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FROM THE EDITOR



A Spring Hill Times Journey Part 2

Recap: *The person sitting next me on the flight to Eretz Yisrael told me how when he was a child his grandmother took out his family for ice cream. His mother insisted that they go to a different store that had a hechsher.*

They were on the way back home when they suddenly heard sirens. Emergency vehicles were rushing by. They got home and their grandfather was all worried about them. There was a terrible suicide bombing in the ice cream store that they first went to!

Hashem saved their lives by their keeping His laws of kashrus!

He then told me another amazing hashgacha pratis story.

His wife has a life-threatening allergy to nuts.

One Shabbos, he and his wife ate out by a family in Beit Shemesh. Unbeknownst to her, one of the dips contained a trace of nuts.

Usually, reactions come right away but this time it only came about two hours after eating the dip. This is something uncommon for her. At that point they were on the way back to their home in a different section of Beit Shemesh. Most of the way was uninhabited fields. Just as they reached an area of houses, his wife went into anaphylaxis shock. It became harder and harder to breathe. They knocked on a door to get help. The lady who answered the door said that her neighbor is a top allergist.

The doctor gave his wife three Epipens until she stabilized. The doctor said that almost nobody in his field would have known to give it three times in her situation.

The doctor had an issue that he was supposed to have surgery for on Erev Shabbos. He was scheduled to be in the hospital. Miraculously, the issue resolved on its own and he was sent home! Had the doctor not been home to save his wife, who knows if she would have made it. Had she had the reaction earlier, while they were walking through the fields, who knows what would have happened! Who, years earlier, made the doctor move to this house, right where she would have her reaction years later???

A Neis from all angles!

Story #3 from this person:

He was in New York and decided to visit a certain kever and daven Maariv there. He went, said some tehillim and left. He forgot to daven. When he got back to where he was staying he realized that his business phone was missing. He thought that he might have lost it at the kever. He went back to the kever and searched for it but couldn't find it. He called the gabbai (using his personal cell phone) and asked him if anyone called him that they found a phone. The gabbai said no. He then remembered that he didn't daven Mariv. He davened and the second he said 'oseh shalom' the call came in from the gabbai that the phone was found!

Had Hashem not orchestrated the switch of seats I, and you readers, would have never heard these stories!

Story #5: At the Chasunah, a brother of mine from Kiryat Sefer told me that he davens vasikin on Shabbos. The Shabbos prior to the Chasuna, they had exactly ten people and three of the people were random guests! Hashem made sure there would be a minyan. **Stay tuned for more stories next week!**

What a wonderful world we live in!

Have a Great Shabbos!

Yitzchok I. Kaufman



Rav Yitzchok Ezrachi at the Chasunah



Simchas Chosson: The Bochorim making a play about the newly sworn in President

"HIS SINCERITY IN KEEPING HALACHA HAD DEEPLY MOVED HER"



"Our son, a yeshiva bochur, returned from Israel to London after Sukkos. When he boarded the plane, he noticed that his seat was assigned next to a woman. My son politely asked her if it was okay for her to move to sit in a nearby seat next to another woman so that he could sit next to a man. But the woman reacted angrily, belittled him for even asking, and of course refused to move."

The bochur didn't respond to her, but when he couldn't find another seat, he remained standing, at a loss of what to do.

Suddenly, a secular woman approached him and told him that his sincerity in keeping halacha had deeply moved her, and she was willing to exchange places with him – she would sit next to the woman, and he would sit next to a man.

But it didn't end there. The woman who agreed to swap places asked him for something else – "I have a daughter who was abducted to Gaza. Please I want you to daven for her every day so that she'll come out from there healthy and whole."

That woman was Mandy Damari, who was born and raised in the UK and made aliyah in her 20s, where she married and raised four children on Kibbutz Kfar Azza.

Since then, the bochur has davened daily for Emily Tehilla bat Amanda Francis – Emily Damari – to be released from Hamas captivity in Gaza, until he was informed at the beginning of the week together with all of Klal Yisrael that she was being released along with two other women. (Rabbi Shraga Freedman - Living Kidush Hashem Foundation)

HASHEM PAYS BACK

My friends and I put together a Shabbos meal. A friend did most of the cooking, and I also wanted to contribute so I gave her money to help cover the costs. Later that day, I met a friend and her mother. Her mother handed me that exact amount of money for no



reason! Just to be nice!

Shayna K, Jerusalem

RETURNED AT THE RIGHT MOMENT



An avreich from Beit Shemesh related. I volunteer in Hatzalah, and I see tangibly how Hashem safeguards Am Yisrael and brings the right people at the right time to save the life of a Yid.

One day I got a call: Three buildings away from me, a boy swallowed a ten-agurot coin. I ran over. The paramedic who works in the adjacent clinic arrived at the site as well. We both lacked the necessary tool. A ten-agurot coin could be swallowed smoothly, but it could also cause terrible trouble. While the paramedic got to work on the child, we discovered to our chagrin that the child was turning blue. The coin was not swallowed but rather got stuck near the windpipe, and it was a matter of seconds before the situation would become critical. The paramedic continued working on the child using the well-known Heimlich maneuver, but the child continued struggling for every bit of air. Suddenly, a neighbor walked in hold-



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ing a pair of tweezers! The paramedic took it immediately and gently guided it into the child's larynx. Within a second, the coin was out, and the child was breathing comfortably.

"How was it that you arrived at the critical moment with tweezers?!" we asked the neighbor. And she explained: Her child had swallowed a coin a week earlier, and they pulled it out using tweezers borrowed from these neighbors. Then too, an ambulance arrived, and there was a huge commotion all around. Afterward, in all the excitement, the pair of tweezers was forgotten in her home and not returned to the neighbors.

Now, when she saw the ambulance arriving at the building, it reminded her of the tweezers, and she hurried to return it! She arrived at exactly the right moment to save her neighbor's son! (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

MILK FROM HEAVEN



My friend was ill, lo aleinu, and needed complex surgery. The doctors told him, "Here in Israel we have no experience with this. Go to the hospital in Yugoslavia, where there is a doctor who does these types of surgeries." My friend was shocked. For him, going to Yugoslavia was about the same as going to Antarctica. What would he do in this non-Jewish land?! I started helping him investigate how he could get there, and I took it upon

myself to accompany him through all the medical procedures in that anonymous hospital.

As it turned out, Yugoslavia was not so far away after all. In the past it had been part of the United Kingdom, and today it is a sleepy European country. The hospital there sees patients with that specific illness from all over the world, among them Yidden – we should never know.

Since, baruch Hashem, this is a rare disease, there is no Jewish support system in place. Therefore, we brought along all our food from Israel. We brought food that does not require refrigeration and hoped that everything would work out until we'd be able to return to Eretz Hakodesh, as quickly as possible. When we arrived, we saw how goyish the place was. Everyone was speaking an unfamiliar language. But they treated us respectfully, and the doctor took care of my friend properly and responsibly. B'siyata diShmaya, the surgery took place very profes-

sionally and was successful.

While my friend was still under the effect of anesthesia, the doctor told me, "He needs to drink a lot of milk. Give him milk!" I was in shock. I hadn't known that after this surgery one had to drink milk. We hadn't brought any milk products at all, and there were only goyim in sight all around us. Where would I get chalav Yisrael milk?!

I tried asking around, and when I saw there was no chance of getting a Yid to watch while a cow was milked in the near future, I brought my friend chalav akum milk. I explained that it was pikkuach nefesh, that the doctor said he must drink large quantities of milk, but the patient stubbornly kept his mouth closed. No way was he willing to drink chalav akum. I was at a loss, and I davened to Hashem to help me. I was standing near my friend's bed when I suddenly heard someone speaking in Hebrew! "Kevod harav," a Yid said, approaching me, "I don't under-



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stand what the doctor is saying. Can you perhaps help me?"

I happily complied. It is truly exciting to discover a Jew in such a place. I went with him to the doctor. The doctor looked at his paperwork and said, "I don't understand why they sent you here. There was a big mistake. You are not ill with the illness we take care of. You must immediately go to a certain hospital in Israel, where they'll operate on you in the best possible way." The doctor warned him that the matter was critical and that he was to hurry home.

The Yid was confused, but within a few moments he pulled himself together and told me, "I must go to Israel, and I want to ask a favor of you. I brought a lot of food with me, and it is not possible for me to carry it all back on the plane. Is there a Yid here who might enjoy it?"

I told him I was here with a Yid

who just underwent surgery, and it would certainly be of benefit to him.

And what did I discover within the packs of kosher food?! Cartons of shelf-stable milk! From Israel! With the best possible hechsher!

The drink we needed desperately arrived at exactly the right time.

Chalav Yisrael milk in Yugoslavia!

This he'aras Panim and the excitement over the amazing revelation of hashgachah made me so happy, even more than the milk itself! (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

HASHEM LOVES YESHIVA BOCHUR

A mesivta bachur from Far Rockaway, NY, was on his way home late at night from Yeshiva. He did



not eat lunch that day and did not like the Yeshiva supper, so he was very hungry. He was dreaming of hot chicken poppers from a local restaurant 'Chickies' and imagined coming home to find a note in his cubby that there were poppers waiting for him. He had bitachon and was hoping that Hashem would take care of him.

Unbeknownst to him, his younger brother was mesayem Meseches Brachos that evening, and to celebrate, his father had picked up hot poppers from Chickies after dinner. The extras were put into the fridge. His brother wrote

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This week, Hashem provided millions of people with delicious hot drinks!



This week, Hashem provided millions of children with safe, comfortable transportation!

a note and left it in his cubby to let him know about the poppers.

When he walked in and saw the note, his heart swelled with happiness as he clearly felt Hashem's love.

HASHEM LOVES OUR LEARNING



R' Avraham Leiner a good friend and neighbor of mine, told me the following amazing story that he heard from the person it hap-

pened to:

He was learning the Parsha and was bothered by how Moshe Rabbeinu was able to give away to his brother Aharon the job of the first few Makkos when Hashem told **him** to do it.

Just then his mother-in-law walked into the room carrying a new book from R' Paysach Krohn.

He opened the book and in there was an article from Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zatzal. Rav Chaim asked the exact question that was bothering him, and he gave a beautiful answer too!

GEMARA FOUND!

One morning, my husband searched for his gemara for about an hour. It started to get closer to the time when his bus was coming, and he was saying "Where is my gemara." He had five minutes

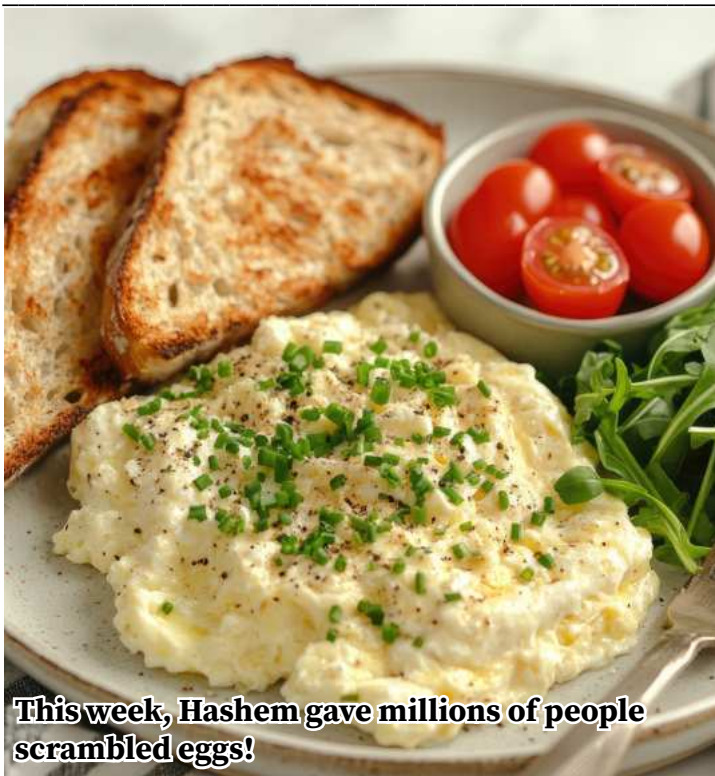


until his bus would come. I said, "Did you ask Hashem?"

He said, "Hashem, please help me find my gemara." I quietly said, "Hashem, if You reveal it in one minute, I will post it in the Spring Hill Times." Within a few seconds my husband yelled, "Here is my gemara - thank You Hashem!"

Thank You, Hashem, for revealing things to us when we reach out to You, and especially in this case so instantly!!! (Michal Litwin, Neve Yaakov)

AND THERE



This week, Hashem gave millions of people scrambled eggs!



This week, Hashem gave millions of people GPS and Waze maps!

KI TOV HASHEM

Girl from New Jersey Trusts in Hashem



Nine-year-old Chana Cohen from Lakewood, New Jersey had bitachon in Hashem that He would make her two brothers win the raffles at Avos Ubanim this past Motzei Shabbos.

Both of her brothers won raffles!
Baruch hagever asher yivtach baHashem



Anti-Semitism in New Jersey on the Decline



R' Yoel Moshe, a man from Monsey, New York, reported that he was driving on the highway in New Jersey with his family, and one of his children needed the bathroom very badly.

They stopped at a Walgreens, and they asked the workers there if they could use the bathroom. They were extremely nice to them, and they offered their help.

Thank You, Hashem!



Hashem is Watching over Us



A yungerman from Eretz Yisroel reported that his baby fell off a bed, flat on her face, and nothing happened to her. She didn't even get a bump.

It's now a few weeks later, and she's in perfect health!

Hodu LaHashem ki tov ki l'olam chasdo



Girl Sees Hashgacha Pratis



A girl from Brooklyn, New York reported that one day she wanted to give a gift card to one of her friends.

On that very same day, a friend of hers gave her the exact amount of money that she was planning on giving her friend. She clearly felt the hashgacha pratis!

Mashgiach min hachalonos meitzitz min hacharakim



Anti-Semitism in England On the Decline



R' Avishai Berkowitz from Manchester, England reported that he was on the street, and a non-Jew walked by and asked loudly, "Are you Jewish? R' Avishai answered, "Yes."

The non-Jew gave him a thumbs up and gave him a big smile.

Ahavti eschem amar Hashem



What a Beautiful Nation



11-year-old Yehuda Neuman reported that a kid in his class had lots of bouncing balls that he was selling. Yehuda asked him how much was he selling it for.

He answered that he was not selling it for money. He was selling them for kapitlach tehillim!



Hashem is Running a Perfect World

R' Dov, a yungerman from Kiryat

NEWS



Sefer, reported that his cleaning lady was coming and he needed to have cash to pay her. He did not have any cash on him, and he did not have time to go to the ATM machine.

On his way home from kollel, there was yungerman who needed to buy a bus card and he was only able to pay with a credit card. He asked R' Dov if he could use R' Dov's credit card and he gave R' Dov cash, and R' Dov had enough money to pay the cleaning lady!

Mashgiach min hachalonos meitzitz min hacharakim



Yeshiva Bochur Trusts in Hashem



Yossi, a yeshiva bochur learning in a yeshiva in Monsey New York, was in bed in the dorm trying to fall asleep. There was a lot of noise, and he was not able to. He decided to take out his MP3 player and listen to music to drown out the noise. He

tried turning it on, but it would not turn on. He tried again and again, but to no avail.

He turned to Hashem and said, "You're the Kol Yachol, if You make it work, I'm going to call it into the Spring Hill Times." Seconds later, it started working.

Baruch hagever asher yivtach baHashem



Woman from Monsey Thanks Hashem



Mrs. Eisenberg from Monsey, New York reported that she was missing her Nishmas Kol Chai card that she had received from Rebbetzien Kanievsky which had hand written pesukim from her written on it. She had given up on ever finding it, and on Zos Chanaka, she found it in her pocketbook. She felt like Hashem gave her a Chanaka gift!

Thank You, Hashem!



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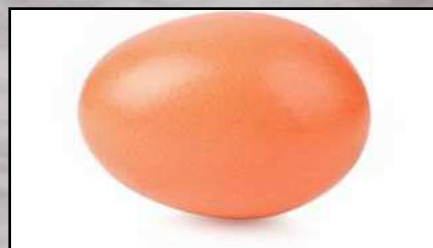


R' Zevy Golombeck reported that his sister-in-law's sister had her first child this past Chanukah, at 51 years old!

Hodu LaHashem ki tov ki l'olam chasdo



Hashem is Running a Perfect World



A rebbi from South Fallsburg, New York, was teaching his talmidim about esrogim, about the shiur of k'egoz and kibeitza. He said, "If anyone wants, they can bring in an egoz or a beitzah to show the class." The next day, one boy brought in an egoz. He then asked if anyone brought an egg. Another boy said that for some reason, he doesn't know why, but his mother sent an egg along with him for lunch!

KI TOV HASHEM

Vidivrei niflaosecha asicha



Hashem Sends Girl a Cup



A ninth grader from Lakewood, Jersey reported that she was in school and was very thirsty. The school has a big water-cooler, but there were no cups. She turned to Hashem and said, "Hashem, I'm having bitachon that You're going to help me."

She went to her friend in her classroom and asked her if she had a water bottle for her, and her friend answered, "No, but I have a cup for you."

Thank You, Hashem!



Hashem Loves our Learning



R' Zevy Golombeck reported there was a talmid chocham from Monsey, NY, who was learning a Ba'al Ha'itur, and he was not able to understand it.

He then found in the sefer of the Ba'al Ha'itur in his shul a paper with someone's hearos on it, and in there, it explained everything that he needed to understand. He had no idea where that paper came from!

Baruch hamelamed Torah l'amo Yisrael

Girls from Eretz Yisrael Turn to Hashem



A mother from Eretz Yisrael reported that her eight and six-year-old daughters went out to hang up signs for someone. They tried pulling off a piece of tape from the roll, but it was not working and they could not start the roll. They tried and tried, but to no avail.

The eight-year-old said that if Hashem would help her, she's going to call it in to the Spring Hill Times. At the same time, the six-year-old started saying tehillim, and baruch Hashem, they then were able to pull off a piece of tape!

Thank You, Hashem!



Hashem Sends Five-year-old What He Wants

Five-year-old Yitzi Berkowitz from Manchester, England



wanted chocolate coins, but they did not have any in the house. He then went with his father to Avos Ubanim, and they gave out chocolate coins!

Einei chol eilecha yisabeiru ve-ata nosein lahem es uchlum bito



Family from England Thanks Hashem



A yungerman from Gateshead, England reported that he was traveling with his family back from Eretz Yisrael to England. The flight was delayed by an hour, and they arrived an hour late.

They took a taxi to the train that they needed to catch, and they made it with three minutes to spare, even though they were an hour late.

Ki tov Hashem l'olam chasdo



Please note: The news here is printed a week and a half before the date on the front cover. Things may have changed since publication.

Hashem is So Good to Us!

On Shabbos Va'eira, 25 Teves, Hashem released another four Jewish women from captivity in Gaza!

Hodu L'hashem Ki Tov!



Great Kiddush Hashem!

The mother of one of hostages who was set to be released on Shabbos said that she and her husband will not desecrate Shabbos to see their daughter! She requested people to refrain from taking photos in order not to be mechalel Shabbos!

Retzon Yereiov Yaaseh! As things seem now it seems like Hashem will be freeing her daughter on Thursday, Rosh Chodesh Shevat, not on Shabbos like all the other hostages!

Mi K'amcha Yisrael!



Father Thanks Hashem

A father of one the hostages who was freed thanked Hashem by reciting nishmas in front of an open Aron Kodesh!



Open Kisses From Hashem

Hashem, using President Trump as His messenger, has been cracking down on anti-semites in the USA. According to reports, he is set to sign an executive order to punish and deport pro-Hamas protesters who violated the law.



Hashem is Watching Over Us

Hashem, in His great love for Klal Yisrael, alerted a resident to report to the police in New South Wales, Australia, a suspicious trailer. The police found it filled with explosives. Apparently, someone had the intention to target Jews, but Hashem thwarted the attack!

עוצו עצה ותופר!



LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

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

Anti-Semitism on the Decline



A boy in Eretz Yisrael went on a bus to go on a trip, and when he got off the bus he realized that he left his nosh bag on the bus. He was really upset. The bus driver was an Arab driver, so he assumed he probably would not be getting his nosh bag back.

While he was on the trip, he saw the bus pass by and then the bus stopped. So he ran up to the bus

driver and said, "I left my nosh bag on the bus!" The bus driver said, "I was looking for you. I have it right here!"

Hashavas aveidah by an Arab!

Klal Yisrael is Amazing!



I have a playgroup in my house, and I tell the parents that it is very important to me that the kids should be picked up on time. With my kids at home, it ends up being hard if my playgroup kids are picked up late. I

just had a kid today that even though playgroup was over, he wasn't being picked up for quite a while. It wasn't so easy for me that he was there because I was juggling a lot at home. In addition, it was the third time this week that this kid was being picked up very late, once over an hour late and this time it was getting close to half an hour late. Finally, I got a call from the mother saying she wasn't feeling up to coming but her daughter was going to come soon to pick him up.

When the daughter finally came, I suddenly remembered from the Spring Hill Times the words "hatava b'makom hakpada." It popped up so clearly in my mind that I decided I wanted to do it. So I had prepared a cake earlier, and I decided to give the cake to the boy to take home!



ואשפך את - נפשי לפני ה' I Poured Out My Soul Before Hashem

Advice from Rav Yechezkel Levenstein

A well-respected talmid chacham told the Mashgiach that when he was a bachur, he had learned in Ponovezh and had a lot of difficulty waking up and davening Shacharis in yeshivah. Rabbi Yechezkel Levenstein, zt"l, advised him to schedule a chavrusa two hours before Shacharis. This way, he wouldn't have any difficulty being in yeshivah for Shacharis.

How an Adam Gadol Wakes Up

The Mashgiach was asked, "How does an adam gadol manage to wake up in the morning?"

The Mashgiach answered, "He says, 'Modeh ani l'fanecha, Melech chai v'kayam...'"

"But everyone says 'Modeh ani'!"

"Everyone says it, but a great person really thinks about it," the Mashgiach said. "The Mesilas Yeshtarim writes, 'When a person reflects upon the many good things that Hashem does for him all the time... the more a person notices these things and reflects upon them, the more he will understand just how indebted he is to Hashem, Who has been so kind toward him. Reflecting on these things will cause a person not to be lazy or weak in his avodas Hashem'" (ch. 8).

The book is available in your local Judaica store



A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness



With the gift of eyesight, Hashem has given us the ability to protect ourselves from life threatening situations. This is something that is very important even though we are not exposed to extreme danger on a constant basis.

Our eyesight protects us from all different types of harm, injury and pain. This is something that is constant. If we wouldn't see what is in front of us; we would easily trip on a rock, a branch or an open closet door or slip on oil spilled on the ground. There can be a sharp object or a small ditch in the road. There can be a loose brick or a bee. There are so many different things that can cause harm. And there are so many different types of harm, like bruises, cuts or broken bones. Life would go on if we would bang our head every few days, but it would include a considerably greater amount of suffering. With the special gift of eyesight that Hashem gave us, we have the ability to be aware of our surroundings and we can easily avoid harmful things and situations.

Not only would we be prone to get hurt from many different obstacles and dangerous objects, we would also be lacking the basic protection that we need to survive. Our lifespan would be very short. Let's explain: one of the basic human necessities for survival – is shelter. Man cannot survive without some protection from the elements. We cannot live outdoors through the duration of the long winter and likewise, we need shade from the blazing sun. Without eyesight it would be extremely difficult for man to create for himself a strong shelter that can keep the elements out. Where would he find the raw materials to create a firm, stable and sealed area to live in. Where would we find the stone, cement and the material for a door, etc. there might be a few people who would feel around and discover caves, but the vast majority of people would not survive too long in the world – in the way we know it. And even if someone found a cave, if he leaves it he might never find his way back.

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Sparks of Bitachon

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PARSHA SPARKS

In Parshas Beshalach, Hashem said that every yid would get an omer measurement of Mann, every day. When the Mann fell, people went out to gather it. Some people took along a small-sized basket in which to place the gathered Mann, and some went out to gather Mann with very large containers. When they each measured how much Mann they had, it was exactly an omer!

This teaches us, says the Chofetz Chaim, that everything that comes our way has nothing to do with our hishtadlus, with nature, or with cause-and-effect. Everything that happens in our lives is predetermined by HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

The Chofetz Chaim explains this with a mashal: A yid was marrying off his child. Someone told him, "I know you probably can't afford to make the wedding. Why don't you go to Reb Reuven who runs the Hachnosas Kallah Fund? He'll be happy to give you enough money to cover all the costs."

The yid thanked him and excitedly walked to Reb Reuven's house. There were a few people waiting outside the house, so he went over to each one and he asked, "Are you Reuven? Are you Reuven?" They all shook their heads, so he started screaming at them, "Why not? Why can't you be Reuven? I need Reuven!" They stared at him in astonishment.

The nimshal: Sometimes a person needs money, and he has rich parents, relatives, or friends who are not helping him. "Why can't they just give me the money?" he thinks. Or a person will ask for a raise, but the boss says no. He is upset at the boss and thinks, "I'm working so hard; why can't he give me a few more dollars?" Why indeed? Because the parents, relatives, friends, boss are not "Reuven," they are just the person designated by Hashem to be the messenger for his Parnassah. They wouldn't be able to give him an extra penny, even if they tried. Only HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the true Boss can help. Only Hashem is in charge of his Parnassah! No one else!

STORIES WITH A SPARK

Rabbi Rosen was almost eligible for Medicaid; his birthday was March 7. During the changeover from one health insurance to another there can be a short window of time where a person isn't covered. In such a case, the only thing to do is to hope nothing goes wrong.

On March 6th, one day before his birthday when he'd be covered by Medicaid, Rabbi Rosen started experiencing chest pains and went to see his doctor. He was sent immediately to the hospital where it was confirmed that his arteries were almost completely clogged - one was 99% obstructed and another was 96% - and he needed emergency surgery to insert stents.

When he was on the road to recovery, he was informed that he would have to pay \$50,000 out of pocket, as he had no insurance. R' Rosen told the secretary, calmly, "I am not worried since everything is up to G-d. Please," he continued, "can you make one call, just to check?"

She informed him that she had worked at the hospital for many years and not once had anyone been covered by Medicaid before their birthday. However she grudgingly agreed to call, and was stunned to hear that R' Yosef's coverage had begun on March 1! Six days before his birthday!

Q&A

Ejected From My Job

Q *I used to work for a company and I invested my heart and soul into doing my job the best possible way. Recently, I had a baby, and when I was ready to return to work, my boss called me up and said, "While you were out, we saw we were managing very well without you, so there is no need for you to come back. We wish you every success in the future and will be happy to provide references."*

I was devastated. After investing so much into the job, they threw me out as if I was worthless?! What is the Emunah and Bitachon perspective about this?

A If you label your flesh-and-blood boss as your ultimate boss, when he fails to appreciate your dedication, indeed it is very hurtful.

However, who is your true Boss? Whose opinion is truly valuable? Your loving Father, HaKadosh Baruch Hu. You are working for Hashem, and only His opinion counts.

How important does Hashem consider you? בשבילי נברא העולם, the world was created for me. We must understand this in its most literal sense. You are so incredibly important in Hashem's eyes that it was worth creating the entire universe just for you to be born!

When you understand that it is Hashem's opinion that really counts, it won't make any difference to you what your Fisher-Price boss thinks of you. You will fill your heart with the most delicious feeling that Hashem loves you to the sky and cherishes you to no end.

Satisfaction at Work

Q *I work for a very demanding boss. Whenever I finish one project, the boss has more projects waiting for me. It feels like my work has no end, and it's very hard to work with such feelings. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?*

A The reason you feel this way is because your perception is that you are working for a human boss. Therefore, after you complete a project, you want some recognition. Perhaps you want your boss to take note of your accomplishment, or give you a little break.

However, since your boss is constantly giving you more and more work, that gives you the sense that whatever you have done until now is not enough. He expects you to accomplish much more. Certainly, these feelings can be very depleting.

You must realize, though, that when you go to work, you are not working for a Fisher-Price boss. You're actually working for the Grand Boss, Hakadosh Baruch Hu. And when you use the money that you earn to support your family, the mitzva you are doing is unfathomable. Therefore, whenever your boss gives you a project, you are not working for him. Rather, you're working for Hashem.

When you realize that you're working for Hashem, you'll understand that there is no such thing as your work having no end. Each day you go to work, you are a success, and each project you complete is an accomplishment. Your boss may not give you this feeling, but you can be certain that Hashem in shamayim knows how hard you are working, and He appreciates every bit of effort that you invest.

Therefore, when your boss gives you more work, he is merely giving you more opportunities to do avodas Hashem and to bring more brachah into your life.

Sparks of Wisdom

“ NO BENEFIT - OR HARM - CAN COME TO A PERSON THROUGH ANY CREATED BEING; EVERYTHING COMES STRAIGHT FROM HASHEM. ”

Bitachon Weekly

Rav Yehuda Mandel

The message of אִז יָשִׁיר



We say אִז יָשִׁיר every day and yet, as soon as we finish davening we are still dreadfully worried about our pecklach of parnasah, health, and relationship issues.

Az Yashir is extremely powerful. It smashes, destroys, crushes, and sends your issues to the bottom of the sea never to be seen again תהרוס, תרעז, צללו כעופרת במים- אדירים נמוגו - all these are various of destruction and a Yid should view his serious problems being destroyed by HKBH Who has all kinds of ways to give you a ישועה.

Part II

But this takes work on בטחון.

etc. are all powerful of making HKBH great in your eyes. This means working on בטחון. There are scary doctors lawyers, personalities, employers, spouses, teenage children etc. that you feel are hurting you. סוס - ורובכוכו, פרעה, אלופי אדום, אילי מואב - are all expressions of scary and dangerous powers in your life.

Part III

You bad habits and addictions and sins can also disappear if you make HKBH great in your eyes. They will melt (נמגו) and get crushed תהרוס, and sink טבעו, and drawn all the way down צללו. If you really say Az Yashir with Kavana then you won't be afraid of anyone אלופי אדום, אילי מואב were the toughest goyim and they were all terrified when ים סוף took place.

Part IV

And you sing all this! This is a daily exercise in every Yid's life. יאכלמו כקש your issues can turn into "cheap straw" and disappear! What a pity that it's so hard to get the message of Az Yashir and apply it to your own life.

Part V

I spoke to an adam gadol from א"י and he agreed that if people would spend some time learning Shar Bitachon before Shachris and Maariv then they would have more feeling in their תפלות. Their תפלות would be like learning mussar and it would calm them down!

Part VI

Look at אמת ויציב and עזרת אבותינו - they are super powerful messages of אמת ובטחון. אמונה. People are busy keeping the כוונה and davening with תפלה but despite this, their present fears are still

going strong!

מי המרים

Why did משה use a bitter piece of wood to sweeten the bitter waters? First of all he wanted to make a joke out of טבע since he was so close to הקב"ה and by הקב"ה it's all the same. משה symbolizes יציאת מצרים and מצרים means boundaries and rules of מצרים, חסמים and with all the טבע became a joke (אשר התעללתי במצרים).

Part II

We can also suggest that he was showing how everything הקב"ה does is and לטובה and לרעה bitterness can cause sweetness. Also, the first time the תורה mentions מרים' name is by the מרים שירה. מרים since she was born in bitter times (מרים מל"מ). The תורה showing us how מרים which means bitterness take and התוף בידה and sings the most beautiful שירה.

Part III

הקב"ה knows what he's doing - and being in מצרים which is called חור הברזל has created a humble and compassionate nation, since in their very beginning they suffered. Look what became of סדום since it was and כנען people never suffered! From now on appreciate the bitterness and suffering of your life!

Part IV

My mother-in-law was tortured in Auschwitz by an extra cruel SS Nazi woman. Suddenly, she became nice and compassionate and they found out that an American bomb had hit her home killing her husband and 3 children!

Part V

No more complaining about the יסורים of your life. The main thing isn't how well you are doing ברוח ובגשם. The main thing in life is how do you look. Are you humble and kind, and not arrogant and haughty. Don't be impressed with all those successful people who are still humble.

Part VI

Deep down there is plenty of גאווה that you don't know about. Although we don't ask for יסורים it is still a major asset to our מצרים when we get משה because of their מצרים was destroyed because of their מצרים be humbled before me.)

A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombek

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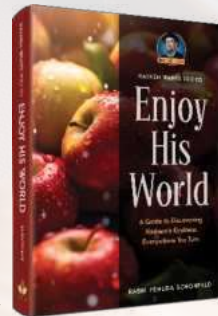
A Guide to Discovering Hashem's Kindness
Everywhere You Turn

By R' Yehuda Schonfeld
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Olam Hazeh

Other Ruchniyus Pleasures

In addition to the benefits of Torah study, there are many other ruchniyus pleasures that a person experiences by living a Torah life. Ruchniyus pleasures are even more pleasurable than gashmiyus ones, in many ways. For example, ruchniyus pleasures last forever, they become more intense with the passing of time, and they are not accompanied by harmful side effects such as illness or unhealthy addictions. The following are some ex-



amples when a person feels great spiritual pleasure:

- At the wedding of one's child.
- At any family simchah or get-together.
- On Shabbos, such as at the seudah, when surrounded by one's family.
- On Yom Tov — for example, when building a sukkah with one's sons, at the Pesach Seder, after staying up and learning Shavuot night, at Ne'ilah on Yom Kippur or when dancing on Simchas Torah
- When learning — and understanding — Torah, or upon being mechaven to the Gemara or to a Rishon or Acharon.
- Upon achieving a spiritual accomplishment, such as when making a siyum on a masechta or writing a kuntres.
- Upon seeing the success of one's child, such as when being told at PTA that a child is doing well in school, or when seeing one's children displaying the values they were taught (i.e., being mevater or helping their sibling).
- When davening for something and seeing Hashem answer one's tefillah.
- When looking back on life and seeing how Hashem guided one's footsteps.

Reading this list is an excellent reminder of how many wonderful experiences are found in the life of a frum Jew. Reminders like this are necessary to help us maintain a positive (and fair) perspective on our lives. In the next sections we will discuss some other ruchniyus pleasures in depth.

The Gift of Bitachon

It is a mitzvah d'Oraysa for a person to have bitachon in Hashem, as the pasuk says, "You shall be wholehearted with Hashem your G-d" (Devarim 18:13. See Sefer Chareidim, 9:21).

This mitzvah is pure pleasure. When one develops a feeling of bitachon in Hashem, he will have inner peace even in very trying times, as he relies on Hashem to take care of him. Such a person (according to his personal level of bitachon) will go through life with a feeling of positivity and a feeling of being cared for. This is greatly beneficial to the health of our bodies, which are strongly affected by our emotional state. As Rav Avigdor Miller once said, "Love a Jew and your glands will love you," meaning that if one trains himself to view others in a positive light, his body will react by functioning in the most optimal manner (Lecture #E-210).

Bringing a sense of tranquility to our lives, bitachon is truly one of the greatest aspects of being a Jew — a special gift to appreciate and enjoy!

To be continued...

R' Schonfeld is available to speak publicly on the topic of Enjoying Olam Hazeh. He can be reached for comments and questions at EnjoyHisWorld@gmail.com.

Inspiration

with Rabbi Leibel Lam



Hosting

A close friend of mine and his brother became balei teshuva. They produced beautiful mishpachos. My friend's daughter became engaged to the son of an illustrious Torah family.

During the engagement, letters of correspondence were discovered between the great grandparents of both the bride and the groom. It seems that the groom's great grandfather, a sage, stayed by the bride's great grandfather when he came here to America.

I told my friend that it's a fulfillment of the word of the Gemara: "Torah machzeres al achsaynia shelo – Torah returns to those who host it."

In this case, literally.



Bitachon Power

The Quote - The Lesson - The Story



THE QUOTE: “The one who relies on and trusts in Hashem gains twofold. In this world, Hashem will surely provide him with what he is lacking as it says (Mishley 10:3), *נפש צדיק לא ירעב* - Hashem will not let the Tzaddik go hungry.” and (Tehillim 112:7), *מִשְׁמוּעָה רָעָה - לֹא יִירָא נָכוֹן - לְבוֹ בָּטָח בָּה'*, “From bad tidings he will not fear because his heart loyally trusts in Hashem.” There are many similar Pesukim that bring out this yesod gadol Vnoira!.

THE LESSON: What makes this so incredible and amazing is that having bitachon is the best investment shayach in the gantzeh velt!

THE MASHEL 1 : *נפש צדיק לא ירעב* - **THERE WAS ONCE A FATHER** who took his son to Cheder. When they arrived at the school, he realized that he forgot to bring his child’s lunch along. The Chofetz Chaim asked, “Would the father leave his son in Cheder without any food to eat? No! He would be concerned and make sure that his son should have food”.

“So too”, said the Chofetz Chaim, “Anyone who is *עוסק* with all his koach, *ה' בתורת* Himself will bring him food according to his needs.”

The place of the Aron was “*אינו מן המדה*” which means that it stood in the *קדש קדשים* by way of *נס*.

THE KESAV SOFER WRITES: The Aron is a *remez* to the people who sit and learn Torah. Just as the Aron stood *בנס*, so too, one who sits and learns Torah also lives *בדרך נס*. Similar to Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai, when he went into the cave

Hashem sent him all the “Parnasah” he needed. Anyone who learns Torah Leshmah, the entire world is worthwhile for him, and no matter where he lives Hashem will provide his livelihood for him. *עכ"ל*

The story #2 RAV HILEL KUPERMAN SAID OVER that MaRan HaRav Aron Leib Shteinman *זצוק"ל* once told the people close to him, “You should know, I consider all yungeleit in today’s day and age to be learning Torah L’shmah.” The people were listening intently and wondered why the Rov thought that.

HaRav Shteinman explained, “Every yungerman has *בחירה*, free-choice. Nobody is forcing them to stay in Kollel and if they want they can go out and earn a living and make more money. However, they decided, “No, it’s my zechus,” and with their free-choice they made the decision to continue learning in Kollel.” HaRav Shteinman concluded, “I consider this to be Torah Leshmah.”



בס"ד

By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

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Tu B'Shvat – Thanking Hashem for the Body

This coming week we will IY"H have the Yom Tov of Tu B'Shvat, the day to celebrate the wonders of the human body. I can hear you saying, "The body? Just one second! This is the day to thank Hashem for trees and fruits!" Well, the *Meforshim* say that since the *pasuk* says (Devorim 20:19) עץ האדם - כי האדם - Man is compared to a tree, there is a deep connection between man and this day. That being the case, let us suggest that on Tu B'Shvat we should also be thanking Hashem for the human body. Please allow me to explain.

In the midst of the winter, if we look at a fruit tree, we don't necessarily see the wisdom it contains. At first glance all we see is a dead looking piece of wood, with not a sign of life. But the truth is that a lot is going on. The *Gemorah* (Rosh Hashana 14a) explains that the reason *Tu B'Shvat* is the beginning of a new year regarding *ma'aser* is that by now most of the rain for the season has fallen. The sap has risen to the branches, and the first buds are ready to sprout. Even though we are still in the midst of the winter, *Hakodosh Boruch* is already preparing the delicious fruit that will come forth several months from now, and this is the day to thank Him for that.

This "dead" tree is actually in the process of producing beautiful colorful blossoms, which will then become buds. After that, the tree will be dotted with luscious fruits which will give us energy and an extra spice to life. Each fruit is a package prepared with infinite wisdom and kindness. The peel is perfectly designed to keep out insects and protect the fruit from the heat, cold, and rain. The texture of each fruit varies, yet each type is so refreshing, and the vitamins are life giving elixirs. The seeds are made in a way that they don't open easily in our mouths, yet in the ground they start to put out roots downwards and shoots upwards. They contain more information than entire factories, and they use that to produce more trees. This requires some level of contemplation and Tu B'Shvat is an excellent day to do so.

So too, from the outside, the human body looks like a high functioning animal. But nothing could be further from the truth. First and foremost, we have a *heiligh* Neshama that connects us to Hashem and gives us the ability to reach perfection and thus the eternal joy of Olam Haba. Every mitzva we do causes everlasting effects on the entire physical and spiritual worlds. We have a brilliant mind that can bring us great success in life, as it gives us the ability to study the world and discover our Creator. With this mind we can learn Torah and understand what is our purpose in this world. And of course, with just a little contemplation we see how the body itself is so wonderful that we will never finish discovering the depth of the wisdom that Hashem created us with! For example, Rav Avigdor Miller says that there are certain enzymes that can accomplish chemical processes that ordinarily would need extremely high temperatures. However, since the body is not able to tolerate such temperatures, these processes are carried out with a minimum of heat. No scientist can even remotely imitate the achievements that we see constantly working in our bodies and in nature all around us. Thinking about how many things need to happen just so that we can move our pinky easily without pain is mind-boggling!

Tu B'Shvat is a day to discover and proclaim: "*Gadlo v'tuvo malei Olam*" – Hashem's greatness and kindness fill every inch of the world! Let us use this Yom Tov to not only think about the wonders of trees and fruits, but also our bodies, and thank Him for all the "simple" functions which are not so simple at all.

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By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Did you know, R' Moshe Feinstein zt'l in his sefer Darash Moshe in Parshas Naso speaks about when Hashem came to Avraham b'chvodo uvatzmo and spoke to him and said, "Lech lecha," leave from your land, and go to Eretz Yisrael." Can you imagine, if we would have Hashem speaking to us to tell us where to go in life, we would feel, "Wow, I'm going where Hashem wants me to go," is there any better feeling or clarity than that?

Well, zugt R' Moshe, did you know you have to live your whole life like that? Even though Hashem didn't speak to us the way he spoke to Avraham, but he spoke to us in a similar way. Wherever we find ourselves, is how Hashem spoke to us, by directing our footsteps. Therefore, wherever a person lives, he should say, "Hashem came to me and said I should live here." Whoever my neighbors are, zugt R' Moshe, you have to say, Hashem came to me and said, "These should be your neighbors." Whoever your family members, parents, children are, Hashem said, "These should be your family members." Whichever yeshiva you went to, it's as though Hashem came to you and said, "This is the yeshiva you should learn in." Whichever neighborhood you live in. Wherever you live, you have to say, "This is the best place for me to live. This is the most l'chatchila place for me to live.

You have to live your whole life that wherever you find yourself, any school, any job, any yeshiva, any kollel, this is where Hashem told me to go, this is l'chatchila.

Ayom V'nora. Hashem is speaking to every one of us just like He spoke to Avraham Avinu. We should feel, wow, wherever we are, it's because this is where Hashem told us to be, and it's great, gevaldig, and amazing.



Gold Mines

Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel

By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

After an embarrassing incident happens to someone, he can become absorbed in the embarrassment. He's afraid; who knows what people are thinking, maybe they think this about me or that about me.

A person has to realize that his fears are דמיון – imaginary and his brain is magnifying it a thousand times.

First of all, so many times none of the people that were around even noticed. Even if they did notice, they're all preoccupied with their own lives and have no time to think about it. Even in the small chance that they are thinking about it, their opinion can't have any effect on you. Hashem runs this world and no human has any power to harm you. People have zero power, they're opinions also are programmed by Hashem and Hashem can reverse them.





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The Chinuch Chaburah

R' Tzvi Moshe Schultz

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Ger

- Gora Kalwaria is a village near Warsaw, the capital of Poland. In Yiddish it is called Ger.

- Rav Yaakov Yitzchok Rabinowitz was one of the main students of the Chozeh of Lublin. He was known as the Yid Hakadosh (he was called the Yid so as not to be called by the name Yaakov Yitzchok, which was also the Chozeh's name). Ultimately, he started a new movement in Polish Chasidus. He put emphasis on learning Gemara. He believed that a person should be an individual, and should focus on emes, and try to truly work on himself, without fooling himself. His main talmid was Rav Simcha Bunim of Peshischa. After him, the main leader of this movement was Rav Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, and after him it was the first Gerrer Rebbe, the Chidushei Harim. Ger is the main Chasidus today that is a continuation of this Polish version of Chasidus, which is different than other branches of Chasidus.

- There have been seven Rebbe's of Ger:

1. Rav Yitzchok Meir Alter (1798 – 1866), also known as the Chidushei Harim, after his sefer. He was the talmid of the Kotzker Rebbe.
2. Rav Yehuda Aryeh Leib Alter (1847 – 1905), also known as the Sfas Emes, after his sefer. He was the grandson of the Chidushei Harim.
3. Rav Avrohom Mordechai Alter (1866 – 1948), also known as the Imrei Emes, after his sefer. He was the son of the Sfas Emes.
4. Rav Yisroel Alter (1895 – 1977), also known as the Beis Yisroel, after his sefer. He was the son of the Imrei Emes.
5. Rav Simcha Bunim Alter (1898 – 1992), also known as the Lev Simcha, after his sefer. He was another son of the Imrei Emes (the



Beis Yisroel had no children who survived the Holocaust).

6. Rav Pinchas Menachem Alter (1926 – 1996), also known as the Pnei Menachem, after his sefer. He was the youngest son of the Imrei Emes, from his second wife.

7. Rav Yaakov Aryeh Alter (b. 1939) is the present Gerrer Rebbe. He is the son of the Lev Simcha.

- Before the War, Ger was the largest Chasidus in Poland. Most of the Chasidim were murdered during the Holocaust. However, the Rebbe, the Imrei Emes, escaped to Eretz Yisroel, where he rebuilt the Gerrer Chasidus. Now, it is the largest Chasidus in Eretz Yisroel. Their center is in Yerushalayim. The Gerrer shul in Yerushalayim is the largest shul in the world, with seating for 20,000 people. At the same time, Ger also has many shtieblach. They establish new shtieblach for chasidim who are in the same age range. This helps create a sense of community on a smaller scale as well, as everyone has a place to go, and a chevra that he fits in with, and can daven and learn together with.

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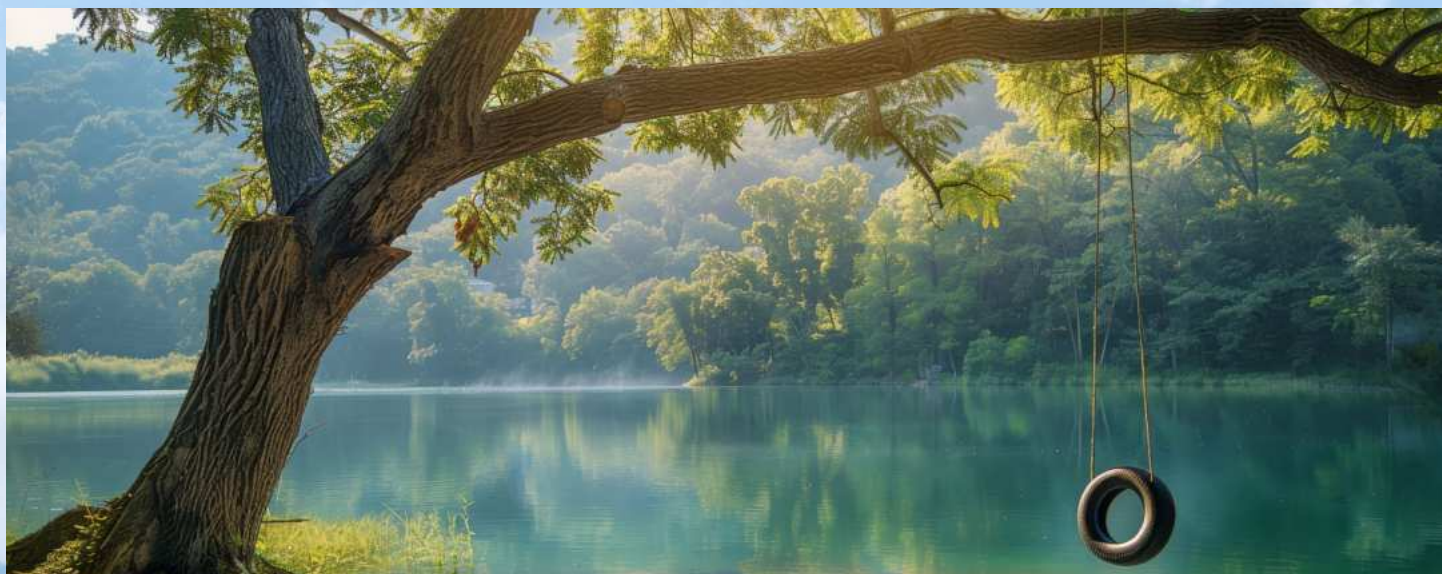
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The Bitachon Perspective

Q & A with Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

By R' Shalom Yedidya Klatzko



Q. Summer is coming soon, and I was planning to enroll my young children in a day camp. However, when I spoke to my husband about it, he said that we can't afford to pay for day camp, and the kids will have to stay home.

The mere thought that I will have to keep my young children occupied makes me overwhelmed. How will I be able to keep my children entertained the whole Summer?. It will make me so depleted. These thoughts are also causing me to feel resentment towards my husband. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The reason you are feeling overwhelmed is because you think that keeping your children entertained is in your control. Therefore, you're concerned, "How am I going to be able to keep my children occupied the whole Summer?"

Realize that your children are actu-

ally Hakadosh Baruch Hu's children. Just like you want your children to receive the best care possible, so too, Hashem wants His children to be provided for in the very best way. You can rest assured that your children are under the best possible care.

When you take yourself out of the picture and put Hakadosh Baruch Hu there instead, you will be able to turn to Hashem and say, "Hashem, I know that it's You Who is taking care of my children. I'm turning to You and asking You to take care of my children in such a way that will give me menuchas hanefesh and yishuv hada'as.

Regarding your feelings of resentment towards your husband, you must understand that your husband can't affect your life one iota. The Steipler teaches that it was already nigzar on Rosh Hashanah how much tza'ar and agmas nefesh a person will have over the coming year. And if Hashem wants your kids to go to camp, He has endless ways of how to carry out His will.

- Hashem could make it that someone else will offer to pay for the camp.
- He could make someone volunteer to watch your children.
- He could put in your husband's mind the idea to change his mind.
- He could make your husband make a lot of money and you'll be able to afford a day camp.

And if Hashem sees that the best thing for your tikkun hameshama is that you should be busy taking care of children, it's because that's what's best for you. And you would have to spend that same amount of energy even if your kids would be in camp. Bottom line is, take your husband out of the picture and put Hakadosh Baruch Hu there instead. And realize that He is causing things to happen for your best.

In the z'chus that you are attributing everything to Hakadosh Baruch Hu, and you're relying on His kindness, you will see openly how Hashem will show you how He is taking care of events in the most enjoyable manner.

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

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

Question: Chazal tell us that before you daven that Torah should go into your guf, you should daven that ma'adanim shouldn't go into your guf. (Otherwise he won't be able to understand learning.) In addition, the Chazon Ish writes that taavos ha'achila is avi avos hatumah.

I enjoy eating and actually it's the only way I can connect to Hashem, through enjoying His world. Will I not be able to understand Torah? Am I filling myself with avi avos hatumah?

Answer: Reb Avigdor Miller zatzal explains, where did Hashem put Adam Harishon? We would think, since Adam was formed by Hashem, full of Chochma, full of wisdom, he should be put in a Beis Medrash. Where did Hashem put Adam Harishon? In Gan Eden, where he was eating all the delicious fruits! The Meshech Chochma says, not only was he eating from all the delicious fruits, but he was commanded, "Ochel Tochel," it says in the possuk that he should eat from every tree of the Gan, that it was a Mitzva D'oraysa. The Meshech Chachma even brings a Yerushalmi that Asid Litein Din Vcheshbon, did

you partake of my delicious peiros? And that's why there is a Yom Tov of Tu Beshvat that we sit and partake in Hashem's fruits. Reb Avigdor Miller called it Hashem's candy. An orange, you open it up and there is different pockets, and you bite into it, and it splashes delicious vitamin C into your mouth, it's refreshing.

So we see from here Hashem made fruit so delicious and colorful. Why did Hashem make fruit colored? When you go to a pharmacy and you get vitamins they look like white tasteless things. Why did Hashem make fruit colorful? Why does an orange peel only have only color on the outside and not the inside? Because the whole point of the color is to be attractive, so why do you need color on the inside? So we see Hashem made fruit to be attractive. Why doesn't fruit taste like medicine? No, Hashem says I'm making it delicious so you can enjoy this world. So the purpose of this world is to enjoy ourselves. And that's why Hashem put Adam Harishon in Gan Eden. And that's why Reb Avigdor Miller brings many Gemaros that different Amoraim were eating so much fruit that their forehead became oily from eating so much fruit. We see from all over the Torah and Mareh Mekomos that Hashem wants us to enjoy His food and not only that, that it's a Mitzvah Deoraysa. And Hashem says I'm going to punish you if you don't enjoy My food. Could you imagine? Its like going over to kid and saying if you don't take candy I'm going to smack you. Could you imagine? Hashem says how dare you not enjoy this world, I made this world to enjoy. We're in this world to enjoy.

Animals eat and people eat. The difference is not only the type of food. Animals eat with their instincts to keep them alive physically. Humans eat because it keeps them alive emotionally. It helps them feel loved, cared for, watched and protected. Imagine someone knocks on your door and gives you a five course meal. You're going to love that person. Every time you think about that person, you'll have positive feelings towards them. Hashem every day comes knocking on your door and gives you more than a five course meal, breakfast, lunch, and supper.

So it depends how a person eats. If a person eats like a animal, focusing only on their body like the yevanim, then the more you put into your body, it makes you more gashmius'dig. The more your body is Sholeit over you, the less your Neshama is sholeit over you, the less the Torah will be able to go into you.

Comes along Reb Avigdor Miller and says, if you eat like a yid is supposed to eat, there's no setira. If you eat like a Yid, you feel loved by Hashem. Not only is it not a contradiction, but the more you eat, the more you'll be connected to Hashem.

In the Gemara Beiah Tes Zayin, it says on Shabbos you have a Neshama Yeseira. What's it for, why does Hashem give it to you? To have more of an appetite to eat more food. The more appetite, the more feeling



loved by Hashem. So you see a central part of Yiddishkeit is about connecting to Hashem through food. The Gemara continues and says anyone who eats three seudos on Shabbos, there is no Gog Umagog, no Gehinnom, no Chevlei Moshiach, why not? Because you feel loved by Hashem, and that gives you all the Ruchniyus in the world. That's the way to connect to Hashem, through food. It's Lechatchila that's the way Adam Harishon connected to Hashem. Reb Avigdor Miller brings about Amoraim that connected to Hashem through food.

It says in the possuk, Yitzchak said, "Make me food that I love." And Reb Ahron Leib, Reb Shimon Shwab have a very big problem, we know that Yitzchak loved Torah, ruchniyus, but Gashmiyus? How did he say I love food? So Reb Avigdor Miller says that food is also Ruchniyus, because it makes you feel loved by Hashem, and that's Ruchniyus.

Reb Avigdor Miller says you could study food all day. Hashem made an apple and orange shiny, but a potato is not appetizing. Why is fruit so appetizing looking? Because Hashem wants you to look at an apple and see it's delicious, ready to eat and you could bite into it. But a potato is going to give you stomach ache if you eat it raw. Hashem wants you to cook it first. So Hashem makes it look brown and dirty so you shouldn't bite into it right away. Watermelon is green, it's camouflaged. Why? Because apples, oranges and bananas are like snack bags, for one person to eat. You can pick it and eat it right away. But a watermelon is like a family pack, and you can't eat it all for yourself, we want it to stay fresh for whole family. If you open a watermelon before the whole family comes, it won't stay too fresh. So we see how every fruit is Cheshboned out to make you feel loved by Hashem. Food is the way we connect to Hashem and fill up with Hashem's love. You could study food your whole life.

There is a very chashuva Rav who told me he has a kuntres all about food, and how he sees Hashem's love in food. All the colors, shapes, and tastes. Bottom line is, how do we connect to Hashem? Food is one of the ways to feel loved, cared for, watched and protected. It's a beautiful way and it's a Mitzvah and Chiyuv, and we get punished if we don't. At the same time, Chazal says, that's if you eat food to feel loved, to be emotionally healthy, but if you eat food like a animal then it's a Setirah to learning Torah. The kuzri says that when you make a bracha, you'll feel Hashem gave you a present and you'll feel emotionally loved, and that's why you'll enjoy the food more when you make a bracha.



Mitzvah Corner

By: R' Avi Kolko



Klal Yisroel is blessed with some truly extraordinary people. However, most of us are pretty simple people and we lead fairly regular lives: We don't finish Shas very often, we don't wake up at 3 AM for Hatzolah calls, and we don't spend 30 minutes davening a shemonah esrei.

Worry not! Life isn't about the 'big' things. It's about the small, boring and seemingly unimportant things. Everyday life is full of opportunities to chap arein, grab mitzvos, and build our Olam Habah. The mundane activities of day-to-day life are not an unintentional side effect, mere empty space between the 'real' Avodas Hashem of 'big' things. To the contrary - Hashem purposely created us in a way that most of our time is taken up with small, boring and mundane tasks, precisely to see how we deal with the 'small' things.

Hashem put us in this world so that we can earn our share in the next world. How we conduct our business, how we parent our children, how we interact with our friends, how we go shopping, how we talk, walk, eat, sleep, and all the rest of everyday life, gives us so many opportunities to be the Yid that He wants us to be.

Someone asked Rav Avigdor Miller z"l what he would do if was told that he has 24 hours to live. He said, "I would do exactly what I'm planning on doing in the next 24 hours. If I'm planning on taking a walk with my wife, I'll take a walk with my wife. If I'm planning to eat lunch, I'll eat lunch". When even the 'small' things in 'regular' life are part and parcel of avodas Hashem, there is no reason to change.

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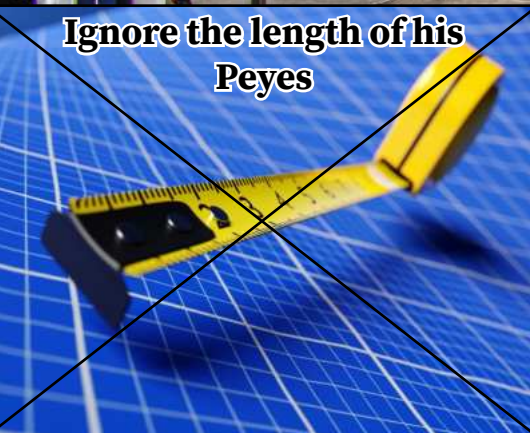
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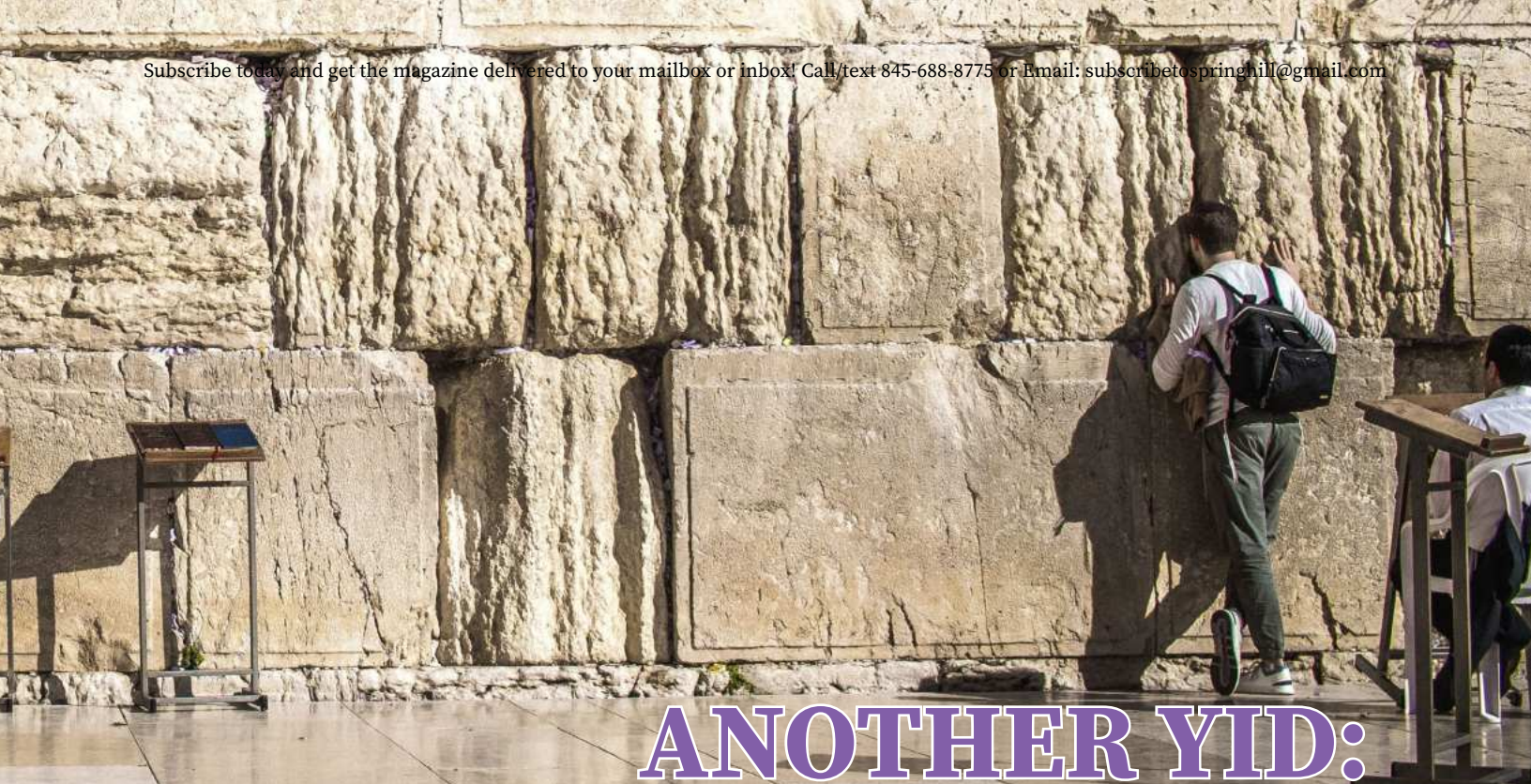


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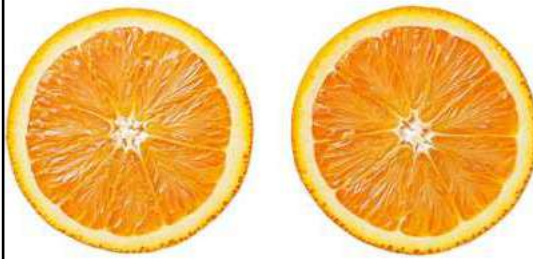


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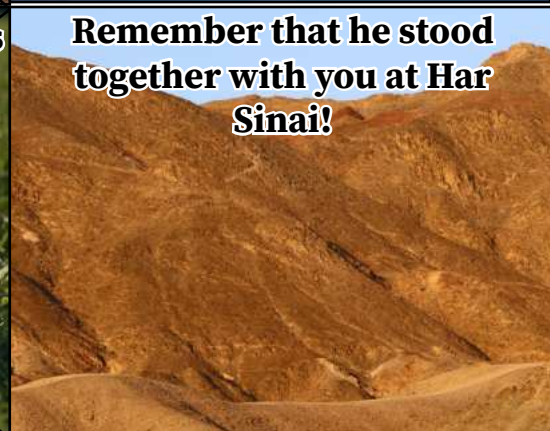
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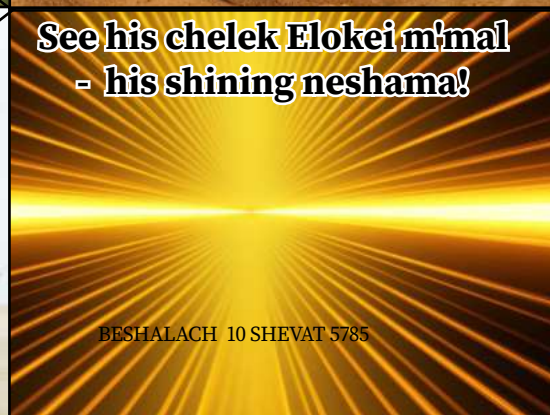
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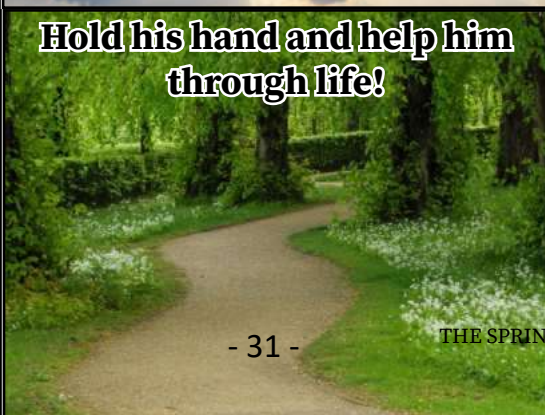
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**Hold his hand and help him
through life!**



**Accept him and love him to
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Hashem Loves You

HaRav Yitzchok Zilberstein writes that a Gvir named Eli looked at his bank account one day, and saw that a check for \$5,000 was withdrawn from his account. Eli was shocked because he never wrote such a check! When he researched the check, he saw that it was written to a *tzedakah* organization. He wracked his brains but could not recall ever writing such a large check! Finally, he remembered - a few months ago a gabbai tzedakah from a yeshiva had come to collect but he had been reluctant to contribute. So Eli had sent the gabbai to the miser across the street with a blank check, telling him that whatever the miser gives, he would give a dollar more. He knew the miser for decades, and was sure that the miser would not give anything significant. When he gave the gabbai the blank check, he instructed him to write "a dollar more than the contribution of my neighbor across the street." Eli then completely forgot about the blank check.

The gabbai trusted that Hashem would help him. He was very smart and researched the miser. He found out that the miser's father was a man named Baruch who survived the holocaust and loved to help people. During the holocaust, Baruch had been in a barrack, and had given up his last pieces of bread to save the life of a starving Talmid Chochom. He had also risked his life numerous times to help children escape to safety. The gabbai then went to the miser's house and began telling him many stories of his father's chesed. The miser was listening intently and began to cry. After an hour, the miser was very emotional and asked how he could honor his dear father's memory. The Gabbai Tzedaka then inspired the miser to give a very big donation of \$5,000 to the yeshiva in memory of his father Zichrono LeBracha. The gabbai then took Eli's blank check and wrote out the words "Five Thousand and One Dollars," \$5,001, and deposited both checks on the same day, earning the Yeshiva 10,001 dollars!



Rav Zilberstein then relates how Eli asked if he was obligated to pay the \$5,001 since had he known that the miser would give so much he would never have given the blank check to the Gabbai in the first place!

After much discussion, Rav Zilberstein quotes HaGaon Rav Nissim Karelitz who poskened that the proper thing for Eli is to pay the full amount of the check.

We learn from this story to always believe in our own greatness! Even someone who was a miser his entire life was able to give generously in a way that shocked his very own neighbor!

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The Chinuch Chaburah

R' Tzvi Moshe Schultz



The Chofetz Chaim used to wear his hat down over his eyes. People assumed it was because he wanted to cover his eyes so he wouldn't see anything inappropriate. However, his family explained that that wasn't the reason.

Rather, it was because his hat was simply too big. Someone once bought the hat for him, and it was the wrong size. But the Chofetz Chaim wore it anyways. During the week he would roll up newspapers into the hat to help keep it up. But on Shabbos that would be a problem of carrying, so he just wore it plain, and it fell down over his eyes. His family didn't like it, and they asked him why he wore it.

The Chofetz Chaim just responded: "What am I, a chasan bachur? I'm an old man already. What does it matter if my hat fits or not?"



Rav Simcha Zissel Ziv was known as the Alter of Kelm, because he ran the famous Talmud Torah in Kelm. His son was Rav Nochum Velvel, who worked in the lumber business.

Rav Nochum Velvel, owned a dog, which was common among businessmen in those times.

In the yeshivos, they explained that the reason he owned the dog was so that he could feed the dog a portion of his food, without anyone noticing his act of asceticism.

Think about this

A. Why didn't the Chofetz Chaim care if his hat fit or not?

B. What can we learn from this? How can we practically apply this to our own lives?

A. . What does it mean to be mistapek bemuat? How can we apply this principle in our own lives?

B. Why did Rav Nochum Velvel want to hide what he was doing?

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#1914:

This story was called in by very, very choshuva yungerman, R' Mendel Goldstein of Yerushalayim. He was trying to refill his RavKav bus card in the credit card machine, but his American credit card was not working. He tried swiping it in a different machine, and then another machine, but again, to no avail.

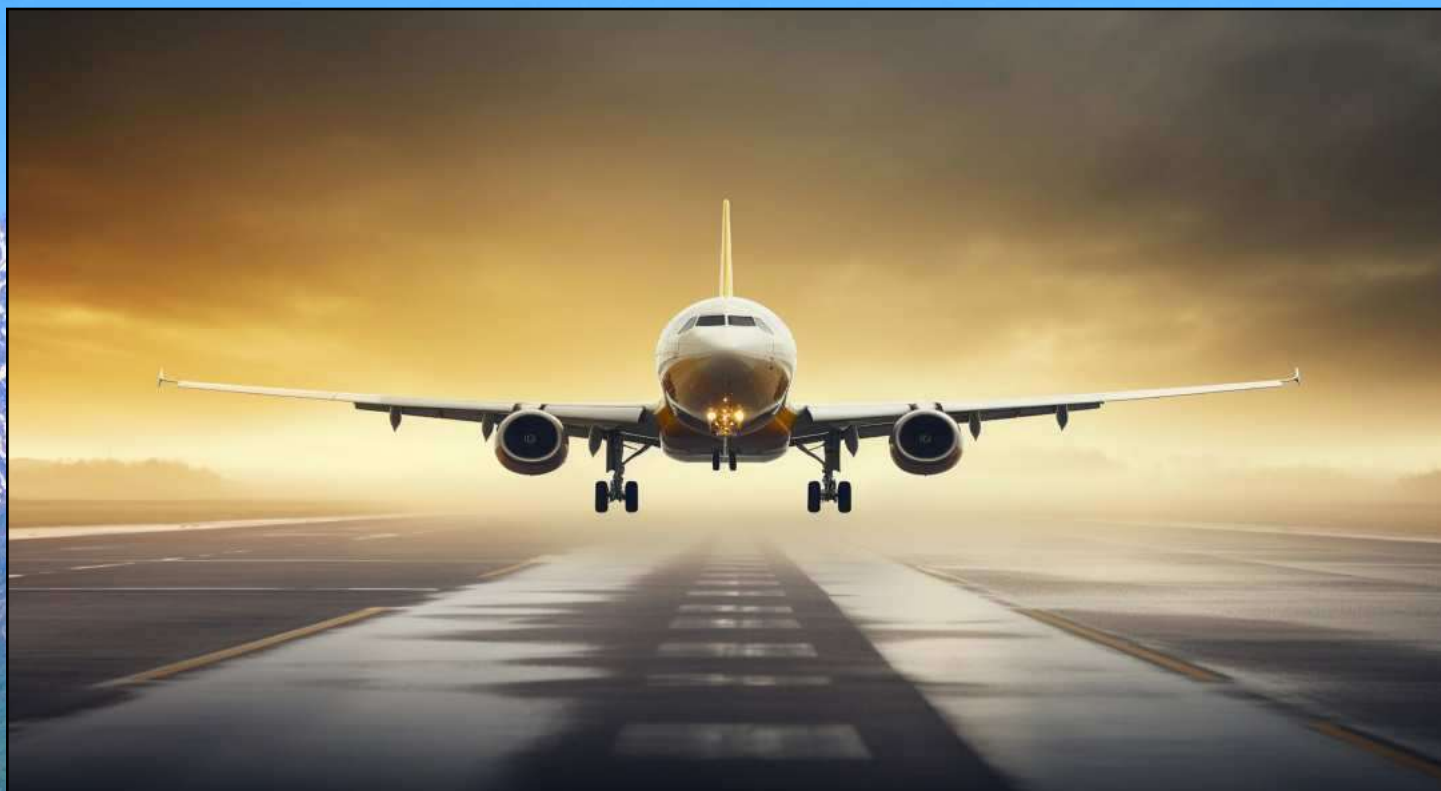
"What should I do?" he thought. "I won't be able to ride the bus if I can't refill my RavKav. One second," he caught himself. "If I go with Teva, none of the machines will take my card because it's an American credit card. This time, I'm going to swipe the card with the Emunah and Bitachon that Hashem is the One processing all the information, and He's a Kol Yachol. He can do anything and everything. It makes no difference to Hashem if it's this type of credit card or that type of credit card. For Hashem it's all the same."

R' Mendel swiped his credit card once more. This time it started working, with the best service, and he was able to refill his RavKav!

Clarification

You may find at times mentioned in the Spring Hill Times that a positive lie is better than a negative truth.

It is of course not referring to when someone lies to gain something or to trick someone else, which is forbidden. It's referring to having a positive attitude to a situation, in order to either focus on Hashem's chesed or to be mevatel the idea of nature.



#1915: This story was called in by Harav Aharon Sorcher, shlita, a very choshuva Rav. He had to fly somewhere very important, and his flight was supposed to take off at 9:30. When he arrived at the airport to check in, they told him, "You know your flight was canceled. We sent everyone messages. There's been a world-wide computer glitch, and our computers are down."

"Well, I'm sorry, I didn't get the message," Rav Sorcher said. "Is there anything you can do to help me?"

"There's nothing we can do. Unfortunately computers are down all over the world and the 9:30 flight was canceled. Sorry."

He stood at the check-in counter thinking, "Who is in charge of my flight working out? Does it have anything to do with the clerk or computers or cancellations? Who is running this world? Only my loving caring Father, HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam. Hashem is the only One in charge."

Suddenly, the same check-in clerk remarked, "Oh, interesting! You know, the 5:30 flight that was supposed to leave four hours ago is actually leaving right now."

Rav Sorcher asked, "Oh, can I get on it?"

"No, you can't get on it," said the clerk. "I'm just telling you what's happening."

"Who's in charge of letting me on the plane?" thought Rav Sorcher. "It's not the clerk - it's Hashem."

"You know what? Let me ask my supervisor," said the clerk unexpectedly. The supervisor came over immediately and was very accommodating.

"Sure, you can go on that plane. It was scheduled to leave four hours ago, but it was delayed, and it's about to leave any minute," said the supervisor, graciously. "Don't worry, you'll make it. I'll take you right through security to the gate."

So even though the computers were down, his flight was canceled and there were no planes flying, Rav Sorcher ended up taking off at 9:30 as planned, with the best service!

Zichru Toras Moshe

Rabbi Moshe Hirschberg

WIRED TO THE RESCUE



Toward the close of summer 2007, the twelfth-grade bunk of Camp Toras Chessed was excited to hear that they'd be biking down the trail in the local state park. All the boys prepared everything they needed for the journey, and off they went. Driving through the forest, the boys found the excitement that they were anticipating — an enjoyable journey, the shade from the sun, and navigating through the challenging mountains.

All their excitement came to an end when their friend, Nosson H., toppled over and got severely injured. The boy before him had fallen off his bike, and created a hazard in the middle of the trail that caused Nosson to stumble over and land right on his jaw.

Seeing the severity of his injuries, his counselor immediately called Hatzalah. He was trans-

ported to the nearest hospital, where his mother had come to be by his side. After a thorough examination, the hospital staff realized that they lacked the medical team to adequately treat him, and they instructed them to attempt a transfer to Westchester Hospital.

When the hospital got word of the case, they offered to send their medical team via helicopter and have Nosson transferred there quickly. His family decided that the helicopter wasn't necessary, and they instead traveled by ambulance. They got to Westchester around midnight and had the maxillofacial surgeon who was on duty tend to his needs. After putting his jaw back together, the surgeon updated them about the prognosis and how to proceed with the proper care.

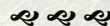
While listing off Nosson's necessary treatment and follow-up care, the surgeon told them in his tired voice that Nosson was very lucky to be wearing braces on his teeth. "Had you not been wearing them, your teeth would've broken from the fall, and there would've been much worse damage. But besides for your teeth being saved, the wound could've been more harmful, causing severe damage to your jaw and even endangering your airway. This fall could've been life-threatening! Fortunate for you, those braces held your jaw in place despite the injury, sparing you much damage. You're lucky!"

It was only Nosson who understood the depth of the *hash-gachah* behind what they were saying:

Several weeks prior to the summer, Nosson had gone to the orthodontist to have his braces removed. After sitting for some time in the waiting room, the receptionist came and told them that, due to some unexpected delays, their appointment had been postponed — something that had never occurred in the past.

At first, Nosson was very disturbed. He had been waiting to have that annoying wire removed from his mouth ever since he'd gotten it, and now, as he was in the office to get them finally taken off, it was being pushed off even longer? What was even more bothersome was that the summer was fast approaching, and Nosson wouldn't be able to get them off while he was in camp, meaning he'd be wearing them for many more weeks because of this delay. Yet, Nosson understood Who all this was coming from, and he accepted it willingly.

After hearing the maxillofacial surgeon's words, he understood why the removal of his braces was delayed. It was all pre-planned by Hashem, orchestrated to bring along a *yeshua* that was waiting for him several weeks down the road.



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The governor invited all the Jewish officials of a particular locale in Europe to a meeting at his manor. "The army has a mission to complete in the vicinity," he said. "All the members of your community are required to host two soldiers during the undertaking."

This was a terrible decree. Besides for the financial burden that feeding and housing soldiers would place on their poor community, it would also tamper the *ruchnius* of the Jewish homes. Bringing in two low-life soldiers for several weeks would have a terrible *hashpa'a* on the families. The community united for an *atzeres tefillah* to daven and plead to be spared from the decree.

The town was composed of two groups: Chassidim and Misnagdim. The Chassidim sent a prestigious group to an admired Rebbe to be *poel yeshuos* on behalf of the city. After the group sat before the Rebbe, he told them that he would only be able to bring forth the *yeshua* if they pull together several hundred silver coins. It was a considerable amount, yet the Rebbe insisted on it for the *pidyon shevuyim* at hand. Only then, he said, would they have the *yeshua*.

The Chassidim were excited to have some ray of hope to bring back with them to their city, but it wasn't met with much favor. When they presented the idea to the community, many vetoed the idea outright; such an astronomical sum would only be able to be covered by the entire community together. If any part would disagree, there was no way they'd be able to raise it all, and they highly doubted that the Misnagdim would comply.

There was one intelligent man who suggested a favorable offer: "Hosting the army is very costly," he said. "They are highly demanding, and you have to comply to all their needs — clothing the soldiers, feeding them, etc. It's all very expensive. I therefore recommend that everyone partake in this mitzvah, which is cheaper than the threat at hand. If the Rebbe's *yeshua* doesn't work, then I'll return any money that was spent for the *pidyon*."

His offer was accepted by all those in the opposition of the plan. Within a short time, the entire community had united, and the whole sum needed for the *pidyon* was raised. They brought it to the Rebbe, who then *bentched* them that the *gezeira* would vanish soon.

It didn't take long before the community got a letter from the governor stating that the army was rerouting its campaign, sparing their city from the original decree.

That day turned into Purim. Everyone was overjoyed over the *yeshua*, but those who brought the money to the Rebbe were

even more joyous — first for the *mofeis* that the Rebbe had performed, and second over the fact that they did not have to return the money that had been laid out on the condition that the *yeshua* would work.

But the joy didn't last very long. Soon after seeing the letter, the Misnagdim noticed that the governor's letter was dated before the Rebbe had given his *brachah*. That indicated to them that it was not the Rebbe's *bracha* that had brought about the *yeshua* but something prior to that. As such, the Misnagdim demanded their money back. What were they to do?

The two opposing sides brought the quandary before **Reb Shlomo Kluger** to rule it out. Before presenting the two sides, they confirmed that they were looking for the *halacha* and not merely a compromise.

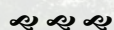
After hearing out the two sides, Reb Shlomo told them that he would issue the *p'sak* the next morning. In the morning, the delegation returned, ready to hear the Rav's ruling. After everyone settled, Rav Shlomo ruled in favor of the Chassidim. It was in their *zechus* that the *yeshua* came about, even though the letter was dated prior to that.

What was the basis for his ruling? We know that Hashem brings the *refuah* before the *makah*, meaning that Hashem brings a *tzara* upon a person only after the *yeshua* is set up. And yet Hashem withholds the *yeshua* until the person accesses it on his own. In this case, Hashem programmed the *yeshua* to

come even before the governor's meeting.

Based on this understanding, Reb Shlomo ruled, that we rightfully can assume that Hashem sent the letter based on the knowledge that the Rebbe would daven for them, and the *yeshua* indeed was given only because of that. Therefore, the person who made the condition wasn't obligated to return the money. (Reb Shlomo based it on Brachos 63b)

When we beseech Hashem for any of our needs, we must remember that the salvation was set up far before we knew about it. This understanding ensures us with a greater reliance in a brighter future.



STORED SALVATION

Chanukah of 5785 was approaching, and Dovid had no idea how he was going to light



the Chanukah candles. He was in Tennessee with his child who needed medical treatment, and the hospital didn't allow lighting any kind of fire on the premises.

After a long discussion with the hospital manager, the manager agreed to let Dovid light the candles in a glass case at the front door of the facility. "As a one-time allowance, I'll let you light at the front door. However, you must stand guard there as long as it is lit."

"Great!" Dovid thought. He had a way to light in the hospital, but where was he going to find such a case? He tried Home Depot and other local stores, but nobody in Tennessee even *knew* of such an item, let alone to *carry* it.

Several days later, he was in the local Young Israel, and he saw a glass menorah case lying on the *bima*. He walked up to the *bima* and inquired people there as to whose case it was.

"You want it?" one of the senior men there asked Dovid. "You can have it."

Dovid was delighted to hear that he had found the glass case he needed. With it, he would not only fulfill the mitzvah but would lighten up the dark streets of Tennessee

with his Chanukah menorah.

The next day, Dovid returned to the Young Israel and approached the donor to thank him again, who told him the story behind the mysterious case.

The man told Dovid that his wife had been nudging him to get rid of the menorah case. For years, it had been collecting dust without anybody touching it. Yesterday, as his wife was rearranging the garage, she'd said, "Enough is enough. It's going in the garbage right now!"

"I'll bring it to shul," he compromised. "If no one wants it, then it'll get discarded."

"Thirty seconds before I was ready to cast it into the dumpster," the man told Dovid, "you asked me if you could have it. Now I know why I was saving it. It was stored in my garage all these years so that one day, when there would be a Yid who would need to light the menorah with it here in Tennessee, it would be ready for him."

For years, Hashem had arranged the menorah case so that Dovid would be able to do *pursu-me'i nisa* in the streets of Tennessee.

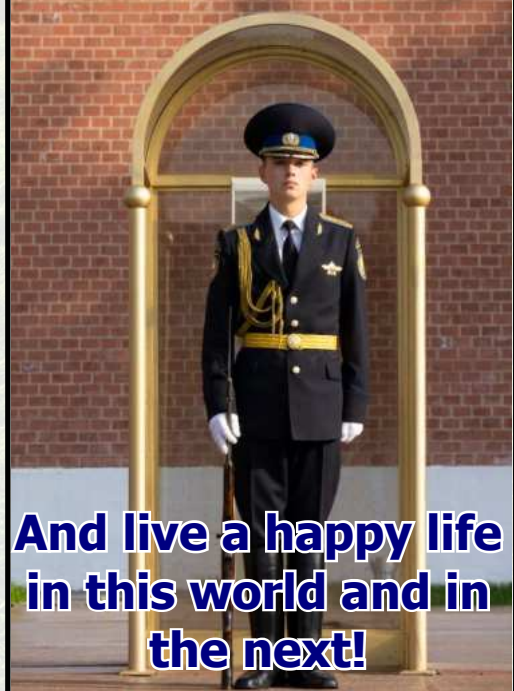
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BEETCHU BI ADAY-AD

By Mrs. S. Mordechai
(On Parshas Beshalach)

How many tears does it take to fill a yam?
How much would you pay for a moment of calm?

Like a well-equipped calvary, our Nisyonos encroach from behind.
Da'agos about what lies ahead threaten to drown our mind.

We call out to you, Hashem, HaKol Yachol.

"Only You can remove what is around our necks, an ole."

"Raoo! With Amud Anon; L'Fanecha, I will guide you by day
and M'Acharecha with Amud Aish, B'Laila, I will illuminate your way. "

Your pain and burden I will share
and, with My Right Hand, pull you up from the turbulent waters of despair.
I will blow your Yissurim into oblivion with a wind from the east.
Stand firm and see that what once loomed so vast has now dissipated and ceased.

"Yeesaoo! Tekpatsu! Avakea es Ha-Mayim as My Servant, Moshe, stretches out his arm
to save you from all that would threaten to cause you harm.

"When Tzoros with full force pursue:
Al Tiroom!

Lo Yigash Alecha. Ani Hashem, Rofecha!

I will heal you from your sorrow
and your worries about tomorrow.
I am your Saiser and your refuge.
I will protect you from any deluge.

"I will wage war for you while you remain silent, Tachareeshoon
and never leave your side night, morning, nor noon.

"I was listening when Tzaaktem Alai.
Now follow Acharai
into Eretz Lo Zarua
where I have already prepared your Yeshua.

"While Hayom, strife may seem to swirl in the waters of the Yam;
from this moment, Lo Sosaifu Lir'Osam Ode, Ad-Olam!
Nechama radiates with My Or
until your Choshech is obliterated and no more!

"Chizku v'Yametz in your heart!
Dive into a new start.
I have set, to catch you, a net.
The glare of no is transformed into the glow of not yet."

"Our faith is a wall Yeminenu!
Our trust is a wall Smolenu!
"Ze Kayli! We know Shemo!"

We immerse ourselves in His love
We rely on Hakadosh Baruch Hu,
Who split the sea when we felt most vulnerable and Sagar
and raised us up from the lowest of low to the highest of heights on His Heilige Har.

Sheltered under His Kapayim,

dry now is the Yam of tears and raging Mayim.

He reassures us: "You are NEVER Lavad!

"Beetchu Bi Adai-Ad."

We are sure now that His Shechina is near,

We are comforted, Az Yashir!

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

Leiluy Nishmas:
Chana Rav
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TRAVELING THE PATH OF OUR GEDOLIM

The Chazon Ish once knocked on his neighbor's door for help with a severe toothache. The neighbor offered to apply alcohol to the Chazon Ish's gums to help numb the pain. "Thank you so much, but would you mind washing negel vasser four times, as per the Vilna Gaon's shita, before you touch my mouth"? The neighbor didn't mind at all. After he was somewhat recovered and the pain had receded, the Chazon Ish felt the need to explain himself to his kind neighbor. He told him a story about Reb Eizel Charif, whose father in law only agreed to support his learning if it was learning purely lishma, just for Hashem's sake.

Reb Eizel told his father-in-law - I cannot say if I am learning torah lishma, but I do know that it is my DESIRE to learn Torah lishma. The Chazon Ish's face turned red with emotion as he proclaimed - I too desire with my whole heart to learn Torah lishma. For that reason I took upon myself to be extremely careful with what enters my mouth.

Another short anecdote about the sensitivity of the Chazon Ish:

One day, while walking on the street, the Chazon Ish suddenly slowed his pace considerably. The person accompanying him asked him why he was slowing down? He answered in a whisper, "Ahead of us is someone who is handicapped. It is not proper to pass him with our rapid, healthy steps. Better that we should slow down and remain behind him, we don't want him to feel hurt that he can't match our pace."

(Taken from "the story of the Chazon Ish for young readers".)



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1. Why didn't Yosef tell his sons to take his body out of Egypt right after he was nifter?
2. Where were the Yidden encamped before arriving at סוכות?
3. Why didn't Hashem destroy the עבודה זרה?
4. Why did the punishment of the Egyptians start from Pharoh?
5. What was one way that Pharoh persuaded the Egyptians to chase the Yidden?
6. What זכות did the Yidden have to merit קריעת ים סוף?
7. Why does it say פרעה in singular, did Pharoh only have one horse?

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Horse: Hashem drowned the rider on his horse.
Stone: The Mitzriyim sunk like stones.

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Thank You, Hashem, for Thermometers! We can easily and accurately check to see if we have fever!



Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant Yerushalayim
Ir Hakodesh
לזכות משה יהודה בן שושנה

Thank You, Hashem, for Toy Stores! We can have one place to get all our games & toys!



Thank You, Hashem, for Cup Dispensers! Such an efficient way to get cups orderly without making a mess!



Thank You, Hashem, for Robes! Goes right on and keeps us so dry, cozy & warm!



You needed to schelp them in bags to the seller. You were in danger of losing them or having them stolen. You needed to count them and recount them again and again...



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Patient

There's a homeless person in my shul. He is unkempt, has unpleasant look and odor. How do I view him in a positive light?

1. See past the outer shell. Inside this person is a glowing beautiful Neshama. The neshama is the real person. The body is just a temporary case. His Neshama is a piece of eternity - a piece of Hashem,

Realize that Hashem's love to Him is the exact same as His love to you! His love is not affected by a person's physical state.

Picture to yourself in your mind giving him a loving hug.

2. This person has nobody in this world! Give him encouragement. Smile at him. Treat him like a human being. He needs it more than any other person.

One day, you will see this will be your biggest asset in Shamayim. There is no greater happiness to Hashem than when he sees someone being kind and thoughtful to those in need.





Everything Created Reflects HaShem's Glory:

WHALES: Part 1

Whales are the largest species that live in our world. Though they look like a fish and swim around and hunt for food in the ocean like fish do, whales are not fish, even though they do actually live in the ocean just like all fish do.

Whales, in fact, are actually mammals. Mammals are animals that breathe air and are warm blooded. Their babies are born alive and are not hatched from an egg.

The body of a fish is covered with scales, while the body of a whale is covered with smooth, firm skin. In fact, if you touch the body of a whale, its skin feels like rubber.

Fish also swim in a different way than whales do. Fish move their tails from side to side to swim through the water. Whales, on the other hand, move their tails up and down in order to move through the water.

Whales are classified into two different families (types) of whales: Toothed Whales and Baleen Whales. Killer Whales are part of the family of Toothed Whales. Blue Whales are a part of the group of whales that are called Baleen Whales. Baleen means whales with a mustache, because they eat via a feeding apparatus that looks like a mustache, but it is inside of their mouths.

The different whales are divided into their two different groups by the way that each whale catches its food. With each mouthful, Baleen Whales filter (or strain) a lot of plankton (very tiny small animals) out of the ocean's water. Sometimes they even catch small fish this way. But mostly they eat plankton that they have filtered out of the water.

Toothed Whales, however, actually catch and swallow bigger animals one at a time. They do not chew the food they catch: they swallow it whole. A Killer Whale can swallow about 50 pounds (23 kilogram) of food at one time!

Baby whales grow very quickly. They usually gain weight at the rate of 10 pounds each and every hour! The babies of both Toothed Whales and Baleen Whales are called calves. The male whales are called bulls, and the female whales are called cows.

[Material based on Zoobooks, Wildlife Education, Ltd. series.]

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ADVICE FOR GIRL WHO WASN'T HANGING UP FROM HER FRIEND:
SHE ISN'T RESPECTING THAT HER FRIEND IS TELLING HER SHE NEEDS TO GO, SHE NEEDS TO RESPECT HER FRIEND AND HANG UP -- BAILA R.

And remember that pillow fight?!!!

Yeah!!!

It was so fun!

I am so sad

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This is really busting all my confidence!

I'm so confused! We simply forgot to invite Dassi! We didn't mean to insult her! Please help!!

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Uku a Rathanu
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Suggestions for man whose hat flew off in the wind and got dirty:

- It's only a hat, and not anything worse, like for example someone getting injured.
- He could appreciate all the times that he actually did catch his hat from flying away!
- A hat could be replaced, and it's not the end of the world if it gets a little dirty.
- Perhaps, he will discover a place that cleans hats and he will have a new resource, and could help others as well.
- Now, perhaps, he has a good reason to buy a new hat!
- Since he may not be able to wear his hat, he will be able to work on his ability in dealing with uncomfortable situations, and also, perhaps, he will expand his judging others favorably capabilities, now realizing that there may always be more to a story.



Moshe and Raphy had been the closest friends since early childhood. Thus, when Raphy approached Moshe for a considerable loan, he didn't think twice about it. Although, not a man of means, Moshe sincerely wanted to help his good buddy. After a few months, Raphy came to talk to Moshe about his outstanding loan. He apologized that he lacked the means to pay back the loan, and was actually in deeper debt now. He knew it was a chutzpah, but with tears strolling down his face, he asked Moshe if he could forgive the loan. He promised that if and when he got himself together, he would surely pay him the money. Moshe forgave him, instinctively knowing that he would never see the money ever again, and went his way. His head was spinning amid a storm of emotions. Help Moshe have ayin tova for Raphy and his situation.



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MIX OF TOPI

This week's topic:
Hashem takes care

Shalom's grandfather was very sick. He was able to gather eight bachrim plus the Rosh Yeshiva for a minyan to daven at mekomos Hakidoshim. As they were leaving a bacher came by saying that he's from a very poor family, and this week is his brother's ufruf and he needed to deal with getting the food. He decided to join anyway, because a minyan is important. After they went to all the places...

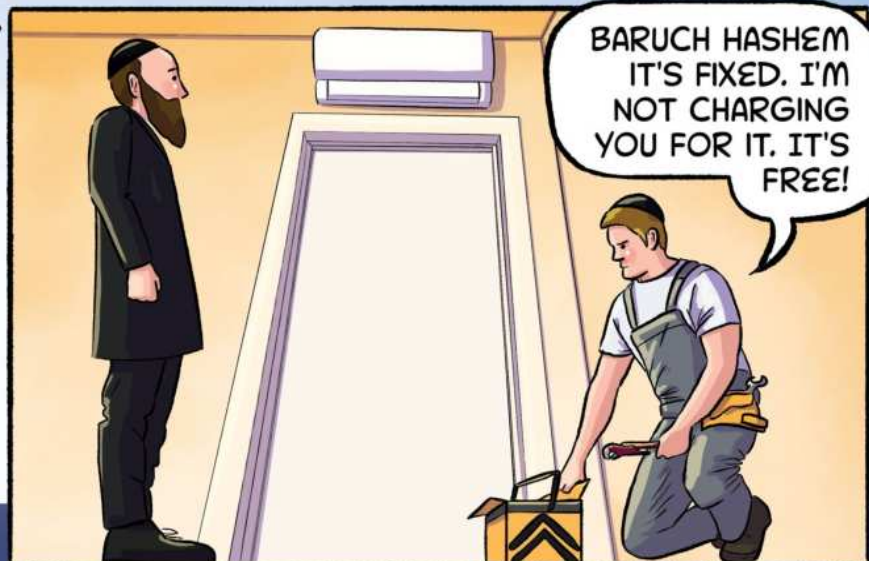


Hashem takes care of you if you do the right thing
And He does it better - if you were wondering
The yid thought that if he'd go, the kiddush would lack
Even so, he decided to quickly race back
stopped rushing to the kiddish he was cooking for
And was the 10th man that they were looking for
Hashem made sure his obligation was heeded
And catered for him the cholent he needed

THE TZENTZER'S CHOLENT part 2

AS TOLD TO
RABBI ZEVI
GOLOMBECK

Hakaras Hatov Chocolates



Let Us Imagine...



Let us imagine for just a few minutes that someone from the 1700s showed up at your house, and you had to show him around our world...

"Come in," you say. You open the fridge door to get your guest a drink. He looks on in shock as you hand him a cup of cold water. "What... what is that... *contraption*?" he finally asks.

"Oh, you mean the fridge? It's where we put things, you know, to keep them cold."

Suddenly, your phone rings. The guest jumps at the sound. "What is that interesting black box?" he questions.

"It's a phone," you reply simply.

"What's a phone?"

"If you want to speak to someone, you dial the number, and then you can talk to the person. If there is no answer, you can leave a message."

Your guest is speechless with shock. "You mean... you can talk to anyone at any time or place?!"

"Sure," you laugh. "Of course you can."

He is still shaking his head in shock when he notices you washing your hands. "Am I seeing right? Where is all this water coming from?!"

Wondering why your guest is so overawed, you respond, "It's no big deal. It's just a *sink*."

Feeling hot, you walk over to the air conditioner and flick the on the switch. Of course, your fascinated guest questions you about this too.

You then decide to take your guest on a walk. However, as soon as you step outside, your guest nearly faints from fright and dashes back inside.

"What's the matter?!" you ask in concern.

"I didn't know this world was overtaken by aliens!" he says. He lifts a trembling finger towards the cars. "Those monstrous creatures with their strange lights and sounds..."

You struggle to hold in your laughter. "No, those are cars. There are people inside, driving to different places. You know, sort of like a horse and buggy, only much faster and smoother."

"And what are those swaying lights on top?"

"Oh, those are traffic lights to direct traffic."

"I see. By the way, where is your outhouse?"

"Outhouse? Oh, you mean the bathroom. It's right here."

The guest's eyes opened wide. "You mean... you have an *indoor* outhouse? You don't have to trudge outside in the freezing cold or middle of the night when you need it?"

"Um, yeah. Baruch Hashem." You are definitely starting to appreciate your comfortable 21st-century life a bit more...

While your guest is busy, you start throwing the clean laundry into the dryer. When he sees you, he stops short.

"What's that?" he asks suspiciously.

"Oh, it's a washing machine and dryer. You put the dirty clothes in the machine, take them out after an hour or so, and then put them in the dryer to dry."

"Wow! Where I come from, laundry is a full-day job. We scrub the clothes by the river, using homemade soap..."

Seeing that it is starting to get dark outside, you flick on the light switch. Once again, your guest is amazed and excited. "How did you *do* that?"

"Oh, I just turned on the light. I don't know exactly how it works..."

Witnessing your guest's reactions, you can't help but imagine his excitement upon being introduced to computers, earbuds, mp3s, cameras, planes, stores filled with every type of fresh, ready-made food, gorgeous, ready-made clothes, ovens, microwaves, heaters, comfortable rubber spring mattresses, modern medical and dental equipment, disposable diapers... The list could go on and on.

Who put brilliant ideas into so many inventor's minds and enabled those ideas to come to fruition? Who ensured that our lives would be more comfortable and luxurious than the richest kings of yesteryear? Who is constantly bestowing us with every convenience imaginable? It's only You, our loving caring Father, Hakadosh Baruch Hu! We love You, Hashem!

REMEMBERING THE MIRACLES, THE CHESSED AND THE TESHUVA

From Last Year - 5784



An incredible story said over by Rabbi Shlomo Landau on Torah Anytime.

There were two people who were off the derech but always kept Shabbos. They were invited to the festival near Gaza. The temptation was very strong so they decided that just for that week they would take a break from Shemiras Shabbos and go to the festival.

They were there when the terrorists came. The terrorists told them that they would not waste a bullet on them, they would use a knife.

One of the men then turned to the other and said, "This is happening to us because we didn't keep Shabbos!" The other Yid said, "You are right!!

One of the terrorists who knew Hebrew said, "What did you just say?" They told him that they usually keep Shabbos but are getting punished because they didn't keep this Shabbos.

The terrorist said to them that he was told in Gaza that people who keep Shabbos have a special Aura. "We are not looking to kill people like You - run!"

They both escaped and lived to tell the tale!!

....

My husband was driving on the main highway through Tel Aviv last week and said there were five or six huge lit up signs displaying: בעזרת ה' ביחד ננצח

בשם ה' נעשה ונצליח

This was in the middle of Tel

Aviv!

....

Two blood drives have been held in Beit Shemesh since the war started. The first one required pre-registration due to the regulations about public gatherings. Within just a couple of hours of the announcement, all the allocated slots were filled! People were turned away from the doors on the evening of the event!

The second event had to end early and people turned away, when the staff finished their stock of bags for the blood donations.

The amazing people of Beit Shemesh rushed to donate their time, their money, their homes and their blood!

THIS WEEK

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

BESHALACH 5782 ISSUE 35

TRIUMPH!



The side door of R' Yaa-kov's van was not opening. The other side door was not closing. He took the car to mechanic. The mechanic couldn't fix the problem.

He then took the car to a second mechanic and he too couldn't help. He was told to take it to the dealer. He started to mechazek in Hakol Yochol. The doors still didn't work. So he filled his heart with more bitachon but there was no change. He said to himself, "Seems like Hashem wants me to go to the dealer." He started going to the dealer and on the way he said, "I'll be mechazek even more that Hashem can do anything and everything." He tried the doors and they worked perfectly! The one that was stuck open - closed, and the one that was stuck closed - opened!!! (A Life with Bitachon #1148).

YIDDEN THINK ABOUT EACH OTHER

R' Zevy Golombeck from Lakewood, New Jersey. came out of his house on an icy cold day.



He realized that a neighbor of his had salted all of his neighbors' steps!

DAVENED AND GOT COUCH



Efraim* needed to buy a couch but didn't have the money to buy one. He was at an auction and they were raffling off a beautiful couch. He turned to Hashem

and asked Him to please give him the couch. That night, he got the call, "You won!!!"

YOUNG BOYS DAVEN TO HASHEM



A substitute in Lakewood, New Jersey, told his class that davening is real and Hashem listens to everything we daven for.

A few weeks later he was back subbing the class, and three children - Chaim* Ari* and Dovi* - told him their most amazing stories. After hearing the power of tefila from their substitute Rebbe, they asked Hashem to give them ice cream.

Chaim came home and his mother took him out to Sprinkles. Ari came home and his brother bought an ice cream machine. Dovi came home and his brother brought home ice cream for him!!!

BESHALACH 5783 ISSUE 85

THE BEAUTY OF KLAL YISRAEL!

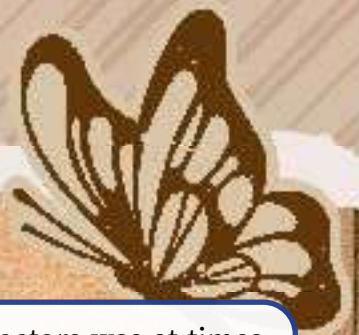


It was Thursday night and Mrs. Katz* from Lakewood, New Jersey was shopping in a local store lekavod Shabbos.

When she was done, she went to the cashier to pay. But she did not have enough money. So she started telling the cashier, "Please take off this item. This one too... I'm going to put them back"

All of sudden, the man waiting in line behind her said, "Don't put the items back. I'm paying for them." מי כעמך ישראל

IN HISTORY



PATIENT ADMINISTERS BITACHON TO DOCTOR



Mrs. Weiss had a baby. While she was in the hospital, she called 'A Life with Bitachon' and listened to the songs. They helped her relax.

She noticed that one of the doctors was at times uptight. But when she put on the songs of Bitachon he would become calmer.

The doctor told her, "Wow there is something about those songs. They are making me very calm. Can you please give me the number to the hotline?!?!?"

BESHALACH 5784 ISSUE 133

BITACHON = BRACHA

Mrs. Miller* was about to move, and she was short \$8,000 for moving-related expenses.

She was listening to 'A Life with Bitachon' and she heard a story on section two about a lady who needed \$30 but only had \$20. She went to the store trusting in Hashem that He would work it out for her. When she got to the store, she met someone who returned \$10 that she had borrowed the year before.



Mrs. Miller then told her husband to listen to this story, and he listened. Right then, his phone clicked. He answered the call, and it was his friend. The friend said, "I heard you're moving, do you need any money?"

He said, "\$8,000." The friend said, "Sure! Come right over for it!"

[R' Zevy Golombeck]

HASHES IS GOOD TO US

It was Motzei Shabbos, and Mrs. Gold was in the mood of ice cream. She called the ice cream store, but they told her that delivery would cost a lot of money. She did not have the strength to leave her house to pick it up herself.



Suddenly, she heard a knock on her door. It was

her neighbor. The neighbor said, "I have extra ice cream. Would you like some?"

"Tov Hashem lakol vrachamov - al kol maasav!"

GIRL FROM NEW JERSEY GIVES TZEDDAKKAH



11-year-old Miriam from Lakewood, New Jersey had some money, and she wanted to buy a Gatorade drink. She was about to leave the house to the

store when she heard a knock on the door. She opened the door. There was a boy collecting for families in Eretz Yisroel. Miriam took her money and gave it to the boy!

"Avdi Ata - Yisrael Asher Bichah - Espoar"

WOMAN THANKS HASHEM



Mrs. Schapiro caught Covid, and she was not able to taste and smell. She started thanking Hashem for all the times she was able to taste and smell.

She thanked Hashem for ten minutes! She then put food into her mouth, and she was able to taste it - her taste came back!

"Tov Lehodos L'Hashem U'lezamer Lishimcha Elyoin"

SHARING



Gam Zu L'Tovah: We put up a sukkah yesterday, but we live in an area where it's been extremely windy this year, and the sukkah was completely demolished by the winds. The handyman who put it up came and said that there is no way to put the sukkah up this year. So we were now left last minute trying to scramble to find a place to go away with the whole mishpacha.

I was talking to my daughter and I told her, "You know? Hashem made this happen. So that means that that is the way Hashem wanted it. Hashem must be saving us from something, and whatever it is it's Gam Zu Letovah, it's all good." My daughter said, "Yes, of course, Tatty. That's what Hashem wanted, Hashem brought the wind, and Hashem brought down the sukkah, so it has to be great." I told her, "We're looking to move, Im Yirtzeh Hashem, so we'll be in a better place next year."

My daughter in her temimusdik way said, "Tatty, of course, B'ezras Hashem this year Hashem will bring Moshiach!"

-A Reader, Staten Island, NY

Girl Davens to Hashem

I am 14-years-old and enjoy taking pictures and videos on my camera.

One day, I couldn't find it anywhere and I began to get really frustrated. I searched every place I could think of, but it seemed to have disappeared.

As my family helped me search, we davened and said that we would send in our story to the Spring Hill Times when Hashem helps us find the camera.

Shortly afterwards, I went to my room and found it on my pillow.

Oops, I forgot I had put it there.

Thank You, Hashem!



HASHEM'S KINDNESS



Potato Kugel for Yeshiva Bochur

My teenage son was having a Shabbos yeshiva. I decided to make the potato kugels early in the morning Erev Shabbos, so he could take one with him. Everything was ready for the food processor but it wasn't turning on. I tried multiple times to get it going, changed outlets, took it apart and put a knife in the section where the connector goes, still nothing happened.

I spent a good fifteen minutes on it and nothing happened. I starting thinking about grating the potatoes and onions by hand.

I said, "Hashem you are the Kol Yachol. You know that this is for l'kavod Shabbos, for a Yeshiva bochur, and to make my Shabbos preparations go faster.

I then tried it again and voila it turned on and I got the kugels into the oven in no time!

-Michal Litwin, Neve Yaakov



Hashem Makes Girl Happy

My daughter had scheduled her Bas Mitzvah party for Motzei Shabbos. Her cousins came in from Lakewood to Monsey together with their parents, for Shabbos.

The father usually likes to leave back to Lakewood right away after Shabbos, but that would mean that they would miss most of the Bas Mitzvah Melave Malka.

Hashem made that during Shabbos the ice and snow from the roof drip onto the car and then refreeze. The entire car was covered in a sheet of ice. It took him an hour to clear his car and my daughter had a delightful time with her cousins!

- A Reader, Chestnut Ridge, NY

SHARING



Hashgacha Pratis Safari

I have two stories. We were planning on going with our extended family to a safari on one of the days of Chol Hamoed. In the end, our extended family from the other side was going somewhere else that day, and we decided to go to the other place. We were disappointed to miss out on going to the Safari. Then, some of our cousins ended up going to the Safari a different day, and they had room for us in their car. A giraffe come up close to the car and we got a longer tour than our cousins who went the other day.

My second story is that I had something that I wanted to trade with a friend, but I couldn't find it. I said, "Hashem, You can help me find it. Hashem, You can help me find it." When I said it the second time, right then I saw it! -12-year-old reader from Monsey, NY

Thank You Hashem!

I want to thank Hashem for watching over me and my family, and the nissim He does for us.

In the summer, my family went upstate, and my 6-year-old was playing with other boys his age. They all went up to the roof that only had a small gate around it and they leaned over the side.

Baruch Hashem, someone saw them in time and made them all come down before someone got hurt.

Another story: My husband was driving our family and didn't see a ditch coming up on the road. At the last second he saw it and was able to safely swerve out of the way safely just before our car fell in, Baruch Hashem!

Hashem loves and cares for us so much!

-A Reader



HASHEM'S KINDNESS



Siyatta Dishmaya on Sukkos

For the first days of Sukkos, we went to Brooklyn. The Ba'al Korei in the shul where I davened went away for Yom Tov and arranged for someone to take his place. Unfortunately, the person didn't show up for some reason. B'Siyatta Dishmaya, there was someone from Lakewood who was davening in the shul, someone who as far as I remember never davened there before and has no connection to the shul, and he said he was an experienced Baal Korei! He was able to lein beautifully. That's one story that happened to us.

Another story was that during Chol Hamoed we went on a trip to a zoo. We knew it was going to be very hard to find parking there. I had a brother who was also going there. He already got to the zoo and was looking for parking. He told us that he already passed the zoo and was coming back in the other direction and he still hadn't found parking. We actually passed him going in the other direction. So, I said, "Let's all daven to Hashem that we should find parking," and Baruch Hashem we found parking right across the street from the zoo! A spot that our car fit in perfectly! So I wanted to publicly thank Hashem.

-Chaim Kanner from Monsey



Hashem Hears Our Tefillos

It was Chol Hamoed Sukkos and I was feeling very tired. I wanted to lie down, but none of my kids wanted to watch the baby. So, I turned to Hashem. I said, "Hashem, please, I really want to nap. You're the Kol Yachol, can You please give me a nap?"

Just then, my father walked by, and he saw me talking to Hashem. He asked me what I was davening for. I told him, and he said, "Oh, I have time now. Go ahead, run to lie down." While I was in middle of davening, Hashem sent me the answer!

-Reader from Chicago

SHARING



Dream Summer Job: I want to share a moirehdikke maiseh that happened to me. In the summer, I had applied to two different camps to be a madrich but didn't get either job. I said, 'gam zu l'tova,' and was tzufrieden and not upset at all about it. Then I found a different job that I didn't want as much, and I was told to call the owner to finalize the job. I ended up forgetting to call. In the meantime, someone told me about another camp that had a madrich position open, and I applied for it and got the job! If I had called the other owner, I wouldn't have been able to back out of that job and take the job that I really wanted. I saw and felt Hashem's love for me!
-A Bochur, Lakewood, New Jersey

Baby Swing from Hashem

I just had a baby and told my friend that I needed a baby swing and couldn't get to the other side of town to buy it. She then told me that she had a baby swing she needed to get rid of if I wanted it. She even said she would drop it off!!!

So I got a free expensive baby swing in perfect condition delivered to my door!!

Thank You, Hashem!

A very thankful person in Lakewood, New Jersey,



HASHEM'S KINDNESS



Perfect Timing: We were going to fly to Eretz Yisroel, and it's very important for my husband to have extra legroom. All of a sudden, the day before we were leaving, he realized that he did not get the extra legroom. He tried to phone the travel agent and sort it out, however, he couldn't get through. He decided that he was just going to leave it. There was nothing else he could do, he did his hishtadlus.

We made a cheshbon that we would get to the airport early so that we could ask for the extra legroom at the airport. On the way, we realized that we weren't going to get there early. We were going to arrive with everyone else, and it was going to be too late to get the better seat. We just accepted the situation.

Later on, when we got to the check-in-counter, there was another passenger on our flight right next to us, and I heard him ask the clerk if he could buy a better seat. The clerk replied that there was nothing available. Nevertheless, my husband decided to try to ask them. The woman behind the desk said, "Let me see what I can do." We waited for quite a time, and then she said, "Yes, sure, you can have better seats." It was about half the price that it would have been had we booked it through the travel agent. So we ended up getting the best seats, right at the front!

We realized that at that specific time, they started giving out these seats. That's why we got them. We clearly saw the yad Hashem, how He is pulling the strings. He orchestrated it that we arrived at that time and not any earlier, which is how we ended up with exactly the seats we wanted! Thank you so much for your beautiful publication! -Mrs Taub, Chicago, IL



Every Step is Perfectly Planned

R' Avishai Berkowitz, from Manchester, England, was invited to a bar mitzvah on Shabbos but it was too far for him to walk. He planned on calling the father of the bar mitzvah boy to wish him mazal tov and to explain that he couldn't walk all the way to the bar mitzvah.

On Friday, the day before the bar mitzvah, he stopped by a store that he doesn't usually go to. In that store he met the father of the bar mitzvah boy! He rarely sees this man; he lives far from the store. He was able to wish mazal tov to the father in person and explain to him that he wasn't able to make it.

SHARING



Ride in the Rain: I was standing outside the Shul, rain pouring down around me. I didn't have an umbrella and I had to wait for the rain to let up. Instead of letting the weather get to me, I began to sing "Hakol Yochol," letting the melody lift my spirits amidst the downpour. As I stood there, I thought to myself that Hashem could easily send me a ride, because nothing is too difficult for Him. As the rain began to let up, I turned to the person standing next to me and mentioned that I thought it was stopping. We started walking, and then, to my surprise, he suddenly said, "You know, my car is just across the street. I can give you a ride home." I couldn't help but smile and thank Hashem for His kindness. -A Reader

Perfect Timing!

Fradel* was trying to redt a shidduch to somebody. Her mother was asked to be a reference. The other side called with a question that Fradel's mother was not able to answer to their satisfaction. It seemed that Fradel's mother would have to call the girl directly, but a close family member of hers was having surgery that day and they didn't want to bother her. On the other hand, the shidduch was time-sensitive, and they had to give an answer very soon.

Totally unexpectedly, the girl herself called Fradel's mother, to ask her opinion about a different shidduch! This was the first time the girl had ever called Fradel's mother. On the spot, Fradel's mother asked her the question she needed the answer to, and it got clarified and was satisfactory to the side that was inquiring about the shidduch. They were amazed at the perfect timing!

A Reader



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נשאלות לבוגרים

פֶּתַב בּוֹלֵט עַל עֲוֹנָה הָאֵם מִתָּר לְשַׁבְּרוּ?

1. אם הוא נעשה מהעווגה עצמה מתר.
2. אסור.
3. אם בולט יותר משעור אצבע אסור.

מַאִיִּזָּה טַעַם אֲסוּר לְהַסִּיר שְׁעוּה מֵעַל גְּבִי אוֹתִיּוֹת?

1. מוֹחֵק עַל מְנַת לְכַתֵּב.
2. תִּקְוֵן מְנָא.
3. כֹּל הַתְּשׁוּבוֹת נְכוֹנוֹת.

חזרת על ההלכות בשולחן השבת

6 שבתות!?

בשולחן
6 שבו
זרח!



אַתָּה מִיסְטֹר מִיִּקְל אוֹהֵב כֶּסֶף, וְאַנִּי אוֹהֵב תּוֹרָה!!!

בסוף הפרשה נתגב ויבא עמלק ויִלָּחֶם עִם יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּרִפְדִּים, וְאֹמְרִים תָּז' בְּמִכְלִלָתָא, אֵין רִפְדִּים אֱלָא רִפְיוֹן יָדַיִם לְפִי שְׂרָפוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִידֵיהֶם מִדְּבַרֵי תוֹרָה לִכְךָ בֹּא שׁוֹנֵא עֲלֵיהֶם לְפִי שְׁאִין הַשּׁוֹנֵא בֹא אֱלָא עַל רִפְיוֹן יָדַיִם מִן הַתּוֹרָה ע"כ.

וְנִשְׁאַלְתָּ הַשְׂאֵלָה אֵיךְ בָּאָתָּה אֲדָם וְיָכֹל לְזַמּוֹת לָהּ שְׂלֵא יִרְפוּ יְדֵי מִן הַתּוֹרָה, מִה הַסּוּד שֶׁל כָּל אוֹתָם עֲשִׂוֹת אֶלְפֵי תִלְמִידֵי חֲכָמִים וְאֲבָרְכֶם חֲזָרִי הִשְׁיבוֹת שְׂשׂוּקִידִים עַל תִּלְמוּדִים יוֹמָם וּלְלֵיל בַּשְּׁמֵחָה.

א ת הפתרון הפשוט לדרך נכחל ללמד מפעשה שהיה, בחזית ביתו המפאך של מיסטר מיידל, מיליונר אמריקאי ידוע, חנתה מכונת, ממנה יצא בקושי רב ועצום מן הגאון הגדול רבי נתן צבי פינקל זצ"ל, ראש ממלכת ישיבות מיר בארץ ישראל, שהיה חולה וחלש מאד. כשעכש ראש הישיבה זצ"ל פנימה, קבלו בעל הבית בשמחה והצביע על הכרסה שלצדו, באמרו לשכבר גש הכבוד. "אין צורך", השיב ראש הישיבה זצ"ל, "לא באנו בשביל לסעם מאומה, באנו לספר לך על מצבה הקשה של הישיבה. בלי עין הרע מונה הישיבה, על כל סניפיה, כששת אלפים תלמידים, בחורים ואברכי פולל הלומדים במשך היום כלו בשקידה..."

קטע הגביר את דבריו ואמר: "סלח לי ראש הישיבה, האם ירשה לי לשאול שאלה אחת? בשביל מה הרב צריך 6000 תלמידים? לתחזק ישיבה פסדור גדול כזה, הרי זו טרחה נוראה! הרב, במצבו הפריאטי הרופף, צריך לדאוג בלי הרף לסיומי עתק. הפחיתים, וגם האברכים בחלקם, צריכים אריזת בקור וצוהרים שעולות הרבה כסף, ההסעות עולות כסף, החשמל, המים ותחזוקת הבנינים, שלא לדבר על צות ועל מלגות לאברכים... בשביל מה צריך כ"ח הרבה? לא עדיף לצמצם? להסתפק, למשל, באלי תלמידים בלבד? גם אלף תלמידים זה המון. ובכל זאת, זה יהיה הרבה יותר קל..." הגביר הביט בראש הישיבה וצפה לשמוע את תשובתו. בחשבו שפונדאי יסכים עמו הרב, ואולי גם ישמע לעצתו ויצמצם, ולכסוף עוד יכיר לו תודה על עצתו המחכמת...

אך ראש הישיבה חזק ונביט בגביר במבט שכלול חזק, ואמר לו: "אמור לי אתה, כמה כסף יש לך? מאה מליון דולר מסתמא? נו, בשביל מה צריך אתה כל כך הרבה כסף? וכי לא מספיק לך רק חמישה מליון? לגלגל עסקים במאה מליון דולר זה דורש טרחה בלי גבול. כל כך הרבה פרטים לשצריך להחזיק בהם ראש בלי הרף! המפעלים, העובדים, הקו המכירות, הדאגות האינסופיות, הפחד ממפלת הבוהסא וירידת ערך הדולר... לשם מה אתה צריך את כל זה? למה אתה ממשיך להרחיב את הקו העסקים, להקים עוד ועוד מפעלים ולגייס עובדים? למה לא תצמצם ותקטין אותם ותחסך לעצמך דאגות יתרות?"

הַגְבִּי' הַקּוֹשֵׁב לְדַבְּרוֹ שֶׁל הָרֵב פֻּעֵר פֶּה. לְתַשׁוּבָה כּוֹזֵאת לֹא צִפֶּה כָּלָל. "וְכֹמֶה", הַמְשִׁיךְ רֹאשׁ הַתְּשִׁיבָה אֶתְּהָ לֹא שָׁבַע כּוֹמֶה שֶׁשֶׁל לָהּ. כִּי אֶתְהָ רֹצֶה עוֹד וְעוֹד כְּסָף!!! פִּי שֶׁתֵּיב "אוֹהֶב כְּסָף לֹא יִשְׁבַּע כְּסָף". וְאֵנִי רֹצֶה עוֹד וְעוֹד תִּנְהָ!!! וְכֵן אֵנִי אִמְשִׁיךְ לְאַסֵּף תַּלְמִידִים, כִּי אֵנִי לֹא שָׁבַע לְעוֹלָם. אֵנִי רֹצֶה עוֹד לִוְמֵי תִנְהָ, עוֹד עוֹסְקִים וְהוֹגִים בַּתִּנְהָ. אֶתְהָ מִיסְטֵר מִיִּקֵּל אוֹהֶב כְּסָף! וְאֵנִי אוֹהֶב תִּנְהָ! עַל תַּשׁוּבָה נִצָּחַת כּוֹזֵ לֹא הִיתָה לְגַבִּיר כֹּל תַּשׁוּבָה, מְלִבֵּד לְכַתֵּם אֶת אֲרִנְקוֹ וְהַכְפִּיל וְלִשְׁלֹשׁ אֶת

זוהי הסוד, אהבת תורה, אדם שיושב ללמוד בלי שמכין מהי תורה, מה הערך של התורה, יהיה לו באמת מאד קשה ללמוד, אבל אדם שמכין מהי תורה, שהיא תורת ה' שקבלנו בהר סיני, שהיא רצון ה', שהיא סוד של החיים, הבריאה, ההנהגה, ההצלחה והרווחניות, עוה"ז עוה"ב, הכל הכל טמון בה, הוא מכין, הוא מעריך, הוא אוהב, ואז הוא לא עוזב את התורה אפילו לרגע אחד.

נשאלות

אִימְתִּי הִיְתָה מְלֹאכֶת מוֹחֵק בַּמִּשְׁכָּן?

1. בְּעֶבֶד הָעוֹרוֹת.
2. כְּשֶׁסָּמְנוּ אֶת הָאוֹתִיּוֹת בְּטָעוֹת.
3. בְּאוֹתִיּוֹת אֲבִי הַחֹשֶׁן.

הָאֵם מֵתֵר מִדְּאוֹרֵיתָא לְמַחֲקֵי דִּיּוֹ שְׁנַשְׁפָּךְ עַל גִּירָ?

1. פן. 2. לא. 3. מחלקת.

מִמָּחָק אוֹת אַחַת כְּדֵי לְהַשְׁלִים סֵפֶר שְׁלֹם הָאֵם חֵיב תַּטְאֵת?

1. כֵּן. 2. לֹא. 3. מִחֲלָקֶת.

באיזה אופן אף המוחק שלא על מנת לכתב חייב חטאת?

1. פְּשִׁישׁ תּוֹעֵלֶת בְּמַחִיקָה עֲצֻמָּה.
2. אִם מַחֵק בְּחִזְקָה בְּאִפֶּן שְׂאִין נִפְרֵה הַכֶּתֶב כָּלֵל.
3. כֹּל הַתְּשׁוּבוֹת נִכּוֹנוֹת.

שְׁעוֹה שְׁנִטְפָּה עַל כִּיתוֹב הָאֵם מִתֵּר לְהִסְיָה כְּדִי שְׁיִכְלִי
לְקִרָא?

1. פן. 2. לֹא. 3. יסירה פלאחר יד.

האם מתר לאכל עוגה שיש עליה אותיות.

1. פן. 2. לא. 3. ראוי להחמיר.

אֵיךְ רָאִוּ לְנַהֵג לְמַעֲשֵׂה בִסְפָר שִׁפְתָּבוֹ אוֹתִיּוֹת עַל חֲדֵי דְפִיּוֹ?

1. אִפְשָׁר לִפְתֹּחַ.
2. אֵין לִפְתָחוֹ. 3. אִם יֵשׁ לוֹ אַחֵר לֹא יִפְתָחוּ.

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מלאכת כותב ומוחק

אחת מאבות המלאכות שהיו במשכן היא מלאכת כותב, שהיו כותבים על הקרשים אתיות כדי להניחם בסדר מסוים. והכותב שתי אותיות חייב חטאת¹, אף מלאכת מוחק נאסרה בשבת, שגם היא היתה במשכן, שפאר היו טועים בסמונים שנכתבו על הקרשים, היו מוחקים אותם וכותבים אחרים במקומם. ולכן כל המוחק כדי להכין מקום לכתוב שתי אותיות, הרי הוא בכלל אב מלאכת מוחק, וחייב חטאת².

א. המוחק דיו שנשפך על גיר, או שאר טשטוש, כדי להכין מקום לכתוב שתי אותיות חייב חטאת³.

ב. הכותב אות אחת להשלים ספר שלם, וכן אם תהן אות אחת והשלים על גדה ספר שלם, חייב חטאת⁴. והוא הדין אם מחק אות אחת כדי לכתב אות אחת שבה ישלים ספר שלם, חייב חטאת⁵.

ג. המוחק שלא על מנת לכתב, אינו חייב חטאת, אמן אם יש תועלת במחיקה עצמה, כגון שמוחק חוב הרשום אצלו כדי להורות שנפרע החוב, חייב חטאת גם על מחיקה זו⁶.

ד. נטפה טפת שענה או דיו על אותיות ואי אפשר לקרואם, אסור טשטש את המחק כדי שהאותיות תהינה נפרות, משום שהוא כמוחק על מנת לכתב⁷.

ה. עוגה שכתבו עליה אותיות מדבר אחר [ספריות וכדומה], אסור לשברה בידי באפן שישיברו האותיות⁸, אף אם האותיות הן מהעוגה עצמה [כפי שפוצי בבסקוויטים], מותר⁹ ועי' הערה¹⁰, אמן אם מותר לאכל את העוגה אף שהאותיות נמחקות בפיו בדרך אכילתו¹¹, אמן אם דעת החזו"א להחמיר בכל זה¹², ובכל אפן מותר לתת לקטן עוגה עם פיתוב אף שידוע¹³ שישבור את האותיות.

ו. המנהג להקל לפתח ספר שכתובות בו אותיות בחדי הדפים¹⁴, ומכל מקום נכון להזהר בזה אם יש לו ספר אחר¹⁵, ולכתחלה יש להזהר שלא לכתב אותיות על חדי הדפים¹⁶.



- 1 וכן שהכתיבה היתה כדי לצרף את הקרש לאחר לפי הסמונים הרי שהמלאכה נעשית בכתיבת שתי אותיות לכל קרש ואף אות אחת אסור לכתב שהרי חצי שעור אסור מן התורה.
- 2 ואף שלפצמים היו מוחקים אות אחת מ"מ סברת חז"ל שפלאכת מוחק אינה חשיבה יותר ממלאכת כותב ולכן אין שעורה אלא במחיקת שתי אותיות ואף אות אחת אסור למחק מן התורה כיון שחצי שעור אסור מן התורה.
- 3 שו"ע סי' שמ סעיף ג.
- 4 עי' ביה"ל שם ד"ה המוחק.
- 5 ביה"ל שם.
- 6 שם.
- 7 משנ"ב סק"י בשם הפ"ח, ועי' ביה"ל ד"ה ששעל הקלף שפשוטו יעקב חולק על הפ"ח ומסקנת הבה"ל להחמיר והביא בשם רעק"א שכתב שאין בזה משום מוחק אלא משום מיתקן מנא.
- 8 שם סעיף ג' פרק"א.
- 9 ואפילו אם הפתב בולט מהעוגה אם הפיתוב כפיצ מואותם חמרים של העוגה מותר לשבר את האותיות.
- 10 קד' היא מסקנת המשנ"ב ס"ק ט"ו, אמן אם דעת החזו"א להחמיר בזה, ועוד כתב שם המשנ"ב שאם עשה האותיות מדבש המערב במים או במי פירות אין להחמיר בזה ואף בזה דעת החזו"א להחמיר דמ"מ קתב הוא.
- 11 מסקנת המשנ"ב שם סק"י.
- 12 וז"ל במ"ב התיר דרך אכילה דודאי איפא תרי דרבנן, שלא ע"מ לכתב וכלאחר יד מיהו עשור היתר דתרי דרבנן אינו מקרע ואין לו מקור.
- 13 משנ"ב ס"ק י"ד.
- 14 משנ"ב שם.

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