



Sparks of light



From the shiurim of Hagaon hatxadik harav. Eliyzer Berland shelita

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~Written according to the understanding of the listener~

In order that the child should be born you need miracles

A person gets married, in another nine months there is supposed to be a child born, - if you don't daven then the child will come out cripple, in order that the child should come out healthy you need Nisim, it is not simple. If a person gets a cut in the hand, it closes by itself, and it goes back to the same color that it was before and everything gets connected together. There are 40 million cells which join together, it is just like some sort of computer, these are wonderful things.

You have to Daven with Nigunim

The Tefila has to be with all the Nigunim (tunes), - today I was in a Pagia (Neonatal intensive care) in two places, there are children there without feet, without hands,

- the biggest child there was born by seven months...

They turned into walls and pillars

By Miriam there was never a child born with a deformity, like it says "*Vatechayena Et Hayeladim*", she was a midwife for a period of 80 years, since from when the slavery started, and she let all the children live. Paroh wanted to kill her but there wasn't any evidence, they knew but there wasn't any evidence, so 'he didn't kill without a court case', only, the whole time he used to send in secrecy messengers to kill them (Miryam and Yocheved), and every time they had miracles and they turned into walls – into pillars, like it says "*Vaya'as Lahem Batim*", "*And he made houses for them*" (also hinting to that, that he made them themselves into houses!).

Raba would say Bedichot before the Shiur

Now we were in Wolfson Hospital, and at five we travelled to Ashdod and before that we were in Kiryat Ekron, there, there was the Avodah Zara of Ba'al Zevuv, you should learn this with your wife, - everything. Where is this written (about the Zevuv)? In Masechet Shabbat Daf 89, that everyone used to have a Zevuv in his pocket. And you should tell a few jokes in order that the mind should open up, - Raba used to say jokes before his Shiur, he had three Masechtot of Bedichot. And this is how you are supposed to learn with your wife three hours every day. So in Kiryat Ekron there was a statue of Zevuv the size of twenty meter.

Why are you going to the Zevuv instead of Davening to Hashem?

Once, the King Achazyahu was in the loft, - once there weren't stairs to the second floor, there was only a ladder, and he fell two stories and all his limbs got shattered. Right away he sent a messenger to Ekron – to the Avodah Zara Zevuv. So, the messenger had to reach there within an hour, so he took a chariot with four horses, and he started galloping at the maximum speed. Suddenly someone jumps into the

road and makes him a sign to stop. Who was this? Eliyahu Hanavi. The messenger asks him, "*Who are you? What do you want from me?*" He told him, "*Go to the King and tell him that he'll die, yes, he'll die. Why is he going to the Zevuv instead of Davening to Hashem? 'Ha'ein Elokim be'Yisra'el'? (Is there no G-d in Yisra-el?) I'm saying the truth, tell him that he'll die.*" So he returned to Achaziyah, Achaziyah asked him, "*Why did you return?*" so he said, "*There was a man in the middle of the way and he said that you'll die.*"

Ba'al Se'ar Besimanav

"How did he look like?" "With long hair." – A man who is called 'Ba'al seyar besimanav, ve'eizor or chagur bemasnav¹', this is Eliyahu Hanavi!

The hairs are the '*Motrei Hamochin*', and therefore a woman has long hair, and even if she cuts her hair she shouldn't cut it totally, because the whole Sechel is dependent on this, so when she shaves her hair she should leave a bit.

102 life sentences

So he sent fifty soldiers and a general to capture him – all together fifty one. Eliyahu burnt them all, so this comes out 51 life

¹ We say this in the Zemirot of Melave Malka

sentences, afterwards he sent another 50 soldiers and a general and also them he burnt, so this comes out another 51 life sentences, all together 102 life sentences, this is 2,250 years, and in this merit he lives until today.

Someone who doesn't come to the Tzadik will bow down to the Zevuv in the end!

After this the King sent another general with 50 soldiers, the general pleaded to Eliyahu Hanavi: *"Don't kill me, the King sent me."* So Eliyahu said to the King, *"Yes, you will die, because you went to the Avodah Zarah Zevuv."* Someone who doesn't come to the Tzadik will bow down to the Zevuv in the end!

Man de'mosif yosof u'man de'lo mosif tik'berei imei

So he had 102 life sentences – which this is 2,550 years, but he lived more because 'Kol Hamosif Mosifin Lo', 'Whoever adds (to his learning Torah) Hashem will add to his life'.

Now it is Tisha BeAv, 'Man de'mosif yosof u'man de'lo mosif tik'berei imei', - now we need to add in our Torah learning, there are 11 and a half hours left until Minchah, you should learn 11 Daf of Gemarah. They added life to Eliyahu Hanavi for everyone who he killed.

The judge promised her that she'll live another ten years

Just like by Batya Berg, that she told over the story, that once, she as a grandmother made a Brit for her grandson in Russia when it was forbidden to make Britot, so they judged her on this. She said, *"Yes, it was me, I'm don't fear."* So the judge sentenced her to ten years in Siberia, and she started dancing from happiness that the judge had 'promised' her that she'll live another ten years.

Only here (by the Minyan of the Tzadik) they Daven with Nigunim! Once we used to Daven until four in the afternoon and they wouldn't go home, Musaf was one in the afternoon, today we finished at 9:15. When Yeshua Ber would go home there wasn't anything left for him to eat – they'd already eaten everything.

Rosh Chodesh is in another twenty days, Harav Sukot will play (on the guitar), and then we say 'Ya'aleh Ve'yavo Ve'yagia Ve'yera'e'. **But if you don't Daven with a Nigun then no Tefila goes up.**

They received everything on a platter of gold Behold, now 2000 people left the Kloiz, - Rabeinu threw them out, because they didn't do any Mesirut Nefesh for Uman, they came and received everything on a golden

platter, they arrived, and everything was already set up. We traveled (to Russia) and they stood us up by the wall with machine guns, and they said that they'll take us to Siberia and they'll shoot us, - we were seven, and they stood us up with the face to the wall, Nachum Dov Shapira said that he was certain that he was dead.

Ten hours of interrogation

After that there was ten hours of interrogation, and they had recordings of how I told everyone what to say. We arrived with passports of 15 different countries, - we told them that this is an organization, so they told us that if we'll tell the truth then they'll free us.

We had to convince them that I was Eliezer Berland

We decided to be Tamim and to believe them, and we said the truth, I told them

that I am Eliezer Berland. They said, "*Now you are definitely lying, there is no chance, maybe you are Shtern, maybe Shechter, but Berland? – There is no chance!*" So we now needed another few hours to convince them that I am Eliezer Berland, because on my coat it said Shechter.

Every time we travelled with a different passport

And every time I travelled they didn't believe that it was me, so every time we travelled with a another passport, the first one was Rav Sukkots's, I told him that I'm taking it for a few minutes, and we travelled to Uman through Vienna, and his wife called that they shouldn't let me enter, because they worried for me.

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