

DISCOVERING LIFE'S TREASURES

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Transform your day with one small thought!

It was a week before Lag ba'Omer. Eliyahu was walking home after davening when he suddenly spotted his friend Dovid.

“Dovid!” he called, “Did you hear what happened?”

“It’s the latest news,” he said, not waiting for Dovid’s response. “This guy in Nebraska figured out how to change any metal into gold! Isn’t that amazing? He can make all the money he wants, whenever he wants! Boy, I am so jealous of him, he is so lucky! Just imagine being able to make gold whenever you want! I just can’t believe it...”

Eliyahu stopped to catch his breath so Dovid quickly said, “Eliyahu, I have a little secret to tell you: you are actually richer than this guy! In fact, your abilities are way more amazing than his!”

“Dovid,” said Eliyahu, “what in the world

are you talking about? I’m a simple person. This guy is worth millions if not billions! I’m not even in his league!”

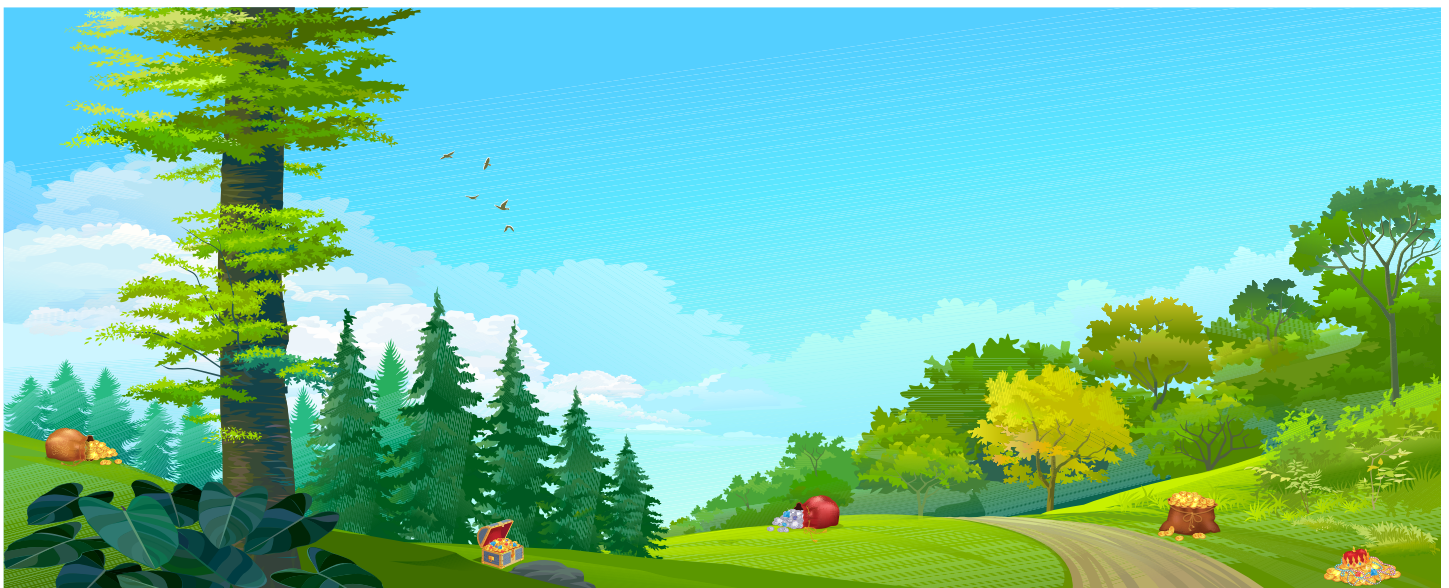
Dovid said, “Do you remember the conversation we had before Pesach? The one about kavana b’mitzvos?”

Eliyahu brightened. “Sure, I do! I totally forgot to thank you! This past Pesach was a totally different experience for my entire family! It was so elevating!”

Dovid beamed. “You’re very welcome! You see, Eliyahu, you have your very own ‘manufacturing plant’ for real wealth! At any given moment you can produce a spiritual wealth worth way more than that guy in Nebaska! A wealth worth more than trillions of dollars!”

Eliyahu was still confused. “Sorry,” he said. “Can you please explain what you mean?”

“Sure” said Dovid. “You see, at every single moment of the day, you have the opportunity to do many, many mitzvos, with



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barely any effort!

“For example, you can do the mitzvah of chesed to any person you meet simply by saying “good morning” or even just smiling at him! You just need to think beforehand that you are doing the mitzvah of chesed, ‘Ka’asher tziva Hashem’, and you will have then created for yourself a treasure of spiritual currency that will be yours forever!

“Another example: You can fulfill the six constant mitzvos at any moment since these mitzvos are fulfilled in the mind! Or you can merely look at your tzitzis and think that you are fulfilling the mitzvah to ‘see it (the tzitzis) and remember to do the 613 mitzvos’ as Hashem commanded. Or, when you pass by a mezuzah, you can fulfill the mitzvah of Ahavas Hashem (loving Hashem) or the mitzvah of Yichud Hashem (thinking about Hashem’s Oneness) as the Rambam says to do.

“Another example: At any moment, you can think about Hashem and thereby fulfill the mitzvah of ‘Uvo Sidbak – the mitzvah to be constantly connected to Hashem! Or you can say a quick tefillah for yourself or for someone else and fulfill the mitzvah of davening to Hashem!

“Eliyahu,” Dovid continued, “Do you understand how wealthy you are?! You can manufacture your own mitzvos! That is way, way greater than all the money in the world! Do you understand what I’m telling you? We are so great, we can do mitzvos all the time! All we need to do is just think that small thought, “I’m doing this mitzvah Ka’asher tziva Hashem!”

For a moment Eliyahu was speechless.

Then he said, “You know what? I never thought about this before! What you are telling me is absolutely correct! I am much greater than that Nebraskan guy. All I need to do keep in mind ‘Ka’asher tziva Hashem’ and I can just start creating mitzvos all day! And I have another example of a mitzvah I could do at any given moment: I can thank Hashem for giving me so much good - clothing, my eyes, my ears and I can have in mind the mitzvah of ‘Zichron chasdei Hashem’, remembering Hashem’s kindnesses! Dovid, you just gave me the greatest treasure!

“You know what?” continued Eliyahu, “I am going to share this message with as many people as I can! Why should they lose this fabulous opportunity to become spiritual billionaires? That’s the currency that we’ll need in the World to Come! I can’t believe that I was jealous of alchemist, even for a moment! We are way greater than him! Besides, I heard he is forced to hire bodyguards to protect him from criminals wherever he goes. But we can accumulate all our spiritual wealth without anyone coming after us! Dovid, I’m forever grateful to you for opening my eyes and sharing this secret with me. How can I ever repay you?”

Dovid just smiled.

Note: To learn more about Kavana B’Mitzvos and how to accumulate many, many mitzvos each day, see sefer Ka’asher Tziva Hashem, available at a Judaica store near you.