

eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by higher - 24 Oct 2019 17:33

i would be interested to hear anyone's personal tried and proven eitzos for strengthening their connection with Hashem. The times that ive felt close to Hashem i felt that i didnt want anything else. i think it can help in this struggle.

thanks in advance.

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by sleepy - 25 Oct 2019 00:50

what a great thread, i personally have been trying to work on Emuna and Bitachon as a means of being clean , i cant elaborate now but hatzlacha raba in this promising thread.on one foot ,ive found having a daily reading in the three (as of now)series book called Living Emuna has given me a chizuk ,i hope to elaborate another time on other things.looking foward to what the chevra here have to share!

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by higher - 25 Oct 2019 02:08

i personally feel very drawn to learning seforim on emunah and bitachon. when im really learning them b'iyun and with hispaalus-life is different.

at least my experience of it is different.

but i have a hard time keeping up a long stretch...

also when it comes to something like talking to Hashem. i do that pretty often (i think) but its hard for that to make an impact if i dont feel any response.

just sharing and wondering...

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by bego - 25 Oct 2019 10:36

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Posted by sleepy - 25 Oct 2019 14:30

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Posted by sleepy - 25 Oct 2019 14:38

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by higher - 25 Oct 2019 16:23

whats the source for the requirement?

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by Dave M - 25 Oct 2019 17:15

Good thread. Interesting, I found that as I work through the GYE program, My relationship/awareness of Hashem has grown. In the past few months, when I encountered the typical life challenges. I found myself to be calmer and accept that these are from Hashem.

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i think thats a great way to feel Hashems presence, thats what im trying to gain from the Sefer Living Emuna.

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by sleepy - 25 Oct 2019 19:51

as far as the sorce that one is recquired to get Awarness ,ill have to continue sometime after Shabbos, good Shabbos

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by Captain - 28 Oct 2019 01:19

There's a great chapter on Bitachon in Sefer Hamaspik Le'ovdei Hashem by Rabbi Avrohom the son of the Rambam. It's so clear and profound. It is available in Hebrew and English. (English translation is by Feldheim. It is available in most seforim stores or on Amazon: Regular size- https://www.amazon.com/Serving-Classics-Library-English-Hebrew/dp/1583309810/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=avraham+ben+harambam&qid=1572225508&sr=8-2. Smaller size: https://www.amazon.com/Guide-Serving-God-compact/dp/1598269658/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=avraham+ben+harambam&qid=1572225522&sr=8-1)

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Re: eitzos for emunah and bitachon
Posted by sleepy - 29 Oct 2019 03:29

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i would like to comment on this, even though it was posted a while back.

it is def. a good idea, and perhaps even a must, to be solidly based in terms of sources on the rishonim and lmaalah bakodesh, chazal.

that being said the actual mussar and hisorerus should come from a place that the person finds both relevant and that speaks his language to be nispael from.

there is much more to say on this topic and i will bl'n elaborate upon request.

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It was mentioned above that in Galus Mitzrayim we Yidden are considered **asleep**. There are two other Galus'es that we are considered **asleep**

1. Galus Bavel" ANI **YESHEYNA**, VILIBI ER" -I AM **ASLEEP** BUT MY HEART IS AWAKE" Says the Villa Goan ,this is Galus Bavel.

2. Our present day Galus like the Villa Goan writes in his Sefer Bi'urei Agados on Bechoros Daf .8 "The **sleep** that we are **sleeping** in Galus etc."

What needs to be explained is why are considered asleep in Galus.

The RAMBAM writes" Even though Tekias Shofer on Rosh Hashana is a Gezeiras Hakasuv (we have to blow shofer for no other reason except for the reason because Hashem said so), nevertheless the Mitzva of Shofar is hinting to something, it's as if telling us "Wake up you sleepers from your sleep! And you slumberers wake up from your slumber! etc. (Who is this that is considered asleep?) **those who forgot the Emes because the vanities of the times** and they waste all their time with vanities and emptiness that won't help them and won't save them."

So it comes out that the RAMBAM says that "**those who forgot the Emes because the vanities of the times**" they are called asleep.

Why?

Because if a person is in a specific place to do a specific duty, and instead of doing his duty, he gets busy with other stuff, he could be compared to a person who goes to the Rabbis lecture and falls asleep during the whole lecture, can he honestly say he was by the lecture, **he was asleep!**

So too us Yidden, we were sent to this world for a certain purpose and we are getting distracted by the vanities and empty things of this world and not fulfilling our **True** purpose, we are considered asleep.

Now what leaves to be explained is what is our True purpose in this world?

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