

# SICHA STORY

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## Shoftim, Sicha 1 (Second Sicha of the week)

- Rabbi Yossi Nemes, Metairie, Louisiana

*From 5746 onward, the Rebbe promoted and directed that “asei lecha (make for yourself a) rav” be implemented by everyone, men, women, and children. Appointing someone in whom we can confide with, be accountable to, and help resolve our questions, gives us tremendous help in Avodas Hashem. This Sicha, said and edited by the Rebbe years earlier, contains many elements of this call. Here are a few stories, out of many, about having a personal Rav/Mashpia.*

### Nothing to see here!

Reb Izak Schwei, A”H, contracted the Machla at a very young age. When he wrote to the Rebbe, the Rebbe responded *ימנה משפיע*, he should appoint for himself a Mashpia. He did not understand what it had to do with the illness, but he appointed Reb Itche Springer as his Mashpia. He told Reb Itche about his serious illness and the rebbe’s guidance and Reb Itche said, “If so, I say it is nothing serious and nothing to worry about!” A miracle occurred and the illness disappeared, and I completely recovered!

*(YN: The Rebbe usually answered, in such situations, to go to a Rofeh Yedid, a doctor who is a friend. I still decided to bring this story, to illustrate that when the Rebbe says to go to our Mashpia, it enables us to receive the Rebbe’s Brachos, in a most powerful manner)*

### Pink slip Mashpia!

*A member of Anash related:*

I had a good job for over 20 years, until a few years ago, when two days before Sukkos, my boss called me in and said, "I sold the company; and there is no job here anymore." I was in a state of

shock, I went, in a moment, from having a good job, to not having a job. In addition, it was just 36 hours before Yom Tov, and this was an occasion we had been looking forward to for a long time. All our children, including those from afar, were coming, and we had been planning this special Yom Tov for a while. I now found myself in a completely unexpected situation, so I decided to do what I always do, when I am not sure what to do. I called my Mashpia! I genuinely feel that our Mashpia is our channel for the Rebbe's Brachos

My Mashpia told me that there's not much you can do about it now, before Yom Tov. You have this special family gathering over Yom Tov and it is important that you help your family rejoice, and even genuinely rejoice yourself, with the Emuna and Bitachon that Hashem will help. He even advised me not to share the news with my wife, until after Yom Tov, something very uncharacteristic of our relationship. The only thing he suggested I do before Yom Tov is go to the Ohel to Daven.

I did, of course, as my Mashpia told me and tried not to think about what I was facing right after Yom Tov and indeed it was a very Happy Yom Tov.

During Chol Hamoeid, I met an individual, who had heard that the business was being sold. He asked me if I want to remain in the same line of work as he 'happens' to know another company looking to hire. I responded that of course I would love to continue doing the same kind of work. The day after Yom Tov I started a new job, in the same field, with higher pay!

(השם שמור אצלי: YN)

## A Mashpia should Lead, Not Be Lead!

*Harav Shimon Raichik, A"H, related:*

Rabbi Binyomin Klein once told me a story about a bochur who wrote to the Rebbe for permission to go to college. He wrote that his Rav had given him his permission. The Rebbe didn't answer him. The Rebbe asked Rabbi Klein to find out who the Rav was that gave him permission.

When the bochur came in for an answer, Rabbi Klein said that the Rebbe didn't give an answer and suggested that if he writes who his Rav is, then maybe it would help to get an answer. The bachur agreed. Rabbi Klein asked for permission to read the letter and the bochur approved. It said that the Rav was a yungeman from the kollel. The Rebbe asked Rabbi Klein to ask the young Rav why he said this without letting him know that it was the Rebbe who was inquiring.

Rabbi Klein told the yungerman that the Rebbe didn't give an answer and if he said the reason for his decision then maybe it would help in receiving an answer. The Rav answered, "What

should I have answered him? Would it help if I said no? Would it really stop him from going?"  
The Rebbe was not pleased with this at all.

A Rav is not a rubber stamp. A Rav needs to know that he needs to take into consideration the best interest of the individual asking. Before a Rav decides, he needs to listen with care to the person whom he is helping and only then consider his answer. When a Rav does this then the one asking will be open and will listen to the decision.

*(From the internet Aseh Lecho Rav files of HaRav Raichik)*

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