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ורח סערה - עושה דבר

On Erev Shabbos Parshas Kedoshim there was a powerful sand storm in Eretz Yisrael that lasted about five minutes. It came out of the blue and then it just stopped. It was really bizarre. Well, turns out it wasn't at all out of the blue. This is what was happening in Be'er Sheva at that very moment. Be'er Sheva hadn't had a siren in months. The parks were full of kids on Erev Shabbos. Suddenly, out of nowhere, there was a huge, massive gust of wind, with sand flying everywhere, sending everyone home. Ten minutes later, a siren sounded.

Five rockets launched at Be'er Sheva. One landing in a playground, that had been full of kids just ten minutes earlier, causing massive damage. That "random" gust of wind was sent from Hashem to save their lives. We are surrounded by miracles!

KLAL YISRAEL - ONE FAMILY

A Yid was travelling from Toronto to Eretz Yisrael. When they landed in Eretz Yisrael, he was walking with all the other passengers down the long corridor leading into Ben Gurion airport. Then he noticed that a little way ahead of him, there were some people arguing. One of the people was an elderly not-yet-frum lady, probably in her early 70's. The other was a frum family, a husband, wife, and two kids. The religious family had a ton of bags along with two baby strollers. The not-yet-frum lady had one small carry on. What were they arguing about? The not-yet-frum lady was asking if she could help them and take some of their bags, but the family didn't want to let an elderly lady carry their things. They were younger. They could handle it. But the lady wasn't letting up.

"Just give me two bags. I have free hands. Let me carry them for you."

"No, it's ok. Really. Thanks. But we're ok."

"So, one bag. Give me one bag. Let me

help!"



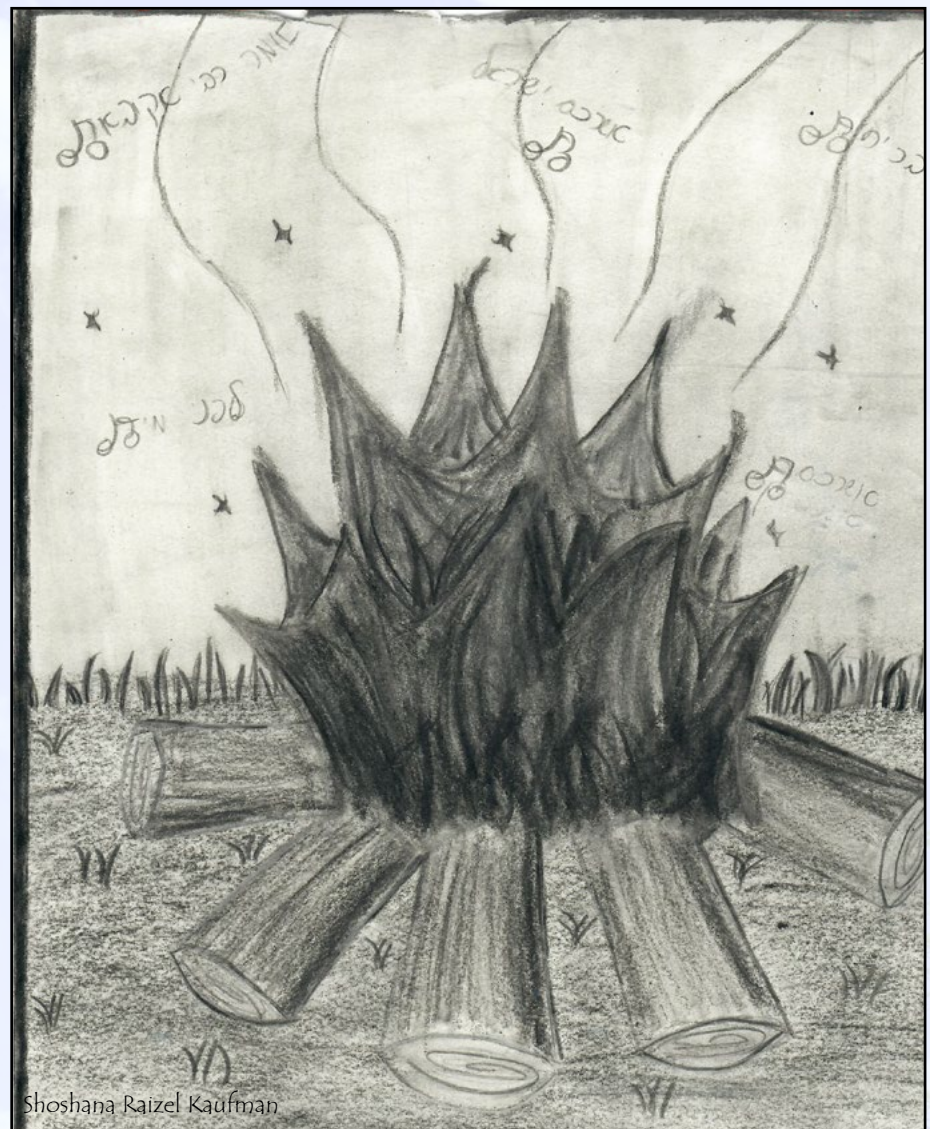
Back and forth a few times until finally the family gave the lady two of their lightest bags.

The elderly lady put them on her carry-on and began to walk, but they kept falling off and getting dragged.

The mother went over to the lady, ad-

justed the bags, and watched as this elderly lady carried her family's bags for her.

It was clear that the frum family didn't want to let the elderly lady carry their bags. They felt it was disrespectful. But it was also clear that as much as they didn't want to let her carry the bags, she wanted even more to yes carry them. The family let her. For HER. And so, when she was struggling, they didn't take the bags back, they helped her carry them. Yidden who could not be more different, were "fighting" for the other to be comfortable. It was so beautiful to see but it really is just a regular occurrence by Yidden!



Shoshana Raizel Kaufman

HE DOESN'T TRAVEL DURING THE ZMAN

I am from Yerushalayim, an avreich in the Mir, and Torah is my life. I own an apartment in Be'er Sheva, which I rent out, and the rent money is a very significant part of my parnassah.

I rented the apartment to one person for many years, and one day the tenant informed me that he was leaving. Now I had to start from scratch, finding a new tenant.

This did not disturb me much, since I don't deal with it myself. I have a phone number of a reliable real estate agent in the area, so I called and told him briefly the entire undramatic story: My tenant is leaving; please find me a new tenant. The agent advertised the apartment and brought people to see it. At that point all the potential tenants backed off. They only had to smell the leftover food of the previous tenant, and they fled.

The agent called me and said, "Listen, the way this apartment looks, no one will want to take it. If you want to rent out the apartment you'll need to come to clean and organize it, and then people will want to live in it."

I called the tenant who left. He claimed he'd left the apartment in reasonable condition. Apparently, what he considered reasonable was not considered reasonable at all by anyone who came to view it. While I hadn't imagined that he'd left me an apartment that was clean for Pesach, in fact he'd left it in a state that was not livable even before Pesach.

It seemed I had to travel from Yerushalayim to Beer Sheva, but how was I to do such a thing? I learn in kollel! Torah is my full-time occupation, not just a ti-



tle. It is the simple truth of my life. I am not willing to miss learning in kollel, come what may. Traveling to Beer Sheva takes time; taking care of the apartment takes time; and this would mean missing hours of my learning in kollel. This was not happening – simply not happening.

I decided that throughout the zman I would not go to Beer Sheva. I would go during bein hazmanim and take care of things. Until then, either people would understand that the problem in the apartment was simply a need for organization, and it would be worthwhile for them to rent it and organize it themselves, or the apartment would wait. In the meantime, I asked someone to advertise the apartment for rent, so that when the time came, I'd be able to rent it out.

On the first day of bein hazmanim, the tenth of Av, I traveled to Beer Sheva, but not before begging the Creator of the world to help me. "Ribbono shel Olam," I said, "when the grocer opens his grocery store, You send him parnassah through the grocery. Now I am opening my "grocery store," so please, send me hatzlachah, and help me find the proper tenant." I asked Hashem to help it happen quickly, since it was unpleasant for me to walk around near the apartment, where extra shemiras einayim was necessary.

When I arrived at the apartment, I discovered that the agent hadn't exaggerated in the least. The apartment was a huge mess. Mattresses, utensils, dirt and all sorts of other unidentifiable objects filled it. The apartment needed a solid and basic cleansing.

I rolled up my sleeves and got started. I worked quickly, and from one hour to the next, the apartment started looking hab-

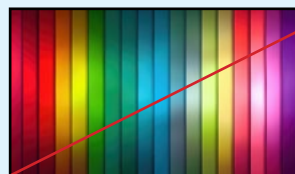


WHEN YOU SEE ANOTHER YID:

Ignore how long his beard is!



Ignore the color of his jacket!



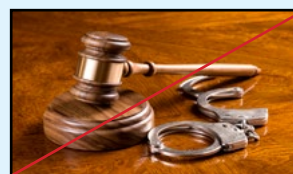
Ignore the size of his wallet!



Ignore which leader he follows!



Don't accuse! Don't judge! Don't convict!



itable. I washed it down with scented cleaning products until it was ready for potential tenants to see it. Exactly at that moment I got a call from a woman who wanted to rent out the apartment.

I told her she could come and see it, preferably that same day, since I live in Yerushalayim and I didn't know when I'd be back in Beer Sheva. The clock told me it was time for Minchah, and a minyan would be starting soon in the nearby shul, so I arranged for her to come in another hour. Why in an hour? Because I wanted to do a few more things. I would have to daven, say Parshas Ha'man, and complete a few other things that I don't compromise on. Hakadosh Baruch Hu arranges everything – the apartment and the tenants – and I had only to do my part and fulfill my obligations to Him. I wasn't afraid that the tenant would run away. Either she'd have the patience to wait, or someone else would come instead of her. I was doing what I had to do. This is the constant argument between the yetzer hara and the yetzer tov. Both of them say: If not now, when? The yetzer hara says, "If you don't answer the tenant now, you'll pay a heavy price for delaying," but the yetzer tov says, "If you don't daven now, when will you daven?" And I had to decide who to listen to.

You can understand what I decided.

After davening I went back to the apartment, and the woman arrived and was very excited about it. She signed a contract on the spot, not for a year, but for two years. Not for the 1300 shekels a month that the last tenant had paid, but for 1400 shekels, and all this without any agent's fees.

But that's not all. The previous tenant was billed for having left the apartment the way he did, and he paid up. The new tenant asked me to put a gate around the yard, and then she herself added grass and upgraded the whole look of the apartment. A year later she had to leave, but since she had signed a two-year contract, she had to bring a new tenant herself.

I told her that since she'd invested in the apartment, she could ask the new tenant for a higher price and take the difference for herself throughout the coming year.

This is how it is when you are a ma'amin. You can let someone else gain as well. With this behavior I had the zechus of making a kiddush Hashem. And so, the apartment in Beer Sheva – located right near the ancient tent of Avraham Avinu, the first disseminator of emunah – was rented out. [Hashgacha Pratis News-letter]

WHAT A NATION!



Small Businesses owners in Lakewood, New Jersey, donated over \$180,000 to help fellow competitors make Yom Tov!

In other news, in Lakewood, New Jersey, there is special system for someone who can't afford to pay for plumbing services there are stores who sponsor the pieces and plumbers who come down to service the person free of charge!

Mi K'amcha Yisrael!

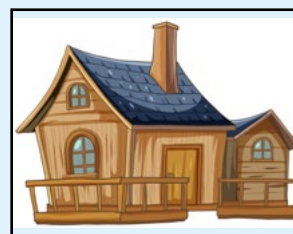
IT'S ALL HASHEM

R' Strauss* and his wife had a baby over a year ago, Baruch Hashem. The hospital sent them a bill of over \$4000. R' Strauss did not have the money to pay such

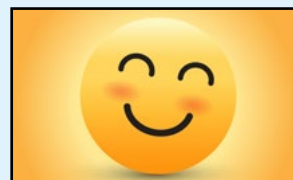


WHEN YOU SEE ANOTHER YID:

Remember that he is part of your family!



Notice his smile!

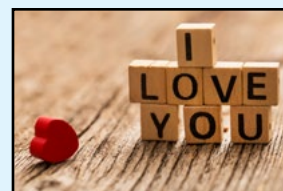


SEE BEYOND THE SURFACE!

See his holy Chelek Elokaï m'ma'al- his glowing Neshama!



Accept him and love him to pieces!



a large bill. The hospital billing department told him that they can apply for charity care. R' Strauss filled out the application form, but he kept getting



mailings that they needed more information about his salary. He sent in more documents, but it still wasn't enough.

Finally, he called them, and as he spoke to the lady on the phone, he thought to himself, "This lady on the phone is play-dough/clay-dough." She said that he was missing his paystubs. He tried to send a picture of a paystub, but it wasn't clear enough. He took another picture, and this time the picture was clear enough, but the lady said he needed two months' worth of paystubs, and this paystub was only two weeks. R' Strauss asked if he could send in a letter from his company stating how much he gets paid. She responded, "Sir, really we need 6 months of paystubs, but we will take two months. That's our policy. But... hold on one minute." She came back to the phone and said, "Just write a letter stating how much you and your wife earn and sign it, we'll accept that." R' Strauss wrote up the letter, he and his wife signed it, and he emailed it in. The lady received the email and said, "Hold on a minute," she came back to the phone and said, "Your balance is zero!" After a year of back and forth, Hakadosh Baruch Hu wiped away the bill to nothing.

HASHEM PROVIDES PAYMENT

I arrived at a wedding and heard the voice of a dear friend singing in the

background. His pleasant voice gets



everyone dancing, his singing is uplifting, and his excitement seems to come from another world. You could truly feel that he is not only doing his job, he is singing from a place of true inner joy. I thought to myself that since we both found ourselves in the same place, it would be proper for me to talk to him a bit.

I waited for a break and went over to him to say hello. After a short, friendly exchange, my friend related the story behind his singing. Then I understood how, indeed, this was not the standard type of singing, rather it was the singing of the angels who do Hashem's will. This is what he related:

When they invited me to sing at this chasunah, the wedding of an orphaned bride, I decided not to take money. This would be my contribution toward hachnassas kallah. While this is a truly large contribution – I would be giving up on \$4000 – I hoped I would be able to follow through. I very much wanted to do so. Yesterday, on Tuesday, I thought about the wedding that was to take place today – Wednesday, and I felt that the decision was indeed not simple for me to carry out. Going out for an entire night and singing to the ends of your kochos is not an easy thing. While seeing the singer on the stage makes a nice impression, in truth, like any other job, it has its difficulties and requires a great deal of exertion. People are willing to do a lot for money; so am I.

I want to do for my neshamah as well, and therefore, when I sing, I don't think about money, but rather about the joy of the chassan and kallah, and in general, about causing Yidden to rejoice.

It's a great mitzvah to be happy, and if I help other Yidden achieve happiness, then this is truly zikui harabbim. From time to time, I love doing pure chessed. Singing in honor of Hakadosh Baruch Hu, singing in honor of the holy Shechinah – to sing at the time when we pick up a fragment of the ruins of Yerushalayim and bring the geulah closer – just like that, without any financial calculations.

You should just know that it's difficult. Something inside you wakes up immediately and tells you, Hashem gave you this talent so that you can make money from it. What gives you the right to forgo the money? You need to bring bread home for your children. It's not a simple matter to decide that you're not going to take money...

The voices that rose inside me left me completely confused. I no longer knew who was the yetzer hara and who was the yetzer tov, but I felt that my desire to sing without receiving payment was the most proper desire. I davened to Hashem and said: "Ribbono shel Olam, I want very much to sing tomorrow at the wedding for free. Please, bring me the money from another source!"

Yesterday at the wedding, the dancing ended and I started gathering my instruments, wiping off my sweat, and waiting to get paid. The mechutan arrived, all beaming, took out an envelope, and told me, "This is the payment we spoke about." Then he took out another wad of bills. "And this is the tip! Your singing is so special that you deserve it. You made me very happy!"

I blushed a bit – which was not so discernible because of the way I look after singing for three hours. I thanked him with all my heart, and later I counted the money he gave me as a tip. It was a really large tip: three thousand dollars! I felt that my tefillah had been received. Hakadosh Baruch Hu sent me the money from another source.

After my friend told me this incredible story, he continued singing in his beautiful voice, "Yodu LaHashem chasdo, Yodu... v'nifle'osav livnei adam..."

Thank You Hashem for Clamps! We can keep things closely together to fix them.



Thank You Hashem for Tiles! They look nice and are so easy to clean!



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Weekly



Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerusha-

L'zechus that people should feel loved by Hashem!

Thank You Hashem for Hoses! We can easily transfer water from one place to another.



Thank You Hashem for Snacks! All ready prepared for us to have when we get a little hungry!



Thank You Hashem for Bakeries! We can get delicious yummy, freshly baked goods!



There was no Kovetz Shiurim/Biurim/ Ha'aros, Birchas Shmuel, Chidushei R' Reuven, Ayeles Hashachar, Kuntras Habiurim, Mishnas R' Aharon, Dibros Moshe, Sharei Yoshor....



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Parsha Delight Question of the Week

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Following the p'sukim describing the prohibition of charging interest, (25:38) states, אני ה' אלוקיכם אשר הוצאתי אתכם מארץ מצרים לתת לכם את ארץ-כנען להיות לכם לאלקים I am Hashem, your God who took you out of the land of Mitzrayim, to give to you the land of כנען etc. What does Mitzrayim and receiving ישראל have at all to do with the prohibition of רבית, charging interest?

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2. You Neshama is perfect. The way you feel is just a temporary feeling that comes from your body. The middah doesn't reflect anything on the real you. The body is nothing more than a coat.
3. Hashem Loves You and in His infinite wisdom He knows that this nature that He has assigned to you is the best for you to bring out your full potential.
4. You will never be judged or evaluated by the end result rather by how hard you try. In fact, you are on higher level in this very same Middah than your friends. Even though you sometimes fail and they don't because you have so much harder than them!

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R' Nesanel Landesman

CASE OF THE WEEK:



Eli had just finished davening for the Amud on Shabbos morning. A bunch of people came over to compliment him on the beautiful davening, and he was beaming. Then one man came over and began loudly berating him that he davened too fast, and mispronounced the words and so on. Eli didn't respond but felt very disturbed.



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SOLUTIONS



Suggestions for the case of when Shifra's dream afternoon with her mother was canceled

- Shifra could think to herself that this is a growth opportunity. There will be disappointments in life, and this is good training.
- She could tell herself that this was a big letdown, but things could have been worse.
- Perhaps, she will be able to have a serious and meaningful conversation with her mother and describe her feelings, and in that way



deepen and strengthen her relationship with her mother.

- Shifra could think that her mother also feels badly about canceling, and she wouldn't want to make her mother feel any worse by being sad.
- Shifra could focus on the fact that she has a mother who wants to spend the day with her and that it bothers her that it didn't work out. She should be thankful that she has a mother that she wants to bond with.
- She could think that if she accepts that this was from Hashem, she will get paid back and perhaps spend an even more eshmak day with her mother.
- If her mother had to cancel because she was needed to do a chessed or the like, Shifra could focus on the fact that her mother is such a special person.

Living With Appreciation

R' Daniel Shasha

There is something unique we find about Shemitah, something we don't find by other mitzvos. There is actually a guarantee that those who observe it will have such a great abundance of produce in future years. Why specifically does Shemittah have this guarantee? Let's look at the reason behind this mitzvah? The Sefer HaChinuch (84) explains that there could be a natural tendency to think that our land really belongs to us and the produce comes as a result of our efforts. In reality, all the land we have belongs to Hashem, and all the produce comes only as a result of His great kindness. By leaving our land fallow, we are recognizing that all the land we have is really His and all our food comes as a result of His tremendous kindness.

The Zohar teaches that when we focus on Hashem's kindnesses and praise Him, we will be considered very beloved to Hashem and we will enjoy an abundance of blessing. When we appreciate that everything we have is really Hashem's and He graciously gives it to us in His great kindness, it will bring down tremendous blessing. So, we can say that this is why Shemitah has this guarantee, since it is acknowledging and appreciating how the land is really a gift from Hashem.

This teaching of the Sefer HaChinuch helps us understand why Chazal refers to those who observe Shemitah, as giborei ko'ach, mighty men of strength. Our Rabbis teach (Avos 4:1) 'who is strong (gibur) one who conquers his yetzer hara'. It is one of the

biggest ploys of the yetzer hara to think we truly deserve everything we have because of our efforts, denying that they are really a gift from Hashem. Those who observe Shemitah, oppose this ideology by not working their land and thereby acknowledging that the land and all its produce is really a gift from Hashem. This is why they are called giborei ko'ach since they conquer this strong yetzer harah to think everything is really a result of their efforts.



Even though the mitzvah of Shemitah is only once in seven years, we can apply this idea each day of our lives. We need to try and internalize how all the good in our life isn't from our hard-earned efforts but rather an undeserved gift from our loving caring father. When we internalize this message, we will merit to live a life of tremendous simchah and joy, being true gibborim! Furthermore, it will bring great blessing into our lives.

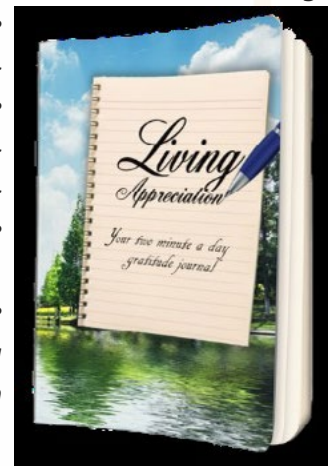
Each Shemitah, more and more stories circulate of those who saw tremendous blessing against all odds. This following story is just but one example.

The pioneering Moshav, Komemiyut, was committed to keeping Shemittah shortly after it was founded in the early 1950's, despite the very difficult factors involved. Their sole source of livelihood came from agriculture, yet they internalized how the land solely belongs to Hashem and in His tremendous goodness He provides for them. After the year was completed, they planned to renew their farming activities. Seeds to sow crops were



in the sixth year, proving very hard to come by. All what they could find was a pile of old wormy seeds. No farmer, would normally even touch such seeds, as the chance of them yielding crops was very slim. However, the Rav of the Moshav, Rav Benyomin Mendelson, encouraged them to plant them anyway, 'the One Who tells wheat to sprout from good seed can also order it to grow from inferior wormy seed as well' he told them. That year, the rains were late in coming and the country's farmers were feeling very desperate and eagerly anticipated the rain. The day after

needed, but they were only permitted to use what was grown the Moshav finished planting their wheat fields with the wormy seeds, it finally rained. Miraculously, their fields produced an unusually large and high-quality yield of wheat; no comparison to even wheat sown with high quality seeds! At the same time, the surrounding fields whose farmers were not meticulous about Shemittah did not produce such a good crop. News of this miracle spread quickly, causing a tremendous Kiddush Hashem.



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 One who wants to serve Hashem and be truly in awe of Him, must first have a journal to record the kindnesses that He performs. (Sefer Hayashar 13)
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 An important rule. For every success, whether big or small, one should thank and praise Hashem Yisbarach, for causing it to occur. (Shelah, Eikev, Derech Hachaim Tochechet Mussar)
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 According to how much a person blesses Hashem with happiness and ayin tovah, Hashem will shower him with blessings, happiness and ayin tovah. (Zohar vol. 2 p. 218a)
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 The fact we begin our day with modeh ani shows us how gratitude is the purpose of everything. Everything is drawn from the beginning. (Nefesh Shimshon, Tefillah p. 9)
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Let Us Thank Hashem for...

Chairs give us the luxury of resting our legs whenever we want, allowing us to relax without putting excess strain on our muscles.

Rabbi Elya Lopian insisted that he personally wipe down the chair that he used to fold his tallis out of gratitude to the chair. (Lev Eliyahu)



A LIFE WITH BITACHON ON THE PARSHA



Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

of crop? What was the challenge about this Mitzva? Imagine a boss announcing to his workers, "I am giving you a paid vacation, with everything covered. Go enjoy." That would be so exciting, anyone would jump on such an offer. So too, Klal Yisroel, if we saw clearly three years' worth of produce, what went wrong? Why didn't we keep Shemita properly and need to suffer by going into Galus?

The Alter answers that of course Klal Yisroel kept the Halachos of Shemita. But the Possuk is telling us that from the very beginning of the Shemita cycle, we shouldn't ask, "Where will I eat in the seventh year?" Rather we should trust Hashem, that down the line, in the sixth year, Hashem is going to send a triple crop.

But instead of relying on Hashem's bracha, when we came to Eretz Yisroel, we started thinking, "Hey! In the seventh year, we won't have a livelihood, as it will be Shemita. Who knows what will be? Let's plan ahead, save up a little bit during the first six years, so that in the seventh year we will have enough to eat. Just in case..." By the time we came to Shemita we had a big savings account. However, the promised Bracha was only for people that utilized the message of Shmitta and relied on Hashem's Chessed from the very first year.

Unfortunately, because we tried to be self-sufficient, we didn't receive the Bracha of Shemita. We didn't see the extra abundance and Bracha, Hashem did not send a crop that would carry us through the Shemita year. Klal Yisroel's reaction was, "Wow! What a lifesaver we saved up! If not for our planning in advance, we would have starved to death. There was no extra crop, no Bracha no abundance! It is good we took life into our own hands and were so responsible!"

But this was our mistake! The whole point of the Mitzva of Shemita is to teach us not to take life into our own hands, but to just sit back and leave it up to Hashem. We missed the point of Shemita, and this is why Klal Yisroel fell short of keeping Shemita properly and we had to go to Galus. We should have realized that our loving caring Father, Hakadoish Baruch Hu is taking care of us, and placed our trust in Him.

The more a person takes the lesson and message of Shemita, and he doesn't worry about the future, and leaves it up to Hashem to take care of him, the more Hashem showers him openly with a tremendous abundance of Bracha.

A Yid related the most amazing story: I have a daughter, a Kalla and one morning I drove her to a shop so she could get some errands done. I dropped her off and waited outside. She soon came out, telling me, "Totty there are so many things here that I want to buy. Can I?" I asked her for an estimate. She told me that it would probably cost a couple of thousand Shekel all together.



"We don't have such money."

"But they really have what I need. It is such a pity."

"Let's call Mommy, and ask her what we should do."

I called my wife and told her what was going on. She told me with unshakable faith, "What's the big deal? Hashem will help us. Leave it up to Him, and you'll see everything will work out."

As I hung up the phone, a stranger drove by and lowered his window. He asked me, "What are you doing here by this store?"

I told him, "I am shopping for my Kalla. Is there anything wrong?"

"Oh, Mazel Tov! Here is something for you to buy her what she needs."

With that, he handed me an envelope and drove off. I opened up the envelope and inside was TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SHEKEL CASH!

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בְּקִדְשׁ אֵת שְׁמֵךְ!

By: **Rabbi Shraga Freedman**

Rabbi Avraham Chaim Feuer shares a fascinating historic incident. When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, Rav Dov Berish Weidenfeld, the rav of the city of Tchebin in Galicia, fled from his hometown to Russia, where the authorities deported him, to the icy wastelands of Siberia. The Tchebiner Rav was imprisoned there along with a group of yeshivah bachurim who had also been exiled. One Friday night, as they prepared to daven Kabbalas Shabbos in their makeshift shul, the Tchebiner Rav made a bizarre request: He asked everyone to accompany him outside, into the freezing cold and biting wind, just this once, in order to recite Kabbalas Shabbos there. The bachurim complied, but the fierce weather was beyond their ability to endure, and one by one, they slipped away and returned to the protection of the barracks. Only one bachur remained with the Rav until he had concluded his davening.

When he had finished davening, the Tchebiner Rav turned to the bachur and explained his peculiar actions. "In the sixth perek of Kabbalas Shabbos, (Te-hillim 29:8), Dovid Hamelech states, 'The voice of Hashem makes the wilderness tremble.' This means that Hashem has a master plan for all of Creation, and that plan is that every single part of this earth should be used to sanctify His Name. The honor of Hashem must penetrate every place in the world, even the most barren wasteland. Certainly, Hashem must have sent us here to sanctify His Name in this

remote wilderness and show that this place brings honor to Him, as well, that there is no place on earth that can be called 'G-d forsaken.'" The bachur who

stood with the Tchebiner Rav that night in the howling wind and driving snow was none other than Rav Yaakov Galinsky shlita. Years later, Rav Yaakov met the Tchebiner Rav again, after the latter had moved to Eretz Yisrael, and reminded him of that Kabbalas Shabbos long ago.

This time, the Tchebiner Rav had something to add to what he had told Reb Yaakov.

"Yes, Hashem wants to be 'discovered,' and He wants His Name to be sanctified even in the most remote wasteland. But it is not only Siberia that is such a desolate wasteland. Here in Yerushalayim, you can find many Jews who know nothing about Torah and mitzvos. That desolation may be even worse than that of Siberia. You and those like you must dedicate yourselves to filling that void by inspiring and educating those empty souls."

In Review: It is not only human beings who were created to recognize and honor Hashem. Every creation in the world, even the most seemingly insignificant inanimate object, has a role to play in bringing more honor to Hashem. We must therefore take care never to let anything go to waste, be it food, other materials objects, or even a unique talent. Instead, we must see the value in everything and enable it to achieve its purpose.

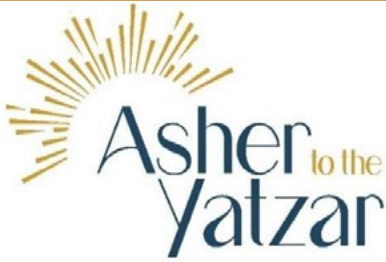


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By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

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The Mon and Lag Ba'omer

We quoted last week the *Chasam Sofer* who says that *Iyar* (*AleF Yud-Reish*) stands for "*Ani Hashem Rofecha*." We explained that the days of sefira have special power to help us internalize the fact that Hashem is the One who is taking care of us and we are just taking actions of hishtadlus. The more we realize that He is the One healing us, the better will be the cure. There are two events that occurred during this part of *Iyar* that can help strengthen this idea: The *Mon* began to fall and the special Yom Tov of Lag Ba'omer.

On the 16th of *Iyar*, the *Mon* began to fall daily, and the timing was not coincidental. (This is the opinion of *Rashi Shemos* (16:1) based on the *Gemorah* in *Kedushin* (38a). However, the *Chasam Sofer* (Y.D. 233) quotes a *midrash* that it began on *Lag Ba'Omer*, which is the 18th of *Iyar*.) *Chazal* tell us (*Mechilta* 16:4) that the Torah was given specifically to those who subsisted on the *Mon*. Perhaps we can explain that such a diet prevented them from having any mistaken faith in themselves. First, one who receives his food directly from *Shomayim* has no doubt as to the source of his livelihood. Second, all leftover *Mon* rotted overnight, making sure that they had nothing to rely on besides Hashem. And finally, Moshe told *Klal Yisroel* that each person should take exactly an *omer's*-worth of *Mon* for each family member. There were some greedy people who thought they could take more than that and filled their vessels to the brim. When they got home, though, they were quite surprised to see that all the extras had disappeared and only exactly an *omer* remained for each person. Similarly, if a person took less than he was supposed to, at home he found the proper amount. By living with these clear lessons, they put their full faith in Hashem and were thus truly fitting to receive the Torah.

Chazal tell us (see *Yoma* 75b) that in the *Midbar*, the *Mon* was completely absorbed in their bodies and there was no waste. This being the case after eating *Mon* they didn't have to use the facilities, and therefore, they rarely said Asher Yatzar. But that was fine, since they lived in the presence of Hashem, surrounded by the *Ananei Hakavod*, with the *Mishkan* right in the middle of the Camp, being taught Torah by Moshe Rabbeinu. It was practically impossible to forget about Hashem! However, we definitely need many reminders of Hashem's constant involvement in our lives, and Asher Yatzar helps us do so. Every time we say Asher Yatzar we acknowledge the fact that Hashem is guiding the food safely through our system, separating the waste from the good and making sure we get the nourishment we need.

The next big event is *Lag Ba'Omer*. The *Pri Chadash* (O.C. 493:2) and *Chida* (*Tov Ayin Siman* 18, 493:2) write that the reason we celebrate is that on this day *R' Akiva* started to teach five new *talmidim*, who in turn continued the transmission of Torah for generations. (One of them was *R' Shimon Bar Yochai*.) There is a great lesson here. Of course, we have absolutely no comprehension of the greatness of the *heilgeh Tanna Rebbe Akiva*, but according to our feeble understanding this act was absolutely mind-boggling! Even though the smoke was still rising from the ruins of his tremendous Torah empire of 24,000 great Torah scholars, he looked to the future and began rebuilding. Such an act serves as an eternal example of unswerving faith and trust in Hashem. This is a day to celebrate faith in Hashem with the knowledge that everything is for our good.

By using every aspect of *Iyar* to remember Hashem, may we all merit to *Ani Hashem Rofecha*.

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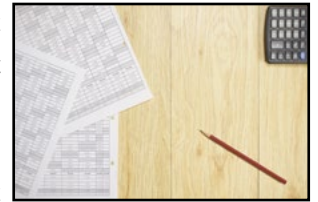
BY: Rabbi Chayim Tzvi Blau



The Quote – The Lesson – The Story

The Quote: If a person feels the drive for a specific livelihood, he should do it happily, regardless if he is successful or not. He should not become annoyed, if in the end, the form of parnassa he feels that he has the נטיה for, does not bring him enough money. Rather, he should do what he can and rely completely on Hashem that He will send him his parnassa all the days of his life. When a person involves himself in some form of פרנסה, his kavana should be only because this is what Hashem wants from him now. If he does his hishtadlus for this reason, then regardless if he was successful in his hishtadlus or not, he will receive tremendous reward from Hashem. As the פסוק says, ("תהילים קכח,ב") ... יגיע כפיך - כי תאכל - אשריך - וטוב לך

The Lesson: WHAT MAKES THIS SO INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING, is that if we know we are doing what we can, even if on paper it doesn't add up, we don't have to worry because we know that Hashem is taking care of us and just as He has always been taking care of all our needs He will always take care of our needs. If we live this way, not only will we have everything we need in this world, but we will also earn tremendous reward in the next world as it says "יגיע כפיך - כי תאכל" ... אשריך - וטוב לך



The Story: A man ran seasonal businesses. Before school, he sold uniforms, Sukkos time, he sold Sukkos stuff... It was September 1st and he was closing up his uniform business. A woman came into his store with a few shirts and asked him if he could take them back, someone had given them to her and she thinks they're from his store. He said they were not from his store and he could not take them. She then told him that she needed white shirts size 12 for her girls for school, and asked if he would be able to donate some to her. He answered that he does not own the merchandise, he was just selling for someone else, "I suggest that you go to the owner and speak to her." The lady did not have the time and she told him, "Maybe someone will donate shirts and you'll give them to me." He said, "It never happened to me before and it's the end of my last day." She answered, "Hashem never let me down." She asked him to take down her number, so that when someone donates, he can call her. She left the store and he continued finishing off the last bits of work, before closing up for the season. He began to call costumers to come pick up their orders. On the phone, one customer asked him, "Do you happen to know of anyone that can use shirts. I ordered some online and I don't need the ones I ordered from you in the end." They





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Rav Eliyahu Lopian, The heilige mashgiach from Kfar Chassidim, had unusual understanding and care for other yidden. He was constantly seeking new approaches to preform chessed for others. He would make his talmidim responsible for finding 3 chassadim to do for others each day, solely for the sake of chesed (in addition to other favors they might have done anyway.) He was just as strict with himself.

Once, as he was preparing to retire very late at night, he realized he had forgotten to do his three daily chassadim. He entered a dorm room in yeshiva, and taking extreme care to be very quiet and not wake the sleeping bochurim, he folded up their clothing and brought negel vasser to their beds.

Reb Elya is also the one who introduced and ingrained the concept in the Oilam Hayeshivos of refilling the washing cup after washing ones hands, so the next person has a full cup to use.



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No one's looking. I'll just grab a few.



Whoa... there's music coming out of the chip bag!!



Tune: It's a Rebbi's life. (High)
 Stealing isn't right!
 You and me know...
 whether in the park or school
 Hot or cold
 Stealing isn't for she
 Me, you or he...
 And now I know it.....
 And how about you.....???



It's fine, Miriam. I forgive you. Just try not to do it again.

I'm sorry for taking chips without asking.



BY AHUVA ROTHENBERG

Waiting at a Red Light?

ENJOY THE EXTRA FEW MOMENTS BY THANKING
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The



Bitachon Perspective

WRITTEN BY: R' SHALOM YEDIDYA KLATZKO

Q. When my daughter was in shidduchim, the name of a certain bachur came up, and my husband asked me to research him to see if he is on our daughter's level in ruchnius.

I did my research, and I gave an okay, and they got married. After they married, it became apparent that our new son-in-law was not on as high a level as our daughter.

Now my husband is blaming me, "Why didn't you do proper research? All because you didn't do enough inquiries, our daughter's ruchnius is going to suffer."

All this is making me feel very guilty. What is the emunah and bitachon perspective about this?

A. The reason you feel so bad is because you think that the reason you ended up with such a son-in-law is because you didn't do enough research. Had you done adequate research you would've gotten a boy who would be much better for your daughter.

You must realize: you actually play no role whatsoever in your children's shidduchim. If the shidduch actualized, it's because Hakadosh Baruch Hu wanted them to get married. Don't fall into the

trap of the Yetzer Harah by listening to your husband that you were the one who made the shidduch.

For the future, certainly Hashem wants you to do enough investigation until you feel comfortable that the couple are on the same level. However, as far as a shidduch which already happened, you can rest assured that this is what Hashem wanted to happen.

Why would Hashem make such a thing happen? Every person has a tafkid in the world. Some people were sent here to be influenced from those who are more chashuv than them, and other people's mission is to positively influence those who are lower than them.

If you're genuinely concerned that your son-in-law will negatively affect your daughter, you should realize that there is a power which can be a much greater influence than your son-in-law. That is: Hakadosh Baruch Hu. Turn to Hashem and say, "I know that You are the One Who is in control of how my daughter will be influenced. Hashem, I want to see only nachas from my daughter, and I want to see nachas from my son-in-law as well."

When Hashem sees that you recognize

that He is the one in charge of how your daughter will be affected, He will show you only nachas from your daughter and son-in-law.

Finally, what's bothering you so much? The fact that your son-in-law is not on as high of a level as you would wish.

You should know, when you look down at your son-in-law, you are actually causing him to deteriorate even more. Hashem made the world operate in such a manner that the way a person views something has an actual effect on it. Additionally, your son-in-law will inevitably perceive that you look down on him, and that will lower his level even more.

Instead, focus on his positive side. Associate your son-in-law with his virtues and adopt a truly favorable eye towards him. When your son-in-law feels that you truly respect him, he will begin to feel good about himself and will be motivated to become better and better. The more you are machshiv your son-in-law, the more you will unleash his potential. Doing so will cause you to see tremendous nachas from him, and your daughter will shteig from him as well.

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Motti,* a follower of the 'Hashem Loves You Hotline,' shared that he was once in Lakewood for Shabbos and heard that HaGaon Rav Yehuda Mandel Shlita davens Shabbos morning in Kehilas Novordak and speaks before Musaf. He had never heard Rav Yehuda Mandel speak so he decided to join the minyan. Rav Yehuda Mandel spoke about how valu-

able and precious בדינות are and quoted an impressive array of sources and first-hand stories. Motti had never heard these words before and really appreciated the message, describing it as 'תחית המתים ממש'. Motti gave me permission to print his story and shared that he now follows the Bitachon Hotline and brings home the Spring Hill Times every week for his family.

Once, while Maran HaGaon Rav Aharon Leib Shteinman ZT"l was davening Shacharis, some troubled individuals painted graffiti on his door with disrespectful and Chutzpadik comments. When family members saw this disrespect, they hurried to remove and cover the graffiti with solid white paint. When Rav Aharon Leib Shteinman returned from Shacharis he saw them painting his door and found out what had happened. He then shared that he wished the offensive graffiti would have remain sprayed on his door, because בדינות are so precious and valuable as they fully cleanse the Neshama and bring it to a very lofty place in Gan Eden! There is nothing better than בדינות!

When Rav Shteinman ZT"l was traveling across the world to give major חיזוק to Yidden across the globe, he went through the Japanese airport, including airport security. The Japanese security guards saw this elderly Tzaddik, yet showed him no respect. They made him take off various articles of clothing and inspected him in a rough and harsh manner demonstrating no basic dignity or Kavod. His Gabbaim attempted to protest this violation of התורה כבוד, yet Rav Shteinman stopped them, saying that he was enjoying those precious בדינות more than anything in the entire world, and that he was cherishing every moment! (From the Artscroll biography on Rav Shteinman ZT"l)

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