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Shemos, Sicha 4 (Second Sicha of the week)

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לזכות גיטל גנעשא בת חנה, לרגל יום הולדתה ט"ו טבת

The first story, heard from Rabbi Bernhard numerous times, is obviously connected to the entire theme of this powerful Sicha. We also bring a story in connection with Seif 4 (we are provided with the ability to fulfill our mission of influencing others), and a tidbit connected to Seif 5 (when a Jewish person is lacking in Torah and Mitzvot, then our own Torah and Mitzvos are not either complete).

Inspiring others IS your personal vineyard!

Rabbi Nachman Meir Bernhard, A'H, noted South African Rav, had his first Yechidus, in 1964, at a time he desired to focus on his own Torah learning and was hesitant to continue in Rabbanus. The Rebbe told him "There is a fire burning in Jewish life today, and anyone who can put it out, must do so. You have no right to sit on the side and become a scholar, as we all have to use our abilities, in the broadest arena possible, to spread Yiddishkeit".

Later during the Yechidus Rabbi Bernhard paraphrased Shir Hashirim, "you (Rebbe) are appointing me a guardian of the vineyards but לא נטרתי שלי I have not yet planted my own vineyard." The Rebbe responded by twice repeating "אט דאס איז כרמי שלי! Inspiring others to Torah and Mitzvos IS your personal vineyard!"

Our ability to fulfill our mission is connected to Hishakrarus

Rabbi Shlomo Zarchi relates that the previous Rebbe once asked Rabbi Yechezkel (Chatche) Feigen to perform a specific mission that Reb Chatche felt was beyond his capabilities. The previous Rebbe responded that he once felt the same way when his father, the Rebbe Rashab, tasked him with a mission. When he shared what he felt with his father the Rebbe Rashab responded "If you're connected to someone who's connected to the Ein Sof - to Hashem's infinite energy, then you have the capability to fulfill the mission!"

Bring light and warmth around you and by you, it will be light and warm!

There was a period of time in which the Rebbe told many young couples: מאך ליכטיג און ווארעם ארום זיך ווערט ביי אייך זיין ליכטיג און ווארעם "Bring light and warmth around you and by you it will be light and warm!" or a similar version "Bring light and warmth around you and Hashem will make it light and warm by you!"
