

Good Shabbos Everyone. In this week's Parsha Beha'alosecha, the Torah tells us how Hashem instructs Moshe to appoint the Sanhedrin, the group of 70 elders who would help Moshe lead the Jewish nation. Hashem tells Moshe, "I will increase some of the Spirit that is upon you and place it upon them [the Elders]." (Bamidbar 11:17) From here we see perhaps a hint to the following concept: Hashem imparts a divine wisdom upon our Torah leaders. The following amazing true story, which recently happened in Eretz Yisroel, illustrates this concept.

A certain Chassid, we'll call him Yitzchok, one day received a threatening letter from Israel's equivalent of the I.R.S. concerning an alleged unpaid income tax bill amounting in 10's of thousands of shekels. Understandably, Yitzchok was alarmed.

Yitzchok is very meticulous with his accounting and he was therefore dumbfounded upon receiving the delinquent notice. Worse yet, due to delays in the mail, he received the notice and threat of lien, mere weeks before the due date. Even worse than that is the notorious nature of Israel's bureaucracy. Yitzchok needed a miracle to resolve the mix-up before the lien on his assets would take effect. All of this would probably require Yitzchok to retain the services of a pricey accountant or attorney.

Yitzchok took his concerns to his Rebbe, the Gerrer Rebbe Shlita. The Rebbe told Yitzchok not to worry; everything would turn out "ok" and he gave Yitzchok a blessing for a successful resolution of his thorny predicament. The Rebbe told Yitzchok to seek out a certain Chassid named Moshe Spiro. Moshe, the Rebbe said, would be able to help Yitzchok resolve the matter. Yitzchok asked the Rebbe how exactly Moshe Spiro would help him... did Moshe have connections in the government? The Rebbe did not answer Yitzchok, he just reiterated to Yitzchok his advice to seek out Moshe Spiro.

Nu? What does a good Chassid do? He listens to his Rebbe. Even though Yitzchok had no idea how Moshe Spiro would help him, he nevertheless sought out Reb Moshe with hope and prayer that Reb Moshe would be the right person to help.

When Yitzchok arrived at Moshe Spiro's house, Reb Moshe was just on his way out to drive to Tel Aviv to be "menachem ovel" - console a mourner during the "Shiva." Reb Moshe invited Yitzchok to join him for the ride, so that they would be able to discuss the pressing issue in the car. Reb Moshe also failed to understand why the Gerrer Rebbe would send Yitzchok to him. Nevertheless, Reb Moshe like Yitzchok had emunas Tzadikim - belief in the spiritual influence of righteous people, so, Reb Moshe knew that eventually he would understand the Rebbe's intentions and he therefore pledged to help Yitzchok in whatever way possible.

When the two arrived in Tel Aviv, Moshe invited Yitzchok to join him to console the mourner. Yitzchok demurred due to the fact that he did not know the mourner. Moshe, however, convinced Yitzchok to join him to perform the great mitzvah of comforting a mourner.

Yitzchok entered the room with Moshe, and the mourner looked up to see the impressive view of two Gerrer Chassidim joining a crowd of largely secular and modern Israelis. Seeing the Gerrer Chassidim, the mourner began to discuss his parents' and his own relationship with Gerrer Chassidus.

Several years earlier, the mourner had a young daughter who unfortunately had become very ill, very suddenly. The man sought out the best available doctors who got to work right away to try to determine what was wrong with the girl. The situation was so serious, that the girl was placed on an I.V.

The girl's father wasted no time in dispatching a messenger to the Gerrer Rebbe at the time, the "Lev Simcha." The Rebbe listened intently and blessed the girl that she should have a full and speedy recovery. In addition, the Rebbe gave the messenger an apple and instructed that a piece be given to the girl.

The messenger returned to the hospital room of the girl where her parents waited on-edge and prayed for the recovery of their daughter. The father of the girl was surprised to receive an apple from the Rebbe. How would he feed it to his daughter who was on an I.V. and unconscious? To find out how, we'll have to wait for next week. To be continued... **Good Shabbos Everyone.**