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# FROM THE EDITOR



When we think about something exciting and fun, for example Shabbos, Yom Tov or summer camp, our moods pick up and we get excited. When we think about something that makes us feel secure, for example home, we feel warm, accepted and emotionally safe. When we think about the powerful military our government has we feel protected and physically safe.

How about if we think about something that has combined in it all the good feelings in the world, how amazing would we feel?

That's Hashem!

Hashem is everything for us. Every type of good feeling possible. Including feeling: unconditionally loved, accepted, adored, cared for, looked after, important, cherished, safe and protected. Feelings of happiness, contentment, understanding, kindness, enjoyment, relaxed, freedom and what not.

In every situation we are in, no matter what's bothering or worrying us all we need to do is think about how close we are to Hashem.

Be obsessed with Hashem. Think about Him and talk to Him 24/7, 365 days a year. Don't stop thanking Him and don't stop telling Him how much you love Him.

He is the answer for every question. He is the solution for every problem.

What a beautiful wonderful life He has given us!

Have a Great Shabbos!



**HASHEM IS OUR PROTECTOR**

On early Sunday morning, 21 Menachem Av, 5784, Hezbollah shot hundreds of missiles into Eretz Yisrael. B'chasdei Shamayim they caused very little damage. This was after Hashem, through the Israeli air force, destroyed thousands of Hezbollah's missile launchers.

Hezbollah was about to launch a massive attack, with thousands of rockets and drones, upon Eretz Yisrael, but Hashem said, "No!"

Thank You, Hashem! We love You, Hashem!

**HASHEM IS WATCHING OVER US**

On Erev Tisha B'Av, my 9-year-old daughter Rus was standing at a crosswalk of a busy intersection waiting to cross. A car in the right lane stopped and motioned for her to go and she did, not realizing that a van was coming from the other side. As she got to the yellow lines, she heard tons of honking and stopped and turned only to see a large delivery van coming at her 25 miles an hour. It hit her and she flew 10 feet landing on her head.

Hatzalah was there in less than

a minute. It turned out that a woman who subbed her class for 6 weeks lived right there and she held my daughter's hand until I got there. The emergency room trauma team checked every part of her body. They expected a lot of damage. All she had was a bump on her head and some minor lacerations. We were out of the hospital six hours later with a clean bill of health. We made a kiddush on Shabbos Nachamu and she benched gomel. We are so blessed. Hashem really saved her!

The dress I wanted to wear to the Kiddush had a stain on it and I brought it to the cleaners who said they needed at least a week to get it out. I focused on the fact that Hashem is the Kol Yachol and they don't know a thing. The next day they called for me to pick up the dress. I wore it to the kiddush.

-A Reader, Passaic, New Jersey

**"I ASKED AND RECEIVED"**

An avreich from Modi'in Illit relates: I have the zechus of running a chessed organization, for which I often need to transport large things from one place to another. Various people who had trailers that attach to a car had agreed to lend me theirs, and each time I used a different one. At one point I realized that I could not continue this way, since I now needed to transport things for several days at a time. My organization had grown and needed its own trailer for permanent use. The time had come to buy one. The sum

I was able to put aside for this was only 6,000 shekels. I found someone who sells such trailers, and as it turned out, the amount I had put aside was truly laughable. The seller did not agree to go down from the price he'd demanded, and several days after our conversation I understood that my only option was to purchase the trailer for the full asking price and figure out afterward how to cover the debt.

I had misplaced the seller's number, so I called a friend to ask him for the number. "What do you need such a trailer for?" my friend asked.

"For the organization," I answered him.

"Ask Hakadosh Baruch Hu to send you one," my friend advised after he'd heard my problems. "For example, one morning I was standing in the kitchen of my kollel, and I asked Hashem, "Please send me hamantaschen with poppy-seed filling; and what happened just moments later? My chavrusa arrived with poppy-seed filled hamantaschen! Believe that Hashem can do anything and can send you everything. Just ask Him to do so."

My friend's words truly gave me life. They reminded me that I am not alone in this battle; my organization belongs to Hakadosh Baruch Hu, and He would certainly help me. I started davening to the Creator, Who is kol yachol, to send me a trailer for free.

A week later, once again I was looking for a trailer. I found one for sale and called to ask the seller about it. "I thought of selling it for 11,000 shekels," the seller said, "but my son said we could put the price down to 9000 shekels."

"I have 6000 shekels," I answered the seller. It seemed the conversation would continue as it did with the previous seller, but this time something else happened. The seller asked me,

“What do you need this type of trailer for?” I told him about my organization.

“If so,” the seller responded, “I want to be your partner in all the zechuyos of that tzedakah. I’m going to lend you the trailer, and you can use it for an unlimited amount of time. I don’t think I’ll ever need it back.”

And that’s how it happened. I got the trailer for free, with the power of simple emunah and tefillah to the Creator of the world. I asked and I received. (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

**DON'T CRY OVER SPILLED MILKSHAKE**



A Yid from America relates: I have an Israeli friend who is on the path to coming closer to Torah and mitzvos. He came to a shiur that I give in Kol Aryeh, got a taste of Yiddishkeit, and experienced how good it was. Ever since then, from time to time he calls me and suggests, “Let’s learn Daf Yomi together”; and I hurry to the beis midrash to meet him and learn.

One evening he called asking me to learn with him, and he asked if I wanted ice cream or a milkshake.

“I’m standing here near the store,” he explained, “and I want to buy myself ice cream, but I prefer not to eat alone. Can I get you something as well?”

“Sure,” I answered. “You can get me a milkshake.”

While I was making my way

to the beis midrash, my friend was coming from the other direction with the ice cream and milk shake, one in each hand. But the minute I entered the beis midrash he greeted me with a crestfallen, apologetic expression. “I feel so bad,” he explained. “Your milkshake spilled.”

“It’s all min haShamayim,” I told him. “There’s still a quarter of the cup left, and that’s more than enough.” While he went to get paper towels to clean up the area, I held the cup with the milk shake and looked at it for a moment. The cup had the word “Ice and Cream” on it – this was the nearby ice cream store. As far as I knew, the hechsher there was not a reliable one.

“Tell me,” I asked him, “is this milk shake chalav Yisrael?”

“I don’t know,” my chavrusa answered. “I’ll call and ask them right now.”

He called, and they told him that if a customer doesn’t specifically ask for chalav Yisrael, they give him chalav akum..

And I am so careful about this!

How good it is that the milkshake spilled, and I had time to notice and ask about the milk.

When a Yid takes on a good kaballah, Hakadosh Baruch Hu helps him keep it. (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

**HASHEM LOVES OUR TEFILLOS**



I like to hear myself when davening Shacharis. However, I live in a small flat and in the next room is my husband shlita’s non-Jewish Indian aide. I don’t feel comfortable with him overhearing me.

During the week, I solve this



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problem by turning on the washing machine to drown out my voice. But on Shabbos I don't have this solution.

On Shabbos Chazon, I wanted to daven audibly, and guess what. As soon as I started davening, the aide decided to call someone in India. He did most of the talking, in a loud and serious voice. It was a long phone call. I had almost reached Shemona Esrei when the call suddenly ended and there was silence. Just when I needed the quiet!! Our davening is precious to Hashem!

S.G.- Yerushalayim

**HASHEM HEARS BOY'S TEFILLOS**



My son Yisroel Meir who is 5-years-old was in a keytana for the beginning of the summer. All the kids knew that there was a hagra at the end of the keytana to win a prize. Yisroel Meir said he davened to Hashem that he would win the hagra and he won!

In other news:

Open Hashgacha Pratis

I was up with my kids schmoozing on Shabbos night and my daughter Esther stood up. She leaned against the wall to hear the rest of the story and suddenly she turned the light switch off with her shoulder, but it turned out it happened at the exact second that the shabbos timer turned off the lights in the living room and kitchen. We all witnessed it and we were in



awe that Hashem saved her from turning the light off.

-Michal Litwin, Neve Yaakov

**HAKOL YACHOL**



In the beginning of the summer zman, I was broke. I had no money – not in the bank and not available in my credit cards, and I had to pay my son's babysitter and buy a sefer that I needed for my learning in kollel. Then I came across the newsletter with the words of Rav Yehuda Mandel shlit"a. He spoke about complete bitachon in Hashem and brought all types of examples from Yeshivas Novaradok. I said to myself, Maybe I should try this. Although I am not on the level of Novaradok, I could certainly take something small from there nonetheless.

I kept thinking deeply that Hashem is the Kol Yachol, and I trusted that He would send me the sums that were necessary for me. Hashem knows exactly what I need, and I was sure He would send it; it didn't matter how. I started walking in the direction of a bookstore to buy a sefer I needed, even though I had no money, but then I realized that it was almost 3:30 and I had to hurry to kollel.

I switched directions and headed for kollel. When I arrived, the rosh kollel came over to me and gave me a sum of money that was enough to pay for the babysitter and the sefer!

It had never before happened that I received my kollel stipend at the beginning of the month. I saw tremendous hashgachah pratis here!

**ANTI-SEMITISM DOWN!**



A group of Bochorim from Monsey and Lakewood were in Pennsylvania. They stopped by a gas station to fill up on gas.

A non-Jew came over to them and asked them, "Are you guys from Lakewood?"

The boys said. "Yes."

He said that he used to live next to Lakewood and he likes the Jews. He then went on telling them how much he supports Israel!

In other news:

Mrs. Herzberg\* was shopping in 'All Fresh.' It was a very large shopping. After she paid, the African American worker helped her take the wagon piled with boxes to her car. He waited there until she opened the trunk. He then moved away the items in the trunk to make place for the boxes. He then put the boxes in and brought the wagon back to its place. All without being asked!

He had no reason to help a Jew other than because Hashem put it in his mind to show us how much He loves us! אהבתי אתכם - אמר ד'

### Hashem's World's Largest 3D Printer Is Building Cozy Homes from Wood

At the University of Maine, the world's largest 3D printer is, with Hashem's help, using sawdust from the state's lumber industry to 3D print cozy wooden cabins.

It's part of a move towards making 3D printing faster and more sustainable in a state where it's thought that 80,000 new homes will be needed over the next 5 years to keep pace with demand, and though it takes years for building codes to be changed, the technicians at the Advanced Structures & Composites Center (ASCC) at the Univ. of Maine hope their new toy can help address this need.

Guinness World Records certified the machine at ASCC as the world's largest prototype polymer 3D printer, capable of creating a 600 square foot house 96 feet in length, 36 feet in width, and 18 feet tall entirely out of bio-based material

at a rate of 500 pounds per hour.

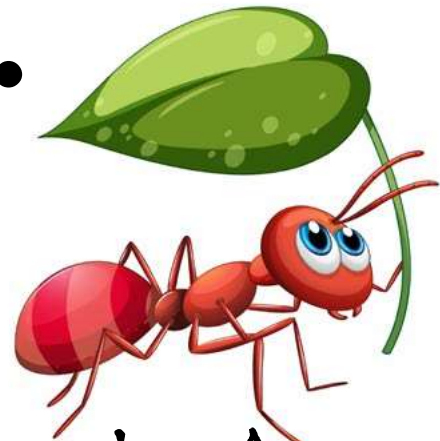
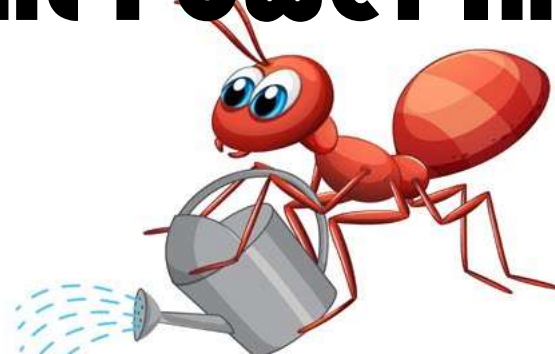
In 2022, Hashem allowed it to print the walls, floors, and roof of the house in just 96 hours, but the ACSS has been refining the design with the hope of doubling the printing speed and getting it down to a 48-hour timeline.

Thank You, Hashem!



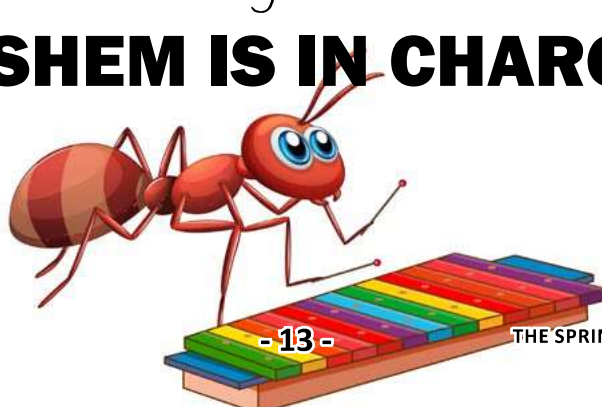
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**Parsha Delight Question of the week**  
In memory of David Harris (לעילוי נשמת דוד בן חיואל ירושק)

**פרשת שופטים תשפ"ד (5784)**

In the pasuk (19:8, 9) it states that when Hashem will extend the borders of Eretz Yisroel, three additional עיר מקלט, cities of refuge, should be added. The Sifri, and Rambam (הל' רוצח פ"ק ח') explain that this is referring to the expansion of the borders of Eretz Yisroel לעתיד לבא, in "future times". Will there be murder לבא לעתיד? Especially difficult is the Gemorah on Makkos (10b) which states that the concept of the עיר מקלט is to punish those who have killed with intent, and without witnesses. Will people kill with intent in לעתיד לבא?

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2. What reward do the Yidden get if they appoint good judges?
3. If a Yid plants a tree for זרה but does not serve it, does he get punished?
4. What do the words 'כני יפלא' mean?
5. How many wives can a king have?
6. Where do the king's two ספרי תורה go?
7. Does the כהן have to stand while doing the עבודה?

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**#1831:** This story was called in all the way from Eretz Yisrael by a very chashuva Yid by the name of R' Neuman. Bright and early one morning, he went straight from davening to his office. He was really in the mood of a geshmak delicious, yummy, scrumptious smoothie. But he was thinking to himself, should I go schlep out of the office? It will take time. And he didn't have time to waste. He thought to himself: *Furthermore, you know, it's almost Pesach, there's so many expenses, I should spend money on fruit shakes now? I'm just going to leave it up to the Ribono Shel Olam, Hakadosh Baruch Hu.*



A few minutes later, he sees his office door open and in walked his co-worker, holding a smoothie! The co-worker said, "I just wanted to treat you this morning, because you're such a good worker, and I'm so happy to work with you. I want to show you how much I appreciate you."

And in no time, R' Neuman got his delicious, yummy, scrumptious fruit shake, free of charge, without even having to leave his office, three minutes after he himself walked into the office, with the best service, better than ever!



**#1832:** This story was called in all the way from London by a very chashuva yid by the name of Chaim Markowitz. He said that his friend by the name of David Guetter said, "I have to tell you the most amazing bitachon story I just experienced firsthand. I am a grocer, and I had to go to the market to buy grapes for my grocery. The way it works is, it's first come, first served. If you get there earlier, you can get everything 1, 2, 3, right away. If you come late, you can walk away empty-handed. I really needed to go to the market early. That day I had to still do my seder kavuah, and I first wanted to learn. But I was thinking, *what should I do? If I first learn, then when I come, there would be nothing left...* Then I stopped and I said, "One second, who's the one that gives me grapes up until now? Was it me? Am I taking care of myself? It's my loving, caring Father Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam Who did it by Himself. So if Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the One Who's always giving me grapes, He'll will forever give me grapes." So I decided to stay for my seder kavuah.



When I got to the market, I realized that in all the different places that I usually to get grapes from, there were none left. But I kept on looking.

All of a sudden, I saw someone who had pallets and pallets, humongous-sized pallets, 20-pound size of grapes, which was double more than the normal. I asked him: Can I buy these grapes?

He said, "Sure, of course, my greatest pleasure."

I just arrived at that moment. And 1, 2, 3, I purchased all the grapes! As I was walking away, one of my friends came over to me and said, 'Where did you get that from? I just came here 20 minutes ago. They said there was nothing left. And here, I see you're walking away with all these piles of grapes!' And I said, 'Yes, just arrived at this very second.'"

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ferent clock and realized that it was 7:25! Then she remembered that our one-year-old had been playing near her bed, and had probably been playing with her clock and changed the time. It ended up being to her benefit, because she was way ahead of schedule and was therefore able to

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**Hashem is Our Doctor**



A few weeks ago on Shabbos, I really wasn't feeling well, but I couldn't take advil, because it was Shabbos. Then I thought of the Spring Hill Times, and I said, "Hashem, if I feel better within a half hour, I will tell this to the Spring Hill Times."

Baruch Hashem, I felt better within 20 minutes!

-A Reader

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**Life is Sweet**



daven and take care of so many more things than usual! It was such hashgacha pratis!



-A Reader

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**Perfect Order**



I was running low on a bunch of items, so I put in an order to the grocery store over the phone. I needed a lot of the ingredients to make supper and for Shabbos cooking, and I knew that once my youngest came home it would be hard for me to cook. I started preparing everything I could without the missing ingredients.

When the order came, all of the missing ingredients were in the top of the first box I opened, so I didn't have to go fishing for everything I needed, and I was able to quickly finish my cooking!

I was able to feel that Hashem was really helping me out!

-A Reader

**Hakol Yachol**



One Shabbos I was looking for something that someone had already been looking for and couldn't find. I had read many stories of people who said "Hakol Yachol," so I said, "Hashem, You're Hakol Yachol. You can help me find it." I was singing Hakol Yachol, and Baruch Hashem, I found what I was looking for!

I did it more than once that Shabbos and over the week, and it helped me every time! Thank you for the tremendous inspiration that you give us!

A Reader

My wife was in the store on Friday morning, and a neighbor called her asking if she could borrow a cup of sugar. My wife told her she was actually in the store right then, just about to buy sugar, and she offered to buy her a bag of it. The neighbor told her she didn't want a whole bag of sugar, she just needed a cup. So, my wife told her she could bring it over straight from the store and she was able to help her out!

-A Reader

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**At the Right Time**

One morning, my wife looked at the clock near her bed and saw, 'Oh no! It's already 8:05!' She jumped out of bed and quickly got dressed. Then she looked at a dif-

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**R**av Ephraim Shapiro shares that he heard a story firsthand directly from Dovid\*, who was on a trip in Toronto with a bunch of friends. His friends wanted to drive back home to New York, but Dovid only wanted to fly. He left the group and headed to the airport all by himself, while his friends began the long drive across the border.

At the airport, Dovid suddenly realized that he had left his passport with his friends in their suitcase! He phoned his friends, who were already far into their drive. They searched the suitcases, located his passport and read him his passport ID number. Dovid was able to print boarding passes using his passport ID number, but when he passed the security checkpoint, the lady officer screamed at him and said, "You cannot board your flight, and you are also not allowed to be in an international airport without proper identification, please leave immediately!" Dovid was shaken up. He reached out to another officer and was told the same thing, that 'it's impossible to fly internationally without a passport in your hand'.

It was already Thursday and Dovid needed to make it home in time for Shabbos. Time was racing. Dovid davened to Hashem to help him. With only a few short moments before boarding and takeoff, Dovid sat down and met a tourist wearing a large straw hat. Dovid told him his story. The tourist declared, "International law states that one is allowed to 'go home' even without a

passport, and they must allow you to enter your home country!" Dovid shared this information with an officer who spoke with a supervisor for a long while and finally came out and said, "We looked it up and you are correct. We must allow you to board. Please provide whatever ID that you have available." Dovid took out his driver's license, gave them his passport ID number, and boarded his international flight without a passport!

We learn from this story that a Yid can 'always come home!' Hashem always welcomes us back with open arms! You don't need a passport! You're always loved and cherished by Hashem! Hashem is our only true home, where we truly belong!



I recently spoke to someone who was going through a challenge, and he shared that he started regularly saying Gam Zu Le'Tova ten times in a row, deeply concentrating on how the challenge is truly a Bracha and is actually complete and total goodness in disguise. He reported that the same week he was Zoche to see openly how his Nisayon was pure goodness from Hashem! He shared that life is like flying an airplane, and anytime you're stuck, simply 'call the control tower', meaning connect to Hashem, and declare that Hashem is doing you complete Tov, Chesed and Rachamim whether you understand it or not! You will then discover a new dimension of Hashem's Chesed in your life!

HaGaon HaRav Yehuda Mandel shared that whenever he asks Hashem for help and he sees later that Hashem helped him, he writes it down in his Sefer Yeshuos Hashem! He has many many Yeshuos Hashem notebooks full of hidden and revealed Nissim that Hashem performed for him! Every time he reads these notebooks, his heart is overflowing with Simcha and thankfulness to Hashem!

Hashem loves us!

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