possible." Malka proceeded to go through the entire house and clean everything from top to bottom. When Malka entered Sarah's bedroom closet, she found many dresses and outfits that were caked in layers of old dust - a few decades old and never ever worn. She then tossed all of these ancient outfits into the trash bin.



When Sarah came home after work, she was very pleased to enter her new spic and span home! She smiled as she walked from room to room, enjoying the pleasant fragrance of fresh Lemon Mr. Clean and gleaming sparkling floors and counters! When she approached her bedroom closet, she called Malka and asked "Where are all of my outfits?" Malka explained that she cleaned them out since they were so ancient. Sarah didn't say anything, but felt hysterical inside because she had her wedding ring in one of the outfit pockets, a precious diamond in another, and a stunning necklace in the third. She immediately went outside to the outdoor trash bin to see if the trash was taken out, and to her horror – the sanitation workers had just picked up all of the garbage, since in Bnei Brak, where she lived, the sanitation trucks came a few times a day during the final week before Pesach. Sarah wanted to yell and scream at Malka and ask her 'Who gave you permission to touch my most personal belongings?', but she held herself back because she knew that Hashem would not want her to start a family feud. Sarah then said to Hashem, "Hashem, I gave up my three most precious jewels and diamonds for the sake of Shalom, which is what You wanted me to do. Please, Hashem, I have three precious gems at home who are not yet married and have been trying to find their Bashert for years, May the tremendous Zechus of holding myself back from saying negative words help bring them their proper Zivugim".

That Chol HaMoed Pesach, Sarah's oldest daughter received a call from the Shadchan. Within weeks she became engaged! Within just a few months, all of Sarah's children were engaged!



This story demonstrates how the Mitzvah of promoting Shalom and refraining from negativity and conflict is so precious to Hashem! Hashem repays you one million times over for every bit of effort!



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Sarah's most challenging moment was in actuality her very best moment!

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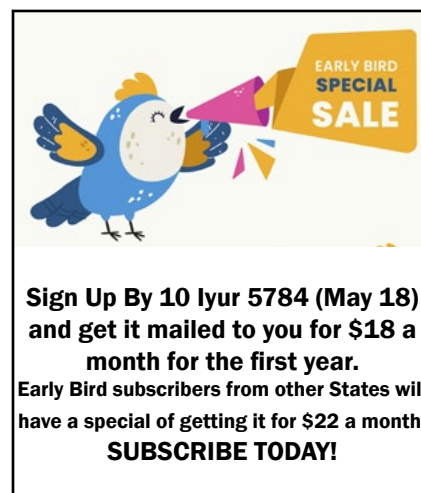
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