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EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA

ויקרא אל משה וידבר אליו ה' מאהל מועד לאמר: (ויקרא א:א)

GIVE IT YOUR BEST

At first glance the Posuk seems to repeat itself: Hashem called to Moshe, Hashem spoke to him... Why is it even necessary to say "Vayikroh"? The **Gerrer Rebbe, the Lev Simcha zy" a**, offers a beautiful explanation. This Parsha follows on from the previous Parsha, the last of Sefer Shemos, Pikudei. There we find that Moshe, despite trying his best, was unable to enter the *Ohel Mo'ed*, as it says: ולא יכול משה לבוא אל אהל מועד. But we know from Chazal that if you try your best, Hashem will help you. Therefore this week's Parsha begins with "Vayikroh", which, as Rashi explains, is a warm invitation. The message is clear: You may not be able to achieve your goal on your own. But if you give it some effort, then *Vayikroh*; Hashem will invite you in...



EMUNOH IN THE SIDUR

One of the first things we do every morning is *netilas yodayim*, however most people delay making the *brochah* until just before *davening*. This is because there is a *machlokes haposkim* whether the main *netilas yodayim* is after waking up or in preparation for *tefillah*.

Rav Shimon Shwab zt"l points out that whenever we do a *mitzvah* with our bodies, we recognise our own personal *kedushah* and exclaim, 'asher kideshonu bemitzvot...' Rav Shimshon Refoel Hirsch zt"l takes this a stage further and says that when we wash our hands in the morning we are dedicating our hands, and really our whole bodies, to a life of active *avodas Hashem*. Our hands are the most active parts of our bodies; they create, build and reach out to others. Through *netilas yodayim*, each and every one of us becomes like a kohen in the Beis Hamikdash who had to purify his hands before performing the *Avodah*, which itself was very physical and labour intensive.

The secret of hand washing is that the word *netilah* literally means to 'lift up'. Through washing our hands, we elevate them and our whole lives to a higher level.

Q: WHY ARE WE THANKING HASHEM FOR SAVING US FROM MITZRAYIM IF HE PUT US THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

A: THIS EXCELLENT QUESTION REALLY APPLIES TO EVERY TIME WE THANK HASHEM FOR SAVING US FROM TROUBLE - DID HASHEM NOT CREATE THE DANGER IN THE FIRST PLACE? REB YERUCHOM OF THE MIR Z"L SAYS THE ANSWER IS THAT WITHOUT DARK THERE CAN BE NO LIGHT. WITHOUT PAIN THERE IS NO GAIN.

THE DARKNESS AND THE PAIN ARE ACTUALLY A NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS. HAD WE NEVER BEEN IN MITZRAYIM, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE ARRIVED AT HAR SINAI AND RECEIVED THE TORAH. YOGAATI UMOZOSI TAAMIN! IT'S LIKE RACING DOWN A HILL IN ORDER TO GAIN MOMENTUM FOR CLIMBING THE NEXT ONE. IF YOU DON'T GO DOWN, YOU CAN'T GO UP. THEREFORE, IN A SENSE, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GOLUS AS WELL AS THE GEVULH...

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EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



Reb Shimshon Pincus z"l, whose *Yohrzeit* is this coming week (12 Nissan) learned in *Beis Hatalmud* under Rabbi Aryeh Leib Malin and later under Rav Berel Soloveichik z"l in *Eretz Yisroel*. Not long after he was married, he moved to the *Negev* under the instruction of Rav Shach z"l and the Steipler Gaon z"l to be *marbitz* Torah in that area. He became renowned worldwide as a phenomenal *darshan* and he inspired hundreds of thousands to be *mechazek* their *Yiddishkeit* with his *droshos* and his *seforim*. Where did his greatness stem from?

The story is told of a father living in Williamsburg, New York, who began readying himself to walk to shul for an all-night learning programme on *Shovuos*. His little eight-year-old son approached him. "Tatty, can I come with you?" Looking at his boy, all dressed up, the father smiled. He knew that his son would probably not be able to stay up the entire night, and would be better off staying at home. "I think you should stay here for the night," replied the father. "Maybe next year." And with that, the father gave his son a hug and gently closed the door.

The father proceeded to make his way to shul. When he arrived at the doorstep of the shul, he began to think, "What have I done? My little boy wants to learn Torah tonight. So what, if he learns for only a few minutes?" And with that, he turned around and retraced his steps all the way home. Opening the door to his house, he found his son standing in front of him, dressed in his suit and tie, ready to go. "How did you know?!" asked the father. "Tatty," replied the young Shimshon Pincus, "I *davenned* to Hashem. I knew you would come back."

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EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

(Adapted from R Dovid Kaplan)

A story for the Makkos. **Reb Chaim Kanievsky shlit"o** is such a *boki* in all areas of Torah that he's even written seforim on subjects most people are clueless about. He was once working on one such sefer about grasshoppers and locusts! But he became stuck when trying to work out a rare species he'd never seen before. As he sat there struggling to picture it, there was a flutter of small wings and the exact grasshopper he was wondering about flew in through the window and landed on his table. Local insect experts confirmed this species of locust have never been seen before in Bnei Brak...