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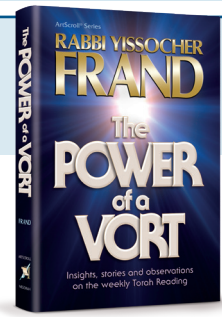
L'ILLUI NISHMAS RAV MOSHE BEN RAV YISSOCHOR BERISH AND MARAS YENTA BAS YISROEL CHAIM

PARASHAH

SHIRKING RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT HUMILITY

The Power of A Vort by Rabbi Yissocher Frand

וְשָׁם רָאִינוּ אֶת הַנְּפִילִים בְּנֵי עֲנָק מִן הַנְּפִילִים וְנָהִי בְּעֵינֵינוּ כְּחַגָּבִים וְכֵן הָיִינוּ בְּעֵינֵיהֶם
*There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of a giant from among the Nephilim;
we were like grasshoppers in our eyes, and so we were in their eyes (13:33).*



A question should jump off the page when reading the last words uttered by the *Meraglim* in their negative report about Eretz Yisrael.

How could they possibly know that they looked like grasshoppers in the eyes of the giants who inhabited Eretz Yisrael at the time? Were they mind readers?

Rashi offers a straightforward answer: the *Meraglim* related that they heard the giants saying, "We see bugs walking in the vineyards."

If we take a closer look at the *pasuk*, however, we find another answer in the *Meraglim's* words. "*We were like grasshoppers in our eyes, and so we were in their eyes.*"

Human nature is such that the people we interact with will reflect the level of esteem in which we hold ourselves right back to us. If a person thinks of himself as a *shmatteh*, then people will treat him like a *shmatteh*.

Humility might be the most misunderstood of all of the character traits. Many people think that a humble person is one who thinks he is absolutely worthless. They think that someone who thinks of himself as more than a grasshopper is arrogant.

In truth, humility means that you are fully aware of your inborn qualities, but you don't become haughty because you realize that those


qualities were given to you by Hashem.

If the *gabbai* asks a person with a beautiful voice to serve as the *shaliach tzibbur*, false humility would be to say, "I'm not a good *baal tefillah*."

A truly humble person would get up to daven, but would realize that his voice is not something to be proud of, because he didn't acquire it through his own efforts; Hashem gave it to him to serve Him better. *That* is humility.

There is a famous story in which Rav Moshe Feinstein thought that someone who called out "Moshe" in the street was referring to him — clearly a very humble reaction.

But the same Rav Moshe was once at a wedding and a young man approached him to ask him a question. Rav Moshe answered the first question, and the man posed a question on his response. This continued for several more rounds — which would have been fine, except that with each successive question, this young man's voice kept rising and becoming more aggressive. Finally, Rav Moshe took him by the arm and led him aside. "I don't believe you understand who you are talking to."

Rav Moshe, who had not a whit of arrogance to him, understood that humility did not mean that he should allow a young man to address him with *chutzpah*. 



COMMEMORATING
RABBI MEIR ZLOTOWITZ ZT"l
Upon His 5th Yahrzeit — This Wednesday, ל' סיון

Klal Yisrael owes an eternal debt to Rabbi Zlotowitz for transforming the Jewish world through the ArtScroll series, touching – and teaching – Jews across the globe.

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A MOTHER'S PLEA

Exalted Moments – Welcoming Shabbos
by Yisroel Besser

Every word, every tear, and every sincere plea leaves a mark. A respected and accomplished marbitz Torah, Rav Baruch Heimann, shared a personal detail from his past that underscores the power and potency of the sincere tefillos offered at the time of lighting Shabbos candles.

Zalman Aran was a minister in David Ben Gurion's Labor government, a close associate and confidant of the politician during the earliest years of the state. Aran, who had attended *cheder* in Russia as a child, had abandoned religion and lived a secular lifestyle. When Ben Gurion concluded his famous meeting with the *Chazon Ish*, he headed to the Aran home to eat lunch and, at the meal, he shared his impressions. The prime minister was clearly in awe of the *Chazon Ish*'s courage and strength.



The Chazon Ish

THIS WAS THE TEFILLAH SHE REPEATED EACH WEEK AFTER THAT.

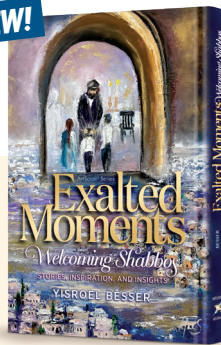
"Most people compliment and flatter, just to get what they want, but Rav Kare-
litz is completely confident in the accu-
racy of his own words and the Torah he represents. He said precisely what he thinks and had no problem sharing his true opinions with me, whether or not it was comfortable for him. The *Chazon Ish*," Ben Gurion concluded, "is more like an angel than a human being."

As Ben Gurion spoke, the hostess, Mrs. Aran, listened intently. On Friday afternoons, she would light candles, trying to hold onto a vestige of her youth, and each week, she would whisper a *tefillah* — that her children grow up to be like David Ben Gurion, the great leader of the country and the person she and her husband most admired. But now, she thought, if Ben Gurion himself had been that impressed with the *rav* from Bnei Brak, she would revise the wording of the weekly request!

That Friday, she *davened* that her children grow up to be like Rav Karelitz, and this was the *tefillah* she repeated each week after that.

Rav Baruch Heimann, a *baal teshuvah* and effective *marbitz Torah*, is a grandson of Zalman Aran, the fruition of his grandmother's sincere, heartfelt *tefillos* as she stood by the *Shabbos* candles. 📖

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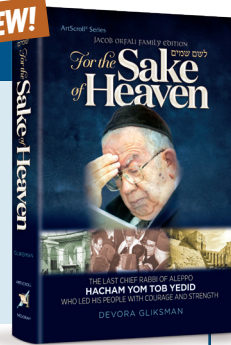


TORAH

LEARNING TRUMPS ALL

For the Sake of Heaven – The
Last Chief Rabbi of Aleppo,
Hacham Yom Tob Yedid
by Devora Glikzman

NEW!



Hacham Yom Tob Yedid very rarely spent more than 10 minutes at a wedding.

"Don't come for me until you are completely ready," he would tell the fathers of the bride and groom. "Take all your pictures, do anything you want, then come for me."



Hacham Yom Tob Yedid



Rav Yehuda Ades

"YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE EZRAT NASHIM OF AHI EZER."

Hacham Yom Tob had no patience for idle chatter. He remained in his office, next to the Midrash, immersed in his learning, until he was called. Then he immediately closed his *sefer* and accompanied the two fathers and the groom to the K'nees or the Talmud Torah, downstairs.

He performed the ceremony, Hacham Abraham Zaafrani recited all the *berachot*, Hacham Yom Tob wished everyone *mabrook*, and

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THIS WEEK'S DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

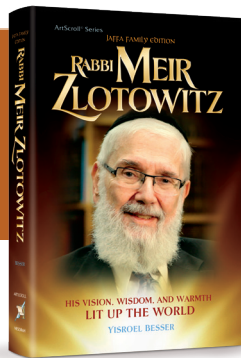
JUNE-JULY / סיון-תמוז

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25 כ	26 ב	27 ג	28 ד	29 ה	30 ו	1 ז
Yevamos 110	Yevamos 111	Yevamos 112	Yevamos 113	Yevamos 114	Yevamos 115	Yevamos 116

THIS WEEK'S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

JUNE-JULY / סיון-תמוז

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 יט	19 כ	20 כא	21 כב	22 כג	23 כד	24 ה
Terumos 3:4-5	Terumos 3:6-7	Terumos 3:8-9	Terumos 4:1-2	Terumos 4:3-4	Terumos 4:5-6	Terumos 4:7-8



COMMEMORATING RABBI MEIR ZLOTOWITZ ז"ל

Upon His 5th Yahrzeit — This Wednesday, ל' סיון

To mark the 5th yahrzeit of Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz ז"ל, legendary founder of ArtScroll Mesorah, we present the following from the uplifting biography authored by Yisroel Besser

One *Motza'ei Pesach*, Reb Meir Zlotowitz stood in the hotel parking lot watching various family members as they packed up to leave after having spent *Yom Tov* together. He pulled a granddaughter aside and indicated the commotion and activity — cars being loaded, luggage carts being wheeled back and forth, the happy noise of a family that enjoyed each other's company filling the early spring night — and he waved his hand. "You see all this, Chaya? Look what we have here now. This entire family is just from one person — me. I'm one person. Bubby is one person."

"Think of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. Each and every one of them could have had a family like this. We didn't lose just six million people. We lost six million families."

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One of Reb Meir's married grandchildren called to share the good news that she was expecting a child. She wasn't really telling people yet, she admitted, but she knew he had been very concerned and had been davening a lot.

"I assure you of two things," he told her after reacting to the happy news. "One is that I won't share your secret and two is, no one will ever know that I knew it first."

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Many salespeople form relationships with their clients, reflects an ArtScroll donor, but Reb Meir created real friendships, evident from the fact that, even when donors faced hard times and couldn't continue to give, the bond remained the same — and at times, it even grew stronger.

A donor admitted to having endured a difficult few seasons in business: he was no longer able to give. Reb Meir sighed deeply. "I feel bad about the loss we're taking," he said, "but I'm much more disturbed by the fact that you were going through a rough time and didn't tell me about it."

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"Zaidy," cried out a grandson at Reb Meir's *levayah*, "you were so busy with us, when did you have time for ArtScroll?"

Reb Meir was proud of what ArtScroll had accomplished, but his greatest joy came from being with his family and discussing their achievements.

Colleagues who knew him from work, familiar with the focused, efficient executive of office hours, would see him at family *simchos* and marvel. Reb Meir would sit with children and grandchildren enjoying every moment, exuding happiness and tranquility, clearly in his element.

Behind the titles and publicity and impact was the person who never disappeared, the man who never got swallowed up by the legend. 📖

LEARNING TRUMPS ALL

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then he went back upstairs to learn.

He never attended a wedding feast, unless it was for close family. He certainly had no idea what was going on in the streets of Jamilieh in the wee hours of the morning.

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Rav Yehuda Ades was in Amer-

ica. He attended the wedding of one of Hacham Yom Tob's grandchildren. Immediately after the *berachot* under the *huppah* finished, he turned to the Yedid brothers.

"Where is your father?" he asked them. "I want to wish him *mazal tov*."

They looked at each other and laughed.

"You will have to go to the *ezrat nashim* of Ahi Ezer."

"But he was just here!" Rav Ades said, in disbelief.

"True," they nodded, "and now he is over there."

Hacham Yom Tob is not simply the matmid of chutz la'aretz, Rav Ades decided. He is the matmid of the generation! 📖



Parashah for Children

פרשת שלח

Eight, One, One, and Zero

At a place called Nachal Eshkol, the meraglim cut down a vine branch with a cluster of grapes on it. The grapes were huge and heavy! In order to carry them back with them, they put the grape cluster on four poles. Eight meraglim were needed to carry that cluster of grapes!

They also carried one fig and one pomegranate. The fig and pomegranate were so huge and heavy

that one person could not carry them both! So, one spy carried the fig, and another carried the pomegranate.

Eight and two is ten. But there were 12 meraglim! What did the other two meraglim carry? Nothing! The two meraglim who didn't carry anything were Yehoshua and Calev. They refused to carry anything because they knew that the other ten meraglim were planning to use the fruit for something bad. They were going to say that the enormous fruit proved that Eretz Yisrael was a strange and terrible place to live.

Calev and Yehoshua wanted no part of that. They were planning to tell the truth — Eretz Yisrael is a wonderful place to live!



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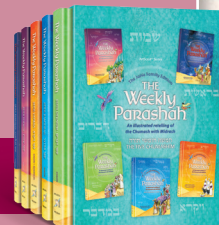
THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Parashas Shelach:

Which of the meraglim was a spy two times? And when?

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 Shavuot question is: ZISHA KATZENSTEIN, Brooklyn, NY



The question was: What were the only statues that the Jews were allowed to make?

The answer is: After giving the Aseres Hadibros, Hashem told Moshe that He will tell the Jews to make Keruvim, gold statues to be put on the Aron that contained the Aseres Hadibros. These were the only statues that the Jews were allowed to make.

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