

# BITACHON WEEKLY

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## Stop Limiting Yourself - Think Big!

Hashem's name: ש-ד-י means: "די" He who said to His world: "Dai!" [Enough!]. [Medrash]. "Da" implies limits, boundaries, and rules; i.e. normal *Tevah*. "Mitzrayim" means: מִצְרַיִם boundary. The *Yesod* of "Yetzias" *Mitzrayim* is "crossing" the boundaries of *Tevah*. This is what Hashem said to *Moshe*: I appeared to the *Avos* as: א-ל-ש-ד-י which means following the rules of *Tevah*. However, this was the past, but now comes: ה' שְׁמִי the [four-letter] name of Hashem, a spectacular *Hanhaga* of *Nisei Nissim*. [Ibn Ezra, Ramban, and Seforno]. With *Yetzias Mitzrayim* comes the birth of *Klal Yisroel*, and *Klal Yisroel* means *L'maala Min HaTevah*, like the birth of *Yitzchok Avinu*.

### Making A Joke and Laughing at *Tevah*

*Yitzchok* means *Tz'chok* a joke. Being born to a 90-year-old mother is indeed a *Tz'chok* joke. וְלִמְעַן תִּסְפֹּר אֶת אֲשֶׁר הָיָה לְךָ בְּיָמֶיךָ בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּאֵי בַּיִת So that you shall relate to your children the joke I made out of *Mitzrayim* means making a joke of *Mitzrayim*, i.e. laughing at *Tevah*. Right after *Moshe* protests: וְאֲנִי עֶרְלָה שְׁפֹתַיִם I have a speech impediment, he becomes: אֱלֹהִים לְפָרְעֹה אַתָּה a God to Paroh! *Bitachon* means going *Davka L'maala Min HaTevah*. A leader needs to be a good speaker, and *Davka Moshe* can't speak well, and he becomes the greatest leader in the history of mankind.

The very next *Passuk* after: וְאֲנִי עֶרְלָה שְׁפֹתַיִם I have a speech impediment, comes: אֱלֹהִים לְפָרְעֹה אַתָּה you are a God to Paroh! What a joke! Indeed, *Baalei Bitachon* are always joking. By the way, the less qualified a person is, the more he is prone to *Middas HaBitachon* [he has no choice]. The "nebachs" are the luckiest people. In the world of truth [in *Olam HaBah*] they take over the show.

### A "Nebach" Needs Hashem More Than Others, Which Makes Him Ahead of Everybody

The *Rambam* in *Hilchos Mezuzah* says: שְׂאִין דְּבַר הָעוֹמֵד לְעוֹלָם וְלְעוֹלָמֵי עוֹלָם עוֹלָמִים אֵלָּא יְדִיעַת צוּר הָעוֹלָם NOTHING stays with a person forever, EXCEPT for his knowledge [i.e., closeness] to Hashem. Connecting with Hashem is all that counts, and that's all you keep in the future world. So all those nebachs should dance. If you are rich and successful, capable, brilliant, and talented;

### The Torah Sticks Up *Davka* For the Underdog

Why does *Parshas Va'era* start off with mentioning the details of three families; *Reuven*, *Shimon*, and *Levi*? The *Netziv* brings down a *Medrash* that these three *Shevotim* were the leaders of *Klal Yisroel* in *Mitzrayim*. We can also suggest that these three *Shevotim* were cursed by *Yaakov Avinu*, so the *Torah* wants to be *Machshiv* specifically them to be *M'chazek* them.

Also, to show how suddenly *Levi* is on top! The same *Shevet* that lost their *Chelek* in *Eretz Yisroel* [*Yaakov Avinu* declared: אֲחֻלְקֶם בְּיַעֲקֹב וַיְחִי אֲחֻלְקֶם בְּיַעֲקֹב וַיְחִי אֲחֻלְקֶם בְּיַעֲקֹב] because of their *Chisaron* in *Middos*, is now #1! *Yetzias Mitzrayim* means breaking all kinds of מִצְרַיִם boundaries, especially in *Ruchaniyus*!

The worst become the best, and: בְּמִקוֹם שְׁבַעֲלֵי תְּשׁוּבָה עוֹמְדִים אֵין צְדִיקִים בְּמִקוֹם שְׁבַעֲלֵי תְּשׁוּבָה עוֹמְדִים אֵין צְדִיקִים Baalei Teshuva are even GREATER than pure *Tzaddikim*! The: עֶרְלָה שְׁפֹתַיִם hopeless orator becomes the greatest leader, and those who got a *K'lala* from *Yaakov Avinu* are suddenly way on top of *Klal Yisroel*. How inspiring for all of us! Look how Hashem makes: ה' הִתְעַלְלֵנִי בְּמִצְרַיִם a joke out of "Mitzrayim", which can be understood that He makes a joke of all the "rules"!

Now your *Bitachon* is soaring! No more *Hispa'alus* from any difficulty, whether in *Ruchaniyus* or *Gashmiyus*. You learn to laugh at *Tevah*, and expect miracles like *K'riyas Yam Suf*, no matter how dark your situation. The *Rambam* says the simple *Pshat* in: אֵין אֶחָד יֵשֵׁר אֶלֶּם כְּפִי אֵין אֶחָד יֵשֵׁר אֶלֶּם כְּפִי is: I WILL BE TO A PERSON AS HE PERCEIVES ME. If he believes I can do *Nissim L'maala MiDerech HaTevah*, then he will get exactly what he believes. If he believes in only *Tevah*, then Hashem will give him a life of *Tevah*.

watch out! You may be losing lots of the “real thing”!

It's *Gevaldig* if you're not cut out for raising a family, or holding a job, socializing normally, learning *Geshmak*, getting up in the morning, getting along with people, making a good impression, helping others, being *B'simcha*, having a nice smile, you have no children, or no *Shalom Bayis*....

You need Hashem more than others, and if you run to Him [besides (at least) **trying** to improve] then you are ahead of everybody! **Becoming great in *Emuna* and *Bitachon* is by far #1. No matter what those foolish *Olam-HaZeh*-oriented people say, YOU are on TOP! Not all those *Mutzlachim*, whether in *Ruchaniyus* or *Gashmiyus*.**

In *Shamayim*, you are *Mamash a Gadol B'yisroel*, and *Klal Yisroel* needs YOU. Your *Yissurim* are a gold mine; for yourself, and for the *Klal*. A person like you needs to constantly learn *Mussar*, i.e. **keep *Chazzering* your superiority, until you believe it and start looking at those “fortunate” people as the true nebachs!**

### “Envy is Ignorance”

Many of us feel that other people are more fortunate than they are. The truth is that usually envy is ignorance. But even if others are indeed more fortunate than us, the real truth is all their successes are worthless, since the only true success is having a *Keshar* with Hashem. Accepting every drop of my own situation, and being *Sameach B'chelko*, is the true connection with Hashem.

Appreciating your own unique *Nisyonos* and difficulties, no matter how bitter, as tailor-made for your *Shleimus* and working on *Sameach B'chelko*, will cause only good to come out of your situation.

The more you review this *Parsha*, learn *Mussar* like *Shaar HaBitachon*, and review all your *Hashgachos* and answered *Tefilos*, the more you will believe and actually see *Yeshuos* and *Nissim* in your life.

## Novardok

I was told that in Antwerp by the shul of R' Itzikel Pshevorsker *Zatzal* there was a *Novardoker Yid* by the name of R' Ephraim Fulgar *Zatzal*. He would come early every day to daven at the first *Minyan*. He davened very, very, slowly, and he stayed there for 4 hours, finishing *Shachris* by the time the last *Minyan* was over.

I was told that although he wasn't the most capable businessman, he made a nice *Parnasa* during the hours he worked. Spending extra time with Hashem puts you in a new world, and gives you *Si'ata D'shmaya* to get *Hatzlachos* even with less work and less capabilities.

People who live with the *Nissim* of *Mitzrayim* in their mind, have a different “reality”. They are **truly** intelligent, because they live with the truth of *Emuna* and the greatness of Hashem. They are always reminding themselves of their private *Nissim*, and this causes *Bitachon* and more *Nissim* in their lives.

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Rabbi M. *Zatzal* was married to a woman who wasn't well, physically and mentally. They say that the war affected her. I was once on the telephone with her, and I saw how weird she was. She was screaming and kvetching on the phone about something that bothered her, and she didn't sound appropriate at all.

Yet, when Rabbi M. *Zatzal* (who was a *Gadol B'torah*) couldn't figure out a *Tosafos* for a week, he blamed himself, since he had complained to his wife about the gefilte fish that she made. So he made up with his wife, and right afterwards the *Tosafos* became clear to him! He didn't say “I'm married to a crazy lady and it's all her fault”.

This Rabbi M. *Zatzal* once told me that there is nobody in a person's life except himself and Hashem. People are all tests to make you great, some way or another (by doing *Chesed* with them, or by being *Sovel* (tolerating) them, etc.).

**When a *Novardoker* sits at his *Shabbos* table, his main goal is “not to fall into *Ka'as*”, more than singing *Zemiros* nicely and having everyone behave.**