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#### Why are we doing it?

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## You Can Do The Same Thing Your Own Way

### וְיִקְרִיבוּ הַנְּשָׂאִים אֶת הַנֶּזֶבֶת הַמְזֻבָּח

We all know how the Torah goes on repeat on the korbanos of the nesiv'im, why couldn't the Torah just say it once and say "Ditto" - that every Nasi did the exact same thing!?

Reb Tzadok from Lublin says in Pri Tzaddik that Hashem is revealing a great secret here: It's not what you do - it's how you do it.

Just like we understand that each Nasi was an individual person with their own distinct Neshama, so too they each did the exact same thing - totally different! Each time

the Torah describes what they brought - it's describing how each one did it with their own unique Kavana in their own way.

And that teaches each one of us that the fact that you kept one shabbos or davened one tefillah, doesn't mean that shabbosim and tefilos are now on repeat mode - no! Each and every "same program" needs to be totally unique and different! 🔥

#### TABLE TOPICS

- How can we manage to do "the same things" totally in a new way?

## Man Up And Say It The Way It Is

So you did what you did... You're embarrassed and you think to yourself "Oy, why did I do this?" So, in an attempt to run away from the consequences, you try to cover things up and make-believe that it never happened.

By the Sota, we see that she goes through extreme humiliation and embarrassment, but if she admits

she messed up then she doesn't need to drink the water and doesn't get killed.

Reb Nosson writes in Likutei Halachos - that whenever you mess up, know that if you're going to man up and confess and say it the way it is - then that humiliation and embarrassment is itself the tikkun. 🔥

### Prisoners on Shlichus

Shavuot was traditionally the Yom Tov when rabbonim were able to visit the Rebbe, because Tishrei and Nissan Rabbis are most needed in their hometown. So it was shabbos after shavuot and the Lubavitcher Rebbe was leading a farbrengen with the attendance of many Rabbonim and Shluchim who had spent Yom Tov with the rebbe. This same shabbos Rabbi Lipsker from Florida, who runs an organization for Jewish prisoners known as The Aleph Institute was granted permission to bring a group of Yidden from prison to a Shabbos in 770. During the Farbrengen the Rebbe


said a deep lengthy profound sicha with many quotes from Shas and Poskim, aimed mainly for the many bright rabbis who were in attendance. Then the Rebbe started "giving it in" to the rabbonim, "It's not enough that you got semicha years ago, you must constantly study, learn, grow, you yourselves must have for yourself rabbis above you etc etc." The Rebbe really gave them the rundown... Then the rebbe started talking about people who are unfortunately in prison, "Someone who was sent to prison must know that he or she was sent there by Hashem, who has a special

mission for them to do that ordinary people cannot accomplish. Every yid has a mission, but someone who is in such a dark place, a place so devoid of holiness, knows that every bit of light makes all the more of a difference!! And surely they will use their unique life circumstances to fulfill their mission with great joy and strength!" One of the imprisoned Yidden later remarked "The irony was what made it so special. Here was a Rebbe of thousands of Chassidim, who gives it into the Rabbis and compliments the prisoners. He made us feel so special, so needed, so important".

## Becoming That Golden Jew

**כף אחת עשקה זָהב מְלָאָה קִטְרוֹת** - One gold incense bowl weighing 10 [shekels] filled with incense; (Bamidbar 7:20)


Why in the world does the Torah put so many restrictions and tell us so many times 'you can't do this... sacrifice that.' It seems so negative.

Says the holy Riz'iner, **כף אחת** - with **כפיפה אחת** - with every time you sacrifice even one little tiny thing for Hashem, **עשקה זָהב**, ten is Yud - **ווערט ער א גאלדענע איד** - Hashem wants you to become a golden Jew - so he gives us loads of **כפיפה אחת** opportunities... 

## How To Get And Keep The Blessing Of G-d

So everybody wants to know, "How do I get blessing into my life?" Says the holy Bardichever: You know when a Kohen stands with his hands outstretched, that's a model of how the heavenly blessings come down from above and descend upon us below. When you stand like that, you're modeling what's going on above.


And that's what Hashem told Aaron and his sons.<sup>1</sup> **כה תִּבְרְכוּ** - This

is how you're **ממשיך** blessings. When you give to others and you model what goes on above, then you become a conduit and the blessings pour down from above. It comes down like a circuit, it goes up again and continues circling, again and again, pouring down blessings from one person down to another and down to another - always learning what G-d wants us to do - the way he does with us... 

<sup>1</sup> במדבר ו, כג

## When You Miss The Basics

So the Rogetchover Gaon was an amazing genius, but he had a pet "project" to ask poskim and Rabbonim trick questions to 'splain 'em how to learn. So he once penned the following Sheila to some Rabonim of his day "Can a woman become a Nazir?" Many Rabbonim answered, some brought proofs from Shas, from Rambam, from random places, 'yes', 'no', 'it depends'...

The Rogetchover himself finally wrote back to them all "I found a small Sefer called 'Chumash' and it says there "Ish Oy Ishah Ki yaflei lindor neder nazir L'Hashem - A man or a woman who makes a vow to be a Nazir for Hashem..." 

### TABLE TOPICS

- *What are our pilpullim that we make while forgetting the basics?*

### Reb Mendel Futerfas used to say;

To feel someone's pain - everyone can do that.  
But to really feel joy when life is going good for someone else - that only a chassid can do.

## I didn't leave in middle of the Farbrengen

When Reb Mendel Futerfas's son, Shalom Ber, was a child he fell deathly ill, R' Mendel and his wife were greatly distressed from the situation, not the least from the fact that many of their children had already died in childhood.

R' Berke Chein relates that during this crisis he came to visit, and heard the Doctor tell R Mendel that his son has a few hours left to live and turning to R' Berke, told him to leave the house...

R' Berke left the house and went under the window to hear what was going on inside, and overheard R' Mendel saying:

"Ribono Shel Olam, please have mercy on my son! Not in the merit of my Torah, cause that I didn't toil on, not in the merit of my tefillah, cause that I didn't invest in either, but Hashem please! save him in the merit of the Farbrengens that I never left in the middle of ..." 