

Zmanim

Shabbos begins:

5:32

Shabbos ends:

6:40 גאונים

7:03 ר"ת

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כ"ג חודש אדר תשפ"א

ש"ק פ' כי תשא פ' פרה

**EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA**

**ויתן אל משה ככלתו לדבר אתו בהר סיני
שני לוחות אבן
(שמות לא:יח)**

Sometimes it can feel like you're not making enough progress, that you are not "shteiging" or improving. Sometimes you might wonder what happened to all the hours of learning and davening if you feel basically like the same person?

The Shem MiShmuel quotes the Medrash Rabboh (Shemos 41:6) which tells us that after almost 40 days on Har Sinai, Moshe Rabbeinu complained: "I've been here for 40 days and I don't know anything!" HKBH responded: "One more day and you'll receive the whole Torah as a gift". But if it was a gift then what was the point of working hard on the learning?

The Shem MiShmuel explains that in truth every time a person learns - or does any mitzvah - he is making progress. He just can't feel it yet. But if he maintains it for a period of time then it all comes together for him in the end.

This idea gives us tremendous chizuk! Keep going! Eventually all those hours of limud haTorah, even when you haven't necessarily understood the learning properly, will add up to something very special. Even Moshe struggled at first. But he kept at it. If it worked for the greatest of them all, then it can work for all of us!

**EMUNOH IN THE SIDDUR**

אדון עולם אשר מלך בטרם כל יציר נברא

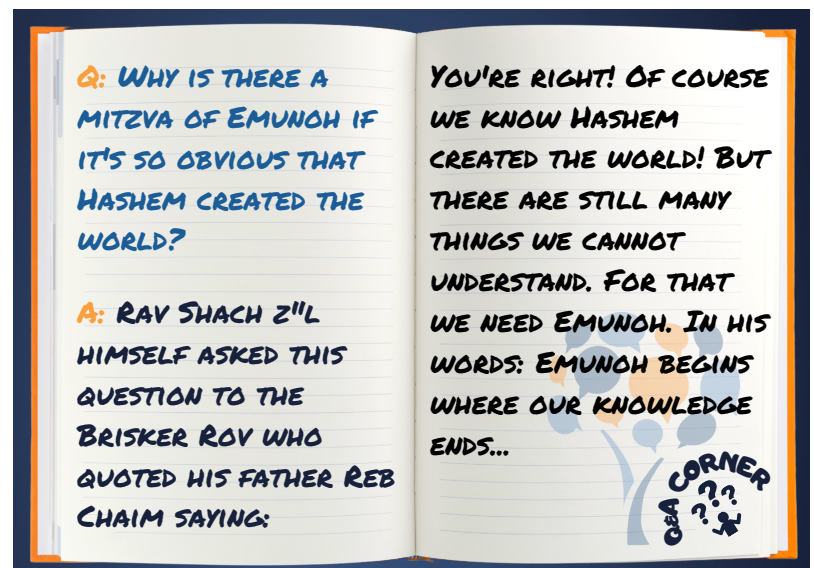
The alarm goes off and you sometimes feel like pulling the pillow back over your head. However, with superhuman strength you manage to say Modeh Ani, wash your hands and get dressed and make your bleary-eyed way to shul and start to daven.

There is so much to say in so little time, it's all too easy to get lost or even a little overwhelmed. Fortunately, the siddur provides you with the roadmap and gives directions to your destination.

Your destination in tefillah is to create a connection with the Ribono shel Olom. In order to do that, you need to know Who you are speaking to. That is why many have the Minhag of starting with Adon Olom. In fact saying it with meaning is actually a seguloh for a successful davening.

You refer to Hashem as the Creator of the entire universe, beyond space and time. He is the Source of everything we experience in this world. Yet at the same time you refer to Him in a personal manner. We say "vehu Keili" - He is your "personal" Hashem, intimately involved in your life, ready and willing to listen and help.

Adon Olom describes the indescribable! What better way to start your journey through tefillah...



EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky zt"l, whose Yohrzeit (29 Adar) occurs this coming week, joined the Slabodka Yeshiva still before his barmitzvah. When challenged about his young age, he quipped, 'I came here to learn, not to help make up the minyan!' He enjoyed an exceptionally close relationship with the Alter of Slabodka, Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel zt"l, growing in Torah and Mussar under his watchful eye. He moved to the USA in 1937 where he eventually became the Rosh Yeshiva of Torah Vodaas. He was renowned for his tzikdus and well as his geonus.

Once Reb Yaakov, who lived in Monsey, was in New York City for a simcha. A young man from Monsey was asked to give the tzaddik a ride home. He gladly agreed and eagerly introduced himself to the Rosh Yeshiva as his chauffeur. Reb Yaakov said that he first had to inspect the car before he could accept the ride.

He got into the back seat and sat for a moment. He then came out of the car and said he would gladly take the ride. The reason he went into the car first was to make sure the seat would be comfortable for HIS WIFE!

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EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

(Adapted from R' Dovid Ashear) An orphan was celebrating his barmitzvah in Eretz Yisroel during the summer of 2020 when small simchas were still allowed. He loved music. A favourite singer of his agreed to come and be mesame'ach him, free of charge.

Unfortunately, a few days later the barmitzvah boy was diagnosed with Covid. Some of the guests also contracted the disease including the singer, who was only mildly affected but was so upset. Here he had done a favour for a yosom and now he had to cancel his upcoming jobs that he was going to be paid for!

Three weeks later, an organisation in America were arranging a joint barmitzvah celebration for several orphans. They'd heard how wonderful the singer had been at the recent barmitzvah in Eretz Yisroel. Would he fly in to sing for them all? They were offering double the money than all his cancelled events combined. There was only one condition. He had to have gained immunity from having contracted Covid in the past...