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לזכות ברכה בת חנה לשנת הצלחה, ליום הולדתה ט"ז אב

When Chof Av, or any of the day's families brought wood for the Mizbeiach, would fall on Shabbos, the donation would be brought on Sunday and not on Friday, as we assume the families, when they committed these dates, had in mind to only give that day or later.

Why? What about the Zechus of their day of giving? What about doing a mitzvah sooner rather than later? Because Sholom is great, especially when associated with the Mizbeiach, we assume they readily gave up these Zechusim so as not to infringe on even one day of the previous donors! We bring here three stories of Chasidim and Shluchim living this ideal.

דיינער ווי מיינער is This Mosad!

Reb Chaim Sholom Deutsch from Yerushalayim relates:

"Reb Shlomo Chaim Kesselman and Reb Chaim Shaul Bruk were chaverim and classmates. After the two got married, Reb Shlomo Chaim became a Mashpia (first in Rostov, and later in Poltava and Polotzk), while Reb Chaim Shaul became a Rov. They both later emigrated to Eretz Yisroel, but Reb Chaim Shaul was first, and he opened a yeshiva in Tel Aviv (among his first students was Reb Yoel Kahan)".

"When Reb Shlomo Chaim later arrived, Reb Chaim Shaul gave over the yeshiva to Reb Shlomo Chaim. He did it in a way that was completely natural, as RSC is the experienced Mashpia he should lead the older bocherim. RCSB then opened a Yeshiva Ketana in Rishon LeTziyon. Do you think something like this would happen today? Who in their right mind would give up the

zechus of being a Mashpia, in a chashuve mosad that they alone built, because his friend is a more accomplished Mashpia?"

*(Intro to the book - Hebrew - **Farbrengens with Harav Chaim Sholom Deitsch**)*

A Partisan's tradition!

Rabbi Mendel Glukowski from Rechovot relates:

Once late at night Reb Zusha, the partisan, came to my home with a delegation from Chabad of the kiryot. He told me that they are coming straight from a meeting dealing with the aftermath of the fire at the Chabad House in Kiryat Mockin. We decided to do a big dinner at the Dan Hotel in Haifa and since you, Mendel, have contact with Yaakov Agam, the famous sculptor, (as Rabbi Glukowski had helped him during the shiva of his mother and with Kaddish) we are asking you to ask him to donate one of his prize works, for the dinner, to benefit the rebuilding.

I asked Rabbi Zusha if I could speak privately to him on the side. I told Reb Zusha that Mr. Agam lives in Paris, so we are not in frequent contact. Our relationship is strengthening, but it takes time. When I was ready, I was planning to ask him to help the local Rechovot institutions. Reb Rabbi Zusha interrupted me and said, *מקובלני מרבתי שכשעוזרים ליהודי שני לא יצא מזה שום נזק*, "I have a tradition for my teachers, that when a Jew helps another, they don't lose anything from it, they only receive Brochos". As this would be a little difficult for my community to accept, I asked Reb Zusha "Is this an order?" and he answered, "Yes, an order!"

In the end not only did Mr. Agam donate a wonderful sculpture for the dinner, but he himself came to the dinner and auctioned it off. The dinner was a huge success and lo and behold Hashem blessed that year our Rechovot institutions, from other sources, in an amazing way. Indeed, when you help someone else, you never lose out!

(תשורה גלובבסקי- לווינדון)

Giving leads to giving by B'B and Shluchim!

Rabbi Menachem Lipskier from Melbourne relates:

While I was in Kollel in New York I would give classes at Chabad of the Upper East Side. After my last class, before moving to Australia, we had a goodbye Farbrengen at the Chabad House. After the Farbrengen, the Shliach, Rabbi Ben-Tzion Krasnianski, shared that one of his major supporters of the Chabad House is enthralled by the idea of your Shlichus all the way down under and wants to participate with significant start-up help. I thanked Rabbi Krasnianski, but I was only giving classes there, not coming for financial help, and certainly did not want to infringe on one of his Baal Habatim.

Rabbi Krasnianski, however, had a different and fresh perspective on this. When one of our Baal Habatim helps another Shliach we don't lose from it, on the contrary, the more one gives the more one becomes accustomed to giving and the more one will end up giving to all. Indeed, as I started my Shlichus in Melbourne, each month we received, directly into my bank account, a nice sum. After a few months the transfers stopped. I contacted Rabbi Krasnianski who was surprised by this as the B'B pledged and authorized for a considerably longer period. A few years passed and I did not hear from this Baal Habbas.

Our Shlichus continued in Melbourne and the Shliach I work with, Rabbi Moshe Kahn, had secured for CGI Australia, for the first time, to have their own property, at the very reasonable price of two million dollars. Despite the deal, it still brought Moshe into a very difficult debt load.

At that time, I received a call, after years, from the office of this East Side Baal Habbas "The money has been set aside each month and transferred to a certain (maybe the wrong account), it has now amassed to \$60,000 which we are transferring to your account." I immediately thought about what Rabbi Krasnianski said about forgoing for the sake of helping a fellow Shliach and decided to take the entire amount and give it to Rabbi Kahn, towards the debt. When I came to his office and gave him the amount, he thanked me profusely and was very emotional as he shared "I just wrote to the Rebbe that I am having trouble managing the debt and I also need, for the short-term, \$60,000 to buy equipment for the camp. As I finished writing the letter you walked in!"

(From the 5781 Kinus zoom Farbrengen book - Hebrew - page 106)
