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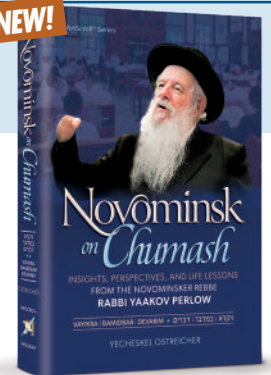
PARASHAH

KIDDUSH HASHEM

Novominsk on Chumash Volume 2

From the Novominsker Rebbe zt"l, written by Rabbi Yechezkel Ostreicher

NEW!



ולא תחללו את שם קדשי ונקדשתי בתוך בני ישראל.
You shall not desecrate My holy Name, and I shall be sanctified among the Children of Yisrael (22:32).

Why does the Torah tell us that Hashem's Name should be sanctified (ונקדשתי) and not command us directly to sanctify his name (וקדשתם)?

I once heard a beautiful answer from Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky. The *Mishnah* (Avos 4:4) says a frightening thing regarding *chillul Hashem*: "Echad shogeig v'echad meizid b'chillul Hashem, It is the same whether it is unintentional or intentional regarding desecration of the Name." If even inadvertent *chillul Hashem* is punishable, we can derive that even inadvertent *kiddush Hashem* is rewarded as well.



The Novominsker Rebbe

If one behaves in a becoming manner and makes a *kiddush Hashem* without realizing it, he, too, will be rewarded. That is why the Torah uses a passive expression regarding this *mitzvah*: Even if you do not do it, but it happens by itself, you will be rewarded.

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A few days before the Agudah Convention, R' Lipa Brennan, administrator of Yeshivas Novominsk, heard a knock on the office door.

The Novominsker Rebbe entered and said that since he planned to discuss at the convention the need for *yeshivos* to perfect their observance of legal

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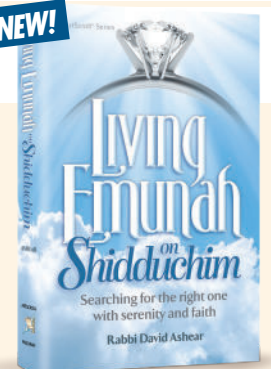
guidelines regarding government funds, he wanted to make sure that the *yeshiva's* operations met all government regulations fully. R' Lipa replied that there was no need to worry; everything was fully in compliance. But the Rebbe wanted to check again, explaining, "Eider ich gib mussar tzi andere, darf ich zehnvus tit zich bai mir in shtieb. Before I give *mussar* to others, I need to see what's going on in my own house!" 📖

FAITH

UNTIL HASHEM HELPS

Living Emunah on Shidduchim by Rabbi David Ashear

NEW!



It might not be the right time for a person to receive what he has been praying for, but when the time is right, it will be his *tefillos* that are the catalyst for Hashem to bring about his *yeshuah*. Therefore, no matter how long it has

been, a person should never lose hope and never stop praying.

One of the explanations of the words we say in the Amidah, *mishan umivtach latzaddikim*, is that Hashem gives the *tzaddik* encouragement *continued on page 2*

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to lean on (*mishan*) a support to get him through his difficult times. This is in order that he continue to hope and pray, so that eventually he will receive what he has been hoping for.

A man went to the Ruzhiner Rebbe for a *berachah* for help with his problems. When he emerged from the Rebbe's room, the Rebbe's young son asked him, "What did my father tell you?"

The man replied, "He told me that Hashem is going to help me."

The boy then asked, "Well, what's going to happen until Hashem helps?"

The man said, "I don't know."

He went back in to the Rebbe and asked, "Who is going to help me until Hashem helps?"

The Rebbe replied, "Hashem is going to help you until Hashem helps."

This is a very powerful lesson. Although it might not be the opportune time for a person to be granted what he wants, Hashem will help him get through the trying period until that time comes.

Raizy* recently turned thirty. She told me that this past *Simchas Torah*, something happened that made her want to give up on ever marrying. She had been through too much and there didn't seem to

be any hope left.

A few days later, her daily *chizuk* email described a girl just like her. That girl, also, had a very rough time on *Succos* and *Simchas Torah*, and then Hashem gave her the *chizuk* she needed. After reading the email, Raizy noticed that it was dedicated in honor of someone with the exact same name as hers. It had her full Hebrew name and her mother's name at the top

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of the email. Only the last name was different.

Seeing her name on an email describing the exact same circumstances she was going through, with Hashem giving that person *chizuk*, gave her *chizuk*. She said to Hashem, "I'm not going to give up. I'm going to continue trying to find a *shidduch*."

She ended up traveling to another country to meet her *zivug*, and *b'ezras Hashem*, they are perfectly matched.

Words of *chizuk* can go such a long way. Hashem can give us just

the *chizuk* we need to keep going and be motivated to continue hoping.

Another woman told me that someone suggested a *shidduch* for her daughter, but the boy declined to meet her. They found out afterward that an unknown person's negative comments had dissuaded the young man. Worried that this might happen again, the girl's mother tried to trace the source of the comment, but after a while she gave up. "It really doesn't matter who it was," she said. "Hashem is in charge of *shidduchim*."

The daughter was still feeling unsettled. Several days later, she was listening to a daily *chizuk* message, and one of the first things the rabbi said was that we should not be concerned if people try to sabotage our *shidduchim* by saying negative things, because when the right one comes along, Hashem will make sure that no one stands in the way.

The girl felt like Hashem was speaking directly to her, and she got much *chizuk* from it.

Hashem helps us with salvation, and He also helps us until He brings the salvation. It might not be the opportune time for us to get what we are waiting for, but it is always an opportune time to get *chizuk*, and therefore we should include in our prayers requests to Hashem for help with that as well. 📖

THIS WEEK'S DAF YOMI SCHEDULE:

MAY / אייר

SHABBOS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 טו	7 טז	8 יז	9 יח	10 יט	11 כ	12 כא
Sotah 38	Sotah 39	Sotah 40	Sotah 41	Sotah 42	Sotah 43	Sotah 44

THIS WEEK'S MISHNAH YOMI SCHEDULE:

MAY / אייר

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6 טו	7 טז	8 יז	9 יח	10 יט	11 כ	12 כא
Shekalim 3:4-4:1	Shekalim 4:2-3	Shekalim 4:4-5	Shekalim 4:6-7	Shekalim 4:8-9	Shekalim 5:1-2	Shekalim 5:3-4



With the vast number of events they are involved with, United Hatzalah can never afford to rest and is constantly upping the training for its volunteers. One day, Hatzalah was holding a massive simulated casualty drill. This is where United Hatzalah teaches the volunteers what to do in a situation where a bus is blown up (may this never happen again).

Inside the bus, “victims” of the “bombing” were painted to look like they had been injured, and there were many ambulances, motorcycles, and even helicopters on the scene. It was a huge drill, and some of the organization’s donors had chosen to attend and experience the day from a close vantage point. One of the donors was a special man named Steven B.

The drill was about to begin when Steven’s eye was caught by the sight of an obviously religious volunteer sitting on the side and studying from what was clearly a Torah book while he waited for the drill to begin. A closer look and Steven realized that he was studying *Daf Yomi*. What really interested Steven was how this man had clearly trained himself to be able to concentrate on what he was studying even in the midst of incredible tumult and commotion.

Steven asked the young man his name, and he introduced himself as Dov Povarsky (a grandson of the *rosh yeshivah* of Ponevezh, Rav Berel Povarsky).

“What are you studying?” Steven asked.

“It’s a discussion about a person who gives his wife a divorce contract, which is contingent on certain conditions being fulfilled.”

Steven found this fascinating because he had just visited a museum where, for the first time in his life, he had seen a “*get al tenai*,” a “conditional” divorce contract given from a man to his wife, used on very rare occasions during wartime, when couples were separated from one another and didn’t know if they would be reunited or even know the fate of the husband. In that case, the divorce contract could be enforced and

his wife would be able to remarry. Now, here was a man learning about that very concept.

Early the next morning, Steven woke suddenly, feeling ill. He felt bad enough that he fainted. When he regained consciousness a short while later, it was already five thirty in the morning. He called 1221, the number for United Hatzalah, giving them the address of his home in Yerushalayim.

“Don’t worry,” the dispatcher said. “Someone will be there soon.”

He had barely gotten off the phone and someone was already knocking on his door. The next thing he knew, Dov Povarsky was walking into his home — the same young man who had been sitting and learning the previous day in the midst of a noisy drill. After he stabilized Steven’s blood pressure and made certain he did not need hospitalization, Steven asked him why he was visiting his neighborhood so early in the morning.

“I try to make a habit of *davening Shacharis* at the earliest time possible,” he explained. “I usually go to the *Kosel* to *daven*. I was driving through your neighborhood when the call came in, so I took it, and the next thing I know we’re having a reunion.”

Before Dov left, Steven turned to him and said, “Rabbi Povarsky, there’s a favor I want to ask of you.”

“What’s that?”

“Would it be possible for the two of us to study today’s *Daf Yomi* together?”

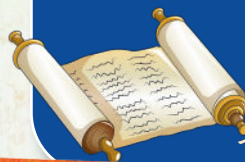
Steven happened to own a set of Talmud that had survived the Holocaust. Dov went to the shelf and removed the tractate of *Gittin*, which they studied together, exactly one day after Steven had first seen him sitting and learning the *Daf Yomi* in the midst of the hustle and bustle of a major emergency drill, unfazed by all the noise and completely at peace with his inner world, no matter what was going on around him. 📖



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Parashah for Children

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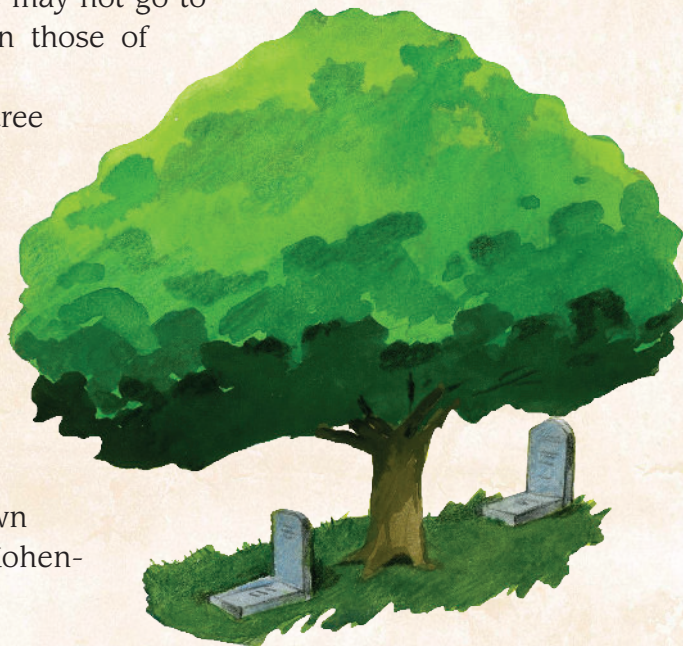
Kohanim's Special Mitzvos

Do you have a friend, relative, or classmate who is a Kohen? Are you a Kohen yourself? Did you know that a Kohen has special mitzvos?

A Kohen may not touch a dead body, or even be in the same building with one. A Kohen may also not be inside at an indoor funeral, if dead bodies are in the building. The only exceptions are if the person who died is the Kohen's wife, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, or unmarried sister. And the Kohen Gadol can't even do that! He may not go to anyone's funeral, even those of his close relatives.

A Kohen also can't stand next to a grave, or walk under a tree if part of the tree's branches hangs over a grave or a body.

If there is a branch of a tree hanging over a grave, a Kohen can't walk or ride a bike under that branch. Some years ago, there was a cemetery in Brooklyn that had trees growing in it, and some of those branches hung over graves. Problem was, the branches also grew over a major road. Kohanim walking by or driving by on their bikes had to swerve around the overhanging branches, making walking or biking there difficult for them. The Jewish community finally got the city to cut down the branches growing over the street, to make the road Kohen-friendly!



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THE WEEKLY QUESTION

Question for Parashas Emor:

For which non-relative is there an exception to the rule that a Kohen may not touch a dead body?

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 Pesach question is: THE AKHAMZADEH FAMILY, Los Angeles, CA

The question was: What is the shortest perek in all the twenty-four books of Tanach?
The answer is: Tehillim Perek 117, Hallelu es Hashem kol goyim. It has only two pesukim.



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