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YID GIVES POOR MAN \$500

I was feeling down with the many problems I was facing- mainly because I had no parnasah. I went to the Ribnitzer's kever to daven to Hashem for a yeshuah. In the parking lot was an oni shuffling around asking for tzedakah. He came to my car and knocked on the window. I got some change and opened the window to give it to him. He said, "Can I have \$500 or \$1000?" Totally shocked by such a request, I actually laughed at him! "Why do you think I came here to the kever?" and I closed the window.

I immediately felt terrible for responding this way. I decided to go to the bank and take out the money and give it to him.

I took out \$500 which was about 25-30% off all I had, and begged Hashem that the poor man would still be there when I returned so I could give it to him. I found him in the parking lot still. I gave him the money, he counted it and shuffled off without a word.

I started the car and went home. I didn't even go to the kever.

That night, out of the blue, my father called me and told me that he wanted to give me \$10,000 to help me out. I hadn't told him anything about not having money. Later, I saw somewhere that if you give more than you can afford, Hashem sends you a yeshuah. [A Spring Hill Times Reader]

ANTI-SEMITISM DOWN

We were traveling home after Pesach and we stopped at a rest area. While we were there, I noticed a couple with their baby and based on their appearance, I didn't have the best feeling about them. I was a bit nervous and kept my distance.

After we were back in the car, my husband said that the man came over to him to tell him "You guys are the chosen people" and "I believe in Hashem and I learn Torah everyday" and "am Yisrael chai". He told my husband that he learned and researched about Hashem and Judaism and he knows and believes fully that it is the real deal! [A Spring Hill Times Reader]

WHAT A STORY!

Someone acted unkind and mean to my daughter many times during the past year. My daughter bore a heavy grudge on that individual and didn't see how she would ever forgive that person. This had been go-

ing on for over a year already.

Before Shabbos Parshas Bamidbar, my daughter told Hashem "If You free at least three hostages by the end of Shabbos, I will forgive this person with all my heart." When my child heard on Motzei Shabbos that four hostages were released she couldn't believe it! Hashem did His part of the deal and she completely, with her entire heart, forgave the person and let go of the grudge! [A Spring Hill Times Reader]

TZEDDAKAH TATZIL M'MAVES

R' Yankelowitz* was approached by a Meshulach as he arrived in shul to daven. He only had a twenty dollar bill on him so he took it out and asked for fifteen dollars change. The Meshulach asked him if he could keep the twenty, but R' Yankelowitz repeated that he only wanted to give five dollars. The Meshulach asked again and again for \$20, but R' Yankelowitz said he only wanted to give five dollars. Finally the Meshulach gave him the fifteen dollars change and went to approach someone else. Meanwhile, R' Yankelowitz started thinking, 'He was really begging for the twenty. I am about to go daven to The Borei Olom and ask Him for my requests. Maybe I should give the Meshulach the twenty.'

R' Yankelowitz searched for him and gave him the other fifteen dollars.

After davening, his wife called. His two-year-old son Moishy* swallowed a water bottle cap and was choking. Hatzalah came and was about to rush him to the hospital, but then Moishy gave a cough that dislodged the cap, and it came flying out! R' Yankelowitz was sure it was in the zechus of the tzedakah he gave! [Rav Eli Yelen]



formed him that the sale price would only be for a month! He tried to argue with them, but they wouldn't budge. Meanwhile, he realized that it was already an hour into the new month at the storage unit he was planning to vacate, and now he would be charged for the whole month!

He drove to his existing storage unit to collect his items, and on the way, he pulled over and davened. "You, Hashem are The Kol Yochol and can facilitate for me the best situation." He continued on, and when he arrived, he told them that he wanted to leave, since he found another storage site with bigger units that were cheaper. The owner was there, and he came over to talk to him. "We also have bigger units! Let me check what price we can give you."

He looked it up on the computer, and he said, "We're running a sale, half price for the entire year!" R' Friedman said, "It's already a couple of hours into the new month. Will I be charged full price for the old unit? The owner replied, "You get a two day grace period if you cancel, so you won't be charged for this month!"

Then the owner added, "I'm not really sure why, but the computer is giving you a credit that doesn't apply to you. I'm trying to remove it, but it's not working! I guess you're meant to get it."

In the end, R' Friedman was able to rent a bigger storage for half the price for a full year, without being charged extra for the month, plus a credit! [Rav Eli Yelen]

TORAH IS THE BEST YOKE



I am an Avrech learning in Eretz Yisrael.

Before this past Pesach bein hazmanim I had taken upon myself to review a lot of halachos in Shulchan Aruch. I knew that it was more than I could handle especially during bein hazmanim. But I decided to do my best and accomplish whatever I could.

Usually during chodesh Nissan I only get to learn around three and a half hours a day, due to all the preparations needed for Pesach: cleaning, shopping, taking care of the kids, etc. And after everything is done, it's vacation time; the family expects trips, etc.

Well, bein Hazmanim came along, and I started my chazara program, and I really needed more time to review.

About a week into chodesh Nissan I got a phone call from one of the members in the community and he offered me a nice amount of money if I would learn five consecutive hours a day, for ten days throughout Chodesh Nissan. Well, I was thinking, that's a good shidduch, I need the extra learning time, and the money is also very useful, however my family obligations cannot be neglected. I was about to forgo the offer, thinking it's not reasonable and it's more important to be ready for Pesach

NEVER GIVE UP!



R' Frankel,* a yungerman, tutors to supplement his income. One day, the Menahel told him that the boy he was tutoring no longer needed the help. R' Frankel asked the Menahel if he could find another boy who might need tutoring, but the Menahel did not know of any other boys who were looking for a tutor at that time. He called another person involved, but he also couldn't find one. R' Frankel kept calling the Menahel, but to no avail. He finally gave up, and said, "B'derech Hateva, there is nothing else to do." The next minute, the Menahel called him. He just found someone for him to tutor! [Rav Eli Yelen]

THE BEST DEAL

R' Friedman* travels frequently and keeps many items in a storage unit. He found a great deal on a larger storage unit at half price, on sale. He rented a U-Haul, filled it with gas, and went to the new facility to rent the new unit. To his chagrin, they in-

on time. Then I thought maybe I should get my wife's opinion on this matter. My wife told me to go for it, and I was thinking, "Okay I'm going to have to squeeze in all my family obligations."

I started the five consecutive hours learning, and every day when I came home I realized that my wife and children made better progress than usual! I was coming home ready to clean for Pesach and take care of the children etc, but my wife kept telling me that it wasn't necessary for me to do anything.

Pesach came along and our apartment was ready earlier than the previous years, and they did a better job than usual. I did get in a bit of Pesach cleaning, but it was much much less than I usually did.

I saw clearly that which Chazal tell us, that if you accept upon yourself the obligation of Torah then min Hashamayim they remove from you other obligations. And they did a better job than me.

I learned from this not to push away or ignore obligations, rather to take on the yoke of Torah and then watch the other obligations be removed on their own Min Hashamayim.

Then the summer z'man started, and I realized that with my current family situation, I could stay in the Bais Medrash for five hours straight on a regular day. That meant being there at around nine in the morning, and completing five hours around two in the afternoon. So I bli neder took this on too. One day I was walking in the hallways of the Bais Medrash with a cup of coffee and accidentally spilled a few drops. So I put the cup down and turned around to get some tissue to clean it up. Just then one of the cleaners came by to clean that hallway. Before I got a chance to clean the

drops the cleaner was already on top of it. And he did a better job than I would have done, he was using soap and water. Again I thanked Hashem for showing me that because I took upon the yoke of Torah, Min Hashaim they removed from me a different obligation. A week later, again I spilled my coffee. I came back ready to clean up and again there was the cleaner man, with his soap and water. Thank You, Hashem, for showing me openly that Hamekabel ohl Torah Ma'avirin mimenou ohl... [A Spring Hill Times Reader]

HASHEM PROVIDES BEST WARRANTY



One day, our washing machine stopped working. We pressed the button and there was no response; we banged on it, and nothing doing; the clothing was dirty and the machine remained indifferent. It did not wash our clothes.

This is a machine that has been serving us faithfully for several years. I called the company, and they heard my complaint and sent a technician. The technician checked things out, tried all sorts of things, pushed some tools into the machine, and then soberly announced that the machine had breathed its last. There was no way to fix it.

"So bring me a new machine," I said. "This machine is still under

warranty."

"But there is no warranty for this type of problem," the technician announced. "This is the situation. Good luck."

He went on his way, and I thought to myself, What should I do? A washing machine costs several thousand shekel, which I don't have, and we must do laundry. Only at that stage did I remember that I had not yet done the most important hishtadlus. I hadn't davened.

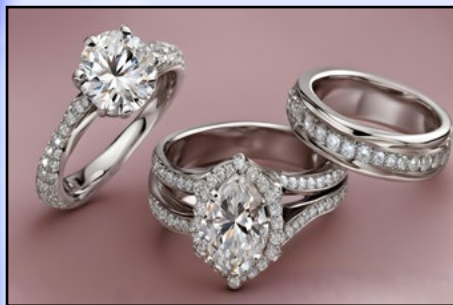
I started to daven to my Father in Shamayim, exactly like a child would speak to his father. I told Him about the machine and about how hard it is for me to pay for a new one. I asked Him to fix it for me. I gave tzedakah and anticipated a yeshuah. Several moments later I had an idea to ask a handyman in my neighborhood to fix the machine. My wife told me that the idea did not seem like a good one. If the technician from the company couldn't fix it, how should a simple handyman, who just "understands" a bit about washing machines, succeed? But we couldn't lose out from trying. I called him and asked him to come see the machine. "If I don't succeed in fixing it, you won't pay a cent," he assured me. "And if I fix it, then you'll pay me whatever is coming to me."

He came, checked things out, turned this and pressed that, and – the machine was working! Turning nicely. How much did the repair cost? It cost me only 100 shekels!

Do you see how our Father in Shamayim took care of my machine? He was only waiting for me to remember Who is the real Boss.

[Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter]

MESSAGE FROM SHAMAYIM



On Thursday, Tu B'Shvat, I decided to take my family on a trip up North, to the tziyun of a great tzaddik. The entire family was already waiting in the van, and I was in the house organizing a few last details. Precisely during those pressured moments a Yid knocked on my door. When I opened the door in order to go downstairs to the van, the uninvited guest started talking.

"Listen," I told him, "I can't talk to you now. There's a car honking for me downstairs."

"Two minutes, just two minutes," he asked.

Not a contribution, not food, just two minutes. I gave them to him.

"You're my neighbor's friend, right?" He mentioned a name, and I nodded. "He has a few girls at home who are stuck with shidduchim, and we thought it might be connected to fights between the neighbors. Perhaps you could speak to him and have some sort of influence on him."

"I really am his good friend," I answered in a hurry, "but not to the point that I would be able to influence him. I'm not the type for this sort of thing. I'm sorry. But I'm really not the right person."

I didn't have time to see his reaction. "It's nice that you're thinking about your neighbor, my friend," I continued. "May Hashem send him a yeshuah very quickly. Thank you very much."

He also said something, maybe also a "thank you," or something else. I was already in the car. I apologized to everyone, and we set out on our way. When I came to the tziyun, suddenly a surprising thought came to me. Why did Hakadosh Baruch Hu send this friend of my neighbor to me just when I was on my way out? Perhaps there was a message from Shamayim here that I should daven for his daughters? I called my friend and told him I was standing in a special place, near the tziyun of a tzaddik, and I asked him for the exact names of his daughters so that I could daven for them.

That feeling that I was a messenger of the Creator, that I had gotten a Heavenly message to daven for them, brought me to daven from the depths of my heart. I shed tears and asked Hashem yisbarach to have pity on all of the precious bnos Yisrael so that they would build their own homes very soon. On Tuesday, less than a week later, I got a call from my

friend. "You're one of the first ones I'm calling," he told me, "because I feel that you have a big part in this shidduch. In your zechus my daughter got engaged." "Mazal tov!" I was genuinely excited for him.

"On Thursday, after you davened, the shadchan called and suggested the shidduch. This was a proposal that had been suggested before and didn't go through, and now, baruch Hashem, it came to be."

Sometimes what is needed is one more tefillah from the depth of the heart in order to open up the gates of Shamayim. [Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter]

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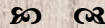
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 3. What was the least quality part of ארץ ישראל?
 4. What does the Torah refer to when it says הטובה in this Parsha?
 5. Where did כלב go by himself?
 6. What was the best part of מצרים?
 7. Why is a giant called ענק?
- Questions until שלישי

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A person who was "drenched" in learning עצות and was 24/7 totally looking for how he can break middos and do זיכוי in a different world.

Part II

When ר' אהרן קוטלר ז"ל had left London, ר' גרשון ז"ל asked the 'אבסני' not to change the linen because he wanted to sleep on the linen that was used by ר' אהרן. There is a picture with him and ר' אהרן, and ר' גרשון is standing in awe and he seemed to be full of excitement that he was זוכה to see ר' אהרן. ר' גרשון did the impossible and he had a Yeshiva in the Vilna ghetto. He had about 25 ב'חורים and I knew the bottom half.

Part III

Like R' Gurwitz ז"ל and R' Langleben ז"ל. They were ממש צדיקים of Boro Park and there was nobody even near their מדרגות. The upper half – ה' ינקם דמם – were unusual ח מצוינים whose תורה ועבודה ח מצוינים were totally in a different world. When ר' גרשון was in a concentration camp near Vilna, he refused to eat anything that wasn't 100% כשר. He was מיקל for everyone else with all kinds of קולות.

Part IV

Especially any kind of food or soup that had to do with meat or chicken. His friends noticed that he was turning into a vegetable and they begged him and even tried to force him to eat - it was ממש פיקוח נפש. He hadn't eaten for 3 days and they thought it was all over when suddenly a truckload of women showed up and one of them was from the Yeshiva and she was an A-1 cook whom the Germans used.

Part V

She recognized ר' גרשון ז"ל and she bought a new, clean pot and cooked mashed potatoes for him. ר' גרשון noticed that the women in the truck had their hair shorn off and he said that it was a punishment for not covering their hair. People noticed that ר' גרשון had a special ס"ד and treated him different than everyone else.

Part VI

There was a young German-speaking Yid who would flatter the Nazis with his fancy German. He noticed that ר' גרשון wasn't digging the wide ditches that the Germans forced them to dig for their enemies. After digging a wide and deep ditch the Germans would fill it with water and cause havoc for their enemies.

Part VII

ר' גרשון wasn't digging at all because he considered it a sin to help these רשעים. If ever ר' גרשון did dig, he would quickly put back the soil that he had dug. When this young kapo noticed ר' גרשון's behavior, he threw a bucket of water on ר' גרשון. ר' גרשון was freezing with no dry clothes to change into.

Part VIII

Immediately after doing this to ר' גרשון a German noticed that the kapo had a pair of scissors swinging around his finger. "What's a Jew doing with metal scissors?" screamed the Nazi and he promptly shot him. This person had carried the scissors several months and it didn't bother them only right after he had thrown water on ר' גרשון.

Part IX

On ליל ש"ק ר' גרשון was quietly humming זמירות in his barracks. A tough super strong Jewish acrobat was annoyed and he threw 2 wooden shoes on ר' גרשון. He had been super strong and healthy, but right after throwing shoes on ר' גרשון he caught cold and was dead in 3 days. After the war a young and healthy person started up with ר' גרשון and when he died soon after everybody knew why.

Part X

Imagine how טובה מרובה ר' גרשון would give gevaldige to anyone who helps spread ר' גרשון דברי ס"ר or stories about him. Everybody was

in awe of ר' גרשון and they saw a total different right נסי נסים and השגחה פרטית there in the concentration camp זע"ה. Many people felt that if you hung around ר' גרשון you would be safe. He once had a ש"ק מנחה in the barracks (organized by R. Jerusalem ז"ל) and people noticed that every member of that מנין survived the war. When a Nazi noticed the מנין – he did zero! He just remarked – "Your prayers won't help you" and he walked out without firing a shot which was very unusual. Normally he would kill them all without batting an eyelash.

Part XI

ר' גרשון also heard a story about making the הבדלה on a train going to a death camp. He promised that whoever heard his הבדלה would survive the war, which is exactly what happened. I was once on a bus in Vilna. We were having a tour and we passed by ר' חיים עוזר's house. Our guide was Navardoker ארלנסקי ר' ישראל ז"ל. He kept saying how ר' חיים עוזר was a father to all the בני תורה.

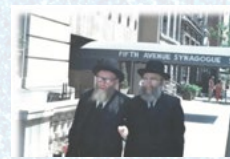
Part XII

ר' חיים עוזר ז"ל loved ר' אהרן קוטלר ז"ל especially. When I visited him in France he never stopped talking about ר' שניאור קוטלר (whom he considered a big מוסר). Those who ran and who cared for כלל ישראל were

his people. A famous משגיח from once showed me the חשה"נ of ר' גרשון. Despite all the unbelievable 'עבודת ה' in that booklet – all this focused on was how ר' גרשון was worried about the Yidden in Australia.

Part XIII

Navardok were very involved in feeling אחריות for the כלל (especially בני תורה should feel like leaders). I heard similar ideas from ראש ישיבה from חברון who spoke in BMG. If not for ר' גרשון I would never have become a מלמד.



A LIFE WITH BITACHON ON THE PARSHA

In this week's Parsha, Klal Yisroel sent out the meraglim to spy on Eretz Yisroel. After forty days, the report came in that the nations in Eretz Yisroel were very strong. They were giants. The meraglim said "כי חזק הוא ממנו". Rashi explains that they were saying how Hashem is not strong enough to win over all these powerful nations r"l, and it's a lost battle, even before we start.

The Chofetz Chaim, in his Sefer Shemiras Halashon, is perplexed by this. How does this make sense? This was the dor deiah, and they were ma'aminim bnei ma'aminim! How could they think of such a foolish thing, that Hashem can't do it? Didn't they just leave mitzrayim with the most lema'ala miderech hateva Nissim? So of course, Hashem can rip apart all these nations in a flash?

Explains the Chofetz Chaim, of course they knew that Hashem's power is infinite. However, they thought that when it comes to relying on Hashem, He judges us based on our actions, and on the principles of schar and oinesh.

Therefore, they felt we are most certainly not deserving. They said, "Throughout the years in the Midbar we did terrible aveiros, like the eigel and complaining. We aren't worthy and don't deserve Nissim anymore. We've distanced ourselves too much from the Ribono Shel Oilam to merit such nissim. There's no way we can overcome such mighty nations, if we don't deserve it. Why would Hashem knock out these humongous giants just for us?" It is for this reason that they felt stuck and in hot water.

What was their mistake?

The answer is, says the Chofetz Chaim, that when it comes to Emuna and Bitachon, Hashem wants us to zoom into his Chessed and Rachamim, and not make cheshbonos if we're deserving. Because Hashem, due to his immense love for us, gives us unconditionally if we rely on Him, no matter who we are and where we are holding. It makes no difference if we have earned it or not.

People make all sorts of cheshbonos, "That person is greater than me, and didn't get it, so why should I? Maybe I deserve bread and shelter, but why should Hashem go the extra mile for me?" No! Realize that Hashem is our loving, caring Father, and he just wants us to realize that! Like Chazal say, אפי' רשע הבוטח בה' חסד יסבבנהו.

This was Klal Yisroel's mistake. It made no difference how they acted. As long as they put their trust in Hashem wholeheartedly. No matter what level they were on, it would have been an easy path to conquering Eretz Yisroel.

We need to learn from this to constantly zoom into Hashem's chessed, and Rachamim, no matter who we are. Whether we are worthy, or not worthy at all! All Hashem wants from us is to tap into his endless mercy. He is our loving caring Father, no matter what.

A Yungerman Shared: *We were expecting a baby, B"H. We were told to be prepared for the grueling, challenging and painful process of bringing a new baby into the world. At first I was very worried. But then I was thinking that Bitachon overrides all the Klalos in the world. Bitachon is Bracha, and I can rely on Hashem that it will not be painful. But everyone said otherwise? Who am I to expect it to be different? I am not making cheshbonos! I have Hashem and am relying on his unconditional love, even to plain and simple me.*

We went to the hospital to have the baby, and everything went so smoothly, calmly and quickly. The baby was rapidly born without one iota of Tzaar Leida! No pain!

A Bochor shared: *I was in Yeshiva for almost 3 months and I couldn't find a chavrusa. I knew I have a lot of baggage which caused me not to be wanted as a chavrusa. I had difficulty focusing, and didn't exactly have an A+ head. I understood that I deserved the fact that I have no chavrusa and couldn't blame anyone but myself for this. However, one day I realized that I wasn't having Bitachon to find a chavrusa. I decided to leave it up to Hashem, and that he, with his infinite mercy, would help me find a chavrusa, despite all the odds against me and the fact that it was my fault. A few hours later, I got a tap on my shoulder. Someone asked me if I was interested in learning with him. On the spot, our chavrusashaft took off!*

By realizing that we are not necessarily worthy, but Hashem's kindness is never-ending and unlimited, we will be zoche to have Bitachon even when we don't feel we've earned it. With this Hashem will show us openly how much Rachmanos he has, and he'll shower us with Bracha and Hatzlacha in everything we do!

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The Quote – The Lesson – The Story

The Quote: "Even if to our eyes it looks as if what is happening to us, i.e. financial situation, health, living standards... is bad, it is without question at all, that if it happened, then certainly it is the best thing that could have happened to us".

The Lesson: WHAT MAKES THIS SO INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING, is that many times what looks like the worst thing in the world is actually the best thing that is Shayach for us.



The Story 1: HARAV YOSEF MEIR HAKOHEN KANTOR זצוק"ל used to daven in the Agudah Shul in Monsey where he was the Rov for many years. One Friday night on his way home from shul, it was very icy outside and he slipped on the steep path that was across the

street from his house on Emes Lane and broke his foot. He wasn't able to move, and it took time until someone heard his call and came and called Hatzalah.

It was so slippery that one of the Hatzalah members slipped and fell on Rav Yosef Meir's foot, yet he did not show any pain. They wanted to take him to the hospital, yet Rav Yosef Meir only agreed to go after making Kiddush. They brought him two cups of grape juice/wine and he made Kiddush, and then they went to the hospital. As part of the hospital protocol, they took blood tests, and they discovered then that he was a diabetic.

On Motzei Shabbos, one of his sons called and Rav Yosef Meir told him that he had a moradikah thought on Shabbos morning. He said "When I made the ברכה of גבר מצעדי גבר, I had in mind the fact that the place where I fell was prepared for me, and by the next ברכה

of שעשה לי כל צרכי, that Hashem did everything I need that through the fall I found out that I am a diabetic and now I can take care of it".

I remember when I once went to Monsey for Shabbos and he stressed to me the moiridika hashgacha pratis in the story. All he saw was the light in the darkness. HaRav Yosef Kantor זכר צדיק וקדוש לברכה did not see anything in life as "Nega" but rather saw only "ענג" meaning: he did not see anything as "bad" but rather as good from Hashem.

The Story 2: The Rokeach once went to the home of the heilige Rambam to learn from the Rambam. When the Rokeach arrived the Rambam told his servants to have the Rokeach go into a room and peel onions for 3 days. The Rokeach was a little surprised that he was being asked to be a kitchen worker but he did not say anything and did as his host had requested. During the three days, the Rokeach peeled onions, and he teared a lot. The Rambam had his servants collect the tears in a bucket.



After the three days were over the Rambam warmly greeted the Rokeach. The Rokeach asked the Rambam why the Rambam had done what he did. The Rambam explained that as soon as he saw the eyes of the Rokeach he noticed a sickness in his eyes and the only way to remove it was by making the Rokeach cry a lot. The Rambam then showed the tears with the bugs in it that were in his eyes causing the sickness that he had. We see from this story as well how what could look bad was really the best thing in the world! (מו"ר הרב קלמן קראון זצוק"ל)

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The Smart Caterpillar

Once upon a time there were two caterpillars who lived next to a big tree on the forest floor. They were brothers and their names were Chaim and Dani. Like most other caterpillars they had many eyes and even more legs.



From the time they were very young, the caterpillars were taught that they must eat a lot of food so they could become big and strong. They needed to become strong because one day in the future, they would change into a new type of creature: a butterfly!

Chaim and Dani knew all about butterflies. Although they were stuck on the forest floor, they would often look up and stare with wonder at those delicate creatures, gracefully flying through the air, their bright, colorful wings shimmering in

the sunlight. The caterpillars would sigh longingly and then go back to munching their healthy green leaves.

For the caterpillars, eating all day was not so easy. The thick green leaves did not always taste so good, and the caterpillars had to eat them even when they felt very full.

One day, Chaim noticed that Dani was not eating his leaves. Instead, he was looking interestedly at a little hollow in the corner of two big tree roots. "Hey Dani", called Chaim, "What are you looking at? Why aren't you eating?"

But Dani didn't answer.

Chaim shrugged his shoulders and went back to munching leaves. The leaves tasted a little bitter. Chaim remembered his mother saying that butterflies eat sweet flower nectar, which tastes like honey. Chaim closed his eyes and pretended the leaves tasted like flower nectar, even though he did not know what nectar or honey tasted like. But the leaves did get easier to eat.

A few minutes later, Chaim glanced at Dani again. This time Dani was busy

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near the tree roots. He was gathering a pile of twigs. “Dani what are you doing?” cried Chaim. You know you’re supposed to be eating now!

Dani answered, though he didn’t look up.

“I’m making a house!” he said. “I found the perfect spot! I can just gather some twigs and stick them together with mud. It will be so cozy.”

Now Chaim was alarmed. “Dani,” he said, “why are you wasting your time with that nonsense?! You need to eat leaves now, not waste your time making a mud house!”

“Don’t yell at me” Chaim sniffed, insulted. “You can go on eating leaves if you want. I feel too full to eat now. And I need this house. Every time it rains, I get soaking wet!”

“But Dani” Chaim wailed. “You need to eat even when you feel full! You don’t need a house on the ground! You need energy, to turn into a butterfly with beautiful wings! You won’t need a house on the ground when that happens; you will live high in the trees!”

“Oh Chaim,” said Dani, “I’m not sure I believe we will turn into butterflies. Who ever heard of an animal growing wings? Have you seen that happen to any other creature? It sounds completely ridiculous!”

“Dani!” squealed Chaim, who was quite horrified to hear such words. “Of course, it’s true! Mommy and Tatty told us it will happen. Parents don’t lie!”

Dani didn’t answer. His mouth was full of mud, which he was carrying to the site of his future home.

Chaim was in despair, but he could see that Dani would not listen to him. So, he went back to eating leaves.

The leaves tasted even more bitter than before, and Chaim had to force himself to swallow each mouthful. His heart was heavy inside.

He tried to cheer himself up, saying under his breath, “Of course it’s true, of course it’s true, of course it’s true.”

And Dani went on building his house, one mouthful of mud at a time.

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Our Readers Share

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reading the news, I didn't know what to read, and then Hashem sent me The Spring Hill Times, so thank you so much it's really our highlight. I also use it for bedtime stories for my kids so I can tell them stories of Emunah and Bitachon. My kids really look forward to it.

-A Reader

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We Baruch Hashem had a sibling's chasunah and the mishpacha was having a very hard time finding an appropriate gown. We were mekabel that if we find one within a week, we would leave a message with The Spring Hill Times.

Lemaisah, we found one easily and Hashem also took care of the price. But it needed some extra material so we called a place that said they probably don't have since the gown was already over a year old. They told us to call back in a few days. They called back later and said that they found some extra material and would be able to take care of it!

-A Reader

Bitachon Vision

I'm in eighth grade and I just got lenses. The first week, it took a long time to put them in each day, and it was very frustrating. Then I decided to say, "Hashem, You're the Kol Yachol, you made my eyes and made me be able to see," and right after I would say it, it always went in!

-A Reader

Everything is Bashert!

My mother and my brother were going to an eye doctor specialist because my brother had a problem with his eyes. The parking at the eye doctor was with meters. As they were on their way, they realized that they didn't have any quarters in the car. They davened to Hashem that Hashem should help them, either they should get quarters or they should have parking without quarters.

As soon as they reached the eye doctor, they realized that day the parking was free and they didn't have to pay! Hashem showed them that tefilla really helps!

Also, last Shabbos I was reading The Spring Hill Times and my mother reminded me to daven Mincha. I was deeply engrossed in reading and I completely forgot. All of a sudden, I heard a beeping noise coming from our dinette. I quickly went to check what it was, and it was my father's cell phone ringing. I didn't pay much attention to it and started going back to reading The Spring Hill Times. As I was going back, I passed by a book case where we keep our siddurim, and that reminded me to daven Mincha. It was bashert that my father's cell phone started ringing so that I remembered!

Thank you so much! I really enjoy reading The Spring Hill Times. It's very enjoyable. Thank you very much!!

- Chaya Rabinowitz

Picture the Yeshua

From one day to the next, my girls' bus stopped making a house stop. My husband called the school and asked if they could please make a stop at our house so that my girls should not have to wait by the corner. It's very dangerous in the morning at the bus stop by the corner. They said, "No, nothing doing." I left a message, but there was still nothing doing. I got pretty upset. Then I told myself, "Why am I getting upset? Just go straight to Hashem, talk to Hashem!" I decided I'll picture the yeshuah. I pictured how the bus is coming all the way up and making a house stop and my girls wouldn't have to wait by the corner. I said if the bus stops by my house I'm going to Im Yirtzeh Hashem send it in to The Spring Hill Times. To make a long story short, I called the school again and left a message and I asked them if they could please, please make it stop by my house for safety reasons because it's very busy on that street by the corner. Lo and behold the next day the bus Baruch Hashem came up to our house!

-A Reader, Monsey, New York

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R' Shmuel became close to the Bobover Rebbe, and made an appointment to speak with him one Succos day. He stayed up the entire night before, thinking how he would ask his question.

When the appointed time arrived, R' Shmuel asked the Rebbe, 'Can I shake your Lulav and Esrog?'. The Rebbe replied, 'Didn't you already shake Lulav today?'. But R' Shmuel responded, 'I really want to shake the Rebbe's Lulav and Esrog since so many heartfelt Tefilos were said on it.' The Rebbe then opened his beautiful Esrog case and



R' Shmuel proceeded to lift the Esrog with his hands trembling and shaking because he was so afraid of dropping the Rebbe's precious Esrog. His hands shook so much, that....the Esrog fell on the floor!

R' Shmuel didn't know what to do with himself! The Rebbe calmly lifted the Esrog and declared, 'Look! The Pittum did not fall off! The Esrog is perfect!'

And then the Rebbe said to R' Shmuel "It says in Seforim that the Lulav represents the spine of a person, the Hadasim is for the eyes, the Aravos corresponds to the lips, and the Esrog represents the heart. Just like the Esrog fell and remained one hundred percent perfect, so too with your heart. You will live with a perfect heart! You will be totally healthy!"

R' Shmuel felt so good! What had seemed like his WORST moment, became his very BEST moment!

R' Shmuel proceeded to live another 32 years in perfect health! (32 is the Gematria of לב – Heart!)

We see from this story that even when someone has a נפילה, A falling, he/she should NEVER GIVE UP, because Hashem can make the seeming moment of נפילה turn into the biggest and best ברכה!

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