

Zmanim

קבלת שבת

London 7:32

Manchester 7:44

מוצאי שבת

London: 8:42 (9:02 ר"ת)

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פרשת שמיו



EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA



ויאמר משה אל אהרן קרב אל המזבח ועשה... (ויקרא ט:ז)

Sign from the Heavens

The posuk tells us that Moshe Rabbeinu had to encourage his brother Aharon to approach the Mizbeach and perform the Avodah because at first he was reluctant to do so. What could have been holding Aharon back? In the *Toras Kohanim* we find that Aharon hesitated because the *Mishkon* appeared to him in the form of an ox and he was afraid of its similarity to the *Eigel* which he had unfortunately played a part in. But in that case why indeed did Moshe push him towards it? The Gerrer Rebbe, the **Imrei Emess** z"l, explains that Moshe was teaching him a message that applies to all of us: the very area that we find most challenging is also the area we need to tackle head on. Quoting **Reb Chaim Vital** z"l he writes that many people try to avoid the things they find tough in life. But actually those are the very things we were sent to Earth to fix! On the contrary, if we find certain situations tough, it's a sign from *Shomayim* that we can tackle them and that we have been given the strength and the tools to do so. Moshe therefore encouraged Aharon, and all of us, with the words: *Krav el hamizbeach!* Don't run away! If you see a challenge, draw close to it, for that is your purpose in life...

EMUNOH IN THE SIDDUR



אלוקי נשמה

After the rare event of a plane crash C"V, the first thing the rescuers look for, after searching for any possible survivors, is the flight recorder, the so-called 'black box' (which is actually orange, to aid recovery). This ingenious device records dozens of different pieces of information to enable investigators to figure out what exactly caused the plane to go down.

Our Neshomo, the *cheilek Eloka mimaal*, the spark of Hashem within us, comes from a totally pure place, given to us as a priceless gift by Hakodosh Boruch Hu. It is a highly sensitive, indestructible spiritual device that not only gives us life, but also records everything that we do for all eternity.

Every mitzvah that we do, every middoh that we refine gets recorded onto our very own flight recorder, our Neshomo. Conversely every *aveiroh* or *midoh ro'oh* has a negative effect on the *neshomo* and makes an indelible mark upon it.

Elokai Neshomo is a *brocho* to thank Hashem for this incredible gift and is a time when we can focus on the impact of our actions and their effects on our *ruchnius*.

Q: HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY TACHLIS IS IN LIFE?

A: YOUR QUESTION IS VERY TIMELY AS THE VORT IN THIS WEEK'S PARSHA SECTION ADDRESSES IT DIRECTLY! REB CHAIM VITAL, THE TALMID MUVHAK OF THE ARIZAL WRITES, THAT ONE SHOULD THINK VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT THE THINGS HE FINDS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT.

FOR SOME IT MIGHT BE GETTING UP ON TIME IN THE MORNING. FOR OTHERS IT MIGHT BE KIBBUD OV VO'EIM. THOSE WILL BE THE AREAS THAT HE HAS LIKELY BEEN SENT TO EARTH TO FOCUS ON MOST...



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EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



Rav Yosef Dov (Yoshe Ber) **Solevetchik z"l** of Brisk, the Beis Halevi, whose Yohrzeit is this coming week on 4th Iyar was born near Minsk, to Reb Yitzchak Zev Soloveitchik. Rav Yitzchak Zev was a grandson through his mother of **Rav Chaim of Volozhin z"l**. When he was 11 his father brought him to Volozhin to learn under his uncle, Rav Itzeleh, where he eventually became the Rosh Yeshiva alongside the **Netziv z"l**. The famous sefer Beis Halevi is comprised primarily from the *shiurim* he gave in Volozhin. He later on became the Rov of Brisk.

Prior to becoming the Rov, he had formed an opinion regarding a certain din of *treifos*. R' Yoshe Ber held that this specific case was a treifoh despite the fact that the Shach, one of the most authoritative commentators on the Shulchan Oruch, had *paskened* that it was *kosher*.

After R' Yoshe Ber became the Rov, a *shailah* arose for the town butcher regarding this particular *din*, and of course, R' Yoshe Ber stated his ruling that it was *treif*. However, the Rav told the butcher that since the Shach rules differently, it's not right that you should have to suffer a loss because of my *chumra*, so the Rov compensated the butcher from his own pocket!

In doing so Rav Yoshe Ber was expressing true *emunoh* and integrity, paskening based on his own *shikul hadaas*, but never losing sight of the needs of others. Indeed *Emunoh* is not just about faith in Hashem; it is also about behaving faithfully. Like the Beis Halevi.

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EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

A wealthy businessman was debating whether to support a new Kollel. He went to speak to **Hagaon Reb Aharon Leib Steinman zt"l**. "Tell me why I should support yet another Kollel, Rabbi! Why do we need so many Kollelim? It was never like this before!" Reb Aharon Leib replied softly: "Tell me, why are you so wealthy? Why do we need so many wealthy businessmen? It was never like this before! The answer is because we need many Kollelim!" After World War 2 the Gedolim established a world of Torah and Yeshivos in order to rebuild our broken nation. And Hakodosh Boruch Hu responded in kind by making sure to provide an abundance of wealth to support them all...