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A Yid from Bnei Brak relates: B’sha’ah tovah, on the 26th of Cheshvan we celebrated my son’s bar mitzvah. I had a hall: My parents live in a house in Chashmona’im with a lovely large yard, and they were happy to host our bar mitzvah. For food, I called a caterer and ordered 200 portions for the 26th of Cheshvan.

The day of the bar mitzvah arrived. We were all happy and excited. At about 7 p.m. I called the caterer and reminded him that the event was about to begin. And the man had no idea what I was talking

about: “Bar mitzvah?! Today?! I have nothing written in my calendar.” “What?!” I was shocked. As we soon discovered, the caterer was confused; I had ordered the food for that night – the eve of the 26th of Cheshvan, and he’d understood that it was the night after the 26th of Cheshvan – the following night.

We had a hall, a bar mitzvah bachur, hundreds of invitees, and no seudah. I davened to Hashem to help me, and I started a round of phone calls. I went from one caterer to the next, and they all repeated the same refrain: No, they did not have 200 extra portions. This was not an extra two or three portions, which one could find on the spur of the moment.

I kept trying. Hashem would certainly help me and save me from huge embarrassment. Another caterer answered. This time I tried asking if they perhaps had fifty extra portions. They answered no, of course, but several moments later they called back and told me, “We have two hundred portions for you. We’ll deliver them in a few minutes.” I did not ask questions. Time was short, and there was work to be done. The caterer arrived on time, and the food was excellent, truly like a seudas Shlomo Hamelech, and the guests who arrived had no idea that they were eating like Am Yisrael in the midbar, who received mann from Shamayim.

At the end of the evening I asked the caterer how he’d

had 200 portions for me, and why at first he said he didn’t have anything, and only afterward he informed me that he had. The caterer explained, “When someone invites us to cater, we take down all the details – name, family, home phone number, cell phone, and, obviously, the location of the venue. But today, all that was written in the calendar was, “Moshe – sheva brachos” – just an anonymous listing. Who was Moshe? Where were the sheva brachos? I asked anyone who seemed connected to these words, and no one knew what it was all about.

“So I decided to take a risk and prepare 200 portions, because I figured it was better for us to get stuck with extra food than for someone else to get stuck with people coming and nothing to give them. We worked and prepared, and at 7 p.m., the hour when customers usually call and ask us to come, no one called. We waited a bit more, and it seemed there was no Moshe and no sheva brachos, but there was you and your bar mitzvah. “I waited a bit longer in order to be sure no one else needed these portions, and then I called you back.” This is the astonishing explanation behind the two hundred portions that were waiting for me. It’s amazing how Hakadosh Baruch Hu arranged our event for us in the best possible way. Here, there was a mistake with the date, so there, they prepared portions without knowing for whom, and Hakadosh Baruch Hu was saving us from a great loss and giving us everything we needed. Our son, while becoming bar mitzvah, was zocheh to gain a living lesson in emunah! [Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter]

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This is Yisrael Yehuda Rotenberg from Tzfas. In the old Kosov shul where I daven there was a sefer Torah that had served the people devotedly until the Yid who loaned it to the shul took it back for himself. I wondered: What would be now? Where would we get hold of a sefer Torah?

Several days after the sefer Torah was taken from the shul, I was invited to the bris of the son of the shul's shamash. At the simchah I met an avreich whom I knew from years gone by. He'd learned in the Kosov yeshivah twenty years earlier, and we spoke of memories from the good old days in the holy city of Tzfas. He told me that he was married to an American woman and had several children. I told him what had happened to our city, and about the sefer Torah that had been taken back by its owner. "I have an idea for you," the avreich said. "My father-in-law, who lives abroad, recently made a siyum ha-Shas, and he wrote a Sefer Torah in honor of the event. The sefer Torah is now in a Litvishe shul. They took it even though it is written in ksav Ari, since they didn't have anything else. I wonder whether they're still using it. It's likely that they've already found a sefer Torah written in ksav Beis Yosef, and if so, my father-in-law could loan you the sefer."

A few days later this avreich called

me and told me that the sefer Torah had been returned to its owner. "The shul moved, and they received another sefer Torah at their new location," he explained. "My father-in-law says he can loan the sefer Torah, but it's important for you to know that he will need it back from time to time."

I wasn't happy about that comment, but I did not see any other possibility of getting a sefer Torah, so I waited for the flight that would bring in our temporary sefer Torah. Even a sefer Torah in the heichal depends on mazal, and even if it's one that you get for just a short period of time. When they opened the sefer Torah in order to turn it to the right week, I was surprised to discover

that it opened to the very parshah of the week of the bris, when I'd spoken to the avreich about it, as though the sefer Torah itself was asking to be read in the place where it was needed...

Several months passed. Erev Pesach came, and with it a phone call: The young man's father-in-law wanted the sefer Torah back. He was going to spend Pesach with his extended family; they would be having their own minyan, and he needed the sefer Torah to be with them.

What could I possibly do? This was his sefer Torah. We arranged to send it back to him.

That day, several hours after I had heard the sefer Torah being read for

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the last time, a woman called and told me, "My father z"l was born in the city of Kosov. When he was niftar, he left in his will a request that we have a sefer Torah written and bring it to the Kosov shul in Tzfas. The sefer is now completed, and we want to donate it to the shul." I was dumbfounded by the hashgachah pratis. The phone call came with such amazing timing! The previous sefer Torah hadn't yet left the shul, and the new one was already on the way, this time a permanent sefer Torah that had been written especially for our shul!

[Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter]

The Kalever Rebbe



One day, in Kolel, during my first year of marriage, I was feeling very unhappy about my learning. I knew that I wanted Torah to be my whole life, but I always had a habit of finding other things to be distracted with. I was feeling that I wasn't becoming what I wanted to become, and I felt that I had no ability to do it. I davened a very long and intense shemona esrei during mincha, begging Hashem literally with all of my heart to help me dedicate my life to learning His Torah.

That evening, as I was about to walk out of the door to night sefer,

the phone rang. It was the Kalever Rebbe's gabbai, asking for me by name.

The Kalever Rebbe is known to have something like ruach hakodesh. The only thing I ever had to do with him was a year or so previous, when he came to my yeshiva to speak to the bachurim. Then, after he spoke to the boys all together, he gave each boy a private audience, asking him a few questions, and offering advice to improve their avodas Hashem. I saw many boys come out of the room, totally astounded and in a daze, as if they had just had a supernatural experience, saying things like "How did he know that?!" and, "I never told anyone that!" But my experience with him was nothing like that. He asked me a few questions, I don't remember what, and told me I should be learning 8 blat a day, which was basically impossible for me then (and now). That was the end of my unexciting association with the Rebbe. Now, a few years later, his gabbai was calling me. I had no clue what for. Here was the conversation:

"Hello?"

"Hello! Is this Reb Shmuel Dovid? This is the Kalever Rebbe's gabbai. How are you?"

"Boruch Hashem..." (confused)

"Boruch Hashem! The Rebbe told me that you just got married, and he asked me to call you to wish you mazel tov, and see how things are going."

I was quite surprised to say the least- How in the world did he know I got married?!

"Boruch Hashem! Marriage is great! Thank you!" *He probably wants money...I don't have any money!*

"Boruch Hashem! Ah-! And how's parnossa?"

"Parnossa? Boruch Hashem! Perfect! We have exactly what we need. We're very happy!"

"You should have parnossa B'RE-VACH!!!"

"Amen!"

Then there was a short pause. "Reb Shmuel Dovid, the Rebbe told me to call you and tell you that he wants you to dedicate your life to learning Torah."

I almost dropped the phone. He quoted my tefila to Hashem exactly! I could barely speak. I felt like Hashem was speaking to me, mami-ah! "H-How?" I asked, desperate to hear Hashem's answer.

"Well..." Somehow, it seemed like he wasn't prepared with an answer to that question. "Well, you have to commit yourself to your learning...Your head should be filled Torah, filled with tefilla, but not, chas vshalom, other things... The Torah should be your life."

I grabbed a pencil and whatever paper I could find, and started writing, my hand shaking. "Filled w/ Torah-" I repeated. I was writing as fast as I could. Filled with tefila was easy. I didn't have a yetzer hara not too daven. Filled Torah was hard. But I wrote everything obediently. "Not ו"ן, , other things..."

The rest of the conversation, I don't remember, but I still have the little "scrap" piece of paper in my wallet as a big source of chizuk when I need it. Boruch Shomeah Tefilloh! [A Spring Hill Times Reader]

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LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Editor's note: Many of these stories are from Cheshvon-Teves.

FOCUSING ON THE GOOD



R' Hollander* was listening to the Bitachon hotline while driving. That day, R' Golombeck quoted the Chovos Halevavos that if you see an animal's dead corpse, instead of saying "Ew, disgusting!" you should look at the white teeth and focus on the positive.

Right then, he looked up to see a dead deer on the road. He was able to say to everyone in the car "Look at the white teeth of the deer! Let's focus on the positive." Everything turned into a positive experience!

A different time, he was on the way home from Kollel and he was discussing with a youngster what he should do if he wants his kids to eat healthier food. He decided he'll call the hotline and get some chizuk. That day that topic was discussed on the hotline!

ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE DECLINE



Mrs. Bernath* from Eretz Yisroel was always scared to walk near Arabs, but after hearing on A Life With Bitachon that anti-Semitism is on the decline, she wasn't scared anymore. One day she was waiting for a taxi with her son, with her baby in the stroller, and she noticed that were two construction Arab workers on their lunch break who were watching her.

She started getting scared, but then she remembered that anti-Semitism was on

the decline. As she was flagging down a taxi, one of the Arabs came running over to help her with the stroller; he folded it up and put it in the trunk. She called in the story to a Life with Bitachon.

She said that when her son came home from yeshiva, he excitedly told her that their story was in a Life with Bitachon! The whole family became very excited. Her older son said, "What? That story with the stroller? I listened to it last night, and I told my friend it can't be true! Which Arab would be helping a yiddishe mother with her stroller?!?"

She turned to him and said, "Well, guess what? It happened with your own mother!"

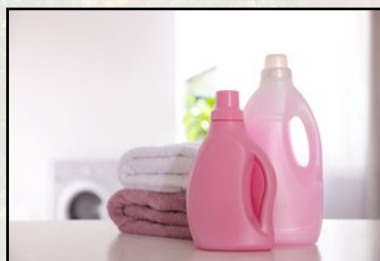
ON TIME WITH BITACHON



Mrs. Lifshitz* was at the airport. There were lines out the door, and she was scared she would miss her flight. Then she caught herself and said that she was going to have bitachon that in five minutes, she would be at the front.

In four and a half minutes, she got her turn, and she made it to the flight on time!

DETERGENT OR BITACHON?



R' Selengut* said that he had a lot of stains on his shirt. His wife told him she couldn't clean it because it wasn't coming out. He wouldn't be able to wear the shirt again. He asked her, "Did you clean it with detergent or with bitachon?" She said, "Ok, I'll try it with bitachon."

A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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Weekly



Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh

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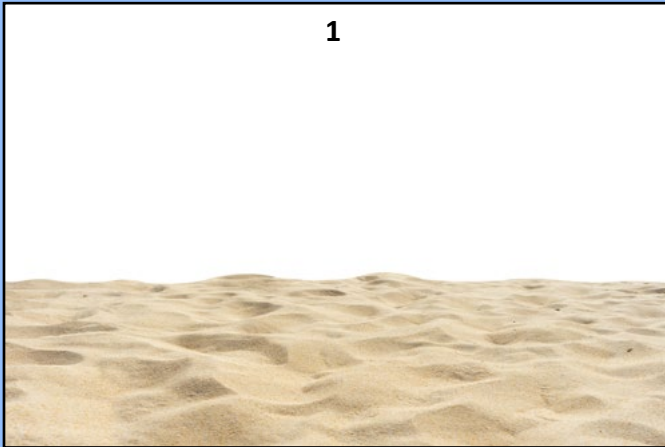
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Parsha Delight Question of the Week

פרשת בלק תשפ"ד (5784)

Rashi (22:21) explains that בלעם was told that his alacrity of saddling his donkey was not significant, since it was preceded by the alacrity of אברהם אבינו who saddled his donkey in preparation of the עקידה. The question is obvious. How are these two acts, that of בלעם and that of אברהם אבינו compared at all? One was for a mitzvah, and one for the opposite! To the contrary, one of the things mention on יום כיפור is על חטא יום כיפור, שחטאנו לפניך בריצת רגלים להרע, that Hashem should forgive that which we have performed עבירות with זריזות. Shouldn't the message to בלעם have been, now that you have done this by eagerness, you are really going to get punished!

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Balak- Riddle #96:

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Balak

1. Why did מדין and מאוב make peace?
2. In what way did מאוב compare the Yidden to a שור?
3. Why did Hashem make בלעם into a נביא?
4. Which type of נביאים only had their נבואה at night?
5. Why did Hashem ask בלעם, 'who are the people with you'?
6. What did the donkey hint to when he told בלעם, 'כי הכיתני זה שלש רגלים'?
7. Where do we find in the פרשה that, 'בדרך שאדם רוצה לילך מוליכין אותו'?

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R' Daniel Shasha

It was a real nes! Bilaam was determined to curse Klal Yisrael, yet Hashem showed him how the ability to speak is solely in His power. Consequently, Bilaam said a group of heartfelt berachos and praised Klal Yisrael for their virtues. One of these berachos was, 'they are a nation that arises like a lion cub...' (23:24). The Gra explains that this verse is the source for the first Halachah in the Shulchan Aruch: one should arise like a lion in the morning. However, practically speaking this is difficult. Often, we wake up tired and getting out of bed is difficult; how are we supposed to arise like a lion?

To answer this question let us explore a teaching of Rabbeinu Yonah, in the introduction to his work, Sefer Hayirah. He explains how when we wake up, we need to be in awe of Hashem's great kindness. How He compassionately returns our neshamah and believes in us that we will use the privilege of another day correctly. When we truly internalize how fortunate we are and how compassionate Hashem is that He returns to us our neshamah giving us a new opportunity, we will eagerly get out of bed! So, we see how this berachah from Bilaam has tremendous significance. Klal Yisrael arises like a lion each day eager to serve Hashem, fueled by gratitude for the gift of a new day.

With this understanding, it makes sense why the first words we recite upon arising is modeh ani. We begin our day, expressing our gratitude to Hashem for returning our soul and giving us another day of life. Rabbi Shimshon Pincus explains that we begin our day with modeh ani to show that gratitude is the purpose of everything. All is drawn after the beginning, so the fact that the first word a Jew recites in the day is modeh shows us

how gratitude is his essence. Starting our day with strong feelings of gratitude sets the tone for our entire day. It is therefore of no surprise why Chazal wanted to put this parashah in krias shema since it contains this verse, which really sums up the avodah of a Jew: to start our day with an attitude of gratitude. The only reason Chazal didn't enact it, was not to inpose upon the tzibbur, yet really it is deserving to be placed in Shema Yisrael!

Surely, it will make more sense grammatically to say ani modeh. Just like we say 'I want', 'ani rot-zeh', or 'I need', 'ani tzarich'. Why do we specifically say modeh ani? We need to be humbled by the great kindnesses of Hashem viewing everything we have as an underserved gift. We therefore say modeh before ani to symbolize our submission to Hashem and that everything we have is from Him. We for sure don't start our day by putting ourselves first we need to put Hashem first.

Often we wake up tired and getting out of bed isn't always easy. Just pausing for a few seconds, trying to appreciate how fortunate we are to be granted the priceless gift of life, will help motivate us to say modeh ani with meaning and eagerly get out of bed, beginning a new day of avodas Hashem.

Many of our Tzadikim were very particular about this. For example, it was reported that Rabbi Yechezkel Abramsky used to look out his window each morning before saying modeh ani. When he saw the world still existing, he felt inspired to thank Hashem for His tremendous concern and involvement in our world, keeping numerous potential problems at bay. The freshness of a new day generated such incredible gratitude; he channeled these feelings into reciting a heartfelt modeh ani'.



A 30 year old avreich was diagnosed with a very rare and serious disease. A specialist told him that there was no cure for this severe illness and predicted that he would have around two more years to live. To the doctor's surprise, the man looked very calm. 'In my career of 20 years, I have had to make many grim predictions, yet I have never seen anyone look so calm, what are you thinking about that makes you so relaxed?' asked the astonished doctor. The avreich explained that he was thinking about the incredible kindness of Hashem for the gift of life! 'Even if your predictions will be true, I would have two incredible years of life. Every moment of life is

a gift that is undeserved. I will be able to rise each morning more than 700 times, and recite modeh ani thanking Hashem for returning my neshamah and for another priceless day of life. Hashem is my loving caring Father, who is to say He will not give me more of the incredible gift of life.' The Admor of Nadvorna who related this story, concluded by saying that it has been over 13 years since this grim prediction and the avreich is still waking up each morning, thanking Hashem for the priceless gift of life! (Living Emunah 6, Rabbi David Ashear)

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Inspiring Quotes

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The reason why the Modim prayer is the only blessing that the tzibbur recites together with the chazan's repetition, is because we need to thank Hashem directly ourselves, and not only through a messenger. (Abudraham, Shemoneh Esrei)

2

The redemption will come in the merit of singing pleasant tunes to Hashem. (Tikunai Zohar 21 p. 51b)

3

When we recite a berachah before eating or drinking, a shefa kedoshah, holy abundance, comes to rest upon the food or drink. (Peleh Yoetz, Berachos)

4

Hashem Yisbarach is revealed in the world through the great kindnesses that He performs. These kindnesses are so that we recognize Him, by blessing and praising Him. (Nefesh Shimshon, Tefillah p. 68)

A LIFE WITH BITACHON ON THE PARSHA

The Torah tells us how the Ribono Shel Oilam opened the mouth of Bilam's donkey. This obviously sounds like a strange, miraculous occurrence. Imagine walking into the Bronx Zoo and suddenly an animal starts talking to the crowd. Everyone's mouth would drop open in awe and shock. It would be the front-page headlines!

The Sfornu explains the message the Torah is teaching us. We have to realize that every single time we open up our mouths and talk, it is just as amazing. Really, we shouldn't have the ability to open our mouths. The only reason we can, is because Hashem is controlling it and He puts into our mouths the words we are meant to say. Like the Possuk says 'Hashem sefasai tiftach'.

Now that we understand that Hakadoish Baruch Hu is in control of our mouths, we need to realize that whatever we say, is what Hashem decided we should blurt out. The same is true for whatever one did not say. The reason why it was not said, is because that is what Hashem decided. Because it is He alone Who is regulating our voices, and not us.

Someone left a message: *Before I started listening to A Life with Bitachon, each and every time I finished a conversation with someone, I would think to myself, "Did I say the right thing? Why did I say this? I should have said that!" I kept doubting myself and having regrets. It was not fun, to say the least. But now, it is B"H a whole different experience. I now understand that my job is to try to talk in the proper manner, but whatever I end up saying or not saying is what Hashem decides. And that means it is perfect and a complete success, and it is beyond my control for it to have played out in any other way. I feel reborn, as I am able to relax and enjoy every conversation.*

So many times we think to ourselves, "Oh, I could have said better. I messed up." We can blame ourselves and it robs us from our menuchas hanefesh and simchas hachaim. But, if we internalize this message, we can be entirely calm and never second guess ourselves.

A respectful Rov shared: *I give many drashos, and at first I always used to think how I could have inspired the tzibbur in a much more meaningful way if I would have added this or that point. But now I realize that my job is to prepare and do my best. What comes out is up to Hashem. This mindset made me so much calmer.*

Harav Yechiel Perr Zt"l shared: *I was once fundraising for my Yeshiva, and I was waiting in the lobby of a big philanthropist. I saw there were two other people there fundraising for a Yeshiva and they looked really nervous. They explained to me, "This gevir analyzes every word and the better pitch you have, the more money he gives. We are trying to figure out precisely what to say, how to express it and what to leave out." I thought to myself that I know that Hashem is in charge of what words come out of my mouth. I can just stay calm. The difference between me and them was like night and day. I remained calm, while they were sweating from stress.*

A Yiddishe Mamme shared: *I work in a corporation where lots of the employees really wanted raises. They knew it was very hard to convince the boss to raise their salary. People were sitting around discussing how to present their case. What should they articulate? How could they present their request in the most persuasive way to show the boss that they really are worth the raise? Many people were uptight and all emotionally involved. I decided to make my request calmly, while picturing how Hashem is the Spokesperson here. In the end, my coworkers did succeed in getting a raise. As for myself, I got a bigger increase than all of them. I went with Hashem opening my mouth, and with this, I made the best impression.*



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On Behalf of the entire Spring Hill Times Family, Writers and Readers, we convey our condolences to our dear fellow writer, Rabbi Eliezer Neikhaus, on the passing of his daughter a"n.

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MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Rav and Rebbetzin Akiva Grossnass (Chestnut Ridge, NY) on the birth of a new granddaughter!

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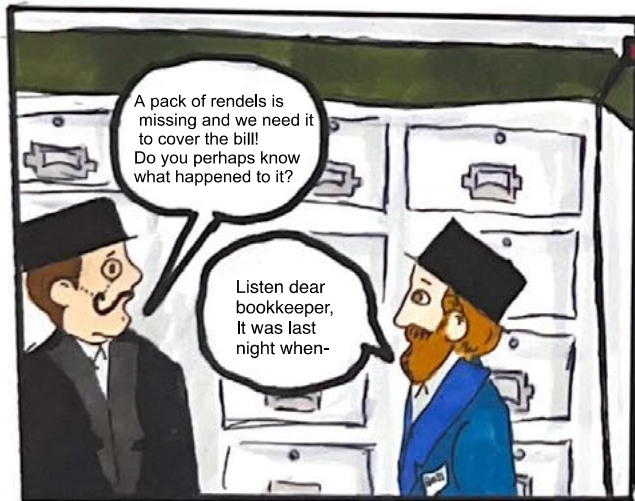
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Mazel Tov to R Betzalel Kaminsky and family on the birth of a new baby boy!!!

BY: ESTY S.

GRABBING MITZVOS



FUN PAGE

By Shimon Chirodea

DID YOU KNOW?

Bilaam was a prophet even though he wasn't a yid because if the non-Jews didn't have one, they might say that if they would have had nevi'im they would also be good so Hashem sent them Bilaam.

Unfortunately, Bilaam didn't use his abilities for the good.

According to one opinion, Hashem put an angel in Bilaam's mouth that talked.



Can you find
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differences

Parshah Points

In last week's Parshah, we learned that when other nations attacked the Yidden, they were not successful. Now, in this week's Parshah, King Balak of Moav knew that fighting the Yidden directly would not work, so he thought of a different plan. Balak hired Bilaam, a non-Jewish prophet, to curse the Yidden. Bilaam set out on his journey, but Hashem sent an angel to block his path. Bilaam's donkey saw the angel and went off the road, which made Bilaam angry, so he hit the donkey. The donkey miraculously spoke and asked why it was being beaten. Bilaam finally saw the angel, who told him that he could only say what Hashem allows.

When Bilaam arrived, King Balak welcomed him. The following day, instead of cursing, Bilaam blessed the Yidden! Balak was furious, but Bilaam explained that he can only speak Hashem's words. Balak took Bilaam to different places, hoping for a curse, but the brachos continued. At the end of the fourth blessing, Bilaam mentioned the coming of Moshiach.

Balak

Parshah Quiz

1-At every place Bilaam and Balak went, they offered korbanos to Hashem. How many korbanos did he offer in total?

2-To what does Bilaam compare the Yidden to?

2-What advice did Bilaam give Balak after he did not succeed in cursing the Jews?

3-How many brachos did Bilaam give Bnei Yisroel?

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, we start our morning teffilos with "Mah Tovu." Bilaam was the one who said it first in the third bracha.

DID YOU KNOW?

Balak had a granddaughter

Rus who converted and became Jewish. She was the great-grandmother of King Dovid. That means that Balak's descendants were kings of the Yidden. This was his reward for bringing so many korbanos to Hashem, although not with the proper intentions. (Sanhedrin 105b)

DID YOU KNOW?

There are only 4 other Parshiyos in the entire Torah that are named after individuals - Noach, Yisro, Korach, and Pinchas.

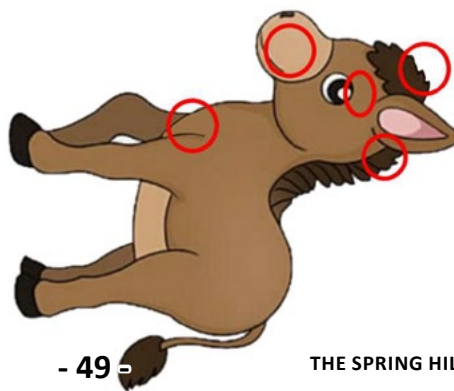
That he should cause the Yidden to sin.

Bilaam blessed the Yidden four times.

He gave 47 korbanos!

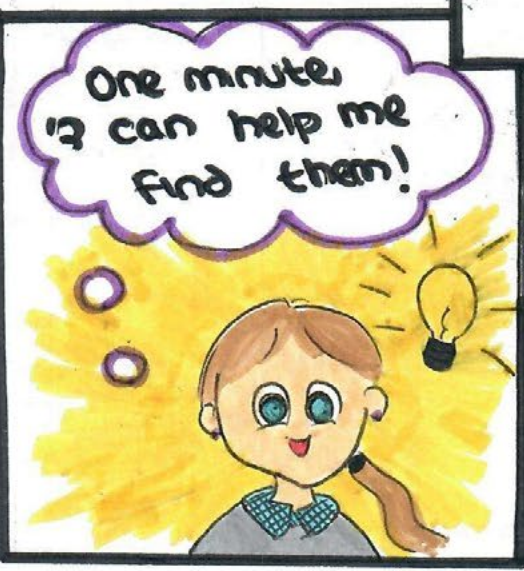
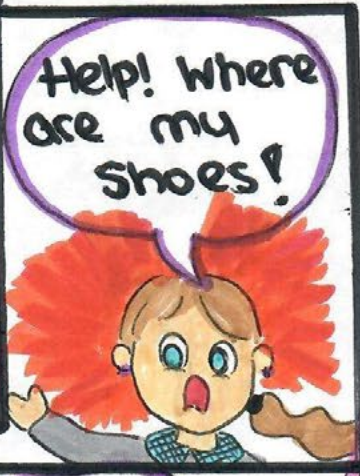
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Traveling in the Path of our Gedolim



Hagoon HaAdir Rav Pinchos Hirschprung was a blend of Torah Chaim and Ahavas Chesed. Besides for his obvious Genius in Torah, in his youth he was the Boichen for Rav Mayer Shapiro in Lublin, which entailed knowing 200 blatt gemara by heart. Everything he did was for the other person, he completely entered their realm of thought and was always looking for ways to give others kavod/respect.

I spoke with his daughter, Mrs. Carmella Nussbaum, who told me a number of beautiful stories to illustrate this Nekuda of his greatness.

- A woman called Reb Pinchos with a shaila- her husband had a shul that had closed down, was she allowed to keep the money that was in the tzedakah boxes? He told her to come to his house to discuss the matter. Upon her arrival, he handed her \$100, a significant sum in those days. His daughter asked him - Tatty she came to ask you a Shaila, why are you giving her money? He answered, "If she is asking such a question, she needs the money!"
- When he needed to go to the Polish ambassador for help with affidavits for yidden after the war, he obtained the book the man wrote and committed the whole thing to memory. The man was so excited that someone knew his book in such depth that he would do anything in the world for him!

- After meeting a yid and asking him his standard, "Vus lerenst du," - what are you learning? the man replied that he wasn't learning anything. "Ich lern oich nisht." "I also don't learn anything," he responded to him. This came from making another person feel at ease- he never wanted anyone to feel uncomfortable! When he knew someone was going through a hard situation, he would not ask him "vus lerenst du" he knew a person struggling doesn't have the head to learn.
- There was a young boy who told one of the Hirschprung children that he was sad because he couldn't get new shoes for Yom Tov. Rav Pinchos asked the boy's father for a ride home from shul, and in the car he asked the boy some very simple questions on the parsha- that anyone would be able to answer. Then he said, "Wow, you know the answers so well, here is \$50!" In this manner he was able to unobtrusively help families get the necessities they needed - with dignity.

This Week

Stories Reported in The Spring Hill Times from Previous Years' Issues

PARSHAS BALAK 5781 ISSUE 12

GIRL THANKS HASHEM

An 8-year-old girl in Chestnut Ridge, New York, thanked Hashem this week for ensuring that her two broken hands heal properly.

She also thanked Hashem for falling in a way that she could wear inconspicuous splints instead of two embarrassing casts!!



PARSHAS BALAK 5782 ISSUE 60

was traveling from Lakewood, New Jersey to Brooklyn. I stopped on the side of the road to say tefilas Haderech. Even before I finished saying the tefilla, a car stopped and the guy came to my window asking, "Do you need any help."

S. E. W. - Lakewood, New Jersey



PARSHAS BALAK 5782 ISSUE 60

A businessman living in Lakewood, New Jersey, retired recently. He now learns most of the day, Hashem's Torah. A grandchild of his was getting married in Eretz Yisrael. He didn't know what to do. On one hand he really wanted to go. But he didn't want to stop his learning. So he came up with a fabulous solution: "Let me fly my chavrusa in with me!!" And that's exactly what he did!

Indeed! Klal Yisrael loves Hashem and His Torah more than anything else in the world!!



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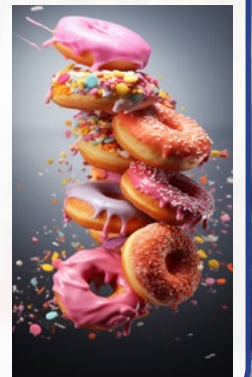
A MOST AMAZING STORY

On the hotline I said over the following story:

There is a bochur in my Yeshiva who runs a retzufos Kollel to encourage bochurim to learn without interruption. One day, he wanted to buy donuts from Bagel Nosh for all those in the Kollel. But he had no money. A yungerman advised him, "You have no money? No problem come learn in the Bitachon Kollel (run by R' Yosef Moshe Mizrachi). The bochur was mechazek in bitachon and then went to the bagel shop. He waited on line. Finally it was his turn and he ordered sixty donuts. A person in the line noticed this and asked him why he was ordering so many donuts. The bochur explained to him it' was for a retzufos Kollel. The person was so impressed and said, "I want the zechus to sponsor it." With that he paid for the entire order!

Here is another part of the story that wasn't mentioned on the hotline:

The bochur noticed the name on the credit card and tracked him down. He called up the person and thanked him again. He then told the person, "You should know that I had no money on me and I went to the store with bitachon." The person couldn't believe it. He said, "This is so amazing, I must come down to meet you at your yeshiva." The person came down and gave an additional \$400 for the retzufos Kollel. Then he gave the bochur his business card info and said, "Whenever you need to buy things for the Kollel just give me call!" When other parents in the yeshiva heard the story, they were so impressed! They gave



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another \$200 for the Kollel!

Yes! if you trust in Hashem, you will be surrounded by Kindness! Bracha won't stop flowing!

PARSHAS BALAK 5783 ISSUE 105

NES IN YERUSHALAYIM

Last Thursday morning, an 8-year-old girl was crossing the street at a busy intersection in Yerushalayim. As she was walking across the crosswalk, a car jumped the stop sign and hit her.

She went flying and landed 10 feet away. The ambulance was there within minutes and rushed her off to the hospital. Baruch Hashem, she was home before shabbos (!!!) with barely any reminders of an accident that could have taken her life.

Blessed be Your Name, Hashem!



PARSHAS BALAK 5783 ISSUE 105

EXCITING RAIN

After a few weeks of beautiful dry weather, residents in New York and New Jersey were excited to receive a brief but heavy rainfall on Erev Shabbos Shelach!

Thank You, Hashem, for the wonderful gift of rain!



PARSHAS BALAK 5783 ISSUE 105

THE PERFECT GIFT!

It was two days before Shavuot and Mrs. Schwartz from Kiryat Sefer had a cleaning lady helping her.

By mistake, the cleaning lady took the Shabbos sponge and started cleaning the oven with it. Mrs. Schwartz realized that the sponge got ruined and she had to throw it out.

She didn't know what to do, because they don't sell it in her neighborhood, and she needed it for Shavuot.

She just continued preparing for Yom Tov, and forgot about it.

The next day, her brother came from Chutz Le'aretz, and said that he brought presents for her kids. He

also told her "Mommy sent you a Shabbos sponge."

She couldn't believe it, she didn't know how her mother knew that she needed it!

Mrs. Schwartz called her mother, and asked how she knew exactly what to get.

She said: "I was passing by the store, and I saw this sponge and remembered you like this sponge. I decided to get you one." She got the perfect gift, just when she needed it!!!

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HaGaon HaRav Asher Zelig Rubenstein ZT"l was teaching in a certain Kollel which learned on a high level, provided generously for its yungerleit and had one major unbreakable rule: Absolutely no cell phones allowed during learning. Period.

One day, the Rosh Kollel was giving a Chabura, and someone's cell phone went off! The Rosh Kollel announced that whoever's phone is ringing must silence it immediately! Five minutes later, the same phone rang again! This time, the Rosh Kollel declared that the yungerman who failed to turn off his phone lost his entire monthly stipend because he violated the rules, and should please identify himself during paycheck distribution.

Ten minutes later, the very same phone went off yet again! The Rosh Kollel now closed his Gemara and proceeded to walk out of the Beis Medrash. Just as the Rosh Kollel was walking out, R' Asher Zelig Rubenstein stood up and softly said, "I'm so sorry! It was my phone that rang three times. I feel so bad." Everyone was surprised that it was his phone.

Around twenty-five years later, R' Asher Zelig Rubenstein was niftar and his family was sitting Shiva for him. Many Talmidim from all different backgrounds came to be Menachem Aveil. One talmid sat down near R' Rubenstein's son and took an old cell phone out of his pocket. "I saved this phone for over twenty-five years. Twen-

ty-five years ago, my phone went off three times during a Chabura from our Rosh Kollel.... I had received a new phone and didn't know how to silence it. When the Rosh Kollel walked out, I was sure that everyone would figure out that it was me. I felt so embarrassed! I wanted to dig a hole and hide in the ground! And then Hashem sent your father, R' Rubenstein, who sacrificed his own Kavod in order to save me from embarrassment and shame! I owe my life to your father!"

How lucky and fortunate we are to be part of such a unique and special nation! אשריכם ישראל!

Every week, HaGaon Rav Yehuda Mandel gives his famous life-transforming Thursday night vaad. Once in a while, someone's cell phone starts ringing by accident, and HaGaon HaRav Zevi Golombeck Shlita, of 'A Life with Bitachon' always takes out his own phone and pretends that he is speaking on it, to save another Yid from any possible shame or embarrassment. I shared this experience with someone who responded that anyone who can do something so great deserves that the entire world should follow his hotline.

Now that it's the summer, many families wait in the heat for their camp buses. I saw a Yid who lives near a major camp bus stop take out a cooler with ice cold water bottles to give everyone refreshing cold drinks!

We are part of the best nation! We are so unbelievably lucky to be Yidden!

Hashem gives us so many opportunities to do Chesed and bring light into someone's life!

Hashem loves us!

