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Parshat Behar-Bechukosai

FISCHER'S POST

Chaburas in the dorms.
Zooming in America.
Divide and conquer.

A large bonfire with a hand reaching up from the flames against a starry night sky.

**THE RASHBI
EDITION**

WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?

BY YITZY RAYMAN

The Mishnah in Avos 5:1 tells us that the world was created in 10 utterances. The reason Hashem went out of his way to create it in 10 utterances when creating it in 1 is something he is capable of doing, the reason is to give reward to the Tzadikim who maintain the world that G-d "worked so hard to create". I find this to be fascinating. The Mishna clearly defines a Tzadik as someone who "maintains this world." A couple of years ago I hear a Mashal about a rich man named Chaim. Chaim worked really hard in the real estate business, becoming very successful. As Chaim grew older, he looked forward to his 60th birthday, the day he would retire. Chaim dreamed about going to the Golden Nugget Resort. The Golden Nugget Resort was known throughout the world as the fanciest most elaborate resort. Only the richest of the rich can afford to spend time in this fancy resort. Although Chaim knew he can only afford to be there for 3 days he constantly found himself dreaming about the fine wine he would sip in the gold jacuzzi with the crystal chandeliers sparkling above him. Finally, the day came, with a huge smile Chaim checked into the resort, and decided to take a quick nap before heading out for a round of golf. After waking up Chaim took out on his favorite pink Nike golf shorts, and a matching top and heads outside. And that's when he sees Yankel. Yankel went to elementary school with Chaim, he was known as the "nebach" as the kid who just wasn't skilled at anything. Shockingly Chaim calls out "Yankel is that you"? Yankel turns around in surprise, wondering who is calling him, a big smile came over his face as he recognized his childhood friend Chaim. "So Yankel" Chaim asks, "it's so good to see you here, how long have you been staying here?" "I've been here for 2 months already" Yankel replies with a huge smile, and I love it here. Chaim was shocked, he knew unless he was Jeff Bezos nobody can afford to stay here for 2 months. Curiosity coming over Chaim He asks "Yankel that's awesome, but how can you afford it? it's the most expensive resort in the world?" well Yankel replies "I work here." We often become self-critical, wondering if we have enough mitzvas or enough money to get us into the resort. We But if we switch our mindset, and instead we "work for hashem" maintaining the world that G-d worked so hard to create. We will live in the resort of happiness and connection, both in this world and the next.

FAST TRACK

BY GAVI BEHRMAN

We all want quarantine over, we all want to see our friends and we definitely all want to get back to yeshiva where we can achieve some major growth and chill with shechina. But in the meantime what are we supposed to do (Thank you for zoom). Yeshiva from home is better than nothing but it sure isn't the same as being with all the boys in Matityahu or the Old City. It's so much easier to connect to shiurim and our friends in person, but easier isn't always better. When we learn and act properly in yeshiva it's like working out with no weight. We are doing the motions but there isn't so much resistance.

Now we are home, our parents don't necessarily recognize our growth or understand the process. Our family may forget we aren't the same 17 year old they knew before we went to yeshiva. This is where we get major gains. Every time someone treats us like the children they once knew or assumes we are up to the worst, we are lifting way above our limits but Hashem got our back and helps out a little bit. At home we are getting gains way beyond the normal limits we can accomplish in Yeshiva. Quarantine is an opportunity for fast tracked growth like never before all we need to do is take that first step and hashem will help us out.
HASHEM THANK YOU FOR QUARANTINE

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH YEHUDA SIGFRIED, TV CHEF/PERSONALITY

The sky turns midnight black.

An elderly fellow emerges, strumming a tune on an old guitar.

"Wow, that's perfect timing," says the onlooker in the red coat.

FP: Hey Yehuda, thanks for joining us! So, Fischer's Kollel.

SW: Yep! Great place to grow and shteig.

FP: Yes, yes, and how does that make you feel?

SW: Like I'm doing something in life!

Productivity=Happiness

FP: That is awesome! Who do you see more in French Hill, Reb Shmuel Luger or Shlomo Mittel The Boss?

SW: Definitely R=Shlomo, we're actually luck this week they're joining us for a meal!

FP: Wow, brainfreeze! What's a toothpaste and fruit combo to describe your Daf Yomi learning?

SW: Minty Mango, no doubt.

FP: I knew it! Have a great Shabbos!

REAL HUMILITY

BY REB YEHUDA MITTEL

We know Moshe Rabbeinu, our teacher and guide through major times, went down in the books (literally) as the most humble man to ever live. This was a major noted characteristic of Moshe Rabbeinu. Additionally, we know that Moshe Rabbeinu legendarily actually reached his full capacity and ability in this Olam Hazeh and struggles from the Yetzer Hara in order to attain closeness to Hashem.

Now, after learning Mesillas Yesharim, Orchos Tzadikim, and Run After The Right Kavod ש"ע it seems the humility vs haughtiness struggle is a mindset regarding the source of my feeling good. The haughty person's source of feeling good about him/herself comes through the recognition of what he/she has more than someone else. Its exclusive in reference to other ppl, therefore I feel good.

The humble person's source of feeling comes from recognition of what they have and who they are. Period. Nothing to do with anyone else. It's born from the acceptance and pride of everything that makes up the individual. (Yes. A healthy, humble "pride.")

To reiterate, yes, if you don't feel good about who you are currently, thats a lack of humility! The humble person knows clearly who they are and embraces it for he knows that this is exactly who they are supposed to be at this time. After all, its from Hashem!! Hashem's cheshbon of what is, is better than my cheshbon of what should be. (R' Chaim Kramer in Rebbe Nachman and You actually defines this as the Chushiveh level of a 'Pashute Yid' as well. Totally accepting who I am now and therefore only spending my time dealing with who I am now, for Hashems cheshbon is perfect!)

Conclusively, we see that Humility is dependent on Acceptance in a loving way of who I am with all my strenght and shortcomings.

Lets keep this in mind when we chap how Moshe Rabbeinu's key trait was humility AND he happened to have completed EVERY challenge possible for him in life!

This is no coincidence!...we see that the key for victory (Moshe Rabbeinu is also the sfira of Netzach/Victory) is the acceptance that I am where I am at and I am in this struggle ...perhaps the whole point of the yeridah is just to accept that its from Hashem! (עיין לקט אמרים)

Lovee you all, hope you are well. Thank you for the chizuk I get from all of you.
Good Shabbos!

BACK FROM THE DEAD

BY BENTZI LANNING

I have done nothing the past two months. Absolutely nothing. Nada. Zilch. Unless you count novels, TV shows and movies. I barely saw the sky. No davening, learning or social interactions (pretty much). In some ways, I A okay with that. I didn't have to do anything; I could lie around doing nothing, until I could do nothing any longer. But then I heard that yeshiva was re-opening, and I knew that it is healthier to be doing something than to be doing nothing. So, I re-entered the world of the living. Back to yeshiva. For me, that means no more Internet access. Nothing to do but learning (stressful), davening (stressful), eating (putting on weight) and talking to people (stressful). And sleeping. You would think I would be desperate to get back to normal life, but in truth, I wasn't. I know a lot of people who would kill to be in my shoes, but I just wasn't feeling it.

Back in yeshiva, I met the guys, and things changed. It was amazing to talk to people again. It's harder than watching a re-run of some show, but it also feels a lot better. I've been outside more today than I have in the past two months. Turns out the world of the living isn't so bad. The Rosh talked to us about the gemara in Tamid that says that if a person wants to live, he should kill himself. The Rosh explained that human nature is to want things to stay the same; people don't like change. Routine. Schedules. But life involves doing uncomfortable things, things that kill us, so to speak. I've been dead for the past two months, and coming back to life isn't enjoyable, but that is what it means to be alive. It also really helps having great people around. The moshav is also awesome. Peaceful and quiet. Baruch Hashem who gives me life.

To all the guys out there who are losing their minds at home, everyone here is thinking about you, and I can definitely say that I miss all of you. May we all be back together in yeshiva soon.

STILL FLEISHIGZ

BY HUDA KRUPKA



There is a story that is said over as follows : one morning some time ago Mashiach came to this world and asked where the nearest Shul was to deliver Daven Shachris and deliver His News. When he got there, He didnt look like the Yiddin davening there at all. Maybe he didnt have the same hat or color Yamaka, or maybe He was Davening out loud while everyone Davened quietly. In any case, Mashiach didnt feel that this was the place to deliver His News, so He traveled to a diffarent Shtet'Il. But sadly, a simillar experience ocured. He then decided to leave this world untill there would be a Minyan of Yidden who mamish loved each other. A minyan of all flavors of Yiddishkeit , then the Mashiach will be ready to give us the Good News. Now, having Not Davened with a Minyan for so long, we should think about this story and message, so when we get back that Zchus of Davening together, and Mashiach walks into our Shteeble, He'll know the Yidden got the message, that the Yiddin are ready! LCHAIM!

PURITY OF SPEECH

NEW

If loшон hara and sinas chinam could destroy the Beis Hamikdash, then working on Purity of Speech can build it.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

NEW

Happy people aren't grateful.
Grateful people are happy.

A MOMENT IN MEZHBUZH

WITH NAFTALI HISIGER

Wow. From the inspirational times with the holy buchrim and amazing Rabbeim joining us on this trip of growth and spirituality, to all the amazing memories. Whether it was the lavish meals we ate or the opportunity to do the Tikkun Haklali at Rebbe Nachman. All in all just an amazing unforgettable life changing experience! (miss u all!!)

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Kedushas Eretz Yisroel

NEW

EPISODE I: WITH R' BENTZION STARK

"Eretz Yisroel is so so deep. A person can be a Shomer Torah and Mitzvos, even a Talmid Chacham and not know the secrets of Eretz Yisroel"- Reb Shlomo Carlebach

There is a story with the previous Boyaner Rebbe, R' Mordechai Shlomo Friedman (maternal grandfather of the current Boyaner Rebbe) who had a Boyan Shteibel and lived in the lower east side of Manhattan from the 1930's until his passing in 1971. The Rebbe traveled to Eretz Yisroel in the 1950's and when he landed in LOD Airport (which is now known as Ben Gurion Airport), there was a group of Boyan Chassidim there to greet their beloved Rebbe. The Rebbe greeted them with warm smiles and the chassidim escorted the Rebbe to the van waiting outside.

Throughout the car ride from Tel Aviv to Yerushalayim, the chassidim attempted to converse with their Rebbe who they were so glad to have in their midst. However, the Rebbe seemed uninterested as he was staring out the window the entire car ride. One of the chassidim finally said "Rebbe, we've waited so long to see you, to hear words of Torah, courage and counsel. Why won't you speak with us?" The Rebbe lovingly smiled and said "this is 'the land that Hashems eyes are on from the beginning of the year until the end', I want to כביכול look into HaShem's eyes."

The whole world is HaShems. מלא כל הארץ כבודו.

HaShem is everywhere and we can connect to Him wherever we are. However, the potency of His presence is much more apparent in Eretz Yisroel.

As the Ramban says; HaShem כביכול has ministering angels for all of the lands but Eretz Yisroel is Hashems land and He doesn't use ministering angels. It's more 'Hands on.'

We should all be Zoche to long for Eretz Yisroel from wherever we are. We should always long to look into HaShem's eyes כביכול. We should always long to feel HaShems loving embrace until the coming of Moshiach, May it be soon!

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