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EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA



ונקדשתי בתוך בני ישראל המוציא אתכם מארץ מצרים

(ויקרא כב:לב)

Sometimes you might think greatness is not for you. Looking around, you see others who seem to have the ability to become tzaddikim but you don't believe it's within your reach.

The Gerrer Rebbe, the Sfas Emess zt"l, learns from our Posuk that every Yied is capable of greatness. "*Venikdashti besoch bnei Yisroel*": Hashem declares that He will be sanctified among Bnei Yisroel. Anyone belonging to this special family called Bnei Yisroel can be a source of *nachas* and *Kiddush Hashem* in the world. The reason for this is as the Posuk continues: "*Hamotzi eschem me'Eretz Mitzrayim* - Who brought you out of Mitzrayim". *Hakodosh Boruch Hu* overturned *teva*, nature, in order to deliver us from Mitzrayim, and in so doing, placed within all of us the ability to overturn our own physical nature and to become holy. It is a mistake to think that only a few choice individuals are responsible for creating a *Kiddush Hashem*.

The Rambam says every time you overcome your *Yetzer Hora's* natural instincts, you are fulfilling "*venikdashti besoch Bnei Yisroel*". Greatness, therefore, is very much within your reach...

EMUNOH IN THE SIDDUR



ברכות התורה

Birchas Hatorah includes a *tefillah* where we ask that we, our children and all *Yiddishe kinder* should succeed in our learning.

At the start of our day, when we thank Hashem for the privilege of being able to learn His Torah, we don't just think about ourselves. We realise that Torah isn't just for us as private individuals. Rather, the more people who learn Torah *lishmoh*, the more *kvod shomayim* there is in the world.

We therefore daven that we and our children should be *zoiche* to appreciate the importance, depth and beauty of Hashem's Torah and we daven that all Jewish children, whoever they are and wherever they may be, should be given this privilege just like we have been.

Ultimately anyone who wants to succeed in their learning and dedicates themselves to it, will surely succeed. It doesn't depend on who your Rebbe is or which school you go to, as Hashem Himself is the one who really teaches us: *hamelamed Torah le'amo Yisroel*.

Q: REGARDING THE ANSWER YOU GAVE TO THE QUESTION ABOUT ONE'S TACHLIS IN LIFE, YOU WROTE THAT GENERALLY ONE'S CHALLENGES ARE HIS TACHLIS. BUT FOR E.G. IF SOMEONE IS GOOD AT CERTAIN THINGS, ACCORDING TO THE ANSWER GIVEN, THIS IS NOT HIS TACHLIS IN LIFE, ALTHOUGH HASHEM GAVE HIM THIS SKILL TO USE...?

A: FABULOUS QUESTION! YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT! YOUR STRUGGLES ARE ONLY ONE INDICATION OF YOUR TACHLIS. THE OTHER INDICATION IS WHAT YOU ARE NATURALLY GOOD AT - WHICH IS WHAT YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING TO BUILD YOUR LIFE AROUND...



EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



We just celebrated Pesach Sheini. If you cast your mind back to the first Pesach a month ago, you may remember eating Komemius matzos. The story of Komemius is really quite special.

Rav Binyomin Mendelsohn z"l, whose Yohrzeit falls out this coming week (24 Iyar) immigrated to Eretz Yisroel in 1933 with the *brochah* of the Imrei Emes z"l. He was the Rov of Kfar Ata for 17 years. In 1951 he left this prestigious position to become the Rov of a tiny little settlement in the Negev called Komemius, a position he would hold for the next 27 years.

Komemius is an incredibly special place because they observe all of the special *mitzvos hatelyuos bo'Oretz* (as well as matza baking) in the best possible way, in accordance with the opinions of the Chazon Ish, without any compromise.

There are many stories of open miracles surrounding the observance of *Shmittah* and Rav Mendelsohn. One story that really captures Rav Mendelsohn's incredible efforts, was told by a resident of Komemius who said that he could never forget the joy and happiness radiating from Rav Mendelsohn's face on the first night of Rosh HaShonoh on a *Shmittah* year as he bent down, kissed the earth and wished it a 'Good Shabbos'! A pretty incredible background to where your matzos may have come from...

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EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

(Adapted from R' Dovid Kaplan)

Mr Rawlings, a very wealthy man, answered the phone. It was somebody from the hospital. "We're sorry to tell you the results from your tests were not good. You only have 6 months to live".

Mr Rawlings was devastated. When he got over his initial shock, he set about giving away his fortunes. Vast sums were donated to various different charities until all his money was gone.

Two weeks later he answered another call from the hospital. "Mr Rawlings? We're really sorry there's been a terrible mix up. Those weren't your results - they belonged to someone else. You're in perfectly good health. Have a nice day".

Mr Rawling's annoyance for having given away all his wealth was quickly drowned out by the gratitude he felt for being healthy. This gratitude is something we can all feel to the Ribono shel Olom without having to be shocked into it...