

TMI 4 MOMS

ZERIZUS



REFER TO THE ESSAY ON ZERIZUS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING IDEAS

- What are some of the first lessons you try to impart to your children?
- In the case of zerizus, the means tend to justify the goal. What are other examples when how we do something is favored over what we do?

TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT — *refer to TMI Booklet for more*

Refer to Daily Dose #2: Avraham is the paradigm of acting industriously. He ran to greet the angels and feed them and he also made sure to fulfill every step of the Akeidah himself and did it as soon as he could. What does this tell us about Avraham as a person? What could it do with the midda of ahava, love, that Avraham is also associated with?

- Do we display the same energy towards things we are less connected to as we do towards things we are excited about? We know right from wrong and still don't feel compelled to always do the right thing. How do we resolve that?

Bereshis Chapter 18, Verse 2

Looking up, he saw three figures and he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them and, bowing to the ground,

וַיֵּשָׂא עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה אַנְשִׁים נֹצְבִים עָלָיו וַיֵּרָץ
לְקִרְאתָם מִפֶּתַח הָאֹהֶל וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אֲרָצָה:

Bereshis Chapter 22, Verse 3

So early next morning, Abraham saddled his donkey and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him.

וַיֵּשְׁבִם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֶּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ אֶת-חֲמֹרֹו וַיִּקַּח אֶת-שְׁנֵי
נַעֲרָיו אִתּוֹ וְאֵת יִצְחָק בְּנֹו וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עָלָהּ וַיִּקֶּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-
הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר-אָמַר-לֹו הָאֱלֹהִים:

Now: Consider Daily Dose #10: The Sfas Emes says that industriousness only comes with a sense of happiness. Why would that be?

Daily Dose #3: The Gemara (in Kiddushin 29b) says that if one does not have enough money to provide education for himself and for his child, he should spend the money on his own education first. But, if he sees that his child is industrious, he should provide his child with an education. Why is this the case?

- When your child is energized towards their Jewish education, what could you do to capitalize on it? What's the difference in prioritizing yourself versus your child?

Daily Dose #28: The midda of zerizus instills the value of time and how precious it is. How could zerizus teach us how we spend our time in a more productive and meaningful way?

- Time is limited. How does being energetic help us reevaluate our time?
- For a brit milah, many people are careful to make sure that it is done with excitement first thing in the morning. Why is this an important time to make sure to perform the mitzvah with excited energy?

RECOMMENDED READINGS TO EXPAND YOUR JEWISH HOME LIBRARY

Taking Action, by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin