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Parshat Vayechi

FISCHER'S HERALD

*Anytime two people meet,
it should benefit a third.*
- The Lubavitcher Rebbe

DAF YOMI: ALL YOMI

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THE MAIN THING

BY ELI SHAIN

In this week's Parsha, we go through the "years" Yaakov Avinu lived in Egypt, how Yaakov made Yosef swear to bury him in the tomb of his fathers, the blessings to Efraim and Menashe (we all made that project in kindergarten) and the blessings to the Shevatim, Yaakov Avinu is niftar, taken out of Egypt and is on the way to Chevron. We have Eisav's head, the Shevatim are afraid Yosef will take vengeance and are assured peace, and finally Yosef's request that when the Jews leave Egypt his bones should be taken as well. חזק! חזק! ונתחזק!

Of course there are plenty excellent points to get into in this week's Torah portion, but the point I want to go to is in the last few feet of the journey to bury Yaakov Avinu. As the funeral procession gets near they see Eisav is blocking the way with his army, and refusing to let them enter to bury Yaakov, Eisav claims that Yaakov had no rights to the burial plot. The Shevatim argued with him that he sold it to Yaakov with the firstborn rights, in which Eisav asked "Where is the proof and that document?" Being that it was left in Egypt they sent Naftali (who ran as graceful as a deer) to retrieve it. As this whole commotion is going on, Dan had a son Chushim, who was deaf. Now Chushim could see the balagan, and when he realized what was going on, he became infuriated and shouted, "Should my grandfather lie there in disgrace until Naftali returns to Egypt!?" And with that he grabbed a stick and knocked Eisav's head flat off.

As Harav Fischer says, "The Main Thing, Is to Keep The Main Thing, the Main Thing!" So many times we get so involved in the small details of life and forget the main point we are chasing. Our minds are contaminated from Eisav/Amalek and we start entertaining the side things which we think are important. May we all be Zoche to take that club and wack Eisav out of us and our thought processes and through that to "Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing!"

HAVE A SPLENDID SHABBOS

FULL SPEED AHEAD

BY CHATAN AHARON ETTEDGUI

Where did Chanukah go? What? We had bein hazmanim? Why? Did we fast this week? Triipp that's random! Should I start daf yomi? Idk. Yo it's almost Purim already, I need a flight for Pesach!! What do I want to do this zman?

Whoa whoa whoa, settle down there buddy, it's very simple. You know who makes things complicated? The yetzer harah who wants you emotionally, physically, and spiritually DEAD!

I have a full zman ahead of me and a zman, like life, is a culmination of each day in it, which means each day is my zman.

Ok so what will I do with this day?

Well all I got is 24 hours, so I make a list of the things I want to accomplish with a game plan of how to get it done. I split up my day accordingly and put it on paper to make it real and now comes action! The luscious fruits of my labor will begin to sprout and I will be filled with the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction.

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P.S. there's no such thing as burning out, there's doing what I want, and then there's not being in touch with what I want, which results in the feeling of "AAAAHHHH I CANT DO THIS ANYMORE!"

I need to remind myself daily, nay- HOURLY what I'm doing and why.

Hashem's arms are wide open waiting patiently for us to accept his warm embrace!

L'chaim L'chaim!

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH OWNER OF G-WAGON'S POPPERS LLC,
GEDALYAH X. SNYDER

The lights dim.

The oil begins to sizzle.

Someone yells "Ow!" and grabs his arm. It wasn't the oil, it was a drop of rain.

That will be \$7.42 please.

FH: Hey Gedalyah! Thanks for travelin all the way out here. What's the X stand for?

GXS: Yes.

FH: Interesting! So what's the hardest thing about running a popper business?

GXS: Probably walking to get ingredients from Yesh.

FH: That IS annoying! Who's your best friend?

GXS: Rabbi Norden.

FH: Well, that hurt. Thanks for comin out!

GXS: Sure.

MAN: THE PROTECTOR

BY AHARON HOLTZMAN

Humans were not made to be self-reliant. We need other humans. From those two sentences the natural conclusion most people would take away is that in order to live in a state of luxury we need more humans to fill a civilization which will then provide that. While that is correct, that is not the reason why we need other humans. We need other humans for our own happiness. The creation of the second human, Chava, was literally made for that purpose, not to provide Adam with anything on a luxury material level. Men and women's approach to benefitting emotionally from other people differs. In this article I will be talking about men.

The natural role of a man is as The Protector. The Protector can take many different forms, such as: a guy making money for his family, a guy learning to further benefit his family in religious ways, a guy working out to build himself to protect others (remember you need to be able to protect yourself before you can protect others). All of these and more are good examples of a man fulfilling his natural role as The Protector.

Now let's talk about why this is good for men themselves, and not just those around him. In many social situations there are two roles, the giver and the taker. There's the guy borrowing money all the time, and there's the guy lending money to the broke guy. There's the guy who never brings food to the party, and there's the guy who when he shows up you know something good is coming. Now ask yourself what kind of person you want to be. Not only that, what kind of person do you want to be seen as. Are you the kind of person people want around? Or are you the kind of person people moan and groan internally at. Being a Protector doesn't just elevate you in your own eyes and the eyes of your peers, however. It also makes you needed. Because of the things you have done and are known to do people depend on you. People want you. People need you. This gives a man purpose. And with all this comes the true reward of giving, realizing that giving will make you far happier than taking ever could.

This is a very vague article which could pertain to many different things in different lives. Think of your own life, and think of situations that can be improved by becoming a giver and not a taker.

JEW-JITSU

BY SRULI SAMUEL

Aight yo here it goes I was sitting in the dining room and the chief editor comes over and he's like yoooo write something for this week's newsletter I'm like shiiii aight so I'm thinking, what should write about? And it hit me-write about the struggles you overcame in yeshiva and show guys that it's ok to struggle! Everyone does! The strong people are the ones that make it past their struggles. So here's a story I think can pertain to a bunch of people: I was chillin and the Yetzer Hara popped his head in and tried messing with me, so I was like do I give into this guy who always messes with my growth? Or do I listen to my brain? So I was like let's go to the beis! So I went to the beis and I wasn't even down to learn or anything, I was making fires and guys thought I was cracked, but I knew in the back of my mind I just overcame the biggest challenge ever, and I didn't even have the Yetzer Hara there anymore! If I can do it, you can do-you just gotta push a little bit and Hashem takes care of the rest!

STILL FLEISHIGZ

BY HUDA KRUPKA



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MAZEL TOV/HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOSSI ENGEL
ON FINISHING MASECHES NIDAH!

