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Twerski On Chumash by Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski

וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת עַצְמוֹת יוֹסֵף עִמּוֹ.

Moshe took the bones of Yosef with him (13:19)

The Gemara says that when the Bnei Yisrael left Egypt, Moshe Rabbeinu sought to take the bones of Yosef with him for burial in the Promised Land, as Yosef had adjured them to do (*Bereishis* 50:25). However, he did not know where Yosef was buried. Serach, the daughter of Asher, was the sole survivor of Yosef's generation, and she told Moshe where Yosef had been interred (*Sotah* 13a).

What was Moshe's problem? Why didn't Moshe speak to Hashem directly, as he had at other times? "G-d would speak to Moshe face to face, as a man would speak with his fellow" (*Shemos* 33:11). Why did he not simply ask Hashem where Yosef was buried? On several occasions, when Moshe was uncertain of something, he said, "Stand and I will hear what G-d will command you" (*Bamid-*

bar 9:8). And again, "Moshe brought their claim before G-d" (*ibid.* 27:5).

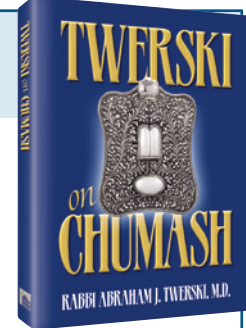


Rav Boruch Ber Leibowitz

THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM.

Perhaps the Gemara wishes to teach us something. There simply is no substitute for being in the presence of a tzaddik and observing his behavior. That is a foolproof way of developing the awe of the majesty of Hashem and devotion to Him. The most learned person's knowledge cannot equal what one can learn from a tzaddik.

Rav Boruch Ber Leibowitz would give a lecture of mussar to his students, and he would tearfully say, "What can I teach you? If only you had been able to see the master (Rav Chaim of Brisk), you would have had a more intense mussar experience than anything I can" *continued on page 3*



PARASHAH

DESPAIR INTO HOPE

Torah for Your Table by Rabbis Yisroel and Osher Anshel Jungreis

וַתִּקַּח מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה אַחוֹת אַהֲרֹן אֶת הַתֵּף בַּיּוֹד וַתִּצְאֵן כָּל הַנְּשִׂיִם אַחֲרֶיהָ בַּתְּפִילִּים וּבַמְּחֹלֶלֶת.

Miriam the prophetess, Aharon's sister, took a tambourine, and all the women followed her with tambourines, dancing.

Miriam the prophetess not only led the women in song, but she did so with tambourines and drums. From where did she obtain those instruments? The desert was hardly a place to purchase them.

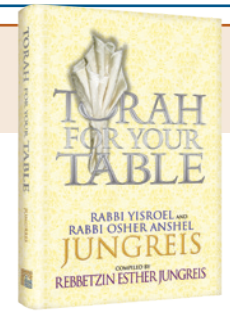
A profound lesson is to be found in those instruments. While enveloped in brutal bondage in the "Auschwitz" of Egypt, Miriam the prophetess prepared drums and

tambourines, in the faith that one day redemption would

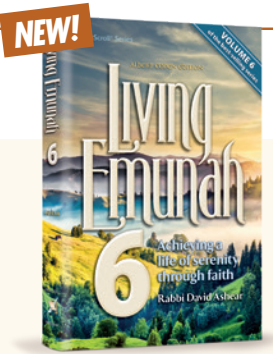
IT IS THIS FAITH THAT ENABLED US TO SURVIVE THE CENTURIES.

come and give the nation cause to sing and celebrate.

It is this pure faith that Jewish women instilled in our people, it is this faith that enabled us to survive the centuries, and it is this faith that we must summon whenever we find ourselves in predicaments that appear to be hopeless. 📖



ARTSCROLL TABLES



We live in a world where many questions could be asked. Things happen that do not make sense to us. People experience prolonged difficulties, and they do not understand why. They pray, they try to improve, they try introspection to understand what they might be doing wrong, but matters still stay the same. We hear many stories of salvations, but also many cases where *yeshuos* do not occur. Those, too, are for the best. If someone is experiencing a difficulty but has *emunah* that Hashem is in charge and causing it for the best reasons, then he is reacting the way Hashem wants him to react.

The big picture encompasses both *Olam Haze* and *Olam Haba*, and Hashem does everything with both worlds in mind. If we can overcome the questions and trust Him, we will get more out of both worlds. We will have more peace of mind here and will be rewarded for it there.

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The Nazis thought that they were on track to wipe out all of the world's Jews. Consequently, they saved many religious articles that they intended to display in a museum commemorating the extinct people.

When the Allied forces defeated the Nazis, they found, among other things, a huge number of crated books that were taken from *yeshi-*

vos throughout Europe. They were brought to Washington, where a committee had to decide what to do with them. Someone suggested that it would be only right for the *sefarim* to be given to other *yeshivos*. Subsequently, every *yeshivah* in America received a large shipment of *sefarim* to place in their libraries.

SPEECHLESS, HE LIFTED THE BOOK AND SHOWED IT TO THOSE AROUND HIM.



Rav Dovid Kronglas

In Yeshivas Ner Yisrael in Baltimore, the *rosh yeshivah*, Rav Yaakov Yitzchok Ruderman, sat in his office, staring at the treasure that had just been delivered.

"I was not in Europe during the Holocaust," he said, "but the *mashgiach*, Rav Dovid Kronglas, was. He suffered through all of the horrors for many years. It is only fitting that he should open the first carton and choose a book for his personal library."

When Rav Kronglas arrived, he was visibly moved. Scenes crowded his mind of Nazis plundering Jewish homes and institutions and stealing their holy books. Finally, with tears streaming down his cheeks,

he opened the first box. To his amazement, the top book was the *sefer Chochmah U'Mussar*, written by his own *rebbe*, Rav Yerucham Levovitz from Mir! As he reverently picked up the *sefer*,

he realized that he could now reprint it and distribute it in America.

Everyone watched as he opened the front cover. His face turned white. Speechless, he lifted the book and showed it to those around him. The name inscribed in the book was none other than...*Dovid Kronglas*. From

the thousands of *sefarim* that came to America to be distributed, his own book "happened" to be the first one in the first carton that he opened that was delivered specifically to his *yeshivah*!

It was a gift from Hashem. He had gone through the worst horrors. He had lost his family. It seemed that the world was in utter chaos. This was a small message that Hashem was in total control. Not one book will get lost if it is not meant to be lost. Nothing happens haphazardly.

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Even though we cannot comprehend the ways of Hashem, it is comforting to know that everything that happens is only from Him. 📖

THIS WEEK'S DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

JANUARY / שבט

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 יג	16 יד	17 טו	18 טז	19 יז	20 יח	21 יט
Megillah 27	Megillah 28	Megillah 29	Megillah 30	Megillah 31	Megillah 32	Moed Katan 2

THIS WEEK'S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

JANUARY / שבט

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 יג	16 יד	17 טו	18 טז	19 יז	20 יח	21 יט
Berachos 7:4-5	Berachos 8:1-2	Berachos 8:3-4	Berachos 8:5-6	Berachos 8:7-8	Berachos 9:1-2	Berachos 9:3-4

BECAUSE THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS NO...

From Their Daughters' Hearts 2 by Estie Florans

Mrs. Miriam Lubling was a one-person referral service, an advocate, a supporter, a fundraiser, a “chessed machine” - a dynamo of a woman who would stop at nothing to help someone in need. Whether it was sick children, the mentally infirm, the elderly, or soldiers serving in the IDF, her love for her fellow Jew — for all of humankind — knew no bounds and broke through impenetrable barriers.

Because to her, there were no barriers.

If something had to be done, she didn't care about her own pride, she didn't care about the investment of her time or scarcity of sleep, she didn't care about the doctor's status or the patient's lack of funds.

At the *levayah* of Mrs. Lubling, a total stranger stood up and insisted on speaking. This is what he shared:

“I came from Israel with a very sick child to Boston Children's Hospital. But the hospital wouldn't admit my child unless I gave them a \$14,000 deposit. I asked the Boston Bikur Cholim what to do — and they suggested I call Mrs. Miriam Lubling.

“I reached her on her cell phone while she was in a car on the way to NYU. ‘You don't know me, Mrs. Lubling,’ I began. ‘But maybe you know someone in Boston Children's Hospital who could help me.’



Mrs. Miriam Lubling

“YOU TAKE THIS CHILD IN RIGHT NOW!”

“She asked me, ‘What's the matter?’

“So I told her.

“She said, ‘How much do you need?’

“Again, I told her.

“She asked me for the name and number of the person in charge of billing. Fifteen minutes later, they told me that my child was being admitted.

“But I was in Boston and she was in New York. I never had a chance to thank her...”

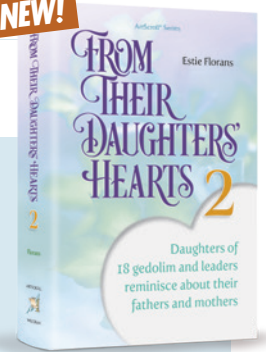
The man turned to the *aron*. “Mrs. Lubling,” he said, “thank you!”

The family later found out from the woman driving the car that Mrs. Lubling had called the billing person in Boston and said: “Do you know

who I am? I am on the board of NYU Medical Center in New York City. You can check it out. You take this child in right now and I will be responsible to send you \$14,000 within a day!” She then called four philanthropists, and within one hour, raised the \$14,000 she needed.

Mrs. Lubling's life's motto, “*Men miz epes tu'hen tsu helfen - You've got to do something to help!*” enabled her to do what others couldn't, because she never saw the stumbling blocks — just building blocks. 📌

NEW!

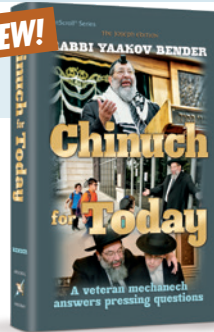


CHINUCH

CALL ME!

Chinuch for Today with Rabbi Yaakov Bender

NEW!



Q. My son is in ninth grade in an out-of-town *yeshivah*. *Baruch Hashem*, he is learning well and is happy socially. However, he doesn't call home often. Once, maybe twice a week to say good *Shabbos* and make some plans. Can I request or even insist that he call home more often?

A. Most kids do not call home often enough. I speak with the *bachurim* all the time in our *mesivta* and *beis medrash* on this topic. It is my opinion that a boy should call his mother every day, even if it is only for two minutes, includ-

ing *Erev Shabbos* and *Motza'ei Shabbos*, seven days a week. Why not?

I imagine it must depend on what type of home children grow up in. If a child grows up in a home where his/her parents call their parents daily or twice a day, these children will not have to be prompted to call. If the opposite is true, don't expect your children to call you. Like anything else, here even more so, it should be happening by osmosis. 📌

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teach you.”

For all of Moshe's unparalleled greatness, he had never seen Yaakov Avinu nor the *tzaddik* Yosef. Serach was an old woman who was far less learned than Moshe, but she had been in the presence of Yaakov and Yosef. Moshe felt that even the teachings received directly from Hashem could not equal what Serach had observed in Yaakov and Yosef.

If we were wise, we would question the elderly among us who were fortunate to be in the presence of the great *tzaddikim* of the previous generation. There is so much we can learn from them. 📌



Parashah for Children

פרשת בשלח

One Man of Faith

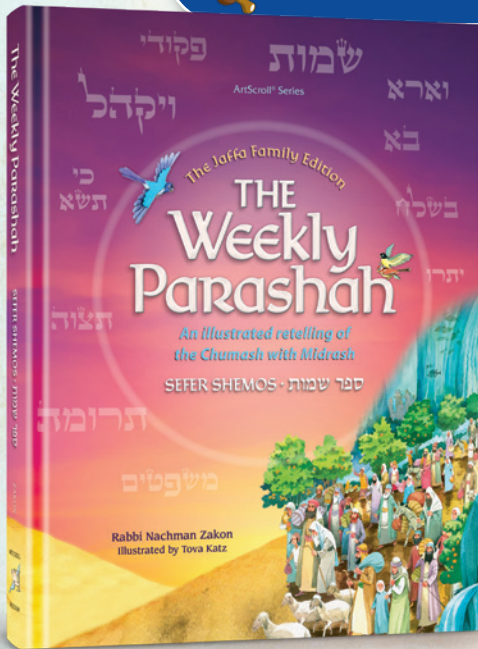
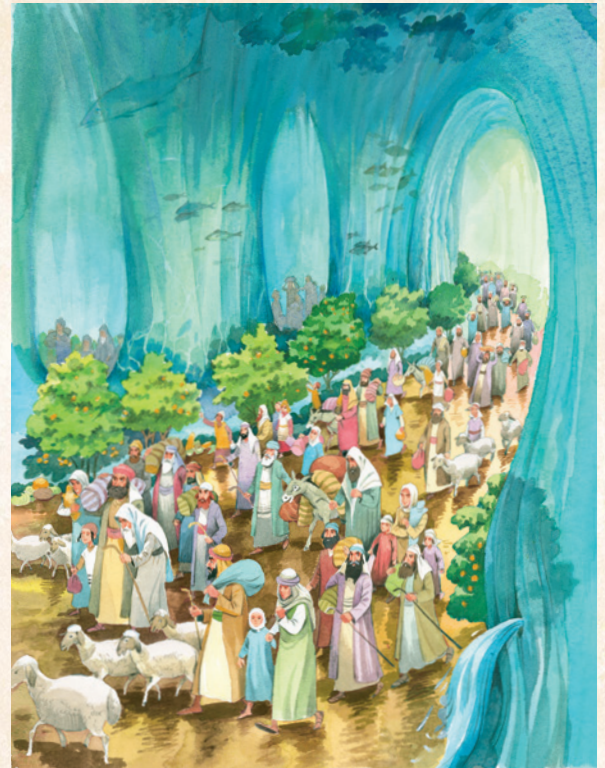
No tribe wanted to be the first to go into the water. Suddenly, the people saw one man jump in. When he heard Moshe's command, he jumped into the sea, with absolute faith in Hashem and Moshe — no questions asked.

His name was Nachshon ben Aminadav. He was the Nasi, prince, of Shevet Yehudah.

The Jews on the beach watched Nachshon as he walked further and further into the water. It was already up to his waist. The water had not split!

He didn't stop. The water was up to his shoulders already. Still no miracle. Now he was up to his nose in the water. Any further and he would drown.

And finally, at the very last moment — the sea split!



Nachshon ben Aminadav

- ▶ Nachshon was the leader of Shevet Yehudah.
- ▶ His descendants included many great heroes, including King David and the future Mashiach.

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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Parashas Beshalach:

How was Aharon Hakohen related to Nachshon ben Aminadav?

Kids, please ask your parents to email the answer to shabbosquestion@artscroll.com by this Wednesday to be entered into a weekly raffle to win a \$36 ARTSCROLL GIFT CARD! Be sure to include your full name, city, and contact info. Names of winners will appear in a future edition. **HINT:** The answer can be found in *The Jaffa Family Edition Weekly Parashah*.

The winner of the Parashas Shemos question is: YAAKOV JUNGREIS, Howell, NJ

The question was: Which person mentioned in this week's parashah never committed an aveirah in his entire life?
The answer is: Amram. He was such a tzaddik that he never sinned his entire life!

