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כרשה: וארא הפטרה... בקבצי את בית ישראל... (יחזקאל כח:כה-כט:כא)

יום כפור קטן ביום רביעי הבא עלינו לטובה

מברכים ר"ח שבט [יום חמישי] (מולד יום רביעי: חלקים 17 + 06:17)

דף יומי: סנהדרין ל"ט משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם ותן טל ומטר לברכה ברכי נפשי (שבת מנחה)

Torah Thoughts



אני אקשה את לב פרעה ... ולא ישמע אִלְכֶם ... והוצאתי את צבאתי את עמי
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם ...

And I shall harden פרעה's heart ... And he will not listen to you
... And I shall take out My legions, My people יִשְׂרָאֵל, from the land of
Egypt..." (שְׁמוֹת ז': ג', די)

Why was it necessary to harden פרעה's heart? What would have been different if פרעה would have allowed the Jews to leave? R' Chaim Friedlander ז"ל explains: Had פרעה listened to מֹשֶׁה's demand that בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל be released from Egypt, we might be grateful in some manner to פרעה. פרעה did not want בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל to be thankful to anyone but Him. Consequently, He created a situation where it was obvious that only הקב"ה – without any "assistance" – took us out of מצרים.

The מדרש teaches us the extent to which we must recognize our benefactor so that we can feel gratitude towards that person. מֹשֶׁה killed a מצרי who was striking a Jew. When this became known, מֹשֶׁה was forced to flee the country, fearing for his life, and he came to מדִיָן. One day, as יִתְרוֹ's daughters were pushed away by the local shepherds, מֹשֶׁה stepped in and dispersed the would-be attackers. When the girls came home, they told יִתְרוֹ that an איש מצרי had rescued them. The simple explanation is that מֹשֶׁה was dressed like a מצרי, so they thought that it was a מצרי who had intervened on their behalf.

The מדרש interprets the words differently by first citing a

משל. A man is bitten by a wasp and runs to the river to cool off the stinging bite. Arriving at the river, he sees a child drowning and jumps in to save him. The child tells the man, "If not for you, I would have drowned." The man replies, "If not for the wasp, I would not have been here to save you." When יִתְרוֹ's daughters thanked מֹשֶׁה for saving them, he told them, "Do not thank me; thank the מצרי that I killed. If not for him, I would not be here today." Thus, when יִתְרוֹ's daughters spoke of a מצרי having saved them, they were referring to the מצרי whom מֹשֶׁה had killed. The words of יִתְרוֹ's daughters can be interpreted as, "a מצרי rescued us" – the מצרי who caused מֹשֶׁה's running away saved them.

There are many מצוֹת that are based on the concept of הַכָּרַת הַטוֹב. Perhaps the most well known is the מצוה of מְקַרְא בְּפוּרִים, the reading of the פְּטוּקִים (תרו) בְּפוּרִים.

משרשי המצוה

The פְּטוּקִים explains that the purpose of reading the four פְּטוּקִים in the פְּרָשָׁה is to verbalize our feeling of 'Thank You.' The level of gratitude is stronger when we say with words that we are feeling in our hearts. The פְּטוּקִים continues and explains that the stronger the feeling of gratitude, the greater will be the new בְּרָכָה that we will receive from ד'. In His kindness, ד' rewarded us with this מצוה (to express our feelings) so that we will merit to receive additional בְּרָכָה. [This adds another dimension to the מצוה of מְקַרְא בְּפוּרִים (כא)].

Adapted from: וארא — ספר החנוך על פרשת השבוע



Yahrzeits of Gedolim

כ"ז טבת R' Pinchas Hirschsprung זצ"ל, was born in Dokla, Poland, to אב בית / בעל מנחת סוקת (Tevli ר' דוד) He learned under ר' חיים 5672 – 5758. His maternal grandfather (רבי of R' Yankele of Pshevork, the Klausenberger Rebbe, and others). At 13, he published פרי אהל, גדולי ישראל monthly journal of תורה ודעה. By 15, he was editing the monthly journal of תורה ודעה. He joined תחמי לובלין, where his רבי, R' Meir Shapiro זצ"ל, attested that פנתס knew 2,200 of גמרא דפנים. He fled to Vilna during WWII. In 1942, after securing a visa, he accepted the position of רב in Montreal, Canada. When תורה ודעה opened, he became ראש לשיבה. He was elected העיר העיר, Chief Rabbi of Montreal. His תסד was matched only by his יצחק צבי ניי.

לעיני רבי ישראל בן אברהם ז"ל

Gedolim Glimpses

While yet a בחור, R' Pinchas Hirschsprung זצ"ל, a תלמיד מבהק of R' Meir Shapiro זצ"ל, took over the position of the בוחן, tester, for applying to the ישיבה after the פטירה of רבי פנחס. This meant being fluent, בעל פה, in 400 גמרא דפנים. Inscribed on his קבר are the words, "ואהוב נפשו של רבו הגר"מ" — He was the beloved of the soul of his רבי, the גאון R' Meir Shapiro זצ"ל. "His רבי, R' Meir Shapiro, once remarked, "It would have been כדאי, worth it, for me to open the תלמיד just for this one ישיבה תחמי לובלין!"



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אחינו כל בית ישראל, הגתונים בערה ובשביה, העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה, המקום ירחם עליהם ויוציאם מערה לרחה, ומאפלה לאורה, ומשעבוד לגאולה, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב, ונאמר אמן:

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The Soloist's Sacrifice

ויקח עמרים את יוכבד ... לאשה ... ויקח אהרן את אלישבע ... לאשה ... (שמות ו: כב, כ"ג, כ"ד)

And *עמרים* took *יוכבד* ... as a wife ... *אהרן* took *אלישבע* ... as a wife ... And *אֶלְעָזָר* ... took for himself from the daughters of *אֵל* as a wife ...

The young Schiff girl points out that there are only three cases where the *תורה* mentions the wives of the leaders; each time, the reason is to teach us that the offspring of these great people descended not only from eminent fathers, but from distinguished mothers as well. *עמרים* married *יוכבד*, *לוי*'s daughter. *אהרן* married *אלישבע*, sister of *נחשון*, from the royal tribe of *יהודה*, who later became the most distinguished of the *נשיאים*. *אהרן* and *אלישבע* became the forebears of the *להנים*. *אֶלְעָזָר*, whose son *פנחס* became the only one who was granted priesthood as a result of his own merit, married a daughter of *פוטאל*, a name that, the Sages teach, refers to both *יוסף* and *יתרו*.

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The young Schiff girl had been blessed with a beautiful voice and great talent. But for a religious girl in Vienna, Austria, in the early 1900s, coming from a traditional *תורה* home, professional singing was not an option.

One day, a famous agent offered the girl a lucrative opportunity. Thrilled, she discussed the matter with her parents. When the Schiffs heard about the agent's offer to their daughter, they knew that they could not allow her to accept it. The girl refused to listen. Her father brought her to the *רב*, R' Shlomo Baumgarten *זצ"ל*, who tried to convince her to abandon this choice of career. Sensing that she was not swayed, the *רב* suggested that they visit R' Yitzchak Meir Heschel *זצ"ל*, the Kapishnitzer Rebbe, who was in Vienna at the time. Immediately, father and daughter set out to visit the *רבי*.

As soon as they arrived, the frantic father poured out his heart. The *רבי* then spoke to the girl. "Tell me, *מיינ טיערע יידישע טאכטער*, my dear Jewish daughter, why do you want so badly to go into this field?"

The girl answered honestly, "It is because of the fame that I will have. I'll be known throughout the world."

The *רבי* closed his eyes, deep in thought, contemplating the sentiments the girl had just expressed. After a moment or two, he opened his eyes and began to speak.

"Listen closely, my dear daughter. It is the dream of every young Jewish woman to be blessed with a child who will illuminate the world through his *תורה* learning. I promise that if you now sacrifice your chance at fame, there will come a time when you will be blessed with a child whose *תורה* will light up the world. He will become the *פוסק הדור*, one of the greatest halachic authorities of his time. Your fame will come — but it will be through him."

The young Schiff girl wiped away her tears and thought deeply about the magnanimous promise the רבי had just made. She was a fine, young Jewish girl — and so, after considering the offer, she accepted.

R' Dan Segal *זצ"ל* found this amazing episode in the *ספר קהלות* of Austria and decided to pursue the rest of the story. He discovered that this girl eventually married and had a son by the name of *שמואל*. He was R' Shmuel HaLevi Vosner *זצ"ל*, the *אב בית דין* of *בני ברק*, the author of the *הגלי*, and one of the outstanding halachic authorities of our time.

When R' Dan approached R' Vosner to ask him if the story was true, he became quite emotional and with tears in his eyes replied, "It all makes sense now ... when I was younger, my mother always encouraged me to learn well and be an *ehrliche Yid*. She always said, 'You cannot imagine what I sacrificed for you.'"

This beautiful story is just one example of the sacrifices a Jewish mother makes for her children. It is impossible for children to fully appreciate this מסירת נפש — but all children, no matter what their age, should always strive to do their best in order to make their mothers' sacrifices worthwhile.

Adapted from: *Touched by a Story 3* (with kind permission from ArtScroll)

Focus on Middos

Dear תלמיד,

R' Pinchus Hirschprung *זצ"ל*, Chief Rabbi of Montreal, was not only known for his brilliant mind, but also for his sensitive heart that was always open to help a fellow Jew in trouble. There were times when he was only able to accomplish his remarkable acts of *חסד* by fusing both of these *מעלות*, special attributes, together.

Once, a *ייד* in Montreal was in need of assistance from the Polish government. Although the Polish Consulate General was in Montreal, since the issue was sensitive, the best solution was having a face-to-face meeting with the Polish ambassador in the Embassy (stationed in Ottawa, over a 2-hour journey from Montreal). The man asked that R' Pinchus

accompany him and testify on his behalf. The *רב* graciously agreed to travel the 125-mile trip to help his fellow Jew.

The *ייד* picked up R' Hirschprung at the appointed time. While en route, the *רב* skimmed through all the documents the man had put together. One "non-important" item in the car was a Polish book written by this same ambassador. Being fluent in Polish, R' Hirschprung glanced through the book rapidly. When they entered the ambassador's office, he began to recite the entire message of the book to the amazed diplomat. The ambassador smiled. R' Hirschprung had spoken about a topic that warmed his heart. He spread his arms wide and said, "Rabbi, anything I can do for you, I will."

My תלמיד, R' Hirschprung was already doing a great *חסד* just by accompanying this Jew on a long journey which took many hours of his time. He was a *נאמן* and *מתמיד* who spent every moment of his time in *תורה* learning. He surely could have spent his precious time in the car occupied in learning. Instead, he extended his *חסד* by using his genius to digest the contents of a diplomat's book that he hoped could help in his *חסד* mission. *תורה* study is the greatest *מצוה* of all, but there is a time for *חסד*. The *רב* taught us one must perform that *חסד* using the same *כוחות* as one uses for learning *תורה*.

יהי זכרו ברוך!

בגידדות,

Your רבי

Story adapted from: *The JCC of Montreal* (writeup)

- R' Yaakov Kamenetsky *זצ"ל* would first read a *פרשה* and then he would recite each *פסוק* of that *פרשה* followed by the corresponding *תרגום*.
- According to some opinions, one can fulfill part of one's obligation for *תרגום* and *אחד* by reading along quietly during *התורה*.

Reviewed by R' Gedalyahu Eckstein

"Since we only discuss a few *תולדות*, it is important to consider these *תולדות* in the context of the bigger picture. Use them as a starting point for further in-depth study.

The 11th International Pirchei שמו"ת Contest

This week 7 of our 11th Annual Pirchei Newsletter International פירכהי וואָך מַקְרָא וְאַחַד פִּרְגוּם contest.

In חוֹבֶרֶת כִּיּו תשע"ה (י): סִפָּר אור השָׁבֶת ר' Kanievsky זצ"ל was questioned regarding a child reviewing only part of a פִּרְשָׁה. For תּוֹנֵד, a child must normally fulfill the complete מִצְוָה. Regarding פִּרְגוּם וְאַחַד מַקְרָא וְאַחַד פִּרְגוּם, שְׁנַיִם ר' חיים was of the opinion that a child should be trained "לֵאֵט לֵאֵט" — in stages, similar to our שׁוֹבְבִים Contest: 1st and 2nd grade (6+) should complete the פִּרְשָׁה until שְׁנֵי, 3rd grade (8+) until שְׁלִישִׁי, 4th grade (9+) until רְבִיעִי, 5th grade (10+) until חֲמִישִׁי, 6th grade (11+) until שְׁשִׁי, 7th and 8th grades (12+) complete the entire פִּרְשָׁה.

Is your school or city represented in the Pirchei International פִּרְגוּם וְאַחַד מַקְרָא וְאַחַד פִּרְגוּם contest? Every week is a new opportunity to enter this raffle! **Any** week you and your school can join and become part of this amazing 'קדוּשׁת ד'. You can be part of hundreds of the children who are igniting the world with the זְכוּת of this unique מִצְוָה as an אַחַת אַחַת!

It is not too late to enter the contest. To become a part of this amazing 'קדוּשׁת ד', please send a weekly **fax** to **718 506 9633** or **email** to shnayimmikracontest@gmail.com signed by a parent – include your grade, name, school, city, state, zip, contact and fax #, and which פִּרְשָׁה.

The list of contestants as of press time for first 6 weeks of the contest are:

Grade 1 – Shlomo Bensoussan, Eitan Goldshteyn, Shmuel Lonner, Avi Posy, Yosef Shilian, Ahron Taub, Shmuel Yaiche, Yisroel Dovid Yaroslawitz, Aryeh Zweig; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY.

Grade 2 – Aharon Simcha Goldman; Rambam Day School; Savannah, GA; Aryeh Leib HaCohen Schwartz; M'kor Baruch; Passaic, NJ; Meir Bash, Alexander Brecher, Yaakov Friedman, Daniel Hild, Yosef Horovitz, Ezra Joudai, Avigdor Kalikstein, Eli Kupfer, Shlomo Lang, Tzvi Aryeh Moradi, Yitzchok Rosenfeld; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY; Mendy Zuckerman; Columbus Torah Academy; Columbus, OH.

Grade 3 – Yosef Moshe Naiman; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Baltimore, MD; Yanky Bernath, Yaakov Buzall, Yehuda Charish, Dovid Diamond, Yitzy Goldner, Binyamin Leitman, Yehoshua Don Perr, Nachy Rosenberg, Chaim Yitzchok Schachner, Shmuel Ahron Schorr, Tzvi Weiss, Dovi Werzberger; Yeshiva Toras Aron; Lakewood, NJ; Chananel Amira, Nachman Ettinger, Eli Fried, Chaim Moshe Klepfish, Akiva Kuglielsky, Yechiel Zahler; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY; Haim Shlomo Gerzi; Beis Shalom; Beit Shemesh, Israel.

Grade 4 – Yehoshua Friedman, Akiva Lichterman; Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim (TA); Baltimore, MD; Dovid Dafner, Avner Davidoff, Asher Gohari, Benny Grossman, Avraham Yitzchak Hakohen Kupfer, Yosef Marcus, Shmuel Spitz; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY.

Grade 5 – Reuvan Moshe Goldman, Yeshaya Nitekman; Rambam Day School; Savannah, GA; Elyahu Azizzadeh, Dovid Bandari, Ovadia Davis, Yechezkel Goodwin, Shalom Lehman, Yehuda Lesnik, Yehuda Meir Oratz, Yehuda Rahmanfar, Elisha Reihani, Nesanel Scherer, Shimon Wilhelm, Boruch Wolf; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Aharon Tzvi Abramson, Baruch Benyowitz, Chaim Deutsch, Shraga Feivel Friedman, Michael Leib Katz, Yitzchok Meister, Eli Simcha Newman; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Aryeh Aschendoff, Menachem Blum, Efraim Danzger, Tzvi Goldman, Zalman Goldring, Moshe Gross, Yisroel Dovid Hirsch, Zevi Itzkowitz, Binyomin Zev Korsinsky, Yerachmiel Landman, Aryeh Yaiche; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY; Elimelech Grossman; Yeshiva Tiferes Moshe; Kew Gardens, NY; Avraham Abba Freedman; Yeshiva Derech HaTorah; Cleveland, OH.

Grade 6 – Yosef Shalom Stern; Yeshiva Ketana; Los Angeles, CA; Yisroel Novice; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Kalman Hefter, Chaim Katz, Daniel Kraines, Naftali Kraines, Zevi Minkin, Yaakov Pianko, Elyahu Rayman; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Mordechai Binyomin Bernstein; Cheder Toras Zev; Lakewood, NJ; Yosef Davis, Yaakov Dovid Fromowitz, Yisroel Gottesman, Moshe Zev Huffman, David Kaufman, Moshe Miller; Yeshiva Baid Dovid; Spring Valley, NY; Bentzion Amira, Shmuel Glassman, Yehuda Itzkowitz, Yitzchok Shapiro; Yeshiva Ketana Torah Vodaath; Brooklyn, NY; Elazar Ahula, Chaim Pinchas Alon, Chaim Dovid Bendel, Yitzchok Binder, Yitzchok Dubinsky, Peretz Ehrlichster, Mordechai Friedman, Yaakov Gerber, Tzvi Gross, Mordechai Hartman, Pinchas Heber, Dovid Hofman, Yosef Hofstedter, Ushie Inglis, Tzvi Jacob, Tzali Jefferson, Yehuda Klahr, Mordechai Lando, Shimon Lukian, Avi Luss, Shloima Markowitz, Mordechai Reichmann, Boruch Ber Rubin, Alter Baruch Scheiner, Menachem Seliger, Binyomin Silberstein, Yitzchok Daniel Simon, Refoel Yehoshua Spiegel, Avromi Stern, Chaim Stern, Tzvi Ullman, Naftali Shaul Wachsman, Yitzchok Willner, Akiva Boaz Zeifman; Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah; Toronto, ON.

Grade 7 – Yaakov Elyahu Naiman, Amrom Novice; Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok (TI); Yoel Goldstein, Yosef Mencer, Reuven Newman, Yakov Newmark, Aaron David Richards, Yehuda Rubin, Noach Salzberg, Avi Scherer, Dovi Shulman, Baruch Tessler; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Yisroel Meir Bandman, Ahron Baumgarten, David Berkovsky, Tzvi Dov Blank, Yerachmiel Dov Ehrentrau, Yosef Shalom Gavrielov, Meir Gorgov, Yosef Chaim Gurgov, Nesanel Heller, Avraham Yaakov Horowitz, Akiva Kaplan, Simcha Kaplan, Meir Rosenthal; Mirrer Yeshiva K'tana; Meshilem Zev Fisher; Talmud Torah Ohr Moshe; Brooklyn, NY; David Azoulay, Avi Bertman, Yitzchok Bertman, Meshulem Yoel Braun, Shlomo Enkin, Shmaya Grunfeld, Dovid Halperin, Mordechai Isaacs, Aaron Kuznicki, Yosef Yitzchock Lifshits, Elazar Malaib, Moshe Mann, Shraga Nathan, Yaakov Ouzzan, Elazar Pam, Refoel Moshe Paretzky, Eliezer Reiss, Yaakov Nosson Rosen, Ephraim Silver, Yona Zev Silver, Yitzi Sobel, Naftali Weiss; Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah; Toronto, ON.

Grade 8 – Shalom Barth, Betzalel Cohen, Nosson Tzvi Fogel, Daniel Herman, Chaim Newmark, Yaakov Tzvi Rayman, Akiva Asher Shafranovich; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Yisroel Avrohom Eliezer Eckstein; Cheder Toras Zev; Lakewood, NJ; Menachem Grossman; Yeshiva Tiferes Moshe; Kew Gardens, NY; Aharon Drazin; Hebrew Academy; Cleveland, OH; Tzvi Alon, Zev Basser, Yehuda Belsky, Mordechai Sender Colman, Dovid Enkin, Shimon Felder, Elazar Garfunkel, Eli Reichmann, Elchanan Ribacoff, Elchonon Zev Rosen, Yitzchok Aaron Rosenbaum, Nosson Meyer Rubanov, Kalman Rubner, Meir Simcha Schuster, Yosef Ullman, Eli Meir Weiss, Meir Wiesenfeld, Yehuda Zauderer, Ari Zimmerman; Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah; Toronto, ON; Yehudah Ceder; Torah Day School; Dallas, TX.

LEARNING FROM OUR LEADERS

ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE THERE LIVED A DISTURBED PERSON KNOWN AS 'THE PROFESSOR.' HE WAS A HARMLESS FELLOW WHO IMAGINED HE WAS BOTH A MEDICAL GENIUS AND A HIGH-RANKING ARMY OFFICIAL.

STAND AT ATTENTION! ... YOU MUST RESPECT RANK!

POOR MAN, JUST IGNORE HIM! HE COMES HERE DAILY...



THE PROFESSOR WAS A FAMILIAR FACE IN THE HOME OF R' MOSHE SHISGAL ZT"l. HE WOULD JOIN THE FAMILY FOR MEALS, AND THEY WOULD PREPARE FOOD FOR HIM TO TAKE WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE GOING.

"YOM SHABBOSON AIN LISHKOACH...V'SHOM YONU CHU YEG'EI KOACH... YONAH MATZA..."



A TALMID ONCE VISITED R' SHISGAL'S HOME AND FOUND HIS REBBI HAD COMPANY...

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PROFESSOR...OH! I MUST EXPLAIN: I CALL HIM THE PROFESSOR, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS TO BE CALLED!



THE PROFESSOR HAD BROUGHT A TRANSISTOR RADIO, WHICH HE WAS PROUDLY SHOWING OFF. HE TURNED THE RADIO TO THE HIGHEST VOLUME AND WAS SWITCHING FROM STATION TO STATION.



THE LOUD NOISE WAS DISTURBING R' SHISGAL AND HIS TALMID, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THE HEART TO DAMPEN THE MAN'S SPIRITS BY ASKING HIM TO TURN THE RADIO OFF. SUDDENLY, RAV SHISGAL HAD AN IDEA...

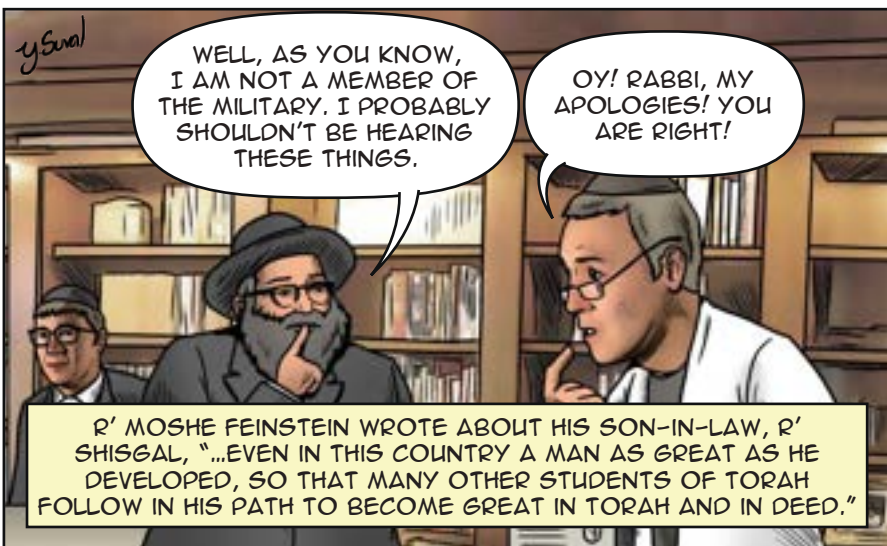
PROFESSOR, ARE THESE MILITARY SECRETS THAT I HEAR?

THIS IS A MILITARY RADIO AND IT BROADCASTS MILITARY SECRETS!



WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY. I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE HEARING THESE THINGS.

OY! RABBI, MY APOLOGIES! YOU ARE RIGHT!



R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN WROTE ABOUT HIS SON-IN-LAW, R' SHISGAL, "...EVEN IN THIS COUNTRY A MAN AS GREAT AS HE DEVELOPED, SO THAT MANY OTHER STUDENTS OF TORAH FOLLOW IN HIS PATH TO BECOME GREAT IN TORAH AND IN DEED."

SHISGAL ר' אברהם יצחק AND CHARNA. AT AGE 4, HE EMIGRATED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE USA. AT AGE 11, HE WENT TO STUDY IN תורה ודעת, WHERE HE WAS QUICKLY PROMOTED TO THE תורה ודעת'S HIGHEST SHIUR, THAT OF THE תורה ודעת'S RAISH Yשיבה, WHERE HE QUICKLY BECAME HIS PRIZE תלמיד. WHILE STILL A בחור, HE BECAME A מנגיד שיעור, WHERE HE TAUGHT FOR 20 YEARS. IN 1943, HE MARRIED FAYA BITTEL, DAUGHTER OF ר' משה ר' FEINSTEIN. IN 1951, HE TOOK OVER HIS FATHER'S POSITION AS רב OF CONGREGATION BETH HAKNESSES, AN UNPAID POSITION HE HELD FOR 18 YEARS. IN 1954 HE BEGAN TO TEACH IN תורה ודעת, WHERE HE TAUGHT FOR 8 YEARS. HE WAS CLOSE TO ר' KAMENETSKY ר' יעקב, ר' HENKIN ר' אהרן, ר' KOTLER ר' אהרן, AND, OF COURSE, ר' משה ר' FEINSTEIN. HIS LEARNING, AND DAVENING ARE LEGENDARY. ר' משה ר' WROTE ABOUT HIS SON-IN-LAW ר' יעקב, "... LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT EVEN IN THIS COUNTRY A MAN AS GREAT AS HE DEVELOPED, SO THAT OTHER תורה AND IN DEED ..."

