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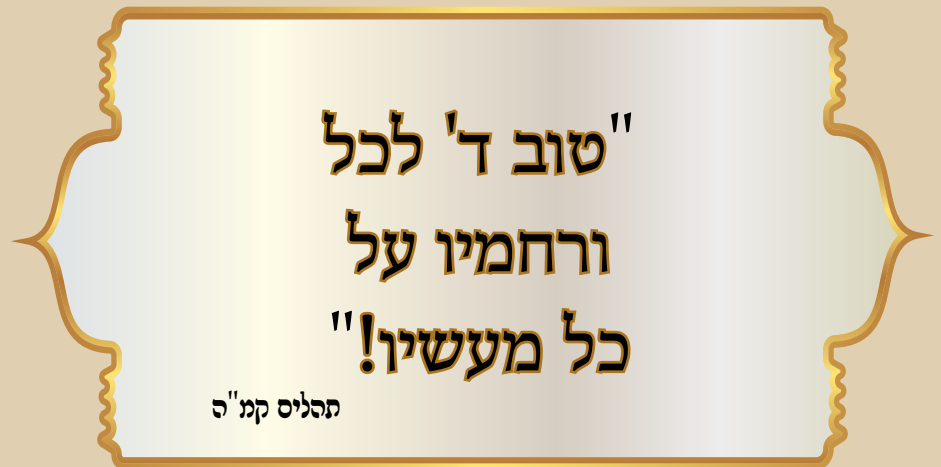
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FROM THE EDITOR



נשיא אלוקים - אתה בתוכינו

The Chitim treated Avraham Avinu royally. He was the representative of Hashem in the world and everyone respected him for that! They would all bless their children to be like Avraham!

The same is true with us. The more we represent Hashem the more the non-Jews respect us.

The more G-dly we are, the more they love us.

When the Yid makes Kiddush the Goy doesn't need to make havdalah.

Hashem made the team of the highest and most important politician in the world reach out to the most orthodox Jewish communities in the United States for their support! And after the election they called to thank them for their support!

Because Hashem makes Goyim respect Yidden who are G-dly!

On the other hand, in every place where Jews have attempted to run away from Hashem and mingle with the non-Jews, there, Hashem made the goyim forcefully say, "You don't belong here. You are not part of us! You need to be above us!" This is in the collages, public schools and stadiums.

It's all Hashem in His infinite kindness sending the message, "You belong to me. Please come back..."

And they are hearing the call! As we have witnessed over the past year, tens of thousands of Yidden, who would have otherwise never entertained the idea of living like a Jew, suddenly realized that the only safe place for them is home with Hashem.

Rabbi Golombeck and I, constantly get stories where non-Jews and even Muslims go out of their way to help or show support for a frum Yid.

Here are a couple:

- *I just had a surgery done in a hospital in New York. The non-Jewish nurses were extremely nice and not once during my entire stay did I experience a hint of antisemitism, not from the staff nor from other non-Jewish patients and their families.*
- *My wife runs a daycare. We get inspections every few months. The inspector, an African American woman, is extremely nice and considerate. There are so many problems that she could find if she wanted to but she doesn't look to make us problems. Thank You, Hashem!*
- *R' Yehuda Weiss from England reported that every year he goes on vacation. This year when he went on vacation, all the non-Jews that he passed said to him, "Shalom!" They went out of their way to act friendly. In the past, they just ignored him!*

Because it's all Hashem...

There are hundreds of thousands or even **MILLIONS** of interactions between non-Jews and Jews in the United States **EACH DAY**, where the non-Jews are nice, peaceful, respectful or even sympathetic or supportive to the Jews.

Doesn't Hashem deserve recognition for that? Don't we owe Him a **MILLION** Thank Yous, every single day? Don't we owe Him by now **TRILLIONS** of thank Yous??

The more we sing the less we need to cry!

What a wonderful life Hashem has given us!

HAVE A GREAT SHABBOS!

FRESH AIR AND THREE LAYER KUGEL



I had read an article erev Shabbos Noach, which was Rosh Chodesh, that there's an inyan to be moisef something for the seuda lkavod Rosh Chodesh. I didn't read the article too thoroughly, because I was short on time, but I saw that there was a shailoh how many seudos one should be moisef on, just one or all three.

On my way home from shul, I was passing by Zeh l'Zeh, a wonderful moisad that collects food from local stores and restaurants and gives it away erev Shabbos. They have all kinds of delicious ma'adonim, so I decided to drive in and get something extra, lkavod Rosh Chodesh. I decided to be a medakdek and get three extra delicacies, one for each seuda.

I brought the three delicacies home and my wife put them all on the blech, so they'd be nice and hot when we sat down to eat them. By the night seuda, we added a special three-layer kugel to our standard Friday night cuisine.

In the morning, we enjoyed our regular pre-cholent dishes: gefilte fish, egg salad, liver, and of course, gala. Then, as we sang zemiros, anticipating the cholent, the house suddenly smelled- AWFUL!

"The cholent spoiled..." my wife announced from the kitchen, unable to conceal the pain and distress in her voice. "The fire must've been too low"

We quickly opened the windows and screen doors, desperately awaiting fresh air and the ability to breathe again. Finally, the putrid smell of rotten cholent thinned, and our lungs once again took in the sweet cool air Hashem created for us (fresh from just last week, Parshas Bereishis).

As we inhaled eagerly, someone noted, half relieved, half concerned, "But we don't have hot food for the seuda!"

"But we do!" I exclaimed. "We have the extra dishes I brought home, l'kavod Rosh Chodesh!"

And that was our gevaldige Shabbos Noach hashgocha pratis maaseh. Hashem, in His infinite kindness, was makdim refuah l'makeh, and we had hot food in lieu of the spoiled cholent! Thank You, Hashem! (A Spring Hill Times Reader)

TEN THOUSAND SHEKELS PROFIT



Reb Yaakov related:

I work as a cook. I have a very successful catering business, baruch Hashem. Hashem gave

me the ability to prepare food that is tasty to those who eat it, to spice it as necessary, to cook it for as long as is needed - not too little and not too much, and I thank Hashem for sending me His blessing through a pipeline that enables me to participate in the simchahs of Yidden, in their beautiful and exciting parts of life.

On Monday I met my friend in the beis midrash, a friend to whom I'd wished a hearty mazal tov the previous week on the birth of his son. I knew him and knew that his means of covering the expenses of a seudah were not great. I did not anticipate that he would ask for my services at all. But I wanted to help him, so I went over and asked him, "Tomorrow there's a bris, no?!"

"With the help of Hashem," he replied in a tone indicating that this was a tefillah.

"Do you want any help?" I asked.

To my good fortune, I meant what I said, because if I had asked only to be polite, I would have been shocked by his answer. The father of the newborn answered me simply: "I ordered a caterer for the bris without portions of meat. Only side dishes. Are you willing to prepare the meat for the seudah?" I answered yes, I was happy to help. This was to be a small seudah; he wasn't talking about large quantities.

It was already past 1 a.m. I was tired from the entire day, but a promise is a promise. I went to the commercial kitchen where I cook, in order to take meat out of the gigantic freezer, and what did I see? The freezer was unplugged. It wasn't working! The

freezer had a huge quantity of meat in it, worth about 10,000 shekels. I had planned on opening it only the following night. What would have happened had I not come there in order to help my friend? The freezer would have remained unplugged, and all the meat would have defrosted and spoiled. The loss would have been tremendous.

Hakadosh Baruch Hu saved me from a major financial loss through the chessed I was doing for my friend.

I always knew that it was worth doing chessed, but such proof is a tremendous chizuk. I saw tangible proof of what I had been told long ago: When a person does something for others, he does it for himself!

(Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

THE BULKELA



One day, lunch time in Kollel, I washed my hands, and sat down to eat a bulkela. I made Hamotzi, and broke off a piece of the roll. But it didn't break off right away - the piece I held on to remained attached, and unwrapped itself as I pulled it off half way around the perimeter of the round roll. It was a piece of dough, wound into a roll, so it unwound itself as I pulled a piece off.

At the end of the piece, just

before detaching, was an entire gnat that had been rolled up into the roll before baking, and covered up by the rest of the wound-up dough! Hashem saved me from eating it! (A Spring Hill Times Reader)

LESS WORK, MORE MONEY



I was in the beis midrash, and there were some people who were celebrating a siyum masechta. The siyum aroused in me shades of kinas sofrim, because it wasn't a siyum made by great talmidei chachamim or by some

elite group of people who had committed to learn this masechta. It was a siyum made by many friends in the community who had committed themselves to learn following a specific schedule. I know this is standard practice in many places. There are communities where the members are instructed to learn an amud or a daf of Gemara every day, or an amud in Mishnah Berurah. There are all kinds of tracks and all kinds of subjects, and anyone, if he only wants to, can learn what his heart desires. And I desired. I really, truly desired, but until that siyum, my desire hadn't ripened into a decision. I found myself sitting among the excited chassanim of the siyum and enjoying some of the food they were giving out for the kavod of Torah, and the sweet taste of the cake was a bit sour for me, because in the depths of my heart I knew that I too could have made such a siyum. And then I met an



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acquaintance – a Yid on my own level, who keeps busy earning a living; exactly my type. I asked him with much more than a bit of jealousy, “Are you making a siyum too?”

“No,” he told me. “I just happened to be here; I really don’t know what I’m doing here.” And I could hear his pain, which mirrored my own pain. “I don’t know either,” I answered him, “but the truth is, there’s no reason why the next time, we should not be part of this event as well. What do you think of the idea of arranging a shiur and starting to learn the next masechta?” We’re both busy with parnassah, both of us have a hard time setting aside the time, but with siyata diShmaya, we gave each other the strength and made the decision, this time for real. “Who will give over the shiur?” my friend asked me.

“One of us,” he answered, “and maybe we’ll meet more Yidden who want to join.”

Hashem helped, and when we left the beis midrash we met an avreich who is a talmid chacham, and we suggested that he become our maggid shiur. He agreed, and at that moment a new shiur was set to begin, right in the middle of the day, at 2 p.m. Every day at that hour I leave my workplace and go to my friend’s workplace, where we meet our maggid shiur and learn together for about forty minutes. Forty minutes of Gan Eden in this world.

This story could conclude right here, but Hakadosh Baruch Hu showed us how much he loves our new shiur. It’s not that I wasn’t koveia ittim before; I learned every day in the evening. But learning in the middle of the day – that was the chiddush. Until a short

while ago, I used to work hard, and the salary wasn’t enough for me. And now, in the short time since I started the shiur, I got a call from a Yid who was interested in my work, and he wanted me to do something much easier, with a significantly higher salary!

I thought that I would be limiting my means of parnassah for the sake of learning Torah, but what actually happened was exactly the opposite. In the zechus of learning Torah, the brachah came. (Hashgacha Pratis Newsletter)

Girl Has Bitachon



Elka Fisgus from Monsey, New York, had a raffle in school and she wanted to win a taffy rope. She had Bitachon she would win and had in mind that she would tell the Spring Hill Times if she won. Baruch Hashem, she won!

A Boy’s Bitachon for A Drink



I was in school after lunch recess and my mouth became very dry, I felt extremely thirsty. I went to my briefcase to get my water bottle and I realized I left it at home. I asked the boys in my class if they had an extra unopened water bottle but no one wanted to give it to me even if I was going to give them one of my snacks to trade. I couldn’t drink from the water fountain because I always get strep when I drink from it.

It was Mincha time and I went to Daven and I asked Hashem to please send me water because I was so so thirsty. I told Hashem that I know He is the Hakol Yochol and he could do anything and even send me water from the sky.

An hour later, when it was time to go home, I was thinking how was I going to survive the bus ride home which is an hour long without water because I was so thirsty.

While I was waiting for the bus home, I saw a friend who was being picked up by his mother. I asked him if he has a water bottle for me which he didn’t open yet and he said, “Yes, sure.” He quickly opened his briefcase and took out a brand-new bottle of freezing cold sweet yummy vitamin water and he gave it to me with a big smile. I didn’t have to give him any of my snacks!

Thank You, Hashem, for sending me not just plain warm water, but for sending me cold sweet delicious vitamin water. I know Hashem sent it to me because I had emunah and bitachon that he could send me water to drink.

Chananya Endzweig
Staten Island NY

FIRE MIRACLE



We live in the Rock Hill neighborhood, in Spring Valley, New York.

My father told my younger brother to take our pet bunny on a walk, and when he went outside to the bunny, he smelled smoke. He saw our neighbor, a girl about 11 years old, and told her that it smelled like fire.

She went to look around and saw that there was a fire in the backyard of a different neighbor, two houses down.

Just then, her father, who is a chavirim member, pulled up, and she told him about the fire.

He radioed in to other chavirim members and they came really quickly.

They took rakes and raked away the leaves from the nearby

properties on our block.

Our neighbors were all home and were able to quickly take out their hoses and helped keep the fire from spreading towards the houses until the fire department arrived, even though it took 25 minutes!!

Meanwhile, since there were so many dry leaves and it hadn't rained in a month, the fire started spreading downhill towards the backyards of two houses on the block in back of us.

Baruch Hashem, one of the two families had built a retaining wall with a metal fence at the back of their property many years before, and this prevented the fire from spreading into their backyard, even though the fire burned right up to the fence and continued burning for a long time. Baruch Hashem, nothing burning was blown over the fence by the wind to ignite the dry leaves in their backyard.

The fire did spread into the other backyard, but even though the parents of that family were not home at the time, a couple of neighbors sprayed the fire with a hose from next door to try to keep it from reaching the house.

Baruch Hashem, the fire department arrived just in time, when the fire was about five feet away from the house!!

The fire burned over 5,000 square feet, in the backyards of five different houses, and it actually reached the back porch of one house and five feet away from the back of a different house, but Baruch Hashem there were no injuries and the fire did not cause damage to any houses. There were also no sheds or swing sets that were burned; the only damage was to a fence.

There were many kids saying Tehillim, even the six and seven year olds!

It also was a nes that it wasn't in middle of the day when there was a playgroup in one of the houses, and it wasn't in middle of the night when there might not have been anyone to notice.

Thank You, Hashem, for working out every detail so perfectly!

A neighbor

Editor's note: Baruch Hashem, as I am working on this article, there's light wonderful rain falling outside. The first rain in a month or two!

Chasdei Hashem!

In the Words of Another Neighbor:

Last Thursday night (Parshas Lech Lecha) a fire started in the small forest area behind my neighbor's house.

It went from a tiny flame to huge scary dangerous flames in minutes. It was 30 feet high!

It took the firemen almost half an hour to come while all the neighbors watched the flames soar higher and grow stronger, some fearing for their houses. The neighborhood men, using their own backyard hoses, attempted to do whatever hishtadlus they could to keep the fire at bay and wet as much area as possible. The fire spread so quickly especially because everything is so dry, as it hasn't rained in weeks.

Nissim viniflaos, when the firemen finally arrived, the fire was put out pretty quickly. No one was hurt and no house got damaged other than a small part of a deck.

The flames reached just 5 feet away from one person's house, yet Hashem sent the firemen at the exact moment and the house remained untouched. Thank You, Hashem for this incredible nes!

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Woman Trusts in Hashem



Mrs. Reich has a certain telephone in her house that the zero button does not work. If someone needs to dial a number using a zero, they need to use a different phone.

One day it was the only phone she had around, and she had to dial the number "zero" twice. She said to herself, "The button does not work if you go with nature, but if you go with Hashem, He could do anything."

She pressed the button two times, and both times she pressed the zero it worked!

Vihaboteiach baHashem chesed yisovivenu

Family Starts Car with Bitachon

The Strauss family was about to leave Lakewood to go back to Monsey, but the car was not starting. The entire family start-



ed singing "Hakol Yachol." Rabbi Strauss then tried started the car, but it didn't work. Again the family started to sing, "Hakol Yachol".

He then tried starting the car and Baruch Hashem it worked!

Baruch hagever asher yivtach baHashem

Boy Thanks Hashem



Chaim was going with his family to a trampoline park. He was worried it would be full of non-Jews. He said Hashem could do anything, and if He makes it empty when they come, he would call it into The Spring Hill

Times to thank Hashem.

When they came, there was only one other family there!

Thank You, Hashem

Hashem Loves His Children's Tefillos



It was Ari's birthday, and he knew that he had a special koach hatefilla. He always wanted to get a mic and a speaker, but his parents were not able to buy him one. He davened to Hashem to send him a mic and a speaker.

Sometime before, Ari hurt himself outside. One of his neighbors, a nice lady, saw and promised him that she was going to buy him a present.

B'hashgacha, on the day of his birthday she remembered about that incident. She went to the store to buy him something. She chose a mic and a speaker! She had no idea that it was his birthday and she had no idea that he

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wanted a mic and speaker.

She came to his house and gave it to him, and she saw how excited he was that Hashem heard his tefillos!

Ahavti eschem amar Hashem

Hashem Has His Arms Wrapped Around Us



Yesterday, Wednesday, Hezbollah sent hundreds of missiles into Northern Eretz Yisrael, causing almost no harm.

Each missile that did not cause harm was a miracle in itself!

Hinei lo yanom vilo yishon shomer Yisrael

Woman from Ohio Trusts in Hashem



Mrs. Klein from Cleveland, Ohio, owed a lot of money. The day came to pay it up, and she had no idea where she was going to get the money from. She turned to Hashem for help.

Not long after that, her brother called her up and asked her if she needed money to pay any chovos. She said, "Yes," and he wired her \$5,000.

Hashem is amazing and Klal Yisrael is amazing!

Hashem Listens to Yeshiva Bochur's Tefillos



R' Yitzchok, a rebbi from Monsey NY, brought doughnuts to raffle off to his students after seder. While he was making the raffles, one of the bochurim by the name of Moishy was saying a kapital tehilim.

The second he finished saying the kapital, the rebbe pulled out his name. He was one of the winners!

Baruch shomea tefilla

It's a Different Life Living with Hashem



Rabbi Avishai Berkowitz from Manchester, England, by mistake walked into a big puddle.

Instead of getting upset about it, he started thanking Hashem that he had shoes and the shoes did not have holes!

Tov Lehdos laHashem Ulizamer Lishimcha Elyon

Girl from Monsey Thanks Hashem



The Weiss family from Monsey, New York wanted to go on vacation. Baruch Hashem, they're a large family. They needed to borrow a van. They tried borrowing from many people, but it did not work out.

One of the girls by the name of Shira and her sister decided that if Hashem helps them, they're going to call it into the Ki Tov Hashem news station to thank Him.

A couple of hours later they were able to borrow a van and go on vacation!

Thank You, Hashem!

Yeshiva Bochur Trusts in Hashem



KI TOV HASHEM NEWS

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Dovid, a 10th grader in Yeshiva Bais Binyomin in Monsey, New York was hitching from shul to his house. Normally, it takes him a few minutes. This time there was only one car parked in the parking lot and he said to himself, "It does not make a difference how many cars there are. Hashem could give me a hitch."

That one person gave him a hitch!

Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach baHashem

Girl from Lakewood Thanks Hashem



Chanala, a 13-year-old girl from Lakewood, NJ was on the phone with her friend. All of a sudden the phone went dead. She tried pulling out the wire and plugging it back in, but there was no dial tone.

She then started being micha-zeik in emunah and bitachon, and she said, "I know for sure Hashem is going to help me, and when he does, I'm going to call it into the Spring Hill Times to thank Him." She then tried calling and it worked!

Baruch Hagever Asher Yivtach baHashem

Klal Yisroel Loves Hashem's Torah



Ata hareisa at Kehilas Spring Hill was sold for 2200 blatt, and gab-bai shlishi was sold to an eleven-year-old boy for 4,500 mishnayos!

Ma ahavti sorasecha kol hayom hi sechasi.

Hashem Loves His Jewish Children



It was leil Hoshanah Raba, and I was shopping in the local grocery.

At the same time, my children were playing at home. In the game they were playing, there was card that had on it the old-fashioned button candy.

My daughter and son each thought to themselves on their own that they wish that I would buy it for them. I haven't bought this candy for years. I was in the grocery, and for some reason I decided to buy the candy. Hashem gave them what they wished for!

Einei chol eilacha yisabeiru v'atah nosen lahem es

achlam b'ito.

Anti-Semitism in NJ is on the Decline



Yehuda Neuman, an eleven-year-old boy from Lakewood NJ, went with his family on Chol Hamoad to Newark airport to go on a train.

A non-Jew gave them clear directions, and non-Jews were being nice to them the entire time. They even gave them their seats!

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Hashem Loves our Learning



It was Yom Tov during the seuda, and we were discussing if a person is allowed to go apple picking on chol hamoed.

The next morning, I was in shul, and the shul has a sefer on hilchos chol hamoed. I wanted to check up the halacha. I randomly opened up the sefer, and I opened it up to the exact page that I needed!

Hamelamed torah l'amo Yisroel.

Hashem Listens to Yungerman's Tefilla



R' Dov, a yungerman from Kiryat Sefer, was invited to his Rosh Kollole's simchas beis hashoeiva which was taking place in yerushalayim. He wasn't sure if he should go because there would be many hours of traveling and it would be bitul torah. On the other hand, it was an inyun of hakaras hatov.

While he was davening shacha-

ris he davened to Hashem that Hashem should send him an answer.

After he finished davening, he left shul and he bumped into a yungurman who also learns in his kollel. Out of the blue, he started telling him how important it is to go the simchas beis hashoeiva as hakaras hatov to the rosh kollel.

Hashem sent him the answer that he needed!

Baruch shomea tefilla.

Hashem is running a perfect world.



On Simchas Torah, the shul where I davened split up the people in the minyan. Each group went to a certain Sefer Torah to get an aliya. When my group finished giving everyone an aliya, we decided to roll the Sefer Torah to bereishis.

Suddenly the gabbai came running over and told us to roll it to parshas Pinchas for the maftir.

We looked where we were holding, and we were exactly at that

spot: "U'bayom Hashmini." *Gal Einai v'abita niflaos mitorasecha.*

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Weekly News Report

Machshava K'maaseh



Rav Ariel Rayben, a chashuve Rav from Staten Island, attended a shloshim hosted by R' Goldberg,* a member of his community, for a non-frum relative.

At the shloshim, R' Goldberg and other family members made a siyum on all of mishnayos and some other siyumim.

Rav Ariel Rayben asked the family if they knew why this non-frum relative might have been zoche to such siyumim.

The family told him that two years before he passed away, this relative really wanted to do teshuva and become frum. He tried to start keeping various mitzvos, but his wife was very antagonistic and made it too difficult for him. This relative never had the zechus of actually becoming frum, but he had the RATZON! So he was zoche to these siyumim!

Bitachon Birthday



Baruch Rosenstock once called Rabbi Golombeck with a Hashgacha Pratis story, but Rabbi Golombeck did not tell over the story until a while later. The day that the story was told over was Baruch Rosenstock's birthday! He was zoche to spread emunah to the whole world on his birthday!

Mechila Brings Bracha



Mrs. Braun* had not been able to forgive a certain person for twenty years.

The Braun family was struggling with parnassah, and Mrs. Braun decided that as a zchus for parnassah, she would overcome her feelings and be mochel. Mrs. Braun called and told this person that she was mochel them b'lev shalem.

An hour later, someone called up R' Braun and said, "I want to give you \$130,000 for your business." Then someone else called up and said that they want to give him \$100,000 for his business.

Within two hours, he got over \$200,000 and it pulled them out from the sinking debt!

Chavivas Hamitzvos

Rabbi Golombeck went out-of-town for Shabbos and stayed at



the home of a very big talmid chacham. As everyone went to wash for challah and then sat back down at the table, one of the sons realized that he had forgotten to make a bracha after washing his hands. His father told him he can no longer make the bracha.

After they washed and ate challah, Rabbi Golombeck suggested that maybe he could have touched his shoe or his head so he would have to wash again, and then he would be able to make the bracha. The talmid chacham said that it's a bracha that isn't needed.; he already finished mitzvah so he lost it. You're not allowed to make yourself be mechuyav in brachos.

After Shabbos, Rabbi Golombeck called Rabbi Forcheimer to ask him what the halacha is, and he said it's not a problem to touch your shoes or your head in order to be mechuyav to wash again so you can make the bracha. Rabbi Golombeck called up his host and told him Rabbi Forcheimer's psak.

The yid said, "Thank you so much!" Some time later, that yid came to Rabbi Golombeck's house with a big platter of food. He said this is his hakaras hatov to Rabbi Golombeck for teaching him a halacha!

Flying With Bitachon

Dear Reader

If you feel that reading a story about someone who has a different Da'as Torah of dealing with technology than you, may affect your level of kedusha, then you may want to skip this story.

Hi, I wanted to share the following amazing story that happened to me:

I listen to "A Life With Bitachon" hotline every night for a number of years already and have been actively working on my Emunah and Bitachon and growing in it all this time. This past Sukkos I got the test of my life!

A few days before Sukkos, my boss, who had planned on flying to Eretz Yisrael for Yom Tov, decided to cancel his ticket due to the situation with the war. When I heard about this, I asked if I could fly instead, since I had previously asked if I could go for Yom Tov but my office had not been willing to let me go as a few of my bosses were going to be away and they needed someone in the office.

My boss agreed, and while I thought I was absolutely nuts to just drop everything and fly to Eretz Yisrael two days before Yom Tov, I proceeded to check only to find that all tickets were sold out.

I gave up on finding a round trip ticket, since they had nothing available coming back before the 5th of November and my workplace only let me go on condition that would be back the Monday morning after Sukkos. I started looking for a one way ticket, and Baruch Hashem something came up for Tuesday evening that was reasonably priced, and I booked the ticket.

I landed in Eretz Yisrael Wednesday afternoon and got to my destination with a few hours to spare before the start of Yom Tov.

Baruch Hashem, Sukkos was beautiful and the days flew by too quickly. I knew the entire time that I had a problem of no return ticket, but I resolved that I wasn't going to think about it or start searching for a ticket until after Yom Tov was over. After all, the same Hashem Who got me there when it seemed completely impossible, is the same Hashem Who would get me back.

Motzei Shabbos I started checking for return flights. There was absolutely nothing available before November 6th, and definitely nothing that could be considered reasonably priced. I checked another place which had many cheap tickets, but all of them had stopovers, and I knew I couldn't take a stopover flight. I had done that in the past. The last time I flew with a stopover I ended up missing my connecting flight in Berlin and was stranded there for 24 hours until I was able to get the next flight out. The memory of it was still enough to stop me from ever taking a connecting flight again, at least while traveling by myself.

I continued looking, and while something came up October 31st and then October 30th, the date I wanted was for Monday October 28th. I wanted a midnight flight that would land in JFK airport early in the morning. It

had to be JFK because that was the airport I had originally flown out of and I had parked my car by a friend in Woodmere, so I could drive myself back home once I got back to the States.

After continuing to search I finally gave up and decided to go to sleep and worry about it in the morning.

Sunday afternoon, I started looking again but everything was completely sold out. Finally, I decided to call up El Al's customer service to see if maybe they could help me. I asked the representative who answered the phone if they had any flights leaving from Tel Aviv to JFK, and the representative answered me:

"To be very honest with you Ma'am, I must have gotten this question at least thirty times today. We don't have any seats available, we're completely sold out."

On my flight to Eretz Yisrael, I was sitting in the middle row that was the second before the last row of seats at the back of the plane, which was across from the bathrooms. The people sitting in that last row were very unhappy that they were sitting right near the bathrooms, and asked the stewardess if there were any other empty seats that they could switch to. The stewardess and one of the men in that last row went to check all over the plane, and ended up finding 3 empty seats scattered throughout the plane. He came back to his family and told them, asking them if they wanted to take those seats even though they would not be sitting together, which while initially they decided yes, two of them ended up going back to their original seats.

I related this to the representative on the phone, telling him that even though the flight had been sold out, there were still 3 empty seats on the incoming flight, meaning that either people cancelled or they missed their flight. I asked him if I would be able to go to the airport, and if someone doesn't show up, take their seat instead.

He answered that yes, I could definitely do that, and I asked him when the next flight leaving from Tel Aviv to JFK was.

He responded that there was a 3:15pm flight that day, and then he had a 12:45am flight that night (meaning Monday), and another 2 flights leaving later that Monday. I knew the 12:45am flight was the one I needed, and he told me that if I want to try and get a seat on that flight if someone else doesn't make it, I needed to be at the airport when check-in closes, which is an hour before the flight, meaning 11:45pm. If someone doesn't come by then, I can purchase their seat.

I hung up, feeling good that now I had a plan. I knew I had to make that flight because I needed to be back at work the next day, and that was the flight I wanted to get on. I had been staying at my parents' house over Yom Tov since they live in Eretz Yisrael, and I went to tell my father the story. He offered to come with me to the airport and pay my ticket, so around 8pm we started making our way to Ben Gurion Airport.

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We got there around 9pm and I went to the counter where they sell tickets to ask about the flight. The man behind the counter responded that the flight was overbooked and there were no tickets available. He added that even if there was a ticket available, there was a waitlist for it. I asked him how to get on the waitlist, and he answered through a travel agent. When I asked him if he had the number of a travel agent I could call, he replied that he didn't.

I then told him what I had told the El Al representative that I spoke with that afternoon and his response, and the clerk answered that I could go speak to customer service at check-in counter 77 regarding that, which I proceeded to do.

The woman I spoke with at counter 77 also told me that the flight was overbooked and I again repeated what I had told the clerk at the ticket counter about the 3 empty seats on my incoming flight, adding that he had told me to come speak to her regarding buying a ticket if someone doesn't show up.

She then called the man at the ticket counter and after exchanging a few words with him, asked him how much a ticket would cost. He told her that he had no tickets, to which she answered that she was well-aware, but she needs to know how much a ticket would cost in the event that someone doesn't show up and I can buy their ticket. If it's going to cost \$5,000, then there's no point for us to stick around because we're not going to pay \$5,000 for a ticket.

After a few minutes she told us that the approximate price of the ticket was going to be \$1,290, which was a little less than what my father had expected to pay.

She told me that check-in closes at 11:50pm, and to be there at that time in case someone doesn't show up.

With that, my father and I went to sit down and wait. It was around 10pm now and I hadn't davened Maariv yet, so I went to do that. I felt pretty confident that I was going to get that flight home, and I davened with a sense of menuchas hanefesh. Of course, my test was just about to begin.

As we were sitting there and waiting, I kept checking. My father would still have to get home that night, and if he had to wait until 11:50pm to see if he would be paying for my ticket, that meant he wouldn't get home until very late. I would much rather buy a ticket so my father would be able to get home earlier, then have to wait until check-in closes. So I kept refreshing the page hoping something would come up, but nothing did.

There's an interesting feature where you can see all the incoming and outgoing flights that they have, and how many seats are available on that flight and the dates. So I looked at that also, and kept going back and forth between those two pages and refreshing them, hoping something would come up.

After about 20 minutes of doing this, I saw that the flight that I wanted leaving to JFK that night was showing there was one seat left! I quickly checked the date to purchase the ticket, but it wasn't coming up so I ran

to the ticket counter and showed the man I had spoken to earlier that there was a seat available!

He looked at me impassively and answered that it was a fluke. There were no seats available on the flight.

"What do you mean?? I just refreshed the page, before it was showing zero and now it's showing one seat available!!"

"So purchase the ticket."

"I can't! It's not coming up for purchase!"

"It's not coming up for me either."

"But I just refreshed it again and it's showing available!"

The man was losing patience with me and he told me if I wanted, he had one seat available on a 12:45am flight leaving to Los Angeles that night. It was \$800 if I wanted to purchase the ticket instead. It was actually a pretty good price for the ticket he added.

I told him that it doesn't help me that he has a flight leaving to Los Angeles when I need to get to JFK, to which he responded "I can't help you ma'am."

I left the counter and thought to myself, 'Aderaba! He can't help me, but Hashem can definitely help me! So now I know I'm getting on that flight!'

I went back to sit next to my father and continued refreshing the pages. Even though I was starting to feel discouraged because the flight was now showing zero seats available, I told myself that if Hashem can make it appear once, He can make it appear again.

I continued checking, until the flight showed again that 1 seat was available on that flight. I ran to the ticket counter and showed him, and he pretty much told me that if I can't purchase the ticket he can't help me. He also added that the flight was sold out and I wasn't going to get a ticket. It was impossible. It wasn't going to happen.

I went back to sit next to my father, and his words started making an impression on me. After all, who's to say Hashem wants me on this flight? Maybe He wants me to stay in Eretz Yisrael for a few more days? But then I thought to myself, 'if an ant would tell me it's impossible, would I care what an ant would think? No, of course not!'

I was mischazek myself that this was just a test from Hashem, and that Hashem wants more Emunah and more Bitachon from me that I'm going to get on that flight.

With that I continued checking. It was already around 10:30pm, and my laptop's battery was very low. It would die soon and I didn't have anywhere to plug my charger in.

Suddenly, a ticket showed up!! Economy, last seat available \$893!!!!!!!

I quickly selected the ticket and tried to buy it wouldn't let me. A message kept coming up that due to technical difficulties my request could not be completed. Please try again in a few minutes.

I ran back to the ticket counter and the man who had helped me before was helping a different customer so I went to a different person and showed him the ticket on my phone.

“Look!! There’s a ticket available!!!”

“So purchase it.”

“I can’t! It won’t let me! I’m trying to!”

A woman who was also working at the counter and was helping another girl who was there called over to say that it’s not really available, that’s why I can’t check out. She said the ticket really belonged to someone else and that I couldn’t actually purchase it.

I couldn’t accept this and just stood there, and the person who I was originally talking to told me to leave, that there was nothing they could do for me and not to come back. Aside from being extremely rude, I was very hurt that the ticket was right there and I couldn’t purchase it. I felt so teased, and didn’t know what message to take from Hashem. I thought maybe Hashem was showing me that He values my Emunah and Bitachon and therefore he made a ticket appear for me, but that He doesn’t want me on this flight, and I should just accept that He has a different will.

But then I told myself that, no, Hashem is showing me that my Emunah and Bitachon is working, and that He wants MORE Emunah and Bitachon from me because He’s going to get me on that flight!! I worked on being mischazek that nothing is impossible for Hashem and that He can do anything and can make a seat appear out

of nowhere. Even though I felt a sense of despair, especially after I refreshed the page and the ticket disappeared again, I kept telling myself that Hashem wants me on that flight and that He has a seat waiting for me. I kept telling myself that I was going to purchase my ticket and not have to wait until check-in closes to see if anyone missed the flight, until I believed what I was saying.

Around 11:05pm the same ticket from before showed up and Baruch Hashem I was able to purchase it that time!!

I can’t even describe the absolute elation of seeing how Hashem did the impossible for me and got me onto a flight that was overbooked, and it cost me less than what they had originally told me it would cost!! I passed by the ticket counter on my way to the gate and waved my boarding pass at the clerks there. The man who had originally helped me gave me a thumbs up, and I called out to the woman who told me that the ticket I had originally seen wasn’t really available that “Hashem made a seat for me!!”

Baruch Hashem I made that fight and made it to work the next morning. I felt the whole situation was just a setup from Hashem to grow in my Emunah and Bitachon in Him and realize that He can do anything and everything and it is all completely in His hands from start to finish and everything in between!!

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LIVING WITH HASHEM

By Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Editor's note: Many of these stories are from months ago

Mi K'amcha Yisrael!



R' Weiss,* a youngerman, was collecting for another youngerman who had a lot of bills and was making a simcha. R' Weiss went to an out-of-town community to collect for him, hoping to walk away with a couple hundred dollars. He went to the first yid on his list, and received 5,000! He went to the next yid, and received another 5,000!

In ten minutes he made over 11,000!!!!



Eretz Yisrael for the summer with her family, but she couldn't afford it.

She was very upset about it. She heard on a Life with Bitachon that vacation has to do with Hashem. If He wants you to go, He will work it out! She was mekabel to be besimcha that she wasn't going to Eretz Yisrael; that if Hashem wants her to stay here, she'll be totally happy.

Later that day, someone called her and said that they want to sponsor tickets for her and her family to go to Eretz Yisrael!

Every Step is Perfectly Planned



Avishai Berkowitz, from Manchester England, wanted to get through to someone who was very hard to get in touch with. The person lived in a different area, and R' Berkowitz had no idea how to get in touch with him.

R' Berkowitz was walking and looked up, and there was the person, right in front of him! Hashem led him to the person he wanted to meet!

Mekabel B'simcha

Mrs. Berkowitz* wanted to go to

Perfect Timing



I'm the type of person that always goes to get the mail as soon as the mailman delivers it. I'm curious; I like to see what's going on in my mail.

Today, I saw the mailman, but for some reason I got distracted and I forgot about it. An hour later, I went out to get the mail, and there was a lady standing next to a car that was parked right by my mailbox.

When she saw me, she said, "I'm looking for my phone, and I have no idea where it is. Can you call it for me? It's probably somewhere in my car."

A LIFE WITH BITACHON HOTLINE

By Rabbi Golombeck

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When we sneeze, the air leaves our nasal passage with tremendous pressure and it can reach up to the unbelievable speed of 100 miles per hour. The strong push is so powerful that it can be dangerous to suppress a sneeze. If you forcibly hold it back - it can possibly cause damage to blood vessels that are in your eyes or nose. Hashem set up this natural defense to help us let it run its course and not disrupt it.

Additionally, due to the great pressure and speed, the droplets that come out are able to travel very far. The exact distance that they travel varies based on the strength of the sneeze and the conditions of the space that the droplets were expelled to. But the droplets can travel the impressive distance of up to 8 meters.

Let me add an important point that relates to being adam l'chavero. From the fact that the droplets can get propelled up to 8 meters, we can easily understand the importance of covering our nose when we sneeze. There is a large number of germs and bacteria that gets shot a great distance when we sneeze. If there are any other people in the vicinity these tiny, microscopic germs can reach them and possibly cause them harm. Hashem did us a great chessed by removing these germs from our body. So let's not deliver them to someone else; they don't want them either. Covering our nose when we sneeze is not just proper adequate and manners; rather, it's being considerate to other people's health.

Sneezing is an action that happens very quickly; in just 1/7th of a second it's over. If we think a little bit about the speed of the sneeze, we can see the chessed Hashem that's contained in this seemingly trivial point. Sneezing is an action that involves many parts of our body; it occurs with great force and takes us over when it happens.

Let's just focus on the eyes; they are shut tightly when we sneeze. If a sneeze took two seconds instead of 1/7th of a second, then we would be blinded for two full seconds every time we sneeze. How would this affect our lives? Let's say you are in the middle of pouring a drink, or catching a baseball, or getting into a car, how would we navigate all these situations? It can really get even much more serious, it can be life threatening. What would happen if you are driving 60 miles per hour and you are in middle of changing lanes on a busy road - when suddenly you sneeze and you get blinded for two full seconds? Hashem, in His kindness, arranged that the sneeze happens so quickly that it doesn't interfere with our daily lives.

Everything Created Reflects HaShem's Glory

By Tzvia Ehrlich-Klein , Jerusalem

SHARKS

HaShem has created more than 530 different species [types] of sharks in our world. Dogfish sharks are the most common: there are 119 different Dogfish species.

Most sharks have five [but some have seven] gill slits on the side of their head to get oxygen from the water, and to get rid of the carbon dioxide that gets into their blood. They can turn in different directions due to their pectoral fins that act like a steering wheel.

Most sharks live for 20 – 30 years, and they can swim up to 11.80 miles [19 kilometers] per hour when they are attacking something.

Though most people are probably afraid of all of the different types of sharks, most sharks are not dangerous to human beings [though I wouldn't suggest getting close to one anyway].

Despite their scary reputation, *derech teva* it is quite unusual for a shark to attack a human being because they'd much rather eat fish and marine mammals than people. Experts think that Bull sharks are the most dangerous sharks in the world, though Great Whites and Tiger sharks also attack human beings.

You can tell the difference between various types of sharks because sharks come in different colors, and some of the different species also come in different sizes. And, like many of the things that HaShem has made in our world, many different types of sharks look very different on the *inside*, as well as on the outside.

How?

Different types of sharks have teeth that are different from other types of sharks! They can have up to seven different rows of teeth.

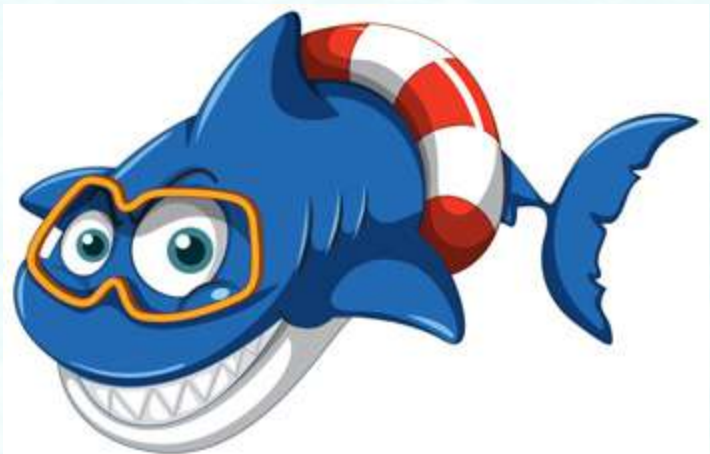
If a shark loses a tooth, another tooth 'can just' move up to take its place! How does the new tooth that comes out know that the *other* tooth fell out??!? Didn't HaShem make amazing things in His world?!

In fact, in their lifetime, some sharks may have as many as 25,000 teeth replaced! And amazingly, the *skin* of a shark is made up of the *same material* as his teeth!!

If you petted a shark from his head to his tail, his skin would feel smooth. But if you stroked him from his tail to his head, he would feel very rough.

I guess that HaShem is reminding us via sharks that things on the outside can be different, and do not always reflect what is going on in the inside!

[Material was based on Zoobooks, Wildlife Education, Ltd. series.]



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Hashem Wants You to Enjoy His World

A Guide to Discovering Hashem's Kindness
Everywhere You Turn



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Continued from Chapter 6:
How to Start Enjoying Life

A Complicated Love

One of the ways that a person can begin to fully appreciate life is by thinking about the incredible complexity involved in all that we enjoy. By being aware of the mind-boggling number of mechanisms that Hashem sets into motion just for our pleasure, it reinforces the enjoyment we experience and makes us highly aware that Hashem truly loves us.

The following passage, from the book *Make Your Berachos Meaningful* is a perfect illustration of this idea:

Using an example from everyday life, Rav Tzvi Meir Zilberberg describes how we can awaken in ourselves the proper thoughts and feelings by instilling proper kavanah into the brachos we make.

Many of us start the day with a cup of coffee. When you take that cup of coffee in your hand, think for a moment, and say to yourself, "Hashem put thousands of people to work on my behalf, so that I should be able to drink this cup of coffee (See Brachos 58a, which describes how Adam had to work for his bread — while for us the table is all set). Hashem arranged for people to plant and grow coffee beans, grind them into coffee, produce sugar, process milk, manufacture the coffee mug, pay for the Rabbinic supervision, transport the coffee, market it, advertise it, distribute

it, and so on — not to mention the people who built the house where I'm sitting and drinking my coffee.

"All this came to my doorstep from the four corners of the earth, and Hashem brought about all these components, and all this activity, just for me, so that I can enjoy this cup of coffee right now. And what a chessed it is that He gave me a healthy body and mouth with which to enjoy it, and not a feeding tube or IV drip, lo aleinu!"

By engaging your mind and heart in this type of contemplation, you will acquire a totally new outlook on life, and your brachos will be transformed into something much more meaningful. Now, when you hold the cup of coffee and say the word "Baruch," you will be declaring that this cup of coffee comes from Hashem, the Source of all blessings. It is a gift from Hakadosh Baruch Hu that demonstrates His deep love for you (Rabbi Mechel Handler, *Make Your Berachos Meaningful*, pg. 51).

Every single pleasure that a person enjoys in this world requires the perfect execution of TRILLIONS of perfectly timed systems and mechanisms. If a person develops the sensitivity to think about this regularly, he will never cease to enjoy his life — and he will feel intensely loved by Hashem, the One Who does all this good for him!

Eat Well, Sleep Well, Work Hard

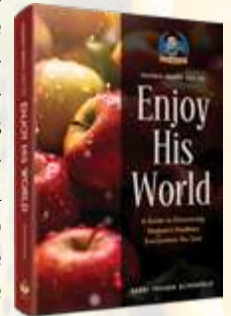
A person's moods can be strongly affected by his hunger. In today's fast-paced society, it's normal for one to gulp down some coffee in the morning and coast on that one drink for most of the day. But then he may find himself acting moody or irritable, without realizing the cause: hunger.

Likewise, a person needs a certain amount of sleep to function well. If one is run down and worn out, he may not be able to maintain an upbeat mood.

For this reason, a person who wants to truly enjoy life should be careful as much as possible to eat well and sleep well. In addition to food and sleep, a person must work. Work is crucial for one's mental health. And if a person does not have mental health, it spells trouble for his enjoyment prospects. Therefore, to enjoy life one should always find some occupation to keep himself busy.

To be continued...

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Living With Appreciation

R' Daniel Shasha

After the Bnei Ches agreed to sell Avraham a burial plot for Sarah, the Torah relates that he bowed down to them (23:12). The Seforno explains that he bowed down to them as a way of expressing gratitude. We also see that when Eliezer saw that his mission in finding a wife for Yitzchak was proving to be successful, he bowed down to Hashem (24:52). What is the association of bowing with gratitude?

True gratitude is the admission that we are indebted to someone else and we therefore humble ourselves to show appreciation to our benefactor. The word, להודות to thank, shares the same root as the word, מודה to admit, since true gratitude is an expression of acknowledgment. Feeling humbled is a key feeling when we sincerely express gratitude. As it is written in the Sefer Chareidim (9:3), 'when we reflect upon the infinite kindnesses that Hashem bestows upon us, we would be humbled before Him and ashamed if we have sinned, consequently compelled to do teshuvah.'



This idea is also expressed during modim, where we bow at the opening of and at the conclusion, as opposed to most of the other blessings. The reason why we bow is because we are so humbled by all the tremendous kindness that Hashem has bestowed upon us. Rabbi Avigdor Miller would caution against bowing out of rote and instead recommended that we should think how grateful we are to Hashem when we bow. He would say, "Don't waste a bow," since when we bow down to Hashem we have the opportunity to make it a very meaningful experience. He would recommend in particular to contemplate something we are grateful for just before we say, "modim anachnu lach" and have that thing in mind when we bow. This will ensure that our bowing is fueled by gratitude and is not just by rote.

Another way in which modim is unique, is that it is the only berachah where the congregation

also recites it during the chazzan's repetition. The Abudraham explains that this is because this blessing expresses our submission to Hashem. Therefore, just like a servant should express their allegiance to their master personally, not through a messenger, so to we should express our submission to Hashem personally. This is as opposed to the other blessings, that are asking for requests, this can be done through a messenger. We see that since gratitude is a form of expressing submission, it cannot be done through a messenger. So when we feel the need to express our gratitude, we should try to do this personally.

When Rav Elyashiv was in his final years, he required a very important surgery in which a top surgeon was flown in from America. After the surgery, he asked those around him, how to say thank you in English. Surprised, they said we will thank him for you. 'No', Rabbi Elyashiv insisted, I need to thank him personally. He practiced how to say 'thank you' in English and then personally thanked the surgeon in his own language.

An additional reason why this berachah is unique, is because it provides us protection. As the Midrash (Shochar Tov 70) teaches, when we thank Hashem for a miracle, we will be saved from other misfortunes. So when we recite this berachah thanking Hashem for 'Your miracles that are with us each day...' we are given a special protection!

During the war of independence, the city of tzfas was bombarded heavily by enemy artillery, and many Jews sought refuge in the Ari Ashkenaz shul. One time, a shell exploded in the shul's courtyard and a piece of shrapnel sprayed across the shul. At the time one of the men seeking refuge was davening shmoneh esrai, and the moment he bowed down during modim, the shrapnel zoomed right over him, saving his life! (Eretz Avosainu p.263)

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(Avos DaRebbi Nosson)

1.
According to how much a person blesses Hashem with happiness and ayin tovah, Hashem will shower him with blessings, happiness and ayin tovah.
(Zohar vol. 2 p. 218a)

2.
Whoever sincerely feels gratitude will not be sparing with words, but will go into great detail... (Rabbi Shlomo Brevdah, Lail Shimurim p.115)

3.
The fact that we begin our day with modeh ani shows us how gratitude is the purpose of everything. Everything is drawn from the beginning.
(Nefesh Shimshon, Tefillah p. 9)

4.
When we feel inspired to thank Hashem for a specific thing, we should also strive to thank Him for general kindnesses that He does for us on a constant basis. (Sfas Emes, Tehillim 100:1)

Inspiring Quotes



By: Rabbi Eliezer M. Niehaus

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The Stopped Stomach

The following true story was sent in by one of our readers:

I have been reading your articles about Asher Yatzar and really enjoy them. However, what happened to me recently gave me a brand-new appreciation for this *beracha*. I had been having strange aches and pains in the abdomen area and my doctor couldn't figure out what was wrong. He had me eat very fatty food and the result of the experiment was very clear - there was something wrong with my gallbladder. *(Editor's note: The gallbladder is a small pear-shaped organ connected to our small intestine. It is about three inches long and can store up to 1.7 ounces of a special chemical called bile. When the cells of the walls of the small intestine detect an abundance of fatty foods, they send out a hormone that causes the muscles of the gallbladder to contract, sending bile into the first part of the small intestine. There, the bile mixes with the food containing fats, to help the intestines process the fats.)*

After doing a CT scan, the doctor saw that my gall bladder had grown to three times its normal size, and needed to be removed. He was worried that it was full of stones that could leave the gallbladder and get stuck somewhere, which could be very dangerous. B"H the surgery went well, but it took some time to get the gallbladder out. Indeed, it was full of large stones, so I thank Hashem that they discovered this danger and removed it. I went home the next day, thinking all was fine. Two days later I began to feel very nauseous and sick. We rushed to the emergency room and they discovered that my digestive system was not working. This could happen after an extended operation on the intestines, as the anesthesia also puts them to sleep. My stomach had simply not woken up after the operation.

They put a tube into my stomach to drain out the food that was sitting inside and put me on an IV for fluids and nutrition. The hope was that if they gave the stomach a rest, it would start working again. The words that we say in Asher Yatzar now took on a new meaning: גלוי וידוע לפני כסא כבודך שאם ... יסתם - *if but one of them were to be blocked it would be impossible to survive and to stand before You*. I was actually experiencing such a situation. Each time I heard someone say that beracha, I wished that I could say it. I was basically fasting for several days, and feeling really awful. When my stomach started working again, I was overjoyed! But the recovery wasn't so smooth. Each time I ate something, it was not easy, and I could feel it moving through the system. I hope that it will soon go back to normal, and I certainly hope that I will never forget the joy of being able to eat food and not worry about it getting digested. Asher Yatzar has taken on a new and more real understanding. Please share my story with your readers so that they can learn this lesson without having to experience what I went through. Thank You!

There is so much to learn from this story. Did we ever think that our intestines could just stop working? Did we even know that we have a gall bladder that could get filled with dangerous stones? If we think about this before we say Asher Yatzar it can help us say it with more kavana.

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WEALTHY SHOEMAKER

R' Yitzchok Rosenthal was the founder and Rosh Kollel of Me-drash Bnei Tzion for many years. He would go all out supporting the youngerleit. One day, he approached **R' Isser Zalman Meltzer** and asked him if he could retire from his responsibilities of financing his Kollel so that he could dedicate his life to learning Torah with peace of mind. R' Isser Zalman told him to do as his heart desires, but he should first listen to the following tale:

There was a *talmid chacham* who worked as a fundraiser for Yeshivas Slutsk. He spent his days going from door to door gathering the much-needed funds for the yeshiva and didn't have much time to learn Torah. He went to the **Chofetz Chaim** and told him that he wanted to stop fundraising, as it was taking up too much time and space in his head. He couldn't daven a single *tefillah* without thinking about this donor or that donation, and he couldn't learn properly, etc. He wanted to return to his old days of pure learning and davening before he took on the tiring and hard work.

The Chofetz Chaim wished him *hatzlachah*.

As the fundraiser started to head to the door, the Chofetz Chaim called after him and asked, "What's the cost of a pair of shoes?"

The fundraiser didn't know, as it had been a while since he'd bought a new pair, but he said that he thought the price was such-and-such amount. He gestured to the Chofetz Chaim, and then parted.

He turned to glance back at the door when he was outside, and the Chofetz Chaim called to him again. "At what expense does a

shoemaker make shoes, and what profit does he make on each shoe he fashions?"



The man called back, "I don't know. I never served as a shoemaker."

The Chofetz Chaim called him back, and together they went through the approximate price of materials, and what profit a shoemaker makes with every shoe he produces. After this, the fundraiser then turned to leave, and again the Chofetz Chaim called after him and asked if shoes were made only by shoemakers or whether a factory could also make shoes.

The man assured him that a factory could do it as well.

The Chofetz Chaim asked him, "Do people prefer shoes from a shoemaker, or do they prefer factory-made shoes? Which shoes are better quality?"

The man responded that the ones made by a shoemaker are more valuable and better made.

"If so," continued the Chofetz Chaim, "then shoemakers should be well-off, as people prefer buying from them for their good work, while manufacturers should be poor. But is that the case? Are shoemakers rich?!"

"No," the man responded, "the factory owners have more money than the standard shoemaker, as they can produce more. In the end, the profit of a shoemaker is much less."

"If that is the case," said the Chofetz Chaim, "then listen. If you want to stop your work as a fundraiser and live a life of peace

so you can learn and not have distracting thoughts when you are trying to concentrate on *tefillah*, then it would make sense for you to stop. But if you realize that you are working for a yeshiva and are enabling countless people to learn because you collect and bring in money for the yeshiva, then this is preferable. You are doing much more by collecting for the yeshiva than you would if you'd be sitting and learning yourself. When you work for a yeshiva, the quantity is great, and you have the *zechus* of the *rabim*. Your reward is very great."

With this R' Isser Zalman concluded. "It's your decision whether to continue, but before you resolve it be sure to weigh each side properly.

R' Yitzchok took the advice of R' Isser Zalman and continued his *M'leches hakodesh*, cashing in on the most *zechusim*.

THE UNASKED QUESTION

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There was one *askan* from England who wanted to go in and see the Chofetz Chaim very badly and asked the host if he could allow him in to discuss an important matter with the Chofetz Chaim for a short time.

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R' Akiva thought to himself, "who would be more worthy than such an *askan* to go in and have a private audience with the Chofetz Chaim?" And so, he told the *askan* that at One O'clock, when the Chofetz Chaim eats lunch, the *askan* can come in and catch the Chofetz Chaim for a few minutes.

The *askan* was very excited and entered the house from a side entrance, anticipating his chance to have an audience with the Chofetz Chaim. He watched as the Chofetz Chaim finished eating and said the *perek* of *Tehillim* 23 like he said at every meal. He said it slowly and emphasized specifically the last *pasuk* of "אך- טוב וחסד- ירדפוני כל- ימי חיי-, ושבתי בבית ד' לאורך ימים."

He then turned to the people sitting at the table and looked at the *askan* from England. "Why did Dovid Hamelech connect *tov* and *chessed* to *redifah*? They sound like opposites."

The *askan* didn't know why the Chofetz Chaim picked him to ask this question, but he understood why, once he answered the question:

"Every person has *rodfim*, people who run after him during his life. Some people have their enemies running after them, some people have their neighbors, and others have other random people running after them. Then there are select people who are invested in helping the *klal*, and they have many people running after them, coming for money, advice, etc. They are literally being run after, but they are being run after for their good work in *tov* and *chessed*.

"That is what Dovid Hamelech is asking for: Let them run after me while I'm busy with *askanus* type of work, and there will be no need for other *rodfim* to come after me."

After the Chofetz Chaim finished, the *askan* got up to leave. R' Akiva

stopped him and asked, "Didn't you say that wanted to discuss something of great importance with the Chofetz Chaim? Why are you leaving without asking anything?"

The *askan* answered him that his work as an *askan* does not afford him any time or peace of mind. He is busy all day and night. People are coming for money, for loans, getting kids into school, changing things in shul, etc. He doesn't have a life! He thus came to ask the Chofetz Chaim if he should continue this work or whether he could stop. But before he could ask, the Chofetz Chaim answered his question. He gave him a clear answer, and he had no more qualms.

"It's up to me to decide if I'd rather be chased down by people for my work in *askanus* or for other reasons. I choose like Dovid Hamelech — to be sought after in *chessed* work."

DID YOU KNOW?

By: Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

Whenever a person thinks a negative thought, the body starts to bring up all kinds of negative memories and thoughts; and when you think a positive thought your body starts to bring up all different kinds of positive memories and thoughts. That's how the body works.



The reason why Hashem made the world like that is because Hashem wants you to stay far away from negativity, because negativity draws more negativity, and that makes a person more shvach mentally, emotionally and physically. We know that a person could be into health and vitamins, and then he gets angry and thinks about negative things and that eats up all his vitamin A, B, and C. If you want to be into health, the greatest way is by being positive and thinking positive thoughts.

Why did Hashem make laughter the best medicine? Because Hashem is saying this is what I want. Hashem talks to us through the body, and if the body gets healthier through laughter then Hashem wants us to laugh and be positive. The more positive we'll be, the more nachas ruach we'll give to Hashem, and the healthier we'll be emotionally, mentally, and physically.

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By: R' Baruch Rosenstock

When people get nervous before public speaking, something that helps is to picture the crowd as something funny and amusing to minimize the intimidation.

pictures the audience as if they're wearing pajamas.

A famous mashgiach once said, before he speaks, he

This concept is not just applicable to public speaking but to all encounters that intimidate you. There may be people that you are intimidated of, and you become afraid before coming in contact with them. There may be people who you feel pressured from and you may be thinking about their "holy" opinions all day. Instead of viewing them as important and powerful, go to the opposite extreme and picture them as something very inferior or amusing (of course, this is only between you and yourself and not verbally). Instead of approaching the encounter overawed, come by in a jolly manner.

Hashem runs this world, and all human beings are powerless, they're opinions can't have an effect on you.



Rav Yehuda Mandel

Bitachon Weekly



ויקד האיש - וישתחו לה

There were 3 stories in the success of אליעזר. First, he found out that this young girl was from א"א's family and he did קידה and השתחוואה and he made a beautiful ברכה of thankfulness - אשר נחני- ברך - אשר נחני- לבן Later, when לבן agrees to allow רבקה to go with

אליעזר it only says 'וישתחו ארצה- אל ה'. And when רבקה herself agrees, which is the final and real ישועה, there is no השתחוואה or ברכה at all!

Part II

The הודאה ספר העקרים says that the biggest הודאה to הקב"ה is having בטחון in him. At stage one אליעזר was just shown that there is a big השגחה that's heading in the desired direction - yet, he needs plenty of בטחון that both the family and the girl agree to the שידוך. The gevaldig מצוה of בטחון deserves loads of thank you. And he is thankful for the sign that so far, his בטחון is working.

Part III

It is interesting that אליעזר mentions to לבן as part of his story that he did השתחוואה וברכה קידה - we see how important are the thank-yous of your life - not only that you had a ישועה but you said thank you which makes everything stronger and more successful. If you finish ש"ס without a סיום or a thank you then there is something wrong with this ש"ס. And the same with thanking for parts of your body and all the kinds of goodness in your life.

Part IV

If you didn't say thank you for your life, health, friends, family, your תורה ומצוות, etc. then your life, health, friends, family, and גו"מ are all lacking - they aren't complete. In fact, עיקר חסר מן - they are totally lacking and ח"ו won't last since they aren't appreciated.

Part V

Your thankfulness in the story of your life is part of your story and in fact - the main part! When you say thank you about something - you are bringing a ברכה into it and the שכונה is שורה on it. I'm sure all ברכות הנהנין bring a ברכה to the food you eat!

Part VI

When לבן agrees to the שידוך then אליעזר thanks less since less בטחון is needed, since now all we need is the הסכמה of רבקה herself. He is just without קידה and without a ברכה. Perhaps because less בטחון is needed since he's almost at his goal. And when רבקה agrees then no more thank

you and השתחוואה! Why not?

Part VII

Perhaps א"א felt that since he had to spend the lion's share of his life having בטחון to some day having children - so he took the message that the עיקר in his life is בטחון! Indeed! עיקר נתינתה תורה בטחון (גר"א ז"ל).

Part VIII

And notice how א"א twice built מזבח when he was told by הקב"ה that he'll have children. But when יצחק was finally born - no מזבח and no השתחוואה! By the way, what we notice is a striking similarity between אליעזר and א"א. They are always thanking and building מזבח as a gesture of thankfulness before the final ישועה sounds very similar to all the דיינו of ולא הר סיני. Even נתן לנו את התורה דיינו! לא קרע לנו את הים דיינו.

Part IX

A yid thanks for every stage of goodness and every good sign of a ישועה even if it didn't happen yet! And we say דיינו not because we have בטחון in a finalized ישועה since we say דיינו without getting the גמר of what we want. We are happy with the unfinished present.

Part X

These are major יסודות. This is the opposite of impatience which caused the #1 העגל. We enjoy every moment instead of worrying about the future. Despite the fact that we are happy with our בטחון in a good future we still have plenty of worry mixed into our בטחון. And perhaps this is why so many "בעלי בטחון" don't succeed.

Part XI

Building a מזבח of being משתחוואה shows a major satisfaction with the present situation. You're doing a positive action and not just saying thank you. In Navardok and in Brisk they held that working on בטחון is much better than actually getting what you want. The Alter ז"ל once cried when he got his desire since now there was no sweeter and more delicious הבטחון! The true בטחון is : בלשון חוה"ל :

the relaxing גשמק of being זוכה - מנוחת נפש הבוטח בטחון.

Part XII

Look how אברהם and אליעזר gets more carried away while they work on בטחון than when the ישועה actually comes! Perhaps this is a support in understanding the העקידה - the final result (יצחק) wasn't the עיקר in his life!



Ahavas Yisrael

The Chinuch Chaburah

R' Tzvi Moshe Schultz

Twelve Shevatim

- The first division that there ever was in the Jewish people was amongst the sons

of Yaakov.

Avrohom Avinu had two children: Yitzchok and Yishmael. Only Yitzchok and his children were considered to be part of the Jewish people. Yishmael was left out.

Similarly, Yitzchok had two children: Yaakov and Esav. Only Yaakov and his children were considered to be part of the Jewish people. Esav was left out. Some meforshim explain that this was the reason that the brothers hated Yosef. They suspected him, that when he brought negative reports about them to their father Yaakov, he was trying to continue this same pattern, and have the Jewish people only continue through Yosef and his children, while the other brothers would be left out. However, in the end, it wasn't so.

The Gemara Pesachim 56a says that before his death, Yaakov Avinu attempted to reveal to his sons when Moshiach would arrive. However, the Shechinah was then removed from him, and he was not able to. He then suspected that perhaps one of his children was not worthy, just like Yishmael and Esav. The brothers then all said in unison: שמת אחד ישראל ה' אלקינו ה' אחד. Yisroel is another name for Yaakov. They were telling Yaakov that they all believe in Hashem. Yaakov then gratefully praised Hashem and said: ברוך שם ועד כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד. He was grateful that all of the brothers were tzadikim, and that all of them would be included in the Jewish people.

- The families of Yaakov's twelve sons became the twelve shevatim of Klal Yisroel. פרקי "דרבי אליעזר מב" says that when Bnei Yisroel left Mitzrayim and crossed the Yam Suf, the sea actually split into twelve separate lanes, and each shevet crossed by itself. At the same time, it says that the walls of the Sea were see-through, and they could see the other shevatim crossing next to them. We learn from this Medrash two important lessons:

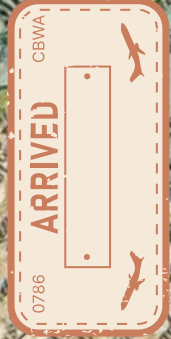
1. Each shevet is different. They have different ways of serving Hashem, and those differences should be maintained.
2. Each shevet still sees the others. This means that they are still connected to the other shevatim and show them respect.

- The Gemara quotes from the ארז"ל that each shevet had a different nusach of tefillah which went up to Shomayim through a different gate.

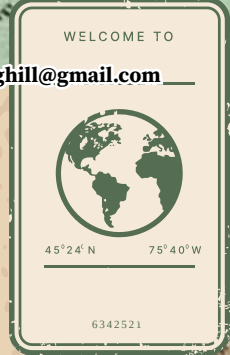
Aside from tefillah, in general each shevet had a different way of serving Hashem. Some of those differences were obvious. For example, the shevatim of Yisachar and Zevulun arranged a partnership between them. Yisachar would sit in their tents, learning Torah. Meanwhile, Zevulun would go out to sea to do business, and would make enough money to support Yisachar. In return, Zevulun would share in the reward for Yisachar's Torah learning.

Other differences may not have been apparent but were in the heart. For example, in Parshas Naso, it describes the donations that each shevet brought to the Mishkan on behalf of his shevet. Each donation is actually the same, which raises the question of why the Torah, which

lets get to know our family



For



is so careful to conserve words, repeats the same list of donations twelve times. The Midrash Rabbah explains that although the donations were the same, their intentions were completely different.

- When Bnei Yisroel conquered Eretz Yisroel, they divided up the land, with each shevet living in a separate location. Nevertheless, they were united as one Jewish kingdom.

This lasted until the reign of Rechavam, the son of Shlomo. Rechavam ruled with a heavy hand and raising the taxes. Ten shevatim revolted and created a new kingdom, with their king Yeravam. From then on, there were two kingdoms: the Northern Kingdom of Yisroel, with ten shevatim, and the Southern Kingdom of Yehudah (which also included shevet Binyamin).

Throughout their history, these two kingdoms were almost always fighting. In addition, Yeravam was concerned that when the people went to the Beis Hamikdash, which was in the Kingdom of Yehudah, they would respect their king more, and stop following him. So, he put guards on the roads and prevented people from going to the Beis Hamikdash. Instead, he built two alternate temples in Yisroel, which had statues of cows that people began to serve. So, we see that machlokes leads to both שפיכות דמים and עבודה זרה, two of the worst aveiros in the Torah.

- Eventually, the ten tribes of the Kingdom of Yisroel were conquered and exiled by the Kingdom of Ashur. They became separated from the rest of the Jewish people called the Ten Lost Tribes [That's why all Jews today descend only from the Shevatim of Levi, Yehudah, or Binyomin]. 'תרגום יונתן שמות לד' says that they were brought past the River Sambatyon. This is an unknown river, which supposedly cannot be crossed.

Nowadays, there are various theories about different peoples living in Afghanistan, Japan, and all over, that have similar customs to Judaism, and maybe they're from the Ten Lost Tribes. However, ultimately, we do not know what happened to the Ten Lost Tribes.

There is a machlokes Tannaim in Sanhedrin 110b about whether the Ten Lost Tribes will return in the times of Moshiach, or whether they are lost forever.

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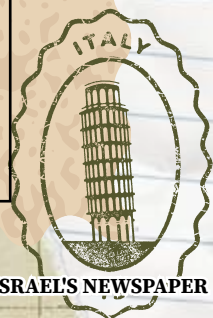
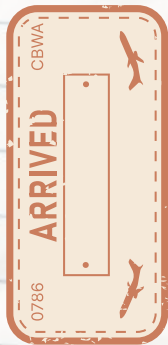
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A BURST OF INSPIRATION

With Rabbi Label Lam

Be a Window



And [food] was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have spoken my words." And he said, "Speak." And he said, "I am a servant of Avraham!" (Breishis 24:33-34)

This is one of the most remarkable accounts in the entire Torah. Rashi says it all when the Torah begins to record Eliezer's repetition of the narrative we just read about. "Rabbi Acha said: The ordinary conversation of the servants of the Patriarchs is more beloved before the Omnipresent than the Torah of their sons, for the section dealing with Eliezer is repeated in the Torah, whereas many fundamentals of the To-



rah were given only through allusions." Yes, Eliezer gets more airtime in the Torah than almost anybody else. How is that possible? Why is that so? What are we to learn from the fact that this man whom Avraham deemed unworthy to have his daughter marry Yitzchok, is still so revered in the Torah?! Eliezer was from a cursed lineage. He would have been voted in his high school class least likely to be featured in the Holy Torah and yet here he is dominating the stage. What is this all about!? What do we learn!?

One important factor here is revealed by the fact that Eliezer's name is not mentioned even once in the entire episode. He only refers to himself as the servant of Avraham. This is the summary of his identity. He is not playing the role of himself. He is not acting as the authentic man expressing his raw feelings and doing what he pleases. Just the opposite is true.

He has totally quieted and subdued his ego and sublimated his own wishes to his master, Avraham. He is a messenger and a loyal extension of Avraham. It is as if we are watching and listening to Avraham. He has made himself into a vessel to accomplish only what Avraham wants. Eliezer himself is almost non-existent and by choice he has rendered his own personal agenda worthless in comparison to Avraham's mission. He is such a big hero because he has made himself into a zero!

Years ago, I was asked to be a master of ceremonies – MC at a Yeshiva Dinner.

I reviewed and studied my role as the MC and in my opening marks I declared, "The job of the MC is to be a window to allow the light of the main featured speakers to shine through.

That's what it means to be an Eved – a Servant, and an Eved HASHEM a Servant of HASHEM. Reb Yeruchem Levovitz writes in one of his Mussar Essays on Pesach that the measure of a Jew, the truest indicator of his greatness, is how big of an Eved HASHEM he is. The Jewish People did not exit Mitzraim to become free. That is less than half the story. We became available to become servants of HASHEM.

The Ramchal writes in Derech Etz Chaim that a person should take some time each day to contemplate what Avraham and Moshe and Dovid did to attract the attention of HASHEM.

What did Eliezer do? He made himself a zero. He did his job. He made himself into a window to allow the light of Avraham to shine through and so our job is to become a window, to polish that window, and to allow the light of HASHEM to shine through us to the whole world. Be a window! **Good Shabbos!**

By: Rabbi Chaim Tzvi Blau

Bitachon Power

The Quote - The Lesson - The Story

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

Compiled especially for the Heilige "Spring Hill Times"

The Quote: "In the Gemara (Berachos 60.) it relates, Yehuda Bar Nosson was walking behind Rav Hamnuna. Yehuda Bar Nosson sighed. Rav Hamnuna said to him, "Are you trying to bring suffering upon yourself?" It is written (Eyov 3 :25) "The object that I feared (because I feared) came upon me." Because of that it says (Devarim 20: 1), When you go out to war ... and you see horses and chariots ... don't be afraid of them."

THE LESSON: What makes this so incredible and amazing is that we see source after source How Hashem does not want to have fears and worries rather Hashem wants us to live calm with simcha and menuchas Hanefesh mamesh.

THE STORY: I want to share with you a small story that has a tremendous yesod for life to always keep in mind. I heard this story from one of my Rebbeim. Rav Don Segal Shlita once came to the airport and one of the staff members there was giving them a rough time to the extent that they realized that one of them would need to travel all the way back for an hour to get a different passport. The gabbai there gave like a sigh of annoyance saying, "Oish"! Rav Don Segal shlita turned to hum and said "Asur Lehagid "oish"! Rav Segal explained that saying oish is as if you are saying that this situation was not divinely ordained and setup exactly this way by Hashem Yisbroch.

I will share with you another story about Rav Don Shlita where we can also see that if we keep Hashem's Toirah and Mitzvos we need not worry about how Hashem will give us our parnassa.

KOBY, The Story 2: A NON-OBSERVANT JEW owned an ATV company up north in Eretz Yisroel. He also worked for a wood business delivering wooden benches for Yeshivas and Shuls. One of Koby's wood deliveries was to the shul of the great Mashgiach HaRav Don Segal Shlita. He came in with his long pony

and asked around if he could get a bracha from the big Rabbi. They took one look at Koby and thought to themselves, "Would Reb Don give this person a ברכה?" They told him, "You know that it is extremely difficult to meet with Reb Don Segal because he is a very busy man." Koby was disappointed. As he began walking out of the building with the Gabai, to their surprise, they saw none other than Reb Don Segal himself walking down the steps in their direction. Koby told Reb Don Segal that he wanted a ברכה.

Reb Don Segal asked him, "Do you keep שבת?" Koby replied, "שבת is my busiest day of the week. That is when people have time off and they come ATVing. I make more in that one day than any other day of the week. There is no way I can stop working on שבת." Reb Don Segal told him, "Only if you stop working on שבת, will you have ברכה, as it says כי ונלכה כי לקראת שבת לנו ונלכה כי היא מקור הברכה." Koby left and everyone who was present thought that was the end of the story.

They were all quite surprised when Koby called up 2 weeks later, and told them that he needed to speak to the Rabbi urgently. He related that the following שבת he kept his business open as usual, yet something was really bothering him in the back of his mind. By the time the next Friday arrived he made his decision, and he told the entire staff that they should not come the next day because he was going to be closed on שבת. "All of my workers told me that I was crazy for doing such a thing! They tried talking me out of it, but to no avail, I had made up my mind. I was insistent that I and my entire staff would not work that שבת." The whole שבת the phone was ringing with clients non-stop, yet Koby was keeping שבת. Koby continued to tell everyone "I can testify that the following day (Sunday) I had so much business. I made more that Sunday than I had on any שבת that I was open!

Postscript: Now Koby is a complete Baal Teshuva and because there is no religious school for his children nearby, he drives every day to Meron to bring his daughter to school.



Chizuk Corner

Rabbi Y. Y. Friedman

Let me share with you a personal story that just happened.

I was about to enter a big store with my son, when an elderly women approached me huffing and puffing. She told me the following.

"I am not Jewish but I love the Jewish people and I think they are the most amazing people on this planet".

"Wow," I responded, "that is a great compliment to the Jewish people," but she wasn't finished yet.

She then told me that she feels bad to what the Jewish people have gone through especially last year October seventh.

Then she added something fascinating. She told me that although she is not Jewish she prays each day, and she is praying for something impossible, but with G-d anything is possible.

She is praying that the day should come when love for every person should be restored to humanity.

She concluded that she had pledged to give over this message to the first Jew that she would meet, and here we are. I thanked her for her words and we parted.

My first thoughts after that as I stood there rooted to that spot was, wow that was lots of chizuk. Then my thoughts started racing and I realized a few things that I would like to share with our readers.

Firstly, I would have loved to tell her that what she thinks is impossible will actually become a reality very very soon with the coming of Moshaiach.

Another thing I realized that Hashem was sending me a personal message which I will

share with all of you.

I got the chills when I remembered what the Baal Shem Tov used to teach his students. He would tell them that Hashem is constantly sending us messages and it can come from very unexpected sources.

The story continues that all of a sudden a non- Jew appeared and asked them if they needed anything to fix. The students responded that they don't. He retorted, "Of course you have what to fix, you just don't want to."

The Baal Shem Tov then turned to his students and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear the message from Heaven? Yes, we do have lots to fix but we don't want to do it."

So at that time, I felt that Hashem was sending me a message through this elderly women.

I am constantly looking for ways how to enhance the concept of anticipating Moshiach. After all we can all hear the footsteps of Moshiach at this time, but how can I look forward to Moshiach?

So here is one idea that this elderly women eluded to. Imagine a world where love for another person is going strong. Imagine a time when every time we encounter another person (especially a fellow Yid), we will greet each other with delight with love and tremendous joy.

Can we imagine a world that's full of positivity, and where negativity is but a thing of the past. All the news in the world will consist of nothing but all the good that is happening (like the Spring Hill Times).

Most importantly, it will be a world that will be full of love for the Creator and Sustainer

of the universe: Hashem Yisbarach. We will walk around thinking and feeling all the love that we are enveloped in.

As for now as we are waiting anxiously for this time we are full of Emuna and Bitachon. This trait helps us tap into the times of Moshiach (perhaps that's why the Spring Hill Times got this name).

It's with Emuna and Bitachon that we can already celebrate the joy of Moshiach as if we already have it.

Let me bring a Mashal from Rav Yechezkel Sarna that was told over by Rav Moshe Sorotzkin Shlit"a.

Many years ago there was a poor man who bought a lottery ticket, and to his good fortune he won. He was notified that in one week's time he should come down and receive his fortune.

The man went running home full of ecstasy and entered his house, dancing. He immediately ordered a huge feast to celebrate his great fortune.

A neighbor hearing the noise, came running over to see if he could be of help. When he looked inside the house he stood there with his mouth agape. Why was the poor family dancing? What was there to dance about in this house?

The (former) poor man pointed to his ticket and exclaimed "I won I am rich". The neighbor looked at the rickety table, the shabby clothing and said "but all I see is poverty. I don't see any riches here?"

The happy man responded. "It's true that right now I don't really have anything but with this

lucky ticket I will be able to pick up my fortune very very soon."

Said Rav Yechezkel Sarna, we Yidden right now may be sitting in Galus with our difficulties. However, we need to understand and realize that we have the lucky ticket. Hashem promised that He will take us out and we will be rich like never before (physically, and spiritually which is the main thing).

When we have Emuna and Bitachon that Hashem will take us out of Galus and we are waiting anxiously for this, that brings us tremendous simcha.

In fact the Aruch HaShulchan says that the reason why we sing Hallel on Rosh Chodesh is for this reason. We have Bitachon that Hashem will take us out very soon because we have the winning ticket.

Klal Yisroel is working on Emuna and Bitachon. There are hotlines all over the world that are pounding Yesodos of Emuna and Bitachon daily which is bringing Moshiach closer and closer.

Then there are papers and even a weekly magazine that is pounding Klal Yisroel with Yesodos in Emuna, Bitachon, positivity and love for Hashem and with our fellow Yidden.

May we be zoche all together with hearts of unity and love for our brothers and Hashem . may we find ourselves in Yerushalayim with hearts full of joy and with much laughter as it says in the Passuk "Az Yimalei schok pinu" Amein.



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מספרת לנו התורה על השליחות שהוטלה על אליעזר עבד אברהם
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אליעזר עבד אברהם מכונה בתורה

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והדקדוק למלא את רצון אברהם.

"זקן ביתו" כדרך שאברהם נעשה זקן והשיג שלמות רוחנית כך עבדו נעשה "זקן" ע"י שאליעזר שהיה במחיצתו של אברהם קנה גם הוא חכמה והתעלה. כדי שיוכל למלא את רצון אברהם, "המושל" אליעזר היה במדרגה שהחכמה שקנה למלא את רצונו של אברהם הקנתה לו את האפשרות להיות מושל בביתו של אברהם. לשביעות רצונו של אברהם.

לכאורה מציאת אשה ליצחק היתה אמורה להיות משימה קלה. שהרי משפחת אברהם היתה מפורסמת בעשירותה ונכבדת בשמה. ומי לא ירצה להיזבק בזרע אברהם. והרי אברהם היה מבורך "בכל" כל משפחה ללא ספק הייתה מציעה את בתה לאלי-עזר בלי שאליעזר היה צריך לטרוח מרובה.

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דווקא בגלל המעמד הגבוה של אברהם דווקא בגלל רום תפקידו של אליעזר המושל בכל. ידע אליעזר את סכנת שכחת ה' וההס-תמכות על הפרסום והכבוד והעושר הרב

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Nkasef HaNekudos

THE ULTIMATE PLAN

By Mrs. S. Mordechai
(Parshas Chayei Sarah))

Every step felt like
a fork in the road
that placed on our
shoulders a heavy load.

Should we go
forward or turn back.
Of options we certainly
had no lack.

As the best path
we sought,
each choice
with tension was fraught.

Then we saw
the light!
Everything
is perfect, just right!:

The ish was sent to find
a bride for his master’s son.
The kalla had already
been selected by the Holy One.
The baby girl: the future wife,
was born just as her future
husband was willing to sacrifice
his life.
Showing exacting hashgacha,

she was born into just the right mish-
pacha.

When the journey took three hours in-
stead of seventeen days,
it was obvious that the Ultimate Plan-
ner helps in wondrous ways!

Even before the ish finished davening,
he was astonished to find that just as
he had in mind,
his prayers had already been heard
and answered!

Exactly as the ish had requested:
the selected girl appeared in sight,
coming out at just the right
moment to the spring.

She knew her jug she
should bring
so she could draw water and pour,
although she had never done
so before.

When the ish asked her for a swallow,
her response was to follow:
“Drink, my lord” and after the mentch,
she offered to draw gallons upon gal-
lons of water for his camels’ thirst to
quench.

The water rose to meet her flask,
miraculously facilitating the
girl’s task
as she labored gratis,
providing another amazing example
of hashgacha pratis.

Finally, the girl made the decision
that allowed the ish to successfully
complete his mission:

She would return with the Ish to marry
his master’s son,
just as planned by The Ultimate Plan-

ner, The Holy One,
Yishtabach Shemo,
showing once again that:
Ayn Od Milvado!

These events provide
the ultimate proof
that the Ultimate Planner
is never aloof.

Every detail was part
of the Ultimate Plan
for the girl, her husband, the master,
and the man.

Now we are unburdened
of our heavy load
each time we reach
a fork in the road.

We can proceed without
the weight of boulders
bearing down
upon our shoulders.

We can rest assured that everything
always goes exactly as planned
by the Ultimate Planner
guided by the Ultimate Hand.

With unquenchable gratitude to the Ultimate
Planner, Yishtabach Shemo, for His Exacting
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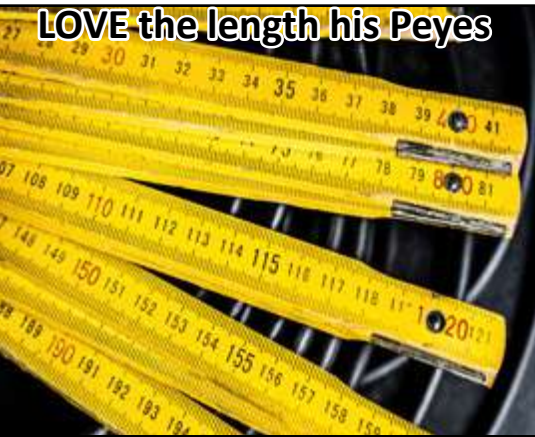
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LOVE the length his Peyes



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ANOTHER YID:

Remember that he is part of your family!



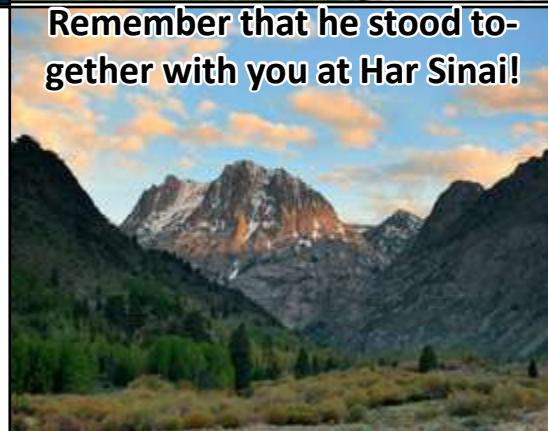
Remember that he is your other half!



Remember that Hashem created the world just for him!



Remember that he stood together 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'

Edited by Sari Grunwald

#1862: This story was called in by Miri* Rosenfeld. She went with a group of her friends to a random park to study for a test. After they were there for a while, they needed a ride back. They called different people, fathers, mothers, relatives, but nobody was able to pick them up.

They thought, "Oh, what should we do? We're in this random park. Nobody else is here. It's getting late. Nobody's able to pick us up. We're far away. What are we going to do?"

Then they said, "One second, Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the one in charge. Let's all be mechazeik." They sang "Hakol Yachol."

Suddenly, they saw a bus. It was one of their neighbors, a frum yid who is a teacher and drives a bus in their neighborhood. He asked them, "Do you need a ride anywhere?"

Miri said, "Yes!"

He said, "I just finished my route, and I came to this park just for two minutes, just to breathe, just to air out. I'm going right back home. If you want, I can give you door-to-door service, free of charge!"



#1863: This story's been called in by a very, very chashuva yungerman by the name of R' Binyamin Prater. Not too long ago, he had a baby. Many times, his baby was cranky. He thought to himself, 'Wouldn't it be nice if I would have a rocking chair to sit on. I'd be able to rock back and forth to calm down my baby?' Then he thought, 'Do we really want to spend money on it? Is it really worth it? Is it so important? It would be nice, but it's really an extra.'

Later on that day, someone sent him a message that they were looking to give away a rocking chair, free of charge. It was used, but it was still in very good condition. First come, first serve.

He called up, and he said, "Is it still available? Can I come pick it up?"

They said, "sure, of course, no problem."

He said, "Okay, I'm coming at once, I'm coming right away."

As he was on the way, they called him back and they said, "Oh, I'm so sorry to tell you, but it was already taken."

He turned to go back home, and he said, "It's already taken? That's if they're in charge, it's already taken. But if Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Rebono Shel Olam is in charge, then He can give me



not only another rocking chair, but even a bigger and better one. I don't need them to give it to me, I need Hashem to give it to me."

The next day, he got a phone call from the same person, and he said, "Yesterday you called us up that you wanted a rocking chair. That didn't work out because somebody else took it. But, I was just schmoozing with my friend, and I told him what happened, and my friend said, 'Oh, I have a brand new rocking chair that I don't even need, and I'm looking to get rid of. Have that person come and pick it up from me. It's on my porch, brand new in its box.'"

In no time, R' Prater was able to get a brand new rocking chair, free of charge, with the best service, better than ever!



#1864: This story was called in all the way from Tzfas by Mrs. Benjamin. She was walking with her six-year-old granddaughter, Esti,* and they were passing by a store.

Esti* said, "Bubby, I really would like a tape dispenser. Can we get it from this store?"

Mrs. Benjamin said, "Sure, but I don't even know if this store carries it. We can go in and check." They looked where they sell all their tape, but there was no tape dispenser. They looked high and low, all around, all over. They looked here and there, but it was nowhere to be found.

Mrs. Benjamin turned to her granddaughter and said, "Shefala, sorry. They don't have it over here. They don't carry it. We have to look somewhere else." Then she said, "Let's start singing to Hakadosh Baruch Hu. "Hakol Yachol.... Hakol Yachol...."

Esti said, "Look! I just found it. It was all the way in the back of a couple boxes." And with that, they walked out with their tape dispenser, with the best service, better than ever!



#1865: This story has been called in by Mrs. Neuschloss. Her daughter Chani* woke up in the morning feeling under the weather. She wasn't able to go to school. She had to stay home a whole day.

Chani* said, "Mommy, can you please buy me arts and crafts? I'm going to be bored the whole day. What should I do?"

Mrs. Neuschloss responded, "Shefala, I would love to get you arts and crafts. But right now, I don't have time. I'm not going to be able to do it. But, even though I'm not able to do it, Hashem is a Kol Yachol. And Hashem is the one that's able to do everything from start to finish and everything in between."

Right then, all of a sudden, they got a knock on the door. They opened up the door, and the neighbor said, "You know, I just went to buy arts and crafts for somebody. I was thinking that instead of getting it for that person, I'd rather give it to you instead. Would you be able to use it? Would you appreciate it?"

Mrs. Neuschloss said, "Are you serious? It's exactly what my child just asked me to get, and I didn't have time. And as we were speaking, you knocked on my door, and you're here to give me arts and crafts, with the best delivery service, better than ever!"❖



The Bitachon Perspective

Q & A with Rabbi Zevy Golombeck
By R' Shalom Yedidya Klitzko

Q: There are so many maamarei mekomos, chazals, stories and sources in the Torah that talk about how the Satan went to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and said this and that and Hakadosh Baruch Hu said to the Satan, “I give you permission to do what you want.”

We always say on 'A Life with Bitachon' that there's no such thing as the Satan, but doesn't it sound like the Satan does have some kind of koach? What's the Emunah and Bitachon perspective about all this?

A: To live like a Yid, the first ikkur is to know that “Hu borei umanhig.” Hakadosh Baruch Hu is the only one that is manhig - in control. There are no exceptions to the rule! That is living with Emunah and Bitachon! If a person gives chashivus to anything other than Hashem, he lost his Emunah in Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

A person's agenda in this world is to realize that there is only one koach. HASHEM! Nothing else has a koach. The Satan is run by Hashem, was created by Hashem, and he is remote controlled by Hashem. Really, there is no such thing as Satan; it's all Hashem.

Chazal are referring to the two types of bracha from Hashem; hidden and open. The Satan is another terminology for hidden love.

Everything Hakadosh Baruch Hu is doing is all bracha, love, chesed, and rachamim. Everything should give you positive emotions.

If you are getting negative emotions from talking about the Satan or anything else, you know you are on the wrong highway! You missed the boat of what life with Emunah and Bitachon is all about!



**Hashem,
Your World is Amazing!**

Rabbi Zevy Golombeck

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

We just read Koheles on Sukkos. Shlomo Hamelech describes how this world is hevel and how there are so many bad and unfair things. This is completely opposite from what we hear all the time on 'A Life with Bitachon' that this world is wonderful and magnificent and that everything is good and everything is perfect and has a cheshbon.

The answer is that not only is it not a contradiction, but actually it goes together hand in hand with everything we preach on A Life With Bitachon. What is the theme of A Life With Bitachon? Hashem made this world for us to have pleasure. Hashem made this world for us to enjoy. But do you know that people who don't live with emunah, people who don't live with bitachon, you know how they translate and interpret fun and pleasure? They interpret it that you have to travel across the whole world. They interpret it that you have to go on roller coasters and to amusement parks. They interpret it that you have to go to all different places that they offer you any enjoyment and any pleasure that you would like. That's how they describe fun and that's how they describe enjoyment.

What does America offer you? It's in the Declaration of Independence – a land to pursue happiness. America is offering you for very cheap (they even give you miles so you can fly all over the world). You can tour here and tour there, you can go anywhere you like, you don't even have to pay too much money. And they'll give you every last type of food and every last type of game and every last type of enjoyment and pleasure. That's how America interprets fun. But do you know exactly what it means in the Declaration of Independence – **to pursue happiness? It means you can look for it, but you'll never find it.** It means you can go on vacation all around the world and do every single trip that there is to enjoy and you're going to come back the same person. That means America is offering you every last earthly pleasure and enjoyment, and after you have it, do you know that you're the same person as before? That means it's all called what Koheles is saying – artificial fun. Koheles is translating, is a pirush on what *America* considers fun, what *America* considers enjoyment, because they don't live with Hashem. They don't live with emunah; they don't live with bitachon. They don't understand what real is. They go after cotton candy, artificial flavors. That's what America is. That's why **America is lashon am reik – empty nation, because they have nothing to offer you.** Everything is emptiness. They have nothing to offer you.

Do you know how many books there are in America

about how to stay happily married, and do you know in America the divorce rate is over fifty percent? Because, zagt R' Avigdor Miller, everything in America is based on nonsense, is based off shtussim. There's no truth to what they have to offer you. It's not fun. It's not real. It doesn't last. And it's not going to make a person happy. **That's the two flaws with all of America's enjoyment – it doesn't last and it doesn't make you intrinsically happy.**

If you look at the Orchos Tzaddikim in Shaar Simcha it doesn't say anything about going on vacation, it doesn't say anything about going on roller coasters, it doesn't say anything about flying around the world. Because that's not the recipe to happiness.

And that's what Koheles is writing a pirush on. That if you have the wrong emunah and the wrong bitachon perspective, and you don't see the world in the right way, you don't live with Hashem, then you see everything in the wrong perspective. The world will seem unfair, the world will seem corrupt. **You know how many people think in America that the media runs the world?** They're so upset because the media is based off sheker and they're just promoting things that we don't want and they're fooling everyone's brains. People think that the media is running the world... So you think this world is unfair, so you think this world is not a safe place, so you think this world is bad and evil. Comes along Bitachon Hotline and says put on the right glasses. You know what the right glasses are? Of course Hashem made a world to enjoy, of course Hashem made the world to have fun. Not like America that they write that it's the land to *pursue* happiness. Pursue means you can look all over for it, but you'll never find it because that's not what they're offering.

Happiness is realizing, it's in the state of the mind. That's why **machshava – your thought process, is the same letters as b'simcha to teach you that happiness is in your brain, happiness is in your mind.** You want to have fun? You want to have enjoyment? You don't need to travel anywhere; you just need to use your brain. Like R' Yehuda Mandel said over, people were asking him do you want to travel to go to the Alps and see niflaos haBorei, and travel here and travel there.

R' Yehuda Mandel said of course I would love to see niflaos haBorei, but I don't need to travel anywhere. I just look at my hand and look at my fingers and see that they're moving up and down and I'm just marveling over my skin and all the different fingers and toes that I have and we have arms and hands and teeth and ears and nose. How Hashem made the body full of chochma, full of fun. It's fun to have teeth!

You know what the translation of fun means? Feeling Hashem's love. You know what happiness means? Feeling Hashem's love. Feeling His care. Feeling that He's watching and protecting you. When you enjoy this world with just a switch of a button by realizing enjoyment means feeling Hashem's love.

And zagt R' Avigdor Miller, you can eat an apple and become intoxicated from joy. That's really what Hashem gave Adam HaRishon. He gave him the time of his life. What? Go enjoy all the different fruits – apples, oranges, bananas. And the Yerushalmi says that Hashem will give a person din v'cheshbon if you don't enjoy all the delicious, yummy, scrumptious fruits that Hashem created. Hashem wants us to enjoy. But what does enjoyment mean? **Enjoyment means feeling Hashem's love.**

And that's why **the Kuzari says, why do you make a brocha before you eat? To enjoy the food more.** Now how does making a brocha make you enjoy the food more? The answer is because when you bite into an apple and you're not thinking about Hashem so then your boich, your stomach, has physical pleasure. Does it last too long? No, it comes and goes. But when you eat an apple, the way R' Avigdor Miller ate an apple, he said wow Hashem wants to feed me vitamins, Hashem wants me to be strong and healthy, so it's the *emotional* part that's kicking in. That's what the brocha means. The brocha is a present from Hashem. Emotional lasts forever.

If you give someone a hug, you give someone a kush, emotional love, that lasts forever. That's a brocha. A brocha means Hashem is giving you a hug. A brocha means Hashem is giving you a kush. **Hashem is thinking about you. And that's going to last forever.** That's why it says in the possuk, when it comes to giving your friend a present it's better to give him white teeth than a cup of milk. A cup of milk will keep him strong for a couple of minutes, then it goes, it leaves him, it doesn't stay in his body for too long. How much does it stay in his body? A half hour... But **if you give someone a smile, that stays in his heart forever.** R' Avigdor Miller said he still remembers how a galach when he was very young complimented him and he still remembers that compliment. It still warms his heart. That's how much people live off emotional.

So that's what emunah and bitachon is all about. Hashem is giving us compliments all day by showering us with so much love, showering us with so much brocha,

showering us with so much chesed and rachamim. And that's what the Orchos Tzadikim says. The recipe of Shaar Simcha, you want to become happy? Feel Hashem's love, feel Hashem's care, feel Hashem watching over you, feeling Hashem's protection. Yidden have a whole different way of enjoying life. It starts with your brain. Plug in Hashem and emunah and bitachon, then everything is fun.

Just to give you one example, the goyim have so much literature how to stay happily married, and guess what, do you know that most of the goyim are divorced? Because their literature is based off sheker, hevel v'rik, artificial, nothing real. But you know how Yidden have fun? Yidden have fun by giving and that's why the more you give the more you'll appreciate a person. That's why ahava – love has the same shoshon as the word hav – give. By goyim you have to take in order to have a good marriage, by Yidden you have to give! You see opposites. Goyim you take, Yidden you give. When you give that's the recipe to have a happy marriage. Anyone who wants to have a happy marriage he gives, he gives. The more you give and the more you give, the more you'll feel happy. **A Yid only feels happy when he gives by going in the ways of Hashem.** Hashem gives, Hashem gives, Hashem gives and it's all He wants to give. He wants to give us. And we have to go in the ways of Hashem to give. So when you take this world with the emunah and bitachon perspective by realizing Hashem is giving *you*, that's going to make you happy.

Bottom line is: the answer to all your questions is Koheles was describing the situation of person without enough emunah and bitachon. For the person who lives with an American kup, the goyishe head, that's how you're going to look at this world. That means that we're both going to start off that this world was made for fun and pleasure, but they don't know the definition of fun and pleasure. The way they interpret it, that's where Koheles comes – hevel v'rik. The way they live without Hashem, everything is distorted, everything is bad. But when you live with emunah and bitachon, and you have the real definition of fun and pleasure, then this life is a picnic! This life is one big party! Like it ends off in Rema in Shulchan Aruch, tov lev mishteh tamid. This world is fun! It's a party! That's why the Rema says the word tamid twice in Shulchan Aruch. The first halacha starts with tamid and the last halacha. **Shivisi Hashem l'negdi samid, put Hashem into your life. And the last halacha, tov lev mishteh tamid, have a party your whole life.** Because if you live with Hashem 24/7 365 then you'll live a life of party, a picnic, fun, geshmak, enjoyable. Then your life will be everything exactly the way it's supposed to be, delicious, yummy, scrumptious. The world is full of love, brocha, chesed and rachamim. The world is so perfect, gevaldik and amazing!

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Hashem Loves You

Rav Eli Scheller shared that a bachur named Avi* was involved in Kiruv in Russia, and went to learn in Yeshiva in Eretz Yisroel. Due to technical reasons, he had to leave Yeshiva and enroll in the Israeli army. One day, he decided to gather the bullets from a military exercise and place them in his suitcase to show his friends and students overseas in Russia.

When his suitcase was checked at the Russian airport, the authorities immediately called high ranking security officials and arrested Avi. "You are spying for Israel," they said, "and purposely placed bullets to test the strength of our airport security. Israel is trying to find breaches and weaknesses in our security in order to bring illegal and dangerous materials into Russia." They placed Avi in a dark prison.

At first, Avi was very depressed and sad. He felt so lonely, and he had no idea if he would ever be released. But the next day, Hashem made Avi remember a powerful message that he had heard from a close friend many years earlier: *"If you ever want to be truly happy, no matter what circumstances you may find yourself in, then start writing down the very many kindnesses which Hashem has done for you from the day you were born until now, in the greatest detail (This concept is based on the Chovos HaLevavos). You will then understand what it means to really be joyous NO MATTER WHAT. Additionally, thanking Hashem is a powerful way to merit supernatural Yeshuos and salvation from Hashem."*

Avi spent his entire day, day in day out, doing only one thing - writing down hundreds and hundreds of things to thank Hashem for. "Thank

you Hashem for giving me brothers and sisters. For my warm family. For making me smart in school. For food, for fruits, for vegetables, for eyes, for the sun, for giving me very many friends (and Avi listed every single friend by name). Hashem, you did endless Chesed with me from the moment I was born, and even from before I was born.... THANK YOU HASHEM!"

The Russians planned on treating Avi like a spy and incarcerating him for the rest of his life. But Hashem had other plans, and made a great Neis. Avi was freed within only three months!

Avi shared that when he was originally placed in jail, he thought it was the worst possible thing that happened to him. But now he feels exactly the opposite, that Hashem's placing him in jail made him into the happiest person ever! He is now experiencing a new dimension of Simcha that he never accessed



beforehand!

Hashem has performed countless Chesed with us every moment of our lives!

The power of thanking Hashem cannot be overstated! It literally transforms Din into great Rachamim and opens the gates of Simcha to a person! As HaGaon Rav Yehuda Mandel Shlita said in his famous Thursday night Shiur which is broadcasted across the globe, *"Sometimes I tell people to stop davening and begging Hashem, and instead JUST THANK HASHEM ALL DAY LONG!"* Hashem owes us nothing and gives us everything!

HASHEM LOVES US!

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Our Readers Share

Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from many months ago.

When I was already on line waiting, for some reason I decided that we needed another jar of peanut butter, even though we had one. Right next to the peanut butter was one bottle of raspberry snapple!

I suddenly remembered that my wife asked for it, and I was able to get it,

gas Aryeh!

-A Reader, Eretz Yisrael

Only Bitachon

My wife took tests and the numbers were way off. She got a message that the numbers



are crazy, it is very nerve racking and she needs to go to the doctor. I said the Aibishter is in charge, there is nothing to worry about, everything is zero.

We just found out that it was a mistake. The numbers are fine, everything is great, and all is gevaldig!

-A Reader

Everything Deserves a Hallel!

R' Eisen* from America was scammed on erev pesach. Someone called him up,



pretending to be from Con Edison, and told him he had an overdue bill of \$298. He paid the money over the phone, and he found out afterwards that it was a scam. He wasn't able to get his money back. Instead of being upset, he was happy, because he lives with emunah and bitachon. He knew this is good for him, and this is what Hashem wanted.

On yom tov, he was davening and he turned the pages of the siddur to find Hallel. He saw that Hallel started on page 298, exactly the amount that he was scammed! He saw that Hashem was sending him a message that losing this money was takeh a reason to say Hallel! Heard on Kav Hashgacha Pratis

-A Reader

Never Too Late!

We live in Eretz Yisrael, and we had a very long awaited and precious appointment at the American embassy. It was during Corona and it was not simple to get.



When we finally got an appointment, they warned us that we can not come late, and anyone who comes 15 minutes late can't have their appointment. We knew that we wanted to be on time, but somehow things got very complicated, and we got stuck on the road. As we saw that time was ticking by, we kept thinking that it is only in Hashem's hands.

We walked in around an hour late, but they let us straight in, and they didn't say one word about being late!

-A Reader

At the Right Time and Place

I was going shopping, and my wife asked me to get her raspberry snapple.



I went to the store, and I totally forgot about the snapple.

Baruch Hashem! Hashem arranged everything perfectly so that she would get what she wanted!

-A Reader

Perfect Timing

I didn't listen to the Ki Tov hotline for a month, and I didn't hear Rabbi Kaufman



say that it was stopping for bein hazmanim, a long tekufah.

Today, I punkt started listening and it started again. Thank You, Hashem!

-A Reader

Mi K'amcha Yisrael

I was in the hospital for an appointment for my foot. There was a yid sitting next to me, and while he was waiting for the doctor, he was learning Shaagas Aryeh!



It was a very good hashpaeh. Usually people learn easy things when they are waiting for the doctor, but he was learning Shaa-

REMEMBERING THE MIRACLES, THE CHESSED AND THE TESHUVA

From Last Year - 5784

MONSEY PIZZA SHOP HELPS WIN THE WAR

Sheli's Pizza, located in Monsey, New York, is offering a free eight-ounce-slush for all children who say a kapital of Tehillim in the store!

HASHEM FREES ANOTHER HOSTAGE

Israeli forces miraculously freed Ori Magidish, one of the hostages held by Hamas.

A couple days prior to this, her mother, who was not yet frum, made a hafrashas Challah gathering as a zechus for her daughter. It was a tremendous Kiddush Hashem!

MIRACLE IN RECHOVOT

A missile from Gaza scored a direct hit onto a 20-story building in Rechovot. The missile hit the 11th floor, went straight into the cheder mamad (fortified room) and entirely destroyed it!

Yet, no one was injured, even though the family were all at home at that time!

How was that??

Davka, with that rocket the siren systems didn't work so the family did not know about anything coming! They were sitting comfortably in the living room not knowing that a missile was on the way! We don't want to think what would have

happened had they gone to the cheder mamad..

שיחו - בכל נפלאותיו

TEHILLIM PROTECTS

An Israeli Ba'al Teshuva from Monsey, New York told, over the following story:

I would always encourage my not-yet-frum sister, who lives in Kfar Aza, to say tehilim.

On Shmini Atzeres, when the goyim came in, she told her children, "I don't know what we should do but I remember that my sister always told me to say Tehilim so lets say Tehilim."

They said tehilim and the goyim skipped over her house!!

ברוך שומע תפלה!

HASHEM - THE #1 PARTY PLANNER!

The Weiss* family from Eretz Israel, was making a Bar Mitzva, but because of all of the current upheaval, everything involved in setting up the Bar Mitzva became last minute.

So Mrs. Weiss said to Hashem "I can't make the Bar Mitzva last minute, I'm leaving it up to You."

One friend called, "Can I take care of the sweet table?"

Another friend called, "Can I take care of the setting up the tables, and making sure everything looks presentable?"

Another friend called, "Can I make the cookies?"

Another friend called, "Can I make the Bar Mitzva cake?"

And just like that everything was done!

Klal Yisrael has such an incredible amount of achdus; everyone cares so much about each other!

It's incredible how Hashem organizes everything to the tee!

[Heard by R' Zevy Golombeck]

HASHEM IS THE BEST THERAPIST

Mrs. Gold used to see a therapist for anxiety. Ever since she started listening to 'A Life with Bitachon' she stopped needing therapy. Even now, during the war, she feels calm and relaxed.

When she told this to her old therapist. The therapist told her, "Are you serious? Even I need therapy! After I finish with my clients, I go to someone for therapy because of the war!!!"

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BOY JUMPS OUT OF BED



A 10th-grader at Yeshiva Bais Binyomin has set a goal for himself to finish Meseches Bava Basra by the end of the year.

In order to complete his goal, he set for himself a small amount of gemara that he will learn each and every day no matter what.

One night, he was already in bed and he suddenly realized that he forgot to learn that seder.

He sprang out of his cozy and warm bed like a lion and ran to get a gemara.

Indeed, אין לומדיה כישראל!

YESHIVA BOYS MAKE GREAT HAPPINESS IN HEAVEN

The 10th grade class at Yeshiva Bais Binyomin, located in Monsey, New York, accepted upon themselves, with an incentive, that for one week, they would try not to speak anything negative about any other Yid.



On Thursday, the bochorim celebrated this achievement, with pizza, French fries and ice cream.

While they all immensely enjoyed their well deserving delicious supper, they all know that the real sweet and delicious reward is waiting for them in the next world!

CHAYEI SARAH 5783 ISSUE 74



With every wonderful day that goes by, we love You more Hashem!

THE UNITED STATES ARMY LEARNS ABOUT HASH-EM

Reports have come in from the US Army base in Nashville, Tennessee, of a soldier who is printing and spreading to his fellow men the 'Spring Hill Times'!



Indeed! Hashem's wonderful name is being spread

across the globe and reaching everyone everywhere!

ANTISEMITISM PLUMMETING

One morning, the Editor of the Spring Hill Times heard a knock on the door. At the door was a neighbor, a non-Jewish woman. She told him that she saw a coyote running around her backyard. "Please tell your wife who has a daycare to keep the children inside. Can you please also pass on the message to the neighbor across the street?"



Who put it in her to heart to care about the safety of her Jewish neighbors? You Hashem!

Who puts in the heart of our government to protect the Jews?

YOU HASHEM!

Thank You, Hashem, for protecting us and taking care of us!

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HASHEM GIVES MAN OPPORTUNITY TO DO TE-SHUVA



A Yid was walking on the beach in Netanya in Eretz Yisrael. He saw a fish lying on the ground. The fish looked like a regular live fish and the Yid thought of maybe

taking it home for supper. But he was not sure if the fish had scales, so he decided not to take it.

He did not want the fish to slowly suffocate, so he started banging it on the head so that it should die quickly, but the fish didn't die.

As he continued along the shore he saw a fisherman. He told the fisherman about the fish and showed it to him. The fisherman looked at the fish and said this

fish is called a 'chazir yam!' It has 3 pointy thorns on the back that are very poisonous, and it can be dangerous if someone touches it c" v.

When the Yid heard this, he was very happy he did not try to take the fish home! The fisherman said the fish was still alive, and he put it back into the water.

The Yid felt very bad that he caused pain to the fish and hit it for nothing.

On his way back home, he was waiting to cross the street and he noticed a little bird in middle of the crosswalk. The bird was not able to fly and any minute a car could come and run the little bird over.

The Yid was so excited! He now has a chance to rectify the 'tzar balei chaim' he had done to the fish!

He picked up the bird and placed him down in a safe spot and he felt much better! (Kav Hashgacha Pratis)

CHAYEI SARAH 5784 ISSUE 122

PARENTS MAKE BITACHON PARTY

Chaim wasn't doing well in Cheder. One day, Chaim's father received a phone call from the Menahel that Chaim was expelled from Cheder and that there was nothing to negotiate about.



He told his wife, "We are not going get upset over this. Everything Hashem does is good. And everything will be good. Let's make a Seudas HaBitachon." And they made a fancy lunch.

They then received a phone call from the menahel that the Cheder changed their mind. "Chaim is welcome back to Cheder."

Thank You, Hashem!

PAID BACK

R' Moshe from Lakewood, New Jersey, need to buy shoes for Shabbos Kodesh. He has a friend who sells inexpensive shoes but they are of less quality. So, he went to a different store and bought good quality shoes. He paid \$135.00.



Ten minutes after he bought the new Shabbos shoes, he received a check for the exact amount plus four cents! \$135.04!!

HASHEM'S LOVE IS BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION

Mrs. Stone* was looking to purchase a new china cabinet, but after searching multiple stores, she was unable to find the design and color of the china cabinet she wanted.



She thought to herself "I guess Hashem doesn't want me to have a china cabinet". But then, later on in the day, she got a phone call from her neighbor, that she was moving and that they had a china cabinet that she could have.

She saw it, and it was exactly what she was looking for! And for free!

The final touch was that the movers were able to bring it to her house without any extra hassle.

Hashem said, "Even what you thought you wouldn't get, you could have, with door to door service!"

[Heard by R' Zevy Golombeck]

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

Parsha Fun



Chayei Sarah
Riddle #112

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Avrohom heard that Sorah was Nifteres, he heard about the loss of his great Tzaddikes. He prepared an emotional Hessed to say, which included a certain eulogy way. If you don't know what we are referencing don't cry; simply look in the commentary of Rabbanu B'Chayai! What are we referencing?



Hashem's Stunning world!

- פרשת חיי שרה
1. Why is the cave called 'מערת המכפלה'?
 2. Why does the Torah say 'ישב' without a וי"ו?
 3. When the Torah says וישקל אברהם why is 'עפרן' spelled without a וי"ו?
 4. What does 'עובר לסוחר' mean?
 5. What is the ברכה that is referred to by the word 'בכל'?
 6. In which land was Avrohom born?
 7. If the עבד could not find a wife for Yitzchok from Avrohom's family, where else should he go?

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Answers for the Parsha Pictures

שני צמידים Two Luchos

ולטושים Tents:

Thank You Hashem for Peep Holes! We can peek through the door to see who's there before opening, keeping us safe and sound!



Thank You Hashem for Video Cameras! We can record moving scenes to see at a later time!



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Weekly



Thank You's

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

Thank You Hashem for Benchers! Small and flexible to have conveniently at our tables, with all our zemiros and tefilos!



Thank You Hashem for Electric Sanders! We can smoothen out materials so quickly and efficiently!



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Patient

I B"H have a large family. I'm so busy taking care of everyone and everything that I don't have time to focus on my personal growth. Please help!

1. Taking care of your wife and children is your tafkid and is your biggest personal growth. You are doing exactly what Hashem is doing; taking care of the His 8 Billion people. He also takes care of all the animals, birds and insects. He makes sure they all have air to breathe, water to drink and food to eat. He is 'busy' making sure their bodies work properly. He is 'busy' making sure everyone is happy and satisfied.

V'halachta B'drachav. Thinking about other peoples' needs is your biggest personal growth!

2. When the time comes for you to be in the next wonderful world, all the mitzvos that your family does will all be on your account. Because you were the one who enabled them to be who they are. It will go on for eternity!

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LET US IMAGINE

Let us imagine for a moment that the world as we know it was turned on its head (literally), and haircutting felt the same as cutting flesh...

Upsherins would be a thing of the past; little children would be tripping over their own hair.

Adult men would be forced to grow their hair, beards, and peyos down to their toes, and would be utterly mortified to step outside their homes as a result.

Sheitels made of human hair would become unaffordable to everyone but the richest; and even if a woman could afford it, her own hair would be so long, there would be no way to fit all of it under a sheitel. Women would be forced to wear garbage bags on their heads to cover all their hair!

Mechanchos would give speeches about tzniyus and proper hair length to their students, but everyone would raise their hands and protest. How could they be expected to go through the intense pain that haircutting would entail?

People would spend hours in the shower, trying to clean and untangle the knots in their abnormally long hair/beards/payos.

People would need gallons of shampoo and conditioner for each family member per shower; just the cost of the water and shampoo/conditioner alone would drive people to bankruptcy!

Some people would be too scared to clean their hair for fear of accidentally pulling out some; they would smell and be too embarrassed to venture out of their homes.

When kids would fight with each

other and accidentally pull out some hair, the screams of pain would be heard from down the block!

Surgeons would see an upsurge in business; those who could afford it would pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to surgically remove most of their hair. It would be a status symbol; the less hair you have, the richer you are!

The long hair would cause many accidents; hair would constantly get into people's eyes, obscuring their vision as they crossed streets and drove their cars.

People would constantly trip over their own or other people's hair and would get hurt.

Hair would get stuck in all sorts of inconvenient and painful places, such as in car doors, air conditioners and fans, metal detectors, etc.

Hair would also get into places, such as garbage cans, food, puddles, mud, etc.

Adults would envy children for their carefree, hair-problem-free existence!

Enterprising companies would make a fortune by manufacturing super strong, long rubber band "ponies" to contain all the hair.

The tremendous weight of so much hair concentrated on top of the head would cause many health problems, such as backaches, headaches, and walking difficulties. These difficulties would be especially pronounced in elderly people with previous health issues.

No matter how often they cleaned their hair, people would always feel disheveled and unkempt.

This would result in low self-esteem, social anxiety, and much aggravation.

People would go to any lengths to afford "haircut surgery", even taking on extra jobs to cover the cost. Learning and davening routines would become secondary and rushed because of all the extra work.

Having nits would become a tragedy; people would dread going to nit-checking before each school year... Parents would have to either pay someone thousands and thousands of dollars to comb through their children's hair or spend days and days doing it themselves. By the time one section of the hair was clean, the lice would have had plenty of time to crawl back into the previously cleaned sections... Whenever a hair would accidentally be pulled out, the cries and screams would make their parents' (and neighbors') hair stand on end... After wasting inordinate amounts of time and money trying to clean their kids' hair, parents would need to opt for haircutting surgery, which they most likely would not be able to afford...

Who foresaw that creating hair like the flesh would cause tremendous problems for humans? Who used an infinite amount of wisdom to omit nerve endings specifically in the hair, which needs to be cut every so often?

Our loving, caring Father, Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the Ribono Shel Olam, that's Who!

Thank You Hashem, again and again, for Your unbelievable, incredible kindnesses to us, evident even in the smallest strands of hair!



Solutions for the case where Shlomo's chavrusa, Ezra, spills coffee all over his Gemara...

- Now, hopefully Ezra learned his lesson, and this won't happen again.
- Perhaps, Ezra doesn't have good spatial vision, which is why he fills it up so high.
- Hopefully, Shlomo will realize that the main reason that Ezra doesn't listen to him, is because he speaks in a condescending, and irritable tone of voice.
- Ezra has feelings which could be injured. The Gemara has no feelings, and he may as well just accept that this is the way Ezra is.
- Why not focus on the many positive aspects of Ezra's personality, and watch how the feelings of resentment and frustration slowly dissipate.
- It is also possible that the spilling had little to do with the amount of coffee in the cup, and more to do with the fact that someone hit the table they were sitting at, which caused the spillage.
- Shlomo may have to do some soul-searching and think about whether his frustration is more about Ezra's carelessness, or perhaps it is a gaiva issue and since it happened to him, he couldn't handle it.



Hillel has been the most consistent guy at the daily shacharis minyan at Ohavei Shalom synagogue. For the last eight months he has been one of only four fellows to make it on a daily basis. The rest of the minyan is made up of random people who show up here and there, or get pulled in when they are short one or two.

In light of this, Hillel is very disturbed that these stragglers always get called up to aliya, and in eight months he only got two aliya!

Yeshivishe Stories

The Chinuch Chaburah

R' Tzvi Moshe Schultz

Rav Yisroel Salanter traveled around Europe, encouraging people in the study and practice of mussar. There was a period when he was the guest in a certain wealthy man's house. His host noticed that Rav Yisroel only used the minimum shiur of water when washing netilas yadayim.

He asked Rav Yisroel about it. "I have plenty of water here," the man said. "Why don't you wash your entire hand? Why are you only using the minimum amount of water?"



Rav Yisroel responded that he noticed that all of the water comes from a well down a hill. He sees that the housekeeper has to fill the bucket of water and then schlep it all the way up the hill, to the man's house. So if he would use more water, it would just cause the woman to have to do more work to bring more water.

Rav Yisroel Salanter

Rav Yisroel Salanter was always careful to bake his own matzos for Pesach.

However, one year, he was unable to do it. Therefore, some of his talmidim made the matzos for him instead. They asked him how they should do it. "Which chumros do you want us to be especially careful about?"

He responded: "One of the women who works in the matzah bakery is an almanah. Baking matzah can be a very stressful activity, as everyone is in a rush to finish in eighteen minutes. While baking the matzah, please be especially careful not to speak harshly to this woman!"



Think about this

A. What is the difference between a halacha and a chumra?

B. What should one do when there is a seeming conflict between keeping mitzvos bein adam laMakom and mitzvos bein adam lachaveiro?

A. What lesson was Rav Yisroel trying to teach his talmidim?

B. What other mitzvah situations can sometimes be stressful, and what can we do to reduce the stress?

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 So spare yourself embarrassment
 Keep things the way they are
 And you'll see - that's what will get you far
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 That something sour's sweet
 Or that the 7 foot pool
 Is really 2 feet deep!
 So now you all know
 To always go in the way that's real
 And you'll see it's really no big deal!!



BY AHUVA ROTHENBERG

ETCHED CORRECT
CHAPTER 2

Recap:
A Yid was buying a becher for his son and wanted to engrave the boy's name on it. A yiddeshe worker at the silver engraving store made a mistake and engraved "Yosef Chaim" as opposed to "Chaim". The yid's rav told him to ignore the situation and be moichel it. some time later Chaim got very sick!

Some time later

Chaim's not getting any better! I think you should ask daas torah what our next step should be for a refuah.

Rav, Chaim isn't getting better! What should I do next to help my child?

The time has come to add a name. I would suggest Chaim but being that "Chaim" is already his name, that isn't applicable. Maybe Yosef, Hashem should add life to your sweet little child.

Chaim soon had a Refuah Sheleima

Yosef Chayim, I wanted to show you something - look at this becher we got you for your upsherin.

It doesn't make sense. Didn't you get this by my upsherin? How did you know my name would be Yosef Chayim?

Nothing that happens is a mistake, doesn't fit
Nothing escapes Hashem's plan, even a tiny bit
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