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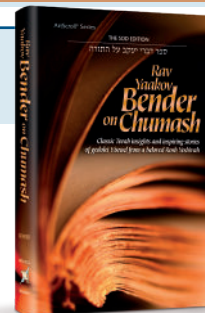
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## PARASHAH

## STAY YOUNG

Rav Yaakov Bender on Chumash



וַעֲשִׂיתָ שְׁנַיִם כְּרֻבִים.

*And you shall make two Keruvim (25:18).*

Rashi says: Each one had the face of a child. While other *Rishonim* disagree, Rashi teaches us that the *Keruvim* were made with the faces of children. The *Gemara* bases this opinion on the word *ke-ravya*, like a child (*Chagigah* 13a).

What is the significance of this?

The week after I became a *chassan*, I went to spend *Shabbos* at the home of my parents-in-law. I *davened* with them at the *shul* led by Rav Avigdor Miller. He asked this question, wondering why the inspiration would come from the images of children.

“Wouldn’t we think that we can gain more *chizuk* from a picture of Rav Moshe [Feinstein] or Rav Yaakov [Kamenetsky],” he asked, using the example of the *gedolim* of the time, “than from that of a child?”

Rav Miller explained that the catalyst for *avodah*, the motivation to serve Hashem properly, comes from a child.

*Chassidim* relate in the name of the Maggid of Mezritch that we can learn three things from a child: When he wants something, he wails until he gets it. He keeps moving, never idle. And finally, if his basic needs are met, he is in a good mood.

Yehoshua bin Nun is referred to as a *na’ar* (*Shemos* 33:11), a lad, because of his youthful energy, his devotion and determination to hear and internalize every bit of Torah from Moshe Rabbeinu.

Rav Shlomo Freifeld was once trying to get a point across to a group of *talmidim* and he felt like they were too cynical, too reluctant to

hear his plea for change. He grabbed his own beard and said, “You know, I have a gray beard, but I feel like I am the youngest person in this room!”

Rav Shalom Schwadron would recall walking by the Tchebiner Yeshiva one day and hearing a young man learning with the Tchebiner Rav, Rav Dov Berish Weidenfeld. The younger *chavrusa* was speaking out the *Gemara*, step by step, with the enthusiasm of a *rebbe* teaching new *talmidim*, and Rav Shalom was intrigued. He went to see who was learning with the *rav* and was astounded to see the Tchebiner Rav learning by himself, reading the *Gemara* with the excitement of a young *bachur*.

This was the point of the *Keruvim*, said Rav Miller.

To remind us, to inspire us, to motivate us to be young again.

On the *pasuk* here, the *Baal HaTurim* writes that the *Keruvim* appeared as children, and then connects this with the *pasuk* in which the *Ribbono Shel Olam* speaks of His love for *Klal Yisrael*, saying, “*Ki naar Yisroel va’ohaveihu* – When Yisrael

was young, I loved him” (*Hoshea* 11:1).

*Hakadosh Baruch Hu* appreciates us for this *middah* of “youth” — and youth has nothing to do with physical age.

In the holiest place in the world, the center of *avodah*, stands a reminder to us to stay young. 📌



Rav Shlomo Freifeld



The Tchebiner Rav

**YOUTH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PHYSICAL AGE.**

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The question of why we don't see immediate results from berachos given to us by tzaddikim or our fellow Jews, and why they don't always appear to be effective, is connected to the larger question of how Hashem manages the world. We obviously do not perceive the full picture of Hashem's running of the world, and even if we were privy to all the contributing factors, we still could not possibly understand Hashem's ways. By definition, the term "God" implies that He is beyond our comprehension. A finite human being, made of flesh and blood, can never fathom the infinite wisdom of Hashem. Nevertheless, of this we can be certain: "Hatzur tamim pa'alo, The Rock! Perfect is His work" (Devarim 32:4).



The Klausenburger Rebbe

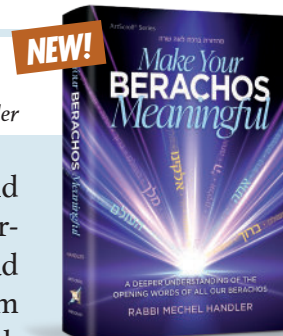
There was a woman who lived past one hundred years of age, and when people asked her the secret of her longevity, she explained, "I

lived through the Holocaust and saw my children and family murdered before my eyes, but I had firm belief that everything Hashem does is good. And so, I didn't ask any questions. Up in Heaven, there are answers for everything. Those people who press for answers are taken to the next world, where all the

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answers become clear. I never had any questions, and that's why they haven't called upon me to leave this world."

Similarly, the Klausenburger Rebbe said, after losing his wife and his eleven children in the Holocaust, "I'd rather be down here with the questions than up there with the answers." 📖



If we know that Hashem is behind everything, it is much easier to deal with challenges.

Rav Ephraim Wachsman related that many years ago, an eighteen-year-old friend of his — we'll call him Eli — visited a museum in Eretz Yisrael. When he went to purchase an entry ticket, the ticket seller told him, "You could pay half price; you're under eighteen."

Eli replied, "No, I'm eighteen. I want to pay full price."

The man said, "No, you look younger than eighteen. The guard at the door will never realize. Just pay half. It's okay."

Eli repeated that he was eighteen and wanted to pay full price — and that is what he did. When he handed his ticket to the guard, the man said, "Thank you. I just won 100 shekels."

The man explained: "When you were approaching the ticket agent, he said, 'Look, a yeshivah boy is com-

ing. He'll probably try to lie about his age and pay less.' I said, 'No way. Yeshivah boys tell the truth.' And you proved me right."

That was a difficult test for Eli, but *baruch Hashem*, he passed.

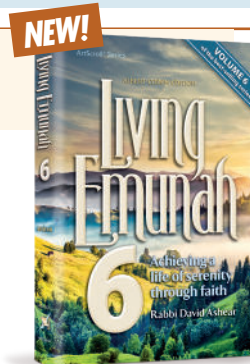


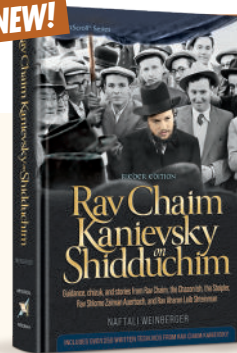
Rav Ephraim Wachsman

**HASHEM SENDS PEOPLE TO SEE HOW WE RESPOND.**

Rav Wachsman observed, "Imagine if Eli had been told beforehand, 'There are people betting on you to see if yeshivah boys tell the truth.' Would it even have been a question in his mind? He would have come confidently and stated with conviction, 'I'm a yeshivah boy. I always tell the truth. I'm always honest.'"

In truth, this is how it always is. Hashem sends people to test our patience, to see how we respond. If each time we could remind ourselves, "It's a test. Hashem sent him," we would be able to pass it much easier. 📖





### The Chazon Ish's Advice

When the *shidduch* between Chaim Kanievsky and Batsheva Elyashiv was being finalized, the *shadchan*, Rav Bentzion Brook (the *Chazon Ish* suggested the *shidduch*, while Rav Brook served as the actual intermediary between the parents as the *shidduch* progressed) asked both fathers about financial support. The Steipler Gaon was able to make a commitment, as he was serving as *rosh yeshivah* of Beis Yosef Novardok and also had income from the sale of his *sefarim*. However, at that time, Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv did not have a steady income, and since Batsheva was his oldest daughter, he was not prepared to make a financial commitment.

A meeting was held at the home of Rav Chaim's uncle, the *Chazon Ish*, in which Rav Elyashiv and his father-in-law, Rav Aryeh Levin, participated. At the meeting, the *Chazon Ish* insisted that Rav Elyashiv make some sort of financial commitment. Those who do so, said the *Chazon Ish*, see that Hashem helps them to honor their commitment in miraculous ways. The *Chazon Ish* then advised Rav Elyashiv to take a rabbinic position so he could fulfill the obligation he was undertaking. The *shidduch* was finalized at that meeting.

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### Two Shidduchim, One Commitment

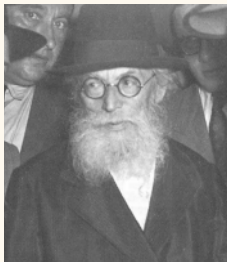
There was a *talmid chacham* at Kollel Chazon Ish who was very close to Rav Chaim Kanievsky and had learned alongside him at the *kollel* for many years. He had a daughter who was on the verge of becoming engaged and the *shad-*

to Rav Chaim with the exciting news that his daughter was becoming engaged that night to another *bachur*.

When Rav Chaim asked about the financial arrangements, the man replied, "I so desperately wanted to see my daughter engaged that I pushed myself beyond my limits and agreed to pay ninety percent of the apartment's price."

When Rav Chaim related this story to his son, Rav Yitzchak Shaul, he explained what happened as he saw it: This man seemed to think that

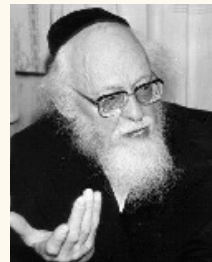
what made the *shidduch* happen was his decision to pay an exorbitant amount for the apartment. In truth, however, this *shidduch* was decreed in Heaven; the first *shidduch* was not. Therefore, when it came to the first *shidduch*, Hashem caused him to feel that he was being treated unfairly by the other side. He absolutely would not commit himself to pay seventy percent of the apartment cost, and this put an end to the *shidduch*. But when the second *shidduch* came along, Hashem instilled in him the confidence that he could handle the huge financial undertaking of a ninety-percent commitment, and that is how the *shidduch* came to fruition. 📖



The Chazon Ish



Rav Chaim Kanievsky



Rav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv

## HASHEM HELPS THEM TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT IN MIRACULOUS WAYS.

*chan* was trying to finalize the financial arrangements. The *shadchan* conveyed that the boy's parents wanted the girl's parents to undertake to pay seventy percent of the purchase price of the new couple's apartment. (In Eretz Yisrael, it is common to purchase an apartment for a new couple.) The father told Rav Chaim that he would agree to pay sixty percent, as it is common for the girl's side to give more than the boy's, but he felt that it was unreasonable to demand that he commit to pay seventy percent.

Rav Chaim did not express an opinion on the matter and, in the end, the *shidduch* fell apart.

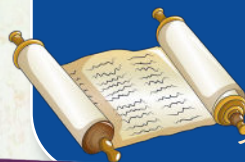
Two months later, this man came

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FEBRUARY / אדר א'						
SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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### THIS WEEK'S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY / אדר א'						
SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Peah 4:6-7	Peah 4:8-9	Peah 4:10-11	Peah 5:1-2	Peah 5:3-4	Peah 5:5-6	Peah 5:7-8



# Parashah for Children

## פרשת תרומה

### THE MENORAH

#### Seven Lights

**E**very day, Aharon, the Kohen Gadol, lit the Menorah in the Mishkan in the late afternoon. The lamps stayed lit throughout the night. The Menorah in the Mishkan had seven lights.

#### A Block of Gold

**T**o make the Menorah, Moshe started with a block of gold. Hashem showed Moshe what the Menorah should look like. The Menorah had to be formed out of one huge golden block. But it was simply too hard for a person to make. So Hashem told Moshe, "Throw

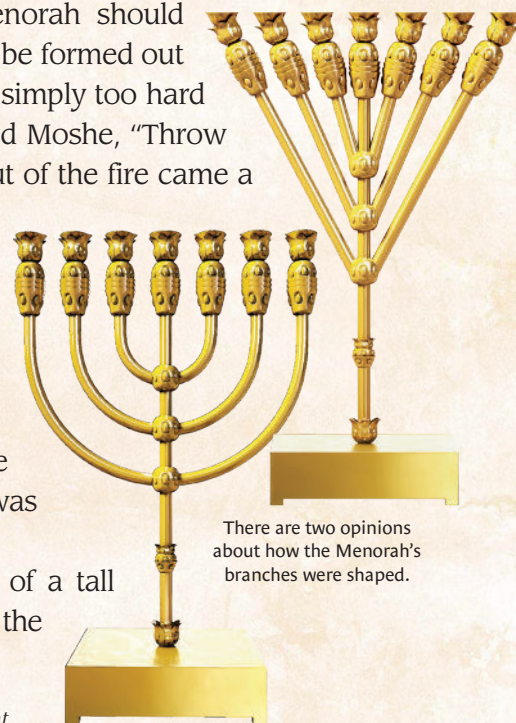
the gold into the fire." Hashem made a miracle and out of the fire came a beautiful gold Menorah, exactly the way Hashem had showed Moshe it should look.

#### Six Feet High

**T**he Menorah was about 3 amos (six feet) high, the height of a tall adult. It had seven bowls at the top. The best quality olive oil (made from the first drops pressed from the best olives of each picking) was poured into each bowl, and wicks were added.

It had six gracefully curving branches<sup>1</sup> coming out of a tall center branch, three on each side. At the bottom of the center branch was a three-legged square base.

<sup>1</sup> There is an opinion that the branches were straight and rose up on a slant.



There are two opinions about how the Menorah's branches were shaped.

### FASCINATING FACTS

The Menorah is a symbol of Torah. Its 22 decorative cups stand for the 22 letters of the aleph-beis, the letters with which the Torah is written.

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## THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Parashas Terumah:

**There was one family that knew the secret of making the Lechem HaPanim. What was their name?**

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**The winner of the Parashas Beshalach question is: ROCHEL TAUB, Brooklyn, NY**

The question was: How was Aharon Hakohen related to Nachshon ben Aminadav?  
The answer is: Aharon married Nachshon's sister Elisheva, making them brothers-in-law.

