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Hashem said to Moshe, *'Take to yourself Yehoshua son of Nun... you shall place some of your majesty upon him'...* Moshe Rabbenu was on the verge of entering the Yeshiva above and needed to be replaced in the Yeshiva below. Hashem told him, *"Lean your hand upon him."* Moshe, however, *"leaned his hands upon him"*. Both hands. Moshe had done more than what Hashem had commanded him to do. He was generous and did not just fulfill the Mitzvah. He fulfilled as well, *"Place some of your majesty upon him"*. Rashi comments that the countenance is the majesty of a person, as the countenance of Yehoshua was called light. Also, *"Some of your majesty"* but not all: Concerning this it is said *"The face of Moshe was like the sun and the face of Yehoshua like the moon"*. Hashem did not want Moshe's honor to leave his family and wished to preserve it. Even Yehoshua needed Elazar, the son of Aharon, in order to ask questions to Hashem through the Urim Vetumim, for the children of Aharon were like Moshe's children. Moshe Rabbenu, however,

needed nobody and spoke directly to Hashem when necessary. He was above the need for using the Urim Vetumim or any other intermediary, he only needed Hashem, as we see he had told the daughters of Zelophehad in this Parasha, as he had done so many times before, that he would go directly before Hashem on their behalf and hear what Hashem commands. Moshe needed nothing besides Hashem. Through Moshe, Yehoshua had been granted authority, and now even the sun lost choice when Yehoshua demanded it to stay quiet in Gibeon. Why did Yehoshua ask the sun to stay quiet? Why didn't he tell it to stay in place – a seemingly more befitting command? When Yehoshua told the sun to stay still, he was causing the sun to stop singing praises to Hashem as it does while moving in its regular path and daily routine. Yehoshua told it to keep quiet and he would sing the praises instead. One must realize that there aren't any politics involved between such leaders of Bnei Yisrael. All leaders must learn not to focus on their strengths or abilities

in comparison with others, but must concentrate on improving, uniting, and teaching those he leads towards Hashem. Lead them in the ways of Torah. It doesn't matter how many people you control or how much power you have; it only matters what you do with the opportunity and responsibility given to you. Lead with Torah, for it is the blueprints of creation, the purpose of life, and the true path to physical and spiritual accomplishments. May Hashem merit us always to do His will, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

The names of the five daughters of Zelophehad were: *Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah*. We can learn from their names an interesting lesson regarding accepting suffering with love. When a person is inflicted with suffering, connoted in the name *Mahlah*, or feels like he is in a state of exile, connoted in the name *Noah*, if he doesn't question Hashem and instead accepts his situation with love, believing that everything is for the best, then his life will be one of happiness, content, satiation, and fulfillment, like a holiday, connoted in the name *Hoglah*, and he will feel close to Hashem's sovereignty, connoted in the name *Milcah*, and finally his actions and his prayers will be accepted by Hashem, connoted in the name *Tirzah*.

History in Brief

220 years after the Hurban, calendar year 290. The known Amora, Shemuel, who was a colleague of Rav and often argued with him in Halacha, was tall, strong from his youth, and had an amazing memory. He would say that he even remembers being born. When Shemuel was a young child, he was crying one day as he came home from Yeshiva. When his father asked why we was crying, he said that his Rebbe hit him. His father asked why, to which the boy explained the he didn't wash his hands before giving food to the Rebbe's son. The father asked why he didn't wash his hands, to which he asked back, his son is eating and I should wash my hands?! The father was just as stunned, was it not enough that the Rebbe didn't know the

Halacha, that someone feeding another doesn't need to wash his hands, but he should even hit his son because of it?! Shemuel had many nicknames: Shakud Al HaTorah, Mor Shemuel, Aryoch Lashon Melech, Shabur Malka, and Shemuel Yarchenaah for being an expert in the laws of the new moon. One time he said that the heavens were familiar to him like Neherdea. He said that he could establish the months and holidays, as well as leap years throughout the diaspora, without witnesses testifying to the new moon. There was a wise gentile man named Abalet who was an expert in sorcery. As he was sitting with Shemuel, they saw a Jewish man enter the fields. Abalet commented that he would not return alive, because he was about to be fatally bitten by a poisonous snake and die. Shemuel responded that if he was a Jew, then he would return alive. When he returned alive carrying his load, he removed the load from his back and found within the folds a dead poisonous snake. Shemuel asked the man what good deed he had done that day to have earned this merit. The man answered that earlier he had given his bread to a poor man. Shemuel explained, charity saves a man from death.

Health and Recovery

Folic acid is important for building up our body. It is essential for the metabolism and for preventing blood vessel diseases. It is found in green leaves such as lettuce and the like. It is important and recommended to periodically monitor folic acid levels in the body while conducting a general blood test, especially in adults today. The worldwide medical recommendation is that women aged 20-40 should intake about 400mg/day of folic acid and monitor the amounts in the blood. One of the side effects is constipation. Another important level one must monitor is Vitamin B12, which is found in animal-derived foods, especially in all types of beef, because beef has 10 times the amount of B12 than chicken. Studies in Israel indicate a high deficiency of vitamin B12 in adults, especially those who do not eat meat. This deficiency causes anemia, weakness, fatigue, and neurological dysfunction, and can

also be a cause of difficulties in regular movements. These levels can be checked with a simple blood test. Vegetarians need to constantly monitor their levels of protein and vitamin B12 in the blood. If indeed a deficiency is found, first add non-fat meat to the diet and menu, two or three times per week at least. There are tablets that dissolve under the tongue to be taken once a day for adults, but they can cause digestion issues, so such tablets may not always be the best solutions to increase levels. It is recommended that you occasionally receive vitamin B12 injections as directed by your family physician based on your blood levels. Also, ask your doctor whether to take B12 alone, or to take a B12 and folic acid combination tablet.

Rishon LeSion:

Maran Hacham Ovadia Yossef 1921-2013

When Maran was dating the daughter of R' Avraham Fattal, the bride's father went to his Rosh Yeshiva Hacham Ezra Attieh and Hacham Yaakov Ades to find out more information about his future son-in-law. They explained that he was very unique, unlike anyone else in the Yeshiva, and a great catch. The Shadchan then told the father of the bride that the dowry would be one hundred Lirot. R' Avraham did not have that much money, and the engagement was postponed. Until, one Shabbat, Hacham Ovadia walked to the home of R' Avraham and told him that the Shadchan had already done his job, and it was his decision to move forward with the engagement. Chanukah 1944, his Rabbanim Hacham Ezra Attieh, R' Ephraim Cohen, and R' Yaakov Ades came together in the engagement of Hachem Ovadia, and on the 4th of Nissan 1944 they performed the wedding where he married his virtuous wife Mrs. Margalit. At this time in history, before the creation of the state of Israel, the British ruled the land. On February 1st 1944, a short time before the wedding, Menachem Begin, as military leader of the Irgun, led a revolt against the British government, actions in history which eventually led to their independence and the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

Mussar: *Silence is Golden*

Do you hope and dream of being successful in life? There is a very effective way to attain assistance to reach this goal: you must always watch your tongue from improper use. Distance yourself completely from speaking about others. Instead, use your speech wisely to discuss Torah, or even just daily necessities. Know and recognize that most problems that befall people are due to their improper speech. If one would only be more careful, then he would be able to reach very holy levels. Fortunate are those who calculate their words before uttering them, for they will be rewarded handsomely in the next world while enjoying a comfortable life in the meantime. King Solomon says, *When you watch your mouth and tongue, you are guarding yourself from pain and harm.* A foolproof plan to be safe from sufferings is to always exercise proper speech. Hashem is everywhere – how can one speak improperly before Him? One must be very careful with every single word and syllable he utters. If one speaks freely without caution, he should realize and be warned that he is pushing Hashem away, and will experience a great loss as a direct result. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Story

The businessman/innkeeper continues his story to Chaim Leib: With four hundred gold Lirot in his possession from all the charity he collected, he asked himself, should he give it all away to the Poritz who didn't deserve it, thereby saving his family from wrongful imprisonment? He couldn't just leave his family in captivity. He went to the Gaon R' Noam Elimelech and asked for guidance. He would give the money to the Rebbe and receive a blessing, and in the merit he would find salvation. At this moment, he was actually on the way to visit the Rebbe, and behold, his question had already been answered, as the Rebbe had written a letter that stated exactly four hundred gold Lirot should be given from the Rebbe to Chaim Leib. He didn't even need to travel all the way to the Rebbe, he would just give him the money and he would be blessed with peace and success. Chaim Leib would be

able to use the money to marry off his ailing daughter, as Hashem's salvation comes in the blink of an eye. He was certain that in this merit of charity the Poritz would change his mind, rescind his demands for exorbitant payments, and he could go back to work and be successful with his family. And so it was, that Poritz did just that, apologized for the misunderstanding, and even gave him a year free from rent because of all the suffering he had caused him by unjustly raising the rent and imprisoning his family. Thank you Hashem for the miracles and wonders performed to save this family!

Laws: The Three Weeks

1 – There are many customs of mourning observed during the three weeks between the 17th of Tammuz until after the 9th of Av. One may not listen to live music, or music played on tapes, CDs, and radio.

2 – Dancing is prohibited even without music during this time frame.

3 – Items that require the blessing of Shehechyanu (for example: new fruit or new clothing) should be avoided. However, Shehechyanu is recited for a Brit Milah and Pidyon HaBen. A new fruit may be used during those times with the blessing of Shehechyanu, and afterwards the fruit is eaten with its proper blessing.

4 – During Shabbat one may recite Shehechyanu on new fruit or new clothing. It is better to be strict.

5 – During the 9 days, from Rosh Hodesh Av until after the Taanit, joyous forms of business or transactions are decreased, for example: purchasing items for a wedding or for the house of newlyweds, as well as jewelry, new clothing, or new shoes.

6 – Some allow the purchase of furniture or electrical appliances (not for newlyweds). Those that are strict will be blessed.

7 – One may purchase jewelry, clothing, and furniture for a wedding only if it's possible that they will go up in price and he will end up paying more money if he waits.

8 – One may not paint his house during the nine days. If he began painting before Rosh Hodesh and will lose money on workers if he waits, he may finish the job.

9 – Sewing/tailoring new clothing during the nine days is forbidden.

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