

Zmanim

קבלת שבת

London 5:51

Manchester 5:57

מוצאי שבת

London 6:55 (7:18 ר"ת)

Manchester 6:59 (7:22 ר"ת)

# חזו בני

י' חשון תשפ"ב פרשת לך לך



## EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA



לך לך... אל הארץ אשר אראך

The פסוק on this מדרש רבה quotes another פסוק in Tehillim: שמעי בת "Listen... see... incline your ear" and it is not immediately clear what the connection is to the פסוק of לך לך.

The Sfas Emess זי"ע explains the connection in his classic way. Hashem's message to אברהם was לך - keep going! They say there is "no rest for the wicked" but actually it is the צדיק that has to keep going, as the פסוק in זכריה says: ונתתי לך - מהלכים בין העומדים האלה - you should always be on the move. Never stagnate. Do not sit still. It's essential to keep *shteiging* and growing. Life offers up many opportunities for such growth.

Therefore the פסוק is reminding us to keep listening out, keep looking out for new ideas and new openings that give us the chance to *shteig* further. This became אברהם's approach to life which he bequeathed to all of us...

## EMUNOH IN THE SIDDUR



רוקע הארץ על המים

Have you ever wondered what sinking into quicksand feels like? Let's just say it's a unique sensation! There's pressure, sliminess, and a profound feeling of being stuck and gripped, especially if you try to pull away. It may not actually kill a person, but it's a thoroughly unpleasant experience, one to be avoided!

Standing on firm ground gives us a sense of security and orientation. The Gemoro (תמיד לב.) tells us that even experienced sailors, who spend the majority of their time at sea, do not feel fully safe until they are standing on dry land.

The majority of the Earth's surface is water, and even continents ultimately rest on molten lava. One of the ניסים of מעשה בראשית is that הקב"ה created a land mass for us to live on, where we can build homes and live our lives to the full.

The רוקע הארץ על המים of ברכה, Who spreads out earth upon the waters, gives us the opportunity to reflect and appreciate the earth beneath our feet, of being grounded and orientated and seeing the physical world that we live in as an arena for עבודת ה'.

**Q: HOW COULD IT BE THAT** ר' אברהם RECOGNISED HIM FROM THE WORLD AROUND HIM YET SOME OF THE GREATEST MINDS IN HISTORY INCLUDING THE GREEK PHILOSOPHERS DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ה'?

**A:** אידן חז"ל TELL US THAT WHO SERVED עבודה זרה KNEW THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THOSE IDOLS, YET THEY SERVED THEM IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO עבירות. BECAUSE, AS RABI AKIVA TAUGHT HIS תלמידים,

IF A PERSON LOOKS AT THE WORLD LOGICALLY, IT TESTIFIES TO A CREATOR THE SAME WAY THE EXISTENCE OF A GARMENT TESTIFIES TO ITS TAILOR. HOWEVER, THE תורה SAYS THAT BRIBERY AFFECTS EVEN THE WISEST MAN'S JUDGEMENT. SO TOO THE UNWILLINGNESS TO LIVE MORAL LIVES CAUSED EVEN THE WISEST MEN IN HISTORY TO STRUGGLE WITH THEIR אמונה.





## EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



This Sunday י"א חשוון is the 10th Yohrzeit of **הרה"ג נתן צבי פינקל זצ"ל**, the ראש ישיבה of ישיבת מיר.

Born in Chicago in the USA on תש"ג ב' אדר to his parents Reb Eliyohu Meir and Sara Finkel, Reb Nosson Tzvi ז"ל was a typical American teenager and attended the local Hebrew Day School. At the age of 14 he went to learn in ישיבת מיר for 8 months under the guidance of his great uncle הרב ליזר יהודה and learnt with some of the top בחורים there. 3 years later he returned to the ישיבה learning with incredible התמדה for 6 straight years. One of his חברות was הרב זונדל קרויזר with whom he finished the entire ש"ס each year!

In 1964, he married Rebbetzen Leah, granddaughter of הרב ליזר יהודה זצ"ל and daughter of his successor הרב ביינוש זצ"ל. He started giving שיעורים a year later and became ראש ישיבה in 1990 when הרב ביינוש נפטר.

Although by then he had already been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease he nevertheless led the ישיבה and gave שיעורים with supernatural נפש מסירת. The ישיבה grew from 1200 תלמידים to an incredible 7200 תלמידים by the end of his life! And despite the size of the ישיבה he found time to learn with any תלמיד who asked and had approximately 80 חברות each week! In 2011, he suffered a cardiac arrest and returned his holy נשמה to the רבש"ע.

יהי זכרו ברוך

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## EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

A non-frum fellow called Avner was serving a 15-year jail sentence. A Rabbi came to the jail to give him some חזון, and slowly Avner started to keep מצוות.

On one visit the Rabbi gave Avner books about שבת. The next time he visited, Avner excitedly showed him something he had read in the book: If אידן keep 2 שבתות they get redeemed. The Rabbi gently explained that it was referring to כלל ישראל and not just an individual criminal getting out of prison. Avner said, "That's not what it says in the book! I believe that if I keep 2 שבתות I will be freed!"

A month later the Rabbi came back to jail and asked for Avner. He was told that Avner had been released! The judge that had sent him to jail had just retired and when going over previous rulings he had decided that he judged Avner unfairly and asked the court to revoke his ruling! As the saying goes, more than the Yieden have kept Shabbos...