The Narrow Bridge גשר צר מאוד INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Short Quotes from Various Tzaddikim - Week 54

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GREAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE NOT THOSE WHO NEVER FAIL. THEY ARE THOSE WHO SURVIVE FAILURE, WHO KEEP ON GOING, WHO REFUSE TO BE DEFEATED, WHO NEVER GIVE UP OR GIVE IN. THEY KEEP TRYING.

AND FROM EVERY REFUSAL TO BE DEFEATED, THEY BECOME STRONGER, WISER, AND MORE DETERMINED.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS (1948-2020)

BECAUSE OF THE TESTS WE WITHSTAND IN THIS WORLD,
THE JEWISH PEOPLE WILL STAND CLOSER TO HASHEM THAN ALL THE DIVINE ANGELS IN THE WORLD TO COME.

REB NOSON OF BRESLOV (1780-1844)

WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO BE LIKE AHARON HAKOHEN AND "LOVE MANKIND AND BRING THEM CLOSE TO TORAH." BUT SHOULDN'T IT BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND? ISN'T OUR FIRST OBLIGATION TO TORAH AND THEN TO PEOPLE?

FROM HERE WE LEARN THAT FIRST WE MUST LOVE ANOTHER PERSON, BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY TO BRING ANOTHER JEW TO TORAH IS TO LOVE HIM.

REB CHAIM OF VOLOZHIN (1749-1821)

THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MIRACLES THAT HASHEM PERFORMS FOR THE JEWS.

ONE TYPE OCCURS WHEN THE JEWS CRY OUT IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, AS AT THE YAM SUF.

THEN THERE ARE MIRACLES THAT ARE PERFORMED WITHOUT THE JEWS' KNOWLEDGE. THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND DO NOT PLEAD OR CRY OUT. IT IS NOT UNTIL AFTER THE CATASTROPHE THAT THE REALIZATION COMES THAT HASHEM HAS PERFORMED A MIRACLE. THESE MIRACLES ARE DAILY OCCURRENCES.

KEDUSHAS LEVI, REB LEVI YITZCHAK OF BERDITCHEV (1740-1809)

"YOU SHALL BE A SPECIAL TREASURE (סגולה) TO ME." (SHEMOS 19:5)

THE WORD USED FOR "SPECIAL TREASURE" (סגולה) ALLUDES TO THE HEBREW VOWEL SEGOL (סגול).

THE SEGOL IS REPRESENTED BY THREE DOTS FORMING AN UPSIDE-DOWN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE SEGOL IS THAT IT CAN BE TURNED IN ANY DIRECTION AND IT WILL STILL APPEAR THE SAME.

SIMILARLY, EVERY JEW, REGARDLESS OF WHICH DIRECTION THEY MAY TURN - EVEN IF THEY HAVE COMPLETELY TURNED AWAY FROM HASHEM - REMAINS A SPECIAL TREASURE IN THE EYES OF HASHEM.

REB DOVID BIDERMAN OF LELOV (1746-1814)