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# FROM THE EDITOR

Thank You, Hashem, for the wonderful month of Tishrei.



Imagine children whose father takes them to a candy store and tells them that they have five minutes and they can grab whatever they want.

They each excitedly take a wagon and start going through the aisles. They can't control their minds and emotions and just start grabbing things off the shelves. They are in seventh Heaven. What an experience!

We are children in Hashem's candy store and we can take everything! We start the month with three consecutive days of Rosh Hashana and Shabbos. The beautiful tefillos. The delicious food. Mitzvas Shofar and all other mitzvos pertaining to Shabbos and Yom Tov. All done with so much love and devotion to Hashem. It's candy after candy!

We then continue on to the rest of the Aseres Yemei Teshuva when we do the mitzvah of teshuva again and again and get closer and closer to Hashem. Yum!

We then go on to the Holiest day of the year Yom Kippur when Hashem and Klal Yisrael become closer than ever. A Gan Eden in this world!

We then are fully involved in the preparations for the most exciting Yom Tov of the year: Sukkos. Arba Minim, Sukkah, Hallel, Simchas Yom Tov, Shemini Atzeres, Simchas Torah and what not. In Chutz La'retz we have another two times of three consecutive days of Yom Tov and Shabbos. Can we get closer to Hashem than this? Is there anything more exciting than going shopping again and again with love for Hashem, lekavod Yom Tov and Shabbos? Is anything more fun than peeling potatoes. cooking and baking with hearts full of love for Hashem and His Yomim Tovim?

Ashreinu Ma Tov Chelkeinu!

What a beautiful world we live in!

A Gut Shabbos and Gmar Chasima Tova!



## EXPLOSIONS OF LOVE



As we go to press, hundreds of missiles have fallen in Northern Eretz Yisrael causing very little harm! Each missile was a miracle in itself!

Thank You, Hashem! We love You, Hashem!

## MIRACLE FLIGHT



I have an amazing story to share.

We live in Yerushalayim and went to America this past summer to spend time with our family. Our flight back was scheduled to leave at 6:30 on a Tuesday. It was a connecting flight that was supposed to go through Paris and then we would take a flight from there to Eretz Yisroel.

A few hours before the flight

we were working on getting a driver to the airport. At first, we found a great deal, someone that wanted to take us from Lakewood to the airport for a cheap price. However, we had no experience with this driver and at the last minute decided to use a frum car service that was a little more expensive but more reliable.

When we were almost at the airport, the travel agent called and said that our flight was cancelled. Since we were almost at the airport, we decided to continue on and see what we could do once we were there.

Our driver sprang into action and told us to go by ourselves and he would watch the kids (he was someone we were able to trust 100%) and our luggage in the car just in case we had to go somewhere else or return to Lakewood. My husband and I went to the information line to see what we could do about our cancelled flight.

The woman at the counter said she was sorry but the only thing they could do for us was to put us on a flight a week later. We started getting nervous and stressed and felt very lost. She started working on technical things and my husband went to the car to check on the kids. At that moment, we decided that we would completely and entirely rely on Hashem that He, and only He, could get us onto a flight today without paying an extra cent and without any agmas nefesh. We started saying Ein Od milvado and really

felt that Hashem would help. We even sent a message to our parents that Baruch Hashem everything worked out.

We left the counter since there was nothing they could do besides putting us on a flight the next week, and got back into the car to decide how to proceed. In the meantime, our driver was being so so helpful. He cancelled his next ride, kept giving us ideas and was so patient.

We knew there was a flight leaving for Paris at 5:30 which was scheduled to leave on time so we decided to go try to check in even though it was already less than an hour before that flight. However, when we got to the check in line at 4:40 to see if we could maybe get onto that earlier flight, they said, "We're sorry but the flight is closed and everyone is already on board."

We remained calm and confident that Hashem would surely help and kept thanking Him for making everything work out so perfectly. We also spoke as if we were already on a flight, thanking Hashem again and again.

Our driver got out of the car and went into the airport to see what he could do.

Suddenly, he ran to us saying, "take the kids and the luggage you are getting on to this 5:30 flight!" It was 4:50 by then (past boarding time!)

We didn't know what was flying but just took the luggage, gave the clerk our passports and heard them paging the

gate to wait for our family. Before we knew it, we had an agent running with us through the airport, cutting every line and in less than 10 minutes we were sitting on the plane. But we weren't just sitting in regular seats, we had upgraded seats in the front and even had one for our toddler that we didn't pay for as well as a bassinet for the younger baby! Apparently, those seats were empty and somehow, through the miraculous ways of Hashem, our driver was able to find someone to help us and allow us to get those empty seats on the earlier flight.

As we sat on the plane, we realized the miracle that just happened. We were so grateful but not shocked because we knew and put our entire trust in Hashem that He will surely make everything work out. The flight went smoothly, we had no issues with the connecting flight and Baruch Hashem we made it in time for the new z'man.

There were so many parts to the story that were pure Hashgacha. Hashem originally gave us the daas to switch drivers. Also, we booked a car from a rental place in the airport that we were supposed to use during our stay in America. However, when we got to the airport after our flight from Eretz Yisroel, they told us that there was something wrong with the license and we could not take the car. Had we had the car and not had the driver on the way back... Hashem made sure to plant all the yeshuos before the nisayon!

\*Thank you, Spring Hill Times, it is to your credit that we were able to be so strong in our Emunah and Bitachon!! (A Spring Hill Times Reader)

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**"PRAISED BE YOUR NAME"**



About three years ago, my daughter was born with a rare medical condition. She was hospitalized in the NICU for many months, undergoing many surgeries and treatment. When she

finally came home, she came home with a lot of medical support. One such support was a g-tube. She did not know how to suck or swallow, and thus needed to be fed through a tube that went directly into her stomach to give her the vital nutrition that she needed.

Our active goal was to teach her to eat and drink independently, and not need to use the g-tube.

The problem was, that when she was in the hospital, she was on a breathing tube for many months, not allowing her to even be offered to suck from a bottle. Therefore, she completely lost her skill. If we'd put a drop of liquid on her tongue, she had no idea what to do with it.

As a side note, we came to recognize that we take it for granted that when we put food



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or drinks in our mouth, we know what to do with it. We understand to move our tongue around our mouth to get the food in the right place. We realize what it means to chew and to swallow. There really are many intricate steps that take place in our mouths before our food gets swallowed, and it's unbelievable that we all know how to!

So, we were starting from the very bottom with teaching our daughter how to eat and drink. We went to tons and tons of therapy sessions. Each therapist gave us homework to do at home.

The homework was so frustrating, that I felt I would explode! I would sit next to my daughter in her highchair, and present the food to her, in the manner that the therapist told me to do. Sometimes it was stimulat-

ing the mouth first, sometimes it was using a different type of spoon, or straw, or cup. It may have been changing the consistency of the food, or liquid. Always something else. But the aggravation, and frustration was to the next level. My daughter just wouldn't comply! Nothing helped! She just drooled it out, spat it out, or just stared at me blankly! Sometimes, I just sat there in tears.

Then, one day it hit me that this is just absolutely crazy. Here I am getting so aggravated because I am not seeing the results that I want. All I'm doing here is hishtadlus. The results are up to Hashem. I don't need to get frustrated over not seeing results. That's not up to me.

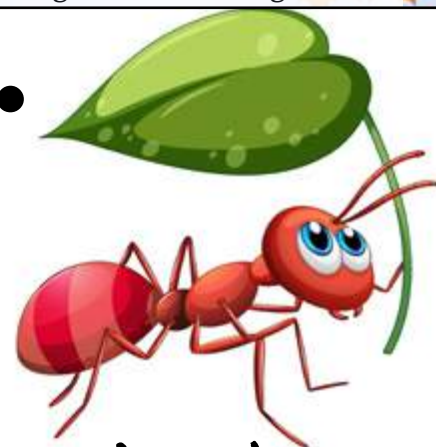
So, I created a new routine for myself. I would set for myself a certain amount of time that I

was going to feed my daughter for. I told myself that I am doing my hishtadlus, and after that, whatever the results are, are completely up to Hashem. I felt a new calmness. As I fed my daughter, I would sing, "Hakol Yachol", and I added in some of my own words that "Hashem can make my daughter eat so well". I felt like I did my part, and Hashem would do whatever He saw fit. I also said that when my daughter comes off of her g-tube, then I would let the Spring Hill Times know.

It's been a very long and slow journey. There was no miraculous immediate salvation. I continued with therapy, and more therapy, and more. I continued to have bitachon that one day she would get her g-tube out.

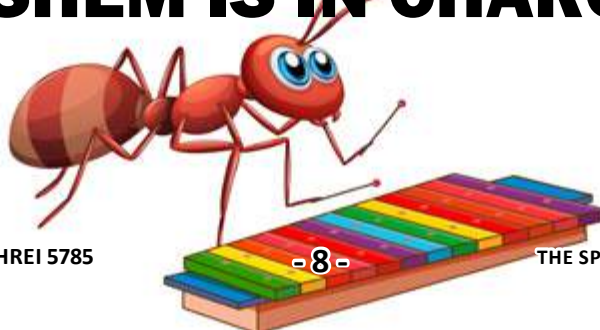
My daughter made progress. She began swallowing small

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amounts of food, then larger, then thicker consistencies, then chewing, then sucking!

We are so grateful to Hashem that just a few weeks ago, shortly after my daughter turned 3 years old, her g-tube was taken out! She eats and drinks completely by mouth! Her skill is not exactly up to par with where a typical three-year-old child is, but we are so grateful to be holding at this point!

Thank You, Hashem, for guiding us through this journey, and for granting my daughter the skill of eating and drinking independently!

(A Spring Hill Times Reader)

### THERE'S NOTHING LIKE SHABBOS!



Mr. Braun\* was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team. The Cardinals were playing in the World Series, and had won two games and lost three. If they managed to win game six, they would go on to game seven, which would decide who would win the World Series. Game seven would be played on Leil Shabbos. Mr. Braun felt that if his team actually made it to game seven, he could not

possibly miss it. He told his Rav that he had figured out a way to go to the game that would not involve any chilul Shabbos. He would prepay, stay at a hotel within walking distance, and even make sure to daven with a minyan and Sefer Torah.

Rav Avremel Ausband zt"l heard him describing his plans. Rav Avremel went over to him and said, "I overheard you might be going to a baseball game on Leil Shabbos?"

Mr. Braun protested, "Rabbi, it's not just a game! It's the World Series!"

"I'll make a deal with you," Rav Avremel offered. "If you don't go to the game, don't watch it or listen to it, and don't even ask anyone for the score, I'll promise you they will win. You can even put up a sign that you're going to be making a kiddush on Shabbos in honor of their win, and I'll speak at the kiddush!"

This was a deal too good to pass up. Mr. Braun agreed.

Sure enough, the team won their sixth game, despite being down till the very end.

On Leil Shabbos at the seuda, Mr. Braun kept wondering about the game. His non-Jewish housekeeper asked him if he wanted to know the score, but despite the temptation, he said, "No."

On the way to Shacharis the next morning, he saw the headlines; his team had won 5-2. When Mr. Braun arrived at shul, Rav Ausband didn't ask, "Did your team win?" He asked, "What time do you want me to

speak?"

This special Shabbos experience had a big impact on Mr. Braun, and from then on, Shabbos was the highlight of his week!

(Rav Eli Yelen)

### RARE STORY, REGULAR HASHGACHAH



An avreich from Beit Shemesh relates: I have a job to tidy up and organize the beis medrash in honor of Shabbos. One Thursday as I was working, moving objects around and putting them in their proper places, I heard a conversation between two people who were sitting and learning. One of them, whom I will call Shmuel for the purpose of this story, told his friend: "The electric company was very considerate of me lately and didn't send me a bill for several months. The problem is that one day they remembered, and I received a big bill for that whole period of time, amounting to 6,000 shekels." "And what are you planning to do?" his friend asked.

"I'm debating if I should ask the electric company to allow

me to pay in installments. The fact that they want me to pay in one shot is because of their mistake.”

It wouldn't have been polite for me to continue listening to their conversation, and I had to prepare the shul for Shabbos, so I did not hear the end of the conversation. I hoped, for Shmuel's sake, that he'd find a solution, but I could never have envisioned what would happen an hour later.

The other people who had been learning left for home, and the beis medrash slowly emptied out. At 11 p.m. only the two of us were left – Reb Shmuel, who was still learning diligently and myself.

Suddenly, there was loud banging on the door. “Is someone in here? Can you open the door?” a voice called from outside. I went over to open the door, and I found two avreichim standing there together with an American who spoke only English. “Is there someone learning here?” they asked.

“Yes,” I assured them. They came inside, and the American went directly over to Reb Shmuel, took a thousand dollars out of his pocket, and put them into the shocked avreich's hands.

“We were at a business meeting with him,” the avreichim explained, “and he suddenly stopped us and said he felt that he must give a thousand dollars to someone who is sitting and learning. He literally begged us to take him to a beis medrash in

the area that very moment. We told him that on Thursday nights one can find Yidden learning in shul until very late at night, so perhaps it would be better to first conclude our meeting with him – but he insisted. He said he must give the money that minute. “Now, without delay!” There was no point arguing about it, because either way, the business meeting had come to a halt, and so we hurried here, to the first beis medrash we could find.”

As they were talking, I saw that the American still wasn't satisfied, and he took out another few hundred shekels and gave them to Reb Shmuel.

They left. Reb Shmuel – who had been so desperately in need of money just then to cover his electric bill – and I remained there, amazed to the point of tears by the incredible hashgacha pratis we had just experienced.

Two minutes later, two other avreichim arrived and sat down to learn. Hakadosh Baruch Hu had arranged the precise moment when Reb Shmuel was learning alone in the beis medrash, so that he would receive the sum that was meant especially for him. (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

#### ON THE FORTIETH DAY SHE STARTED TALKING

Last winter we were dealing with a complex nisayon. My mother caught pneumonia, and



complications ensued. The infection was especially aggressive, and she lost consciousness. Hatzalah was called, and they hurried to take her to the hospital, where she was hooked up to an ECMO machine – a machine that does the work of the heart and the lungs. Whoever knows what an ECMO is understands that her situation was not at all simple. It was critical, and my mother is relatively young. She was in intensive care for a month and a half, while we davened for her refuah, and from there she was transferred to rehab. Throughout this period, my greatest desire was for her to come back to life and good health, and I thought about what I could do to arouse Heavenly mercy.

On the fifteenth of Kislev, when I arrived in kollel I put up a notice with a special request that each person should take upon himself not to talk at all during davening, for forty days. My friends heeded my request for the sake of my mother's refuah and accepted upon themselves not to talk during davening.

Only two weeks after I hung up the notice, the situation began to stabilize. Ima started to get back

to herself. The head of the department called us and said that Ima could already breathe on her own. It was too early to rejoice, however, because even if she lived, we did not know if her brain was damaged. The head of the department prepared us for the worst.

On the twenty-sixth of Shevat, something incredible happened: My brother informed us all that Ima had started talking! The next day, when I was taking my shift with Ima, the nurse came over and gave her a yogurt as a first trial to see if she could eat, and Baruch Hashem, she ate and digested it properly.

Only several days later did I notice the significance of the timing: Exactly forty days after my friends had accepted the commitment not to talk during davening and krias haTorah, my mother started talking! Today she is also walking, baruch Hashem! I am relating this miracle so that people will know how much Hashem loves this kabbalah, and so that they will be mischazeik in this mitzvah as a zechus for her complete recovery. (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

**MIDNIGHT PRAYER**



Mrs. Gold\* from Modiin Ilit reported:

When I wake up in the middle of the night to take care of my baby I try to remember that HaRav Avigdor Miller z"tl said that when a mother wakes up in the middle of the night to take care of her baby it's a special "eis ratzon".

On Friday night, I davened to Hakdosh Baruch Hu that He should open the hearts of my family for ruchniyus in many different ways, etc.

At approximately 7:50 AM my daughter says to me, "Ima, I'm going to Shul". This was the first time in a few years that she went (besides for Yom Tov).

Hakadosh Baruch Hu listens to our tefillos even while half asleep!

**HASHGACHA PRATIS IN THE HOSPITAL**



I went to the emergency room for my foot. When I came in, they gave me a number, and I accidentally went to wait in the wrong waiting area. After a while, I realized that I was waiting in the wrong room. I went to the right waiting room, and just when I came, they called my number! Had I not realized at that moment that I was waiting in the wrong room, I would have missed it!

After waiting for a long time for the doctor to come, I was in the mood for a coffee or hot chocolate drink. There was a machine in the hospital where you could make yourself a drink, but I didn't want to leave because I might miss the doctor.

A few minutes later, a few bochurim came around with a cart of hot coffees and hot chocolates for free! Thank You, Hashem!

(A Spring Hill Times Reader)

**CHANGING NATURE THROUGH A CHANGE IN NATURE**

**By: Mrs Gottlieb**

At an appointment one day I had time for a long chat discussing current events and this and that. During the course of talk I thought of a story I'd read to share. It was about a Shabbaton for troubled teenage girls arranged with care.

At the plenary session which took place late Friday night R' Chaim Zaid, the speaker, gave the girls some inspiring insight. He taught how to grow; to reach beyond to become better. He mentioned the usage of unfiltered devices that have no netter.

After the talk, a girl called Batya asked the Rav if she could speak her mind. Although it was late and R' Zaid was tired, he saw the need to be kind. Batya said she'd spent 4000 shekels on an unfiltered phone but used it for no wrong. She wanted to know if this was a problem since she hadn't had it for very long.

R'Zaid explained, walking around with it, is like holding a very dangerous tool indeed. Just holding on to such a device causes serious harm to breed

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**All You Need to do is Laugh**



R' Golombeck's talmid and his wife called up R' Golombeck, crying that they were expecting their first baby and the doctor made tests and he said that the baby's going to have Down Syndrome. R' Golombeck told them, "All you need to do is laugh!" Laugh they did! They called back R' Golombeck that the doctor redid the test and he said the baby is perfectly healthy!

**Thank You, Hashem!**

**Anti-Semitism is on the Decline**



A Chassidish Yid by the name of

R' Yitzchok Ahron Shternfeld went to Arizona. While he was there, he went on a train. He walked on the train together with a non-Jew. There was one seat available. The non-Jew told him, "You take the seat." R' Yitzchok Ahron said back to him, "No, you take the seat." The non-Jew told him, "No, I would never do that to a Jew. I want you to have the seat!"

**Ahavti eschem amar Hashem**

**Family Honors the Shabbos**



Mrs. Van reads the "Spring Hill Times". She saw the ad that whatever one spends for Shabbos, Kodesh, Hashem is going to pay them back. She needed to buy her son new Shabbos shoes. In the past, whenever she needed to buy Shabbos shoes, she would run around to find something cheap. This time she said, "We're going to get something that we like, and Hashem is going to pay us back." They went to the shoe store, and they bought shoes that her son re-

ally liked. When they came home, they received a very large tax return from the government, much more money that they had spent on Shabbos!

**Vekarasa lashabbos oneg**

**Anti-Semitism is on the Decline**



The Simons just bought a house from a non-Jew. He gave them royal treatment during the process of buying it. He told them, "I'm going to give you this. I'm going to leave you over this in the house." He just wanted to make them happy. The agent said he never saw non-Jews treating Yidden so royally!

**Ahavti eschem amar Hashem**

**Girl from New Jersey Trusts in Hashem**

Nine-year-old Yocheved from Lakewood, New Jersey had something that was hurting her. She



said, Hashem is the Kol Yachol, and that second, the pain went away!

**Baruch rofei cholim**

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**Anti Semitism is on the Decline**



The Hess family from Chicago, Illinois, went shopping in a local grocery. They went to the kosher bakery aisle, and one of their children started kvetching. A non-Jewish worker came over to them and took a box of cookies and gave it out to the entire family!

**Thank You, Hashem**

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**Woman is Michazeik in Her Brachos**



Mrs. Shapiro had a baby. Out of gratitude, she was mekabel upon herself to be more careful with saying her brachos. When her baby got a little older, one day, she was saying brachos at home. There was no one else at home and she heard some say, "Amen." She realized it was her baby who answered "Amen." It was the first word that her baby said!

**Tov lehodos laHashem ulezamer lishimcha elyon**

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**Girl from Illinois Thinks about Her Brothers**



Miriam Taub from Chicago, Illinois says Tehillim every time her brothers go to avos ubanim, and she has in mind that her brothers should win a prize. Baruch Hashem, they won many prizes, and when they win the prize, she is happy for them!

**Avdi ata Yisrael asher becha es-paer**

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**Bitachon Cake**

Mrs Holster from Lakewood, New Jersey was baking a cake l'kovod Shabbos. She was taking out the cake from the bundt pan and she was nervous that it would not come out nicely. She started singing "Hakol Yachol." She was michazeik herself in Bitachon that



Hashem does everything and He will make sure it comes out nicely. Baruch Hashem on the first try, it came out perfectly, and her entire family enjoyed it on Shabbos!

**Vihaboteiach baHashem chessed yisovivenu**

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**Man has Bitachon in Hashem**



R' Blitz had a van that was making a lot of noise, it was making a big racket. He was thinking to himself, "Oh no, I'm gonna have to bring it to the mechanic." Then he thought to himself, "One minute, Hashem can take care of the problem. Let me trust in him." Ever since then, the noise has disappeared!

**Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach BaHashem**

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**Hashem Is Watching Over Us**

It was Tisha b'av, and R' Avraham was feeding his baby in a high chair. The baby wanted to come out so he took him out, and just then the chair collapsed. Had the baby been in the chair, he would've been badly hurt!

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## Hodu LaHashem Ki Tov Ki L'olam Chasdo!

### Hashem Listens to Man's Tefillah



It was 2:00 in the morning, and R' Yitzchak walked out of his house. A neighbor of his went over to him and told him that he urgently needed to borrow something. He said that he was trying to find someone that had this item, but no one was around.

He davened to Hashem to send him one of his neighbors, and he promised to give a dollar to tzaddikah leilui nishmas one of the tzaddikim. This item is an item that almost none of their neighbors have, but Rav Yitzchak had it. Hashem orchestrated that he should walk out of his house at 2:00 in the morning!

### Baruch shomea tefillah

### Hashem Watches Over Us

Mrs. Weiss reported that her father had a spine surgery about a year ago. A couple of weeks ago, he was in a wheelchair, and he fell



down a whole flight of stairs backwards. Almost nothing happened to him! He dislocated a shoulder and broke a cheekbone which healed on its own. But nothing happened to his back, and nothing major happened. The family felt clearly how malachim were watching over him!

## Hodu LaHashem Ki Tov Ki L'olam Chasdo!

### Man from Boston Trusts in Hashem



Reb Shmuel from Boston went to a basement shtetel. He got there, and he saw that he was the first one; the lights were closed, and the door was locked. He knew the combination, but when he tried, it did not work. He tried it again, but it still did not work. He tried it a few times, and it didn't work.

He turned to Hashem and said, "I believe that you can open the door for me." He started trying again, and he felt the doorknob turning from the other side. It was the Rebbetzin of the shul. She

had been davening and she wasn't able to open it the first few times he tried. Right then she had finished and she opened the door for him!

## Haboteach BaHashem chessed yesovevenu

### Hashem listens to Girl's Tefillah



R' Yitzchak had two daughters in camp. One day, one of them called, finished the phone call, and said that she was going to call back the next day. Then she hung up. R' Yitzchak's daughter who was home was very disappointed because she didn't get to talk to her sister who was in camp.

R' Yitzchak told her to daven to Hashem, and He could make it

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that one of her sisters would call within the next minute. She davened to Hashem from her heart, and her other sister called within the minute!

### **Baruch Shomea Tefillah**

### **Girl from New York Trusts in Hashem**



Chava Klein from Monsey, New York was trying to make a phone call, but the phone was not working. She tried many times, but to no avail, and she gave up.

Then she remembered what she read in the Spring Hill Times, and was mechazek herself in bitachon. She reminded herself that Hashem is the Kol Yachol. She then tried using the phone again, and this time it worked perfectly!

### **Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach BaHashem**

### **Woman Thanks Hashem**



Mrs

Fried publicly thanks Hashem. She was trying to raise money for something, and every person she called gave her a donation.

### **Thank You, Hashem!**



An 8-year-old boy from Arizona who was missing overnight in the woods was found alive and healthy! Hodu LaHashem Ki Tov Ki L'olam Chasdo!

### **Hashem Watches Over Us**



Elchanan Orbach, our Lakewood news reporter, reported that there was a terrorist on his way to an attack. His car was full of explosives. While he was driving through an Arab village, the car exploded, killing the terrorist!

### **Hinei lo yanum velo yishan shomer Yisrael**

### **Hashem Loves Our Tefillos**

About a year ago, R' Dovid\* from Monsey, New York told his wife to start saying tehillim every day that they should be able to buy a house. He said that we



will have bitachon in Hashem that He's going to help us get a house without having to pay a mortgage. She said that it would be quite interesting to get a house without a mortgage. But every day she said a kapittel of tehillim together with her husband.

Now, a year later, all of a sudden, the landlord told them that he wants them out of the house. At the same time, her father-in-law bought them a house and paid off the mortgage! He did not do this with any of his other children, only with her husband. Hashem heard their tefillos!

### **Baruch shomea tefillah**

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Since she had approached him, he felt he could answer her straight

Batya processed his words and after much thought she began to relate:

“Although I saved for months and it is very difficult for me, I will give it up with one condition to be.”

Batya told the Rav about her baby sister of 18 months who had become very ill

She had a dangerous virus and the doctors said hope for her recovery was nil!

The little girl’s lungs were affected and to breathe she was unable  
Their mother sat day and night at her hospital bedside table.  
Batya said to throw away her phone she would comply  
On the condition that the Rav gave a Blessing for her sister to die!

R’Zaid was most surprised; he’d never expected such a request  
He apologized and said he was unable to perform this shocking request!

Instead, he said that he would daven for the child to recover  
Batya pleaded: “K’vod H’Rav – there’s no hope for her!”

The doctors claimed it was impossible with such an ailment to live  
She begged the Rav to alleviate their agony and the brochoh to give.  
R’Zaid felt Batya’s tzaar and could only imagine the mother’s pain  
He agreed it was true that naturally there appeared to be nothing to gain.

He went on to say that one who breaks his yetzer, miracles can merit  
Breaking one’s teva gives the ability for the “Breaking Decree”  
account to be in credit.

He spoke about the Seder night when round matzos we all ate  
The round matzo symbolizes the world and its natural state.

Breaking the round matzo during Yachatz demonstrates clear and precise  
How to break the natural state of teva with a self-sacrifice.  
R’Zaid and Batya continued to speak for another hour  
Eventually, Batya agreed to give up her phone to effect a Higher Power.

They said two pirkei Tehillim as if to finalize the “Deal”  
That week R’ Zaid got a phone call saying the child had begun to heal!

She had started, miraculously, to breathe on her own  
It had transpired at the time that Batya said she was giving up her phone!

Over that week and the next the child continued her recuperation  
The doctors were bewildered; they couldn’t understand the situation!  
They knew that b’derech h’teva she ought not be alive  
Yet, in front of their eyes she was continuing to thrive.

After the full recovery the family invited R’Zaid to a seudas Hodaah and he spoke

He revealed that the yeshua had begun with a 4000 shekel sacrifice that Batya did evoke.

The purpose of writing this poem is to bring out  
The point, that every single Yid has powerful clout!

The Chasam Sofer brings a powerful insight  
How to end the darkness and bring on the light  
With the koach of emuna and loving our friend  
We can bring all Golus suffering to an end

I just want to add that after hearing me relate this story  
I received a similar one in return; equally magnifying Hashem’s Glory

I heard how Chaya\* had commissioned a beautiful dress to be sewn  
When completed, she proudly and happily brought it to her home

Her husband and sons were effuse in its beauty  
But NOT to wear it to her grandson’s Bar Mitzva they deemed her duty.

They said it was too stunning and would make her stand out  
She found it difficult, and eventually agreed to do without.

Instead, she wore it at her son’s Shabbos Chosson a small affair  
Only surrounded by close family it did not cause anyone to stare.  
Some time passed and her brother-in-law became seriously unwell  
The family were called to the hospital to say farewell

Chaya was devastated to see her relative in this condition, about to die

She came home and thought of that dress that she so loved no one would deny

She said to Hashem although so hard for her she was going to give it away

For her husband’s brother’s recovery and a good zivvug for her next son she asked Hashem to repay.

Indeed, the next day she heard that the ill man had opened his eyes and asked to see his brother

Over the following months he continued to recover.

He even danced at the wedding of the son for whose zivvug Chaya had prayed

He lived more than two years after his life had almost been curtailed.

This story Chaya related during his Shiva week

It was a zechus for his neshomo that at Hashem’s Gadlus we got a peek.

These stories teach how Hashem values our every action and thought  
We hold tremendous power; not one deed is for naught!

Everything has an effect and can change the plot

Whether it’s in doing good or refraining from what’s not

Let us utilize these last few Golus days to focus on our inner truth to try to arrange

Whichever area in our lives we can see that needs change

With sincere emuna we will take on as a goal to start

Our sick friend in mind; their yeshua to impart

Thus, we will be fulfilling both mitzvos at the same time

Bringing us to the last verse of this rhyme.

Hatzlocho and looking forward to meeting all klall Yisrael hale and hearty

At the Seudas H’Livyasan; “The Ultimate Party “ Bb”A.

Gemach Ahavas Chinam

*It would be a dream come true to see and hear of all the sick members of klall Yisroel recover and all the other yeshuos that are needed, as a result of the magnificent ahavas chinam that can be generated through our sisters and brothers across the globe. We are always open to the challenge of helping our fellow Jews in need. In order to “deserve” the change in “Nature” that we hope to achieve we have to offer a “sacrifice” as “payment”. The beauty of this avoda is that it is between us and the Rbs”o – tzedokoh and pure Emunah intertwined! It is a way for us to be makayem teshuva, tefilla and tzedokoh and overturning the bad decree. What a way to demonstrate our love and appreciation to Hkb”h for creating us as Yiddishe kinder and for giving us the opportunity to live through these last challenges before the Geuloh Shelaimo.*

*A kesiva v’chasima toiva to all readers and hoping for us all together to be mamlich Hkb”h this Rosh Hashonoh in Yerusholayim habenuya.*



# Hashem's Wonderful & Incredible World

## Hashem's Elon Musk's Neuralink Device Blindsight gets FDA Breakthrough Device Designation

Blindsight is an experimental implant aimed at restoring vision in individuals who have lost sight in both eyes.

Elon Musk's braincomputer interface implant start-up Neuralink, designed with the wisdom of Hashem, has, Baruch Hashem, received FDA breakthrough device designation for Blindsight, an implant that aims to restore vision in individuals who are blind.

Blindsight implants a microelectrode array into the visual cortex of a person's brain. The array then activates neurons, which then provide the individual with a visual image.

According to Musk, the Blindsight device will enable even those who have lost sight in both eyes and their optic nerve to see as long as their visual cortex

is intact. It will even allow those blind from birth to see for the first time!!!

Chasdei Hashem!!!!

The visual cortex is the part of one's brain that receives and processes visual information from the retinas.

"To set expectations correctly, the vision will be at first be low resolution, like Atari graphics, but eventually it has the potential be better than natural vision and enable

you to see in infrared, ultraviolet or even radar wavelengths,"

Musk wrote (Mobi-healthnews)



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# LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Editor's note: Many of these stories are from AdarNissan

## Mi K'amcha Yisrael



Simcha Elefant had a friend who was going through a court case one day, and he thought to himself "I'm in Eretz Yisrael, what can I do for my friend?" And he thought, "You know what I'm going to do. I'm going to go to the Kosel and say the whole sefer tehilim for my friend."

## Baruch Rofeh Cholim



The Litwin family from Eretz Yisrael had a family friend who had a very bad case of pneumonia. His doctor, Dr. Leibowitz, told them that his body was starting to shut down. "It doesn't look good," he told them. "He's not responding, and his condition is just getting worse..."

The patient's family went to daven to Hashem by the kever of a tzaddik. They felt that the zchus of being machshiv tzaddikim would help to give them the yeshua.

After they came home from the kever, Dr. Leibowitz said, "Oh! His body he started to wake up and started to make progress!" And just like that, before they knew it, he was jumping out of the bed of the hospital and now he's home.

Dr. Leibowitz said everyone should talk about this story, because it makes no sense al pi teva. And it just shows

that talking to Hashem is real and it really helps!

## Bluetooth Paired; Bitachon Repaired!



Mrs. Mendlowitz\* from Montreal was talking on her phone using Bluetooth while walking down the street. She passed by someone else who was also talking on Bluetooth. Somehow, their phones got connected to each other, and her phone stopped working because it was connected to the other person's bluetooth.

She tried restarting the phone, but it didn't help. She called up the phone company, and they said this problem takes 24 hours to fix.

Then she called up the stories on the bitachon hotline and after listening to the stories, she said "I see that there is no teva, there's no nature, it's only Hashem." So she went to sleep thinking "Hashem, when I wake up in the morning I'm leaving it up to You." And sure enough, when she woke up in the morning, her phone was working perfectly!

## Bitachon Vision



Mrs. Baum\* had several times previously gotten an eye infection that started in one eye and then spread to the other eye. One day, one of her eyes got infected, and she said, "Oh no. Now it's going to go to the next eye..." But then she stopped herself and said, "One second. That is only with teva. I go with bitachon and it doesn't have to spread." And it didn't spread and not only that,

## A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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it cleared up one two three! The doctor said he never saw this before, it usually goes from one eye to the next and it was an unbelievable yeshua.

Where in the Parsha do we find a connection with these pictures?

# Parsha Fun



Rosh Hashanah  
Riddle #107

To hear the answer to the question, press x14 # 107 on the Chaishek HaTorah Line 8457204040

A year when Wednesday is Erev Rosh Hashana, is discussed in a Mishna. There it is explicitly stated, that in such a year (in the Bais HaMikdash) a new record is created. What is unique about such a year? Do you have the answer perfectly clear?



## פרשת האזינו

- 1) Why did Moshe tell the sky and the earth, to listen to what he told the Yidden?
- 2) What benefit does the dew have over the rain?
- 3) What are you supposed to answer to a brocho that was recited in the Bais Hamikdash?
- 4) How does an eagle carry its children?
- 5) How did Hashem shield the Yidden from the arrows that the Egyptians were shooting at them?
- 6) What does the word 'תשי' mean?

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### Answers for the Parsha Pictures

Grass in wind: כשערים עלי דשא

Wine: ודם ענב תשתה חמור

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Thank You, Hashem, for Outlet covers! We can cover our outlets to make sure everyone stays safe!



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# Thank You's

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

Thank You, Hashem, for Mangoes! Such a beautiful looking fruit with such a sweet delicious taste!



Thank You, Hashem, for Hammers! We can bang things into their necessary places so efficiently!



Thank You, Hashem, for Contact Lenses! We can see perfectly without having to wear glasses!



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Patient

*I feel very jealous and envious of someone in my life.  
It bothers me terribly!  
Please help!*

**All you need is to start loving the person. When you love someone, all negative feelings towards him fall away! Love is the single solution to all bein adam L'chaveiro issues!**

**Realize how much Hashem loves him, unconditionally. It makes no difference what level he is on and what his intentions are. Hashem does not look at his dress or how 'with it' he is, Hashem loves every single person with infinite love.**

**And you will then start loving him too, and all negative feelings will disappear! Nothing he will do will bother you, and you will be excited over his successes!**

**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR DAILY EXERCISE!**



**Remind Yourself that Hashem  
Loves You to No End!**



# Ayin Tova

*Seeing the good in every situation*  
R' Nesanel Landesman

Simcha, along with the rest of the bochurim in Yeshivas Bilvavi were getting fed up (no pun intended) with the menu that the Yeshiva cook served. It seemed that several meals had to have some type of puff pastry. Whether it was potato or cheese filled, it was getting to be too much already! It wasn't



like the rest of the food was really good either. Of course, you don't choose a Yeshiva based on the food, but the guys were really in a desperate situation. The staff of the Yeshiva was somewhat receptive to the complaints, but that didn't translate into any significant changes.



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## SOLUTIONS



Suggestions for the case where Raphi waited on long line, and then his wife needed one more item

- Raphi may now realize how busy his wife is that she forgot to list that one item, and he will come to appreciate her that much more.
- He could tell himself that after he handles this situation with equanimity, he will be that much more prepared for other difficult situations life throws his way.
- He could have ayin tova for his wife by realizing that if she forgot to



tell him about an item, it is due to her being harried. Instead of stewing over this, let him buy her a treat or something to demonstrate how much he values her.

- The fact that he is willing to go back on line just shows how valuable their relationship is.
- At least he will get a great supper now.
- Perhaps, he could stop at a smaller store on the way home and not worry about waiting on long lines.
- He could appreciate that Hashem is giving him a great opportunity to work on being patient. If he views this as a gift from Hashem, he will have turned a frustrating situation into an incredible positive experience!



# Ba'al Bitachon

A person who knows that everything comes from his loving, capable and reliable father.

# V.S.

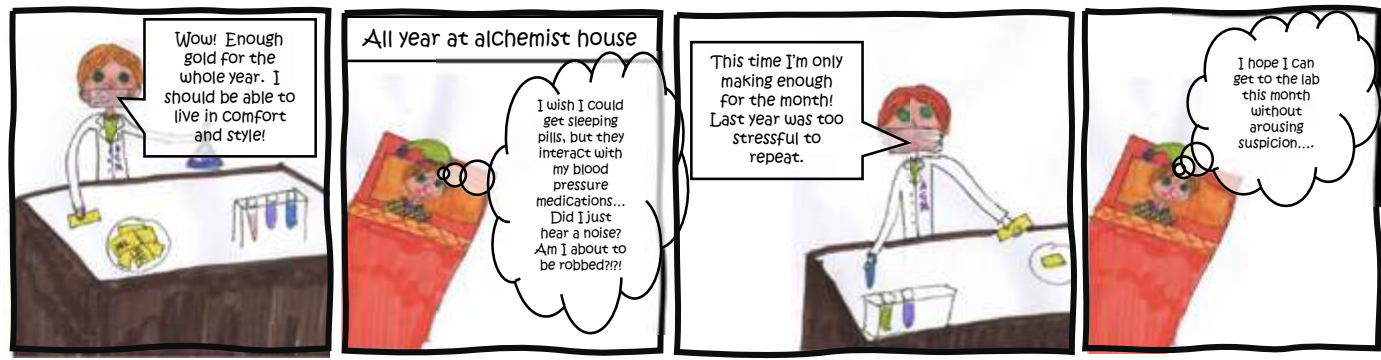
# Alchemist

A person who can take plain materials and turn them into gold using a chemical process.



One would think that an Alchemist is always assured to have whatever he wants. However, in the sha'ar bitachon we learn 10 ways that the ba'al bitachon is superior to an alchemist.

#4: The alchemist is not able to be calm. If he produces a lot he worries it will be stolen, lost or that it will be discovered that he practiced Alchemy. If he only produces how much he needs, he worries that he won't be able to produce what he needs when the need arises.



The ba'al bitachons' trust in Hashem is strong that Hashem will provide for him. Hashem provides for a bird in the air, fish in the water..The ba'al bitachon is calm knowing Hashem will provide for him too.



# FUN PAGE

Can you find 4 differences between these two pictures?



### PARSHAH POINTS

In this week's parshah, Moshe told the Yidden, in a poetic language, what would happen to the Bnei Yisroel from the time they enter Eretz Yisroel until the coming of Moshiach. He spoke about the greatness of Hashem and his Torah, and he told them to always listen to Hashem. Hashem then told Moshe to go up to Har Nevo, from there he would be able to see Eretz Yisroel even though he wouldn't be able to enter into Eretz Yisroel. Then Moshe would die and be buried on the mountain.



1-Why do we have apples in honey on Rosh Hashono?

2-Whom does Moshe call to act as his witness in the beginning of the parshah?

3-To what object does Moshe compare Hashem to?

4. What aren't you allowed to do on Yom Kippur?

We are now in the middle of the Aseres Yemei Teshuvoh - the ten days of repentance, which takes place on the first 10 days of the month of Tishrei, from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur. This is a time to repent for all misdeeds, especially ones we've excused ourselves for, like mistakes.

1-To have a sweet new year

2-Heaven and Earth

3-A Rock

4-You're not allowed to eat or drink, to wear leather shoes, to wash and anoint for pleasure.



SOLUTIONS

Shimon Chirodea

# Passing by someone?

**SHOW HIM A SMILE! GREET HIM NICELY!**

## *Traveling in the Path of our Gedolim*

There was a group of bochurim in the Radin Yeshiva who would sit and learn for hours on end. The Chofetz Chaim would come to the beis medrash at midnight and turn off the light and say "Morgen is och a tag" tomorrow is another day and you need to sleep to have strength! But the bochurim would start learning again as soon as he left they were true masmidim.



One winter night, in the wee hours, the boys decided they would take a little break. A member of the group used to "ess teg" eat his meals at the home of the wagon driver in Radin. He was close with him and he knew he had his permission so he borrowed his horses and they hitched them to a sled. They sledded up and down the streets in the middle of the night and had a grand time!

The next morning, some other bochurim ran to the mashgiach Rav Tzvi Hirsch Levinson, the son in law of the Chofetz Chaim. They told him a terrible thing has happened! Some bochurim were acting like horse thieves, and being wild, in the middle of the night! They should be kicked out of Yeshiva! (Editor's note: This was in a different generation. Nowadays, rejecting bochurim based on a onetime mistake or even a few mistakes, is a terrible thing to do).

So, Rav Hirsch called in the bochurim, and they said you're right. We taka did something inappropriate. But we will only leave on one condition. If you find that any of the group of bochurim that took part in the horse sledding has ever missed a seder or came late to shachris then we are ready to leave. And if the boys who are complaining about us can also say that they never missed a seder and always came on time for shacharis we will also leave! People who are complaining and miss seder have no right to complain about us!

Rav Hirsch went to ask the Chofetez Chaim what to do.

He told him the story and said, "These boys have never missed a seder or came late to shacharis, and the complainers certainly can't say the same! These are the best boys in the yeshiva!" The Chofetz Chaim responded "Al Kol Pishaim Tichaseh Ahava". This means all Aveiros get covered with Hashem's love. What does that mean? Love is the love of Torah! If they are the biggest masmidim, we have to forgive them and leave them alone.

What a beautiful lesson! If we learn Torah, Hashem loves us and is moichel us when we mess up!





# MR. MIDDOS

THE 'וְיֵצֶר הָרָע'!

MIDDOS ALERT!! MR. MIDDOS YETZER HARA AWARENESS MIDDOS ALERT! YETZER HARA WITH DOVI MID



TTO: HIGH PART OF YAMAH, YAMAH...  
 YETZER, YETZER HARA  
 GO RIGHT NOW AWAY!!  
 YETZER, YETZER TOV  
 WITH ME, RIGHT HERE, YOU'LL STAY!  
 WHEN YETZER HARA TRIES TO WHISPER IN MY EAR  
 I WILL BLOW AND BLOW HIM UNTIL HE DISSAPEARS!  
 (AGAIN) YETZER, YETZER TOV - HELP ME EVERY DAY!  
 TO DO THE MITZVOS - FOLLOW IN HASHEM'S WAYS!  
 AND TOGETHER WE'LL FIGHT YETZER HARA TILL  
 MASHIACH COMES! THEN WE'LL DO ALL THE  
 MITZVOS EASILY - COME JOIN IN EVERYONE!!!! X2



BY: AHUVA ROTHENBERG:)



# *A Faint Whiff* **OF** **Hashem's Unlimited** **Wisdom and** **Kindness**

## **The Nose**

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The outside air that we inhale is an amazing life-giving source and we would not survive without it. Hiding inside this life source are tiny, invisible, microscopic particles that are quite hazardous to our health. This includes bacteria, viruses, dust and ash. Most of these damaging particles are man-made. We cannot compare the quality of clean, country air to the air which is in the middle of a city or the air which is next to industrial areas. But we do not live alone on mountain tops, we live in cities. Therefore, we are inhaling city air which contains numerous, undesirable particles. Hashem, in His wisdom, created us with a built-in filter system, which cleans and filters the air that we inhale.

This can be compared to a water system – which cleans the water from impurities before we drink it. This filter system is primarily found in our nose and not in our mouth. It is located where we do the majority of our breathing ensuring that the air that reaches our lungs is pure and clean, and the dirt that is in the air does not make it down there.

How does this work? What exactly is doing this important job? To understand this let's take a closer look at the inner workings of our nose and see how the air that we breathe gets purified. Hashem created our nose lined with mucus. This is something that we usually don't pay too much attention to until it disturbs us. The mucus is wet and sticky – and it's due to these characteristics that it serves as the important filter. The air that we inhale contains tiny miniscule germs and viruses and also small particles like dust and ash. This gets stuck on the mucus when we breathe in and does not descend down to our lungs where it can cause us harm.

We can compare this to sticky paper that people sometimes hang up in order to catch small flies and insects. So too, we have this sticky mucus which is there to catch and stop all types of undesirable tiny particles. But Hashem's filter is much more active and much more effective than man-made fly paper. It catches extremely tiny particles that are invisible to the eye and it is doing its job constantly – which is every single time that we inhale. It even works when we are sleeping. What an important and amazing gift!

# CHODESH TISHREI!



# A DREAM COME TRUE!!!



# Hashem's Universe

## *A Divine Masterpiece!*

### 4. Queen attendant (days 7-12)

From day 712, a small number of worker bees may join a small group who work to aid the queen. Typical tasks include removing her waste, grooming, feeding, and hydrating her. Only queen bees leave over waste in the hive (sick bees will also do so). In order to keep the cleanliness of the hive manageable, Hashem made it that all other bees remove their wastes outside the hive. They won't go far from the hive, unless they are foragers, which most of the hive are not. Since the queen is extremely busy laying up to 2000 eggs daily she needs help with other time-consuming activities. A queen's attendant also spreads pheromones (special chemical odors) called Queen Mandibular Pheromone through the hive. It signals to the colony that the queen is still alive and well.

The queen's (in the center) close group are extremely attentive.



Role	Age	Responsibility
Housekeeper	1-3 days	Cleaning out cells.
Undertaker	3-16	Removing dead bees and other debris.
Nurse	4-12	Feeding and caring for brood/larvae and feeding the entire hive.
Queen attendant	7-12	Cleaning, feeding, protecting the queen.
Pollen Packer	12-18	Packing pollen into cells.
Wax production	12-35	Producing wax to build and maintain honeycomb of the hive.
Airflow controllers	12-18	Beating wings to cool the hive.
Honey making		Beating wings to remove the moisture of the nectar so that it turns into honey.
Water Carrier	12-18	Collecting water for various hive needs.
Guard	18-21	Keeping unwanted "visitors" out of the hive.
Forager	22-42	Searching for and collecting pollen, nectar, and resin for propolis.
Scout	22-42	Searching for new hive locations and foraging areas.



### **5. Pollen packer (days 12-18)**

From days 12-18, many worker bees may pack pollen, a part of the honey-making process, and a major part of the “bees’ bread” that is an important food staple for larva. Adult bees eat pollen as well. They collect pollen from the foragers when they return to their hive, and store it inside honeycomb cells for brood/larvae feeding. The powder is mixed with honey to maintain freshness. Here again are instincts that Hashem put in the bee’s minds to know what to do with the pollen, which is so crucial to their food supply.

### **6. Wax utilization (days 12-35)**

The wax plays a vital role in the colony. At this age of the bee’s life, all of a sudden, their special WAX GLANDS that are under their abdomen are activated and they are able to secrete transparent wax flakes. WAX growing out of their body for crucial building material – what miracles!

This wax substance is chewed until it’s easy to work with, and then it’s molded into honeycomb cells. It can be molded into any shape that they choose to make. The bees need a lot of energy to produce wax, so they consume a lot of honey during the peak season of honeycomb building. To produce one pound of wax, it takes about 6-8 pounds of honey. That’s why the less wax that’s needed to make a strong honeycomb, the better it is. We will discuss the amazing ability for the worker bees to construct the perfect hexagonal shaped wax honeycomb in great length in the next article, BEH.

While most wax producing bees are around 12-18 days of age, bees as old as 35 can still produce wax if needed. The wax acts as a valuable barrier to water and it keeps out the cold from open cracks in the exterior of the hive.

Beeswax has a chemical makeup comprising various long-chain alcohols and fatty acid esters. It has a unique, complex chemical composition comprising over 250 compounds! These include esters, acids, polyesters, and long-chain alkanes, to name a few. Beeswax’s impermeability to water (water can’t go through the wax) and stability is mostly thanks to hentriacontane. This special compound makes up roughly 9% of the beeswax.

### **7A. Honey Creation (days 12-18)**

During this period many bees will move on to creating their essential, vital honey. In this job, the worker bee meets the foraging bees, who gathered nectar from flowers, as they arrive at the hive entrance. The foraging bee will regurgitate (spit out) the nectar to the worker bee and she will put it inside an empty cell within the hive. Then, since the nectar has on average a liquid content of 80%, she must flap her wings in order to evaporate the majority of the moisture content, which is necessary in order to make it into honey. Honey is much thicker than nectar, having less than 20% water content, so it’s a big job to get the moisture to evaporate. WHO gave the bees the “knowledge” that nectar turns into honey, and the knowledge of how to make the transformation from nectar to honey? Was it an accident?

Some interesting facts about honey creation.

A worker bee only produces 1/12th of one teaspoon of honey in her entire lifetime! It takes about 250 bees nectar in one forage collection to fill one cell with honey. One teaspoon of honey takes 5,000 visits to a flower to get the initial necessary amount of nectar needed. A typical colony will visit 225,000 flowers per day! It takes about 2 million flower visits to make one pound of honey! So that’s a little more than 8 days of the colony collecting nectar.



### **7B. Airflow controller (days 12-18)**

The internal hive temperature has a serious impact on brood/larvae development, on honey production, and general colony wellbeing, so it's crucial for the hive to always be at the correct temperature.

On hot days, some bees will join a line of bees at the hive's entrance. They circulate cool air by beating their wings at top speed. They will sometimes put water on the backs of other bees and fan that water in order to create cool air to help cool off the hive. Airflow controllers also help reduce the moisture in the hive, which may be at high levels from the honey-making process when the moisture evaporates into the hive. The air flow (like a fan blowing on water) will help quicken the evaporation process. HOW do they know to use these methods in order to regulate the temperature and the humidity in the hive? How could they know this? It's impossible. HOW they know what temperature is best for the hive, and HOW are they able to know what the temperature in the hive ACTUALLY is? These are all mysteries that we are waiting for answers on. Hashem gave them some type of THERMOMETER to "KNOW" when the precise temperature is reached. Typically, the hive needs to be about 9395 degrees Fahrenheit, how they know when it's reached is a mystery!

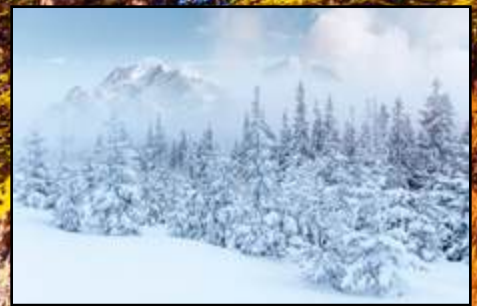
### **8. Water Carrier (days 12-18)**

Water carriers forage for water and bring it to the hive. The water is collected in the extra, same honey stomach that is used to store the nectar when foraging. They regurgitate it when they get to the hive. They closely partner with airflow controllers, creating a type of evaporative cooling. Carriers collect water for nurse bees, who mix it with pollen and nectar to produce royal jelly for feeding larvae. Water also helps fix crystallized honey. It helps dissolve the solids that often form, and it makes it easier to consume.

Bees collecting water for the hive.







### **9. Guard (days 18-21)**

Older developed worker bees provide security for the hive. Hovering at the entrance, these workers use their numbers to keep out unwanted visitors like hornets and wasps. Guards KNOW to check each incoming bee's scent to ensure it is from their same colony. If necessary, they release special pheromones (odors) to sound an alarm if some intruders get by them. All this is accomplished through instincts that Hashem put in their brains. Of course, the worker bee has her infamous stinger. Their venom/poison first becomes functional and potent at this age and that's why they first start guarding the hive at this "later" age.

### **10. Forager (days 22-42)**

Forager bees travel within a three-to-five-mile radius of the hive to collect nectar, pollen, and propolis (we will explain propolis in the next article) for the hive. In a healthy and active hive during the peak foraging season, up to about one-third of the worker bee population of the hive may be engaged in foraging activities. After a certain amount of flying their wing muscles atrophy (get weaker) and they die. This usually happens while flying either to the flowers, or from the flowers they just visited.

### **11. Scout (days 22-42)**

Scout bees are tasked with finding new food sources and potential new nesting sites. They scout the area for a safe place that also has nearby water sources and plenty of nectar-producing plants like clover.

They explore vast areas, evaluate the quality of resources, and communicate their findings via the "waggle dance". This famous waggle dance will be explained BE"H is the upcoming article.

#### **In the Winter**

Worker bees have one primary duty in winter: to keep the queen warm and protect her. Otherwise, besides eating at infrequent intervals, they don't really do much during the winter. They sort of hibernate. In the cold weather, they gather around the queen and vibrate their wing muscles to generate heat within the hive. Workers keep rotating their positions, taking turns to be on the cold outside of the cluster. During the winter the inside of the hive may reach 80°F while the outside is a much cooler 40°F. HOW did they figure out this heat generating trick? Would you have been able to figure it out on your own? How could the queen survive "before" they figured out this trick? Of course, it's all instincts that Hashem put into their brains! Winter bees have a life expectancy of 68 months since most of the time they aren't working. Summer bees are smaller and have a wide range of jobs that the winter bees do not have. Their lifespan is much shorter, usually around just six weeks!

The honey bee "family" is quite amazing! Only Hashem could make all these different functions be carried out flawlessly as one close knit social unit. How can a tiny bee brain know how to carry out all these activities without it being preprogrammed by Hashem into their tiny brains?!

#### **HOW GREAT ARE YOUR WONDERS CREATIONS HASHEM!!**

In the next article I will BE"H be discussing at length how the bees are able to make such a complex hexagonal (six sided) honeycomb WITHOUT USING ANY TOOLS! We will also introduce you to the famous "waggle dance" of the worker bees. We will also discuss what they use propolis for. Stay tuned!

## A VISIT TO R' DANIEL!

*Recap: A most amazing piece of information that is too good to be true came to our attention: Here in New York lives a very old man, who is the last known remaining living Yid who left Mitzrayim. His name is R' Daniel and he is from Shevet Don. When he left Mitzrayim, he was a 15yearold boy and today he is 3350 years old! He lives today with his great-great-great-grandchildren in Monsey, New York. The Spring Hill Times has been granted the rare privilege of being able to interview him from time to time.*

**Spring Hill Times:** Can you please tell us a little about how the month of Tishrei was back in the days of the Bais HaMikdash?

**R' Daniel:** How you ever been to a chasunah?

**Spring Hill Times:** Yes, sure!

**R' Daniel:** Have you ever been at the smorgasbord?

**Spring Hill Times:** Yes of course! Yum!

**R' Daniel:** Can you please tell me about the foods that are there?

**Spring Hill Times:** Sure. There are fried vegetables, sesame chicken, franks n' blanks, potato kugel, cholent, kishka and liver piled up to the sky! They have seven layer cake, chocolate cake, sponge cake, rainbow cake and jelly roll cake. There is coca cola, diet coke, seltzer, ice and water. Fresh fruit and what not!

**R' Daniel:** Sounds so delicious! What happens when you walk in to the smorgasbord?

**Spring Hill Times:** I get overwhelmed. My eyes are popping out from just seeing all the delicacies! I don't know what to jump for first! I want all of it all at once! And the plate is so small! I just cannot get enough of it! The background music is so beautiful! And it's all for free!!!

**R' Daniel:** Multiply that by a few hundreds times and that's exactly how we felt when we entered the month of Tishrei!

**Spring Hill Times:** Wow! That sounds so wonderful!

**R' Daniel:** Yes it really was! Tishrei has so many delicious Yomim Tovim! So many days when we are close to Hashem! So many mitzvos! Shofar! Fasting! Teshuva! Lulav and Esrog! Building the Sukkah! Living in the Sukkah! Simchas Yom Tov! Aliyah L'Regel! Karbon Reyiah! Shalmei Simcha! Meseches Rosh Hashanah! Meseches Yumah! Meseches Sukkah! Each one scrumptious out of this world!

And so much more! We felt Hashem's love so clearly! It was simply overwhelming! We were in a true Dreamland!

I remember how we used to wait all year for Tishrei! What a happy month it was!

**Spring Hill Times:** Wow!!! Unbelievable!

**R' Daniel:** Yes indeed. I once had a very good friend by the name of Chatzkel. He is already in Olam H'Emes for a few thousand years. I remember when he was 97 years old he would walk around slowly with a cane like most people at that age. But in Tishrei, he was so full of simcha. He literally became younger! He would throw away his cane for the month! He would jump and skip around like a young boy walking alongside his father!

I have been trying unsuccessfully for over 3000 years to fully grasp how lucky we are that we are Hashem's chosen nation.

**Spring Hill Times:** Wow! This is so amazing! It must have been so wonderful back then!

**R' Daniel:** Yes, 100%! But have no fear, in no time we all will once again be together with Hashem. It's going to be so wonderful! So exciting! So delicious!

**Spring Hill Times:** Wow! We can hardly wait any longer!

We would like to wish you from all our readers a kesiva v'shasima tova!

**R' Daniel:** Amein! A gmar chasima tova to you and all your readers! Thank you so much for coming. Please come again! May we meet next time in Yerushlayim Habenuya!

**Spring Hill Times:** Amein!

By: Rabbi Chaim Tzvi Blau

# Bitachon Lower

## The Quote The Lesson The Story

A Meaningful "QUOTE" from THE KUNTRES BAIS HALEVI Essay On Bitachon

**The Quote:** The Beis Halevi writes [we will bring the sources in the future] "If you are afraid of something when you don't have to be, it is possible that the fear can cause the thing you are afraid of to happen Chas Vsholom."

**THE LESSON:** What makes this so incredible and amazing is that not only is fear and panic in areas where there is no need to be afraid a lack of bitachon. This is also not worthwhile! If we stay calm knowing that we are in Hashem's Mighty Hands and we understand and realize that being afraid of something and having anxiety and fears is only making matters worse so will have bitachon in Hashem and always remain calm, cool and relaxed with tremendous simcha and menuchas Hanefesh.

A GREAT JEW ASKED ME the following question: "What is the correct attitude during these days leading up to Yom Hadin, to be scared and frightened for our life or to be calm and have bitachon that Hashem will give us life? Let us figure out the answer.

WE ARE NOW A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOM KIPPUR and no doubt about it we all want to be written in the Book of Life. We all want Hashem's mercy! What can we do to gain Hashem's mercy for a year of life? We are all obviously trying to do teshuva and showing Hashem that we want to be good and better than we were this past year. That is aleph! That must be our first ingredient! To rectify our bein adam l'Makom and regain our close connection to Hashem!

But how can we be confident that we will indeed gain Hashem's mercy on the great and awesome day of judgment?

What is a good kabala to make for the coming year? The first question that we have to ask ourselves is how do we treat our fellow yid? Do we give our spouse the kindness that they deserve? Do we give respect and show sensitivity to the fellows in our shul? In our Kollel? In the workplace? This is the best way to bring Hashem's mercy to the world, by making a kabbalah of *בין אדם לחבירו*. I will share many proofs!

It would seem that there is a Tur that answers our opening question!

On one hand the Tur [סימן תקפ"א] brings a medrash that says that the custom in the world is, that when one has a very serious court case, they wear black clothing and wrap themselves in black cloaks etc. But the Jewish people, they are not that way, they come to the day of judgement wearing white clothing wrapped in white, and they are *בשמחה* on Rosh Hashana because they know that Hashem will perform a miracle for them! *ע"כ דברי הטור*

**THE MASHAL:** Imagine if the judge of the court is your father and you know that your father loves you and wants to shower you with good, you will have confidence and trust that he will do everything he can to find a zchus that you will be judged in favor in court. So too, the Jewish people, our loving, caring, father, Hashem is the Judge on Rosh Hashanah and is not out to get us! He wants to bestow us with His infinite kindness. So why should we be frightened – be *besimcha* like the Tur says!

However, there is a seeming contradiction to all this. The gemara says in Rosh Hashana [טו:] that a person needs to be *machnia* himself and be worried as to what his lot will be for the coming year! The gemara says that there are three books opened on Rosh Hashanah and the gemara makes no mention about the miracle that the Tur mentions. [This question was asked by the Alter from Kelm].

The Alter answers that it depends if one is coming as an individual or with the koach of unity – *achdus*; the koach of *bein adam lachaveiroi*! Which means that Klal Yisroel are children of Hashem with one heart and one soul. If we are coming to the day of judgement with the koach of *achdus* then we can be sure that Hashem will give us the nes that the Tur is talking about. Whereas, if we are coming as an individual, without any koach of *achdus* then takeh, there is what to be worried about. That is what the gemora is talking about when it says you should worry!

This idea is so important that Hashem reminds us every single year without fail on the Shabbos before Rosh Hashana. The opening words to the Parsha "Atem netzavim Hayom KULCHEM lifnei Hashem eloikechem!" Kulchem – in unification. And the pasuk says *כל איש ישראל*! That will be the zchus that can give us confidence that Hashem will bring us a miracle!

Clearly, based on all this, we all want the koach of *achdus* on Rosh Hashana this year. We want to rely on Hashem's nes! But how do we do it? How do we join the "Achdus club"?

The answer is we have to be brothers and run away from breaking the unity of Klal Yisroel! For example:

**THE STORY:** THE ALTER OF NOVHARDOK was told about an individual who wrote in his will that he wanted to donate an entire building to the Yeshiva of Novhardok. The Alter traveled to Germany just for the purpose of acquiring the building for his Yeshiva. However, on the way, the Alter found out that another Yeshiva was traveling there as well because they wanted the building. The Alter contemplated and came to the immediate conclusion that it might turn into some form of

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# Living With Appreciation

R' Daniel Shasha

Rav Moshe Feinstein asked a fascinating question. The first Rashi on the song of Ha'azinu explains that the Heavens and earth were called to testify as witnesses to Hashem's covenant with us, since they will always be there, as opposed to Moshe who would soon pass away. Asked Rav Moshe, what is the significance that they would always be there? They are inanimate objects; how could they possibly act as witnesses? He answers with something remarkable. Really, they are the best witnesses since they testify to the greatness of Hashem for creating such a beautiful world! After all, the towering mountains, luscious hills, the beautiful sky are all products of Hashem's ingenious creation, and are testimony to His greatness. Admiring their beauty and appreciating the great wisdom involved, is a very strong way we can gain knowledge of Hashem's greatness (Kol Ram Ha'azinu).

The Rambam (Yesodai Ha-Torah 2:2) teaches that we can attain the levels of ahas and yiras Hashem by admiring the beautiful world around us. This approach is what led Avraham Avinu to discover Hashem and become the forefather of our nation. He was raised in a society of pagans when no one believed in Hashem, yet was mesmerized by the stunning world and deduced by himself that there had to be a Creator. We should strive to follow in his legacy and be awed by the stunning natural world around us. We could ask ourselves the same questions as Avraham. Look at the beautiful hills, glistening lakes, the luscious green grass, the attractive flowers, the spectacular wonders of the human body, etc. Hashem truly created such a magnificent world!

In addition to appreciating the natural world

around us we need to try and appreciate the many spiritual gifts we are blessed with such as the privilege to learn Torah and do teshuvah. Chazal teach that Yom Kippur is amongst the happiest days of the year, since we have the ability to erase our sins and start afresh. When we truly appreciate how much of a gift Yom Kippur is, we will be full of joy. Rav Yerucham Levovitz writes that it is a minhag of the Tzadikim to dance on motzai Yom Kippur, since they are so full of joy that they got rid of their avairos. This is also why Sukkos is such a joyous time, since we were just forgiven for our sins and have the ability to start afresh

This helps us understand that it is a mitzvah to eat a festive meal on erev Yom Kippur. One might think that this is rather interesting since on Yom Kippur itself we fast and afflict ourselves yet just a few hours before it is a mitzvah d'oraishah to eat? And, not only is it a mitzvah, Chazal (Taanis 26b) teach that when we eat on erev Yom Kippur it is like we have fasted for two days straight!

The Rabbeinu Yonah explains that Klal Yisrael are so full of simchah that we have this golden opportunity of Yom Kippur, a day when we can erase all our avairos, that we celebrate with a festive meal! We can't eat on Yom Kippur so we eat before, to thank Hashem for this opportunity. This is so beloved to Hashem that it is considered as if we have fasted for two days!

In just one day we can remove all our avairos and start afresh! The gates of teshuvah are open and Hashem is eagerly waiting for us to enter and come close to Him. After all, Hashem loves us so much and only wants to bestow us with good-



ness. Each second, we are being showered with more berachos than we can ever imagine! Due to His great love for us, He really wants us to be close to Him and provides us with the most amazing gift of Yom Kippur, to erase all our avairos!

When we focus on our love for Hashem and appreciate all He does for us and call out to Him, we can't comprehend how powerful this is, as we see in the following story.

One Yom Kippur, a simple shepherd boy went to shul. He was uneducated and didn't even know aleph bais, yet he was so moved by the fervent tefilos of those

around him. There is nothing he wished more than to daven to Hashem too, but he didn't understand any of the tefillos. Innocently, he decided to whistle a tune to Hashem, as that is what he knew how to do. The other mispallim were taken aback by what they saw as a lack of kavod, yet the renowned Tzadik, the Bal Shem Tov who was present, silenced them. 'Until now I sensed that there was something blocking our tefilos' he said, 'yet when this shepherd boy started whistling, all the barriers were broken and our tefilos ascended straight to Shamayim! His love for Hashem was just so sincere and pure that it made a great stir in the Heavens, causing all our tefilos to go up!'

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### *Let Us Thank Hashem for...*

#### **Our teeth**

If not for teeth, we wouldn't be able to digest our food as well as being able to speak properly. In his final years, Rabbi Avigdor Miller was in hospital and was given a box to store false teeth. Surprised, he said that his teeth were still natural since he always viewed them as a gift caring and appreciating them.



## *Inspiring Quotes*

1

1. When we praise Hashem with a pleasant voice and intent, we merit to enter Gan Eden. (Ohr Zarua, Shabbat 42:7)

2

Appreciation enhances our joy of life. Without it, one goes through life like a person in a drunken state, not feeling the pleasure and enjoyment of their many blessings. (Kuzari 3:16)

3

When Klal Yisrael speak about the wonders and awesome phenomena of Hashem...the angels praise Him for having such a precious nation. (Zohar vol. 2 p. 40b)

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4. Mankind was created to praise and to thank Hashem as well as to serve and fear Him. Those who do so are upholding the world. (Shitah Mikubetzes, Berachos 6b)



By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

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### We Need Knees!

We are now in Aseres Yemei Teshuva and this is a good time to think about if we appreciated every aspect of the good health that Hashem gave us in 5784. For example, let us thank Him for parts of our body that we never notice. Only if they stop functioning properly do we realize how valuable and crucial they are. This happened to me recently. Baruch Hashem, two weeks ago, my oldest daughter got married and I was quite overjoyed. The music and dancing were very *leibidik* and I soon found myself spinning around. I was leaping up and down, expressing my *hakaras hatov* to Hashem with every one of my limbs – כל עצמותי תאמרנה ה' מי כמוך! I must not have been careful and suddenly I felt my knee jerk, and my leg slightly twisted out of place. I was still able to dance a little, but by the end of the evening I was limping along. The next morning it got even worse and it was hard to get around. I probably had sprained my knee.

I then realized just how complex our legs are. Each muscle is linked to the next, and each limb affects others, so when one is out of commission, it causes many other ones to be out of tandem. Doing simple tasks such as getting dressed or standing up became painful and complicated. Getting from one spot to another now took double the amount of time, and I began to notice every stair on the staircase. Even davening Shemoneh Esrei became a challenge, as it was difficult to stand. Most of all, when I needed to bend my knees, I felt pain. That's when I remembered how Rav Avigdor Miller zt"l explained the word "*beracha*." He said it comes from the word "*berech*" – the knee. Meaning, we bend our knees in humbleness and gratitude to You, Hashem, our great benefactor. Instead of bending my knees using autopilot, without giving nary a thought to the meaning behind what I was doing, I now had to put effort into the simple movement of bending my knees. This gave me the opportunity to actually bend them in gratitude!

Rav Avigdor Miller would say that one must pay attention and praise Hashem for every small action that we do, such as every step we take. When we place our leg forward, think about the fact that in every joint in our leg there are pads of cartilage that ensure that we do not have pain from the bones rubbing each other. When you want to bend one knee and straighten the other, be happy that they actually follow your orders and move in the way you want them to. The ankle is flexible and moves in many angles to facilitate your walking. Think about the fact that you are able to walk without losing your balance. All this is something we take for granted!

We are constantly moving our legs, and sometime we even run, and usually everything goes smoothly, perfectly, and painlessly. This is something to think about when you are dancing at a simcha or during the *hakafos* on Simchas Torah. Take an extra leap (carefully!) and thank Hashem for the ability to do so! Through this, may we be *zoche* to a *g'mar chasima tova* and a year of good health!



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# Chizuk Corner

Rabbi Y. Y. Friedman

We have arrived at the most amazing and awesome time known as the Aseres Yemai teshuva. Some may look at teshuva as a scary or pressuring thing.

However, this is a big mistake. In fact, it's the total opposite. Teshuva is an opportunity to come closer to Hashem.

I remember Rav Mattisyahu Solomon Zt"l when he gave a hesped on the old Mashgiach Rav Nosson Wachtfogel, he told of the following incident.

*Rav Mattisyahu and others had a seder with Rav Nosson with the Sefer Tomer Devora. After they would finish a Midda, the Mashgiach Rav Nosson would give a broad smile.*

*Rav Mattisyahu asked the Mashgiach if the reason why he was smiling was because he had already acquired that Midda? Rav Nosson gave a big smile and exclaimed Ah! "We can always get even better."*

This story was an eye opener to me as I understood the depth of this story. Rav Nosson was excited that there is even more opportunity to grow and get even better. This was his excitement.

My friends, we have gone through a month of Elul, a time of Ani ledodi vidodi li. A time full of closeness and feeling loved by Hashem.

This was followed by the awesome amazing day of Rosh Hashana. A day when we made Hashem our king. A day that we started our year with a bang.

A day that Klal Yisroel made Kabbalos and pledged their loyalty to Hashem their King. A day that the Satan loses his speech as he

sees Klal Yisroel's love for Hashem and His Mitzvos.

It's not over yet. The real journey has just begun. Our closeness to Hashem is getting stronger and stronger.

This is what aseres yemai Tesuva is all about. Ten days of Teshuva which means getting closer and closer to Hashem.

Now if you look in Halacha and in Seforim you will find that during these awesome days there is a very big emphasis on building our relationship with friends [which obviously includes family as well].

We also see that when we build strong relationships and we forgive everyone it also helps our Yom Kippur as well.

The obvious question is why is that? Why is that so important to work on our relationships these days and how is it our preparation for the awesome day of Yom Kippur?

I heard an answer from Rav Moshe Rab-inowitz zt"l based on a very touching documented story.

*There was once a Yid who we will refer to as Reuven, who was falsely accused of spying on the kingdom. They brought him to the king for a judgement. The man tried defending himself but the king did not believe him, and the king sentenced him to death r"l.*

*The man told the king that he accepts the verdict but he asked the king if he can grant him a week so that he can take care of some family matters before he dies.*

*The king burst out laughing and said "I should let you go? You will for sure escape.*



*You probably have an underground tunnel under your house that will lead you to your safety."*

*The man pleaded with the king but to no avail. Suddenly the man thought of an idea. He told the king that he has a friend that lives nearby and he will be his guarantor that if he won't come back within one week, he will be hung.*

*The king was shocked and said "you have such a friend? Soldiers, bring him here at once.*

*The friend Shimon came before the king, and to the king and his advisors' disbelief, Shimon agreed to take his place as a guarantor.*

*When the week was finally up the king went to Shimon and told him that his time was up and the gallows were waiting for him.*

*As they put the noose around his neck, they heard shouting coming from the other side of the palace. Reuven came flying into the room panting and out of breath.*

*Reuven grabbed onto the noose to put it over his head. However, Shimon did not let go. He said sorry you are too late. Your time is up and I am the one to get killed. They argued back and forth for a while.*

*The king watched from his throne with hot tears streaming from his eyes. Finally, the king composed himself, and he approached the two friends and took away the noose from both of them.*

*The king then declared that he is willing to pardon both of them on one condition. That is that he, the king, would be allowed to join this friendship.*

Said Rav Moshe Rabinowitz zt"l that when we create strong friendships and relationships in this world Hashem has a great nachas and Hashem wants to dwell amongst them.

When there is Shalom, Hashem wants to rest amongst them. He wants to be the third party.

This is what we are doing now during Aseres Yemai Teshuva. Yes, Klal Yisroel are a close-knit family, but we get even closer.

So, when we forgive anyone that may have slighted our honor as we realize that everything is ultimately from Hashem, and we also acknowledge that we are all brothers this creates a strong connection not only with our friends but also with Hashem.

So when Klal Yisroel shows Hashem how much we care about our brothers in Eretz Yisroel as we shower them with our support this creates a bond.

When we show Hashem how much we love every single Yid as we give them chizzuk this creates a connection.

Hashem will say this "Yisroel Asher becha espaer". I want to dwell my shechina amongst you which will bring the coming of Moshiach Bimiheira biyameinu Amein.



**D**id you know that Rav Yehuda Mandel said, "Do you know what I do teshuva for in Elul? For not making enough jokes and not eating enough ice cream." Rav Yehuda Mandel also said that the baalei mussar from the olden days were into yirah, din, onesh, and gehinom, but nowadays, they would tell him that he's not positive enough!! He said the olden days baalei mussar would criticize him for not being more positive. And Rav Yehuda Mandel said, you know where the mekor for this is that you always have to be positive?

**By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck**

The mekor for this is from Ezra. What did Ezra tell Klal Yisrael when they were in galus? He said, what's Rosh Hashanah about? "Ichlu mashmanim u'shsei mamtakim." Why is that the avodah of elul? Ezra was saying that it's all about eating and drinking gishmaka tasty food because that's how we connect to Hashem, that's how we feel loved by Hashem. We have to be in touch with today's generation. We have to know what makes people happy. The ikar of what Hashem wants more than anything else is for us to be happy, He wants happy campers. When you are with your family, you want to see your children happy, you don't want to see them upset. You don't want to see them moping. You go to a chasuna, you don't want to see people moping, you want to see happy people. This world is a chasuna. Hashem always wants us to be besimcha and freilech. And that's why Hashem wants ichlu mashmanim u'shsei mamtakim, we always have to be upbeat, freilech, and shikur from simcha.



I was just reading a biography of Rav Chaim Kanievsky. It was written by a talmid and there's a whole section about Rav Chaim Kanievsky's jokes. Rav Yehuda Mandel said, Rav Chaim was very into making jokes and cheering people up because he knew what Klal Yisrael needed.

Many people told me that because of Rav Yehuda Mandel saying this, that you have to make jokes and eat ice cream, that whenever they are down, they eat ice cream and they see yeshuos left and right. People said they saw more money coming in, people said they got refuah shelemas. There's many stories coming in of how people took this mussar from Rav Yehuda Mandel, they were making jokes, eating ice cream and laughing, and they saw open bracha, chessed, and rachamim with nissim gluyim and yeshuos lemaalah miderech hateva.

## *Gold Mines*

*Based on the teachings of Rav Yehudah Mandel*

**By: R' Baruch Rosenstock**

that the family loves them to no end, and is longingly waiting for their return.

The Yetzer Hara can also try the same ploy and take us captive and say such things to us. Hashem doesn't like you, Hashem forgot about you, Hashem doesn't want your avoidah, and we can sadly believe it.

We have a job to break free from this nonsense and realize the truth. Hashem loves us unconditionally, Hashem is taking care of us and Hashem is longingly waiting for us to come close to Him. We are now approaching the yomim noraim, a time of "ani l'dodi v'dodi li" a time of special closeness to Hashem. The yetzer horah might try to make us feel pushed away but we have to realize the truth, that Hashem loves us beyond anything we can imagine.

**W**hen captors take people captive they sometimes trick their captives and say "your family forgot about you, your family doesn't care about you anymore". In this vulnerable state, captors could get away with this nonsense. But everyone in their right mind knows the truth



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## A LIFE WITH BITACHON ON THE PARSHA

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We all know, the avoda and theme of the Yom Hadin, when we are being judged for the upcoming year, is Malchus. The highlight of the day is HAMELECH! We excitedly proclaim that Hashem is The King, and He is The One that is in charge of every last detail in our lives. We are Mamlich Hashem once again on the entire briya.

We proclaim, "Hashem You are The King who is in charge of health, parnassa, chinuch, shalom and shidduchim."

Through this, we are activating all the bracha and shefa. Because by being Mamlich Hakadoish Baruch Hu, we are opening a direct pipeline of shefa in the area that we are being Mamlich the Kol Yachol.

We don't even have to ask for our personal needs, as it happens automatically. By just making Hashem in charge of everything and being Mamlich our Loving Caring Father and proclaiming from the depths of our hearts and souls that He is the One in charge and He is the only One who is able to give it to us, then Boom! We get it delivered on a silver platter.

For instance, when we say "Hamelech," and think He is the One in charge of my nachas, then we have activated a shefa of nachas. The same is true for each one of our needs.

The more we get excited and scream out ה' מלך ה' מלך, the more we can be secure that Hashem will most certainly give us all our necessities and wants, for the entire year.

So the master key that opens up all the doors is: HAMELECH! By internalizing that Hashem is in charge of every single last detail in our lives, we are bringing in truckloads and armies full of chessed and rachamim. We can be confident that Hashem, the most Powerful and Mighty King, is going to give us the most amazing year.

A Yiddishe Mamme shared: *I wasn't feeling well and I had an exam. I was told that I have a cyst and I will need to have surgery in order to take it off. As I left, I was mechazeik myself. I said, "Hashem, you're the one that created the cyst, and you can make it vanish and disappear in thin air! I don't care what the doctor says. You are my King!"*

*When I went for a followup appointment, the doctor reexamined me. He turned to me and asked: "What is going on? Did you have any surgery yet? I can't find the cyst! This makes no sense!"*

*It simply disappeared B"H!*

How do we understand this story? The answer is, HAMELECH!

Another Yiddishe Mamme shared: *I was trying to give my baby a bottle, but he refused to drink. As hard as I tried it wasn't working. I got very worried. This is dangerous! My baby does not want to eat a stitch. What is going to be? He cannot function too much longer like this. He needs his nutrition!*

*Then I caught myself and called out, "Hashem! I get the message! You want me to internalize that I need The King, Hamelech! I can't do anything without you! My baby taking his bottle has everything to do with you!"*

*With that I gave it another try, and B"H he drank the entire bottle beautifully!*

So let us truly take some time to focus on the fact that we are being Mamlich The King on the entire world and just as importantly, on ourselves and our lives.

With this we will most certainly be zoche to a year full of Yeshuos in all areas of our lives, a year that's loaded with open chessed and rachamim, and a year that we will be zoche to dance and sing with binyan bayis shlishi, bimheira v'yameinu AMEIN!

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עם נבל ולא חכם

say that רש"י and רמב"ן means an ingrate who isn't טובה. מכיר טובה. The רמב"ן and compare it to נבל the husband of אביגיל, they mention that there are 2 opposite types of people. A נדב who gives others even without being asked and a נבל who

doesn't appreciate.

Part II

דוד had done tremendous favors for נבל and then he asked for some food for his men since it was ר"ה. Instead of appreciating and showing gratitude, נבל was מבוזה. Dovid vowed to wipe out נבל by the next morning but אביגיל came running and told דוד that he wasn't really a מלך yet and he can't kill him.

Part III

She was a נביאה and she said that "let the הקב"ה kill נבל" and that night נבל had a stroke ר"ל. He had to do תשובה and he didn't, so he died on יוה"כ. She also hinted to דוד that she would like to be married to דוד as soon as נבל dies. The מפרשים asked why didn't he get so angry when גרא was מבוזה him and he let him live.

Part IV

דוד mentioned openly that his complaint against נבל was his ingratitude and his doing evil to the person who did him so many favors. We can suggest that not having טובה is the worst sin because our entire עבודת ה' is an expression of thankfulness to our Creator. (חווה"ל), Especially דוד who was the sweet singer who wrote תהלים (which is loaded with thankfulness to the הקב"ה) i.e. he was the extreme opposite of נבל.

Part V

נבל's כשמו בן הוא אביגיל mentions that very essence was ingratitude, and despite his great wealth he was a terrible miser. The exact opposite of דוד. Perhaps this is why she asked to be married to דוד. The גר"א says that the גן עדן that should have belonged to רשעים if they deserved it goes to the צדיקים.

Part VI

דוד was worthy and אביגיל did not deserve נבל

of her. According to חז"ל she was the greatest of דוד's wives. (פ"ב סנהדרין) When the נער reported to אביגיל that דוד was ready to wipe out her house, he mentioned how good דוד and his men had been to them. He includes that דוד's men had never embarrassed them.

Part VII

"They never disgraced us". Notice how דוד is so careful not to be מבוזה people just the opposite of נבל who was מבוזה דוד and according to מהר"י קרא he said that דוד is a rebel עבד against שאול and he also comes from רות המואביה.

Part VIII

And we see דוד's constant thankfulness to the הקב"ה (first and then to אביגיל) for saving him from committing a murder. He says אשר שלחך -היום ברוך ה' אשר בן גרא הואיל קלל (just like he says about the הקב"ה credit for sending him a woman who saved him from sin). All the people in his life are שלוחים of the הקב"ה.

Part IX

look ברוך טעמך- וברוכה את And then he says how he thanks twice. And then again he says חי ה' אשר מנעני -מהרע אתך and when he hears about נבל's death again he says אשר רב את רבי. Indeed, the composer of תהלים is loaded with thankfulness in his daily life.

Part X

And אביגיל is always bowing down and falling at דוד's feet and calling herself אמתך (I counted 7 times and I counted 13 times that she called him "אדוני"). For good reason she was a שידוך for דוד. Similarly, we had תמר ready to go in the fire not to embarrass יהוד and 'יהוד admitting in public ממני.

Part XI

Look at the eidelkeit and nobility and humility of the thankful types. It is interesting to note that Tragum Yonason says that when דוד said he'd wipe out נבל's house he said there'd be no בקיר it means בר דעת no. Perhaps he was hinting that the ingrate נבל had no שכל.

Part XII

This is an incentive to work on thankfulness when we realize that thankfulness and שכל go together.

BS"D

*Tashlich to Transformation  
by Mrs. S. Mordechai*

*Threads of Techeles  
made from the Chilazon  
remind us of the sea  
to enhance our bitachon.*

*The ocean brings to mind  
shomayim in stunning blue  
and the Keesay HaKavod  
of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.*

*Before our Maker  
we stood In judgement to-  
day.  
He has promised that raging  
rivers  
won't wash His love away.*

*The voice of the Shofar  
still sounding in our neshama,  
calls  
lifting us from any  
past missteps and falls.*

*On this first day of din,  
following Elul,  
we contemplate our lives  
standing where living wa-  
ters pool.*

*We have examined our soul  
with a cheshbon.*

*We have asked from God and  
man  
forgiveness for every avon.*

*We have reviewed  
any chet  
and approach the water's  
edge  
with utmost sincere regret.*

*To unburden ourselves  
into the deep and vast  
we empty our pockets  
and into the water, our sins,  
we cast.*

*Water drops, we know,  
over time pierce stone.  
We pray that our sins will  
drift and sink  
as we strive to atone.*

*We may feel emotions  
like the turbulent Sam-  
batyon.  
the weight of many,  
or seemingly endless like the  
Yam Elyon.*

*The Master of Mercy  
on High  
redeems us with  
His understanding eye.*

*We hold ourselves account-  
able  
but like Him we dan l'chaf  
zechus  
bestowing on others  
forgiveness without excuse.*

*Repenting with ahava  
we ask that our ra become  
tov  
and our aveiros now merits*

*like fish: yidgu l'rov.*

*We have poured out our  
hearts  
to Avinu Malkeinu.  
He embraces us with chesed  
and emes. Yimeeno ticha-  
bikainu.*

*Hashem is Hasholaiach.  
His wind He blows  
and with all that is wrong,  
away the water flows.*

*He opens His windows.  
Rachamim down He will  
rain  
to grant mechilla  
and to erase our pain.*

*Soon, as pure waters from  
the  
Spring of Salvation are  
drawn,  
We will dance with unbri-  
dled joy  
when our loads are trans-  
formed, if not gone.*

*Then the ocean will remind  
us  
of shomayim in stunning  
blue  
to express our utmost sincere  
and unbridled gratitude  
to Avinu Malkeinu,  
Hakadosh Baruch Hu.*

# A BURST OF INSPIRATION

With Rabbi Label Lam

## What the Whole Day is About



Just as a Mikva purifies the impure, so too, the Holy One, Blessed be He, purifies Israel. The Conclusion of Mishnah Yoma Chapter 8

It was more than 30 something years ago and I was beginning a new chapter in life going out into the big city of New York to learn Torah with business people, millionaires and billionaires, men of industry.

One thing began to concern me as I started.

I soon discovered that my trips to the Big Apple were having an effect on my basic level of Kedusha. I was mentally and physically and emotionally exhausted from the traveling and having to refocus my attention at all times.



So, I came to ask Rabbi Ezriel Tauber zt"l. what I should do. He didn't hesitate. He understood my dilemma right away. He too had worked there for many years. He insisted that I go to the Mikva every day. That meant getting up even earlier every day before catching the bus to the city.

He told me that the Rambam waxes poetic and calls the Mikva "Mei Daas" – "waters of knowledge". It had wondrous powers. If it can take a gentile and make him into a Jew, with the proper intent, then what can it do for a Jew!?

I started going regularly. It made a world of difference. I can't describe it. I felt like a hot knife slicing through butter as I went about my business in the big city milieu. The one or two times that I missed I detected the obvious difference. It was like the difference between night and day. Every day I would go and refocus and rededicate my energies to a new day. I can't see myself living any other way now.

That year went around and Yom Kippur arrived. On Yom Kippur, one of the five things that we don't do, besides not eating and drinking, is not bathing and not washing. On Yom Kippur immersion the Mikva is forbidden. Yom Kippur was going as Yom Kippur tends to go. I still don't know why they call it a "fast" day. It should be called a "slow" day.

Anyway, we were nearing the end of a long and intense Yeshiva Davening. There was more leg to go. After Mincha and before Neila we took just a 20minute break to prepare for the last push of Teshuva.

I approached Rabbi Tauber as he was resting in preparation for leading that last service. I told him that I miss the Mikva terribly on Yom Kippur. I thought I would get a nod of agreement or approval. After all, it was his great advice that was working so well for me. Instead, he gave me a look and said, "You think you need the Mikva today? Then you don't know what the whole day is about!" I was shocked. Here, the whole day had almost passed and there was only a half hour yet to go and I don't know what the whole day is about. He explained, "You are in the Mikva on Yom Kippur". You are Tovelng (soaking and bathing) in Yud and Hey and Vuv and Hey, in the name of HASHEM."

The dirt is being removed by the most powerful and universal solvent, Teshuva, and HASHEM, Himself is washing us in his Mikva as the last Mishna in Yoma declares in the name of Rabbi Akiva; Rabbi Akiva said: 'How fortunate are you, Israel; before Whom are you purified, and Who purifies you? It is your Father in Heaven, as it is stated: "And I will sprinkle purifying water upon you, and you shall be purified" (Yechezkel 36:25). And it says: "The ritual bath of Israel is HASHEM" (Yermiahu 17:13). Just as a Mikva purifies the impure, so too, the Holy One, Blessed be He, purifies Israel.'

I have to admit that for a very short while, a moment or two I felt the sting of deep disappointment but thankfully, now, and forever more I can say I know what the whole day is about.

**Good Shabbos! Gmar Chasima Tova!**

# The Spring Hill Times Bulletin Board

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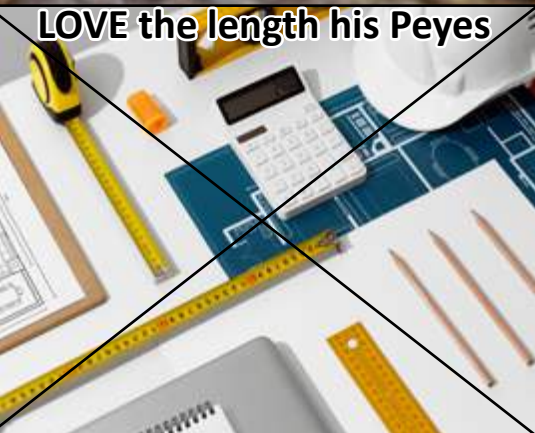


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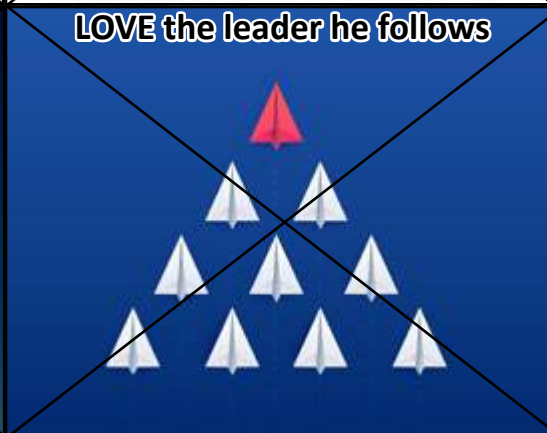
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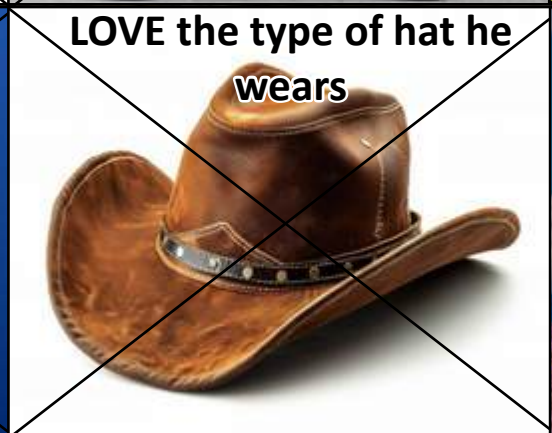
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# WEAR VISION

# BE ANOTHER YID:

Remember that he is  
part of your family!



Remember that he is  
your other half!



Remember that Hashem cre-  
ated the world just for him!



Remember that he stood to-  
gether with you at Har Sinai!



Remember that Hashem  
loves him to no end!



Give him a smile!



See his chelek Elokei  
m'mal his neshama!



Hold his hand and help  
him through life!



Accept him and love him  
to pieces!



# Story Time

Stories From 'A Life With Bitachon'

## #1845:

This story was called in by a very, very choshuva yungerman by the name of Rabbi Deutch, who had a doctor's appointment for one of his sons that Thursday. The day before the appointment, the doctor's office called to say that for this appointment, the doctor really needed the hospital records of a medical procedure that the son had a couple years before.

The father immediately called the hospital and said, "I have a doctor's appointment tomorrow, and the doctor wants medical records from a few years ago."

"The Medical Records Department is closed on Wednesdays," they told him.

He said it was very important, so they gave him a couple of ideas, which he tried, but nothing worked out. When he called back to ask for more ideas, they said, "Sorry, there's nothing we can do."

Rabbi Deutsch decided to go to the hospital in person, but when he got to the front desk, he got the same story. They said, "Oh, you want copies of medical records? Well, it's in a different department in a different part of the hospital and it's a long walk from here. But don't bother going there anyway because today is Wednesday, and they're closed on Wednesdays. You'll have to come back tomorrow."

"Come back tomorrow!?" the father was thinking. "My son's appointment is tomorrow! I really need the records today. I'll just walk over to the Records Department and have Bitachon in my loving, caring, Father, HaKadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam. I know Hashem can work everything out."

When he finally got to that department, he saw a big sign: We are closed on Wednesdays. First, he thought, "Oh, no! They really are closed! NOW what should I do??" Then he said to himself, "I don't go with Teva! I'm not impressed with the laws of Nature! I go with Hashem, the Kol Yachol! Hashem is the One running the world, and He can do anything and everything! Hashem is the only One in charge! "

Suddenly, a man walked out of the Medical Records Department, and said, "How can I help you?" Rabbi Deutch said, "I need medical records from a procedure that my son had done at this hospital a couple of years ago."

"I'll tell you the truth. We're really closed today," the man said. "I just happened to come in today to get something. Well, once I'm here, I guess I can help you." And in no time, he gave the father all the medical records and paperwork he needed, with the best service better than ever!



**#1846:**

This story was called in by a Mrs. Raziel. She said that she has a three-year-old son and a five-month-old baby girl, and the three-year-old was very, very jealous of the baby. He bothered the baby, hurt her, and did not let the baby breathe. That's a mother's worst nightmare to see her three-year-old on top of the baby every two seconds and to pull him off, over and over, to keep the baby safe.



When she shared the problem with her niece, the niece replied, "I listen to the telephone hotline, A Life with Bitachon, and I keep hearing stories of the way Hashem is in charge of EVERYTHING, even emotions. I've used this concept with all different kinds people, and in all sorts of circumstances, and I've seen the most impossible situations turn around. What you need to do is speak as if you already see Hashem's Yeshua. First daven, and ask Hashem to change your son's emotions towards the baby. Then say, out loud, that you know the three-year-old is going to love the baby and they're going to play together so nicely."

Mrs. Raziel started saying, "Wow, look! They're the best of friends! They're getting along so beautifully." She did this even though it was totally not true.

The next day, Mrs. Raziel woke to see her three-year-old playing a real game with the baby for the first time in his life! They were having such fun! She could not believe the power of her positive words! The whole atmosphere in her house changed, improving day by day until it was better than ever!



**#1848:**

This story was called in by my very, very choshuva talmid, R' Simcha Elefant. He was going to spend Pesach at his parents' house in Scranton and he arrived a few days before Yom Tov. Since he needed his suit to be tailored, he asked his parents, "Do you think the tailor will be able to get it done before Pesach?"

"Probably not," they answered honestly. "We know he's backed up as it is, and he works very slowly. Your brother gave him a whole pile of stuff to fix, and he said it's going to take him all week to get it done. Now, it's



only a few days before Pesach, so we don't see it happening. Nothing doing."

R' Simcha told himself, "It really does look impossible, but that's only if I go with Teva – with the laws of nature. If I go with Emunah and Bitachon, it's a different set of laws. It's a different Shulchan Aruch. I'm going to have Bitachon that I'll ask the tailor to fix my suit, and he'll agree to do it on the spot, right then and there."

R' Simcha took his suit, went to the shop, and showed it to the tailor. "When do you think you can have this ready?" he asked.

"I'll do it right now, on the spot," the tailor answered, and he began working on it right away! R' Simcha was delighted!

What made this story even more incredible and amazing was that a few more people came in after R' Simcha as the tailor was working on R' Simcha's suit. The tailor told them, "I'm sorry, it's going to take at least a few days for me to get through all the sewing I still need to do. I can only do your alterations after I'm done with those other jobs." With R' Simcha, who was going with Emunah and Bitachon, he did the job right on the spot, with the best service, better than ever!



#### #1849:

This story was called in all the way from Gateshead by a Mrs. Neuman, who had to go to a certain office to take care of very important paperwork. Every single time she had gone in the past, there were long lines with people pushing and arguments about whose turn it was. Also, the clerks were very unhelpful and unpleasant. She was really not looking forward to it.

"Do I really want to do this again?" she thought. "It was so hard for me last time. It's not my type to push and to shove and have to force my way in. But what should I do? This is everyone's experience, and this has always been my experience in the past. Why should anything change this time?"

Then she said, "One second. If I go with Teva, with Mother Nature, then I'll probably have the same nastiness all over again. But I can go with Hashem! He's running the world. He's a Kol Yachol – He can do anything and everything! Hashem can make the office have no lines. Hashem can make the clerks smile at me, and take care of all my paperwork without any problems. I'm just going to leave it up to Hashem," she decided.

When Mrs. Neuman got to the office, she opened the door and could not believe her eyes! The place was empty! She thought she was in the wrong office! She asked the clerks just to make certain, and they smiled as they said in the friendliest way, "Sure, come right in. We'll be so happy to help you." Then they quickly took care of Mrs. Neuman's paperwork, with the best service, better than ever! ❖



# The Bitachon Perspective

Q & A with Rabbi Zevy Golombeck  
Typed by R' Shalom Yedidya Klatzko

**Q. Like so many people, I struggle with parnasah. We find in Chazal: Someone who says the Parsha of the Monn is guaranteed to have parnasah. Is this a good hishtadlus for parnasah, or should I just have regular bitachon.**

A. Actually, the Mishna Berurah explains that the potency of this 'segula' is precisely because it awakens a person's bitachon!

The falling of the monn from shamayim is the model in which we learn that a person's sustenance comes from Hashem. We read about how *המרבב לא העדיף והממעיט לא החסיר*, the one who attempted to collect extra monn did not end up with more, and the one who seemingly did not gather enough did not fall short.

The Mishna Berurah explains that this model applies to a person's parnasah to this very day! Hashem is the One who grants parnasah, and He will see to it that one will earn the exact amount of money that was predestined for him. 1) Doing excessive hishtadlus will not give you more than you deserve, 2) After doing your hishtadlus, your parnasah will come, even if it seems that you were not successful.

When a person is aware that his livelihood is from Hashem, he gets the 'segula' of meriting a good livelihood.

In a similar way we can understand the mechanics of numerous other tefilos which are potent to bring incredible results.

- The Gemara [Shavous 15B] says that saying the Perek עליון בסתר- [Tehilim 90] *יושב בסתר- עליון* is a protection from misfortune. The Sefer Hachinuch explains that this is because the Pesukim in this perek discuss Hashem protection over tzadikim. And when a person inspires himself with bitachon, he too, will be protected from all harm.
- The Sefer Hachinuch writes that someone who is meticulous to bench with kavanna, will not lack his needs all his life. Here, too, the mechanics of this is, when someone thanks Hashem for his food and recognizes that it's from Hashem, Hashem will 'show his face' and make sure that he never lacks.

When a person declares, *ואל יחסר לנו*, ובטובו הגדול תמיד לא חסר לנו, 'In his great kindness I never lacked', when he says, *ואל יחסר לנו מזון לעולם ועד*, 'I should never lack sustenance forever and ever', Hashem will grant his trust.

- Saying *asher yatzar* with kavanna is a tremendous segula for good health because he is strengthening his awareness that Hashem is control of his body.
- Saying the Medrash: *אמר רבי בנימין הכל בחזקת סומין וכו'*, is auspicious to finding a lost item, because he is confirming that a person on his own cannot see even what is in front of his eyes. It is Hashem who opens the eyes of people to find what they are looking for.

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## Our Readers Share



Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from KisleyShevat

to be with friends in camp but no matter our efforts, second half started without her in camp.

At one point I told her, "That's it, we did more than enough hishtadlus. Let us see what Hashem wants to happen." I said to myself that if she gets a call to come, AND is made to feel wanted and welcomed in camp, I will write this to the Spring

ruch Hashem, until we realized that we were missing some documents and they told us that we can't rent the car.



Right away we started davening harder (we were saying 'ein od milvado' the entire time) and said that we were going to say Nishms when we get the car.

It took some time with a bit of complications, but in the end we got a the car with a \$200 cheaper deal!

A Reader

### Life with Bitachon

Hi I have two stories to share.

1) I was trying to get my daughter approved for insurance. I was working on it for about five months. Every time I called, they told me that it was being reviewed.



After reading the Spring Hill Times, I started thinking to myself that it's only in Hashem's hands and only He could help her get approved. I called them again to follow up while thinking those thoughts. They checked her file and told me that she is approved and we will get a letter with a card in the mail within two weeks. We got the card just a few days later!

2) I had a kindergarten age girl stay in my house for one night.

At bedtime she started worrying and couldn't fall asleep. I told myself that I can't make her fall asleep and I'm not in control, only Hashem is. I texted a friend that I'm not in control, and that second she fell asleep!

In middle of the night, she woke up because the baby was crying. Again, I was thinking those thoughts and B"H she fell back asleep

A Reader

### Tefila Parking

My husband and I were driving into the city late at night.



During the daytime there are very few parking spots in the city, at night there are even less, because everyone is usually parked for the night.

We got to our destination and couldn't find parking and were circling around for over 20 minutes but had no success finding a spot. In the meantime we were davening to find a spot and I said if we find a spot I will publicize it on the Spring Hill Times.

Thank You, Hashem, we ended up finding a free spot exactly in front of the place where we needed to go to!!

Thank you for your publication!!

A Reader

### Dream Summer

My daughter's dream summer plans were not happening. Summer-time was passing...



She wanted that at least for the second half

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I think it was the next evening; she got a call to come to camp quickly, she's needed for a job that she loves and is perfect for and for various technical reasons would not have gotten that had she been accepted earlier. She's in a room of yummy friends. Thank You, Hashem!!!!

A Reader

### Best Babysitter

I was looking for a babysitter with very specific details. I wanted long hours, near my house, and someone who doesn't take off often.



It was very hard to find this where I live and I kept having bitachon that I would find one with everything that I want. It was getting closer to the beginning of the year and nothing was working out. I kept on having bitachon.

B"H I just found an amazing babysitter, near my house, for long hours, who doesn't really take off much!

A Reader

### Best Rental

We were in the midst of renting a car for vacation. Everything was working out smoothly ba-

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# Rav Nosson Wachtfogel

## Like a Close Friend

*During a vaad, the Mashgiach spoke with great emotion about Yom Kippur. He quoted the passuk, “Ki gadol yom Hashem v’nora me’od — the Day of Hashem is great and very awesome” and kept saying the words “v’nora me’od” again and again.*

We have such an amazing day when Hashem is like a close Friend to us. Do you know what it means to have Hashem as a close Friend? Hashem gives us his undivided attention! He could forgive all our aveiros and then just leave us, chas v’shalom. But he doesn’t. He stays involved with us like a dear Friend. It’s an amazing day. We should really dance with joy because we have a day like Yom Kippur, but we don’t because people wouldn’t understand!



## Who Can Comprehend It?

We don’t sufficiently contemplate about what it means that Hashem is like a dear Friend to us. We think that Yom Kippur is a day when Hashem forgives us and purifies us, nothing more. However, the *passuk* says (Yoel 2:11), “V’nora me’od, u’mi y’chilenu — it is an awesome day, who can comprehend it?” We can’t begin to understand how amazing this day actually is.



## Stay Right There with Hashem

*When the Mashgiach spoke about how we bring our aveiros to Hashem and He’s the One Who removes them, someone asked, “So we just give our aveiros to Hashem and then walk away ‘un veiter gegangin,’ move onward?”*

*The Mashgiach answered, “Avu geist du, where are you going? We stay right there with Hashem!”*



## Gaining New Strength

Yom Kippur is a day of *kedushah* and *taharah*. Whoever conducts himself properly on this day will be zocheh to leave Yom Kippur with *kedushah* and *taharah*. If a person wants to do anything at all with *asei tov* (doing the right thing), no matter how small, he is assisted with abundant *siyatta d’Shmaya* to do so much more. He will merit new strength and abilities. With a bit of thought, a person can take this great day and get so much out of it.

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# Sitachon Lower

machlokes. Straightaway, the Alter made an about face and headed directly back toward the direction he was coming from.

Continued from page 35 The Alter would not even think of first going there at least to get some clarification to the situation. He decided then and there never to think about the inyan ever again since there was thought that it could lead to machlokes.

So to join the "achdus club" we have to run away from any shmek of machlokes like one would run away from a raging fire. If one is angry at someone in shul, disappointed with the gabai because of the seat they got in shul, upset at the chazzan for davening not to their liking, let's keep our mouths closed tight and don't make a fuss! This may just be our ticket to a happy new year!

**THE MASHEL:** A number of years ago I saw a beautiful a mashal that can explain why shalom and achdus are so significant. THERE WAS ONCE AN ORCHESTRA that was world renowned. They were mostly known for their perfection, hitting every note perfectly, and precisely at the right time. Professionals from all over the world came to try out for this band. However, they were very selective and only a handpicked few were chosen. Over the years they played in countries all over the world awing their audiences. The name of their band was "The band of perfection." One year a musician was accepted to their team, however, during the many practices he kept on stumbling in various ways. The staff approached him and told him, "If you do not shape up, we will have to send you on your way." He immediately replied "It's not a big deal, these are small things here and there, do you really have to take it so seriously?" The band chief replied and explained to him, "I do not think you understand the severity of our work; by faltering you will be undermining our entire name "The band of perfection." However, we do know that Shalom is the name of Hashem, therefore, for one to go against the very name of Hashem himself, through joining מחלוקת, such acts are treated with much more austerity. And that is why Shalom is so Choshuv.

Yom Kippur will be the epitome this achdus as it says in the פרקי דרבי אליעזר that on the day of יום כיפור the ס"מ sees that בני ישראל are clean from חטא, he comes in front of הקב"ה and says, "Ribono Shel Olam, You have one nation in the land which is like the מלאכי השרת in the heaven. Just like they are עומדים על רגליהן, so ישראל, just like מלאכי השרת don't eat or drink, so too ישראל. Just like מלאכי השרת are clean from sin, so ישראל. And just like there is שלום ביניהם, so too כלל ישראל there is complete שלום amongst them on יום כיפור.

ר"ר RAV SHRAGA GROSSBARD writes that the last praise is the greatest of the four. This means that after all the preparation of Elul and כלל ישראל will be holding by יום כיפור and the highest praise possible is that כלל ישראל reached a שלום ביניהם that there is מצב.

**THE STORY:** One never loses out by maintaining shalom and achdus. A FAMILY IN ERETZ YISROEL decided to add on to their apartment. During the construction, they did many things that would disturb any regular person, including building in a place that blocked off their neighbor's view. This neighbor was highly disturbed, yet before saying anything, he went to consult with a big Rov. The Rov advised him not to say anything and to pretend as though all was normal "you will never lose out by maintaining שלום." Following his Rov's advice, he did just that. A little bit down the line this neighbor (who refrained from saying anything) was being considered for a job to be a משגיח in a certain ישיבה. The ישיבה was looking into him and his מדות, to find out if he was suitable for the job, and they figured that the person who can give the most accurate information of who he really is would be his nextdoor neighbor. So, they approached his neighbor and asked if he could tell them some information about their potential משגיח. Immediately the neighbor gave a glowing report about him. He told them "You do not understand what a צדיק this person is, one time we made an extension to our home and built right into his apartment in a way that any normal person would at least bring me to a דין תורה if not worse. Surprisingly, however, he remained silent and acted as though nothing had happened. This Yid was hired for the position...

IN THE TIMES OF RAV MEIR SHAPIRO, a Yid was accused of using nonJewish blood for matzah – "a blood libel". They based the reason for his act on the chazal that says that Yidden are called אדם and גוים are not called adam. They said that Yidden use their blood because they are not "אדם". Rav Meir Shapiro sent a message with the defenders that they can explain to the court as follows, "When it says that Jews are called אדם, it means that all Jews together are called אדם, since they all have such a strong connection of אחדות, and that is why they are like one אדם, whereas the gentiles are all separate people, they are not called adam. The proof is in this actual court case. Look here, there is one Yid who is being falsely accused, and the entire nation is gathering to daven and help him out. If a nonJew would have a court case, would this be the case?"

The Medrash compares Bnei Yisroel to a bundle of reeds. If you separate each reed and leave it on its own, then it is easy to break each one. However, if they are all tied up in a bundle then you cannot break even one.

This koach of Achdus is what makes us strong and we cannot be broken. The koach of achdus will bring us nissim limala miderech Hateva. Says the Alter, with it we can apply what the Tur says that on Rosh Hashana we can be full of simcha, knowing that Hashem will perform miracles for us and give us all a year of life. May we all be written in the ספרן של צדיקים and all of us should have a gmar chasima Tova!

# 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: How do we understand the concept of goel hadam. Where the Torah permits or according to other opinions gives a mitzvah for the relative to take revenge. How can the Torah encourage a response that is against the entire emunah and Bitachon perspective to take people out of the picture and put Hashem there instead. Here the Torah is telling us to blame the person? And take revenge and let out your anger on him?**

A. What's this goel hadam about? Is it a mitzvah? A reshut? We were always brought up with "Don't take revenge," which is really a passuk in the Torah, "lo sikom v'lo sitor," not to take revenge. It seems like the inyan of goel hadam, where you are supposed to take revenge, is a stirah to "lo sikom," don't take revenge. What's going on over here?

Actually, revenge is really sweet like honey. Revenge is delicious. R' Avigdor Miller has a whole shiur about revenge.

He says Hashem is called Kel nekamos Hashem. It says in pesukei dizimrah that it's geshmak for the praiseworthy people to see revenge. We daven in musaf Shabbos nekom nikmas dam avadecha hashafuch, we want to see revenge. One of the gedolim said over recently that that's why we see Russia and Ukraine killing each other. They're all in galus and they're all killing each other out, thousands of soldiers

are getting killed every day. You know why? Because we davened that Hashem should take nekama. The Ukrainians were worse than the Nazis during the second world war. Russia was terrible to the Yidden, they 'shmad'ed them up and tortured them. So Russia and Ukraine both 'shmad'ed up Yidden and tortured them, so Hashem brought nekama on them, and it's sweet like honey. Osama bin Laden flew his planes into the Twin Towers and to see that he was killed, it's a big geshmak, it's fun. You don't get away with murder, what do you think. You think it's a game – to just kill people? R' Avigdor Miller explains, you know why nekama is sweet like honey? Because if a person gets away with murder it looks like there's no mishpat, it looks like there's no king, it looks like this world is an olam hefker, so it's a chillul Hashem for someone to get away with murder. It's the biggest hester panim. R' Avigdor Miller, what he used to do is, whenever he would see in the newspaper an article that somebody

got killed in a helicopter crash, he would study who was this person and find out he's a rasha, and he would cut it out and every year on that person's yartzheit he would say, you know why this person got killed in a plane crash? Because he was over gimmel chamuros, he was mechalel Shem Shamayim b'farhesia. Haser ra'ah mikirbecha. The world doesn't tolerate bad people. We don't tolerate bad people to get away with murder. We don't want hefker. We don't

want hefkerus. We want people to have accountability for their actions. So nekama is a beautiful thing. It's a very beautiful thing. It's geshmak like honey. And we daven for it in pesukei dizimra, we say it's geshmak and we want to see it. We daven for it in musaf Shabbos shemone esreh. So that's why nekama is a beautiful thing. Nekama shows that there's a Manhig, there's a Borei, and there's Someone con-



trolling the world.

Bottom line is: nekama is geshmak.

Now, let's go to point number two. So if nekama is geshmak, why does it say in the Torah lo sikom, don't take revenge? And the Chinuch says you know why we don't take revenge? Why are you taking revenge? Because you think that a human being did something to you. You think he did something bad. No, take people out of the picture! Zagt the Chinuch, no human being did anything to you. He didn't do anything bad, it was all good. When people take nekama, you know why they take nekama, it's because they're angry, they want to get revenge, they want to get back. So revenge has a very bad thing in it, it has a terrible thing in it. It has kefira in it, it has apikorsus in it. It has because you don't believe Hashem is running the world, it has because you don't believe that everything is good. So that's why the Torah says

lo sikom, don't take revenge. That's step number two.

Step number three. Now that we see revenge is terrible, if someone takes revenge he's a kofer, an apikores, he thinks that people do things. So why by goel hadam do we want revenge? What's going on? Is revenge good or is revenge bad?

The teretz is that revenge could be used as a good tool and could be used as a bad tool. Like Rashi says, Dovid HaMelech always wanted to take revenge on his enemies. You know why? Not because of a personal anger. Fakert! Dovid HaMelech by all his enemies levayos he was crying. He cried by his enemies levayos. Dovid HaMelech cried when his enemies died. Dovid HaMelech didn't have any personal hatred. You know why he wanted to take nekama? Rashi says to give them Olam Haba. To give them Olam Haba. And that's one reason why nekama is good, it brings to Olam Haba. A second reason is because it shows kavod Shamayim. You can't get away with murder. And by goel hadam there's a third reason why to want to chase the murderer into galus. You know why? agt the Chinuch, it's not like a jail, that when someone goes into an American system in jail he learns from all the other murderers how not to get caught next time, how to become a worse person. No, he has to go to Leviim, who were full of compassion, full of love. The Chinuch says that when they went to Leviim, because the Leviim are going to treat them with respect in the best way, they're going to give them food and drinks and treat them royally. The Torah wants to treat a murderer royally, you see even his rebbeim have to come along. The Torah cares for the murderer.

You see there's a balance. Mitzad echad, if he runs out of galus you got to kill him to show that you can't get away with murder; mitzad sheni, we love you, we want you to stay in galus and we want you to learn from the Leviim, we want the Leviim to give you food, your rebbi has to come with you. That means that Hashem loves a murderer, he's making his rebbi have to go with him. Can you imagine? The rebbi has to bring the whole yeshiva to him! You see Torah is full of compassion and chesed and rachamim. Everything really is chesed and rachamim. Nekama is also chesed and rachamim. Nekama is also love. So we see again nekama can be used for bad, and nekama can be used for good. And therefore, because it could be used for bad or it could be used for good, this leads us to point number four.

We're up to point number four. Bottom line is that we see there are very good parts to nekama and there can be terrible parts to nekama. You could either use nekama to bring emunah, if you use nekama in the right way it can bring emunah, it can bring kavod Shamayim – it shows the world that there's a Manhig, you can't get away with murder. And also it brings tremendous chesed and rachamim to the world, because he gets his nekama in this world and Hashem spares him in the next world. Nekama can be used as a very good tool. Mitzad sheini, it can be used as a very bad tool. Nekama can be used as oh I'm going to get back at that guy because I'm frustrated, I'm personally upset, how dare he do that, the chutzpah, I'm going to put him in his place... That's personal. If it's personal, zagt the Chinuch,

that's terrible, that's kefira, it's apikorsus. He really didn't do it, it was Hashem and Hashem did it because it was good for you.

Interestingly enough, if you look at Dovid HaMelech, my rebbi always points out, that you see Dovid HaMelech had these two middos. Sometimes he used nekama and sometimes he didn't. When Shimi ben Geira was mored b'malchus and he threw rocks at Dovid HaMelech, he said I'm not going to kill him because Hashem amor lo kalel. And that earned him the fourth regel of the Kisei HaKavod, he reached the highest levels of emunah and bitachon by not taking revenge. But at the same time he said don't worry Shlomo HaMelech when he was on his deathbed he told Shlomo make sure the first thing you do is kill Shimi ben Geira. Dovid said I'm not going to take nekama when he threw rocks, but he told Shlomo you better make sure you take nekama, because you can't get away with murder. You see Dovid HaMelech himself had the midda of nekama, but at the right time. It is a tool that has to be used at the right time and the right place. He didn't want to kill Shimi ben Geira, he wanted to show that he believed in Hashem, but he wanted Shlomo to kill him to show that you can't get away with murder. That's also emunah, to show that there is a Manhig, there's a Borei, it's not a hefkerdika velt. Les din v'les Dayan.

So bottom line is nekama can be used for good and it can be used for bad. So Hashem Who wrote the Torah b'rov chochmaso knew when to install the midda of nekama and when to install the midda of lo sikom. That's why we have the Torah, we have to leave it up to Hashem to tell us when we should use it and when we shouldn't use it, because it's a midda. A midda means a balance. You can't be extreme in no nekama and you can't be extreme in yes nekama. You have to have a balance, because if it could be used for good you need it and it could be used for bad you have to stay away from it. So what do you do? You need the Torah to give you a balance. That's what middos mean. Middos means a balance.

The answer to your question is that everything could be used for good and everything could be used for bad. And it's that balance that the Torah says generally speaking focus on the midda of lo sikom, that's how you should use the midda of emunah by focusing on lo sikom. But sometimes you have to focus on nekama. The world needs to see nekama and the world needs to see lo sikom. We need to see both. And the Torah wrote us when to see this and when to see that. And therefore, on A Life With Bitachon we only focus on the part of the lav of lo sikom, that's what we focus on. The reason why we focus on lo sikom is because we're really not on the level anymore nowadays of Dovid HaMelech to take l'shem Shamayim'dik nekama. That's not really our level. As my rebbi said from his rebbeim, when we take nekama nowadays, it's just coming out of our bad middos, out of our anger, out of our fear and apikorsus. So there Hashem says stay far away. That's why A Life With Bitachon focuses on stay far away.

# This Week

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

### HA'AZINU 5781 ISSUE 22

#### BOY HAPPILY COMES HOME TO BENTCH



A six-year-old boy [Chestnut Ridge NY] washed on bread. He finished eating but by mistake forgot to bench and ran across the street to play.

His mother did remember and sent a message for

him to come back to thank Hashem for the food he ate.

How pleasantly surprised his parents were when the boy came home right away and he wasn't at all disappointed or upset about being called home. He then proceeded to recite out loud a most beautiful bentsching!

### ROSH HASHANAH 5783 ISSUE 69

#### HASHEM IS IN CHARGE

Gitty\* very much wanted to go to camp.

The application process took them longer than expected and by the time the forms arrived at the camp there was already no place for her. She was turned down.



Gitty was devastated.

Her father told her, "Do you think it's the camp who decides? It's Hashem! He is the Kol Yochol!"

That Leil Shabbos, they sang and sang "HaKol Yochol." On Shabbos day, they sang it again.

Baruch Hashem, she calmed down.

On Tuesday, they got a call from their cousins, who have the same names. (both husbands and wives have the same names.) The cousin said that a letter of acceptance for Gitty arrived.

"It must be for your daughter Gitty! We don't have a daughter by that name and that age."

What happened? The secretary saw the names of the parents on Gitty's application. She remembered that this family had other daughters who attended the camp. Their policy was to give those who already had family members – kedima. She mailed them the acceptance!

Gitty's mother called up the camp to clarify the mistake.

She was told that since the acceptance letter was sent to her daughter, she is accepted!!!

[Rav Eli Yelen]

#### MAZAL TOV!

Shua Blumberg\* accepted upon himself that for forty days he would not speak in shul from beginning of davening until the end of davening and would learn two halochos of Chofetz Chaim daily.



On the fortieth day he became a chosson!

[Rabbi Eli Yelen]

#### HOME SWEET HOME

By: R' Yosef Moshe Mizrachi



One Friday night, Mr. Green and his son Dovi came home from shul. When Mr. Green opened the door, he was greeted by the sweet aroma of delicious challos and piping hot soup. As Dovi tried to cross the threshold, his parents blocked his path. "We are very sorry to inform you," his father explained, "But you are not invited to our seudah. This whole week you did not do your homework." "Please!" begged Dovi, "Let me join since I was a good boy and cleaned up my room the other day..."

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This sounds so bizarre, clearly fiction. A parent cares for their child unconditionally. Dovi should not need to earn his seat at the Shabbos table! Mr. Green missed the boat. A parent is always there for a child in a time of need, no matter what. Dovi as well is greatly mistaken. All he needs to do is turn to his parents and say, "You are right. I may have made mistakes, but you are my only father, my only mother." Surely, they would then accept him with open arms.

R' Zevi Golombeck said this mashal to bring out the point that Bitachon is not dependent on one's personal merits. It is dependent on how one relates to Hashem. The more one relies on Hashem to be his caring parent who loves

him without limits, the more Hashem will respond in kind and be there for him when he calls out to him. As long as one is trying to do what Hashem wants, he can be certain that Hashem will protect him.

With this great Bitachon, we enter into Rosh Hashanah. We take haircuts, wear nice clothing, and eat delicious meals. Yes, we are all being judged at this time, but that is only in order to encourage us to rely on Hashem, take security in His embrace, and reconnect to Him as a child coming home and sitting at his parents seudah!

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach! Gmar Chasima Tova! L'iluy Nishmas Zecharia Ben Aharon, Sarah Bat Yaakov, Shmuel Ben Meir, and Sarah Rivka Bat Aharon Yehuda

## ROSH HASHANAH 5784 ISSUE 116

### BIZYONOS + BRACHA= POWERFUL YESHUA

The following story was related by Rabbi Engel, head counselor of Camp Chevra of Lakewood. He told it at the banquet held at the conclusion of the summer. He himself heard it from Dr. Lapidus, and knows the full name and family.

During the winter of last year, a young lady named Malka, the granddaughter of a prominent rosh yeshiva, was in a Seminary in Eretz Yisroel. It was still during the lock-down/mask era.

Her parents were about to come visit from the US, however, Malka wasn't feeling well. She decided to go to the Kupat Cholim medical clinic.

She was waiting in line at the clinic and feeling horrible, perhaps with a high fever. It was a really long wait, and the mask she was being forced to wear was getting uncomfortable. So, she asked the person behind her to save her place in line, and went outside for a five-minute breather, "ah, what a relief!"

She returned to her spot in line, when suddenly, several impatient people mistakenly believing she had just cut the line, began berating her: "What a chutzpa!! How dare you cut the line!! etc." Malka was terribly humiliated, but held herself from answering anything sharp.

Several minutes later, it was her turn. She went in, saw the doctor, got what she needed, and left.

Outside, Malka was stopped by a woman in her forties. This lady said to her, "I saw what happened you were wrongfully embarrassed, yet you didn't answer back. I know Hashem answers teffilos especially from someone like you right now. Would you do me a favor? Tonight, when you daven maariv, would you daven for my daughter? She is going through two

difficult tzaros. She is expecting, and the doctor says the baby will not make it out alive, R"l. Additionally, my daughter has a little baby at home who is about to start treatment for cancer. We desperately need yeshuos!"

"Sure, absolutely I will daven", Malka replied. She took the names, and the lady took her cell number.

Later, the lady also gave Malka's number to her daughter.

Several days later, Malka was at the hotel where her parents were staying, as they were packing up to return home. She was about to accompany her parents to the airport, when she received a call. It was the doctor of the lady's grandchild. He explained that he had been about to administer treatment for the baby, but just had to do one final routine xray before he could begin. Astonishingly, the xray showed that the cancer was completely gone! What a miracle! The doctor continued, "The mother of the baby gave me your cell number; she wanted you to hear it directly from me!"

Later, Malka escorted her parents to the airport, and they boarded the plane with 'farewell, all the best'.

When her parents arrived in America, they received a call from Malka. She told them, "After you departed, I received another call. This time it was the actual mother (the daughter of the original lady in her forties). She said, "I just gave birth to a girl, and Baruch Hashem the baby was born beautiful and healthy! I am calling you with the good news even before calling my own parents, as I want you to be the first to know! Thank you for your teffilos!"

N.S. Lakewood, N.J.



**Hashem is  
Wonderful!**

**Life is  
Wonderful!**

**Klal Yisrael is  
Wonderful!**

*Hashem Loves You!*

**R**av Moshe Bryski shared that a Rav whom he knows named Rav Dovid Shochet once gave a Shiur in Buffalo, NY, and he shared the following story which is printed in Seforim:

In Cracow, where the Tosfos Yom Tov lived, there lived a wealthy miser, who never gave a penny to Tzedaka. Even when the poor begged him for help because they literally had no food, he would just tell them to 'Go to the baker, Go to the butcher', while he gave them nothing. Everyone despised this miser and he received constant Bizyonos because of his stingy ways.

When this miser passed away, no one wanted to bury him, because everyone was so upset with his stinginess. But when they went to the baker, who was usually very generous and let the poor 'buy on credit' whenever they needed, he said that he was unable to extend any more credit. They then went to the butcher, who also abruptly stopped his generosity. The Tosfos Yom Tov asked to speak to the baker and the butcher and asked them why they abruptly decided to abandon the poor. They replied, "This matter is a big secret, which we promised never to reveal until the death of the so-called miser. This 'miser' actually gave us very large amounts of money in secret to distribute among the poor by allowing them to 'buy on credit'. Now that he passed away, we are no longer able to continue our generosity." When the Tosfos Yom Tov heard this, he went to the kever of the 'miser' and asked him for Mechila for allowing people to treat such a Tzaddik without the proper respect. He then requested to be buried next to this 'miser'. And to this day, the Tosfos Yom Tov is buried next

to the 'miser of Cracow'.

After the shiur, a not-yet frum yid who was dressed like a non-Jew came over to Rav Shochet and said, "I must speak to you privately." The next day they spoke privately, and this yid said, "I am a direct descendant of the 'Miser of Cracow'! My mother told me before she died that she is Jewish and that our ancestor is 'the Miser of Cracow' who is buried near a very great rabbi. This never meant much to me, so I just continued living in my non-Jewish ways. But now I feel a calling to act, to change my life." Rav Shochet gave him the number of a Rav in Buffalo and davened for Hashem to help him turn around his life.

Years later, Rav Shochet was at the Kosel HaMaaravi and he met a Yid with a long beard and payos, who said to him, "Shalom Aleichem Rav Shochet, I am the Yid you met years earlier in Buffalo, NY! I am now a complete Shomer Torah UMitzvos!" Rav Shochet thanked Hashem from the bottom of his heart for answering his Tefilos in such a remarkable way!

Years passed and Rav Shochet wanted to look into his family history. He spent many hours researching his entire family tree. After months of intense research, he discovered that he was a direct descendant of none other than the Tosfos Yom Tov! Now everything came full circle. The Tosfos Yom Tov chose to be buried next to the hidden Tzaddik, the 'Miser of Cracow' and Hashem enabled their descendants to connect in a most meaningful way.

Hashem's plan is greater than our understanding! He loves us and plans hundreds and thousands of years ahead to prepare for us the greatest good beyond our understanding!

Hashem loves us!

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