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This week's issue is also dedicated as a Zechus for our brothers and sisters all over the world and especially in Eretz Yisrael and those in captivity. Our Minds and our Hearts are with them. May Hashem Protect, Heal, and Comfort all of Klal Yisrael!



THANK YOU, HASHEM, FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL WEEK IN YOUR MAGNIFICENT WORLD!

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THE PERFECT SHIDDUCH

Yosef Yehuda* was born during the shloshim of his uncle. His uncle's family members requested from Yosef Yehuda's father that he name his newborn son after this uncle. His father did so. Yosef Yehuda's life initially followed a typical trajectory; he went to cheder, then to yeshiva. When he entered Yeshiva Gedolah, he expected to soon get engaged,

since in the chassidus that his family belonged to, it was standard to get engaged at a young age. He was considered a good bachur, and nobody would have imagined that he would be different than the others. In Shiur Beis, most of the boys got engaged, and in Shiur Gimmel, the rest got engaged. He completed sefer Tehillim many times and davened with great intensity. Another year passed,

and another.

Finally, when he was twenty two, he got engaged. The kallah was a girl from a Litvish family who had moved to Eretz Yisrael from London not long before, and in Eretz Yisrael the family became involved in the same chassidus as Yosef Yehuda's family. A shadchan thought of the idea, and suggested it, and Baruch Hashem it worked out.

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לעילוי נשמת:
ר' שלמה זלמן בן ר' ישעיה זצ"ל



Continued from front page The kallah was 18 years old.

After the chasunah, when Yosef Yehuda was happily married, his uncle came to him and told him,



“Do you know the story of your shidduch?”

Yosef Yehuda said, “I know. I had to wait, because my kallah that was bashert for me from Shamayim wasn’t yet old enough. I had to wait for her to grow up. Now that I am married, I can appreciate the years of extra davening and growing closer to Hashem.”

His uncle told him, “Of course we don’t know all the cheshbonos of Hashem, but there is much more to the story.

The uncle you are named after got engaged shortly before the outbreak of World War II to a girl named Rochel. He and Rochel both survived the war and reached Eretz Yisrael. Rochel wanted to get married, but your uncle decided to break off the shidduch. Rochel felt bad about it, but your uncle did not change his mind, so they parted ways. After some time, they both got married and built a family; your uncle here in Eretz Yisrael, and Rochel moved to London to marry her husband. You are named after this uncle, and your wife is a granddaughter of that Rochel.” Yosef Yehuda was amazed. He saw how

Hashem had arranged this shidduch to close the circle and bring appeasement and forgiveness. They named their oldest child, a daughter, after her great-grandmother Rochel. [Kav Hasgacha Pratis]

NO SUCH THING AS 'TEVA'

For a number of years, R’ Davidowitz wasn’t zoche to have children. It was very difficult for him and his wife. It got to a point where the doctors gave up on them.

A certain Kedushas Levi gave him a lot of chizuk. He says that if a person truly believes that to the Ribono Shel Olam a nes is no more miraculous than tevah, then Hashem will make a nes happen for this person.

R’ Davidowitz went to speak to a certain askan who is very involved in helping people who don’t yet have children, and told him what the doctors said. The askan told him, “I’ve been in this field for many years, and I can tell you that every child that’s born is 9 months of nisim. Most people take it for granted and don’t realize it, but it’s truly miracle after miracle. Hakadosh Baruch Hu makes this nes happen millions of times over every year for both tzaddikim and reshaim alike. The same Hakadosh Baruch

Mazal Tov to Our Yerushalayim Distributer R' Simcha Elefant on the birth of a new baby boy!

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Hu that makes these nissim happen “naturally” can make it happen for you, too.”

This Yid internalized this message, together with the message from the Kedushas Levi. It has been many years later, and Baruch Hashem, he has a house full of children! [Kav Hasgacha Pratis]

EVERYTHING IS BASHERT!

One day, the shadchan, Reb Shmuel, called to suggest a young

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woman from a reputable family for R' Deutch's son. "The girl's father, Reb Dovid, is looking for something special for her – a brilliant lamdan," Shmuel told him.

While R' Deutch's son Shimi was, baruch Hashem, an excellent learner, it seemed a bit premature to call him a brilliant lamdan. Be'ezras Hashem one day....

The shadchan continued talking about the aspirations of the girl's father until he finally came to the point. "In short, the father wants to farher the young man to get an idea of his level of learning."

"No problem," R' Deutch said.

The shadchan arranged a time and place, and the next day the girl's father, Reb Dovid, met with Shimi. "What are you learning now?" he asked.

"Shabbos," Shimi answered, referring to maseches Shabbos. The would-be father-in-law misunderstood; he assumed that Shimi was learning the halachos of shemiras Shabbos. Immediately, Reb Dovid's eyes lit up. "For years," he told Shimi, "I've had a tremendous kashah that bothers me no end. How could it be that, regarding such-and-such a matter, the Mishnah Berurah writes one thing, and the Biur Halachah states exactly the opposite! How can this be, if they were both authored by the Chafetz Chaim zt"l?"

Shimi had a ready solution to Reb Dovid's quandary. "That's a good kashah, and you can find an answer in sefer Minchas Yitzchak," he told the prospective father-in-law. Then Shimi proceeded to quote the Minchas Yitzchak's explanation in detail.

Reb Dovid was overjoyed. He told Shimi that he had been closely associated to the author of the Minchas Yitzchak z"l while he was still alive. Later, after the Minchas Yitzchak passed on to the Yeshivah shel Maalah, Reb Dovid went on studying the sefer regularly. Now, lo and behold! Here was a young man who gave him an answer to his long-standing kashah – and davka from the sefer that was so dear to him! Reb Dovid was thrilled.. Shimi was just the young man he was looking for! 'Now,' he thought to himself, 'all we have to do is get on with a few meetings between the two young people, and prepare a l'chaim!' Reb Dovid wasn't disappointed. A short while later his daughter and Shimi got engaged, baruch Hashem.

When things calmed down a bit, R' Deutsch asked his son Shimi, "What's your connection with the Minchas Yitzchak?"

How did you know to answer Reb Dovid's kashah? You're learning maseches Shabbos, not hilchos Shabbos!"

Shimi laughed and explained, "Just one day before the

farher, two distinguished rabbanim were sitting behind me in the beis medrash. What were they were discussing? Precisely the same question that Reb Dovid asked me the first time we met. One of them had read the answer in the Minchas Yitzchak, and he quoted it word for

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word. The whole discussion was very interesting to me, so I listened carefully. The very next day, when I met Reb Dovid, I remembered it, baruch Hashem, so I was able to say it over almost word for word.”

R' Deutch could only marvel at the wondrous ways in which Hashem orchestrates events to make a shidduch come about! It was crystal clear to one and all that Shimi's shidduch was Heaven-sent.

[Kav Hashgacha Pratis]

YOU NEVER LOSE OUT BY DOING A MITZVA....



Baruch Hashem, Avi* from Yerushalayim managed to buy an apartment in the center of the country. He could afford it only because it was bargain-priced, but it would need to be completely renovated. Also, they would need to add on to it so it would be large enough for their family. As anyone who has been through the process of renovating and expanding his living quarters can testify, getting neighbors' approval for adding on to an apartment is a tedious and sometimes nerve-wracking task.

On top of that, he would have to negotiate with the municipality and get their approval on the architect's plans for the expansion.

Another challenge was that the city takes a substantial fee to approve adding on to the existing area of any apartment within its jurisdiction. Avi knew he would need Hashem's help throughout the process, especially in gaining the neighbors' consent to enlarge their apartment. So many things could go wrong! When he thought over their situation, he decided that he should look for some additional zechus to merit Hashem's help in seeing their plans through, but he wasn't sure what steps to take.

Hashem helped him right away. He came across the Rema's words in Shulchan Aruch, at the beginning of siman beis in Even Ha'ezer, stating that a person should choose a worthy wife and should not marry for wealth. The Rema adds that a person should take from his in-laws only as much of a dowry as they give him willingly, and then he will succeed. He also recalled the story about a Yid who was zocheh to wonderful children and to ample parnassah, because he had given up the dowry that was promised him.

Avi decided to follow the Rema's advice. He approached his father-in-law and thanked him for everything he was giving him. True, he had committed himself to provide a certain sum, but Avi asked him to give them only as much as he could manage without having to take loans. Of course, Avi told him, they would be happy for whatever help he could comfortably give them, but they definitely didn't want him to take on debts on their account.

Avi's father-in-law's face lit up. "I've already saved up a part of the total sum, and I'll be glad to give you that," he said, "but it's far from the full sum I committed to." Avi assured him that they would forgo the rest.

"That's a major relief for me," Avi's father-in-law revealed. "As you know, we've got Yonason's chasunah coming up, and I would have been hard-pressed to find the money to lay out on two fronts. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness."

In short, he was happy to hear that they were mevater, and Avi was happy that he had fulfilled the words of the Rema. However, he didn't want to stop there. He wanted to find a way to help with the challenge of marrying off his wife's younger brother.

Clearly, Avi didn't have any funds to contribute, but he did find another way to extend a helping hand.

There are gemachim that allow young adults to borrow tens of thousands of shekels to help out their parents. The children have several months to repay the loan. Avi approached several such gemachim and found out how much he could borrow. Each gemach has its own rules and required the signatures of guarantors for the loan. Hashem helped once again. Avi managed to transfer close to a hundred thousand shekels to his father-in-law's account from these gemachim.

Avi saw amazing siyata d'Shmaya immediately!

On the same day that this sizable loan was transferred from his account to that of his father-in-law, the bank notified him that the exact same sum of money had been unex-

pectedly deposited in his account!
 Avi was mystified. On inquiring, he discovered that a tzedakah fund to which he had applied months earlier had approved his grant only now. What was more, they had forwarded a far larger sum than he had hoped to receive. He couldn't understand how they had calculated it, but he was certainly grateful for the boost to his bank account.

A few days later there came yet another pleasant surprise. Avi discovered another sizable deposit in his bank account! It turned out that the same fund distributed their grant in two installments.

It was clear to Avi that the Ribbono shel Olam sent him the first installment in the exact amount of the transfer he had made to his father-in-law to let him know that He was happy with his actions. He was gratified to know that he had done the right thing. Since then he has seen

KLAL YISRAEL IS RETURNING TO HASHEM

A wife of an injured soldier told visitors at the hospital that while her husband was in Gaza fighting she was talking to Hashem every day and every night.

"I was so far away from Hashem, but then I saw that people want to kill us for being a Jew and I understood that I needed to go back to my yahadut, to my Hashem."

The visitors asked what they could get for her. They offered her whatever she wanted. She responded that she didn't want anything, she had everything she needed. Then she remembered one thing that she needed:

Can you get me pamotim for Shabbat, I want to start keeping Shabbat. This is the moment for us to go back to Hashem and to speak to Him. [Living Kiddush Hashem Foundation]

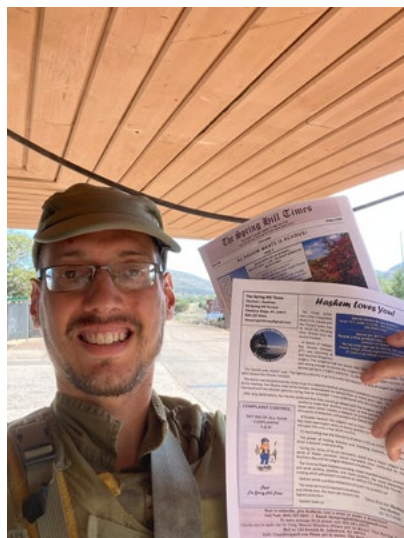
many signs of hashgachah pratis in the path of the Torah and mitz- and Hashem's support. He clearly vos! saw that you don't lose out by going

A Letter From a Reader:

Appreciate What You Have
My grandmother grew up in an orphanage in Eretz Yisrael, since her father had been niftar and her mother was unable to care for her. She said that in the orphanage there was very little money so she ate whatever food she could get whether or not it tasted good. Even if it was a little spoiled. She told me that Hashem gave her food and that's all she needed; she was happy. When she was twenty she went to live with her mother and she finally had access to an abundance of food. But she wasn't sure about the kashrus so she lived on bread, butter and apples until Baruch Hashem a few months later she married my grandfather and Baruch Hashem had plenty of food. She told me there were two messages to learn from her situation:

- 1. Trust in Hashem and daven to Hashem to give you what you want at the right time. Hashem will send you what's best for you at the right time.*
- 2. Meanwhile, appreciate everything you have, even if it's not what you were dreaming of. Enjoy the moment, it's a gift from Hashem! Zeh Hayom Asah Hashem, Nagila V'nishmecha Vo.*

Hashem Watches Over us!
My grandmother grew up in an orphanage in Eretz Yisrael during the Israeli war of independence. The way the children used to sleep was in two long rows of beds, one row on each side of the room. In the center of the room was a big crib for all the little children up to age four! One night, the children decided that all the children from one row would sneak out of their beds and sleep doubled up with the children from the other row. That night, in the middle of the night a missile landed in their room, on the side with only empty beds. Hashem put this idea into their heads to save their lives!



Editor: We have been advertising that we are continuously looking for someone to bring copies of the Spring Hill Times to English speaking Israeli soldiers. A woman from Lakewood, New Jersey, answered the call and offered to bring 25 copies. She left to Eretz Yisrael on Wednesday night Erev Chanukah. On Erev Shabbos Chanukah, a wonderful neighbor of mine who lives down the block (which is a story in itself, how they B'hashgacha moved from out of the country to the Spring Hill Community due to the Spring Hill Times) was stunned to receive the following message from his brother who lives in Eretz Yisrael in Kochav HaShachar and is a reserve soldier in the Israeli army:

Hi, hope all is well. I wanted to share a short story with you. I am on guard duty at a guard post at Kochav Hashachar, and another soldier who I never met before - from the Air Force - is waiting here at the guard post. He is waiting here since it is a safe place to get a ride to his Air Force base. He is secular and from Tel Aviv, a really pleasant fellow. As he was waiting for his ride to the Air Force base, we started shmoozing.

Suddenly he says to me, "Wait - you speak English, I have something in English for you." He opens his backpack and pulls out a package of divrei Torah in English. He said that when he was at the Ben Gurion train station, a person from USA handed him the package of divrei Torah. The soldier thought that since I speak English, I would enjoy it.

The divrei Torah called the 'Spring Hill Times' are from a community in New York - called 'Spring Hill'. Rabbi Kaufman, 56 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, N.Y.. I think that's just down the street from you!

So that's the story of how divrei Torah from your street got to Kochav HaShachar.

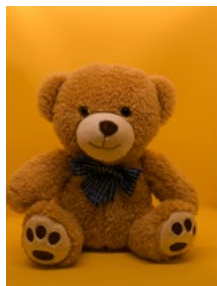
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The Jewish Nation-The Kindest Ever!

Leah,* a hospital volunteer, was taking a child attached to an IV on a stroll through the hospital. When they went past the gift shop, she thought to herself that it would be nice to buy a nice present for the child, but she didn't have money with her. Just then, a woman came over to her and said, "Are you Jewish? because I am also



Jewish, and I would like to give you \$10 to buy something nice for the child you are with."

Leah felt so hugged and kissed by Hashem! [R' Zevy Golombeck]

holding bundles and bundles of toys and games.



By R' Yisrael Meir Ehernpreis

WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP

He explained that as he was walking down the street, someone approached him. "All of my children have grown up, and we no longer need these toys and games; if you like them, take them for yourself; if not, please pass them on to someone with children who will enjoy them!"

And with that, her children had a blast with all their new toys and games!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]

ly after getting home, she heard a knock on her door. It was her neighbor, who was gifting her with beautiful flowers as a small gesture of appreciation for being such a kind neighbor!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]

Hashem's Protection is Fire-Proof!



The Baker family had a fire in their house. Because they live with Emunah and bitachon, instead of getting shaken up and scared, they all said, "Baruch Hashem, no one was hurt in the fire! We see that Hashem is protecting us!"

They just felt loved, cared for, and protected by Hashem!

Yidden from all types, came to help them They said: "We are going to make sure you have a place to stay until the house is restored." "Don't worry about all the expenses incurred from the fire; we are going to help you with it."

And then the next day, more Yidden came to offer support and assistance!

Klal Yisrael doesn't know how to stop giving! [R' Zevy Golombeck]

Parnassah Comes from Hashem

R' Fruchter* from Lakewood, New Jersey, tutors bochurim for the main source of his livelihood. He

A House Full of Happiness!



Mrs. Aronoff* from Eretz

Yisrael felt that it would be beneficial for her children if she would buy toys and games. But the family budget was tight, and it didn't seem as if it would be possible.

Then she remembered all the stories she hears on 'A Life with Bitachon', where people couldn't see how they could get something, and how Hashem arranged that everything would work out.

The next day, when her husband came home, she saw that he was

Hashem Sends Flowers

On Erev Shabbos, Mrs. Shulman* was walking by a flower shop and saw beautiful flowers. She felt that it would be very special to buy them for Shabbos. But they were being sold at a price that was beyond her budget. She said to herself, " Hashem can get me flowers," and with that, she continued on her way home. Short-



received a phone call from the parent of the student he was teaching, that he was going to send his son to a different tutor. He was left initially aghast. And then he gathered himself and said, "Hashem is the One who provides one's



livelihood!"

Later that day, he got a phone call from a parent who said that he would like to hire him, and he was offering a better contract- higher pay for fewer days and less time!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]

Think Good and it will be Good!

Eruv Shabbos, a Yeshiva Bochur, was discussing with R' Zevy Golombeck his predicament that went as follows: He made a mistake while davening for the Amud two years ago and he got embarrassed. Since then, he is petrified to return to the Amud.



So, Rav Golombeck shared with him three-points to work on to gather the courage to once again share his beautiful voice with the Kehilla:

way.

On Motzei Shabbos, the Rav asked the bochur to daven for the Amud. Initially, he hesitated. Then, he went over the three-points in his mind and with that, he went up and davened for the Amud!

R' Sholomo Baker Continues to See Hashem's Chesed!

After a fire broke out in R' Shlomo Baker's house, he equipped himself with his Emunah and Bitachon eyeglasses and found the sparks of Hashem's chesed during the whole saga:



1. What are you worried about? Honor; Honor is meaningless.

2. They might look down at you? When they look down on you, it comes from the animalistic part of them, so why should you care?

3. I think you are going to do a great job because it is Hashem who is doing everything any-

One of the amazing things that he saw was that upon looking for new living quarters after the fire, he was able to find a furnished house on the same block that he was living, making the transition to their new home so much smoother. His children have the same kids on the block as friends; they have the same neighbors and shul.

And on top of that, the house layout was to everyone's liking!

They feel as if nothing has changed!

[R' Zevy Golombeck]"

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And their child started getting better. The doctors couldn't believe it!

ברוך רופא חולים!

The Best Road Assistance

Mrs. Schwartz from Lakewood, New Jersey, was in her car with her whole family and the car wasn't starting. She kept on trying and trying and it wasn't budging. She said to her kids, "Maybe we need Chaveirim."

Her kids told her, "Mommy! We don't need Chaveirim. We could sing 'Hakol Yachol!'"

They started singing 'Hakol Yachol' and the car turned on the next time she tried!

ברוך הגבר – אשר יבטח בד'

The Best Mistake!

Mrs. Fink from England ordered boots for her 3-year-old daughter. She knew that her daughter would

be so excited to wear them.

She ordered a size 24. When they came she saw that they were size 26! She was very disappointed. She really wanted to give her daughter the boots before the next rain.

That day it was raining and her husband suggested that their daughter try on the boots - and they fit perfectly!

Afterwards, Mrs. Fink measured her daughter's feet and they had grown to size 25.5. The size 24 boots wouldn't have fit her!

Hashem wanted the 3-year-old little girl to have boots so He ensured that the person packing the order would put in the wrong size!

משגיח מן-החלונות מציץ מן-החרכים!

Gas Doesn't Power Cars, Hashem Does!

R' Daniel was driving on a highway and he was almost out of gas. He passed by a gas station and didn't realize to turn in.

It was already by zero. He said again and again to himself, "It's not the gas, it's Hashem. He reached another gas station and right when he reached the pump the car ran out of gas! Perfect timing!

Thank You, Hashem!

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ומלאה הארץ – דעה את ד'

Two soldiers were fighting on Simchas Torah in Sderot. They were both not frum. At one point, they ran out of ammunition. They were surrounded on all sides by terrorists and the enemy fire kept on coming closer and closer. They knew that there was no way they were going to survive. One of them said, "If I get out of this alive, I'm going to start keeping Shabbos."

That very second, they have no explanation why, the terrorists started going away. And they lived to tell the tale. They clearly saw how Hashem sent away the terrorists! There was no other explanation!

They both are now keeping Shabbos and are coming closer and closer to Hashem!

In other news:

A Yid in Eretz Yisrael who used to call himself 'Gedol Hakofrim' – the biggest non-believer, gave money, as a z'chus for the hostages, towards a new sefer Torah for a shul in Kibbutz Kerem Shalom.

ושבת עד ד' אלוקיך!!

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Yidden are Wonderful!

A 12-year-old boy in Kehilas Spring

Hill in Chestnut Ridge, New York, won one the raffles at the Avos U'banim. He quietly swapped his winning ticket with his 6-year-old brother's ticket. His brother didn't realize what had happened and was so happy to collect his prize!

In other news: the Avos U'banim at Kehilas Spring Hill gave out fresh hot pizza. There were not enough slices for everyone due to the large turnout. A bunch of boys gave away from their own pizza to those who didn't get!

**עבדי אתה - ישראל אשר -
בך אתפאר!**

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Boy From Illinois Davens to Hashem

Dovid from Chicago, Illinois, had an uncle who was in shidduchim for a long time.

One day, a neighbor came over to play and broke one of Dovid's toy. Dovid did not get upset. He said , "let me use this as an opportunity to daven to Hashem." He davened that his uncle should get engaged within 40 days.

40 days later, he became a chasan!

In other news:

Last year, the Horowitz boys from Chestnut Ridge, NY, used to daven to win the raffles at Avos U'banim and they won many many times. This year they didn't daven and they didn't win anything.

So on this Motzei Shabbos, their father encouraged them daven. For five minutes, the two Horowitz boys davened to Hashem. They both won prizes!

ברוך שומע תפלה!

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Yidden Love Each Other!

Avi, a bochur learning in Lakewood, New Jersey, went to eat a Shabbos meal by someone. The host asked Avi why he wasn't wearing his tie. He said because he forgot to pick it up from the cleaners. The host

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Klal Yisrael is Coming Home to Hashem!

A Yid from lakewood, New Jersey, works for a boss who isn't frum. His boss is 55 years old and for his entire life had nothing to do with Hashem.

Now, because of the situation, in Eretz Yisrael he started wearing tefillin!

What happiness is going on in Shamayim!

In other news....

Dvir* a not-yet-frum man in Eretz Yisrael, works together with frum people. His mother was one of the people who were captured in Gaza. His co-workers

convinced him to put on Tefillin as a z'chus for his mother to be freed and that if she would be freed, he would accept to wear Tefillin every day.

When some of the hostages were freed, he put on tefillin. After his mother was freed, he purchased a pair of tefillin to wear daily!

In other news:

A mother, who isn't yet frum, and has a daughter captured by Hamas, publicly said that she thanks Hashem for choosing her to be a mother of a child who is captured. She davened to Hashem to free her daughter. She said, "Hashem, she is Your child."

In other news:

A Yid was in a taxi and the driver by the name of Rami, who isn't yet fully frum and doesn't wear a yarmulka, gave him a whole lecture on how Klal Yisrael has become one nation and everyone is loving each other and doing chesed!

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then pulled his own tie off his neck and gave it to Avi!

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Hashem Answers Woman's Tefilos

Mrs. Blum from London had cleaning help for many years. She really relied on her. The cleaning lady suddenly left her.

She was completely lost. She davened to Hashem, "Please please give me a new cleaner!

Out of the blue, a lady texted her asking her if she needed cleaning work. It was a cleaning lady!

The cleaning lady had been working by someone for 2.5 years. Then she broke her hand and stopped working. Just that week she became available to work again and someone gave her Mrs. Blum's number. She now does a phenomenal job cleaning up Mrs. Blum's house!

ברוך שומע תפלה!!

ועמר כולם - צדיקים!!!

Yeshiva Bochur Davens to Hashem

Meir, learns in a yeshiva in Monsey, new York. This past motzei Shabbos, he needed a ride from Lakewood to Monsey. He was dropped off on Squankum (by the hitching spot). He met three other bachurim who needed a hitch to Brooklyn. So he davened to Hashem and said, "Because You love me so much, You should send me and all the other bachurim rides to where we have to go."

A few minutes later, a car pulled up and said that they were going to Monsey. They took Meir exactly where he had to go! They told him that really they were going out of Lakewood a different way, but they came this way to see if anyone needed a ride.

He saw how "Kol Hamispalel B'ad Chaveiro, Hu Neeneh Techila."

ברוך שמוע תפלה!

Hashem is the True Doctor

Mrs. Goldberg from Eretz Yisrael had a daughter who stuttered. They tried many treatments but nothing helped. Mrs. Goldberg then said to herself, "I believe Hashem that it's only in Your hands."

B"H not long after that her daughter overcame her stutter and is able to speak fluently!!!

הודו לד' כי טוב - כי לעולם - חסדו!

Klal Yisrael Loves Hashem's Torah

On Sunday night Yeshiva Beis

Binyamin in Monsey, New York, made a siyum on Meseches Gitin. Many many bochurm finished the mesechta and took tests on it earning high marks. Two of the bochurim, brothers, one in 9th grade and one in tenth, did it with Tosfos

infection in her joints! It was very hard for her to function.

Her son saw a segula from Reb Mordche Gross shlita. He said that a segula for a lot of yeshuos is to take upon oneself to learn every day a certain amount of mishnayos, and to finish the whole shisha sidrei mishanoyos.

So the son of this woman took upon himself to learn every day six mishanoyos b'zechus that his mother should have a refua sheleima.

When he finished Sefer Zeraim, he got a phone call from his mother that she just went to do a checkup at the clinic.

And the infection disappeared!! The doctors don't know who to explain it. She had the condition for ten years, and all of a sudden it disappeared!

כי חיים - הם למוציאם ולכל -בשרו מרפא!

Hashem Loves the Jewish Nation

R' Yitzchok had something on his front lawn that needed to be repaired.

He came home one day and he saw his non-Jewish neighbor fixing it for him!!!

In other news:

R' Naftali had something hanging down on his car and was dragging along on the floor. He went to mechanic. The mechanic said, "Oh you are Jewish?" I'm going to service you first!"

וחסדי מאתך - לא ימוש!

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אשרי מי שבא לכאן ותלמודו בידו!

Brooklyn Boy Helps Defeat Hamas

Avraham Levi, a 7-year-old boy from Brooklyn, New York, completed the entire sefer Tehillim 6 times as a protection for Klal Yisrael!

אלה ברכב - ואלה בסוסים - ואנחנו בשם ד' אלוקינו נזכיר!

Klal Yisrael is Coming Home to Hashem!

A family in Denver, Colorado, who aren't yet frum asked a yungerman to learn Torah with their child. They want to come closer to Hashem because of the war in Eretz Yisrael!

ושבת עד ד' אלוקיך!!!

"Ein Segula K'torah."

Kav Hashgacha Pratis Reported that there was a lady who, for over 10 years, was suffering from an

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By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck



Editor's note: Many of these stories are from Av-Tishrei.

THE KOACH OF TEFILLAH

I went to visit a shiva house. The avel said that his mother was a student of R' Manis Mandel. R' Mandel taught her about the power of tefillah and bitachon. For one full year, she davened for ten couples who had been childless for many years, to have children. During that year, she also davened for five of her own children to have a baby. Eight out of ten of those couples and all her five children had babies that year! The koach of tefillah!

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HUGE DELICIOUS CHERRIES!

Every year there is a cherry



tree that grows in the Blau family's backyard. However, they were always small and full of bugs, and even the few cherries that were edible didn't taste good.

This year, there were huge fruits without bugs, and they tasted delicious! It says that when Mashiach comes, all the fruits are going to be huge and delicious. Another sign that Mashiach is coming! (A similar story was sent in by a different family: We have a tree in our yard that we knew was a fruit tree, but for the past twelve years, since we bought our house, it never grew any fruit at all. At the end of this summer, it grew delicious yellow plums!)

HAKOL YACHOL

Mrs. Levy* wanted to make ices L'kavod Shabbos. She

took out the blender, but there was one piece missing.



She asked her family to look all over for it because she couldn't find it. She told one of her children, "You put on the song 'Hakol Yachol.'"

While her child was turning it on they found the missing piece!

CHIZUK FROM HASHEM

R' Weiss, a yungerman who goes to Beis Medrash Gevoah, came late to seder almost every day because he had to first help out another yid who needed him.

He was feeling very guilty. In addition, it was embarrassing to come late to seder every day.

One day, when he walked into the yeshiva, he saw the Bitachon Weekly on the shtender. He opened it up and saw that in the back there were many Novardike stories. He saw that Rabbi Mandel wrote, "My Rebbeim gave up their own ruchniyus because they knew Hashem wants us to do chessed and help other people,



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to think about other people and not so much about yourself."

He read the stories about R' Gershon Lipman and others who helped other yidden even though it seemed that it would affect their own ruchniyus.

It was such Hashgacha Pratis. R' Weiss needed chizuk, and he got exactly what he needed!

PERFECT TIMING!

R' Yisroel Sorscher called me to tell me a story. He said that in the past when he left a message, I always said the story over in his name. This time, he said, "Try not say it over in my name, because then many people come over to me afterwards." He said "try" which means he was leaving the decision up to me. I pushed off telling the story for one week, because I prefer to say stories with names, and then after a week I decided to say it over in his name.

He lives in Afula, and a yid came over to him and said, "You should know, I really appreciated the chizuk. You gave me so much chizuk."

He said, "What are you talking about?"

The man said that someone came over to him that day and told him that he needs to get involved with this hotline called 'A Life With Bitachon'. He said "It's not my thing." The man said, "Just try it once."

He called it up and he pressed the story option. That day, the story was from Yisroel Sorscher.

He said, "One second, Yisroel is my friend! If he listens to it, and even contributes stories to it, then this is the thing to do! I'm for sure going to get involved with this."

Because of that, he said, he's involved with 'A Life With Bitachon'. We see how everything is orchestrated with Hashgacha to the tee!

THE BEST OTZAR HACHACHMA

Rabbi Kurtz* is a Rebbi in Beis Midrash. One of his talmidim came over to him because he couldn't understand something in a certain Gemara. Rabbi Kurtz didn't know the answer, and he wasn't sure how to check into it. He didn't have a computer, he didn't have otzar hachochma, how was he going to find the answer?

Then he said to himself, "I have a better otzer chochma, Hashem is the Kol Yachul."

A couple of minutes later, he opened up to random a daf, and there was the answer and everything he needed to know!

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By Rabbi Golombeck

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5 Weekly Thank You's



By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh

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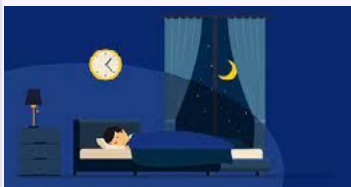


Thank You Hashem for Hospitals!

We have such good, advanced centers to help us when needed!



Thank You Hashem for Sleep! Just lay down and you'll wake up fully recharged!



Thank You Hashem for Friends!

We can have people to be close with to help us out in all different situations.



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PARSHAS MIKETZ

Q: Where in this week's Parshah do we find a connection with the pictures below?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 38



Parsha Delight Question of the Week

פרשת מקץ תשפ"ד (5784)

The pasuk (41:14) states that Yosef was taken from prison and took a haircut. How was he able to do that, given that the Gemora (ראש השנה יא :) says that Yosef left the prison on ראש השנה?

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Riddle #67 Parshas Mikaitz

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Ayin Tova

Seeing the good in every situation

CASE OF THE WEEK:



Ari was out mowing his lawn. Suddenly, he ran over something hard and went to investigate. He then realized that he ran over a beehive. He was then bombarded with tens of angry bees that were swarming around him and stinging him incessantly.

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Help Ari have ayin tova for his situation.

Suggestions for the case where Nossi announces יעלה ויבא instead of על הניסים on the first night of חנוכה.



- Nossi now recognizes that everyone makes mistakes, even himself.
- He realized that he needs to clear his head better when coming in to davening so that he doesn't make any mistakes.
- It humbles him not to judge others when they make mistakes.
- Even the best person makes mistakes; at least it wasn't a much bigger mistake.
- He embraced his mistake and didn't let it pull him down.
- The support he got after ma'ariv,

made him realize how much his friends looked up to him, and that gave him a boost to his confidence.

- He could laugh it off and then he will have a great story to tell.
- Bizonos are mechaper on your aveiros! They save you from hospitals and car accidents!



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We Can Take It



Dovid HaMelech offers a poetic and practical description of how Hashem manages the affairs of this world, and he says בצמר נותן שלג, that HaKodosh Boruch Hu gives the snow like wool.



One explanation is, that although the snow looks like it's a freezing element, the truth is, to the earth it's an insulator, and it keeps the earth warm in the wintertime.



Another approach is בצמר שלג, HaKodosh Boruch Hu gives the snow according to the wool, which means, He doesn't make it more cold for the sheep than the sheep is prepared with his wool. And to us that means that HaKodosh Boruch Hu doesn't give us more than we're able to endure. That is בצמר שלג: Somehow, it's good for us, in a way that we may not understand immediately, and also, if HaShem deals it out to us, we can take it.



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Living With Appreciation

By: R' Daniel Shasha

Yosef seemed to have a big change of heart when his brothers returned to Mitzrayim with Binyamin. He prepared a lavish feast with delicious food and drink, and wine was flowing abundantly. The brothers sat down to enjoy the delicious food and drink the exquisite wine that Yosef served. Chazal teach that this was actually the first time that the brothers drank wine since Yosef was sold. Why all of a sudden did they decide to drink wine now? They didn't drink wine as an expression of mourning yet from their perspective, Yosef was still lost?

The Netziv answers with something beautiful. He explains that the reason why the brothers partook in this meal and drank wine was because they considered it to be a seudas hodayah, a meal of thanksgiving to Hashem! Originally, they were accused of being spies but now it became evident that Yosef believed their story, and was acting friendly towards them. They were so full of gratitude to Hashem that they treated this meal as a seudas hodayah, celebrating heartily and drinking wine. Phenomenal!

We can learn from the brothers that when we experience a kindness from Hashem, we shouldn't just keep these feelings inside but we should try and make a public display expressing our gratitude.

This idea is actually the essence of Chanukah, *pirsumai nisa*, publicizing the incredible miracle that happened. We don't just keep these feelings inside but we make a public display, spreading to the world Hashem's tremendous kindnesses. After all, on Chanukah we were in such great physical and spiritual danger and Hashem performed amazing miracles for us. So, we try and make sure that the Menorah is in a public place and lit at a time when people are still out, in order to spread to the world Hashem's great goodness. This is a very important idea when expressing gratitude. As we see in the following powerful story.

One time a gabbai tzedakah stayed by a wealthy businessman who lived in an extravagant mansion where the rooms were beautifully decorated. Yet to his surprise, he noticed that there was a broken glass bottle on public display. The host explained that this bottle made a great difference in his life. He related how he was raised religious, but drifted from the path of Torah. One time he saw a boy sobbing uncontrollably. He explained that his father asked him to buy oil for Chanukah and the bottle broke on the way home. The family were very poor and would have been distraught. 'What would I tell my father' he bemoaned. The man had pity on him and bought him a new bottle.

The words of the boy kept on ringing in his head for days after the incident. He thought to himself "what will I tell my father in Shamayim, He has been so good to me and entrusted me with such a pure neshamah, how could I have rebelled against Him. He slowly began the path back to Torah, until he became fully frum. He put this broken bottle on display in his opulent home, as a way of publicizing his gratitude to everyone who entered.

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Bitachon Gems

**Learning the Parasha
with Rav Yehuda Mandel Shlita**

Tears are precious and the gates of tears are never closed - you can be פועל ישועות גדולות if you cry to the הקב"ה. Look how יוסף הצדיק cried and cried! (Just like his mother רחל over everybody else is her breaking her מדות and on top of everybody!

Part V

I am especially inspired by who never gave up davening and she was זוכה to 1/2 of כלל ישראל! The הקדוש elaborates on her greatness of not having יאוש, and this has helped me plenty. Yet, רחל אמנו remains "der Mamma Rochel" who everyone is always run-

ning to her קבר and having ישועות.

We can suggest בס"ד that the greatness of רחל over everybody else is her breaking her מדות and חז"ל say this clearly and thanks to her - ושוב בנימין לגבולם.

Part VI

Now we see how her son יוסף הצדיק is so extreme in breaking middos - how it appears that he is soft as butter and yet consistently



acting what looks like extreme arrogance. He is an outstanding lesson in שבירת המדות. People are soft and giving and compassionate (especially Jews) but being appropriately tough isn't so common.

Part VII

Some good examples are R' Aron Kotler ז"ל, the Satmar Rav ז"ל and R' Avigdor Miller ז"ל.

Part VIII

In Navardok - אמיצות was #1 and in Slabodka האדם גדלות was #1. I don't even feel so comfortable addressing this subject since it could be loads of work. Every move you make is loaded with some sort of שפלות and I'm sure הקב"ה doesn't expect the average person to conquer all his weaknesses like R' Acigdor Miller or the Navardokers did.

Part IX

But if you have an interest in true שבירת המדות, you can change drastically and your שמחת החיים and productivity will escalate מן הטבע. The more you respect yourself, the more the people around you respect you.

Part XI

When parents tolerate their kids and their issues, the kids tolerate themselves better. I have friends from Slabodka and they told me that they have to constantly work on their feelings of נברא העולם and likewise חז"ל. The יצה"ר of our age is rampant in trying to destroy our שמחה level and our confidence level.

Part XII

יוסף doesn't stop: From younger years till later years - always being on top and putting down everyone else including advertising a dream that everyone of the holy קה are bowing down to him including יעקב בחיר שבאבות and the

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Part XIII

And his unending shtick locking up שמעון and having his goblet stolen and causing tremendous עגמת נפש to the 11 holiest צדיקים in the world. He is fearless now, just like he was fearless when his father first sent him to see how his brothers were doing - even though he knew that they wanted to kill him!

Part XIV

רש"י describes him as a major בעל בטחון when he told שר המשקים והזכרתי and this answers everything. Take a look at שער חוה"ל how he begins with the main בעל בטחון of יסוד.

ולא יפחדו ענינים ולא יירא ממחלקותם. ואנ

יכלימם לא יבוש מהם

This is ממש יוסף - all human beings are a total joke and he couldn't care less.

Part XV

R' A. Miller ז"ל used to learn חוה"ל and he was ממש like this - missing חתונות and not looking to be "Mr. Nice Guy"...

The velt quips "Nice guys finish last", and look how יוסף becomes the first most powerful מלך. And how

he isn't bothered by all his failures and mistakes.

Part XVI

Do you know how many people don't really move and blossom because in their brain they are 'Mr. Nobody' living in the shadow of a parent or רבי or גדולי ישראל or sibling or competitor? Their mind is cluttered with all the people in their lives and if they are normal then there is plenty of subconscious concern over what are all those many people thinking of me?

Part XVII

Nobody could dare to imagine that he really knows who יוסף was, but for our lower level there is plenty of unending רוממות messages for all those people who lack self-esteem. יוסף wasn't involved in what impression he gave, or "did I חנפה enough, or do they love me or hate me?"

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Chizuk Corner



By R'Y Friedman

I heard a story from Reb Binyamin Pruzansky.

His brother Avi went recently on a trip to Eretz Yisroel with some friends. One night they went to Hadassah Hospital to visit soldiers that were wounded in the war.

He came into one room and he met this soldier by the name Eitan. He was all bandaged up but his face was shining. Avi asked him "what's your story?"

Eitan responded that like everyone else he was fighting in Gaza and he was scared and frightened as he was in enemy territory. Terrorists can come from anywhere. They can shoot from within buildings or emerge from tunnels.

One day a bunch of letters arrived from America, and Eitan received a letter from a young girl by the name Emma Plat. The letter offered lots of courage. She wrote "You should realize that you are fighting for Klal Yisroel and we hope that you will come home safely. You should know that we are all davening for you and you will come home safely to your family."

Eitan took out the letter and he said the following "you should know that it was this letter that gave me the chizuk I needed to persevere through the most difficult challenges in this war. Whenever I felt like giving up I

held onto this letter tight and it gave me the strength I needed.

Recently, he was in a building and it was hit by a RPG. He was injured but his life was saved. That's why he landed in the hospital. The soldier said that he would love to thank this girl for the chizuk.

Avi got to work. He posted this story on Tehillim chats, and they tracked her down. He found out that this girl was from Florida, and she didn't even realize that her letter would reach its destination.

There is much we can learn from this touching story.

One, is that our Tehillim makes a big difference in the safety of the soldiers. Even this young girl understood this, and she conveyed it to the soldier that even the soldier understood the significance.

Our Tefillos have the power to bring about Shidduchim. Our Tefillos have the power to heal the sick, and our Tefillos can bring about miracles.

There is no doubt that all the miracles that the soldiers in Gaza are recounting are coming from all of our Tefillos.

Secondly, what we see from this story is the power of chizuk. We have no idea how far a few words of chizuk can go. This girl wasn't even sure that her letter would be submitted

and reach its destination, but it did.

She for sure did not realize what an impact she would make on the soul of a soldier at battle. Imagine an eleven year girl giving chizzuk to a soldier. It sounds wild but it happened.

We can never underestimate the power of chizzuk. Even one word of chizuk is a diamond.

There are many people who can use chizuk. Whether it's elderly people, sick people, lonely people or any person that can use a lift or a pat on the back. It means so much to them.

In truth, everyone we meet could use chizuk!

In this zechus that we give chizuk to others, Hashem will surely give us chizuk and He will take us out of Galus which is the ultimate chizuk, with the arrival of Moshiach tzidkeinu Amen.

The Right Ratio, In Proportion To...

Throughout our regular daily routine, we find ourselves setting things to be at the right proportion.

Starting in the morning, we adjust the amount of sweet sugar versus the bitterness of the coffee, and cold milk vs. the hot water, until it's just right! B"H Geshmack! It continues with the right amount of butter, or peanut butter, tuna fish, or white fish spreads, to be in proportion to the thickness and size of cracker, bread, bagel, or roll. Until, Bingo! B"H, it's just right!

Matching up the relative amounts of milk to our cereal, or to our geshmake piece of cake, can lead to a balancing and juggling act. We'll add some more cereal, then

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some more milk, a little more cake to go along with Hashem's delicious milk. Then again some more cereal or cake. We can start getting carried away. A little more of Hashem's delicious... this or that, on and on, Boruch Hashem! The size, and degree of strength in the intense, matching to the ease of the modifier. Carefully we're always adjusting them, to keep them in symmetry and harmony with each other.

Each of Hashem's amazing created variety of intense tastes,

sweetness, saltiness, sourness, spurs us on, to counter it with some mild food-matter to reach the perfect equalization of the opposing force.

The same goes for cooking and baking with the exact adjustments to perfection. What

a gevaldige world! Everything and all where created for our pleasure! Hashem is waiting for our thanks! He wants a relationship with us! Let's never forget!

Let's talk about the "taste" of Toirah. Torah is likened to honey and milk. D'vash V'cholov tachas L'shoinaich. It sounds like just the right harmony! Sweet honey, accompanied with some simple plain creamy taste of milk.

Some people are seen enjoying the intense sweetness of a deep Torah thought which is then bal-

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anced with the holy simplicity of Rashi's explanation in seemingly simple language. The balance is amazing!

First, the depth, and the intensity of a lumdis is so powerfully palpably tasted! They then have a delicious go-together with the seemingly pushite simple heilige words of the basic text of the Torah. What a geshmack! You can go on and on! What a pleasure! Mechaye nefesh!

Fresh water, bread, wine, honey, and milk, are all used as analogies to verbally express the geshmack of Hashem's heilige chochma! His Torah!

It's a shtick heiligkeit of Hashem! What a present! Let's learn it, enjoy it, and be thankful for it. Let's thank for all our food ration's "taste ratio"! Let's thank Hashem for the Toiredige Heilige deep thought, together with the rational simplicity of the Roish Hameforshim, "Rashi"!

והערב נא ה' אלוקינו את דברי תורתך
בפינו!

ברוך שנתן תורה לעמו ישראל
בקדושתו!

Along the same "track of mind", down the same "duo-balancing" lane, and "train of thought", all about peacefully balancing the taste of food, and Torah learning, I had another thing to add on that "railroad". A cargo train of an idea! So hop on with me!

Yaakov Avinu is known as being the symbol of truthful person. He is also known as the Toirah Learner. The "#1 of the three" main pillars that uphold the world.

על שלשה דברים העולם עומד, על התורה-יעקב, על העבודה-יצחק, ועל גמילות חסדים-אברהם.

Yaakov learned Toirah with tremendous Hasmada- diligence and under the most trying situations in his life, with piety and ho-



liness. He bulldozed, smoothed, steamrolled, and paved the way for us. We can walk, run, or drive down the perfectly and expertly "paved road" toward success in heilige limud hatoirah. Boruch Hashem for giving us such Avos!

Yaakov is also well known for his middah of emes, as Rashi explains "Ish Tam".

What is interesting is the third middah attributed to Yaakov, Tiferes-Splendor i.e the perfect balance between Chesed-loving-kindness and Gevurah-strength, Yaakov symbolizes that perfect balance of the seeming two polar opposites.

Now trying to tie those three into one tripod pillar of the world, I sought, to give this some thought.

Torah is ultimately the only truth that never can refuted. The truth from Hashem! Therefore Torah and Emes simply go together. They're one.

My question was "Where does תפארת join to be united with the other two?"

Well let's go back to food. In eating, cooking, and baking, one also makes some mental calculations about result and affects on the human body, of certain strong countering opposites in the ingredients.

Too much acid (vinegar, lemon etc.) will not be good for the stomach. Too much sugar, even though it's soooo sweet won't be

good for blood sugar insulin levels, teeth, and hyperactivity. Too much salt would cause high blood pressure etc. Too much oils and fat wouldn't make our digestive system, or cardiovascular system happy.

Same is with kindness and gratification, love, and pity. They all must be bridled, controlled, and tempered

with firmness and sometimes even with strictness so that they shouldn't have a adverse affect on our behavior.

The same rule goes vice versa. Strength, power, punishment, must be tamed and softened with chesed and rachamim to be used correctly. The perfect mixture of both, Chesed and Gevurah, results in the middah we know as Tiferes-Splendor.

The Toirah teaches us that perfect recipe for תפארת-splendor. Hashem put in the Toirah the perfect guidelines for us to follow to achieve that harmonious splendor in life. Only Hashem's chochmah can give us the exact mixture for such perfection!

So Torah, Emes, and Tiferes, do essentially all go together in a united tripod, or better said, as a triple twisted cable, or even better said, as a "triple compound" in a steel pillar, to uphold the world.

Within the Written and Oral Toirah is hidden the special secret recipe for that harmony. It's waiting for you and I, to come and learn, and "form you" just right, with Hashem's Form-u-la.



Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

THE UPSIDE-DOWN SHIP

THERE ARE ALWAYS SITUATIONS in which we don't understand what Hashem is doing. They may seem hard to accept, but they happen to us so that we'll have a bigger and brighter future. The famed maggid, R' Yanke'le Galinsky, zt"l, says over a wonderful story that brings out this point:

When he was a child, he remembers women coming to their home on Thursday nights to listen to his mother read the newspaper to them. This was because they didn't know how to read it on their own.

One such Thursday night, Rebbetzin Galinsky was still finishing off her cooking for Shabbos when the women were already beginning to arrive. As the women waited for Rebbetzin Galinsky to complete whatever she was making, the women glimpsed through the pictures in the newspaper.

Suddenly, one of

the women shouted, "Rebbetzin! How can you cook now? A large ship has sunk in the sea! How can you ignore this tragedy and cook?"

Rebbetzin Galinsky rushed into the dining room. She looked at the picture and laughed heartedly. She explained, "My dear, since you don't know how to read Russian, you don't know which way to hold the page. You're holding the newspaper upside down. The ship didn't sink; the article is talking about how they're building it."

Reb Yanke'le summed up the lesson like this: When one can't read, he thinks the ship turned over, but when one can read, he sees that

a new ship is being built. The same is in life. When we don't know how to read and interpret what is happening to us, we think things are bad. In truth, though, the page needs to be turned over, and then we'll see that everything is actually

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good.

We must know that we aren't able to understand Hashem's ways. There are times when things appear wrong, unfair, stressful, humiliating, etc., and there are times that are simply frightening. But we are seeing only part of the picture. If we had a better view, we would see how everything is for our benefit, and often, and hopefully, we will see that it is so. (Torah Well-springs, Bereishis)

R' YISROEL SALANTER'S QUESTION

R' Yisroel Salanter was once invited to meet a royal family member who had finally given birth after waiting for many years. Nothing was held back from this child. He had anything that possibly could've and would've been needed. His father hired the top educators to train him to be the very best...

R' Yisroel posed a question to the mother: "I see that

you're very much concerned for your child's wellbeing. What would be if he stuck his hand into his pocket to get a coin and he got the wrong one? Would anyone worry for him?"

"That's his own business. We supply him with all his needs, but regarding his personal things, he'll have to figure them out on his own."

Hearing this, R' Yisroel burst into tears. "When something like that happens to us, we can be sure that Hashem is bothered. He cares for us so much so, that even the slightest inconvenience is taken into account. Hashem feels every person's pain, and as the pasuk says: 'I have become

weak in my arm, and in my head from the suffering that my children encounter,' which Chazal learn to mean that the slightest inconvenience that we come across is considered yisurim.

"If so," concluded R' Yisroel, "the love that Hashem has for his children is greater than the love that a noblewoman has for her only son. The love that Hashem has for his children is greater than any love that can be in This World. The greatest love that the most capable people in this world can give doesn't come close to the love that Hashem has for every one of his beloved children." (Tiv HaEmunah, p. 136)

IT'S FROM HASHEM!



Forty years ago, there was a snowstorm in Yerushalayim on Purim, and there was a poor man who couldn't go around collecting matanos l'evyonim. He was distraught and complained, "Why did it have to snow today?"

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Reb Nota Zenwirth, zt"l, told him, "I have proof that it had to snow today." "What's your proof?" "My proof is that it snowed today. It must be that this is what was meant to be."

On a different occasion, it rained in Yerushalayim, and the people in his beis midrash were upset because they didn't have any rain gear with them. Reb Nota told them, "This rain is according to the Raavad's

view, and also the Rambam." The people in the beis midrash were talmidei chachamim, and this unusual sentence spiked their curiosity. How was the rain like the Raavad and like the Rambam?

Reb Nota explained, "Whenever the Rambam and the Raavad argue, they ultimately disagree about Hashem's will. The Rambam proclaims that this is Hashem's will, and the Ra-

avad shouts back, 'No, this is Hashem's will.' However, since it is raining today, both the Rambam and the Raavad would agree that this rain is Hashem's will." (Torah Wellsprings, Vayeitzei, p. 4)

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Yichud Hashem in Our Lives

We have learned that the daily recitation of Kerias Shema is a fundamental component of the commitment to be mekadash shem Shamayim. We

are all familiar with the first pasuk of Kerias Shema: “Hear, Israel, Hashem our G-d, Hashem is One.” This pasuk communicates the message of yichud Hashem, the absolute Oneness of Hashem and the fact that there is no power in the universe other than Him.

The Zohar, cited by the Chayei Adam (klal 21:11), urges us to concentrate on the concept of mesiras nefesh during the word “echad” (One) at the end of the first pasuk of Kerias Shema. In fact, the Gemara relates that when Rabbi Akiva recited the Shema while he was being tortured to death, his soul left his body when he said the word “echad.” In truth, this is somewhat puzzling. The very next pasuk enjoins us to love Hashem “with your entire heart, with your entire soul, and with all of your possessions,” and Chazal explain that the words “b’chol nafshecha — with your entire soul” are an admonition to surrender our lives for the sake of kiddush Hashem. Wouldn’t those words be a more appropriate place to focus on the ultimate goal of mesiras nefesh?

The Malbim explains this as follows. Every human being is subject to two conflicting forces pulling him in opposite directions — the body and the soul. In Kerias Shema, we subjugate our bodies and their physical drives to our souls, thus uniting the two in the service of Hashem. By crowning the neshamah with dominance over the body, we demonstrate our acceptance of the Oneness of Hashem — an acceptance that will lead to the entire world accepting Him as One. The epitome of such an accomplishment is when a Jew sacrifices his life for Hashem, completely negating the body before the demands



of spirituality. Thus, millions have gone to their deaths with the word echad on their lips, demonstrating their deep-rooted desire to make their entire physical beings “one” with Hashem — and

their heartfelt hope that He will become One in the world.

How does our recognition of Hashem’s Oneness engender such recognition in the rest of the world? In a sefer Torah, the letter ayin in the word shema and the letter daled in the word echad are written larger than the other letters. The Baal Haturim (Devarim 6:4) explains that these two letters combine to form the word “eid,” witness, as in the pasuk “Atem eidai n’um Hashem — you are My witnesses, so says Hashem.” (Yeshayah 43:12) When we achieve the objective of Shema Yisrael and conquer our yetzer hara, we become eidim, witnesses, to the fact that there is a Higher Authority. Every time we succeed in vanquishing a temptation and submitting to the Will of Hashem, our actions attest to Hashem’s absolute Oneness. (The converse is also true. The Zohar writes that the concept of chillul Hashem is related to the word chahal, an empty space. When a person commits an aveirah, he essentially broadcasts the message that the world, Heaven forbid, is “empty,” devoid of a Higher Authority.)

Rav Boruch Ber Leibowitz zt”l visited America to raise funds for his yeshivah in the 1930s. At that time, America was a land rife with spiritual challenges, and many Jews succumbed to the unbearable pressure to work on Shabbos. Most Jews who maintained their allegiance to the Shabbos quickly found themselves bereft of any means of supporting their families. Once, Rav Boruch Ber noticed a Jewish-owned store that was locked on Shabbos. He approached it and reverently kissed the lock, exclaiming, “Holy lock! This lock proclaims that Hashem is our G-d and we are His servants!” On an-

other occasion, when a Jew informed him that he had closed his business on Shabbos, Rav Boruch Ber exclaimed excitedly, "If you put your ear next to the lock on your store, you will hear it screaming, 'Hash-



em Hu Ha'Elokim!" The Jews who successfully passed the test of Shabbos observance proclaimed to the world that there was no authority greater than Hashem; nothing could compel them to violate Hashem's sacred Shabbos. (This story appeared in Shaah Tovah magazine.)

Our role as a living testament to yichud Hashem can have untold, incredible effects on other people. In Aleinu L'shabeach, the following incident is recorded.

In a city in Israel, a group of people decided to expose certain electricians who were dishonestly inflating their prices at the expense of unsuspecting customers. They secretly wired a home with hidden cameras and instructed the woman of the house to plug a sabotaged appliance into an electric outlet, thereby short-circuiting the entire electrical system of the house. Then she called several electricians to fix the "problem."

The first two electricians did not even bother inspecting the house, instead announcing that the entire system would have to be rewired, to the tune of two or three thousand shekels. But the third electrician, a religious Jew, carefully inspected the house, discovered the appliance that was the source of the problem, and quickly repaired it. He charged a mere 120 shekels for his services.

In front of all three electricians, the instigators

of the scheme emerged from their hiding place and confronted the duplicitous first two, demanding an explanation for their outrageous quotes. The electricians tried to deny that they had

quoted such prices, but to no avail; they had been caught on videotape.

Then the men turned to the frum electrician and asked why he had not inflated his price as his colleagues had done. Thunderstruck, the electrician replied simply, "Hashem is watching me, and He will know if I lie! Besides, my parnassah is decreed on Rosh Hashanah, and I cannot change it by being dishonest."

A prominent kiruv professional related that when the story was made public, the frum electrician's integrity and emunah moved an entire family, with whom he had been working for months with little success, to become religious. (Aleinu Leshabeach, Parashas Balak)

May we all merit to defeat the yetzer hara and to become true living testimonies to the Oneness of Hashem.

In Review: The more we conquer our physical and material desires and subjugate our bodies to the dictates of our souls, the more we become a living testimony to the fact that the world is ruled by a Higher Authority. And when we declare Hashem's Oneness on an individual basis, we also bring the entire world one step closer to its collective recognition that Hashem is One.



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Rabbi Yosef Moshe Mizrachi

How proud are you to be a Ba'al Mussar? With every area of expertise there is great pride. We all respect successful doctors businessmen and of course a brilliant Torah Scholar But what about appreciating someone who is working on his Middos? For some reason it doesn't have that same glamour. This is an erroneous attitude as the most difficult and most rewarding accomplishment is working on ourselves! R Yisrael Salanter said that it's harder to break one bad Middah than to learn the entire Shas! Every inch of overcoming a struggle; of trusting in Hashem more, is more valuable than any other goal! This is actually the whole reason why Hashem gave us the Torah! To help us fix our middos!

This can be seen from the Gemara in Shabbos that describes how Moshe told the angels in Shamayim that the Torah needs to be given to us humans since we are the ones who have a Yetzer Hara and we need help overcoming it (Sefer Madreigas Ha'adam).



One practical Application: we sometimes find ourselves upset or hurt. Don't distract yourself! Fixing Middos should be our biggest priority! Take the time to think about what's bothering you and how you can bring yourself to overcome this difficulty!

R Avraham Baddouch Zatzal (a talmid of R' Meir Chodosh and who built up Torah throughout Mexico) in his Sefer Kuntris Kabalot U'mamarim writes (letter Beis) that he is mekabel on himself that whenever he starts to feel competitive and jealous of another Talmid Chochom he will immediately closet himself off in a quiet place and explain to his Yetzer why he shouldn't be jealous. Only once he successfully worked out that jealousy would he return to what he was doing!

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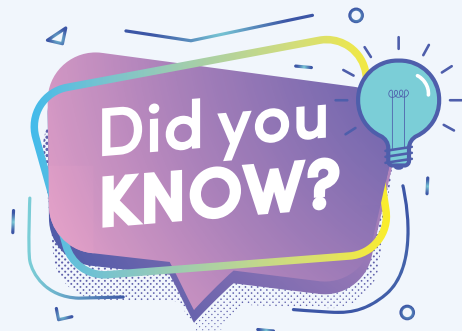
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By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck



Did you know that if instead of being jealous, you're happy for another Yid who is doing mitzvos, you get all the schar that they get!

Instead of being jealous when someone outdoes you in mitzvos, chesed, davening, learning, tzidkus...be happy for them, and it's as if you accomplished what they accomplished!

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You get all the schar!

Hakadosh Baruch Hu said: be happy for another Yid, and you get everything!

(Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh, in Parshas Pekudei. Kiryat Sefer in his hakdama, Rav Tzadok HCo-hen.)

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By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

When you work on Bitachon you will realize that the



Ribono Shel Olam is the true source of all your successes and he's the only one that counts.

You'll stop being

busy worshipping and getting carried away with pleasing people because they can't help or harm you (like the Chovos Halevovos writes אין התועלת והנוק מן הנברא אלא (מן הבורא).

The people in your life are there for you to love and enjoy; they are not there to intimidate you. Yes, you may need to respect and care for them but to care what this one says and that one says could make you crazy.

R' Mandel says over from R' Chaim M. Wainkrantz zt"l the Rosh Kollal from Novardok in Boro Park: There's only two entities oneself and the Ribono Shel Olam".

MAZEL TOV!

Mazal Tov to R' Shmuly Bender and family (Chestnut Ridge, New York) on the birth of a new baby boy!



By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

This column is part of the "ASHER TO THE YATZAR" initiative, and is written as a *zechus* for a *refuah sheleimah* for my daughter (**Esther bas Sara Miriam**) a young mother who is undergoing treatment for the *machalah*, and for R' Yossi Hecht (**Yosef Chaim ben Devorah Leah**), founder of ashertotheyatzar.com. If you would like to receive the monthly leaflet, please email ashertotheyatzar@gmail.com.

Defying Statistics

The Mashgiach of Lakewood, Rav Mattisyahu Salomon *shlit"v* (may Hashem send him a *refuah sheleimah*) pointed out that the *yom tov* of Chanuka is all about defying statistics. The *Chashmonaim* were a small group of weak, undernourished Cohanim who had no military training and poor weapons. The other side was a huge powerful army, consisting of highly trained strong soldiers, with the best weapons. Statistically, we had a zero percent chance of defeating the Greeks. Next, let us take the jug of oil they found. There is absolutely no question about it – it was not statistically possible for it to last more than one day. Yet, we won, and the oil burned for eight days. The *yom tov* of Chanuka teaches us that Hashem is running the world, and He does not follow statistics! Instead of being frightened and anxious, let us put our trust in Him, and realize that He is taking care of us.

How can we bear this in mind once Chanuka is over? Very simple – just look at the human body – it defies all statistics! There is so much going on inside and every detail must work in perfect tandem. That being the case, statistically, we should not exist (**see below**). We are only around because Hashem is taking care of us every second of every day. That is the most comforting feeling in the world. Each time we say Asher Yatzar we should bear this in mind, and with that, keep the lessons of Chanuka with us all year long.

How Are You Here?

By: Rabbi Yossi Rosenberg

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It's statistically impossible for you to be here. There are over 1,000,000,000,000 (one trillion) neurons in an average human brain, and over 100,000,000,000,000 (one hundred trillion) synapses, connections through which the neurons communicate with each other. In one eye alone, the part that sees is comprised of tiny rods and cones. Each human retina can have about 7,000,000 (seven million) cones and between 75,000,000 (seventy-five million) and 150,000,000 (one hundred and fifty million) rods!

The human circulatory system has blood vessels that reach every cell in our bodies, including over 10,000,000,000 (ten billion) microscopic capillaries. If we were to stretch our blood vessels out in one straight line, it would go around the world over two and a half times! Yet, our heart, pumping at an average of seventy to eighty beats per minute, circulates all of our blood through our entire system of blood vessels around three times every minute! The pumping is powered by electricity manufactured in the heart itself.

The average adult human produces 200,000,000,000 (two hundred billion) red blood vessels, 10,000,000,000 (ten billion) white blood cells, and 400,000,000,000 (four hundred billion) platelets *per day*. These transport oxygen and whatever is necessary for every cell in the body – such as carbohydrates, proteins, fats, salts, glucose, calcium, iron, copper, etc. – all in a perfectly organized and highly regulated manner. They also carry away carbon dioxide and other waste products, and fight off thousands of potential diseases through a sophisticated system of ever-changing, custom-made antibodies.

Every single person since creation has his or her own unique genome sequence made up of approximately 3,000,000,000 (three billion) pairs of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), structured in a stunning double-helix polymer containing four nitrogenous bases attached to a deoxyribonucleic sugar molecule and a phosphate molecule.

These are just a tiny sampling of the trillions of highly sophisticated and exquisitely controlled activities going on each and every second in every human body. Clearly, then, you are not – statistically speaking – here right now, simply because there is no way that you are alive *and* capable of reading. It's impossible. There's just no way for so many trillions of moving parts operated by so many different yet interconnected systems to work properly for one day, let alone for years and years.

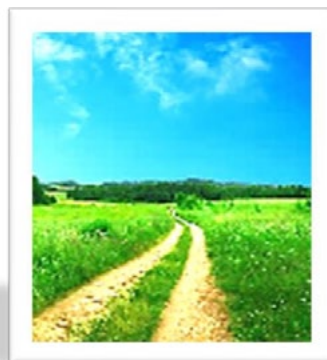
The problem is the fact that you *are* here! Clearly, it would be safe to say that our very existence is living proof that Hashem is in charge of that which He created, and that He takes care of it all, down to the minutest details, regardless of what may or may not be the actual statistical outcome.

BITACHON POWER!

*BY: Rabbi Chayim Tzvi Blau
This week's Topic: "The BEST HANDS!"*

The Quote – The Lesson – The Story

A Meaningful "QUOTE" BASED ON the Sefer Chovos Halevavos "SHAAR HABITACHAN"



The Quote: "A Bal Bitachon understands and realizes that Hashem is **The Only One** Who has been taking care of him since the day he was created until this very second and will **CONTINUE** to be **The Only One** to take care of him for all time!"

The Lesson: WHAT MAKES THIS SO INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING is that imagine that you would have a friend or relative who has been taking care of you from the moment he was created, until the present day and you knew that this friend or relative will take care of you for the rest of his life – you would feel so calm. You would easily put your complete reliance in him forever!

Even though it is not true by a human being – by Hashem it is 100% the EMES! So just rest assured knowing that just as we were in the best Hands until now - WE will continue to be in the BEST HANDS FOREVER!

The Story: THE BRISKER ROV WAS ONCE in the city of Warsaw when bread was hard to acquire and



very expensive. One of the chashuva people of the community, who knew that the Brisker Rov was residing in Warsaw, would send a portion of bread every day to the Brisker Rov. The Brisker Rov was very careful to finish his food every day and never to leave anything over, in order not to be from the ones who the גמרא calls קטני אמנה who say, "What will I eat tomorrow?" (ע' גמרא סוטה לז).

On the 9th of Tishrei the Brisker Rov diverted from his usual custom of never saving and left over a bit of bread for the next day just in case he would not receive bread, in order to be confident that he would be able to fulfill the מצוה of eating on erev כיפור. On the 10th, in addition to the portion of bread, the wealthy man prepared a portion of fish in honor of the fast of Yom Kippur. However, the fish meal got spoiled before it was sent, and the kind man only managed to bring a small piece of bread.

After hearing what happened the Brisker Rov turned to his son Rav Berel and said, "From this I learn that a person has to be בוטח בה', even in regard to the מצוה of eating before יום כיפור, and I see I should not have left over any bread even for this. It is probable that if I would not have saved the bread, then Hashem would not have caused the fish portion to get spoiled either.

NEXT WEEKS TOPIC: "**UNLIMITED GIVING!**"

By Mrs. S. Mordechai

Dedicated to the girls who are and who have been my students: Bnos, May Elokim bestow on you chein ad bli dy.

BS"D

Part One

Ruler Over All the Land

Two years after the inmates, Pharaoh's own dreams left him scared.

He called for the Hebrew prisoner and with Yosef, his dreams, he shared.

Cows and ears of wheat some healthy some thin,

Yosef was able to explain:

First seven years of shefa then seven years with a shortage of grain.

This interpretation impressed Pharaoh

so much that he did not hesitate to make Yosef his Viceroy, to oversee Mitzrayim and his entire estate.

With Pharaoh's complete trust Yosef became ruler over all the land;



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with absolute authority, the fate of Egypt was now in Yosef's hand.

Pharaoh dressed Yosef in robes suited for a king He placed on Yosef's neck a gold chain and on Yosef's finger his royal seal and ring.

Pharaoh gave Yosef a new name meaning: "The Hidden He Can Reveal."

Now all the citizens of Egypt before this Hebrew slave would kneel.

Since the Avos were shepherds and Mitzrim worshipped sheep, they viewed the Hebrews as a loathsome race.

That Yosef Hatzaddik made king over these idolaters

was an incredible nais.

Yosef got busy saving the world from hunger before the famine took its toll, but bringing B'nai Yisrael down to Mitzrayim was Hashem's ultimate goal.

Part two

Plan of the Master Craftsman (Ma'asei Yadai Aman)*

As the famine raged on, to Egypt, Yaakov Avinu sent ten of his sons.

The time had finally come for Yosef to confront his brothers, the guilty ones.

Yosef Hatzaddik forgot his suffering.

Hashem opened his heart.

He knew it was the Plan of the Master Craftsman

that he be sold and from his father and family part.

Although he pretended to be a stranger,

his brothers, Yosef certainly did recognize;

but in order to test them

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he detained them and accused them of being spies.

"If you came with no ill intent, why enter through ten separate gates, then? That's the behavior of criminals and thieves, not honest men."

"We're twelve brothers from one honorable father who sent us here to buy food and supplies.

Please, my lord, your servants mean no harm. We are not telling lies."

"We spread out in the hope that our missing brother we would find.

It's been twenty-two years and we were hoping to restore our grieving father's peace of mind."

Yosef insisted they return with Binyamin. Until then Shimon would sit in prison, but Yosef HaTzaddik showed compassion by sending the shevatim home with generous amounts of provision.

The kindness of this powerful stranger who insured that the brothers and their families have enough food kindled the tribes' remorse for treating their own brother with such a cruel attitude.

Yaakov, their father, refused to let Binyamin leave. The brothers tried every angle to convince, but Yaakov had sent his beloved



Yosef on a mission and had been mourning him ever since.

When the family was on the brink of starvation, Yisrael, Aviv, heard Yehuda's voice: "I'll take full responsibility and protect my brother. We need to feed our families. We have no choice."

"If Rachel's remaining son doesn't survive, my old age in sorrow, you'll send to the grave that day. Take extra money and gifts for the viceroy; and most important for Binyamin's safe return, I'll PRAY!"

Yosef yearned to meet Binyamin, his only full brother, and to learn if the other tribes were treating him right.

In all this time, had they repented? Would they see Yosef HaTzaddik in a new light?

Now, eleven Shvatim bowed before Yosef, fulfilling his dream of long ago. They didn't know that he was their lost brother; that he was the Egyptian Viceroy, but not their foe.

In Binyamin, Yosef saw his dear mother, Rachel,

who had passed away when he was young.

Years of buried feelings burst forth.

"I am Yosef" was almost on the tip of his tongue.

Yosef showed favor to Binyamin to learn if his brothers jealousy

was still an open wound or did it wane.

Yosef blessed his younger brother calling him "B'ni," "May Elokim bestow on you chein."

By planting in Binyamin's sack, as if it was stolen, his royal cup, Yosef would now find out who would take achrius? Who would, for Rachel's younger son, stand up?

Would the brothers care for Binyamin enough to put their lives on the line or would they abandon him to be a slave and, once again, with no remorse, sit down to dine?

They'll be a blessing . They'll be blessed. They'll be a great nation! A light to the rest.

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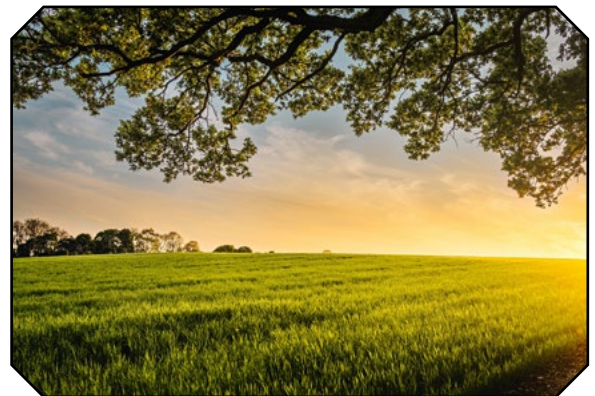
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Just Look At What Hashem Made For You!

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A Faint Whiff Of Hashem's Unlimited Wisdom and Kindness

We finished discussing the lips. Now it's time for a new topic. One of the functions that the lips and the teeth both play important roles in, is our speech. Speech is not a specific organ in the human body, but it's a function of the human body – an extremely important and central function.

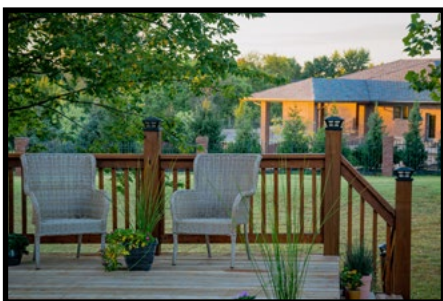
Almost all the interactions that we have with people around us, is with speech. We're referring to very common simple speech which we do innumerable times during the day.

One type is requesting a hand from someone, something we do very often, like "Can you take out the garbage?"

language that was created to replace the speech that was already in use. It duplicates the letters that are spoken. If there is no speech, there wouldn't be what to duplicate.

The absence of basic simple communication would make life so much more difficult. All the regular help

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"Can you help me with the groceries?" or simply "Can you turn on the light?" "Can you pass the milk?"

If we couldn't talk, we would not be able to request anything from other people. Even sign language wouldn't help, because sign language is a



that we receive from others, we would have to do by ourselves. The examples are endless. Let's simply return to the examples that we gave. If you want to get the milk, you have to get up and get it yourself. If you want to turn on the light, go do it.



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You can bring in all the groceries by yourself. But if you have a job that requires two people, like moving a heavy table, then you are stuck. The speech that Hashem granted us gives us the ability to give and receive a hand many times throughout the day.

Our goal in exploring the benefits that we receive from the gift of speech is to awaken an awareness of the Chessed and Hatavah of Hashem, which we live with constantly. Many of these things we take for granted, but if we realize how much goodness we get all the time, it will bring out our Hakaros Hatov to Hashem.

Another example that many of us take for granted is that we rely on speech to relay simple information to each other. This is also something we use countless times a day.

For example, we relay that it is raining outside, or

“I locked the door” or “Your friend stopped in yesterday” or “The milk is finished”.

If not for the gift of speech, then everyone would have to do everything by himself. That is very limiting and very limiting. Once again, there’s an op-

Answers for the Parsha Game page 16
Almonds: Yaakov sent a present to Yosef.
Wine: The Shevatim drank together with Yosef.

tion of sign language. People actually can portray images through sign language and not just letters, but it’s very limiting.

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The Fastest Plant on Earth! Meet the Bladderwort Plant

The winner of THE fastest plant on earth is the aquatic (in water) Bladderwort plant. (There's also Bladderwort plants found on land, but they aren't that fast. They have a different mechanism which we will not be discussing.)

Anyone looking into this plant, will see an AMAZING plan and wisdom that no accident could EVER dream of making. First, I will give a brief description of what happens, and then we will delve into it in with more details.

The Bladderwort as you can see in the picture is a round, balloon shaped structure. It has a trap door, that when triggered open, lets in the small prey that triggered it off. In the inside of the Bladderwort are digestive enzymes that digest the prey and then absorb the nutrients. That's the story in a nutshell.

Now we shall begin a much more detailed explanation to the great plan and strategies that this plant has. Wait, do plants have plans and strategies? Of course not! It's Hashem's great strategies that are in the plant and they are quite different in each type of carnivorous plants.

Many of the mechanics of the plants are still not understood, but we can discuss what happens, even

if we don't know how it happens.



Firstly, there's the "trap door". This door is going to open up at a speed

of 2 milliseconds! One millisecond is one second divided into a million parts! It's so fast that your eye can't see it happen. It's way too fast for the human eye to catch it. Now, as you see from the picture, the Bladderwort is sort of a sack / bladder. It is full of water and digestive fluids. The first thing that the plant needs to "know" is that it needs to make a very tight, watertight, seal for the system to work. That alone is amazing. How could the plant know that for the system to work it needs to make it watertight? Then, even more amazing, is how it knows HOW to make the door, water and air tight. So, there's a special groove (indentation) at the bottom of the

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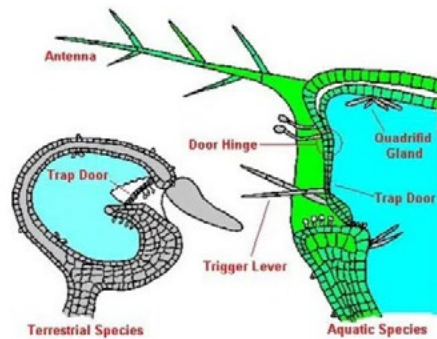


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door (called the threshold) that keeps the door tightly in place on the bottom of the door. These are "live" grooves made up of cells that can move when needed, so it can allow the door to open up when needed. Then to make it watertight, lo and behold, they "luckily" have special glands that secrete a gluey substance, and together with a second substance called Velum, which is a thin membrane (like a very thin skin), they seal the door completely watertight. Where did these glands and membranes come from?

Then comes a very amazing plan. There are special glands called bifid glands that are near the trap

door which pumps water out of this sealed bladder chamber. I have not seen a good explanation as to how this is accomplished, but it somehow works. A chemical water



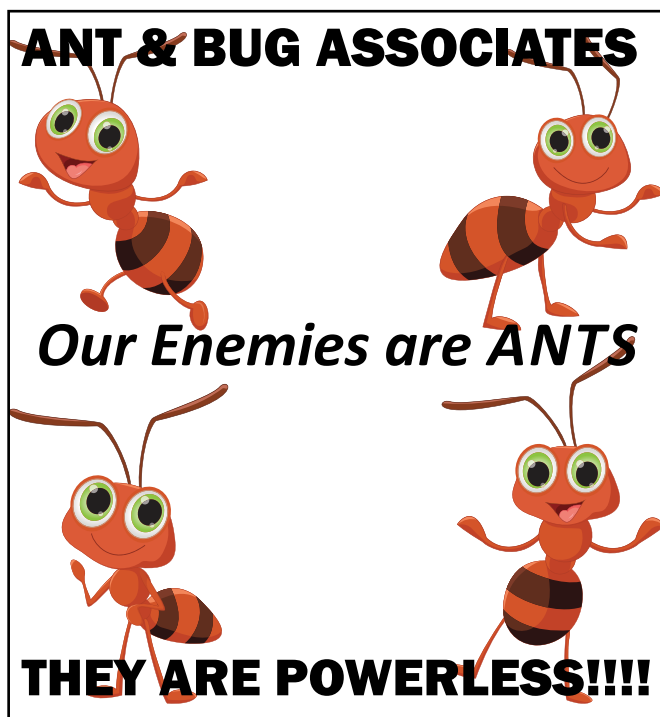
pump! This removal of water causes a vacuum (negative pressure) to be created.

to fit into their door. (Bladderworts are quite small). Therefore, Hashem put relatively large antennas near the trap door to keep away prey that are too large to fit into the trap door. If they get too close to the door, they will set off the triggers and open the door for nothing. That will use up a lot of unnecessary chemical energy and it's not healthy for the plant to do this too often.

Ah, speaking of the trigger, yes, there's special trigger hairs right by the trap door. When triggered, the trap door opens.

Now back to the vacuum. The pump "knows" exactly how much water to pump out of the bladder to create just enough of a vacuum. Not too much and not too little. How does it know this? How does it "know" ANYTHING about vacuums and how to create a vacuum??? Ok. So, what does the vacuum do? As the door is being opened, there's a special hinge on the top part of the door that it swings on. The vacuum that was created is then triggered and at lightning speed (in as quick as you're ready? ONE MILLIONTH of one second!!) it swings in the door, the prey that triggered off the special trigger hairs and the water around it is sucked into the bladder. The door then closes immediately afterwards by some type of mech-

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Picture a thin plastic bottle which is being sucked in. The walls of the bottle get sucked inwards. So too, the walls of the bladder get sucked in with the vacuum sucking procedure. We'll get back to this soon.

Typically, they can only eat very small water organisms like water fleas and tiny baby fish and baby mosquitoes that are able



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anism. Now that the prey is captured, in the bladder are many glands called Quadrifidus that expel special enzymes. They digest the prey and transport them to be absorbed into the Bladderwort's system providing it the vital nutrition that it needs. When the water comes crashing in to the bladder, the sucked in walls regain their original round shape. After a short while, depending on the prey that was captured, the whole process starts all over again, with the water being pumped out

just enough to recreate that perfect vacuum.

We see here a tremendous plan with all the necessary mechanics to carry out that plan, all working in perfect harmony!

Here again is another masterpiece from Hashem's bag of tricks of Carnivorous plants that He put into His wonderful world!!

Hashem loves to make lots of variety to help us recognize His Awe-

someness, so that we can learn to

respect and fear Him, which is so

important for our spiritual growth.

There's a couple of more plants to

discuss before moving on to other

wonders of Hashem.

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4. Someone said something hurtful? DON'T be hurtful back. It's extremely flammable!
5. Laugh it off (inside).



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THE MIRACLES INSIDE YOUR SLICE OF BREAD

By: Mordechai Solomon

Recap: The many miracles 11. that's in your slice of bread.

1. The seed has all the bits and pieces of information to produce more wheat which is needed in the production of bread.
2. The seed stays fresh and does not rot so you can gather them and plant a whole crop's worth.
3. Soil is only found on earth.
4. Soil is the perfect environment for the seed to grow.
5. The soil is a natural habitat for ants to live in and also for the inchworm.
6. The ant is an amazing creature that constantly is making holes in the ground. It tills the ground because Hashem put into its nature to constantly look for food.
7. The inchworm bores bigger holes in the ground which is also a form of tilling the ground.
8. Vegetation grows in the ground.
9. The soil also produces all different types of vegetation.
10. This so happens to be the perfect food for the inchworm.
11. After it eats, the food goes through an amazingly complicated digestive system.
12. The inchworm's body produces waste.
13. The waste is very good fertilizer for the soil to help the growth of the wheat.
14. When the worm dies, it decomposes and is good fertilizer for the plants.
15. Different germs and bacteria grow in the soil to improve the soil for the growth of the plants.
16. The seed reacts with the water to start to decompose.
17. This enables that the water should continue to make the seed rot.
18. Water is made of two gases.
19. The soil is a cool atmosphere.
20. Soil is porous allowing it to absorb water which is a necessity for the seed.
21. This causes the seed to decompose when you put the seed in the earth.
22. No matter how the seed is placed in the soil, the root goes down.
23. The stem goes up no

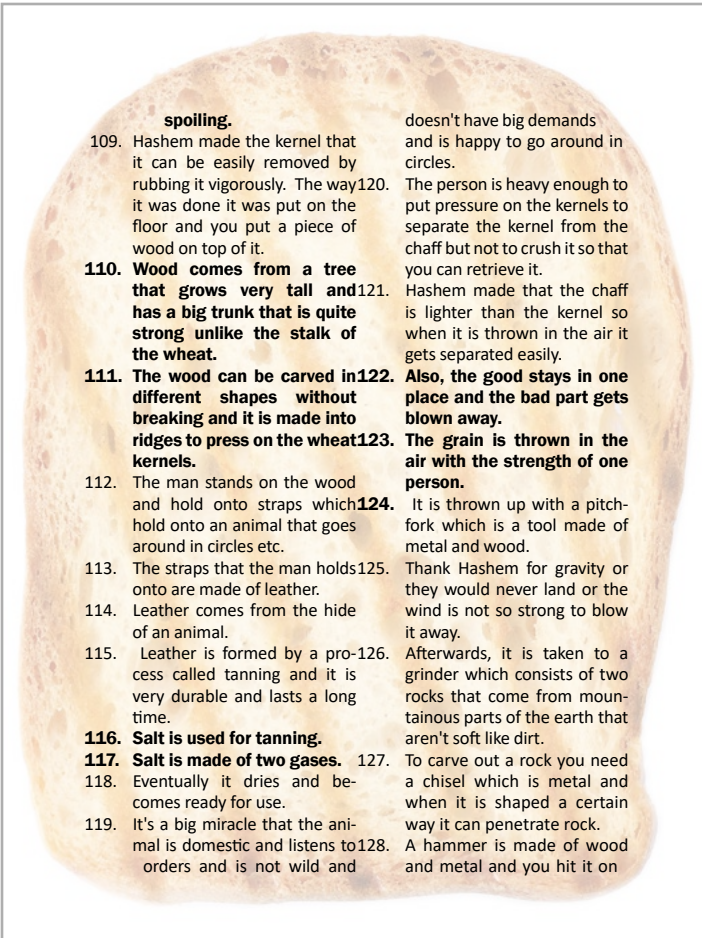


24. The plant survives on rain-water.
25. The ocean is full of salt water which cleanses the water from impurities.
26. The sun shines on the water.
27. The sun is millions of miles away and yet it has an effect on earth.
28. If the sun would be too close it would burn the earth.
29. If the sun would be too far, the world would freeze.
30. The sun is a ball of gases.
31. The sun constantly gives off heat by chemical reactions.
32. The molecular structure of water is so that when it gets hot, it starts to change.
33. The water turns into water vapor.
34. Water vapor is lighter than air, so it rises.
35. The sun sets in order to let the earth have a rest and certain insects work at night.
36. The earth spins in a cycle which causes the sun to set.
37. It is in constant motion never stopping.
38. Everything in the world is stationary and the moon orbit in the sky.
39. The moon orbit in the sky.
40. It has a certain cycle.
41. It reflects the sunlight.
42. It has an effect on the moisture of earth which is necessary for growth.
43. The earth spins in an angle so that sometimes it is closer to the sun and sometimes it is further.
44. The sun has a force on the earth.
45. This causes all different seasons and climates.
46. During the cold season the earth stops producing as much giving a rest to the earth enabling it to give off a better crop.
47. There are many dust particles in the air.
48. When the water rises, it leaves over all the salt and dirt from the ocean.
49. The water combines with the dust particles.
50. It starts to accumulate into a cloud.
51. Cold air sinks.
52. Hot air rises.
53. The difference causes air current.
54. The wind blows inland.
55. The clouds move inland.
56. The cloud gets heavy with water.
57. The cloud releases the

58. Gravity brings down the water to the earth.
59. There is a negative cloud.
60. There is a positive cloud.
61. When they rub together they make lightning.
62. Lightning travels to the ground.
63. The lightning has tremendous heat.
64. The air has in it a gas called nitrogen.
65. The lightning makes a chemical reaction with the nitrogen making nitrites.
66. The nitrites are a very good fertilizer to help the growth of the plants.
67. The stem starts to push itself out of the soil.
68. The sunlight has energy.
69. The plants know how to absorb the energy.
70. The plant turns green called photosynthesis.
71. As the plant grows the roots also grow in order that the plant shouldn't fall down.
72. The roots absorb the water.
73. The roots send water to the whole plant.
74. The roots send water to the whole plant.
75. The leaves send energy to the whole plant.
76. Carbon dioxide is made up of two different elements.
77. The leaves absorb the CO2.
78. The leaves give off oxygen as byproduct. When all the CO2 in the vicinity of the plant gets used, how does it get more? The wind blows new air with CO2.
79. There is a constant production of CO2 because animals breathe out CO2.
80. When they breathe in oxygen, the by-product is CO2.
81. The rains come only certain times during the year.
82. These times are beneficial and are the exact time the plants need water.
83. The amount is not too much to drench them.
84. It doesn't come too forcefully.
85. It doesn't come too little for the plants.
86. Sometimes it comes like small needles to penetrate the ground.
87. It doesn't keep on pouring which would also drown the plants.
88. The plant stem starts to rise straight up and it is



89. They grow in a straight line so they don't get tangled.
90. Very bendable to they don't break in the wind. The leaves absorb the nutrients and bring it down to the roots.
91. Each one miraculously knows how much to give to each part of the plant.
92. After the stem reaches a certain height it starts to produce the grain.
93. The grain is on the top where it can get the most sunlight and not be affected by the shade of the stem.
94. They grow in the spring when the sunlight starts increasing because it is necessary to have a lot of sun.
95. The field is full of green stalks of wheat when they become ripe they give a sign changing from green to white what a miracle that the plant knows that a person sees different colors.
96. Now comes the time to harvest and you need a sickle to cut the wheat. A sickle is made of metal, which is found in the earth mixed with impurities.
97. When the metal is heated with extreme heat then the impurities go out because they burn elevated from the ground enabling it to be cut easier.
98. You can mold metal any shape you want.
99. The stalks are very soft, not hard, so without great difficulty it can be cut, not like a tree that needs a lot of time to cut. (A miracle that these things need to be used on a constant basis are easy to cut or pluck).
100. Metal becomes very sharp in order to cut it.
101. It's also very strong so it doesn't break.
102. The sheaths of wheat are very light in order that you can bundle it and transport it.
103. Flax is a plant that grows from the ground.
104. Their stalks can be used as string.
105. String enables one to tie the sheaths and transports them easily.
106. The sun dries them out and can stay as kernels a long time without spoiling.
107. The kernel is made up of (at least) two parts, the grain and the shell (chaff) which is made to protect the kernel from



spoiling.

109. Hashem made the kernel that it can be easily removed by rubbing it vigorously. The way it was done it was put on the floor and you put a piece of wood on top of it.

110. Wood comes from a tree that grows very tall and has a big trunk that is quite strong unlike the stalk of the wheat.

111. The wood can be carved in different shapes without breaking and it is made into ridges to press on the wheat kernels.

112. The man stands on the wood and hold onto straps which hold onto an animal that goes around in circles etc.

113. The straps that the man holds onto are made of leather.

114. Leather comes from the hide of an animal.

115. Leather is formed by a process called tanning and it is very durable and lasts a long time.

116. Salt is used for tanning.

117. Salt is made of two gases.

118. Eventually it dries and becomes ready for use.

119. It's a big miracle that the animal is domestic and listens to orders and is not wild and doesn't have big demands and is happy to go around in circles.

The person is heavy enough to put pressure on the kernels to separate the kernel from the chaff but not to crush it so that you can retrieve it.

Hashem made that the chaff is lighter than the kernel so when it is thrown in the air it gets separated easily.

122. Also, the good stays in one place and the bad part gets blown away.

123. The grain is thrown in the air with the strength of one person.

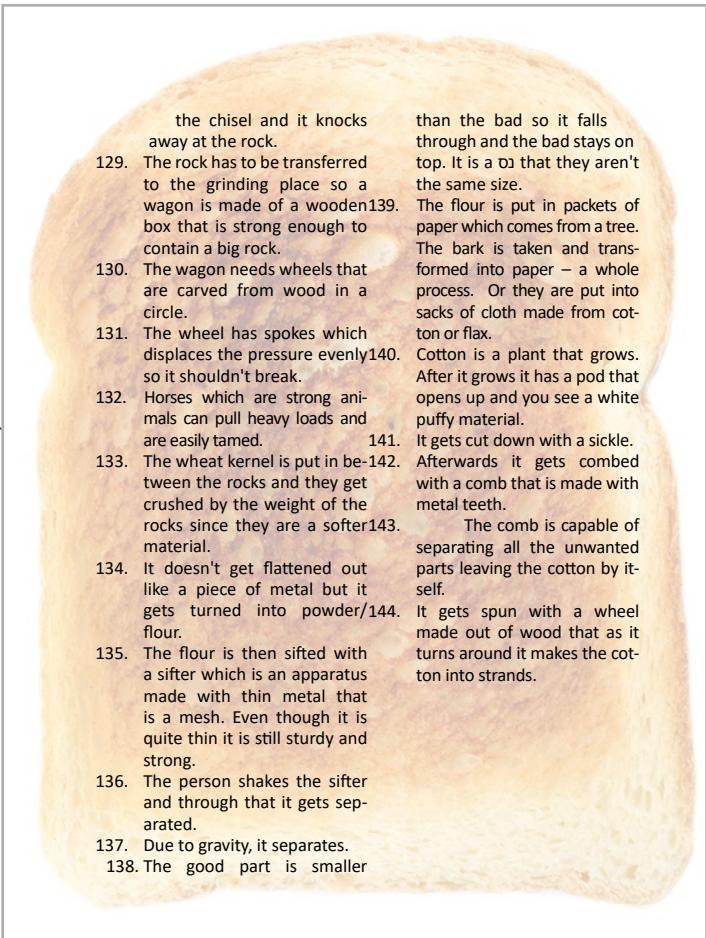
It is thrown up with a pitchfork which is a tool made of metal and wood.

Thank Hashem for gravity or they would never land or the wind is not so strong to blow it away.

Afterwards, it is taken to a grinder which consists of two rocks that come from mountainous parts of the earth that aren't soft like dirt.

To carve out a rock you need a chisel which is metal and when it is shaped a certain way it can penetrate rock.

A hammer is made of wood and metal and you hit it on



the chisel and it knocks away at the rock.

129. The rock has to be transferred to the grinding place so a wagon is made of a wooden box that is strong enough to contain a big rock.

130. The wagon needs wheels that are carved from wood in a circle.

131. The wheel has spokes which displaces the pressure evenly so it shouldn't break.

132. Horses which are strong animals can pull heavy loads and are easily tamed.

133. The wheat kernel is put between the rocks and they get crushed by the weight of the rocks since they are a softer material.

134. It doesn't get flattened out like a piece of metal but it gets turned into powder.

135. The flour is then sifted with a sifter which is an apparatus made with thin metal that is a mesh. Even though it is quite thin it is still sturdy and strong.

136. The person shakes the sifter and through that it gets separated.

137. Due to gravity, it separates.

138. The good part is smaller than the bad so it falls through and the bad stays on top. It is a way that they aren't the same size.

The flour is put in packets of paper which comes from a tree. The bark is taken and transformed into paper – a whole process. Or they are put into sacks of cloth made from cotton or flax.

Cotton is a plant that grows. After it grows it has a pod that opens up and you see a white puffy material.

It gets cut down with a sickle. Afterwards it gets combed with a comb that is made with metal teeth.

The comb is capable of separating all the unwanted parts leaving the cotton by itself.

It gets spun with a wheel made out of wood that as it turns around it makes the cotton into strands.

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145. After that it is brought to a harp and woof which is a machine that has racks made of wood and you put two rows of string through them.

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146. Then you have an apparatus that you throw from side to side.

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147. You have a pedal which makes the two rows of string move up and down and it catches

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148. You have a wheel which turns the string which enables more string to come

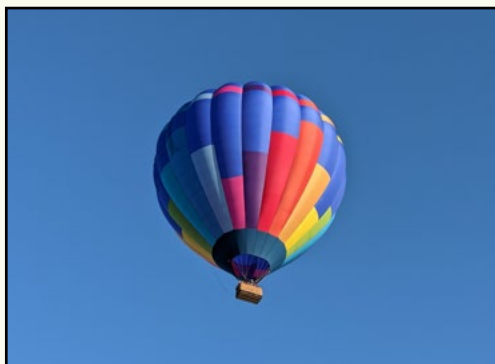
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149. It is then sent to a warehouse for storage.

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150. A warehouse is made from piles of wood.

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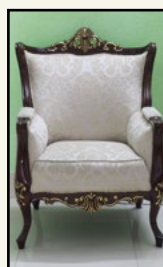


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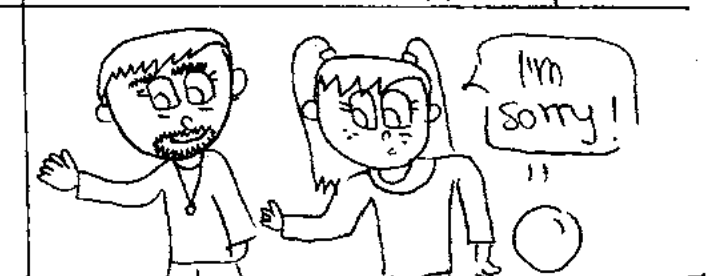
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Someone wanted to buy the Toldos Yaakov Yosef's menorah. R' Yaakov Yosef didn't want to sell. The man pestered him until he finally slightly reluctantly agreed. As he was getting it there was a knock on the door!



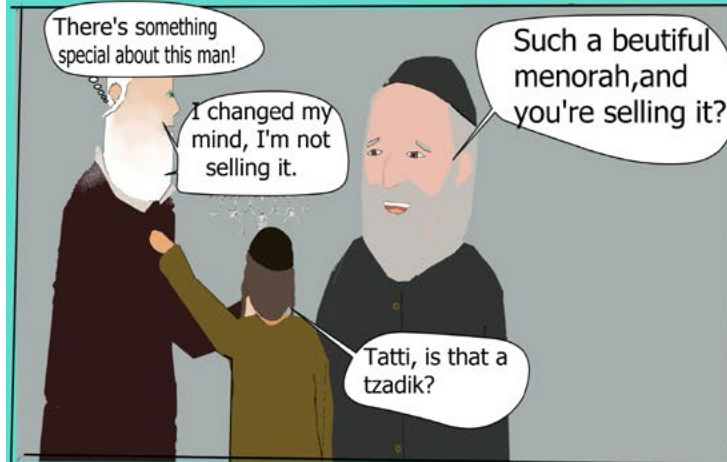
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Who's at the door?

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There's something special about this man!

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Such a beautiful menorah, and you're selling it?

Tatti, is that a tzadik?



You have the menorah?

No! I. I. can't sell it



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No, he's probably a malach or something

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You mean he came from shamayim just to stop us from selling the menorah?



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By: E. Jungreis

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**Rav Avigdor Miller Speaks
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"Yosef Hatzadik said. 'Hakadosh Baruch Hu I'm not able to lift anything without You. I need you every step of my life!'"

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Illuminating Words of Chazal

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

Q: The Gemara Pesachim 54a says that the fire that was created on the second day, the fire of Gehenim, will never be extinguished.

How could it be that Hashem, Who is full of rachamim, chesed and love and does only good, will keep someone in Gehenim forever and ever?

A. The Chofetz Chaim writes in Shmiras HaLashon that chazal say that people can chas v'shalom get the wrong impression of Hashem's goodness. Why? Because you look at the Torah and it says that if you do the mitzvos then you get rewarded, but if you don't then you get punished. Many people react to this with negative emotions

and believe that Hashem gets angry and upset, like a dictator with a stick in his hand ready to beat up anybody who doesn't listen and ready to show you who's boss. People don't have positive emotions towards dictators who act like that!

So the Chofetz Chaim explains, if a mother sees her child rolling in mud and he's getting himself filthy and dirty, the mother picks him up, puts him in the bath, and starts cleaning him. The child says, "No, I wanna go play in the mud! No, I wanna play in the mud!" The mother who cares about her child cleans him with soap and shampoo despite his protests.

The Chofetz Chaim explains that this is a mashal for all yissurim and all gehenim. It's not punishment, it's not revenge, it's not anger; it's love, it's soap and shampoo. The translation of gehenim is soap and shampoo. It's a shower, it's a bath. And that's how you have to translate these words. When you translate like that, then you'll have a positive emotion. The essence of Torah is kulo love, kulo bracha. That's why Torah is called Rachmana. Rachmana means rachamim. Hashem is called Rachmana, because Hashem is kulo rachamim. And everything, says the Chofetz Chaim, that Hashem does is soap and shampoo.

Now, it's very important to note that the Ramchal says that the biggest purification process is through bitachon. Like mikvah is lashon mikaveh, which means bitachon, mikaveh, is also purification. A person can just go into the mikvah of bitachon and then he doesn't need any gehenim whatsoever. So even though we're saying that gehenim is soap and shampoo, but the Ramchal says that there's an even better soap and shampoo, and that's called bitachon. Bitachon is the biggest and best soap and shampoo. So a person should realize that even though we're translating gehenim as soap and shampoo, and it's a beautiful thing, and it's full of chesed and full of rachmanus, but you should just know that there's an even more open chesed, an open rachamim, and that's called bitachon, which is a mikvah to purify you and you won't need any gehenim for the soap and shampoo. So when it comes to soap and shampoo, there's the kind that's a hidden love and there's the kind that's with open love, which makes it that you don't need the gehenim version of soap and shampoo. Because the bitachon itself purifies a person.

Now, that being said, let's return to the gemara. The gemara says l'olam. So now the obvious question is what does it mean forever? If the whole purpose of gehenim is to clean, so if it's a cleaning process then obviously there's a purpose of cleaning, and eventually all the neshamos will be clean.

The Arizal says that every single person at the end of the day will have their final tikkun.

Look at Korach, the Yerushalmi calls him a kofer, it says ein lo chelek in Toras Moshe Rabbeinu. Yet it says tzadik katamar yifrach, the last three letters of those words spells out Korach. The Arizal says that we learn from here that even the biggest apikorus will have their final tikkun. After they go through all the soap and shampoo, and all the whole cleaning process, they're going to end up getting their final tikkun. Similarly, R' Shimon Schwab

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mean forever, it's only for fifty years. The teretz is that chazal say lolam just means for a very long time, it's a long time that it's like a world in its own. So fifty years is called lolam, even though it's not forever, it just means a very long period of time. So that's what it means. It means that people are going to have to go to gehenim for a very long time. The Maharsha points out that most people, they only have to go to gehenim for twelve months. For others it will be longer, and for some, it will be "l'olam" meaning a very lengthy extended period of time, obviously because he needs a lot more cleaning and he needs a lot more "steel wool," so the cleaning process is going to take longer, but of course at the end of the day he's going to get the final tikkun.

So it comes out the answer to the question is, that really Hashem says if you live with emunah and bitachon you get open chesed, open rachamim, unconditional love and there's no gehenim at all! The gemara in Menachos says, that with bitachon there's no gehenim at all! The people without bitachon, if they don't do their daily exercises of bitachon, then the gehenim will be for one year, which is love, bracha, chesed and rachamim and soap and shampoo for a year, which is hidden bracha. And the people who were kofrim and apikorsim they will be there l'olam which means a longer time span, because obviously it takes them longer to clean, but it's all soap and shampoo, it's all love, it's all bracha, it's all chesed, it's all rachamim. But at the end of the day they also of course get their final tikkun.

And therefore, every person should walk away with the understanding that Hashem loves all of us from start to finish and everything in between and everything is kulo love, kulo soap, kulo shampoo, kulo bracha, kulo chesed, kulo rachamim. Anyone who reads Spring Hill Times and does their daily exercises in emunah and bitachon, they will know that they're going to get a straight ticket to Olam Habah!

says that that's the pshat in Ashrei. We say somech Hashem LCHOL hanoflim vzokef LCHOL hakefufim. Hashem will stand up everybody! Even the lowest of the lowest people, even the kofrim and apikorsum, anyone who fell is going to get their final tikkun. They're going to get their final tikkun because Hashem made a world that is perfect and Hashem made a world full of love and love means that everyone is going to get their final cleaning process.

So then why does it say "L'olam"?

The answer is that many times the Torah uses the word lolam without meaning forever. For example, a servant has to serve his master "l'olam." L'olam in that case doesn't

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1676 This story was called in from Ramot Alef in Eretz Yisrael by Mrs. Goldberg. She said over that she is a seamstress. We all know that before Yom Tov is one of the busiest seasons; people are coming non-stop. "Could you hem this? Can you fix this?"



As it was getting closer and closer to Yom Tov, she was making more rules and more rules, until she decided that she wouldn't take any new clothing unless it was something simple

as pie.

As Yom Tov got even closer, she said, "Sorry! No more clothing! I have to get everything back to all of my customers before Yom Tov, I don't have time for anything else." Whoever had already given her stuff would be waiting for a couple of days to get it back. The line was very long.

All of a sudden, she got a knock on her door. A lady came in and said, "I have a couple of articles of clothing that need hemming, sewing. Can you do it before Yom Tov?" Mrs. Goldberg was thinking to herself, "No! I can't do it before Yom Tov, I have no time! It's going to take me too long." To her own surprise, she said, "Yes, I can do it. I can do it right

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away, on the spot!" The lady gave her one article, then a second article. Mrs. Goldberg was wondering to herself the whole time, "This doesn't make sense. Why did I just take it? I don't have time! Even the people that I already agreed to take their clothes, I don't do it for them on the spot!" After she finally finished the tailoring, she actually even gave it to her for a cheaper price than usual. It wasn't adding up! It didn't make sense. Mrs. Goldberg didn't understand what was going on.

After she gave her back all the articles of clothing, she said, "Can I ask you one question? It doesn't make sense. I haven't been taking any more customers; I've been turning down so many people. You, not only do I take you; I do it on the spot; and I even give you a cheaper price! Can you tell me what was going on behind the scenes? Why did this happen to me?" The customer said, "I'll tell you the truth. I woke up this morning, and I said, 'Yes, I know it's the day before Yom Tov. But Hashem, I really want something new. Hashem, I really want my clothing to get hemmed and fixed. Hashem, I know You are the only one who is going to be able to do it for me. On top of that, Hashem, I want a good price; I want a cheap price.' And I just told Hashem this. After I spoke to Hashem, I came to you. I said I want a close seamstress, so I don't have to run around. No issues and no problems. I want everything to go smooth from beginning to end. I want it to be chick-chock, 1,2,3. Here I am, and guess what! That's exactly what happened! Chick-chock, 1,2,3, with the best service, best price, everything was superb!"



1677- This story was called in by Mr. Rabinowitz. He said that there was a blockage in the pipes leading to his washing machine, and the washing machine wasn't working properly. His wife called a repairman to come fix it. When she told him how much the repairman charged, he realized that he could have gotten a different repairman for half the price. At first he was thinking, "What a waste of money. I know someone who can do the same job for much less."



Then he stopped in his tracks and said, "One second. I follow a Life with Bitachon. I chap and realize that where does money come from? It comes from Hakadosh Baruch Hu. It comes from the Ribbono Shel Olam. So the amount of money we spent on this repairman, Hashem has many ways to give it back. From where, from when, how? I don't have to figure out eitzos, I just have to believe that Hashem is Hakol Yachol, and He'll give us back the money 1, 2, 3!" With that, he was perfectly okay and fine with his wife getting that repairman because he knew it didn't make difference anyway. Hashem would pay him back.

Later on that day, his wife came home from work and said that someone came over to her and gave her money. They said, "You did a service for me. I want to show you hakaras hatov." Do you know how much money it was? The exact amount, to the dollar, of how much they spent on the repairman. In no time, they got every last dollar back!



1678 - This story was called in by Mrs. Schwartz. She said over that she's making a chasunah very soon. She needed \$20,000, but she had no idea where she could come up with that type of money. On top of that, her tenant just told her that they planned on leaving that month. That meant a loss of income, because she didn't have time right then to start looking for another tenant. What was going to be? Then she decided that

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she's going to tell her family, "Do you know who's making this chasunah? Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribbono Shel Olam. Do you know who is taking care of all our needs? Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribbono Shel Olam. Therefore, we should only chap and realize that Hashem is taking care of us, and he's paying the bill! Where is the money going to come from? You will see, kinderlach. It's going to start flying in! Where, when, why, I have no idea. I'm just going to leave it up to Hashem."



All of a sudden, the phone rang. Somebody called up and said, "I know your tenant is leaving. I would love if I could have the apartment. Can I take it over? If you agree that I can take it over, I'll give you money up front in cash right now. I'll come over 1, 2, 3." She said, "Are you serious?" He said, "Yes! I have 20,000 in cash for you, no problem." With that, in a matter of minutes, she got all the money she needed, with the best service!



1688 - This story was called in by Rabbi Gross. Rabbi Gross said that he was going to Eretz Yisrael together with his Rebbetzin and their little baby. When they were boarding the plane, he asked if he could have a

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bassinet seat for the baby. They responded, "Sorry, all the bassinet seats are already taken. Besides for that, there are ten people in front of you that asked first. There isn't even a chance."

After hearing their response, his Rebbetzin turned to him and said, "Don't worry. It's not up to them. They're not in charge. We always hear on 'A Life with Bitachon' that Hashem runs the world, not them." Rabbi Gross told her, "But practically speaking, realistically, they said all the seats are taken and there are ten people in front of us. So where do you think the bassinet will fall from? The sky?" His Rebbetzin said, "Yes! With Hakol Yachol, that's what happens!!"

As they were going on the plane, the one in charge came over to them and told them that he's sorry, but they have to change their seats. Where were their new seats? Right in back of business class, where there was a beautiful bassinet, ready for them, waiting for them to put the baby in!!

Q&A WITH R' ZEVI GOLOMBECK

The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. I'm a Rebbe, and now recently, I was very successful. Recently, however, the students started to act up and I'm losing control over the class. I'm trying all sorts of techniques to improve the situation, but despite my efforts to help them, they're not cooperating. Because of this I walk around feeling like a failure. What should my attitude be?

A. The reason you're frustrated is because you feel that it's your responsibility to help your students. And since you're failing in teaching them, you're just wasting your energy and not accomplishing anything.

But you must understand that our accomplishment in this world is not by making an impact on others, rather by perfecting ourselves.

When you are in a position of teaching students, how much the students will ultimately walk away with, is not in your control; that's up to Hashem. But it is in our control how we will act

with the role of teaching. Will we try our best? Will we get impatient with the students? Will we get flustered when we don't see results? These are the real accomplishments of a teacher.

And the truth of the matter is, even if you don't succeed in teaching the material that you prepared, you have the opportunity to teach them a far greater lesson.

When you act with them patiently, and you don't lose yourself despite their shtick, you are teaching them by example the most important lesson in the world: that we are in this world in order to go opposite our nature.

Q. My son is not doing well in yeshiva. I feel that I could help my son get back on track, but he refuses to accept my help. Outside help is not working either. I tried everything in my ability, but nothing is working, and now I feel stuck?

A. The reason you feel stuck is because you think that your efforts are what causes results, and now that your efforts are being rejected there is no way for your son to improve.

But this is a mistake. Our efforts are merely hishtadlus. How the outcome turns out is completely in Hashem's control. And we can rest assured that Hashem is conducting all affairs in the way He sees to be the best for you and your son.

Therefore, instead of feeling despondent, turn your situation 'into a business'. Tell Hakadosh Baruch Hu, 'I know that you are controlling the situation, and I have bitachon that you could turn the situation around'. And when Hashem sees that you're trusting that He's conducting a perfect world, and you know that He's running your situation for your best, He will show you openly how things will turn out in the best possible way.



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Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from Iyur-Sivan!

HASHEM HEALS

My baby had an ear infection and I wasn't able to get the antibiotics right away. Instead, I put Kyolic (garlic extract) in her ears. I said to Hashem, "It's not the antibiotics that heal, it's YOU who heals! You could make Kyolic take away the ear infection!"

The doctor rechecked her ears and the ear infection wasn't there anymore! Thank, You Hashem!

A Reader

YOU NEVER LOSE OUT...

I had two dresses that I needed to fix for tznius. I brought them in to the seamstress, but when I picked them up, I saw it

hadn't been done right, so I had to give it in again. I picked it up the second time and paid again, and then I saw that the dresses still weren't good enough. I realized I would have to go back again. I thought I would have to pay the same price a third time, so I was considering not even going back. Yet, I decided that Hashem does so much for me, this is for tznius, so I should go back.

I went back, and I don't know why I said anything to the lady, since it's not my type to say anything, but I told her that this is my third time bringing

in these dresses.

She said to me, "Oh! Of course we won't charge you!" Hashem showed me that I never lose out by doing the right thing!

A Reader

Brothers are Nice to Each Other

Two of my nephews got expensive Sefardi-style play Sifrei

Bitachon Story!!

On Chol Hamoed sukkos, I was in Aisle 9, and I met Rabbi Golombeck. He was babysitting his children and took them shopping. I had actually planned to be in Monsey at that time, but Hashem placed me right there and then Be-hashgacha pratis. I was standing right behind him in line when he was checking out. Oops, he didn't have enough money on him to cover his purchases.

I offered him a \$250 Gift card to Aisle 9. He was so happy and excited. He said "I was having Bitachon I would get a gift card today. I did not know how." He told me "you made my simchas yom tov."

Rabbi Golombeck wanted to hear about this Tzedakah organization and who it is for. I told him it's for yungeleit and Rebbeim in Lakewood who need support with tuition, chasuna, grocery and other basic expenses. He then asked for my number so that he could give it to people who call him and have extra tzedakah to give. A few days later, Rabbi Golombeck texted me that the kids were so happy with their candies for Simchas Tora and it made shalom bayis.

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Torah for Simchas Torah. Yesterday, my six-year-old nephew tried to carry both to put them away, and his brother's Torah fell. The metal case that enclosed the Torah broke, to the extent that the parchment had nothing to hold it in and was falling out.

My six-year-old nephew who had dropped it felt very bad, and he ran to call his brother. He explained to him what happened, and he said to him, "I have to buy you a new one!"

My eight-year-old nephew whose Torah was the one that broke was holding back his tears.

I waited for him to get upset and go crying to his mother that his brother broke it. Instead, he swallowed his tears, and told his brother, "It's okay, don't worry, it's fine!" I was shocked!

I asked him why he was so okay with it. He told me, "My Rebbe gave us mussar today on Ka'as. He told us that if you keep it in, your Brachos get answered." My nephew is 8 year old!! Only Yiddishe children have such purity!

His younger brother wanted to fix it for him because he felt so bad, so he brought glue and tried to put the pieces back on. (His dedication to making things right was beyond the normal expectation for kids his age!)

His brother told him, "I don't want to fix it because I want it to always remind me not to get angry." I learned more from watching my two nephews interact like this, than I did from so many things in my life!

A Reader

Hashem the Father of Yesomim



This story happened to my niece.

My sister-in-law a"h used to be busy collecting tzedakah funds for kallahs who are orphans. She raised a lot of money over the years, all on her own, until she passed away suddenly.

My niece ב"ה became a kallah and as the chasuna date was approaching she kept on davening this tefilah to Hashem:

I always thought that when I'll become a kallah my mother would take care of me from up in Gan Eden. Hashem please help me in the zechus of my Mother's tzedakah collecting for orphans.

One day my daughter's friend who constantly calls for help with her homework, called once again and no one picked up the phone.

My wife returned the call a little later and the mother of that child answered the phone call. "Oh it wasn't important," she said. "By the way since you're on the phone already, I'll ask you a question. I run an organization that collects funds and offers moral support for kallahs that are orphans. Someone just called

me and offered \$20,000 for a kallah! Do you, by any chance, know an orphaned kallah who is getting married soon, and needs some money towards the cost of the chasuna?"

My wife was ecstatic.

"Yes," she answered, "my niece".

My niece's tefilos were answered to the tee!

She immediately got the funding she needed along with the personal moral support that this mother's organization offered.

A Reader - Brooklyn, N.Y.

In and Out!



Hi, thank you for the Spring Hill Times. I print it every week for my family and for my mother-in-law. After she reads it she sends it to her sister. We all enjoy it very much the

Story: Sunday before Shevuos, my son needed to see the doctor. We also had a lot of stuff to shop for Yom Tov. When I called the doctor for an appointment I asked the secretary when is the best time to come that it shouldn't take to long. The secretary laughed and said today there is going to be a long wait.

So we turned to Hashem and davened it should take quick. B"H when we arrived, the place was empty. It took half the time than it took us any other time at the doctor!

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Hashem Loves You!

Rabbi Bentzion Klatzko takes groups of college students to Eretz Yisroel. A major highlight of the trip is the dark Bar Kochva caves, where everyone needs to crawl on their hands and knees through the curvy and super dark caves. It's a lot of fun. Rabbi Klatzko always asks to remain outside and join the group when they are finished, because of his claustrophobia. One group challenged him and said, 'Rabbi you want us to go out of our comfort zones and change our lifestyles to become closer to the way of the Torah, something we know is good but we are not yet used to. Can you therefore demonstrate to us that you as well can go out of your own personal comfort zone and do something very difficult and uncomfortable for you, like crawling in these dark and tight caves, and then we too will be more inspired and motivated to change our own lifestyles despite the challenges involved!'

Rabbi Klatzko replied 'Sure, just please make sure to leave ten feet of clear space in front of me as well as ten feet of clear space behind me!'

As they all crawled through the curvy caves, a student asked Rabbi Klatzko to sing a niggun. Rabbi Klatzko began singing 'Tov Lehdos' and the entire group joined him in unison.

When they came back to America, Rabbi Klatzko tried reaching out to a student named Avi* who had expressed great interest in growing in Yiddishkeit while on the trip, but Avi ignored his calls and voicemails.

A few weeks later, Rabbi Klatzko saw Avi in a local coffee shop and invited him to sit down and talk. Rabbi Klatzko asked Hashem to help him find the right words to reach Avi's neshama in this short meeting. They sat down and suddenly, Hashem placed a lightning bolt of wisdom in Rabbi Klatzko's head, and he began humming 'Tov Lehdos'. Avi immediately recalled this tune 'Tov Lehdos' from the Bar Kochva caves and hummed along, while envisioning Rabbi Klatzko overcoming his claustrophobia while crawling on his hands and knees through the long dark curves of the caves with everyone singing energetically. Avi decided to follow his Rebbi's shining example and start going a drop out of his own comfort zone, to begin making the richness and beauty of Torah part of his new life.

This story demonstrates how the light of thanking Hashem, as in the niggun 'Tov Lehdos', can illuminate and light up even the darkest caves, because we know that Hashem is preparing for us the brightest and strongest 'light at the end of the tunnel.'

The light of Hashem is so good and so strong beyond our comprehension, and the more we thank Hashem and sing 'Tov Lehdos' for what appears to be challenging, the more we will access this great light of happiness even while we are still 'crawling in the dark caves'. Hashem is preparing for us a goodness beyond description!

Keep thanking Hashem and singing תודה לתודא all day! תודה לתודא breaks through all of the Heavenly Gates even when they seem completely shut and sealed!

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