

Illuminating words that we merited to hear from The Spinka Rebbe Shlita

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The patience of a snake...

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For forty years, the Yidden lived in a different atmosphere.

Forty years of living in the shadow of Moshe Rabbeinu, forty years in which the Yid wakes up in the morning and hears words from the greatest of the prophets.

It was forty years of Da'as, forty years of tremendous emotion of a never-ending spring of fresh water. Everyone who lived in this generation became part of the Dor De'ah...

But then, in an instant, it was all over.

On the 7th of Adar, Moshe Rabbeinu died, and no one knew where he is buried.

Nine hundred years later, Haman HaAgagi, the oppressor of the Yidden, sits in his house and plots to exterminate, kill and eradicate all the Yidden.

He casts lots and gets very excited with happiness.

The date that fell in the lottery — there is no more appropriate than it! This is the month in which the perfect fountain of knowledge disappeared from the Yidden; this is the month in which the Yidden lost their source of energy!

And here was his mistake.

For with the evil Haman, if Moshe dies, the world is over. If it is impossible to feel the 'Da'as' physically, if there is nothing to touch, if I don't 'feel it' — it doesn't exist...

He didn't know that with the Yidden, everything works a little differently.

With us, the fact that Moshe Rabbeinu's body has disappeared from the domain - only connects us even more to his Da'as! Because until zayin Adar we could still be somehow occupied with the exterior, the noise and the mess, the surrounding 'matzav'...

But once the body is gone? At that moment we connect to the point of truth, and there everything is much more alive.

The evil Haman did not know that the moment Moshe died, at that very moment he was reborn in the hearts of all of us.

We all have periods in life when the 'Da'as' disappears. **Just yesterday you were connected, you felt the connection to HaShem in every part of you — and suddenly it disappeared. You don't 'feel' it anymore...**

This phenomenon repeats itself in every area of life. Not only in spirituality.

A person lives with all kinds of things that give him a sense of security, talents, successes, an organized workplace, ideas, customers, good friends, abilities, segulos...

And out of the blue, he discovers that the same thing that made him feel good turns out to be a broken reed. It's gone. No longer proving itself...

These moments are very difficult. Because the person finds himself trying to hold on to something — without success.

Our greatest pain is this pain. The pain of people discovering how vulnerable they are, and that the things they have relied on until now turn out to be unstable.

Eliyahu HaNavi, he had many disciples who nestled in his shadow, basked in the light of the Shechina, savoured from the spirit of prophecy. Eliyahu HaNavi was their whole life, that's what gave them meaning.

And came the day, they see in their prophecy that tomorrow Eliyahu HaNavi is going to disappear from the world.

Upset and frightened, they run to greatest disciple of Eliyahu HaNavi, Elisha, and tell of the vision.

"You have nothing to worry about!" Elisha says, "Eliyahu HaNavi will not disappear!"

Good. If the greatest student says this with absolute confidence, he probably knows what he's talking about...

But the next day, Eliyahu HaNavi goes up in a storm to the heavens...

And the disciples, they come looking for Eliyahu, armed with Elisha's promise.

But Elisha tells them, don't keep looking for Eliyahu, he won't come back...

And the disciples continued to search, and found nothing but the cloak, the stick of Eliyahu.

This is the story described in the Navi, and this story raises a question: **Did Elisha take back what he said?!**

On what basis does he promise that Eliyahu HaNavi is not going to disappear, and what happened suddenly?

The message that emerges from this story is also very significant for the painful moments described above:

The disciples of Eliyahu HaNavi lived in the shadow of their great Rebbe, but what were they looking for? Is it the 'gedank' he sells? Is the connection to HaShem he gives? Or were they looking for the atmosphere and the hustle and bustle, the outward gains of the relationship with Eliyahu HaNavi?

Elisha the prophet says to them: **Eliyahu HaNavi will never disappear from here! Because to his inner self, to the point he worked with in the world – you can connect to until the end of all generations...**

But if you're looking for his body, then indeed, he's gone and won't come back again...

The Rebbe said: These moments, in which we find ourselves without the Da'as, without the things on which we relied only yesterday, spiritually and physically, are tremendous moments of opportunity!

If you manage to remain silent in those moments, and neutralize the external emotions and frustrations of the human ego that has been hurt by the loss of the Da'as, if you understand that HaShem is the one who decided that now you will not have the Da'as, and it is not because He wants to hurt you, chalila, but simply because He wants to bring you to a deeper point of connection – **you are taking advantage of this weak and vulnerable moment for a deeper connection!**

Because as long as you had the Da'as, the enthusiasm in the Avidas HaShem, as long as you felt the Emunah, and you could feel the connection to HaShem with your hands, it was limited. Because HaKadosh Boruch Hu, is *Tamir Vene'elam* (hidden) -

He is much greater and more abstract than any human perception and understanding!

But when you reach a place where you seemingly feel nothing, and you have no achievement that gives you a sense of security, in those moments you are in a place where everything is *Tamir Vene'elam* – and there you are able to truly connect to the *Tamir Vene'elam* Creator!

The snake has periods in life when it is without skin to its body. The old skin peels off of it, and it remains bare and vulnerable.

In those moments, if he tries to fight with the situation, if he tries to prove to himself that he is still strong and not vulnerable, he may find himself injured and bruised.

What does the snake do? Hides among the rocks, waits patiently – until a new skin envelops him, and he comes out in a much nicer and fresher...

When the Creator takes away our Da'as, when the "Mochin" disappear, when the things we relied on are undermined, all that is asked of us is patience. Wait, wait, be silent, accept HaShem's will.

Recognize that I am limited.

Then, when you surrender to HaShem's will, you allow the new Light to appear, and give you a new Da'as and a deeper connection to the *Ein Sof*...

The Rebbe said: Adam HaRishon fell with this. He was limited, HaShem gave him an order not to eat from the Eitz HaDa'as, and this restriction made him dizzy! He died of curiosity; he didn't hold back...

If he held back, he would be 'alive with curiosity'! If he had only waited three hours, Adam HaRishon would have brought the world to correction through patience and submission, and holding back in the face of curiosity would have brought him to the peak of connection...

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