

# BITACHON WEEKLY

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## Every Human Is Super Special

### In A Way That No Other Person Can Come Near Him!

RSRH *Zatzal* explains that the idea of “*Nazir*” is “raising” a person who is striving to be alone with Hashem, and others have to keep away from him. His closeness to Hashem makes him higher and aloof compared to others. The same with the: *Tzitz* of the *Cohen Gadol*, which is called *Nezer HaKodesh* (similar to *Nazir*). The *Shulchan*, *Aron*, and *Mizbeach* all have a: *Zor* crown. We can suggest that they are all messages, that: *Qatar* *Maalos* which are **exclusive** to those who were *Zoche* to them.

A *Cohen* has to know that he is special, and nobody else can be like him. Look what happened to *Uziah Melech Yehuda* when he wanted to do *Avoda* in the *Bais Hamikdash*; he became a *Metzora* and he had to spend the rest of his life outside *Yerushalayim*. And this is despite his being a big *Tzaddik*! And the same the other way around, i.e., a *Cohen* cannot be a *Melech*. Look how the *Chashmonaim* (i.e., *Cohanim*) were all killed out when they took over the *Malchus*, even though they were such *Tzaddikim*, that if not for them, the entire *Torah* would have been forgotten from *Klal Yisroel*! (*Ramban*).

#### My Unique Avoda Is Only for Me and Nobody Else

No matter how great you become, you have to realize that being *Sameach B'chelko* is before anything else! And even though: *Qatar* *Torah* the crown of *Torah* is *Hefker* (available) to all (*Gemara*); yet, whoever got too close to the *Aron* was killed, *Rachmana Litzlan*. A loud and clear message: The different forms of *Kedusha* are all exclusive to whoever is appropriate to them.

Around the *Bais Hamikdash* there was a latticework fence called the: *Soreg* “*Soreg*”, which was there to limit entry (i.e., a *Tamei Meis* and a gentile were not allowed in). We have a general message for every *Yachid* (individual): My unique *Avoda* is only for me, and nobody else. This makes everyone feel

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#### THE ALTER OF SLABODKA

The *Alter of Slabodka* spoke 40 years mainly about *Gadlus HaAdam*. His *Yahrzeit* is this coming Thursday (29 *Shevat*). The *Alter* from *Slabodka Zatzal* suffered from a terrible rebelliousness in his *Yeshiva*, and he went through *Gehinom*. Yet, he never got angry, and always continued to love everybody, and see good even in the worst people. *Savlanus*, *Savlanus*, *Savlanus*.

He would periodically leave *Slabodka* (where he had lots of *Kavod*) and visit *Kelm* (where he wasn't exactly appreciated, because of differences in *Shita*). He went through terrible *Bizyonos* in *Kelm*, and he said that this saved him from the danger of *Kavod* he was getting by being the beloved *Rebbe* of *Slabodka Yeshiva*. *Kavod* can destroy a *Neshama*, *Chas V'shalom*.

I once heard a story that the *Alter Zatzal* was given a new *Beged*. He made sure that many other people would wear it before he got to wear it.

People with pure *Middos* can see what others can't see. The *Alter* would predict the futures of his *Talmidim*, and he was always right, despite many unexpected projections.

He once said about his son-in-law, R' Eizik Sher *Zatzal*, that his words were like a “*Rishon*”. And he once compared his daughter-in-law to *Rochel*, the wife of *Rabbi Akiva*. In *Novardok*, they also spoke with *Breitkeit* (grandeur).

**Look at the fruits of a person who worked overtime on his Middos!!** The illustrious *Einiklach* of the *Alter of Slabodka*, are the *Roshei Yeshivos* who ran the *Mir Yeshiva*, beginning with his son R' Leizer Yudel *Zatzal*, his son R' Beinush *Zatzal*, and R' Aryeh Finkel *Zatzal*.

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And notice how those who are not *Cohanim* are called a: זָר stranger, whose punishment is: יִהְיֶה הַקָּרֵב יוֹמֵת בְּמִדְבָּר וְיָמוּת death. א לֹא מֵהַדָּרִין לֵאמֹר Every person is obligated to say: “the entire universe was created just for me”, since each human is a world by himself, which no one else has any *Shaychus* with. The *Shem MiShmuel* says (in the name of *Chazal*) that at *Matan Torah*, the *Malachim* kissed every single individual, and the *Gr”a* says that each person had his own private fence around him!

### A Person Has His Own Unique Form of Suffering

In *Mishlei* it says: לֵב יוֹדֵעַ מִרְתַּת נַפְשׁוֹ מִשְׁלֵי יָדַי I may have my own unique form of suffering in this world, which others may not understand and/or appreciate, and therefore I suffer in silence. Yet, the end of the *Passuk* says: לֹא יִתְעַרְבֶּה זָר וְיִשְׁמַחְתּוּ לָא when the time for my reward has come, it will all be just for me, without anyone else mixing into it.

## Novardok

The *Chazon Ish* said about a person who is always getting angry and insulted that this is a sign of being a small person. People who think big and live with Hashem are not so *Makpid* on their *Kavod*. Worrying about your *Kavod* all day, and being too concerned about the impression you make on people, makes you a spiritually low person.

A person I know, was close to the *Kapitchnitzer Rebbe*. He observed that the *Rebbe* was not a sensitive person. He was busy doing *Chesed* for others day and night. Getting hurt by others and angry at people, was not his thing. Even when the Nazis forced him to do menial work in order to be *M'vazeh* him, he still didn't seem to care, since his *Kavod* meant nothing to him.

A higher person (more spiritual) who lives in order to come close to Hashem through *Bitachon* and perfecting his *Middos*, does not care if others seem to be more successful than him. He isn't busy competing and being jealous of others' accomplishments, as he knows that “accomplishment” is in the hands of Hashem. He enjoys his davening, learning, *Chasadim*, and *Bitachon* in Hashem, and has no time for pettiness.

The *Alter* of *Novardok* had absolutely no fear of wealthy people, and he let them know it! He made fun of their fancy houses and all their elegance. *Kavod, Kavod, Kavod!* You are giving yourself away! Your silly lust for *Kavod* is all over your house. This is *Novardok* mentality.

When *Novardokers* crossed over from Russia to Poland, they stopped off at *Zvill* to tell the *Rebbe* about their dangerous journey. He would go to the *Mikva*, and would come out telling who will make it safely and who won't. I was told that after a while, the *Novardokers* stopped coming to him, and relied more heavily on their constant involvement in working on *Bitachon*, since if you are a true *Baal Bitachon*, you can succeed even when it was originally decreed in *Shamayim* that you won't be *Matzliach*.

My *Rebbe*, R' Ozer Schwartz *Zatzal* was in French court, and he came out clean, with *Nisei Nissim*. It was total *Bitachon*. Guess which day he was in court?? *Tisha B'av!* Although the *Shulchan Aruch* says that we need to avoid such a situation, a *Baal Bitachon* doesn't get scared. Even if he's stuck being in court on *Tisha B'av*, he knows that the power of *Bitachon* overrides everything.

The *Novardokers* believe that if you live your life without working hard on *Emuna* and *Bitachon*, you could have plenty of *K'fira* in your system, *Chas V'shalom*. You don't realize how much deep down you rely only on a *Basar V'dam*. The people around you control your life, and that's why you are so worried about the impressions you make all day long.

R' Chaim Halperin *Zatzal* told me that people don't realize how their heads have thoughts about *Kin'ah Ta'ava* and *Kavod* “draying a *Kup*” 24/7! Learning *Mussar* “washes your brains”, and gives you a periodic spring cleaning to remind you that Hashem is the only one who's important in your life, not your “holy” *Kavod*. That's why *Novardokers* become *B'simcha* after a long *Mussar Seder*.