Bezras Hashem

PLEASE CONTINUE TO DAVEN FOR LITTLE Elisheva Shira bas Amarya Sarah Batya who has cancer who is struggling and who is not even 8 months old as of yet.

Rebbetzin Kaniyevsky A"H and Avrohom Avinu

Following are excerpts from the amazing book Be'er Sheva, about Rebbetzin Kaniyevsky, compiled by her grandson Rav Gedalya Hoenigsberg, shlita.

1. The Rebbetzin would say, "The main thing in my life is that Hashem should give me the koach to make others happy."

2. When asked why people love to visit her she answered, "Because I love people".

3. Once the Rebbetzin went up to the second floor where her husband Rav Chaim was learning. She came to ask him a shayla about a certain name that a family wanted to give their daughter. The family had asked her to ask if it was appropriate to give this name. When she arrived upstairs she sat down on a chair and the chair fell down. The Rebbetzin received a bang on her head, but Baruch Hashem was okay. She was not able to get up from the floor but her son who was there at the time helped her up. The grandson asked her if she still asked the Shayla, to which she responded. "You don't know me. Do you think that there is anything that could stop me from helping someone else?

Of course I asked the Shayla", she concluded.

4. Rebbetzin Kaniyevsky would get up daily at about 3:30 am.

One day at about 3pm afer a long arduous day her eyes were almost closing from exhaustion. The door was already locked so that people would not come in and the Rebbetzin prepared herself for a short nap.

Suddenly she heard her neighbor's voice.

She asked the neighbor what she wanted and the neighbor said-"I didn't come for myself. I came to bring a 'kvittel' for someone else that needs a salavation".

"Certainly, certainly," said the Rebbetzin smiling.

Then she asked the neighbor about how her husband, who had been sick, was doing.

"Oy terrible", said the neighbor. "Last night he was so sick that he could hardly breathe. We ran to get medicine to help clear his bronchial tubes."

The rebbetzin replied, "You know my special potion. Cut an onion into pieces. Then pour honey on the onion. After a few hours a liquid gathers. Your husband should gather the liquid with a spoon and drink it."

"Yes", said the neighbor. "I will go and make it for him."

"Do you have onion in your house"? asked the Rebbetzin. "You surely don't have honey. Wait, I will make it myself and bring it to you" .

"Nothing doing", said the neighbor. "I feel bad enough that I have disturbed your sleep. I will prepare it myself."

But the Rebbetzin, despite her exhaustion, pleaded with the neighbor that she should let her make the potion.

"Please allow me to be zoche in this mizva" she said.

She ran to the kitchen like a young girl and in a short while came back with a jar that contained the pieces of honey with onion.

Her face was shining with happiness that that she was able to do yet another chessed.

"Refua Sheleima", she said, and then turned to go to her nap.

The Source?

Where did the rebbetzin get this amazing love for others from? From her forefather Avrohom Avinu. He did not just do chessed for the malochim rather he RAN to do chessed for the malachim.

And as long as he thought there was no one to do chessed with he was in much pain. Hashem had to bring him malachim in the form of Arabs so that Avrohom Avinu would feel better.

2 points.

1. **You are also a descendant of Avrohom Avinu A"H .**
2. **YOU CAN ALSO LOVE ALL YIDDEN.**
3. **YOU CAN REACH A LEVEL WHERE YOU WILL HAVE A STRONG DESIRE TO NEVER HURT ANOTHER YID!**

Here are the words of the holy Chazon Ish ztz'l.

There is a man who yearns to do good to others, meeting a friend brings joy to his heart. He welcomes his friend with a pleasant countenance yet is afraid that perhaps he was not on target based on his friend's temperament; perhaps he said something inappropriate.

For there is no pain to him as great as the pain of a slight to his friend's dignity, or if kindliness was withheld from his friend.

(Emuna U Bitachon 1:11)

Please ask your children the following questions.

1. In the first story, if the Rebbetzin fell and banged her head, how did she remember to ask the Shayla? (To the Rebbetzin, asking the Shayla=helping another yid, was more important than tending to her bruised head.)

2. Why could nothing stop the Rebbetzin from helping another person? (Because this is what she wanted more than anything else-to help others-therefore nothing could stop her as it says –"Ain Davar Omed Bifnei Harazon").

3. In the second story why didn't the Rebbetzin get upset at the neighbor who came calling just when the Rebbetzin was so exhausted that she was almost falling off her feet? (The Rebbetzin felt that the neighbor was doing the Rebbetzin a favor)

4. Why did the Rebbetzin offer to make the potion herself? Couldn't she just tell the neighbor how to do it? (If a person has an opportunity to earn a million dollars-will he say that he is tired and let others get the money instead. Rebbetzin Kaniyevsky, viewed opportunities to be kindly towards others as opportunities to become rich, spiritually rich.)

5. Do we see chessed as an opportunity or a nuisance? (We can observe ourselves. If opportunities for chessed come our way when it is in our way, do we embrace the chessed or do we get upset at the other person that he is nudging us.)

6. How does this relate to Peh Tahor? (Using our mouths for kindliness may not be an easy thing. It may require effort and attention. Yet if we see chessed as an opportunity, this may be the greatest opportunity of kindliness that exists).

7. Let's focus this week on thanking and expressing appreciation to our fathers mothers and siblings whenever they perform a service for us.

8. This week's slogan: Thank you is the way to light up my day. תודה רבה לך יביא לי הרבה שמחה

R Chaim Ozer ztz'l

R Chaim Ozer was the leader of Torah Jewry in the time of the Chofetz Chaim. He had an incredible mind. R Shach told of a story he personally witnessed. R Chaim Ozer possessed a pad on which he had written all the monies that he allocated for various Torah and chessed institutions. (People would often give Rav Chaim Ozer large sums of money to

distribute to zedaka). Clearly these records were of critical importance for him to know where he had given the money and how much he had given.

One time the pad was not to be found. Everyone in the house was searching for it as they all understand how important this little pad was. Yet after a long while passed it did not seem likely that it would be found.

R Chaim Ozer then went into a room by himself and did not come out until a few hours later. He wrote the entire pad over again from memory. He was very relieved but R Schach was in shock. How could R Chaim Ozer remember the over 1000 entries in that pad. He may have been a bit skeptical as well. But later when they actually did find the pad Rav Shach took the new pad and measured it against the old pad.

All the entries Rav Chaim Ozer had written by memory were correct and exact except for maybe one entry.

Yet this very same R Chaim Ozer with such an incredible mind-once accompanied someone who came to his home and asked him how to get to a certain address.

R Chaim Ozer was not satisfied by just telling him and so he accompanied him to this man's home. When asked why he went out of his way to do so (and please realize that we are speaking about one of the gedolei hador who was clearly EXTREMELY BUSY to say the least) he answered that this man had a speech impediment and he spoke in a strange way.

Rav Chaim Ozer was afraid that if he just tells him the address the man may forget, then the man will have to ask Rav Chaim Ozer again and he will have to speak (and he speaks strangely) and he will have to suffer more embarrassment because he speaks strangely.

So R Chaim Ozer walked with him and showed him the way -all the way-so that he would not have to open his mouth even just one more time and he will not have to suffer any more humiliation. even just a little bit.

WE MAY NOT BE AT THE LEVEL OF PROTECTING OTHERS FROM HUMILIATION EVEN WHEN THEY DID NOT ASK US. BUT AT LEAST LET US BE AT THE LEVEL THAT WE WILL NOT CAUSE OTHERS ANY HUMILATION.

IT'S TOO HARD?! LET"S DO IT DAILY FROM 6-6:15pm as a beginning. YES, WE MAY NOT YET BE ABLE TO DO THIS 24/7 BUT WE CAN BEGIN DOING IT FROM 6-6:15.

PLEASE JOIN US AND PLEASE GET YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY TO DO SO AS WELL. REMEMBER WE ARE ALL DESCENDANTS OF AVROHOM AVINU!

Have a Wonderful Shabbos!

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