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Learning from our Leaders

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Disciples of Avraham

My parents used to spend their summers in a bungalow colony which had many outstanding kelimim among its residents. Among these kelimim was a wheelchair bound invalid who had suffered a stroke at a relatively young age.

Every summer, Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt”l, would come to visit this kelim. We always had advance notice of Rav Moshe’s visit and I can assure you that the day of his visit was a sort of “Day of Tisha B’av” for us. All the boys wore white shirts, and everyone waited with anticipation for the Golus Hador to arrive.

A semi-circle of lawn chairs would be arranged for these occasions, as many of the renowned “scholars in residence” would join Rav Moshe and the invalid whom he had come to visit. They would sit and discuss various topics, as everyone else looked on in respectful awe and silence.

One year, not long after the men were seated, a number of boys approached and began to snap pictures. Flashbulbs popped repeatedly, until, finally, one of the older boys demonstrated for each other.

In his famous Sefer Ha-Ashkenazim, Rabbi Shalom DovBer Schneersohn writes: “A Jew is the finest of all admirable traits.” A Jew is selfish and self-centered. He is unconcerned and out of touch with the feelings and needs of other people. By contrast, an understanding soul is aware of other people’s sensitivities and needs. The more you seek to honor others at every opportunity and is pleasant to everyone in every situation.

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Dear Rabbi,

Summer has arrived, and with it come the opportunities for developing new friendships. Let me share with you the essence of an article from a column entitled “Here & There” by Ben Yitzchok (London Jewish Tribune):

“When I attend communal functions, I am in the habit of observing the little things which most people just brush aside.

“Last week I attended the 22nd annual Yizkor service in memory of their father, the late and unforgettable R’ Yomtov Lipman Rakow. Sitting at the center of the head table, surrounded by many members of his family and friends, were his two sons, R’ Bezalel, Rav of Gateshead, and R’ Ben Zion, Rav of Ashgrove, Golders Green.

“Some of the hotel workers were serving as waiters. When one of them approached the head table, R’ Ben Zion [the elder of the two brothers], gave the waiter a wink to serve his brother first. As soon as the plate was placed before him, the Gateshead Rav, [R’ Bezalel Rakow], unobtrusively, passed the plate to his brother. And so, the plate passed back and forth several times, until the waiter came again and was able to place a second plate in its rightful position.

“I am convinced they think nothing of it; they probably don’t even remember it. But for us, it is just one more lesson of Rav Dov.”

My dear Rabbi, if we analyze this story for a moment, we can appreciate the important relationship between respect and brotherly love. A critical ingredient in any lasting relationship is true respect. We usually understand that part of honor, requires that we must respect our parents, rabbis, and counselors. However, as we can learn from the story above, these brothers demonstrated for each other, both in their own right, respect is not limited solely to a superior. The greater the respect you show towards your friends, the deeper your friendship will become.

Your Rabbi
Ben Zion
Rav Golders Green

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The young Bezalel Rakow was once playing around in class. He was sent out just after the kochas for a question asked from the rabbis. When his father, the Rav, met the boy, he told him that Bezalel came home crying bitterly because he missed out on the kochas for the boys’ rabbis. The Rav remarked, “From him, something will become!”

(Editor’s note: This is the Yiddish [and most likely Hebrew] way of saying, “From this child, you will see greatness and great things!”)

Source: My Father, My Rabbi (Feidheim)

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The latest Pirchei Newsletter contest is designed to make your visit fulfilling and memorable. During the weeks leading up to הקpherdות and beyond, learn at least 45 minutes before every Erev Shabbos, you can even review your favorite topics, as much as you like. You will receive an additional raffle entry. The contest is open for all ages up to 12th grade. To join the program, please send your weekly email to: shnayimmikrahcontest@gmail.com by Monday 2:00 pm. Please include your name, grade, city, state, and contact # and your name will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful set of מוקדות ליום א’ הפקישי!
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I’m personally involved with this orphaned bride and I have committed myself to raise all the funds for this girl’s wedding.... May you be blessed...

RAV KREISWirth told the Awe-Inspired Doctor about His Visit to the Steipler Gaon and His New Undertaking.

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R’ Chaim Kreiswirth, born in Woinicz, Poland, to the family of Reb Binyamin and Reb Rivke, upon application, he was tested by the Rebbe himself and was accepted. Upon his return to the United States, he was a student at Gateshead, where he developed a close relationship with Rav Zalman Schachter and Rav Shlomo Zalman Schachter. He served as a rabbi in the United States for several years, including at the ultra-Orthodox Jewish center in New York City. He was known for his profound understanding of Jewish texts and his ability to interpret them in a way that was accessible to lay people.

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Rav Kreiswirth was Menachem Avel a Young Widow: Rebbe, how am I going to marry off my 10 beautiful children? Please do not let this question ever get you upset... Blu neder I will not let you down; I will undertake to pay the expenses to marry off all your children!

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