

The Mark of Torah - Lust Chizuk

Posted by Markz - 02 Dec 2015 03:57

1. **TORAH TAVLIN:** a) Torah is not a blanket protection and can actually do the opposite [if not approached correctly](#). b) May not work for all forms of [Yetzer Hara](#)
 2. Gd wants our small [sacrifice](#) and [effort](#)
 3. **ODAAT:** [One Day at a Time](#). And a nice [source](#) for ODAAT.
 4. **DO SOMETHING:** When facing a personal challenge, We can't say "I tried, I cried, I prayed", No no no! [Do something positive!!](#)
 5. **BECHIRA:** The "main" bechira we have is to [avoid triggering situations in the first place](#)
 6. **THE 3 SECOND RULE:** [The pasuk is telling us - do not follow your heart to take that second look](#)
 7. **THE REAL PROBLEM:** To me it seems poshut that the problem is lusting [not shmiras eynayim](#)
 8. **WHITE KNUCLING:** Is not [the Torah way](#) so cut the [Confrontations](#). Which according to the Torah way [will not succeed](#)
 9. Is everyone in the world an [addict?](#)
 10. **WIFE:** Is she your [Pas Besalo?](#)
- Warning: Spoiler!**

11. **INTENT:** I'm a lustaholic and I want [Intimacy](#) leshem shamayim. Honest?
12. **TESHUVA:** Teshuva (the way we understand it) is [NOT recovery](#) but a ploy
13. in the Zohar, it is said the sin of wasted seed is the worst sin for which no recovery is possible. And that relations with non-Jews attaches to us even in Olam Haba. What are the [defenses against these charges?](#)

SCOURCES:

1. The prohibition of [V'NISHMARTA and V'LO SASURU](#)
2. including undressed unmarried [gentile women](#)
3. A wife is [like bread?](#)

HOLIDAYS

1. Chanuka - [ODAAT](#)
2. Thank Gd - [Al Hanissim](#)
3. The 3 Weeks - We are building the [Beis Hamikdash](#) with GYE

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Posted by markz - 19 Jan 2016 14:07

[bardichev wrote:](#)

Beshalach-Shabbos SHIRA tuf shin ayin alef

KEEP ON TRUCKING

By:bardichev

This dvar Torah is dedicated to my good chver Zemiros Shabbos

May he see bracha vihatazlacha in all his endeavors

The place:Somewhere near Egypt

The time:chol hamoed

Pesach

The yidden are trapped in the desot

The Egyptian Cavalry all of it and all their legions. The entire Egyptian army are bearing down on the Jews

The jews are between a rock and a hard place

The only place they can go is forward

Slight issue homo-sapians are not amphibians.

What is there to do

No retreat

No where to turn

So the Jews do what Jews always do they pray!

Gevaldiggggg??

Nisht!

Hashem says why are you screaming

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Speak to the people and tell them to get moving

YAYISOO-ee (vayisa-uu)

KEEP ON TRUCKING!!

Fregt bards

What was wrong with prayer?

There is a huge lesson here

Huge

When facing a personal challenge

We can't say

I tried

I cried

I prayed

No no no

Do something positive

Drive forward

Even if it means jumping into the sea

Vayisa-uu!!

Too often I see here on the forum. People are haunted by their own demons

Leave them behind you!! Ayyy they are chasing you?! Just keep on trucking!

Of course tefilla!but like Hashem says tefilla plus action

Like the Rupshotzers kugel

The rupshizer roov reb naftali horovitz talmid of the (chozeh)Lubliner

His rebbetzin was a bit stingy but a big tzaddekes

So she made a small kugel one potato. A small onion. She put it in the oven. Took out her tehillim and began to daven that the kugel should "gelung"

While she was davening. The rebbe. Grabbed a sack of potatoes some huge onions a dozen eggs. A jug of oil. Salt feffer ahhh

He added his rebbetzin bite size kugel to a huge kugel for all the chassidim

The rebbetzin finishes davening

Looks into the oven and beams as she says ,

Naftali ILook my tefilla worked!

The rebbe says "yes your tefilla along with my massim tovim"

Keep on trucking

With

All

The

Love

In

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bardichev

Good Shabbos

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Posted by markz - 21 Jan 2016 16:22

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote:](#)

Parshas Beshalach:

Haym ra'ah vayanos.

Mah ra'ah? Arono shel Yosef ra'ah. (Midrash)

Is that what the sea was afraid of? A few old bones in a box??

The see was afraid of *Atzmas Yosef* - that *atzmius* of Yosef - the essence of yosef!! The sexual purity of Yosef Hatzadik that Klal Yisroel had within themselves!!!

A *baal keri* needs to immerse himself in the waters of a mikvah. The Yidden were soooo far removed from that, that not only did they not need to immerse themselves in the water. The water actually FLED when the Yidden entered the seabed!!!!

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Posted by markz - 22 Jan 2016 00:29

[Efshar Letaken wrote:](#)

I the Janitor of the Beis Medrash have the Power to clean up the garbage as I have already started to do & will continue to at 6pm EST so that those who choose can clean up there own shmutz.

Rabeinu Guard is doing an outstanding job personally getting involved in making sure we can all get along so that we can win this battle we are all fighting for.

Perhaps this story can help.

A Non Religious Jew once asked I think it was Reb Amnon Yitzchak. (He might of been asking it sarcastically) he said "I want to become frum but I don't know what sect to choose!"

1st you have Sfardim, Ashkanazim & Mizrachim

Then you have with in them you have so many other sects and everyone has their own way!

So how do I choose?

So he gave this gr8 comparison.

Rav Amnon Yitzchak asks him, The Army! They have Ground Troops, the Navy the Air Force, Comandos, Seals, Yasam, Golani, and so on. why so many different types? who are the ones that can win the war those are the ones we need! forget about the rest! Which one is the right one?!

The answer is we need them all! Everyone fights in there own way and together only together

but every one with their own tactics can they win! you just have to see in what section of the army you can fight best & that's where you belong.

The Nimshal is obvious! We need the Sfardim, Ashkenazim, Mizrachim, Chasidim, Litvaks, Derech of Simche the Derech of Yireh, Torah, Tefila, Taharah & Yes Even the 12 steps, Everyone in their own way with their own Tactics.

There's only **one** important thing to remember at the end of the day.

"We Are All Fighting For One Chief & Commander!"

"We Are All Here To Follow His Will!"

Also, I heard a great vort about Krias Yam Suf.

1) Why was it that the sea was split into 12 Separate lines one for each Tribe?

2) & if it was already Separated then why were the walls Crystal Clear so was one tribe able to look into the others?

The Answer is Gevaldig!

We all have our own Derech that we have to follow & not Budge from it! But! But! But! We have to see that the others also have a derech and they too have a Nosi Leading them & that Nosi is Following Toras Moshe MiSinai that Moshe Rabeinu got directly from Hashem!

So, I think that the message is loud & clear "Harbei Drachim La'Mokoim!"

So even if we **disagree** with one another on what Approach works in this fight, there's no need to get all Heated up or and using Hurtful words. WE CAN SAY THE SAME EXACT THINGS WITHOUT THE EXCITEMENT THAT COMES ALONG WITH IT & without getting PERSONAL.

Yes!

Efshar Letaken

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Posted by markz - 24 Jan 2016 16:16

[markz wrote:](#)

Another point, is the words of the Gra zl in *even shleima* that Torah alone doesn't purify at all without the right mindset, it can even do the opposite

The heads of the reform movement knew more Torah than all of us put together...

To be continued another time

Now's the time! because I found one of GYE's darshanim's take on the matter, so without further ado, here goes

[battleworn wrote:](#)

The Gemoroh in Kidushin 30b says ??????...??? ??? ?????? ?????? ??? ??? ?????? ?????...

-Hashem said to Am Yisroel "I created the y"eh and I created The Torah as a "spice" for him. If you are involved with the Torah you will not be given over in to the hands of the y"eh". The questions I want to discuss are: (1) What's the y"eh? (2) What does a "spice" mean? (3) What does it mean to be involved? (4) What is the Torah? (5) What does "you will not be given over in to his hands" mean? And of course, why does it often seem that it doesn't work?

Similarly, Chazal tell us that the Torah improves your personality in every way and to a very great extent (see Pirkei Avos 6'1). But Chazal also tell us that one who learns Torah and doesn't act properly makes a great chilul Hashem. In light of everything that the Torah is supposed to do to a person, how is it possible to not act properly if you learn Torah?

The Zohar Hakodosh says that all the mitzvohs are meant to save us from the y"eh. Why does it often seem that it doesn't work?

The posuk says ?? ?????? ??????. One of the meanings of this posuk is that all mitzvohs bring us to Emunah. Why does it often seem that they don't? [This is very important to us because Emunah is the key to braking out of the y"eh's clutches.]

What comes first, action or intention? In other words which one is the cause and which one is the effect?

The Arizal says that if you learn Torah without first doing Teshuva then the Torah could actually c"v make you worse. How can that be if the Torah is supposed to be what brings a person to teshuva?

I think if we answer the first 5 questions, the rest will be answered automatically. First, what is the y"eh? In order to answer that, we need to know what we would be like without the y"eh. {The question of whether the y"eh is an angel or a part of us, is not relevant to our discussion.}

Without the y"eh we would automatically gravitate only towards Hashem and automatically keep all the mitzvohs, because that's the very essence of our soul. We would automatically run from lust more than from physical death. Not just from sin, but from all lust, because by definition any other desire is a contradiction to our desire for Hashem. Any other desire causes a separation between us and Hashem which by

definition is a separation between us and everything good. In fact it's a separation between us and The very Source of our existence. The threat of a separation between us and Hashem is a much more serious threat than any threat to our physical existence. We therefore would not have "bechira" because there wouldn't be anything to choose about.

The y"ח has what would seem like an impossible job. He has to somehow confuse us so badly, to the point that we could actually want to do things that are much more damaging to ourselves than physical death. That's quite a task! So how in the world can he accomplish this?

He accomplishes it by perverting the very desire-for-Hashem itself. He concentrates on the desire that we feel, while covering up the Object of our desire. He confuses us about the void that we feel. He tells us that it's a need for lust when really it's a need for Hashem.

And how does he do all this? By making us think that we have our own separate existence that is not dependant on Hashem. By convincing us, that we are something else other than a "shli'ach"- emissary of Hashem. This delusion is called ????? and is the source of sources of all sin, all faults of character and all negative emotions.{R' Tzadok Hacohen in Tzidkas Hatzadik discusses all this}If a person realizes that he is nothing but an emissary of Hashem Himself, there's absolutely no room for arrogance, low self esteem, self consciousness or anything else negative.

Once he gets us to c'v sin, it causes a separation between us and Hashem and between our pnimius and our chitzonius. This in turn makes his job much easier, because that separation makes us not see who we really are. It in turn causes our lives to be full of frustration, anxiety etc. Deep in our heart we know that this whole mess is caused by a "lack of Hashem" but the y"ח continues to delude us. In addition (and it says in seforim that this is the main part) he uses the sin to "prove" to us that we are not really connected to Hashem at all, but rather we are c"v connected to the "opposite side." In addition he tells us that now Hashem is disgusted by us, so whatever connection there may have been before the sin, is definitely gone by now.

He goes on to explain that the only realistic way to fill the void is with lust. We get easily fooled because the lust provides immediate relief (for at least a second) while getting close to Hashem takes time and work. The cycle continues and his job gets easier and easier. (1) In answer to the first question, the y"ח is the force that pulls us away from Hashem and towards other desires by confusing us with delusions.

So now Hashem says that He provided a remedy (a spice). This does not mean that if we choose that we don't want to do a particular "aveiroh" then we should throw the Torah at him. (2) Rather it's a remedy against the whole confusion that the y'h causes. If you **want** to think straight and get rid of the fallacies of the y'h, **that** can be accomplished through Torah.

(3) The way it's accomplished through Torah is by being involved in Torah. One who is involved in the Torah is connecting with Hashem actively with a greater connection than any connection found in the physical world between any two things. (Nefesh Hachaim shaar 4 perek 6 and Tanya perek 5, It's worth learning it before the next time you learn Torah) If you are involved with Hashem [as explained in those sources] by definition you can't also be involved with lust. The two are mutually exclusive.

(4) But we need to know what the Torah is. A person has the ability to separate the Torah from Hashem. This is called learning ?? ???? ?????. That means that he doesn't want to connect to the spirit of the Torah but rather he's only interested in the Torah as a science. He prefers to remain connected to "the other side" **although he may very well be desperately trying to stop sinning**. Not only will the Torah not help, it will make things worse (Nefesh Hachaim ibid perek 5 and Ba'er Heitiv O'CH siman 571 s"k 1) He must realize that the Torah is Dvar Hashem and connecting with Torah is connecting with Hashem, and disconnecting from foreign desires.

If someone learns Torah with the spirit of Hashem in mind and he wants to change direction and turn away from lust and towards Hashem, then the Torah will accomplish exactly that. (5) That's what it means "you will not be given over in to his hands"- he will no longer be able to delude you in to directing all your energy towards destroying yourself, by distancing yourself from Hashem. Instead you'll direct all that energy to connecting with Hashem – The Source of all good, all pleasure and all happiness!

[There are other prerequisites for "Torah tavlin" (like not speaking loshon horoh) but for the most part, once you have the right attitude everything else will work out. A very basic prerequisite is Emunah in the power of Torah to change you. R' Tzvi Meir says (in the name of the Besh't the Chasam Sofer and others) that very often the y'h knows that he can't weaken our Emunah in the Torah. So he tells us that Chazal were talking only about people who are on a high level. But when we learn, it's not the real thing so it can't really change us. This is a tremendous pitfall, because if we have Emunah in the power of our Limud Hatorah it will definitely change us totally.]

The above applies –of course-also to all other remedies (like Tefilah, Mitzvoths, mikveh etc.) The Rishonim (Chinuch, Chovos Halvovos and Rambam) taught us that the way we act affects us greatly. Just as intention leads to action, so to does action lead to intention. If Emunah and being close to Hashem make us do mitzvahs, then doing mitzvahs makes us have Emunah and brings us close to Hashem. **But only if we want to be close to Hashem; and that means to want to drop all foreign desires.**

Practically speaking, how do we make sure that we have the right attitude? If we sunk so low, how do we make sure that we “want” to change? This is an old problem and the answer is to be found in the famous words of Hoshe’a Hanavi (14, 2-3) **“Return, Yisroel, [all the way back] until Hashem your G-d for you have stumbled in your sins. TAKE WITH YOU WORDS...”** We need to speak it out with Hashem (see the commentaries on this posuk) R’ Pinkus used to say that the most basic prerequisite for sholom bayis [between Hashem and us] is open communication. We need to say to Hashem **“I want only You and nothing else”**. By saying it on a regular basis, we start to feel it more and more.

But the Seforim Hakidoshim (Nefesh Hachaim ibid perek 7 among others) give an even more immediate solution. Each time you’re about to learn Torah; before you start, take a couple of minutes to speak to Hashem. Say to Him: “I have sinned but I deeply regret it. I have been fooled by the y”h in to straying, **but really all I want is You**. Please take pity on me that the Torah should not c”v be considered like the Torah of a rasha. Rather it should change me **like only the Torah can**, it should bring me close to you and the fire of Torah should burn up all garbage that I absorbed. Please help me remember what learning Torah is all about and save me from the y”h who works tirelessly to make me forget all these things. Etc...”

To sum up, there are two things we need to do in order for these things to work.

- 1) We need to understand what it is that we should want it to do for us.
- 2) We need to speak it out with Hashem both in general and particularly before Learning Torah.

Hashem should take pity on us and all of Klal Yisroel and take us out of the darkness; both the darkness of our private golus and the darkness of the general galus and we should all be zocheh very, very soon to see **“Return, Yisroel, [all the way back] until Hashem your G-d for you have stumbled in your sins. TAKE WITH YOU WORDS...”**

This is irrelevant to the point that many of us need more than learning Torah for our recovery, but I quoted this to highlight the point that **???? ????? is only true when done correctly**

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Posted by markz - 25 Jan 2016 03:23

[ur-a-jew wrote:](#)

Saw a wonderful vort from Rabbi Zilberstein this past Shabbos (Borchi Nofshi - Parshas Pekudai):

Reb Zilberstein brings down a shaila from Reb Yehoshua Karlinsky who asks on the Rambam which says (Ishus Perek 15 Halacha 19) that a person has to love his wife like himself ("k'gufo"). What chiddush is the Rambam adding when he says "love your wife like yourself" there is a mitzvah to love everyone like yourself. Reb Zilberstein says the question was asked to Reb Chaim Kanievski who answered as follows:

The Gemara in Nidah 16b says:

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There are four things that Hashem hates and I don't love them.

Says Reb Chaim Kanievsky, that from the perspective of V'Ahvta Lrayacha Komocha there is no obligation to love a person who does one of these things. But that is only when it comes to other people. When a person is dealing with one's wife even if she does things that Reb

Shimon Ben Yochai says he doesn't love a person who does those things, it is only to exempt them from the mitzvah of V'Ahvta, a person still has an obligation under the chiyuv to love your wife "K'gufo" to love her notwithstanding her doing these things. This stems from the obligation of ????? ?? ????? ????? a person must do **whatever it takes** to insure that there is sholom in his home.

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Posted by markz - 28 Jan 2016 00:43

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Posted by markz - 28 Jan 2016 15:08

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote on 20 Jan 2011 16:14:](#)

Parshas Yisro:

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote on 20 Jan 2011 16:11:](#)

Parshas Yisro:

Vayichad Yisro:

= Yisro rejoiced together with his newfound co-religionists.

= Yisro's skin 'prickled' upon hearing about the demise of his former colleagues, the Egyptians.

Are these two statements contradictory?

A GYE Member:

- We are happy & appreciate our newfound recovery & sobriety.
- We long for the pleasurable sensation we got through lusting.

Am I living a contradiction?

The above Rashi concludes that for 10 generations we mustn't belittle a gentile in the face of a *ger*.

This may be a source in the Torah for the axiom:

Once an Addict, Always an Addict.

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Posted by markz - 28 Jan 2016 15:09

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote on 01 Feb 2015 11:57:](#)

Parshas Yisro:

V'higbalta ess ha'am saviv leimor hishomru lachem alois bahar... (19:12)

Vayomer Hashem el Moshe Leich ha'eid b'am...

Vayomer Moshe el hashem lo yuchal haam laalos el Har Sinai ki atah ha'eidosah banu ...

Vayomer eilav Hashem lech reid [v'ha'eid b'hem sheinis_[sub]{Rashi}/sub]]_(19:23-24)

Hashem commanded us to set boundaries and install filters.

Hashem told Moshe to warn us again.

Moshe queried of Hashem, "Why is a fresh warning necessary? The filters are already installed. Klal Yisroel cannot access the mountain even if they tried!"

Hashem responded, "No Moshe, a filter is NOT foolproof. Moshe, only **YOU** and Aharon when he is with you (*Attah v'Aharon imach*) are on such a level but the general multitudes cannot afford to rely on filters."

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Posted by markz - 29 Jan 2016 14:34

Parshas Yisro

Why did *Yisro* come?

He heard about the splitting of the sea and the war with *Amalek*.

What has the one to do with the other?

Amalek wasn't simply a nation of murderous criminals. They were fighting against God Himself, as the verse say, they "did not fear God" (Deuteronomy 25:18). When the Jews were in Egypt, everyone had heard of the great miracles that occurred such as the ten plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. The Jewish people were a reflection of the Divine Will and Purpose.

An attack on the Jews was by default and attack on God. This was manifested by the fact that *Amalek* threw the castrated organs toward Heaven, in defiance of God, as if to say, "We despise the holy covenant of *Bris Milah*."

Contrast to that - the sea splitting in the merit of *Yosef Hatzadik*, that cried out "**We uphold the holy covenant of *Bris Milah*.**"

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Posted by markz - 31 Jan 2016 16:16

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PART ONE

[???? ???? wrote on 21 Aug 2013 00:54:](#)

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[Lizhensk wrote on 17 Dec 2013 12:15:](#)

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Why don't you use rib-steak, a hot dog, hamburger or some roast perhaps?

You know, those of us who were/are porn addicts (myself included) were told that it is impossible for us to view our wives as who they really are, for whenever we are in the bedroom, we are thinking j.d., a.h., j.j., etc. Some of us argued (probably I did once or twice as well) that we have a clear demarcation line. We don't allow any porn starts into our bedroom; but, like we all admit to at some point, that is simply b.s. We cannot divorce the two. If we have allowed those images and scenes to infiltrate our brain, that is what we view when we are partaking in the "heilige" act of lovemaking that Lizhensk eluded to above.

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well. Think of it as fulfilling your obligation; spending and enjoying time with your wife.

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It bothers me that I don't remember who those abbreviations are anymore.

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[Dov wrote:](#)

dozens[/i] more - and love all of them. None of the ones I know ever got sober because of the chassidus they have learned, and they readily admit that. And they work recovery humbly. And they are still mashpi'im and rabbis, etc., just as they were all the years they were having sex with themselves or others. What got them sober and *keeps* them sober is the getting out of G-d's way that they now do one day at a time, be"H. *All the Tanya in the world did not help them do it before*, and how ironic it is that they found the tools to do that by attending meetings with *goyim* - or even worse, with ***misnagdim***! I should know, for my first SA sponsor was a goy (and BTW, in 15 years of sobriety he never once brought up his or my own religion!). And finally, one of the precious brochos that ***I*** only learned from the 12-step program is that even though I am sober for over 17 years one day at a time now, it is not because of Torah. Rather, it is because I

allowed concepts that are in the Torah (and found elsewhere, too) into myself in a practical sense. So I will never be fooled that it was my religiosity that got me sober. No one can trick me into retroactively saying it was my frumkeit or yiddishkeit that got me sober! Boruch Hashem for that. For *that* would be the first step back into the toilet bowl for me, since it would just be a face-saving lie. And lying/faking is *far* more toxic for me than even lusting is. So if anybody can learn these things from chassidus, then the one relevant question is this: "Is it working for you? Are you sober from it and staying sober, or not?" If so, then great! Keep doing it! But it obviously does not work many, because here we who have been learning chassidus are right here on GYE! If 'chassidus' or 'Torah' works, then how'd we get into this mess in the first place and why

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it is not working for us, that's OK - for you are not alone! You can join the club. SA meetings/12 steps is not the only answer there is, but I know many, many sober sexaholics who are even frummer than you and I are, and yet are b"H sober through 12-step recovery today. Had they remained *frum-and-always-getting-holier...* they'd **still** be masturbating themselves and worse, using porn 'mit a firedikeh brenn' and later 'doing Teshuvah ila'ah', confusing themselves more and more and living in a slow hell - *as they proved for years and years*. The very same journey

are we still looking for help? There is an elephant in the room, boys. And it's feet are sticky...

that so many of us frum, sober pervs are familiar with.

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[Reb Yid wrote:](#)

Parshas Terumah

I just tonight heard a beautiful shtikle from this week's Parsha that's very appropo. Both the Yeriyo on top of the Mishkan, as well as the Paroches curtain by the entrance to the Kodosh HaKodashim had the same materials used for threads. They were - linen, blue wool, purple wool, and red wool. There was a difference however. By the Yeriyo it puts them in this order - white (linen), blue, purple, then red. By the Paroches it is in a different order - blue, purple, red, and then white. Why the switch?

I heard bshem Rav Dovid Feinstein that it depends on where the materials were being used. When on top, it represents the Shamayim. When our Neshamos come down they are white. Then they begin to get "dirty" down here with our wrong doings. First a little dirty (blue) then more dirty (purple) and then R"L filthy (red). Therefore on the top they are in that order - white, blue, purple, red. But when a person is coming in to "clean" himself, he comes in first with the dirt, and only after is he Zoche to turn white. That's why by the Paroches we have white last.

The problem is that it should have been in complete reverse order when entering the Mishkan - red, purple, blue, and then white. Why start from the middle, and end at the beginning? Rav Dovid said that the answer is like Chazal say "Haba letaher mesayin oso". Since you want to improve, you are automatically upgraded immediately.

I wanted to add my own addition which I think is vitally important. Even though Hashem helps us when we so much as want to come back, it won't be easy. Many times we feel like we are finally moving in the right direction when we get blind-sided by the YH. We think it's not fair. Every time things start going well, they get much harder once again!! The Torah is hinting to us that it is not only fair, it is by design. The only way to know if something is really strong is by trying to break it. If you can't, then it's strong. If you can, then make it stronger. Hashem is testing us to see how strong we are. But if we withstand all the tests, we will suddenly feel liberated and things will finally start to run more smoothly.

That's why it's in that order. We want to improve, so Hashem helps - blue. But then the YH challenges us - first purple, and then maybe even red. But if we "keep trucking" we will pass these 2 stages and hit paydirt when we end off - white.

Hatzlocha!!

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