



Understanding Davening

... משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם

Who makes the wind blow and makes the rain descend...

As a young **בחור**, R' Moshe Schwab זצ"ל went through a difficult period. An older **בחור** came over one day and related a reoccurring dream about him. An old man had asked him to tell the young Moshe, "משיב הרוח - משיב הרוחניות - *he should lift up his spirituality*, ומוריד הגשם - ומוריד הגשמייות - *he should lower his physical needs!*" Deeply moved by this dream, R' Moshe showed the **בחור** a family photo to check if it was a family member. The **בחור** recognized the man in the dream to be R' Moshe's grandfather. R' Moshe wrote to his parents about the dream. His father replied, "וְאָבִיו שָׁמַר אֶת הַדְּבָר ... my father has agreed to you! Stay and learn!"

Focus on Middos

Dear תלמיד,

R' Dov Beirish Weidenfeld, זצ"ל, the Tchebiner Rav, author of the classic work ספר דובב משרים, was one of most revered and beloved פוסקים in his time. He had a brilliant mind and received סמיכה from the בית יצחק at the age of 24. He was an unusual ענו and tried as much as possible to avoid becoming an official רב.

In 1940 R' Weidenfeld, his wife and youngest daughter were deported to Siberia. In 1946, through great efforts of influential עסקנים he finally escaped to ירושלים where he lived in the שערי חסד neighborhood until his פטירה.

R' Shlomo Zalman Auerbach זצ"ל described a scene he witnessed in the first years after R' Weidenfeld came to שערי חסד.

It was ליל יום כפור and as R' Shlomo Zalman was walking home, he passed the shul called בית הכנסת קהל חסידים. He noticed that R' Weidenfeld was sitting together with a diverse group of men. They seemed to be enjoying themselves, humming and singing all different types of melodies. R' Shlomo Zalman

remembered that he thought, "Is it really appropriate that the esteemed פוסק should 'farbrenge' this way with these people on ליל יום כפור, the holiest night of the year?"

On מוצאי יום כפור, R' Shlomo Zalman wished to discuss an ענין with R' Weidenfeld. During the conversation R' Shlomo Zalman could not help but mention his puzzling observation from the previous night.

R' Weidenfeld smiled and explained, "Those men you saw are war refugees. Many of them are broken-hearted widowers who lost their entire family in the Holocaust. After מעריב, I heard them trying to remember some of the old יום כפור melodies that they sang in Poland. I know the melodies well and I realized the uplift they would get by singing together. Is there a better way I could spend a יום כפור night?"

My תלמיד, it is not always easy to ask, but the תורה teaches us not to jump to conclusions; there is usually another side to a story.

הי זכרו ברוד!

בגידיות, רבי Your

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Every sincere תפלה is powerful, especially the תפלות of our children (תינוקות של בית רבן). The חפץ חיים writes that davening for others is a מצוה. Even if you cannot assist your fellow Jew with money, you can help him with your תפלות. In these challenging times of עקבתא דמשיחא, please try to recite extra אחינו בני תהלים for ישראל. In the זכות of our collective תפלות, may we all be זוכה to the גאולה שלמה בקרוב!

Sage Sayings

A תלמיד returning from בני ברק wanted to portray to his רבי, the Tchebiner רב, how the חזון איש held the רבי in high regard. He related to the רבי that amongst the very few ספרים that he saw on the חזון איש's פסח table (the חזון איש limited the ספרים on his table out of fear of תמץ) he noticed the רבי's ספר פונקט. The Tchebiner רב smiled and said, "פונקט - פארקערט! עס איז א ראיה אז ער נוצט עס נישט א גאנץ יאר! On the contrary! It proves that he doesn't use it the [remainder of the] whole year!" Source: *The Torah World* (with kind permission from ArtScroll)

LEARNING FROM OUR LEADERS

RAV AVROHOM WEINBERG WAS WALKING WITH A FEW TALMIDIM TOWARDS HIS SHUL IN TEVERIA.

HEY, SILLY RABBI! YOUR JACKET IS LONGER THAN YOUR BEARD!

HASHEM AMAR LO KALLEL - THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM HASHEM TO DO TESHUVAH. I MUST HAVE ERRED IN SOME MATTER IF I AM GETTING THIS VERBAL ABUSE...



THE VERY NEXT MORNING...

HONORED RABBI, I AM BROKE. MY FAMILY WILL BE EVICTED FROM OUR HOME UNLESS I PAY RENT IMMEDIATELY.

OY VEY IZ MIR! MY DEAR FRIEND, YOUR PAIN IS MY PAIN. I'M GOING TO TRY MY UTMOST TO HELP YOU IN EVERY WAY. I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY IN THE HOUSE, SO PLEASE GIVE ME SOME TIME. WHAT'S YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?

THE MAN THANKED R' AVROHOM WEINBERG AND LEFT...



THIS INTEREST-FREE LOAN REQUEST IS FOR A VERY DEAR FRIEND. HE IS IN DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS... YES... HOW MUCH...? GOOD! LET'S DISCUSS THE PAYBACK SCHEDULE... GEVALDIG! I'M SENDING SOMEONE OVER NOW...



AFTER MANY CALLS, R' AVROHOM WEINBERG ARRANGED A SIZABLE LOAN WITH VERY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

PLEASE COME OVER RIGHT AWAY, I CANNOT BEAR TO SEE YOU SUFFER. I'VE ARRANGED A LOAN THAT WILL PAY YOUR OUTSTANDING RENT AND COVER IT FOR QUITE SOME TIME...



RAV ASHER WERNER, CHIEF RABBI OF TEVERIA, HEARD THE STORY.

IN TRUTH, I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT R' AVROHOM WORKED SO DILIGENTLY TO SECURE A LOAN, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PERSON HAD INSULTED HIM. AFTER ALL, THIS IS R' AVROHOM'S SUPERIOR CHARACTER - HE IS ALWAYS READY TO FORGIVE AND FORGET...



...WHAT DOES AMAZE ME IS THE MAN'S CHUTZPAH. R' AVROHOM'S STERLING CHARACTER MUST BE SO WELL KNOWN IN THE CITY THAT THE MAN TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN OWE THE RAV AN APOLOGY!



WEINBERG WAS BORN IN TEVERIA TO ANCHOR AND RABBI. HE LEARNED IN THE Yeshiva of R' MOSHE KLIER'S OF TEVERIA. HE MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF R' MOSHE KLIER, DAUGHTER OF R' MOSHE KLIER. DURING HIS LIFETIME HE MANAGED TO COMPLETE LEARNING THE ENTIRE TOSFOS AND SH"SS IN SEVERAL TIMES. HE TRAVELED TO EUROPE AT THE AGE OF 17 TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FROM R' WEINBERG, THE SLONIMER REBBE. THERE HE ABSORBED A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIGHER QUALITIES THAT CHARACTERIZED HIM FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. MORE THAN 30 YEARS LATER, WHEN THE TERRIBLE NEWS REACHED TEVERIA THAT THE LAST SLONIMER REBBE HAD PERISHED, HE WAS URGED TO ACCEPT THE HELM OF LEADERSHIP. HE ADAMANTLY REFUSED, AND R' MOTTEL SLONIMER WAS SELECTED IN HIS STEAD. UPON R' MOTTEL'S DEPARTURE IN 1954, HE FINALLY ACQUIESCED TO ACCEPT THE POSITION. HE SERVED FOR 27 YEARS, SUCCESSFULLY RAISING AN ENTIRE GENERATION TO UNPARALLELED HEIGHTS IN TEVERIA, PLACING HIS EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. HE ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE HONORARY COUNCIL. HE AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS.

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