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# FROM THE EDITOR



Hashem gifted my family with a healthy baby boy on Thursday, 8 Shevat 5785, Baruch Hashem!

Hashem has given me such a beautiful dream life. He has given you too and to everyone on earth.

Life, from its beginning until its end, is filled with Hashem's love and kindness.

We are receiving kaviyachol, non-stop messages from Hashem, 'I love you.' You are the most important thing in the universe to me.'

It's in every breath of fresh air we take. It's in every color we see. It's in every note of music we hear and in every particle of food we enjoy. It's in every word of Torah. It's in every part of our bodies. It's in our souls, that are a part of Hashem.

There's a brilliant show of fireworks of Hashem's love exploding around us every moment.

Open your eyes, tune in to it, and melt from pleasure...

By the shalom zachar, a neighbor of mine, Rabbi Zvi Seidman, told me the following amazing story that happened to him.

He has a preference to be mekadesh the Shabbos on non-mevushal dry wine. It's not an easy wine to buy, and he orders a few cases, once a year, for the entire year.

He fahers boys who are part of the Banei Chavivei program. He goes around on Erev Shabbos kodesh to the boys' houses to test them. One Erev Shabbos, while he was doing his rounds, he realized that the previous Shabbos he had finished the last bottle of wine. He had enough time to either go buy more wine or finish up his fahers, but not for both. He decided that since it's just a chumrah to use this specific wine, the proper thing for him would be to finish his rounds of fahering the boys and forgo the wine.

When he finished the last faher, the father of the boy told him, "I want to show you hakaras hatov. Here is a gift."

It was a bottle of non-mevushel dry wine!

No one had ever given R' Zvi such a gift before (and no one since)! He clearly felt the kiss of Hashem!

A yungerman who davens in my shul told me the following amazing story that happened to him many years ago when he had a baby.

His wife gave birth in Good Sam hospital located right outside of Monsey.

The window of his car was blown out. He covered it with some material but it was in no condition to bring the baby home in it, in the freezing weather.

He is a Rebbe in Passaic, NJ, and travels in with a carpool every day from Monsey.

On the day that he needed to pick up his baby, someone asked him, "Can you please do me a favor and drive my van from Passaic to Monsey?"

Hashem sent him exactly what he needed, when he needed it! He drove the van from Passaic to the hospital to pick up his wife and baby, all the while feeling clearly the hug from Hashem!

What a loving world we live in!

Have a beautiful Shabbos!

*Yitzchok I. Kaufman*





## A TALE OF TO DREAMS



My grandparents are in Olam Ha'emes. Their only frum descendant that could say kaddish would be me, so my husband is the one who says kaddish for them. One night, I had a dream that my grandfather told me, "Don't forget about your grandmother!"

I woke up and I said, "Don't forget about Savti? Oh my goodness, when's her yahrtzeit? I woke up my husband and he looked it up, and he said, "Her yahrtzeit is right

now!" I had forgotten to write it in the calendar. Baruch Hashem, my husband was able to say Kaddish!

Another night, I had a dream where my grandmother said, "Don't forget about your grandfather!" Three days later was my grandfather's yahrtzeit! (A Spring Hill Times Reader)

## THE RIGHT WORDS AT THE RIGHT TIME



My father shlit"a worked very hard on investigating a certain topic in Torah. He collected sources and cited them one after another, arranged clearly and skillfully. He included questions, halachic decisions, and everything else. Baruch Hashem, after much toil and hard work, he completed his work and the sefer was published.

A while passed. One day a Yid from Beitar phoned me, and he was very emotional. "Did your father write the sefer?" he asked, mentioning the title of the book.

I told him, "Yes, my father wrote that sefer; he totally invested himself in it."

"You can tell! You can truly see his investment. What a sefer! What work! What editing! Listen, it's a true find, this sefer, a feast for the eyes. Anyone who deals with this topic must learn the sefer. It brings all the different

aspects together in an amazing, organized way. Please give him a tremendous yasher koach in my name. May he be zocheh to continue bringing merit to Am Yisrael and to increase the honor and glory of Torah!"

The name of this Yid rang a bell. I asked my friends if they'd heard of him, and then I realized that this Yid who had praised the sefer so highly was a great talmid chacham who had himself published several sefarim. I called my father, very excited, two hours before Shabbos, and told him about the warm praises for his sefer that I had heard from this chashuveh talmid chacham.

My father told me, "You called right on time. I was just feeling really down. I thought to myself, Why isn't the sefer selling? Why don't more people buy it? Maybe the public doesn't like it? And then Hakadosh Baruch Hu sent me 'regards,' specifically today, telling me how someone is enjoying the sefer so immensely. You truly revived my spirit." I saw tangibly how Hakadosh Baruch Hu sends the right words at the right time!

(Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

## HASHEM IS THE ONLY DOCTOR



I am a Yid from Yerushalayim. I have a son who already had his bar mitzvah. He was a few months past his thirteenth birthday when we noticed one day that he was going bald. Round patches of bald spots



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## EMUNAH & BITACHON NEWS

אשר איש שלא ישכח וכן אדם יתאמץ בך

appeared on his head, and the sight was certainly disturbing. We went to several doctors on our insurance plan, and they prescribed all sorts of creams. The creams did not help, and the bald spots grew larger. While it was good that he already had a bar mitzvah and wears a hat outside the house, nonetheless, even with his large kippah and his hat on, one could still see the patches where his hair had fallen out. We were also afraid. What would be next? Who knew whether the baldness would reach his peyos as well?

We tried smearing perfumed besamim water, we poured Havdalah wine on the problematic spots..., but all the segulahs were of no use. We davened to Hashem to help us, seeing no other solution. One day I was at the bris of a family member, and I met a Yid who knew about my son's problem. "Listen," he told me, "the exact same thing happened to my daughter, and baruch Hashem she got better." He gave me his wife's phone number so that she could speak to my wife, and I thanked him sincerely.

The women spoke to each other, and the conclusion they reached from the conversation was: In Tel Hashomer Hospital there is a special clinic that takes care of sudden baldness, a condition known as alopecia. This baldness is not caused by a virus or germ but rather is brought on by biological causes. The body attacks itself; it might have resulted from panic due to the war. The treatment uses a special method that they discovered which, baruch Hashem, helped that family's daughter and many other people as well.

I understood that I would have to go to this clinic, but my heart fell. How do I take such a young child who was recently bar mitzvah and bring him to a place where there are such difficult nisyonos in shem-

iras einayim? How could I expose him to such physical and spiritual dangers?!

But if the hishtadlus for his cure needed to take place in Tel Hashomer, then I had no choice. I made an appointment at the clinic and hoped that my hishtadlus would be complete with that. At the same time, I invested in tefillah from the depth of my heart. I knew that everything was in Hashem's Hands, and I davened that we would not need to go to Tel Hashomer so that my son, the bachur Hashem had gifted to me, would safeguard his holy eyes.

The appointment was set up for the beginning of Cheshvan. On the day of the appointment, I looked at my son's head. I already knew where all his bald spots were, and I knew exactly where to look; and then I saw that in the place where his hair had fallen out, new hair had started to grow! While it was not yet complete, there was definite improvement. To date we had only seen the bald spots getting larger,

and now it seemed that they were getting smaller.

I immediately made an appointment with the doctor in our local clinic. This was also hashgachah pratis – how the appointment was immediately available on that morning; and I took my son to the doctor. The doctor checked him and said, "If it's growing in like this, you can probably wait with the Tel Hashomer appointment and see how things develop." I immediately called to cancel the appointment and scheduled another one for three months later.

After three months, we no longer needed a doctor to tell us that we did not need a specialized clinic. The hair just grew back, and we witnessed with our own eyes how this mysterious disease simply disappeared. He was completely healed through the Healer of all flesh, without our needing to go to the hospital. Baruch Hashem, we were zocheh, and his eyes were safeguarded. May Hashem help us further, and may this story strengthen



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him and all the readers in shem-iras einayim, which brings much blessing and healing.

(Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

### KOL YACHOL



S.B.S. and E.M. from London, UK, volunteer for Ezra Marpeh. Every Erev Shabbos, they drive with an ambulance to Great Ormond Street Hospital, a children's hospital in London, and restock the Chessed room. One Erev Shabbos, they forgot to shut the lights of the ambu-

lance while unloading. When they finished stocking the room and were ready to leave, the ambulance wouldn't start. They said, "Let's say, 'Hashem is the Kol Yachol' and then try turning on the engine." Baruch Hashem the ambulance started! (Heard from S.B.S)

### PARNASSAH FROM SHAMAYIM

Baruch Hashem, we moved. It was not easy to move all our things, all our furniture, suitcases, boxes and bags. It was also not easy to move ourselves and to leave behind the familiar and beloved for a new place, which we very much hope will turn into the familiar and beloved.

There were two things we could not move, no matter what, and they are my kollel and my wife's workplace. We knew we were going to have to start all over again. More



than anything else, the monthly expenses in the bank actually moved along with us, easy as can be.

I still hadn't found a kollel, and my wife continued looking for work. The days leading up to the tenth of the month passed, and I had no idea where my help would come, not the foggiest notion from where I would get the money, when both of us had no income whatsoever!

I knew that I had to try, and I even did something about it, but in the meantime, I understood that the main hishtadlus for me now was to

## NEWS FROM HERE



**This week, Hashem provided hundreds of thousands of towns with fire stations!**



**This week, Hashem provided millions of people with delicious chicken!**



daven. One day after Shacharis I started thinking about how to get hold of the sum I needed to cover the next expense, and once again I reached the conclusion that I had no idea what I could do. It's not that I'm not prepared to do what I have to do. I simply did not know what to do.

I said to myself: First, I will sit and learn as I did when I had a kollel.

I remained in shul to sit and learn until 1 p.m. What did it matter whether I had gotten into a kollel or not? I am commanded to learn Torah either way. I would do my part, and Hakadosh Baruch Hu would do His. In the meantime, my wife decided to check out the situation in our bank account. Although there was no chance that there had been any change in recent days, one does what one can, and this is what she was able to do.

And what did she hear? That a siz-

able sum had been deposited!

"Did you take a loan?" she asked me. "A large sum was deposited into our account!" "I didn't take any loan," I told her. "We need to check if someone deposited the money in error."

We checked, and it turned out that after my wife informed her workplace that she was leaving, they calculated the vacation days that she had not utilized and then deposited the sum that had accumulated, a sum that equaled one month's salary!

Another small sum was missing from that deposit, but it was also available to us. It was a sum of money I had put aside as maaser, but at the end I had given the maaser in a different way, so I was able to use the money.

Another month passed. We were still looking for sources of income, checking out our new place, but feeling much less pressured. Af-

ter the previous month, when Hakadosh Baruch Hu showed us His open and merciful Hand, we were curious to know how He was going to arrange everything for us this month.

I am continuing to learn as though I am in kollel, and Hakadosh Baruch Hu continues to give. In the beginning of the month, Bituach Leumi sent us a letter informing me that there had been an error in calculating the money my wife received after giving birth, and they were now returning the difference – an amount equal to a full month's salary!

Several more days passed, and Social Security funding came in and covered the rest of the month's expenses, without any extraneous effort or the need to take a loan. We are grateful to Hashem for all His kindness and His miracles that are with us each day. Ein od milvado! (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

## AND THERE



**This week, Hashem gave the world construction cranes!**



**This week, Hashem gave the world reliable shipping!**



# KI TOV HASHEM

## Woman from New Jersey Makes Kiddush Hashem



R' Zevy Golombeck in New Jersey reported that he was in the grocery store and he witnessed the following scene. A woman came over to a non-Jewish cashier and told her that the last time she came to the store she paid too little and she wanted to pay the money that's missing.

The cashier said, "You Jews are so honest."



## The Power of Living with Bitachon



R' Golombek reported that there was someone who went into an Uber and there was an older driver. He put the car on auto drive. The car was shifting lanes on its own and turning. In the past he would have been very

nervous. Now that he follows the A Life with Bitachon Hotline, he was calm.

*Baruch hagever asher yivtach baHashem*



## Hashem is Running a Perfect World



Tehila Melajana reported that she was writing notes of halachos and she made a mistake. She took a pen to cross out the mistake, but by mistake she started crossing out the wrong place.

B'hashgacha pratis the pen that she was using was not working. Had she crossed out where she tried crossing out, there would not have been a place to rewrite it.

*Mashgiach min hachalonos meitzitz min hacharakim*



## Girl from Lakewood Thanks Hashem



A girl from Lakewood, New Jersey reported that she was playing games with her friends. She really wanted to win, and she told Hashem that if she wins, she's going to call it in to the Spring Hill Times to thank Him.

She won the game.

*Thank You, Hashem!*



## Man from New Jersey Feels Loved By Hashem



Rabbi Zevy Golombeck reported that it was a cold wintry Thursday night and he was in the mood of hot cholent. So he turned to Hashem and said, "Hashem You're the Hakol Yachol and You can send me cholent."

Not long after that, out of the blue, a friend of his, Meir Apter, called and said, "I would like to buy you cholent. Would you want?"

*Einei Chol Eilecha Yisabeiru V'Ata Nosein Lahem Es Achlam B'ito*



## Yungerman From New York Feels Hashem's Love

Reb Avi, a Yungerman from Chestnut Ridge, New York, was davening Maariv and he needed



# NEWS



**V'haboteach  
B'Hashem,  
Chessed  
Yesovivenu**



**Girls From  
New York  
Trust In Hashem**



Mrs. Schwartz, a tenth grade teacher from New Jersey, reported that it was Chanukah and she was showing a slideshow for the tenth grade. They were in their auditorium, and the machine was not turning on. They tried this and they tried that, but to no avail.

On their own, all the girls started singing Hakol Yachol. When they finished singing, the machine started working.

**Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach  
B'Hashem**



**Boy From New York Thanks  
Hashem**

A twelve year old boy from Far Rockaway, New York reported that one night he was having trouble sleeping. He kept on waking up. So he said to Hashem, "If You help me fall asleep, I'm going to call it in to the Ki

A mother from Brooklyn, New York reported that for Chanukah they bought a robot for their children, but the robot was not turning on. They tried this and they tried that. They tried switching the batteries, but it was not going.

So her five and three year old sons davened to Hashem. They asked Him that He should make it work, and they sang Hakol Yachol. While they were singing the robot started working!



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Tov Hashem News Station to thank You."

Baruch Hashem, he was able to sleep.

**Thank You, Hashem!**



**Boy From New York Davens To  
Hashem**



A boy from Monsey, New York reported that he was collecting money for his Yeshiva. He davened to Hashem that he should be successful. Baruch Hashem, he collected a lot of money!

**Baruch Shomea Tefilla**



**Boy From Michigan Thanks  
Hashem**



# KI TOV HASHEM



A boy from Detroit, Michigan reported that it was in the morning and he wasn't sure if his Rebbe was coming or not, and he wanted his Rebbe to come that day. So he said that if his Rebbe comes he was going to call it into the Ki Tov Hashem News Station to thank Hashem.

Baruch Hashem, his Rebbe came.

***Thank You, Hashem!***



**Boy From Lakewood Trusts in Hashem**



Eight year old Eliyahu from Lakewood reported that they were missing their potato peeler.

He said Hashem is Hakol Yachol, and they found the potato peeler!

***Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach***

***B'Hashem***



**Hashem Is Running A Perfect World**



Reb Avishai Berkowitz from Manchester, England reported that he needed to know the ingredients of a certain product. They had bought the product, and they had eaten it and thrown out the package.

He then was looking at some pictures, and he noticed that his wife for some reason had taken a picture of the product, and he was able to read all the ingredients!

***Mashgiach min Hachalonus, Metzitz min Hacharakim***



**Anti-Semitism in Ohio On The Decline**



A Yungerman from Cleveland, Ohio, reported that he was walking to shul on Shabbos morning

with his two sons. A non-Jewish woman who was driving by she rolled down her window and said, "G-d bless you people, I just prayed for you."

***Thank You, Hashem!***



**What A Beautiful Nation**



A family from Lakewood, New Jersey reported that recently they went from Lakewood to the Mountains for Shabbos.

On the way they realized that they were out of gas. They pulled into a gas station, and then they realized that they had forgotten all their money at home. They decided that their going to look for a Yid that they could borrow money from.

They found a Chassidishe Yid from Kiryas Yoel, and the Yid said, "Sure, I can lend you the money." They filled up on his card, and when they asked him for his information to pay him back, he refused to give it.

He was so happy to help them!

***Mi K'amcha Yisrael***





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### Hashem Matir Asurim

On Shabbos Kodesh Parshas Beshalach, 10 Shevat 5785, Hashem freed another three Jewish hostages from captivity in Gaza!  
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## ואשפך את - נפשי לפני ה' I Poured Out My Soul Before Hashem

### He'll See Hashgachah Pratis in His Life

Rav Naftali Amsterdam, zt"l, learned b'chavrusa with Rav Itzeleh Blazer, zt"l. One morning, Rav Naftali said that he hadn't slept all night. He was in bed, but he was troubled throughout the night by the sounds of doors and windows breaking. He was very bewildered by what he'd heard. He investigated the matter and discovered that in counting thirty days from when he started renting his apartment, he had made a mistake. He had accidentally slept without a mezuzah, and that's why he was disturbed all night.

They went together to their rebbi, Rav Yisrael Salanter, zt"l, and told him what had happened. A man was standing there, and he laughed at them and made fun of the whole story.

"I'm a money collector and quite often, I sleep in houses that don't have a mezuzah," he said. "I sleep just fine without any problems!"

Rav Yisrael said to him, "If a person lives with emunah in hashgachah pratis, he'll see hashgachah pratis in his life!"

The Mashgiach told this story after he, too, once made a mistake in counting the thirty days and accidentally slept in a house without a mezuzah. The same thing happened to him — he had been disturbed throughout the night.

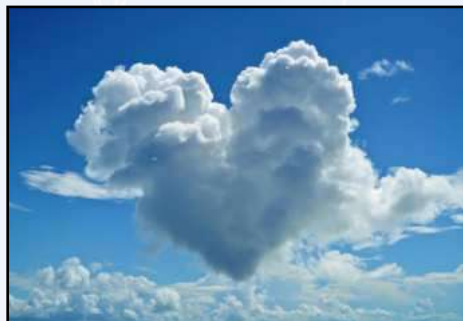
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# LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Editor's note: Many of these stories are from months ago



## Chassadim Tovim

Yesterday, I was listening to A life with Bitachon hotline, and learning to focus on Hashem's love and that Hashem wants us to enjoy our life. I decided I'm going to feel Hashem's love and enjoy whatever he is going to do for me today. I had a lot of errands to take care of. As I was driving, I was thinking, "Hashem loves me, everything is wonderful, he's going to make everything work out, he's going to figure it all out for me through the day, everything's going to work out perfectly for me."

My first stop was a very congested area where I almost never find parking on the block. This time, I literally found parking one store over from the store I needed to go to, without even having to circle around one time. I took my spot, and went into the store.

I had a bunch of things I wanted to return. The first thing that came to my hand was a pair of shoes that I had pulled off the tag, because first I thought they were just what I needed, so I took the tag off. Then, I realized they weren't comfortable, so I wanted to return it. I wasn't sure if they were going to take it back; there

were times in the past that they said no. I thought maybe I should first return the other items, and not come right away with a problematic item. Then I said, "No, Hashem is running the world. If Hashem wants this thing returned, it will be returned, and if not, not. I'm not going to try to play around over here and say this one first, this one second, Hashem is the one who decides."

I put down the sneakers and said, "I took the tags off."

The lady said, "No problem," and didn't make any fuss about it. Then she said, "I see that you paid with a gift card and a credit card, but I'm going to put it all back on your credit card." She didn't even seem like she was doing me a favor, even though normally the store would only give back a gift card for the money spent from a gift card.

When I took out the other receipts, the same thing happened; she just gave me a credit on the credit card for every single item, even though I had used gift cards for part of the cost!

After I left the store, I went into Boro Park, where it was really congested with everyone shopping for end of school and camp. Baruch Hashem, I found a spot right away in between the two stores I needed to go to!

At the first store, I was ready to take out my credit card when I realized that I didn't have it on me. I had given it to my son, and he gave it back to me and I didn't know where it was. I used my other credit card to make my purchas-

es, and then decided to go back to the car and see if my credit card was somehow lost along the way. I walked back to the car, which was very close to the store, and I saw that my car door was wide open, and my credit card was on the floor of my car. It was totally open for people to see, and it was a very busy area. Baruch Hashem that I didn't continue on to the next store, and that I quickly went back to get my credit card from the floor of my car and be able to close and lock my car door.

Then I went to the next store. I had bought a camera, and all the instructions were in Hebrew, so I asked, "Can you send me the instructions in English so that we'll know how to work the camera?"

He said, "Sure, but it will take a few days for them to send it to me."

My son was going to camp the next day, but whatever it is it is. I said, "Fine, I'll call you in a few days." Before I left the store, the man called me over and said, "Actually, I already got the instructions, I can give them to you now!"

The whole day, I was focusing on Hashem's love for me, and His wanting to make things easier for me. I believed that he wanted everything to be smooth and easy, and it was really a beautiful and successful day.

I was able to see Hashem's love for me and how He wanted everything to be easy and smooth. Thank you very much for everything that you're doing! [Mrs. Taub]





# *A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness*



We discussed how we use our vision for our safety and protection, let's continue on with a similar point and show how also color serves as an important tool for our health and our safety.

Vision could have been black and white; Hashem gave us an additional gift - the ability to perceive color. One of the things that cause us to immediately stop what we are doing and to give something else our full attention

is the sight of blood. If someone is bleeding they need attention, we have to make sure there is no excessive blood loss which can be extremely dangerous. Hashem made our exposed blood a bright red so that it will immediately catch our attention and enable us to react quickly and accordingly. If our blood was colorless, it would not catch our attention the same way. If our blood was yellow or pink, it would not have the same effect.

Another area where color helps our health is with our facial complexion. Often when someone is unwell you can tell from the color of their face, for example, they look pale – a little less color or they look a little greenish or yellowish. This is a wakeup call to inquire further. This is very important with young children and elderly people – who are unable to notify others as to how they feel. So too when people have an infection – it's the red or pink color that notifies us to take care of it. This is only possible because we can pick up a huge spectrum of color – and even a slight change to the shade notifies us to take action.

Let us add another point: man uses the ability to perceive color to keep ourselves safe. We use this in numerous ways; we'll give a few examples. When we are driving and we reach an intersection, a traffic light is a must. We use the color to tell if it is safe to proceed or not. In a similar vein – the clear, red stop sign helps protect us – a black and white stop sign would not exactly do the same job. We also use the rear lights in a car to let the driver behind us know that we are stopping, without those lights we cannot drive safely at night. When people are walking or biking in a dark area they wear a florescent strap for their safety. When an ambulance or a fire engine must get somewhere quickly to save lives – they use bright flashing colors, in addition to sound, to notify everyone to clear the road for them. This also applies to a police car that has to stop criminals; we use the gift of color that Hashem gave us to protect ourselves.

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# Sparks of Bitachon

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## PARSHA SPARKS

In this week's Parsha, the Torah tells us do not start up with a yasom or almana (an orphan or a widow), because if they turn to Hashem for help, Hashem will come to their rescue at once.

Rabbeinu Bechaya explains that the reason for this guarantee from Hashem, specifically for the yasom or almana is because they rely only on Him. In truth, Hakodosh Baruch Hu wants to give every single person whatever they want. Hashem wants every yid to be happy and to feel that they have this kind of relationship with HaKadosh Baruch Hu. He wants every yid to internalize that He is waiting to shower us with whatever we want, just like a father who loves his child with endless love.

However, in order for us to activate this special relationship and to receive such abundance, we must rely on Hashem and no one else.

The problem is, however, that whenever a person feels stuck or threatened and does not know how to help himself, it is human nature to try to find a solution. "My parents will help me," he thinks, "or my spouse, or my relatives or this politician." He starts thinking about all the people that will be there for him. HaKadosh Baruch Hu says "When you do that, you are weakening my koach kaveiyachol, and now it's as if I do not have ability to shower you with all my Bracha, yeshua and rachamim because you believe that your help can come from a different source."

However, a yasom and almana, don't have any security or anyone to rely on. They do not have a parent or spouse and they feel so stuck and at a loss. Because of that, their initial reaction is to rely only on the Ribono Shel Oilam. Hashem says, "Since they truly realize that I am the only One that can help, they activate all the Bracha, chessed and rachamim that I want to give them."

Rabbeinu Bechaya say that Hashem's promise to the yasom and almana really applies to every yid. All Hashem is asking is that the person realize that Hashem alone can help.

The following mashal brings out this point. A man was marrying off a child and he did not have a penny to his name. He heard there was a big Gevir who lived far away that would be able to help him. After a long journey he went the wealthy man and said, "I am making a chasuna, and I have no one to turn to, so please help me." The Gevir asked him how much he needed and wrote out a check for the full amount!

Overjoyed, the man traveled back to his city. He told his friends about what had happened, and how he had gotten all the money for the chasuna from this one rich man. Now he would not have to worry about even one expense. Another yid called out, "I am also making a chasuna in a few weeks! I will go to the Gevir at once!"

This yid thought to himself, "I am going to be smarter than my friend. I will go that city and first collect money by going from door to door, and then I'll go to the Gevir." After trying every other house, he finally made his way to the house of the Gevir. "I am making a chasuna, please can you help?" he asked the Gevir.

When the Gevir handed him an \$18 check he was in shock. "May I ask what is going on? My friend just came the other day, and you paid for the whole wedding. Why am I only getting a check for \$18?"

"Yes, it is true that I gave your friend a check to cover his entire wedding expenses," the Gevir responded. "That's because he said he is stuck and has no one else to turn to, so I felt obligated to help him. However, I noticed that you have many other people to turn to - I saw you going from door to door. If that is the case then I can give you my usual amount."

## STORIES WITH A SPARK

*A yungerman from Eretz Yisroel shared: "I was in middle of extending my house and I had to pay a bill of 20,000 shekels the very next day. I had no idea how I would pay for it. I did not have a penny. That night before as I went to sleep, I said to Hashem, 'HaKadosh Baruch Hu, I tried many different avenues to get the money but I came out empty handed. I realize I have no one in the world to turn to. I am turning to You and only You.'*

*"I woke up in the morning and I got a phone call from a friend. He told me, 'I see you're extending your house and I'm sure it is very expensive. I have a relative who is very wealthy and I mentioned your situation to him. He told me he would love to help and he wants to send you 25,000 shekels! He is passionate about helping out yungeleit and will do it with his whole heart.'*

*"I turned to Hashem and only Hashem and was shown openly that He is the only reliable source in the world."*

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## Suit Not Coming Out the Way I Wanted

# Q&A

## Never-ending Challenges

**Q** *I just spent a lot of money on a beautiful new suit and I sent it to be tailored. When the suit was ready, I tried it on and I discovered that the suit was not tailored properly. This caused me a lot of aggravation. Is this a sign that Hashem is angry at me?*

**A** Whatever happens to us is coming from Hashem, and Hashem is communicating with us. Nevertheless, we have to understand Hashem's messages in the right way.

Hashem is our loving and caring Father. Because Hashem cares about us so much, He wants us to avoid making the most serious mistake a person could make – that the purpose of life is for this world. In order to prevent us from making this error, Hashem makes sure that not everything in this world goes exactly the way we would like.

Hashem is showing us with this that Olam Hazei is not perfect. When we realize that a person cannot arrive at ultimate happiness in material pleasures, we start directing our energies toward ruchnius accomplishments.

Because Hashem loves you so much, He is teaching you the most important lesson of all. When you put on your new suit, you can tell yourself, "True, it didn't come out exactly the way I had hoped and I try to look respectable and well dressed, but why must my suit be perfect? I live for Olam Habah, and looking fashionable is not my priority."

The aggravation itself is also an expression of Hashem's kindness, because you are receiving a Kapparah for your aveiros and your Neshama is being cleansed.

If we would truly understand how great is Hashem's love for us, we would learn to see how every event in our lives is yet another expression of His endless love.

**Q** *My life feels like one long series of challenges. When I am finished with one problem, another obstacle comes my way.*

*What is the proper perspective on why Hashem is doing this? Is there a way I can bring more brocha into my life?*

**A** The Mesilas Yesarim begins his sefer by telling us that the reason Hashem created us, is not for this world. Our final destination is to enjoy eternal kirvas Elokim in Olam Habah.

In order to discourage us from investing in material success, Hashem often makes our existence in Olam Hazei challenging.

These hurdles are the greatest gift from Hashem. We are shaken out of our dream of being successful in Olam Hazei and are set back on track to focus our efforts on ruchnius accomplishments.

Rabbi Yehuda Mandel said that he once asked the Mashgiach Rav Matisyahu Salomon Shlita, "The Mashgiach has so many difficulties in his life. How are you able to keep afloat while beset by so many challenges?"

The Mashgiach replied, "It's simple. I do not accord any value to Olam Hazei. Therefore, I am not thrown off when things in Olam Hazei do not go my way. I invest my emotional energy in worrying about my success in Olam Habah achievements."

If someone becomes broken when things are not going well in this world, it is because he considers Olam Hazei to be the main world.

When someone knows that this world is just a preparation for Olam Habah, and whatever pain he undergoes is all part of his preparation in purifying his Neshama, he will not view his difficulties as purposeless pain. Instead he will accept his situation with complete Emunah that Hashem is giving him what he needs for his tikkun HaNeshama.

Rav Chaim Volozhiner teaches us that when someone accepts Hashem's will wholeheartedly, in that z'chus Hashem will give the person a yeshua in that area.



# Chizuk Corner

Rabbi Y. Y. Friedman

**T**his Shabbos is the last week of shovavim. It's also the Parsha of Kabbalas Hatorah.

It's interesting that the Parsha, right in the middle of the discussion of Kabbalas HaTorah, goes through many many halachos between a person and his fellow man. How do we understand this?

Furthermore, what's special about eved ivri that the Torah starts off the Parsha with?

In the Parsha of eved ivri we discover something fascinating. We see how far a person needs to go to make his servant comfortable and happy.

Firstly, one is only allowed to give him work that is absolutely necessary. The work has to also be appropriate work.

You need to feed him good food like you feed yourself. If you only have one pillow then your servant gets it. Why should it be like that? After all he is my servant.

The answer is that we see from the Torah that a vital and integral part of the Torah is understanding that we are all brothers and therefore we treat our brothers with dignity. And we should treat our brothers money as if it is ours. This is vital for kabbalas hatorah.

*Story: There was a man who survived WW2. He settled in Eretz Yisroel and joined the Zionist movement. This man's wife gave birth to a child that had a life-threatening illness.*

*The doctors recommended that he go to America, for treatment for this illness. The man traveled to America and he went to the hospital.*

*They hospital confirmed that they do have treatment for this illness, but it was extremely costly. The man felt like he had come to a dead end.*

*Then he remembered that he had an old friend from his hometown in Europe that had settled in America. Perhaps, he thought this friend could help him.*

*He contacted this old friend who was a Satmar Chassid and he told him about his plight. The Chassid instructed him to go to the Satmarer Rebbe immediately.*

*At first he refused because he knew about the Rebbe's stand against Zionism, but after much coaxing from his friend he acquiesced.*

*The man and the Chassid came before the Rebbe and the man told him of his plight. The Rebbe was very moved by the story and gave him all the money he needed.*

*Taken aback by the rebbe's kindness the man protested that he was part of the Zionist movement, and that he lived on a kibbutz.*

*The Rebbe replied, "It's true that I strongly disagree with the Zionist movement, but you... I love you. After all you are my brother."*

Here is another story that highlights this concept as well.



*Rav Amram Blau had a tremendous burning love for Torah and Mitzvos. When permission was given to drive buses on Shabbos, he lay down in front of the buses.*

*He was arrested many times and he was beaten very harshly by the chiloni police as he was very involved in demonstrations.*

*However, there were a few times that people saw Rav Amram Blau giving out hot drinks to the police on cold days. He told the astonished people that while he disagrees with their philosophies and their beatings, they are still his brothers.*

I believe that this is the message that we are sending to the eved ivri who stole. It's true that you stole and we don't tolerate it, and now you are a servant.

However, we will still treat you royally as you are our dear brother. With this type of Ahavas Yisroel we can be mekabeil the Torah.

It says in the Passuk "vayichan -Sham Yisroel" and Chazal tell us K'ish exhale b'lave echad" - like one man with one heart.

Yes Klal Yisroel is like one body with one heart, which means that we have one desire, which is "Naase venishma". Our greatest and only desire is to do Hashem's will.

So as we are at the last week of Shovavim let us connect ourselves to Klal Yisroel and bring out the ahavas Yisroel that is within us already.

Let us call out together with unity "Naase v'nishma" that we have one heart, one desire to do the will of Hashem.

I am certain that when we do this, Hashem will respond to us "Anavim anavim Higia zman Geulaschem", and Hashem will gather us all together once again and take us back home, Yerushalayim Amen.



# Bitachon Weekly

**Rav Yehuda Mandel**



**הנה אנוכי- שולח  
מלאך- לפניך לש-  
מרח בדרך**

Imagine if a person would actually feel that מלאכים are always surrounding him and protecting him. כי מלאכיו- יצוה לך לשמרך- בכל דרכיך. Or better yet, feeling that הקב"ה Himself is right next to you at all times. דוד המלך was famous for being unusually close to הקב"ה. How did this happen?

## Part II

ישי was told by his father, דוד, to go to the battlefield to bring food for his brothers who were soldiers in שאול's army. When דוד came, he noticed that nothing was happening because the גלית הפלש- were petrified since the powerful giant on their side – תי.

גלית had challenged them that they should send one of their soldiers to him and whoever overpowers the other would decide their fate. If גלית kills him then all בני"י are his עבדים.

## Part III

And if the Yid overpowers גלית then all the פלשתים lost the battle. Everybody was terrified until דוד arrived. When דוד's older brother אליאב saw דוד he accused him of being a wicked shepherd who isn't doing his job and taking care of the sheep. דוד could have told him that his father ישי sent him to the battlefield, but דוד said nothing. Why?

## Part IV

**Notice how דוד has no interest in defending himself to his big brother.** A true מלך has מדהשתוות who doesn't care if people love him or hate him! He has only הקב"ה, and he doesn't need people! The חוה"ל at the beginning of

בטחון says that if you have בטחון in humans, then הקב"ה leaves you in their hands and you lose true בטחון.

## Part V

It seems odd that the first 30 years of his life דוד lived alone since his family despised him thinking he was a ממזר. They were hoping that his job of taking care of his sheep in dangerous areas would kill him. Yet, דוד told שאול גלית that he was ready to take on המלך since he already killed a lion and a bear who tried to kill his sheep.

## Part VI

דוד said that as soon as the lion grabbed the sheep – he pulled it out of his mouth, and he killed the lion! What kind of recklessness if this? A normal person would run for his life and be happy the sheep would be eaten instead of him! **However, a person who lives without family support like דוד – learns to be totally dependent on הקב"ה.**

## Part VII

And he has a total different שלחן ערוך. He doesn't have the normal warmth and love and support that families and friends are supposed to give, and he becomes alone with one support – the ב"ע! He's ממש in his own world and he can have a high level of בטחון since his sole support in life is הקב"ה himself!

## Part VIII

No wonder he had no interest in defending himself to אליאב. He doesn't need אליאב's support and כבוד and recognition, since אליאב was never a source of strength in דוד's life – only הקב"ה. By the way, he could have also told אליאב how he was דוקא unusually caring for the sheep since he risked his life to save 1 sheep!

## Part IX

When דוד was מספיד שאול ויונתן דוד he said one הספד on both. We can suggest בס"ד that he was being מרמז that they

were both the same in his life: שאול was his worst enemy and יונתן his very best friend. A true מלך who is "higher" than מדהשתוות עוה"ז – "You can hate me or love me. By me it's all the same".

## Part X

Like the חוה"ל says in שער הב' טחון – אין התועלת והנזק ביד הנברא אלא טחון. Just like אליאב and people in general meant nothing to דוד because he was totally ביד' – so is a ferocious lion a total zero who has no real power! And this is why he killed גלית the giant so easily!

## Part XI

Instead of being סומך on family and friends it's preferable to be close to הקב"ה. Notice how דוד was always loaded with enemies and betrayal on the part of כלל ישראל. They ridicule him and desert him and aren't loyal to him, and his life has one chain of the worst enemies, אבנר, שאול, אבשלום, שבע בן בכרי, שמעי – it's just unbelievable!

## Part XII

It seems like הקב"ה wanted him to always be pure of the need of human approval, so he can be a true מלך who doesn't need people. We have a lifetime to spend trying to wean ourselves from our lust for כבוד and recognition and approval and support of humans – and to spend loads of extra time running to הקב"ה.

## Part XIII

The חוה"ל says that there was no person who was מבזה himself to do מצ' דוד. דוד was free from concern for public opinion. He was also known for loving his enemies and doing הטבה במקום הקפדה. With such a background of zero family support, it's no wonder that a person can get used to just trying to make an impression on הקב"ה and not people. (Of course we have no שייכות with understanding the greatness of דוד).



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# HASHEM'S MAGNIFICENT WORLD!



## BS"D

### WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOUR SHOR?

(On Parshas Mishpatim)  
by Mrs S. Mordechai

The lion dominates the wild  
with his roar.  
The eagle rules the sky,  
but the powerhouse CHAYA SHEL  
CHAYEINU is the SHOR.

A bull can pull  
almost 2000 pounds-3 times his  
weight!  
Let's graze on that, for a moment.  
Let's ruminate.  
How does the ox acquire such  
strength, bulk, and mass?  
How does he develop UZO from  
nothing but blades of grass?  
For solid brawn, AYN SHAYNI!  
What could the secret be?

Although oxen tend to stray and run  
amuck,  
which is kind of scary, since they  
wield the power of a moving truck;  
if you place on his neck a yoke,  
an ox will plow an entire SADEH to  
prepare for planting YAROK.

With a little effort a SHOR will be  
TAM  
then we have GEVURO at our ser-  
vice  
and in our palm.

We too, of course,  
can harness such a gargantuan  
force.

The question we ask ourselves:  
What's in store  
for your SHOR?

We strive to keep our BAKAR from  
running loose.  
Returning them over and over again  
is our ultimate goal and an enor-  
mous Z'CHUS!

While foraging in the field, chewing  
their cud;  
oxen sometimes fall into uncovered  
pits of mud.  
We shore our SHVARIM up to be  
NOSAI OLE  
reminding ourselves WHO is ADON  
UZEINU and WHO is HA KOL  
YACHOL

We set our sites not on targets  
back or forward,  
which tend to leave us feeling gored  
since we forget that we are in the  
middle of the story, not the end.  
By the BORAI OLAM, the last page  
has not yet been penned.

This present moment is the bull's  
eye.  
We trust in the Only KOACH on  
WHOM we can rely.

OZ YITEIN L'AMO!

Only from HIM every ounce of our  
strength comes, we know.  
We are B'NAI AILIM, His Chosen!!  
None of us would ever pierce our  
OZEN  
with an awl against the door!  
With the CHOZEK of our SHOR  
B'SIMCHA ES HASHEM NA'AVOD!  
THAT is the SODE!

With the power of a PAR  
SHMO MALKENU B'RENA YIS-  
PA'AR!

We will not be seen before HIM with  
an empty hand.  
HE will be the enemy of our enemies  
and soon, HE has sworn, HE will re-  
turn us to our promised land.

Then the blasts of the SHOFAR  
even louder than the bellows of our  
SHVARIM we will hear  
and from now until eternity, with the  
might of our oxen NA'ASEH, NISH-  
MA, V'NASHIR!

With Gargantuan Gratitude to the Borai Olam,  
the Only Koach on Whom We Can Rely and  
R. Yitzchok Kaufman (The Spring Hill Times);  
R. Zev Golombeck (The Bitachon Hotline);  
R. Moshe Weissman (The Midrash Says: The  
Book of Shemos;) Artscroll (Schottenstein  
Editions Texts and Commentaries: Chumash  
Parshas Mishpatim, Siddurim, Tehillim;) and  
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CDS, GF, SS, NF, RF, RD, AG, CEG, TS, and  
RRM.

Don't take people for granted. Focus on seeing the beauty  
of every Human being. The more potential virtues  
you're aware of, the more you'll **Appreciate Others.**

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Articulate • Assertive • Attentive • Balanced • Brave • Calm • Caring • Cautious •  
Charismatic • Charitable • Cheerful • Compassionate • Confident • Conscientious •  
Consistent • Content • Creative • Dignified • Diplomatic • Diligent • Easygoing •  
Efficient • Energetic • Enthusiastic • Expressive • Fair • Flexible • Forgiving •  
Friendly • Generous • Gentle • Gracious • Handy • Hardworking • Healthy •  
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Loyal • Mature • Methodical • Moral • Neat • Open • Optimistic • Organized •  
Original • Patient • Persistent • Polite • Practical • Productive • Punctual •  
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Talented • Thrifty • Tolerant • Versatile • Warm • Wise • Witty •

### Focus on Virtues

אחרי את תפירות. שמחך כך מתפדת תורת.  
ומתקרת בעני תפירות. והכל רצון אחריה.





# Sitachon Lower

## The Quote - The Lesson - The Story



**QUOTE:** "In truth, a person should not have to make any efforts to provide for himself. All his needs should come to him without any toil as was the situation of Adam Harishon in Gan Eden before the Sin. Angels would roast meat and prepare wine for him (Sanhedrin 59:). Only afterwards it was decreed that 'by the sweat of his brow he will eat bread'. He was punished with having to work for his needs"

**THE LESSON:** What makes this idea so incredible and amazing is that that initial plan was to be able to just serve Hashem and have everything served to us on a silver platter. Roast meat, lamb chops, you name it you got it! Only because we sinned did we get this curse that man needs to work to make his bread. We will expound on this in the coming weeks be"H.

There are two places in the תורה where it says the word אפ"ך with a פ"ה after the יו"ד.

One place is the פסוק - נערמו מים - פסוק

and the second place is - תאכל לחם - בזיעת אפ"ך

קשין מזונותיו של האדם כקריעת ים חז"ל say what רמז is a "סוף"

The קריעת ים compares אדם and זיווג של אדם and ים סוף. What is the connection?

The answer is that by פ"ה and פ"ה a person should never daven for a specific job or a specific שידוך, because a person cannot know what is good or bad for him. The שידוך or job that a person thinks is the best could end up being the worst thing possible for him. Rather, it is more befitting that a person leave it up to Hashem and daven as follows - שידוך הגון - ועיסקה טובה.

If a person davens in this way, he is guaranteed to get what is best for him. To the contrary, if he davens for a specific שידוך or a specific job, Hashem might give it to him and it could end up being detrimental.

ANOTHER POINT IS THAT by פ"ה and פ"ה it can seem to

a person like there is no possible solution for him. Whether he needs a specific amount of money and he does not know from where he will have the means, or regarding a shidduch where he doesn't see how and when it will happen.

So too, by קריעת ים סוף - we have both points, as the פסוק says ויצעקו - ויראו מאד. They looked in every direction and there was nowhere to go. It seemed like there was no solution possible for them and they were stuck. Then they davened a general תפילה - ויצעקו, they simply turned to Hashem and cried out.

This is the attitude we need to have when it comes to פרנסה and שידוכים. Firstly, to realize that Hashem has the way to bring about the salvation even though it may seem impossible. Secondly, never to give suggestions to Hashem in what way, but rather just to turn to Hashem - "ויצעקו".



THE גמרא SAYS THAT שבט זבולון complained since they were worried about their פרנסה. Hashem told them not to worry because they would have the חלזון through which they would become extremely wealthy because they would be able to sell it for an exorbitant amount of money.

A person should not worry about his פרנסה because Hashem gives every person exactly what he needs to be successful, we just don't always realize it.

What we might think is good, could be very bad and what we might think is bad could be to our benefit. Therefore, a person should never complain about what he was given. See following story...



**THE STORY:** THEY HAD JUST INVENTED electric windows in cars. A woman received a new car from her father-in-law, yet he bought her a car with the old style roll down windows. She was quite disappointed that her father-in-law hadn't bought the latest model with electric windows (which he was definitely able to afford). She even complained to her husband about it. A few weeks later, she was driving when she suddenly lost control of the car. She swerved and landed under an overpass that had been flooded with six feet of water. The car began to submerge in the water. She tried honking and doing everything in her ability to attract attention, when all of a sudden, the electricity in the car went out and the horn stopped functioning. She began to panic. Suddenly, she remembered that her windows were the old style roll down and she was able to roll them down to escape the sinking car.

This woman thought she got a bad deal, yet she said that she learned from this experience never to complain about what Hashem gives us because Hashem always gives in the best possible way.





בס"ד

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### My Favorite Beracha

On Shabbos Parshas Vayeitzei in the middle of the Agudah convention, the famed maggid Rabbi Paysach Krohn shlita suffered a stroke and collapsed. The entire world began to daven for Pesach Yosef ben Hinda. The left side of his body was paralyzed as a result, but Baruch Hashem he is slowly recovering and going through intense physical therapy and can now move certain parts. One of the first *derashos* he gave was in the TAG girls school in Far Rockaway and this is what he said:

What is your favorite beracha? Some people say *shehakol*, others, who like food, say *mezonos*. My favorite beracha is Asher Yatzar. Asher Yatzar is a very special beracha and deserves respect. Some people say it while they are walking or doing things - it is not *tefilas haderech*! It should be said while standing in one spot. I heard a nice *remez* to this in the words of the beracha itself - we say *אשר יצא* - *lehaqqim* - it would be impossible to survive **and to stand before You**. We stress that we stand before Hashem, and this should remind us that we shouldn't be doing other things while saying this special beracha. So, while you stand in one place, think about your body, your colon, your spleen, your circulatory system, your digestive system - all these things are functioning properly. When somebody is ill and the body doesn't work in regular function, that's terrible. This should be your favorite beracha from today on.

Many years ago there was a little baby born and a few hours after birth the doctors realized that the baby does not know how to swallow. What does that mean?! Swallowing is like breathing that you do not even have to think about it! How is such a thing possible? But it was, and they had to put the baby on intravenous. At the child's *pidyon haben*, the father said I want to make a beracha. He started to cry and then he said the beracha of Asher Yatzar and said *אשר יצא לעמוד לפניך* - *if but one of them were to be ruptured or if but one of them were to be blocked it would be impossible to survive and to stand before You*. Everyone began crying because they realized that in every single aspect of the human body, some things have to remain open, and some things have to remain closed. Take a look at the purple vein on your hand. If *chas v'sholom* that gets cut, a person can bleed to death. This baby wasn't able to swallow. It was as if the entrance to the food pipe was closed! Being able to swallow is something we can thank Hashem for when we say this Beracha.

The Vilna Gaon says that this is the only beracha where we mention Hashem's throne of glory - it's the holiest place in *shamayim*. Why do we say it specifically in the beracha after using the facilities, which is such a mundane thing? He explains that it is to say that even from the most holy, highest place Hashem is watching over you. When you say this beracha know that Hashem loves you. When you sing and dance, breathe and eat - don't take any of these things for granted.

When I was a boy there was an *adam gadol* who stayed in our house and he would say every beracha out loud - including Asher Yatzar. I thought to myself, is that a nice thing to do? After all, using the facilities is a very private matter. But as I go through this difficult time, I realize that when we say Asher Yatzar we are being grateful for every aspect of a person's body, not just using the facilities. A few weeks ago I couldn't move my left finger, but now I can. In the morning we say *zokef kefufim*, which means that Hashem straightens out those who are bent. Now I realize that it doesn't only go on the body as a whole, it also goes on your fingers and toes. If you want to fasten a seatbelt, make a tie or open a bottle of soda, you need both hands and ten fingers. All this is part of *zokef kefufim*. Saying *berachos* is our connection to Hashem, and that's the purpose of life.

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# Living With Appreciation

R' Daniel Shasha



Nowadays we are fortunate to have plenty of clothes yet this wasn't always the case. Our Parashah discusses the *halachah* of someone who lends money to a poor person who only has one set of pajamas. He is so destitute that it is one of his few possessions and he has to resort to giving it as a collateral when he borrows money. The lender needs to have mercy on him and ensure that this is returned to him at night, since he has no other pajamas (22:25).

An inspiring Midrash (*Tanchumah* 16) teaches that Hashem tells us, "Look how much you are obligated to me. When you sin before me, and your *neshamah* returns to Shamayim each night, I return it, so too you must return the collateral to the borrower." Hashem in His great Mercy returns our holy *neshamah* that is entrusted to Him each night, even if we are not deserving. Our role on this world is to emulate Hashem, therefore we must follow in His ways and compassionately return the borrowers's collateral.

Not only does Hashem in His great compassion return our *neshamah*, He also ensures that it is returned in a fresh state. As Chazal teach, "Humans will entrust their deposit in pristine condition, yet will receive it worn and used. *Lehavdil*, Hashem returns our weary soul after a tiring day, new and refreshed" (*Midrash Tehillim* 25). When our *neshamah* returns to the Heavens it becomes cleansed and revitalized providing us with an incredible opportunity to serve Him for a new day. Therefore, we need to

offer our heartfelt appreciation. For this reason, when we arise, we recite the words,

—You returned to me your soul with compassion." שהחזרת בי נשמתִי בחמלה

Hashem is our loving caring Father, and regardless if we are worthy, He graciously returns our *neshamah* new and refreshed; giving us another day of the priceless gift of life. R' Shraga Feivel Mendlowitz used to say, "The greatest gift of life is life itself! Each day of life is laden with endless potential. We can perform Torah and *mitzvos* helping us acquire eternal life and enjoy all the amazing pleasures that this world has to offer. We can enjoy the company of our family and friends, partake from the scrumptious food Hashem gives us and admire the beautiful world around us. This is all due to Hashem's great compassion that He returns our soul to us. Hashem loves us so much and is happy to give us another opportunity.

No matter what happened previously, He believes in us that the next day we will use the gift of life correctly. This is alluded to in the last words of *Modeh Ani*, "*Rabbah emunasacha* — How great is Your faithfulness." The *Chasam Sofer* explains that we are thanking Hashem that He believes in us! He returns our precious *neshamah* since He trusts us ever so much that we will use this gift correctly. Imagine if someone has one of the most exquisite pieces of jewelry in the world. It is intricately studded with glistening diamonds and valued at millions of dollars. For sure, he wouldn't entrust it with anyone, only someone



# Let Us Thank Hashem for...



## SHABBOS MEALS!

They are really enjoyable allowing us to spend time with our family and friends, enjoy delicious food lekavod Shabbos and bask in the radiance of Shabbos kodesh.

Some opinions hold that Shabbos meals are a mitzvah from the Torah.

## Inspiring Quotes

The first paragraph of Shema contains the mitzvah of loving Hashem. We fulfill this by focusing on all the kindnesses that He does for us. If this is difficult for us to have in mind in Shema, we need to find one time each day when we contemplate the kindness Hashem does for us. Chafetz Chaim, Shemiras HaLashon vol. 2 ch.2.

One needs to keep some bread on the meal until birkas hamazon. One reason for this is to express gratitude to Hashem for His kindness, Who bestows on us so much goodness that we have leftover food. Mishnah Berurah 180:2

The world was originally desolate, until Hashem created the world and appointed man over it. What is our obligation? Only to thank, bless and praise our Creator... (Midrash Tehillim 89)

Klal Yisrael were created to praise Hashem. as the verse in Yeshiyah (43: 21) says 'this nation I created in order that they will relate My praise. (Bamidbar Rabbah 5:6)

whom he trusts implicitly. And if it isn't looked after correctly, he wouldn't dream of giving it to him again. Yet *le-havdil*, Hashem entrusts us with our priceless *neshamah*! This is so holy that it stems from the *Kiseh Hakavod*; and we are trusted to use it correctly regardless of what has happened in the past!

We all have days that can be challenging. When we think of how much a privilege life is and just the fact that we are alive is a priceless gift beyond measure, can really help lift our spirits. Furthermore, the thought that Hashem the King of all Kings, believes in us so much that He entrusts us with another gift of life is very encouraging. It will be great to try and always remind ourselves of this, especial-

ly if we are feeling a bit down.

One *Simchas Torah*, the students in the Manchester Yeshivah were dancing very enthusiastically, singing the famous song "Anah anah anah avdah DeKudsha Barich Hu. An excerpt from the Berich Shemeh prayer that exclaims how we are all servants of Hashem. A bystander asked the Manchester Rosh yeshivah, "Is it perhaps inappropriate that the students are repeating anah anah anah, 'I, 'I' 'I': surely it should be better to sing 'anah avdah, avdah, I, am a servant, a servant'. "Chas VeShalom," exclaimed the Rosh Yeshivah. "We should sing 'I' and again 'I' and again! We must never forget the greatness of our *neshamah* and how we are a worthy servant of Hashem. We cannot remind ourselves of this enough times!"

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**By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck**

### Did you know?

Did you know that the Rabeinu Bechaya writes, that Hakadosh Baruch Hu gave us Torah and mitzvos for schar in olam haba, but it's also the recipe to make us happy in this world.

People think that aveiros bring punishment in a ruchniyus sense, for gehenom in the next world, but zugt the Rabeinu Bechaya, do you know that when a person does aveiros, it causes them in this world to feel depressed? Goyim can do whatever they want, but so many of them are depressed. They're not happy people. Rav Avigdor Miller said he interviewed goyim, and they said, "We don't have any life, we don't have any purpose." It's very important to realize that Torah and mitzvos is also for this world! It brings happiness in this world! Rav Chaim Kanievsky was oozing with simcha because when you serve Hashem, it's a recipe for happiness in this world. Therefore, we have to look at people that are not shomer Torah umitzvos that they're nebach, they're a rachmanus; they have nothing to live for, and they don't have the recipe to be happy.

We have to feel proud and loved that we are able to serve Hashem. We have to feel loved that were able to be shomer Torah u'mitzvos. We have to feel loved that we have a connection and relationship with Hashem.



## Gold Mines

*Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel*

**By: R' Baruch Rosenstock**

The pasuk in this week's parsha says – בעליו – אם – לא – ישלם – עמו – if the owner is with him he is patur.

I heard from R' YY Jacobson b'shem the Chiddushei Harim an amazing thought on this. The pasuk is discussing the laws of שואל – someone who borrows an object. The halachos of a שואל is most stringent of all, more then a שומר – watchmen and more then a שוכר – renter. A שואל is obligated to pay even for a אונס – an accident, as opposed to the other categories.

The Torah says: however if the owner was with him during the time he was borrowing then he is pattur. The Chiddushei Harim says beautifully: Klal Yisrael are all borrowers, we are all borrowing our neshama from the Eibsheter. Throughout life, a person might sin and he may not return his neshama the way he got it. The wrongs that he did can sometimes be an accident and it may even be a פושע – negligent. Usually, one who borrows is liable to return what he borrowed, however if he has עמו – בעליו – אם – if he is attached to the Ribono shel oilam he is forgiven. We see from here how powerful it is to live with Hashem and how even if we fall we should only be mechazek more in our closeness with Hashem.







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### Italian Jews

- The Jewish community of Italy is thousands of years old. It dates back to the time of the Roman Empire. The Jews of Italy are known as Italkim.

- Until 150 years ago, Italy wasn't one united country. Rather, there were dozens of independent states and cities, with their own governments. The treatment of Jews there varied greatly. In some, Jews were welcomed, and in others, Jews were oppressed. The term "ghetto" is an Italian word that means a metal factory. The first ghetto (section of town where Jews are restricted to living) was in Venice, and it was next to a ghetto (metal factory), which is how it got its name.

- Even though Jews are generally considered to be either Ashkenazim or Sephardim, Italian Jews are considered to be a separate category. This is because they have their own unique nusach hatefillah. Italy was a place that both Ashkenazim and Sephardim fled to in order to escape oppression. However, they still kept separate shuls. In many cities it was common for there to be three shuls: Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Italian.

A few unique things in the Italian nusach:

1. לעילא ולעילא is always said in קדיש, not just

during the יומים נוראים.

2. מנחה is not said עלינו.

3. כל נדרי, recited on Yom Kippur, is said in Hebrew, instead of Aramaic.]

- The Italian Jewish community traditionally were clean shaven. Even the Rabbanim did not have beards.

-The Soncino family was a famous Italian Jewish family that set up a Hebrew printing press. In 1483 they printed the first sefer in Hebrew type, a Gemara Berachos. Soncino Press was a famous publishing house for many centuries, printing copies of the Chumash and Gemara, among other seforim.

- Some famous Italian Rabbanim:

1. Rav Ovadiah Seforno (1470 – 1550) – He wrote a famous commentary on Chumash.

2. Rav Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (1707 – 1746) – A famous kabbalist. He also wrote the classic mussar sefer Mesilas Yesharim.

- Nowadays, the Jewish population in Italy is very small. There is one shul of Italian Jews in Jerusalem.

*To be Continued*

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## *Illuminating Words of Chazal*

*"Everything about Hashem, His Torah and His world is supposed to bring out positive emotions and help us have a healthy relationship with Hashem." Rav Yehuda Mandel*

**We ask many times in davening for Hashem to forgive us for our sins. Does Hashem want us to feel like we are sinners? Do our aveiros and mistakes kvyachol hurt Hashem that we need to ask forgiveness, and otherwise He will hold a grudge against us and take revenge? In addition I hear on A Life With Bitachon that putting ourselves down comes from the yetzer hara... How do we understand all this?**

If you go through different chazals and other sources, there are stirahs left and right. There's a Gemarah in Niddah "Al tehi Rasha Bifnei Atzmeacha," don't be a Rasha in front of yourself. Do you know why? Because if you feel like you're a Rasha, and you feel like you're two cents, you'll end up becoming two cents. So, it's very dangerous to feel like you're two cents. On the other hand, if you look at the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon that we say on Erev Rosh Chodesh, he says "Ani Rasha, ani shota, ani Tipeshe." Many people call me up that after saying this Vidui, they be-

come totally depressed. They feel like they're a worthless creature. Actually, if you have the right perspective, saying the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon will bring you positive emotions. I love the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon. It makes me so happy every time I say Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon. It makes me so excited. I'll explain why after, but first, based on the words of vidui, it seems like a stirah.

Are we supposed to put ourselves down? Are we not supposed to put ourselves down? Are we supposed to consider ourselves sinners, or not?

If we look at R' Chaim Volozhin, it says when we do an aveira, we're destroying olamos. There's a pasuk "Tzur Yeladcha Teshi" we're making Hashem weak kavyachol. When we do mitzvos it says "Tenu Oz Lelokim," we're making Hashem strong. It seems like we are affecting Hashem. But of course, as the Brisker Rav said, that the basic of Emunah is that Hashem doesn't get affected one iota. The point of serving Hashem is not for Hashem's needs, it's only for our benefit. Nothing that we do impacts Hashem. Nothing that we do affects Hashem. Hashem doesn't have any emotions or feelings. Everything that we find in the Torah about emotions and feelings about Hashem, zugt the Brisker Rav, is all an attitude that we're supposed to have.

When it comes to attitudes, the point is to motivate us to become a bigger, better, healthier, happier person. To motivate us to have more Menuchas Hanefesh and Simchas Hachaim. To motivate us to have a healthier connection to Hashem. Therefore, you'll hear many stories of Tzadikim and Gedolim that they said, "Oy, I did this and this aveira," and they couldn't sleep, they couldn't eat, they fasted many taneisim. They had an attitude that they were poigim in the world and were nechrav olamos. That attitude motivated them to have a healthier connection to Hashem. It motivated them to become bigger, better, happier healthier people. That motivated them to have more Menuchas Hanefesh and Simchas Hachaim. So of course, if that's what it does, beautiful.

Nowadays, as my Rebbe gave me over a mesorah from his Rabbeim, having that kind of attitude doesn't bring people to have a healthier connection to Hashem. It actually does exactly the opposite. Because when we feel like two cents, we're going to become like two cents. When we feel like we're destroying the world and we're doing so many aveiros and we're causing p'gam b'Shechina and tzaar d'Shchina and all these concepts, that's not going to motivate us.

Therefore we have to focus on the truth. The truth is that we're not destroying any worlds, and the truth is that we're not affecting anybody, and the truth is that we're not affecting Hashem. When Hashem created the world, he wanted it to be exactly the way it is. We live in a perfect world; nothing ever went wrong. That's how R' Moshe explains pshat in the pasuk, "Kal Hanesama Tehalel kah Hallelukah." Zugt R' Moshe, what does that Pasuk mean to say? Every Neshama is praising Hashem. Every Neshama is praising Hashem? What do you mean, look around the world, 99% of people are being poigim in the Kavod of the Shechina. The teretz is because the truth, zugt R' Moshe, is whatever action we do, it's going to come out K'vod shamayim, it's going to come out Tikkun of the world. So therefore, a person, in order to motivate themselves, they have to always focus on thinking positive thoughts that will make them a bigger, better, healthier, happier person. Positive thoughts that will make them have more Menuchas Hanefesh and Simchas Hachaim. Positive thoughts that will bring them a healthier connection to Hashem.

Now I'm going to explain how even the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon can bring positive emotion. I love the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon, because when I read the vidui of Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon, it says I'm a Rasha,





I'm a shotah, I'm a tippish, I'm a gornisht, I'm a worthless creature. When I read that, now I see what I am? I'm a human being, and human beings are intrinsically not perfect, human beings intrinsically make mistakes, human beings are intrinsically foolish people. Only Hashem is perfect. Now I'm going to admire Hashem much more, and I'm going to strengthen myself in Emunah and Bitachon. I realize if I made a mistake, so why am I eating myself up?

So many people walk around, "Oy, I did this wrong, oy I did that wrong, oy there's repercussions here, oy repercussions there, oy!" and they can't live with themselves, they can't forgive themselves. You know how many people say I can't forgive myself? You know why? Because they think they're getchkes, they worship themselves, they think they have to be perfect.

The reason why I love Rabbeinu Nissim Gaon's vidui is after I do something that I feel is a flaw or chisaron, instead of eating myself up alive, I say yeah, that's what human beings are. So, I stop worshiping myself and stop blaming myself and stop feeling guilty about myself, because that's what human beings are all about, full of mistakes, and only Hashem is perfect. My mistakes bring me closer to Emunah and Bitachon, and it brings me closer to Hashem because I realize only Hashem is perfect. I'm not perfect.

My Rebbe said over a story from the Chovos Halevavos, that a Chassid came to his Rebbe and said "Oy, I did an aveirah, I can't get back to myself, I'm so depressed, how can this be? How could I stoop so low?" The Rebbe said "Baruch Hashem you did an aveirah. Up until now you did a worse aveirah! Until now, you were a Baal Gaavah; you thought you were perfect like Pharaoh who pretended he never went to the bathroom because he was perfect. Well, now you realize you're not perfect, so now you won't have any more Gaavah problems. Now you'll respect Hashem more, you'll love Hashem more. You'll realize only He's perfect. You'll admire Hashem more instead of worshiping yourself." The reason why the vidui of R' Yonasan Gaon is a very important vidui to get motivated is because that helps people not to blame themselves and not to walk around guilty and think they did something terrible. So, you made a mistake, you're not a Malach. There's a reason we live down here and not upstairs. Because we're humanly intrinsically imperfect. Fargin yourself; you're human. Allow yourself to make mistakes. The bottom line is every person has to have a balance of thoughts that motivate them to bring out the best in them. Every person has to have a balance of thoughts that's going to make them a happier, healthier person. Every person has to know what's going to bring them more Menuchas Hanefesh and Simchas Hachaim. Everyone has to know what brings them a healthier connection to Hashem. And therefore, when you read Gedolim stories that they went harsh on themselves that every aveirah is pogem this pegam and destroys olamos elyonos... They did it because it motivated them. But generally speaking, like the Gemarah says in Niddah, if a person will look at himself as a rasha and think that what he does causes p'gams that he can't fix, and who knows what are the repercussions... If you're going to think of yourself as a bad person, a rasha, you're going to go nowhere.

Just to end off with a story, someone came to the Steipler that he was nichshal in Shemiras Einayim, and he can't get to himself. Me, a chashuva yungerman, it doesn't pas. The Steipler said, "Were you ever Omed B'Nisayon?" He said, "Yes, of course, what's the Shaila?" The Steipler said, "That's what you should be focusing on. Focus on the times that you were Omed B'Nisayon. Love yourself, hold of yourself. That's more chashuv than everything else. Because when you focus on how great you are, that will make you want to do more and more. That will motivate you, that will bring out your full potential, that will bring out the best in you.



# The Bitachon Perspective

Q & A with Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

By R' Shalom Yedidya Klatzko



**Q. The wallpaper in my house needed to be replaced, and I wanted to hire a professional worker to do the job. But my husband said that he knows someone who could do the same job for much cheaper. So we used my husband's worker, but he ended up doing a very lousy job. Now I look at the wallpaper, and my heart sinks. It looks terrible. If only my husband would have agreed to use my worker, we would have beautiful wallpaper. Now the house looks even worse than it did originally.**

A. Try to zoom into your emotions and see what's bothering you. You're upset at your husband, because you think that all because of him your house doesn't look nice. You have to realize that the way your house turned out has nothing

to do with your husband. It came out that way because that's the way Hashem wanted your house to look. And if you had used the professional worker, it also would've happened.

Regarding your disappointment over the way the house looks, the Stiepler teaches: every bit of tza'ar and ag-mas nefesh that we are deserving of was already nigzar on Rosh Hashana. It could have happened through car accidents and trips to the hospital, R"L. You should be grateful to Hashem that you were yoztei your allotted tza'ar through lousy placed wallpaper.





# Mitzvah Corner

By: R' Avi Kolko



One morning a yungerman came to Kollel tired. As much as he tried to learn, he wound up dozing off on his shtender. The rosh kollel noticed, so the yungerman explained, “In my neighborhood there nebach is a yasom. In middle of the night he had terrible stomach pains and needed to be brought to the emergency room. The mother couldn’t bring him because she needed to be home with the other kids. Despite the crazy hour, I pulled myself out of bed, got dressed, and took the boy to the hospital. Boruch Hashem, after a few hours he was discharged and I was able to return him to his mother right before shachris. Being that I didn’t sleep last night I’m having a hard time staying up today.” The rosh kollel responded, “Wow, what an amazing chesed. By the way, which yasom lives near you?” The yungerman replied, “He’s actually my own son... because if not for me taking care of him, he would be a yasom!” (Heard from Rav Shimshon Pinkus z”l).

When a non-Jew brings up a child, the process of child raising is merely a means to an end: The resultant outcome of a good, happy and healthy young adult. Boruch shelo asani goy! When a Yid raises a child, the process itself is so precious. It’s not often that we take our kids to the hospital in middle of the night (boruch Hashem!), but regular, simple, day-to-day life with kids offers endless opportunities to do the mitzvah d’oraysoh of chesed. Saying good morning to them. Preparing their lunch and snacks. Giving them breakfast. Walking them to the bus stop. Doing their laundry. Helping them with homework. Learning with them. Shmoozing with them. Buying them shoes. Returning the shoes because they don’t fit. Buying another pair of shoes. Returning that pair because they don’t like the style. Saying goodnight to them. Keeping the house tidy. Paying the bills. Waking up in middle of the night to make a bottle, change a diaper, assure them that a dream is just a dream, and yes, every so often taking them to the doctor at the worst possible time. What is all that if not the mitzvah of chesed with those in need? If we wouldn’t be taking care of these little people, who would be?

We are all recipients of Hashem’s chesed, over and over and over again. He asks of us, mah hu rachum af attah hayeh rachum, mah hu gomel chasodim af attah gemol chasodim. Most of us aren’t on the chevra kadisha and don’t volunteer at the local tomchei shabbos. But every time we shop for a meal for others, prepare the meal, serve the meal, clean up after the meal, take out the garbage from that meal, or do one of the myriad of other tasks that make up our life... we are following Hashem’s ways, living the life He wants us to live, and being the person He wants us to be.

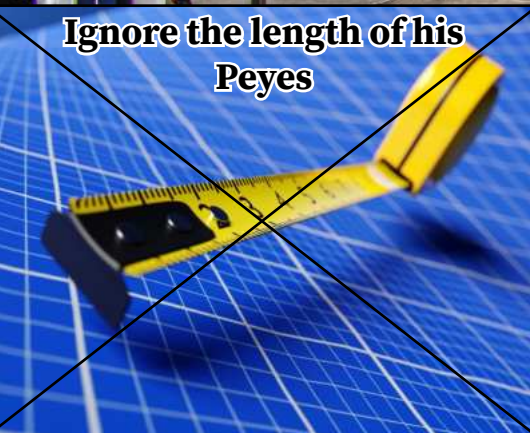


# CRYSTAL CLEAR VISION



## WHEN YOU SEE

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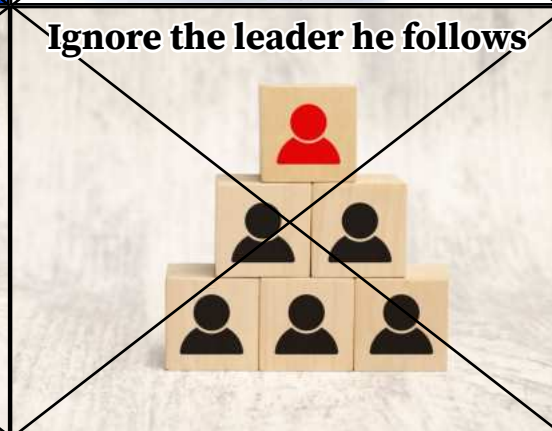
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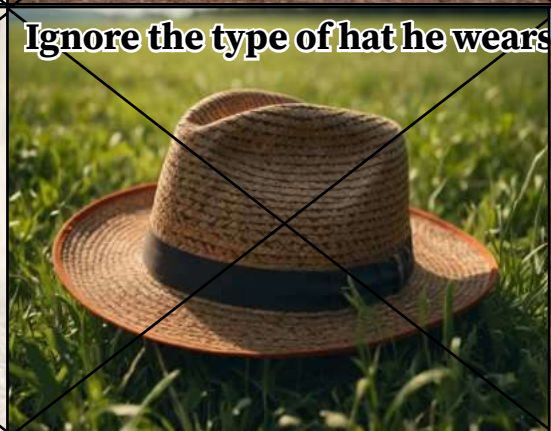
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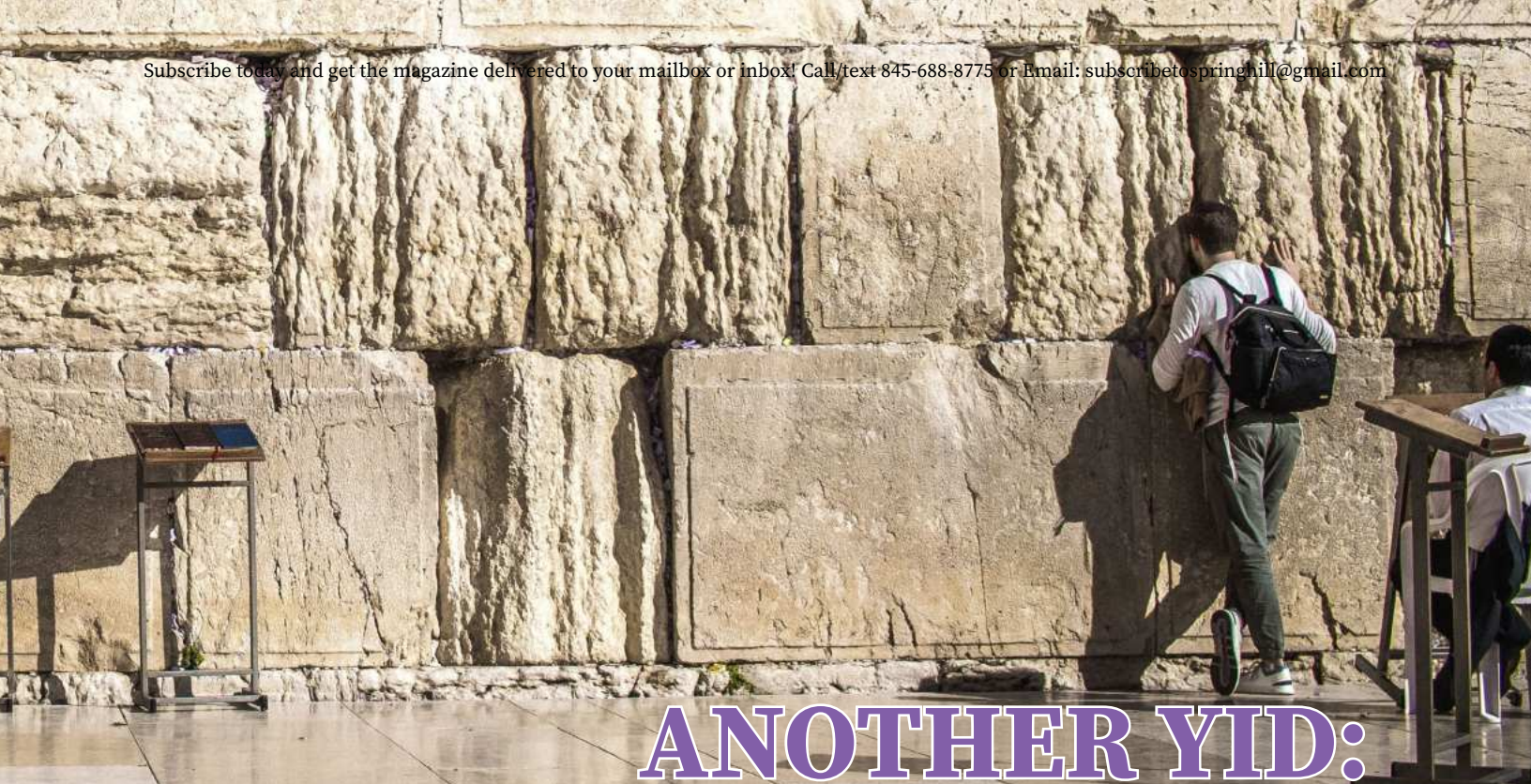
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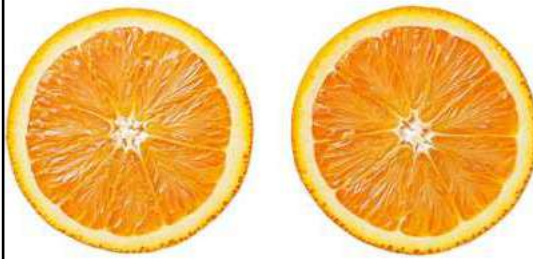


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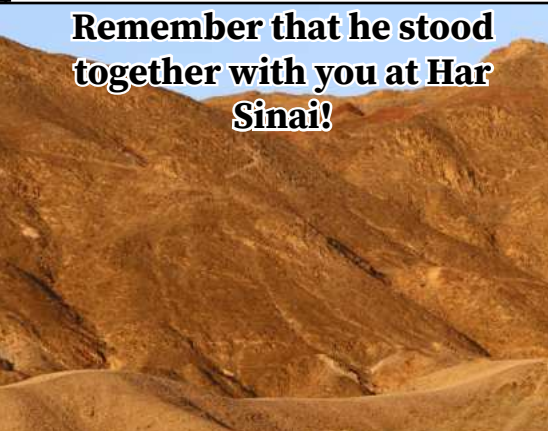
**Remember that he is your  
other half!**



**Remember that Hashem  
created the world just for him!**



**Remember that he stood  
together with you at Har  
Sinai!**



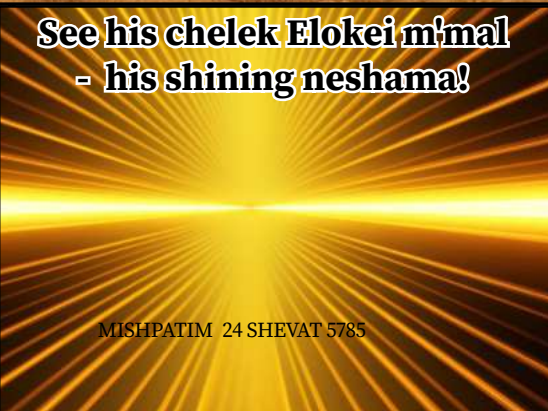
**Remember that Hashem  
loves him to no end!**



**Give him a smile!**



**See his chelek Elokei m'mal  
- his shining neshama!**



**Hold his hand and help him  
through life!**



**Accept him and love him to  
pieces!**





# Hashem Loves You



**I**n April 2016 in Orlando Florida, a high school went on a weekend retreat in the wilderness. Two girls were engrossed in a deep conversation and got lost from the group. The entire school spent hours trying to locate these missing girls, but were not successful. Hatzalah organized search teams to scan the area, and hundreds of dedicated volunteers looked high and low non-stop in an effort to bring the girls back home.

In Boca Raton, Florida, at 3am, a volunteer group of girls set out to help find the missing girls, and loaded into a van. Right before they were about to leave and set out, another large van pulled up in front of them. Out came a handicapped man rolling himself in a wheelchair down the ramp of his wheelchair accessible Access-A-Ride van. He wheeled up to their van and said, "I know that I likely will not be able to join your search team, since your van cannot possibly fit my gigantic wheelchair. Nevertheless, when I heard the news about the missing girls, I chose to use all of my energy and load myself into the Access-A-Ride, and then to wheel up to your van right before you set out, because I wanted to do everything I possibly could to help locate the girls. I exerted myself to the maximum of my human abilities until I cannot physically do anything more, and I now have full Bitachon that Hashem will do His part and bring home the missing girls."

The girls set out and spent hours combing the wilderness, until.....THEY FOUND THE MISSING GIRLS!

We learn from this story how valuable and precious our efforts are to Hashem! As we read in the Spring Hill Times and hear over and over again on the Bitachon hotline, *'Hashem loves our efforts regardless of results outcomes or accomplishments!'*

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# Yeshivishe Stories

## The Chinuch Chaburah

R' Tzvi Moshe Schultz



Once, Rav Yaakov Kamenetzky was sitting in his home, speaking with some talmidim. His Rebbetzin came into the room and offered them some tea that she had prepared. One of the guests didn't like tea, so he politely declined, saying "No, thank you."

After she had left the room, Rav Yaakov turned to him and said: "Imagine if you had prepared a Chaburah to say over, and then the people said 'No, thank you.' You have to realize that for her, this is like her shiur. Maybe if it had been before she had already prepared the tea, it would have been okay to decline. But now that she has already made it, you should have accepted it."

## Think about this

**A. How is tea considered to be like a woman's shiur?**

**B. Why did Rav Yaakov only say that "maybe" it would have been okay if she had not yet prepared the tea?**



Rav Boruch Ber Leibowitz, Rosh Yeshiva of Kamenetz, once came to New York to fundraise for his yeshiva. Rav Isaac Tendler took him around on a fundraising route.

Once, they went to a certain house, and the women served them fish. When the woman stepped into the kitchen for a moment, Rav Tendler said to Rav Boruch Ber: "The fish doesn't smell fresh." [This was in the days before refrigeration.] Rav Boruch Ber then smelled the fish himself, and said "No, it's good." And then he ate it. Later in the day, they went to a reception, and a Rav stood up and introduced Rav Boruch Ber, describing him as "the gaon" and "the tzaddik," descriptions that were certainly true.

Rav Tendler noticed that Rav Boruch Ber quietly slipped outside. He followed him and saw that Rav Boruch Ber was violently retching. After he composed himself, Rav Tendler went over to him and said "I hope the Rosh Yeshiva is feeling better now. I told you the fish was not fresh." "I'm not sick from the fish," Rav Boruch Ber responded. "I'm sick from 'the gaon and the tzaddik!'"

**A. Why did this make Rav Boruch Ber physically ill?**

**B. If it was really true, then why did he feel this way?**

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## Story #1918:

This story was called in by Reb Eliyahu Klein, a very choshuva Rebbe. It was the 1st of July, and he had a mortgage bill due, but his summer job only paid him at the end of the summer.

As he was trying to figure it out, "What's going to be? Where will the money come from at the beginning of the month?" he stopped and said, "Where's the money going to come from?? HaKadosh Boruch Hu, Who has cared for me until now, will forever continue to care for me. I have no worries. I have no fears. I don't even have to think about it. I'll just leave it up to Hashem, and I'm sure the money is going to fly right in."

Just then, he got a phone call from his parents. "Do you remember - over twenty years ago you gave all your money, including your Bar Mitzvah money, to a Gemach?"

"Yes, yes. I totally forgot about it. Wow, thank you for reminding me. Why are you calling me about it now?"

His parents said, "We just found out - the Gemach is no longer in operation, so they're closing out all their accounts, and they're sending back your money."

"Are you serious? How much is it?" asked Reb Eliyahu.

As Hashem arranged it, there was more than enough money to pay for the mortgage!





### Story #1919

This story was told by a Mrs. Liebowitz. She and her husband had to get to NYU Hospital to meet with her doctor. It was 1:30 in the morning, so she called a taxi which came right away, drove them to the hospital, and dropped them off.

But the hospital looked unfamiliar. She thought maybe they weren't at the main entrance, and that's why it didn't look like NYU. She walked around to the main entrance with her husband, and they saw it was Bellevue Hospital. No wonder it didn't look like NYU! It was 1:30 in the morning and they were at the wrong hospital; what were they supposed to do?

Mrs. Liebowitz quickly called back the taxi driver and told him, "You misunderstood. We didn't say Bellevue; we said NYU. Would you be able to come back and bring us to the right hospital?"

"I'm so sorry," he said, "I'm already on the highway. There's nothing I can do for you."

"The taxi driver can't do anything for us," she thought to herself, "but Hashem can certainly take care of us. Hashem is the only One with any power. I know I can rely on Him to send us the very best solution."

Suddenly, she noticed a car stopping right in front of her. She looked up, and there was the doctor she was supposed to meet at NYU! He rolled down his window and said, "Hello Mrs. Liebowitz. What are you doing here? I'm just on my way to meet you at NYU!"

"The taxi dropped us off at the wrong hospital," she answered. "We were trying to get another taxi."

"No need, no need. Get into my car. I'll take you right there," said the doctor. After they had settled in, the doctor said, "I'll tell you the truth, I've never parked here before, and I never go this way, and I don't even know why I'm here. But now I see exactly why I had to be here!"

In no time, they got NYU Hospital with their own doctor, with the best service, better than ever!



# Zichru Toras Moshe

Rabbi Moshe Hirschberg

## POLICE CHASE



A Rav from a neighboring town had a *chavrusa-shaft* with **Reb Meir Simcha of Dvinsk**, otherwise known as the Ohr Someach every Friday night. Several times, the visiting Rav noticed the Rav of Dvinsk short of breath, and that even while they were learning, he was trying still to gasp for air. He attributed this to Reb Meir Simcha's build, as Reb Meir Simcha was tall and broad.

One Friday night, this Rav showed up early and was shocked by the scene that unfolded before his eyes. He saw Reb Meir Simcha's daughter chasing him around the dining room table. The visitor was beside himself to see the Gaon himself in such circumstances. He burst into tears, unable to

control himself seeing his *rebbe* suffer so from his *one and only* daughter.

When this daughter had been of marriageable age, Reb Meir Simcha had sought the finest shidduch for her. Sometime after the *chasuna*, though, while living in Warsaw, she had lost her mind, and while the couple had initially remained together, eventually her ailment had required them to divorce. She had returned to her hometown of Dvinsk, and now that she was back with Reb Meir Simcha, she was disturbing him and destroying the house. This is what bothered the guest.

After a few minutes of "cops and robbers," Rav Meir Simcha's daughter lost vigor and called it a game. She sat down to rest, and Reb Meir Simcha went on to greet his *chavrusa* and begin their learning *seder*.

Reb Meir Simcha noticed that this episode was very bothersome to the viewer, so he remarked: "*Vus meint ihr as dus is* – what do you think this is? *In Himil zie vilin zhen vee Meir simcha lernt Torah in a zelicheh um-shtendigen* – in Shamayim, they want to see how Meir Simcha will learn Torah under such circumstances. Hashem purposely placed me in this situation to see how I'll react under these limitations. He knows about it, and he wants to see if I'll derail because of it. There is nothing to pity." (Reb Yisrael Tzvi Brody related this from someone who

heard it from an eyewitness. This story is also referred to in some speeches from Reb Steinnmann; see *K'ayol Ta'arog*, '76, p. 52)



## PAYBACK TIME

**Reb Moshe Pardo** would travel around the world and meet with the wealthiest philanthropists to raise the money necessary to support the colossal budget of his high school, Ohr Someach. One such meeting was set up in a deserted city in America, which was void from any Torah-observant Yidden, yet he set out to reach one particular philanthropist who lived there.

As Reb Moshe was preparing himself for the meeting, he began to feel very weak and sick, but he refused to pass up on the opportunity. This meeting had been arranged months in advance, and so he decided to push himself and get the job done.

A few minutes before the meeting, Reb Moshe's attendee caught on to his condition, and told him that he needed to lie down, even at the expense of the meeting. The attendee had seen Reb Moshe looking fine a while before then, and if his condition had changed so drastically and so quickly, then Reb Moshe needed to get checked out. Reluctantly, Reb Moshe called off the meeting.

While lying in bed, he thought

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to himself, "Why did Hashem bring me to this place? I traveled all the way to this desolate city only to warm the mattress?" But being the *baal bitachon* who he was, Reb Moshe quickly caught himself. "Who is all this coming from? It's not coincidental. There must be a good reason for why Hashem planned my sudden illness, even if I don't understand it."

That night, a doctor was called to examine Reb Moshe and diagnose the sickness. Before listening in to his chest, the doctor kindly asked Reb Moshe to remove his *kapateh* for the most accurate results. Holding dearly to Reb Moshe's tzitzis, the doctor asked in a surprising tone, "There are still people who wear this? I haven't seen one of these in decades. I thought it was long forgotten."

"What are you talking about?" replied Reb Moshe in his Hebrew accent. "Come to Israel and you'll see for yourself hundreds of thousands wearing tzitzis. And even here in America alone, you'll find hundreds of thousands."

"I run a high school that holds over 1,000 students," continued Reb Moshe, "whose dream is only to marry men who wear tzitzis. Not only that, but many of my students come from backgrounds where they weren't accustomed to fathers who wear them, and yet after learning by us, their greatest aspiration is to marry someone of that sort."

While the doctor continued the exam, Reb Moshe told him that if he would one day come to Eretz Yisrael, he should visit his school, and he would gladly give him a tour around the property.

The inspired doctor concluded the exam, told him the diagnosis and wrote out a prescription. Before leaving, Reb Moshe reached deep into the pockets of his *kapateh* to pay, but the doctor refused. Determined to pay, Reb Moshe took out money and placed it on the desk along with a pair of tefillin he was carrying in his bag. (Reb Moshe carried along with him an extra pair of tefillin on his journeys just in case he came across a person like the one he just did — a well-meaning Jew who doesn't know much and is ready to strap them on once he's informed about it).

He pulled out the tefillin from their bag, showed the doctor the straps, and assisted him in placing them on his hand and head.

Although the meeting he'd come all that way for couldn't be rescheduled while he was there, Reb Moshe departed with a measure of comfort: At least a Yid is better off having met me, and will start wearing tefillin because of the visit.

## The Surprise in Bnei Brak

Several months later, on a bright summer day, Reb Moshe's office phone rang. "I'd like to check out your institute," the voice told him. "I'll be there in thirty minutes."

Reb Moshe had no idea who the person on the other end was, but if he insisted, Reb Moshe wasn't going to deny. Half an hour later, an extravagant taxi pulls up, a chauffeur jumps out, opens the back door, and who steps out? The doctor who had treated Reb Moshe in that isolated city in America. Reb Moshe greeted him warmly, thanked him again for helping him when he needed him, and they proceeded to tour the school. As they were walking around, Reb Moshe saw in the doctor the very same emotions that he'd seen when they first met: the same passion that he had toward Yidden and the thirst for Yiddishkeit that he was sorely missing.

After finishing the tour, the doctor told Reb Moshe that he wanted to meet with him privately. In Reb Moshe's office, the doctor disclosed the reason for his visit: "When I originally heard about your institute, I thought that you had a mere 100 students. Out of all the 1,000 that you told me about, I was assuming that I'd come and find no more than a grand 100. But now I see what type of empire you built."

After a few seconds, the doctor then continued with much emotion. "All my life, I've been childless, *R"l*, leaving behind no close inheritors. I'll be writing all my possessions to your



school, my savings of an entire lifetime; I haven't been much of a spender. Over the next couple of days, I'll reach out to my lawyer to issue a will, and you'll be the beneficiary."

Reb Moshe turned to the doctor and asked, "Do you know the potency of your transaction? This is the greatest you've yet to do, as the Mishnah teaches us: 'Money doesn't escort a person to the World To Come.' What you've done now is take the 'worthless' and transform it to 'eternity.' As of now, you're leaving over something of much superior value than you ever had. What a deal!"

Several days later, Reb Moshe concluded the story: "During the illness, I thought to myself that I was sent there just to have another Yid put on tefillin. Now I see that it brought in the biggest endowment the school has ever seen. This donation was more than tenfold any expectations I had from the canceled meeting."

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Hashem had transformed the unsuccessful trip into the greatest one ever.

We don't understand the ways of Hashem, but we can take away an important lesson: What may seem like the greatest failure may very well turn into being the greatest success in our life. Every detail is precisely planned by the Master Planner.

Leave it to Him.



### THE HARDER THE BETTER

After the *petirah* of the **Chozeh of Lublin**, a wealthy individual came to the Chozeh's widow and asked to sell him the Rav's yarmulka. The Rebbetzin agreed to sell it for 2,000 gold coins, and he agreed. While he returned home to bring the money, the Chozeh's Rebbetzin went ahead and washed out the yarmulka. She figured that since the buyer was spending such a large sum of money on the yarmulka, it should at least be nice and sparkling.

When the wealthy man returned with the money, she gave him the glittering yarmulka.

"This isn't the yarmulka we discussed," he protested.

She replied, "It is the same yarmulka. I just washed it."

The wealthy man said, "I wanted the sweat soaked in the yarmulka. That's why I agreed to pay so



much money."

He didn't want to pay so much money just for the yarmulka, without the signs of the toil and effort that was in it.

Similarly, let us recognize that it isn't our beautiful deeds that Hashem enjoys most. It is the toil, the sweat that we invest in the mitzvos. It is the battles we wage against the *yetzer hara* that give the most pleasure to Hashem. Of course, when *avodas Hashem* is easy, we shouldn't slack it off. Don't think that these times aren't precious just because they come easily. But when they come challenging, that is when they are *exceptionally* special to Hashem.

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# PASSING BY SOMEONE? SHOW HIM A SMILE! GREET HIM NICELY!

## TRAVELING THE PATH OF OUR GEDOLIM

Leiluy Nishmas:  
Chana bas Rav Mayer  
Tzvi A"H

R' Nochum had a close relationship with Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel zatzal. When he was celebrating his 70th birthday, he went to see the Rosh Yeshiva. He shared with him a special goal he had for the coming years, "I hope that with Hashem's help I will be able to finish seder moed by my 75th birthday! "

R' Nosson Tzvi replied: I'm not impressed! You have to do better than that! So R' Nochum revised his plan. He came back to the Rosh Yeshiva with an updated version: he had printed out a day by day schedule, with the goal of covering 5 mesechtos in depth.

To R' Nochum's surprise, the Rosh Yeshiva was still not satisfied!

"Where is Kol Hatorah Kula- the whole Torah?" he protested. Where's Shas and Poskim? Go back and figure out a plan!! A plan to finish the whole Torah-with chazarah!

With those strong words ringing in his ears, R' Nochum got back to work on his plan. This time, together with his chavrusa, he came up with a detailed plan. It was so long- it was 2,223 pages!

Carrying the thick bundle with him, he went back to Rav Nosson Tzvi, and proudly presented him with the plan. Finally, he got his approval. "Now, that's a plan!!" the Rosh Yeshiva enthused. In disbelief, R' Nochum said, "Its a great plan, but I am 70-years-old. This program is designed to take 23 years to finish. Realistically, the Rosh Yeshiva doesn't expect me to do this- I only made the plan to humor him!

With a look of tremendous love, Rav Nosson Tzvi slowly rose from his chair. (The Rosh Yeshiva was afflicted with Parkinson Disease, and every move he made was a challenge). "Nochum, look at me!" His voice rose with intensity. "Do you believe that I can do what I'm doing? I'm half crippled!!!" He went on to pull out a Master Plan for the Mir- plans to build and expand enormously. "Look at this plan! Do you know who is going to do it? Me! Me! And look at me!!"

Then he explained: we are not fooling ourselves. We both realize we can't do what we want to do. But the main thing is THAT WE WANT TO- the rest is up to Hashem. All we need to do is make a plan!

Taken from- The story of Rav Nosson Tzvi.



# WHERE IN THE PARSHA DO WE FIND A CONNECTION WITH THESE PICTURES?

*Parsha Fun*



## Parshas Mishpatim Riddle 125:

*If a person digs a 9 Tefach pit - a "Bor," and subsequently a stranger adds an additional Tefach to its floor; if in it were to then fall an ox - a "Shor," thereby breaking some bones near its tail. Who will receive a bill in the mail?*

*To hear the answer to the question, press x14 # 125 on the Chaishek HaTorah Line 845-720-4040*



פרשת משפטים

1. What's the difference between 'ואלה' and 'אלה'?

2. What does 'בגפו' mean?

3. Why do we pierce specifically the ear of the slave?

4. What does 'שאר' mean?

5. Does a 'קטן' get killed if he killed a person?

6. If a person killed somebody else by mistake, in the מדבר, where did he get sent to?

7. Does a doctor that killed his patient while caring for his patient, get killed?

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## Answers for the Parsha Pictures

Poor man: The court shouldn't give special treatment to a poor man.  
Cake: Don't slaughter the Korban Pesach with Chometz in your possession.



Hashem's Stunning world!



Thank You, Hashem ,for  
Construction workers! They  
can construct all different  
things so efficiently!



Thank You, Hashem, for  
Gemara! It makes our learn-  
ing so interactive and Gesh-  
mak!



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## Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant Yerushalayim  
Ir Hakodesh

לזכות משה יהודה בן שושנה

Thank You, Hashem, for  
Communication! We can express  
things to one another and under-  
stand each other!



Thank You, Hashem, for  
Alarms! We can be notified  
when something is amiss and  
act upon it!



Thank You, Hashem, for  
Security! We can have people  
checking to make sure every-  
thing is safe!



&



You needed to take precious fire-  
wood and light a fire, which was a  
process. You then needed to blow  
on the fire with billows...



WANT A DRINK OF TEA?

Just push the button on your  
electric urn and out comes  
hot water! Thank You, Hash-  
em! We love You, Hashem!





## THE SPRING HILL TIMES URGENT CARE

*Dr. Chaim Altzisgut M.D.*



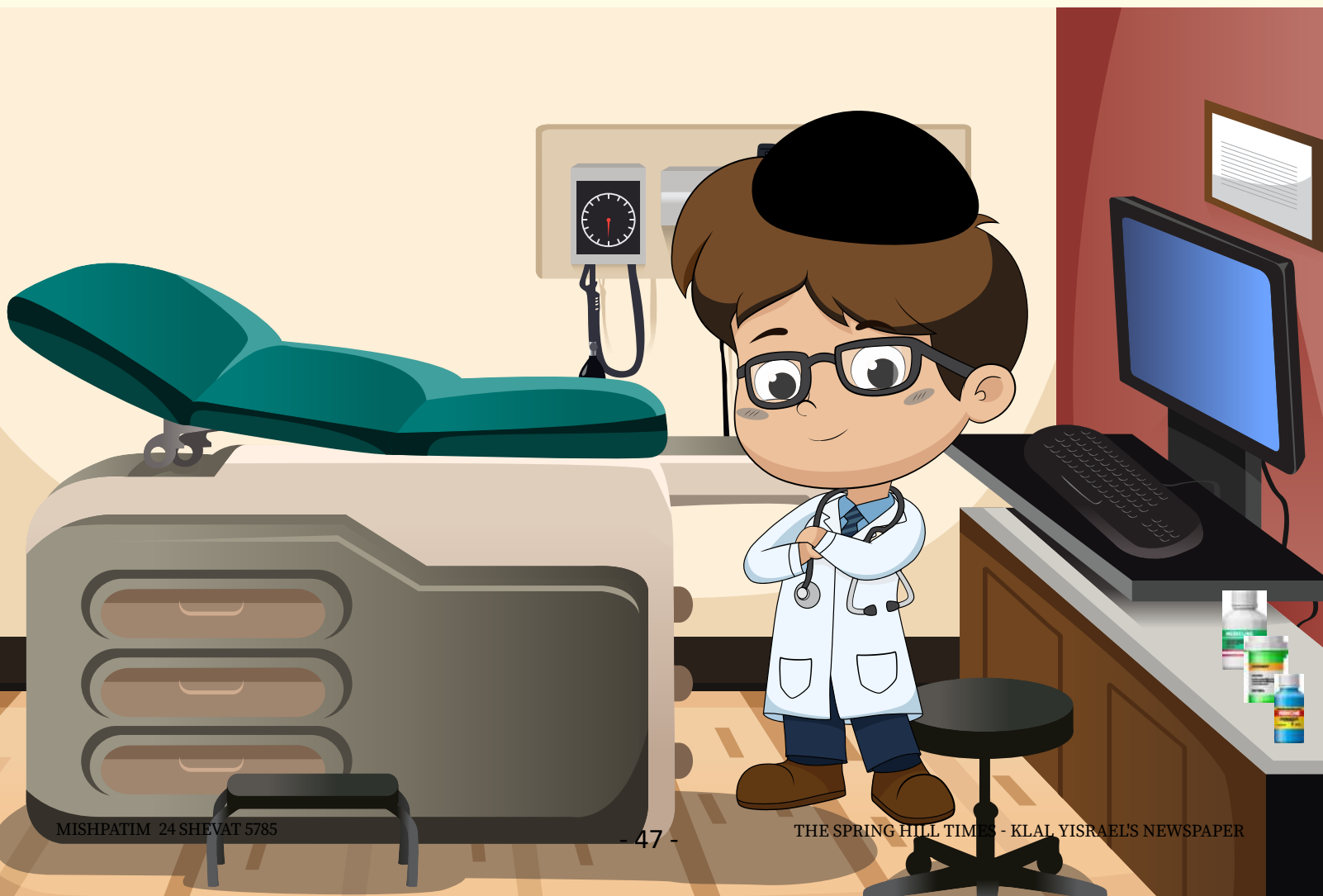
### Patient

**Chodesh Adar is coming and I don't feel happy. How do I get myself in the mood of Adar and Purim?**

You come from a world of complete bliss, where you were happy and full of joy! You were basking in Hashem's presence. You felt infinite love and acceptance.

In this world, you naturally don't have all of that. The only joy and happiness you will ever have is when you feel closeness to Hashem. Look out for His love and kindness. Realize that even though your body blocks you from seeing Him, He is really holding you in His Hands and taking care of you 24/7 365.

The more you see and feel Hashem's love, the happier you will be.



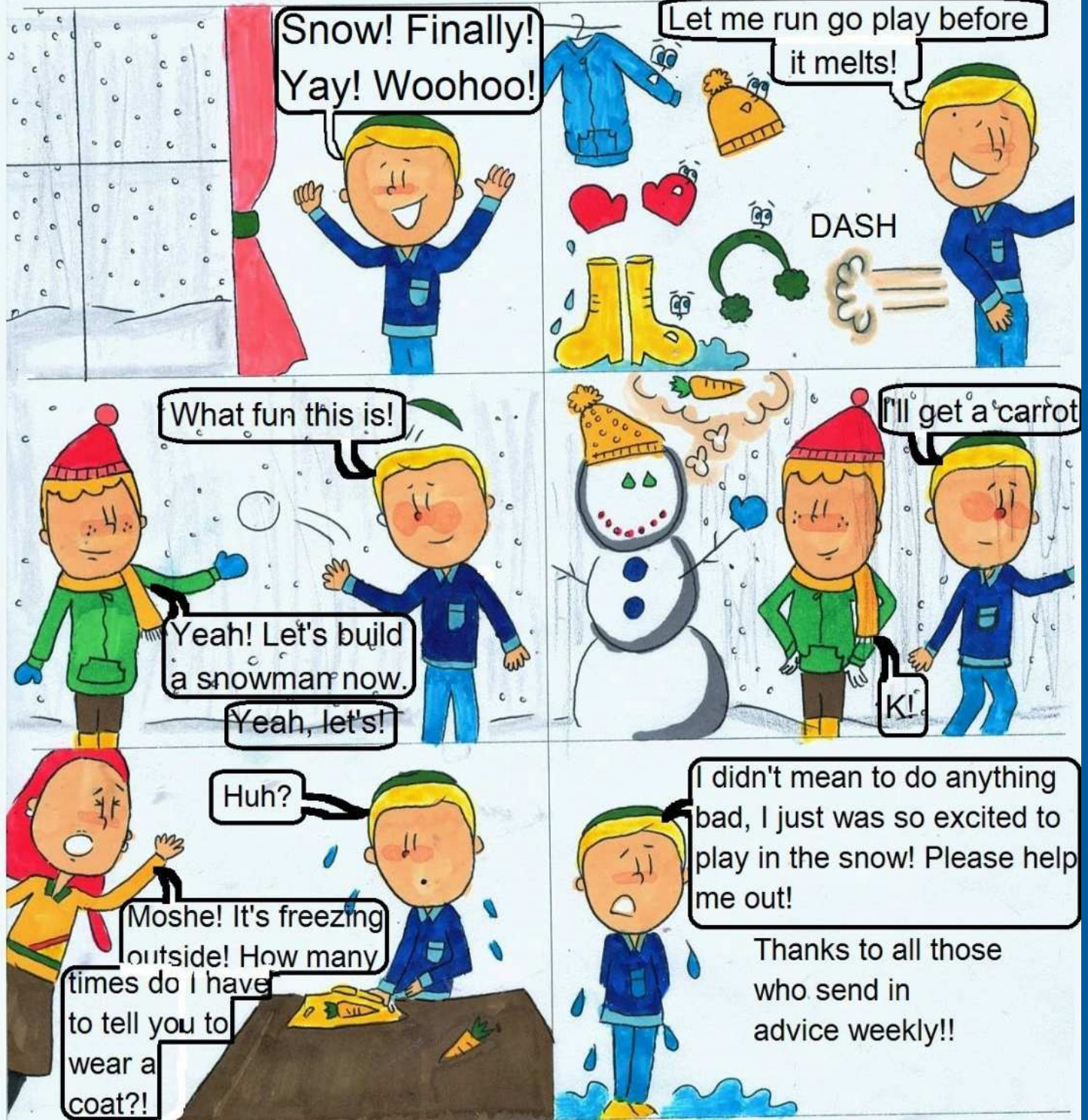


by ahuva rothenberg

# MIDDOS MISHAPS

## THE ADVICE BOX

Advice from Parshas Vaara:  
She isn't being nice to her friend. She isn't letting her go to sleep. She shouldn't keep talking. It's Gezel Shaina  
-Thank you Chana Shera Lakewood NJ



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Ahava R. ♥



AS HEARD FROM  
MRS. MALINOWITZ'S  
SON

# Hashem Loves us



MRS. MALINOWITZ

HER SON

YOUR FLIGHT  
WILL ARRIVE  
TOMORROW  
MORNING AT 5  
A.M. I'LL PICK  
YOU UP.

4:00AM

WHERE ARE THE  
CAR KEYS?

SHE SEARCHED THE CABINETS AND DRAWERS....

THIS IS THE KEY FOR MY OLD  
HONDA THAT I DON'T OWN  
ANYMORE. IT ISN'T GOING TO  
HELP ME.

WAIT ONE SECOND. THE SAME  
HASHEM WHO MADE VINEGAR  
BURN LIKE OIL FOR THE  
DAUGHTER OF R' CHANINA BEN  
DOSA COULD ALSO MAKE THIS  
KEY WORK FOR MY TOYOTA  
AVALON.

THANK YOU,  
HASHEM!

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# FIIGHT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

## MIX OF TOPIX

This week's topic:  
**kedusha**

Story heard from R' Fisher Schächter  
on Stories to Inspire

Avraham Markowitz was drafted into the Russian army. In WWI during The Battle of Lemberg...



Soldiers, Germany made a deal with us, Russia, that both sides will break fighting from 10:00 PM until 8:00 AM. We'll disperse ourselves to those houses across the path to spend the night.  
In the morning at exactly 8:00 AM every single soldier must be right here lined up and ready for roll call! Is that clear?!  
NOW GO!

I can't go into that house! Who knows what disgusting things that are inappropriate for a Yid to see they'll do in there. I may not even be able to fight the Yetzer Harah of joining them in those things!  
I have no choice; I'll have to sleep outside in the cold!



One night at 4:00 in the morning



What's that noise?



OY REBONO SHEL OLAM! They're positioning themselves and getting ready for a surprise attack!  
I have a plan.



Here I go. It's so weird going into an enemy tank, I hope no one noticed.  
Shir lammaalos...



Soldier, you'll shoot from behind the bushes, MOVE OVER.



# C MIX OF TOPIX

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## FIGHT FOR WHAT'S RIGHT



As an award Avraham got a medal from Stalin granting him permission to go wherever he wants whenever he wants!



## Let Us Imagine...



*Let us imagine for just a moment that the world as we know it was turned on its head, and we suddenly lost our power of speech...*

Life would turn upside down. People would be forced to use random hand motions to communicate, causing much frustration due to everyone's lack of understanding.

Children would go to school and instead of an engaging lesson, the teacher would merely write his lesson on the board. This would be both extremely boring and time-consuming. Students would be unable to ask their questions, leading to difficulties in understanding the material. This would have especially negative consequences for halacha and hashkafa topics, where clarity is crucial.

Learning a complicated Gemara would be virtually impossible without the give and take that ensures that everyone's questions are addressed.

Of course, learning b'chavrusah would be so complicated that it wouldn't be worth it. Walking into BMG, people would be greeted by a deafening silence instead of the roar of Kol Torah usually heard there.

Since writing or miming their thoughts would be too annoying for most, people would simply stop socializing. Everyone would live in their own lonely world. This would lead to feelings of loneliness, depression, and other emotional issues. Additionally, since there would be no social pressure, people might do questionable things, leading to a spiritual decline.

People would feel incredible emotional pain from having to stifle their need to express themselves. The inability to bond with family and friends through speech would lead to a breakdown in family ties and emotional health.

People who worked as public speakers, teachers, salesmen, and any profession that requires a lot of talking would have an especially difficult time.

Long-distance communication would be solely through email and text instead of talking on the phone. The desire to communicate would drive many people to increase their technology use, which could have terribly negative spiritual consequences.

Most therapy requires a conversation between the therapist and the client. Imagine a client having to waste most of a session writing out his feelings and the therapist spending the rest of the time answering! Not to mention how much can be learned about a person by his body language, which is lost without verbal communication.

Shabbos Seudos would be silent, somber affairs, with the head of the household holding up a printed Dvar Torah or simply passing around a Chumash. If he is dramatically inclined, he might try to act out the Parsha. Even something as simple as asking someone to pass the salt could become super annoying without the ability to speak...

The only sounds heard at Simchos would be those of the band. Instead of wishing the Chosson and Kallah mazal tov, people would simply smile at them and receive a thumbs up in return. The wedding seudah would be anything but simchadik, with everyone just involved in their food instead of shmoozing.

Mothers would come to the doctor with their sick babies and try to explain the symptoms without speaking. The doctor would waste tons of time trying to understand, and in the end, he would possibly not understand anyway...

Babies and children who can't read and write would be absolutely miserable. They might point to their mouth for food, and their mother would give them a drink instead... If someone hurt or scared them, they would have no way of communicating the details...

Parents would be so worried about their kids and their kids would be so sad not to be able to talk to their parents...

People would call Hatzalah in times of emergency but wouldn't be able to give over the address... Even if they texted the address, it takes time and focus to write out the whole situation, which is not always possible during a crisis. An older person living by himself would be totally helpless to contact Hatzalah and give over the pertinent information...

*Who gave human beings the incredible ability to speak, an ability not found in any other form of life? Who ensured that since the beginning of time, people have been able to use speech to communicate and connect with others? It's You, Hakadosh Baruch Hu, Who loves and cares for us so infinitely much, 24/7, 365!! We love You, Hashem!*



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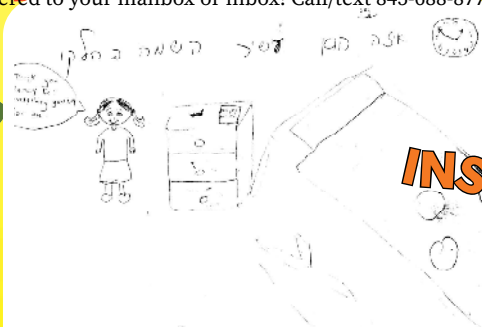


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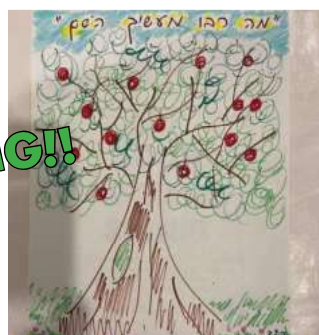
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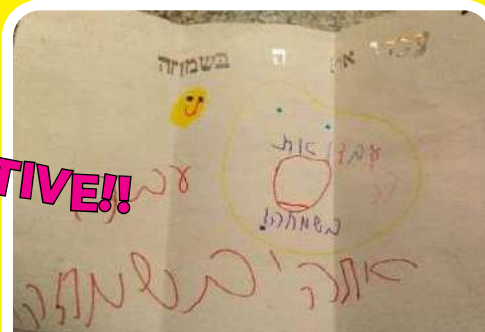
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# REMEMBERING THE MIRACLES, THE CHESSED AND THE TESHUVA

From Last Year - 5784



## Shabbos Protection

Narrator: I heard this story from Daniel himself.

Daniel: We were at a party, twelve friends together. One and a half hours prior to Shabbat I had a really bad feeling.

After Yom Kippur I had accepted upon myself to keep every Shabbos until the end of Simchat Torah. And this was supposed to be my “last” Shabbat keeping it, it’s what I promised Hashem. I said to myself, I MUST keep my word like a real man.

So I told my friends that I was going to leave and I begged them to come with me – at my expense. I’m talking about a group that not one is Shomer Shabbat.

Seven of my friends agreed to come with me and taste a bit of what it means to keep Shabbat.

I quickly did a search on “booking” and found an apartment in Asheklon. The owner offered to take care of getting us catered food as well, so I booked. We left and got to this apartment just 30 minutes before sundown.

That night, of Shabbos, Simchas Torah, I had a dream. A childhood friend of mine named Yitzchak ben Yosef from Yerushalayim, who drowned in the Kinneret in 2017, came to me in my dream and said to me: Daniel! Just know that what you did caused such an uproar in Heaven that ONLY because of your adherence to Shabbat, you

were saved!

In the morning, we were awakened by sirens, but I did not yet know the full extent of the meaning of my dream. Later, when we heard about the massacre, I understood beyond a shadow of a doubt how I am ALIVE and not dead!

To my great sorrow, of my 5 friends that stayed behind (at the party), I went to three of their funerals...and 2 were taken as hostages to Gaza...

And today, of course, I and my friends, who saw before our eyes the power of keeping Shabbat are continuing to keep it... because more than what we do, Shabbat protects us.”



# THIS WEEK

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

## MISHPATIM 5782 ISSUE 37

### YIDDEN SHOW KINDNESS TO A TOTAL STRANGER



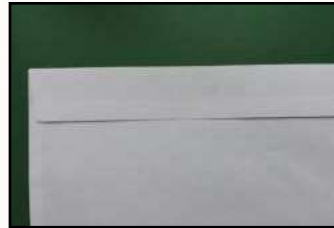
Last Erev Shabbos, a message was sent out in Chicago, IL, that a minyan was needed for a le-vaya of a meis mitzvah.

Within minutes, kind-hearted Yidden volunteered to accompany this lonely person. It made no difference to them that it was 3 pm - just an hour and half before Shabbos. They were not even deterred that the burial place was half an hour away and that it was bitter cold outside! They jumped to help a fellow Yid, someone they didn't even know.

מי כעמך ישראל!

### REBBI TURNS TO HASHEM

It was Tu B'Shvat and a Rebbi in Boro Park desperately needed a few hundred dollars. He decided that borrowing would not be proper hishtadlus for him to do, so he turned to Hash-



em with full Bitachon that He would help him.

That day, at the end of class, one of his students handed him an envelope which said

on it "Tu B'shvat gelt".

Inside was the exact amount he needed. Never before did he receive a gift on Tu B'shvat! (Heard on Kav Hashgacha Pratis)



### EVERYTHING IS GOOD!

A four year old got a box drink from his bubby for cleaning up. When he turned around for a minute, his two year old sister drank it up.

Without missing a beat he said, "Everything Hashem does is good!!!"

## MISHPATIM 5783 ISSUE 87

### Hashem's Perfect World



Moredechai, a non-religious teenager from the Russian city Samara, decided to come closer to Hashem.

He went to Eretz Yisroel and settled in Hertzelia.

He went every week to a shiur in Gemara.

They were learning meseches Makos.

Then, one day, his parents called him up from Samara and asked that he come back to visit for a couple of weeks.

He went back.

There's a small frum community in Samara and

they were very happy that he came because he helped them with the minyan.

He asked them if they have a shiur, and they said, 'yes'!

He thought to himself, "Even if I go to the shiur, I'm probably not going to understand what's going on because I'm new to yiddishkeit."

But he decided to go.

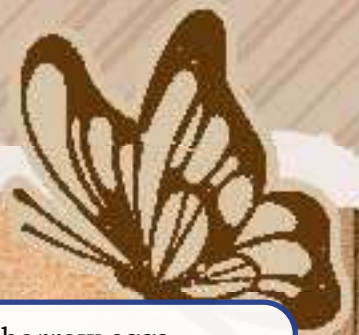
To his surprise, when he got to the shiur he saw that they were learning the same mesechte - meseches Makos, as the shiur that he was in in Eretz Yisroel!!!

Not only that, they were holding on the same page, a line after where he left off!!!

It wasn't daf Hayomi- where everyone learns the same thing, it was a random Mesechta!!!



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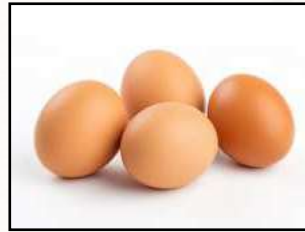


He was so amazed! It gave him so much chizuk! He told everyone about it and it gave everyone a lot of chizuk!

## HASHEM SENDS FAMILY FOUR EGGS

A Yid in Eretz Yisroel said that his wife was in the middle of making food for Shabbos and realized she was short of four eggs.

She was just about to call her neighbor to ask if she



could borrow eggs.

When suddenly there was a knock on the door and a different neighbor was standing there holding four eggs!!!!!!

She said that a few weeks before she borrowed four eggs and was now coming to return them!!  
[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]



## KLAL YISROEL IS COMING BACK HOME TO HASHEM

There's a yid in Eretz Yisroel who hadn't worn tefillin for 53 years. He now started putting on tefillin every single day! He davens birchas hashacher and washes negel vasser. We can only imagine the great happiness in shamayim.

*"V'ameich Kulom - Tzaddikim"*

## MAN TURNS TO HASHEM



R' Avrohom's family was growing, and he needed to buy a new high-riser, but he did not have money to buy the high riser. So he turned to Hashem, and he said "Hashem, I'm leaving it up to you. I'm giving you

the bill."

Fifteen minutes later, his mother called him up and said, "Someone just called me that they're giving away a free high-riser. They wanted to know if I know anyone who needs one. So I said, 'My son.'" With that, R' Avrohom received a free high-riser, delivered to his door!

## OPEN HISGALUS HASHECHINA

## MISHPATIM 5784 ISSUE 135



Reb Simcha, a yungerman from Monsey, New York was preparing shiur. He was learning the "Toras Kohanim" that darshans the word shlamim, "bizman shehu shalom v'lo

bizman shehu onein".

He knew that there's a gemara somewhere that brings the same drash but he had no idea where. He was about to start looking when he heard someone else in the beis medrash all of a sudden say that Gemara. The person was not learning out loud, just those words he said out loud.

Reb Simcha quickly went and looked where the gemara was, and it was in Zevachim 99b.

*"Gal einai v'abita neflaois mitorasecha".*

## HASHEM HEARS OUR TEFILOS



Harav Eli Yelen, a rav in Detroit reported that there were two people who had daughters in shidduchim. They were not getting any suggestions. They started davening for each other -

and both of their daughters became kallos on the same night!

*"Baruch Shomeia Tefilla"*



# SHARING



My son was home on Sunday for an off-Shabbos, and when he came home from davening for breakfast, he heard me answering the phone to confirm a different child's dentist appointment for the next day. He reminded me that he was very overdue for an appointment. That was the first part of the hashgacha pratis, because my son is only in the house during dentist office hours for about fifteen minutes once a month, and I would never call the dentist office myself at that time of day, so the chances of me being on the phone with the dentist's office while he's in the same room are so miniscule I can't even calculate it. Secondly, he was on a different insurance, due to braces, than most of the other kids in the family, and I had previously asked this dentist office on a few different occasions if they took that insurance, and they said they didn't. For some reason, I asked them again if they took his insurance, and they said they did! Thirdly, I asked the office if they had a cancellation by any chance, and they did, even though on Sunday they are normally fully booked and it's very difficult to get a regular appointment, let alone a cancellation! The fourth hashgacha pratis was that he had already gone back to shul to learn, and at first I wasn't sure how I would let him know at the time of his appointment that I needed him to come outside, but just then I looked out my front window and saw a different boy from the block walking to shul to learn, so I quickly went outside and asked him to let my son know when I would be coming to pick him up for his appointment. The fifth part of the hashgacha pratis is that relatives who we rarely see were driving from quite a distance to spend a few hours with us, and they were supposed to arrive right around the time of my son's appointment, so I wasn't sure what to do. Then my relatives told me that there was traffic and they wouldn't be arriving until twenty minutes later, which gave me just enough time to drop my son off at his appointment and get back to the house before they arrived! I really felt like Hashem was arranging every detail to work out as smoothly as possible, and it helped make more tangible for me the idea that actually, Hashem is always running every detail of our lives to work out so smoothly, we just don't always realize it!

-A Reader, Monsey, New York

I was unusually late to davening due to icy conditions, and I had to jump into Shachris from pesukei dzimra without saying birchas hashachar first. I planned to say them after Aleinu. But since it's not my normal thing to do, and with carpools obligations waiting on me to bring boys to yeshiva, (due to no busing because of the icy conditions), I forgot to say birchas hashachar.

As I was dropping off the boys at yeshiva, I got a call from my 14-year-old daughter (who was still at home due to icy conditions) asking me to say amen to her brachos. With that, Hashem sent me a living reminder to say brachos. And how proud I am of my heilige daughter who always tries to find someone to say amen! Thank You, Hashem! -A Reader, Lakewood, New Jersey





# HASHEM'S KINDNESS



**Snow in Tzfat!:** Every year I ask Hashem to see snow. I have been here for 18 years and only in one year I didn't see snow. This one is special because after thinking I wasn't going to see snow this year, a cold wave came. The chances of seeing snow were still a long shot according to the weather reports. I went to the midrachov, the city center, which is a higher altitude and I was actually there to do a mitzvah. It was really cold and the rain came down. I felt it was cold enough to snow but it was raining. I said, "Hashem, I left everything for You. I want to see snow." A few moments later, the snow starting coming down. Because Tzfat is on a hill and I live on the lower end, if I were home, I would not have seen it. And even if it snowed there, it would have been for a shorter while and I would have missed it. Instead I was out and about, on a higher altitude in Tzfat and I saw snow. It lasted about 10 minutes and it went back to rain.

I believe the snow was for me like Rabbi Yehuda Mandel shlit"a says that we can all be בעלי מופת, every Jew,. We don't even have to be tzaddikim! We just have to believe that with turning to Hashem we have the power to change anything, even nature. And if we believe it, Hashem will make it happen.

-A Ger Tzedek, Tzefat



## Waiting for Hashem's Yeshuah

We literally do not have a penny to our name. In addition. my husband needs a big yeshuah. This morning, I decided to thank Hashem for everything. I said, "I am trusting You to save my husband and to send us a big amount of money, today. I am relying only on You." I then found out that we are getting fifteen thousand dollars from tax returns! I'm still waiting for my husbands yeshuah but I know it will come as well.

-A Life with Bitachon listener



# SHARING



## Everything is for the Best

My baby was crying this afternoon. He had a bottle at the babysitter yet he was still hungry and didn't want to be put down. I went to the basement chest freezer to get frozen milk and they were defrosted. Someone had turned off the freeze! B"H I found it in time to save the cases of chicken

All the best,

-A reader, Lakewood, New Jersey

## Put Hashem in the Picture

Mrs. Lichter,\* a teacher, hadn't been paid for a long time. She asked a few times to get paid, but each time was told, "Sorry, we don't have the money now."

It got to a point where she couldn't pay her bills, and she started getting upset. She dialed her principal's number, but no one picked up. She was getting angrier and angrier. Then she said, "One second, where's Hashem in the picture?" She was said, 'Hashem, You're the only One Who can get me my paycheck. You are the Hakol Yachol.'

Calm and relaxed, she called again the principal. The principal picked up and said, "Sure, I'll give you a check right away, you can come pick it up," and 1-2-3 she got her paycheck, just by realizing it's all Hashem!





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