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Korban Todah is to thank Hashem and show gratitude

וזאת תורת נבח השלמים אשר יקריב לה: אם על-תודה יקריבנו והקריב
על-נבח התודה חלות מצות בלולת בשמן ורקיקי מצות משחים בשמן
וקלת מרפכת חלת בלולת בשמן (זיא יב)

"And this is the law of the peace offering, which he shall bring to Hashem. If he shall offer it for a thanksgiving offering, then shall he offer unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of scalded fine flour mixed with oil..." (7:11- 12) The Korban Todah, is a thanksgiving offering, which is from the family of Korban Shelomim, peace offering. But unlike the Shelomin, this is brought with four different types of flour offerings, ten of each type. Three are Matzah, and the fourth is chametz. In addition, the normal time span which the Korban Shelomim had to be eaten was two days and one night, however the Todah was reduced to eating it only for one day and one night. To understand the these deviations:

The Gemara Berachos 7b relates that from the day Hashem created the world, no one thanked Him until Leah thanked Him: ותהר עוד ותלד בן ותאמר הפעם אוֹדָה אֶת ה' על בן קראָה שְׁמוֹ יְהוּדָה And she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, "This time, I will thank Hashem!" Therefore, she named him Yehuda, and she stopped bearing" (29:35). The Midrash (Bereishis Rabba 71:4) asks: Why didn't Leah herself thank Hashem for her first three children? and answers "This can be compared to a Kohen who was given a large amount of terumah by one individual and did not thank him. He was then given a small measure of unsanctified grain, and he thanked the donor.

The first individual asked the Kohen: "I gave you a large amount, why did you not thank me; yet he gave you a very

small amount and you thanked him?" The Kohen replied: "You gave me what rightfully belonged to me, so I saw no reason to thank you. He gave me what belonged to him and upon which I had no claim. Therefore I thanked him."

So, too, the matriarchs knew that Yaakov would have 12 sons, and each one of the four matriarchs expected three sons. Therefore, when Leah had her fourth son, she thanked Hashem, for she had received more than her portion. A worker does not owe his boss a thank-you for paying him his wages, but for an unexpected bonus a thank-you is appropriate and expected. Thanking someone is recognition of receiving something undeserved and feeling indebted to show gratitude. The more one feels that the bounty received was indeed earned or deserved, the less necessary the show of gratitude. Therefore Leah felt his birth was totally unearned, and required the full measure of gratitude.

The same idea is with the Korban Todah, which is brought as a gratitude to Hashem: These are people who recovered from illness; were freed from jail; crossed the sea; or crossed the desert. This is listed in Tehillim 107 לה' יהוה ביר טוב כי לעולם חסדו: ואמרו גאולי ה' אשר גאלם מיד צר: Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, for His kindness is eternal. Those redeemed by the Lord shall say it, those whom He redeemed from the hands of an oppressor. Therefore we have to show gratitude to the Kohen by give him a larger amount of loaves. Whereas the Shelomin is to make peace with Hashem, we give the Kohen more time to sacrifice and to eat the Korban, as this was a great satisfaction to Hashem when the Kohanim ate the Korbanos.

STORY OF THE WEEK (By Yehuda Z. Klitnick)

*****The Gerer Rebbe helped a Yid through having him thank Hashem*****

I recently heard a powerful story on this topic of thanking Hashem: In Bnei Brak there was a Yid, Reb Chaim, who had three daughters in line to make shidduchim. It wasn't easy for the Yid as day by day passes and no one proposes any Shidduchim. He was a Yid, a Ben Torah, who learned fervently his seder of Mussar seforim, and had his full faith and trust in Hashem, that when the right time would come, everything would fall in it's place. One day, he was making his Cheshbon Hanefesh, and began to think, what if Hashem sends me three Shidduchim for my daughters, from where would I have a dowry for the couple, as well as expenses for the weddings! Lo and behold, as soon as he finishes his seder of Mussar, a Yid, Reb Noach, from the neighborhood, knocked on his door. Shalom Aleichem, Reb Chaim! They sat at the table and began to shmooze. The Reb Noach

began: "You know that I am a businessman, and it just came up a tremendous deal, that I can become a very rich man in a very short time. I am willing to take you in as a partner and guarantee you to double your money in a half year!" Reb Chaim knew that Reb Noach was a sincere man and a G-d fearing man, but he stated: "I have no money to invest. Besides, I have three daughters and I am still wondering, how will I manage a dowry"?

Reb Noach answered: "Of course! With this investment, you would have enough for the weddings and a dowry for all! I suggest, go to the bank and take out a loan against your apartment for the amount of \$50,000 and I will pay the monthly payments for you, and as soon as the deal takes off, you would be paid back, as well as your profit from the deal!" Reb Chaim began to think to himself, since this deal

proposal, came to me after my seder in Mussar, and the Yid is a sincere businessman. It must be that Hashem sent him to be the messenger for my salvation. Reb Chaim answered: "OK! I will go to the bank and arrange the loan."

"Great!" answered Reb Noach. "As soon as you have the money, we will draw up a contract according to the Halacha, and with the help of Hashem, everything will work out fine!" In a few days, Reb Chaim received a call from the bank stating that his loan was approved, and the money can be deposited in his account, all he has to do is come in and sign some papers. Reb Chaim arranged everything and after signing the contract with Reb Noach by a Lawyer, he handed over the check and a handshake of Mazel and Bracha was made.

Meanwhile, the payment date for the mortgage payment was coming, and Reb Noach made good on the payment. The same was in the second month. The third month's payment date came, but no payment was made. Reb Chaim had already heard rumors that Reb Noach had lost all the money he invested in his business, and now he saw that it was true! Reb Chaim was a Ehrliche Yid and as such decided to ask Reb Noach about the deal. Reb Noach admitted that he had lost his money, but is still hoping to salvage a large portion. Reb Chaim decided he did his part, and would not approach Reb Noach again. Now it was in the hands of Hashem! However, after two payments were missed, the bank called and threatened: if there would be two more missed payments, the bank would take ownership of the apartment and sell it!

Reb Chaim was heartbroken. No apartment and no Shidduchim on the horizon! Reb Chaim went to shul and took the Tehillim and spoke to Hashem. The Rav of his shul was very close to the Gerer Rebbe, the Bais Yisrael. He came into Shul and saw Reb Chaim crying and saying Tehillim, asked what was the problem? Maybe he can help? Reb Chaim had respect for his Rov and let everything out at once! The Rov listened intensely, and said: "You know that I am close to the Gerer Rebbe, and I know that you are a Misnaged, but it can't hurt to try. Let's travel to Yerushlayim, and I will get you straight into the Rebbe without a long wait, and Hashem would help."

Reb Chaim would have been reluctant to go to a Rebbe, but he was desperate, and agreed to travel with the Rov. When they entered into the chamber of the Bais Yisrael, a grip of fear surrounded Reb Chaim, and he wasn't able to speak! The Rov immediately began to tell the Rebbe what had transpired, and that Reb Chaim needed a Yeshua with his apartment as well as Shiduchim for his three daughters. The Rebbe read the Kvittel and the Gerer Rebbe who always answered "Kurtz und Sharf" Short and to the point, stated: "Tell Reb Chaim he should thank Hashem for all he has

done with him, and he will have a Yeshua, salvation." The Rebbe then ordered them to leave, as usual!

Reb Chaim, a Misnaged, didn't understand what the Rebbe had wanted from him, of course he thanks Hashem! The Rov realizing the plight of Reb Chaim, said to him: "Take 10 minutes of your time everyday to thank Hashem!" Reb Chaim came home but he did not accept the words of the Rebbe face value, and told the Rov "I want to go back to the Rebbe again, and express my feelings in this matter". Ok the Rov arranged an appointment by the Gerer Rebbe, and Reb Chaim traveled alone to the Rebbe. This time Reb Chaim was more comfortable, and the Rebbe was warmer to him. They had a nice conversation, and Reb Chaim began relating his hurt feelings and that the Rebbe said to thank Hashem for everything that has happened!

The Rebbe answered: You didn't understand me. I said: "thank Hashem for all the other good things that He gave you. You have health, and a wife, and children. Thank Hashem from the depth of your heart for what you do have, and Hashem would help you in the other things that you need".

The Rebbe gave Reb Chaim a Bracha that he should make three Shidduchim this year and have enough dowry for all of them. Reb Chaim answered Amein, and went back to Bnei Brak. Reb Chaim set aside 10 minutes a day and thanked Hashem for all the goods that he has. This went on for a month, when there is a knock on the door. Who's there? It is Noach your neighbor! Reb Chaim opened the door, and he wasn't sure how to react, but Reb Noach interceded and said: "I have great news for you today! You are the first person I am telling this to. I received a call from my Lawyer last week, that my aunt who lives in America, passed away. She was very wealthy, and had no children. Since my family was very close with her, she left us a big inheritance. There is enough money for me to pay you and the profit, for the amount of \$100,000".

Reb Chaim could not believe his ears! Reb Noach continued: since you are the only person that didn't push me or antagonize me for the money, that is why I have Hakaras Hatov, gratitude to you, and I am keeping my part of the deal only with you. Reb Noach made an appointment to meet his Lawyer, and the contract was marked as satisfied. Reb Noach then handed a check of \$100,000 to Reb Chaim! Of course! the mortgage was paid off, and Reb Chaim had enough money for a dowry. The best part was that Hashem sent three excellent Shidduchim that year and Reb Chaim had nachas at all three weddings. Reb Chaim informed the Rov of the great news, who then related the good news to the Gerer Rebbe. **The thanking of Hashem and his Middah in Bitochon, of not antagonizing Reb Noach, worked wonders.**

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