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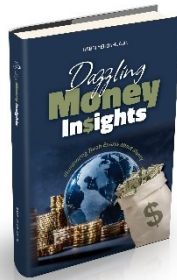
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The Unborn Resurrected

R' Moshe Feinstein¹ discusses if those souls who died before birth will rise with Techias Hamaisim and merit eternal life. He writes that the halacha is in accordance with Ravina who rules that a soul merits eternal life starting from

the moment of conception.² Even if the soul never makes it into the world (i.e., miscarriage), the soul merits eternal life and will rise to meet its parents at Techias Hamaisim.

¹ Igros Moshe, Yoreh Deah, 3:138.

² See Sanhedrin 110b.



Another very meaningful fact to know is that although there is no living child at the conclusion of this pregnancy, it still brings Moshiach's arrival closer.³ This is because in Heaven there is a *Heichal Ha'neshamos*, a Sanctuary of Souls, the source from which all the souls come, and the final redemption will not come until all souls have left this sanctuary and descended to this world.⁴ Each soul has its own unique mission to fulfill in this world and is allotted the lifespan necessary to fulfill that mission.

Precious Proximity

We are taught that there is an unbelievable segula for a person to get his tefilla answered, and that is to stand next to a tzadik. This is why Chana stood and davened next to Eili Hakohen.⁵

With this we can explain the gemara that says one who has an ill person in his house, should go to a chochom, sage to daven on his behalf⁶ — ילך אצל חכם ויבקש עליו רחמים — ילך אצל חכם but rather ילך לחכם. This is telling us that is a great segula to be influenced from the bounty of the tzadik by going to him and standing in his proximity.⁸

First and Second Husbands

The Chassam Sofer⁹ was asked about a woman whose husband died and she remarried. Afterwards they gathered the bones of her first husband. This gave rise to the question of whether she was obligated to mourn on the day they gathered the bones of her first husband. The Chassam Sofer concludes that it is not proper to show mourning over her first husband in front of the second husband.



In light of what we mentioned let us cite the following story cited in the Sefer Zichron L'moshe.¹⁰ The third wife of the Chassam Sofer was the widow of R' Tzvi Hirsch Heller (1776-1834).¹¹ Once the Chassam Sofer saw that she lit a yahrtzeit candle on the 25th of Tishrei for her first husband, R' Tzvi Hirsch Heller. The Chassam Sofer was astounded and disturbed by this. However, in his righteousness, not to cause her pain, he didn't say anything to her about the fact that it wasn't proper for her to do that, especially in front of him. As it turned out, the Chassam Sofer passed away on that same date i.e., 25th of Tishrei.



Let us finish with a question that was presented to the Maharsham (1835-1911).¹² He was asked about a woman whose first husband died and at a later time her second husband died and then she died. The question posed was who she should be buried next to. The Maharsham cites what the sefer Ikrei Hada"t¹³ rules in the name of the Sefer Maavor Yabok:¹⁴ Even if a woman has children from her second husband she should be buried near her first husband unless it was known that she had more *yishuv hadaas* with her second husband.

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³ R' Moshe Wolfson in a letter to a woman that suffered a miscarriage.

⁴ See Yevamos 62a.

⁵ Drashos Chassam Sofer, volume 2, p. 357a, s.v. *oy ne'emar* and the Chassam Sofer in his Hagahos on Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim, 102. Also see Shu"t Radvaz, Volume 3, 472 and Drashos Ha'ran in Drush Ha'sheini.

⁶ An interesting hint to this is found in והסיר ה' ממך כל חלי, Hashem will remove from you every illness (Devarim 7:15), where the initials spell the word חכם while the end letters combine to spell the word ילך. This is alluding to this gemara that if someone has a sick person in his house, he should go to a chochom to daven on his behalf.

⁷ Baba Basra 116a. The Meiri (s.v. *l'olam*) explains that one should go to a chochom to learn how to daven.

⁸ Otzar Plaos Hatorah, Devarim, p. 134.

⁹ Shu"t Chassam Sofer, Yoreh Deah, 355.

¹⁰ P. 82.

¹¹ R' Tzvi Hirsh Heller, who is the author of the sefer Tiv Gitin, was called "R' Hirsch Charif" because of his sharp (Charif in Hebrew means sharp) intellect. He served as Rabbi in Brzesko (Galicia) and later, head of the yeshiva in Brody.

¹² Volume 9, Yoreh Deah, 96. R' Tzvi Hirsch Hakohen Shwadron testified about his father, the Mahrsham (Kuntros Ohel Shem, *Os Dalet*): "When I returned to my city of birth with my mother, he opened a store. His wife took care of the store but he would also help a bit. Still, even when he was working, if there was downtime he would learn. And he reviewed the four sections of Shulchan Aruch 400 times!" Similarly, the grandson of the Maharsham, R' Shalom Shwadron, (Hakdama to Daas Torah, אות ג, מאמר השכל וידע אותי, אות ג) writes that after the Maharsham's wedding, he didn't want to become a rav or posek. He opened a wine store and was busy there with livelihood for about two years. In those two years in the store, he learned the four sections of Shulchan Aruch 400 times.

¹³ 35:23. This was authored by R' Daniel Tirani of Italy. The word חזקיהו stands for הצעיר דניאל טירני in the "ה"ט in the word חזקיהו.

¹⁴ Sefas Emes, Chapter 7. This was authored by R' Aharon Berechya Mi'mudina (1549-1639), who was a student of the Rema Mipano.