

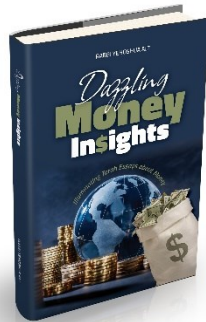
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Bar Mitzva Speech

The Chassam Sofer remarked that the main simchas mitzva of a bar mitzva is the drasha (bar mitzva speech known as a *pshetil*) of the bar mitzva boy. He said about the bar mitzva that was arranged for his nephew (the son of his sister), R' Shmuel Katz, who was

orphaned from his mother: "Our simcha wasn't sweet to us because the main simchas mitzva of a bar mitzva is the drasha of the bar mitzva boy..."¹



¹ Sefer Zikaron cited in Otzar Plaos Hatorah, Bar Mitzva U'tefillin, p. 11.

There are those that are accustomed not to let the bar mitzva boy finish his speech by interrupting him with singing.² However there is a *kavod hatorah* when he completes his speech, especially when it is a suitable gifted bar mitzva boy.



The sefer Rosh Golas Ariel³ reports that at the seudas bar mitzva of the Imrei Emes, the young boy delivered his *pshetil* of *pilpul halacha* (sharp halachic analysis). His father, the great Sefas Emes, instructed that the boy should not be interrupted. And so it was — the young Imrei Emes spoke until he completed his *pshetil*.



Universal Reversal

The following stories bring forth the point that it is the struggle that counts.

1) The Divrei Chaim of Sanz was once making a Siyum Hashas. Around the same time there was another person, who was raised in an irreligious milieu, making a siyum on Tehillim. The Divrei Chaim commented how jealous he was of that person because it was easier for him to make a Siyum Hashas than for this person to make a siyum on Tehillim. It is the struggle that counts!

2) R' Mechel Zlotochver had in his possession expensive precious tefillin from his father as an inheritance. He also possessed other tefillin that he wore daily. Although he had no money for food and the like, he wouldn't sell the tefillin to the wealthy chassidim that requested it for colossal amounts of money. That is, in spite

of his wife's valid complaints to sell the tefillin so they can have food.⁴ One year in Zlotochov there were no Esrogim before Succos. Suddenly, someone came with a gorgeous Esrog wanting an exorbitant amount of money for it. R' Mechel sold his tefillin to buy the Esrog. To share in his happiness, he told his wife. Understandably, she was very upset since he wouldn't sell the tefillin for food. Amidst the argument the Esrog fell, which rendered the Esrog invalid, as the *pitum* broke. R' Mechel then looked upwards and said, "Hashem, I no longer have tefillin. I no longer have an Esrog. The Yetzer Hara wants me now to lose my Shalom Bayis, but I won't give it to him." That night his father appeared to him in a dream and said, "You not getting angry made such an impression in heaven, more than you selling the precious tefillin for the Esrog!"⁵

3) One of the great chassidim of R' Asher of Karlin, R' Bertze, had a custom to prepare the table for the seder himself. One year, after preparing the table, he left for Shul to daven Mincha and Maariv. Soon after, when his wife passed by the table, her apron caught onto the tablecloth which caused all that was on the table, including the Matzos and wine, to topple over. When R' Bertze returned home, he saw the Matza crumbled and scattered across the floor along with the broken wine bottles. His wife was in bed, visibly upset, blaming him for what took place. She complained, "Why did you put them in a place where they can topple over so easily?" R' Bertze calmly replied that it is nobody's fault because everything is from Hashem. In spite of what happened, R' Bertze performed the seder that night with joy and emuna in Hashem. The next morning, R' Asher of Karlin was discussing the sedarim of Tzaddikim that were performed that year. Then he exclaimed, "But the seder of R' Bertze was greater than all of them. No one reached the heights that he attained."

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² There are those that oppose this custom. See the Shefa Chaim, 5:364, 3:212 and the Az Nidbiru 3:306.

³ Volume 1, p. 39. This sefer speaks about the life of the Rebbe of Gur, the Imrei Emes.

⁴ The Sefer Divrei Shalom (Volume 3, Inyanim V'sichos, p. 165) relates a story that his father, the Divrei Yechezkel of Shinov (1813-1898), told. Before the Ohr Hachaim passed away, his two wives (His first wife was unable to bear children for him and encouraged him to marry a second wife. His second wife gave birth to a few daughters. Both of his wives passed away within a few years after his death, and were buried next to him on Har Hazeisim.) cried to him for advice on how to support themselves after he dies. He told them, "I will give you my tefillin. Publicize after I pass away, that whoever wants to daven with my tefillin should come daven with them. Each person will pay a certain amount of money to daven with them and with that you will be able to support yourselves. But I exceedingly warn you about one thing: be careful that whoever dons these tefillin (on his head) should be careful from speaking mundane talk while wearing the tefillin because they are holy. Any such talk will profane the holiness of the tefillin and the letters in the parshiyos (of the tefillin) will then fly up in the air and immediately invalidate the tefillin." After the Ohr Hachaim passed away many Jews came with excitement to daven with these holy tefillin. With this, his widows now had money to

support themselves. However, one time a merchant came to daven with these tefillin. Suddenly a person named Reuven, unable to wait because he was pressed for time, approached the merchant to ask something urgent. The Ohr Hachaim's wives always watched the entrance so that no one should enter the Beis Midrash at the time when the tefillin were being donned. As a result those who put the tefillin on davened by themselves so that there wouldn't be a possibility to speak mundane talk while wearing the tefillin. This person Reuven came in a big rush, entered without permission and spoke with the merchant. The wives of the Ohr Hachaim screamed loudly, "How could they do such an evil thing and speak with these holy tefillin?" When they checked the tefillin they found there were no letters because the letters ascended upward! The tefillin were now invalid just as the Ohr Hachaim originally had warned.



⁵ One year, the matzos of R' Moshe Twersky, who was killed in the Har Nof massacre in 2014, were broken by his little children. He responded with a big smile, as he explained, "I am happy that I didn't get angry."