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שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos **4:28 PM**

~Friday Night Learning Is Back!~

After 7:30pm

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Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush **8:30 AM**

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Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos **4:25 PM**

Maariv **5:35 PM**

Sunday

Shacharis: **8:30 AM**

~ Followed by a Shiur

Mincha / Maariv: **4:30 PM**

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Shacharis:

~Monday **6:40 AM**

~Tue, Wed. **6:45 AM**

~Thurs, Fri- *Chanukah* **6:35 AM**

Mincha:

~Mon -Thur **1:45 PM**

~Wed -Thur (Chanukah Only) **4:25 PM**

Maariv:

~Mon-Thur **9:45 PM**

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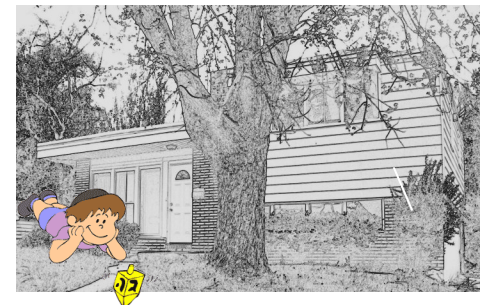
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Leaping Towards Success

Wishes of *Hatzlacha*, *hatzloocheh* or *zeit matzliach*, are all part of the symphony of good will we bestow on all those embarking on the “successful” endeavor called “life”.

But what exactly is hatzlocha, success? Is it monetary gain, health, nachas or the finding of a mate? Is success more succinctly the fulfillment of whatever it is that we each yearn for?

Very often our achieved “success” corrupts and breeds trouble.

So what indeed is the deeper meaning behind this most common blessing for “hatzlocha”?

In all of Torah there is but one man who attained the title of **איש מצליח** (בראשית לט ב), *a successful man*, Yoseph haTzaddik!

Thrown by his brothers angrily into a pit with poisonous snakes and scorpions, subsequently sold as a slave and sent down to Egypt, isolated from his loving father for twenty two years, twelve of them spent in prison, and we call that “success”!?

Truth be told, the rootword of **הצלחה**, **צלח**, the Midrash informs us, means to jump.

The Midrash (בייר פ ד) presents an unusual etymological analysis regarding the Torah's description of his accomplishments:

“And G-d was with Yoseph, and he was a, **איש מצליח**, a successful man” (שם)

Rabbi Berechyah said, A jumping man, as it says, **וצלחו**, And they “crossed” the Jordan before the king” (שמואל ב יט יח).

The phrase used to describe the crossing of the Jordan refers them leaping over it in a happy and joyous way (מתנות כהונה). Since the Hebrew word used, **וצלחו**, is similar to the word used to describe Yoseph's success, **מצליח**, the Midrash tells us that this sheds light upon the nature of his accomplishment.

The Midrash continues: *It is comparable to a bear that was standing in the street, decorated with precious stones and pearls. They said, “Anyone who jumps on it can take what is on it.” There was one wise man there who said to them, “You are looking with what is on it, and I am looking at its teeth!”* Rabbi Berechyah said, *“That she-bear, the wife of Potiphar, is doing nothing other than jumping at you, and yet you are greater than that!”*

Yoseph's bear was the wife of Potiphar who attempted to seduce him. Yet Yoseph managed to overcome this test.

Yoseph was a great jumper, able to leap over tall nisyonos in a single bound. He was a, **גבר קפוץ**, a “jumping man”, not allowing for complacency in the bear's company, but agilely skipping out of the way.

Success is not necessarily the accomplishment of one's goals, but more so the ability to remain steadfast in one's commitments and values, not being affected by the challenges one faces, for better or for worse, in the pursuit of those dreams.

ויהי ד' את יוסף ויהי איש מצליח ויהי בבית אדוניו המצרי (בראשית לט ב), *And Hashem was with Yoseph, and he was a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.*

Three times it tells us “he was”. Perhaps the Torah is emphasizing the key to Yoseph's ability to “leap towards success”.

He was constantly aware of Hashem's involvement in every detail of his life. He was thus able to be **מצליח**, “leap” above any tests that came his way. He was therefore able to maintain “himself”, his identity, even as he inhabited a foreign home in a strange and perverted culture. He never allowed himself to be lured from his firm awareness of Hashem's presence.

ויהי ד' את יוסף ויהי איש מצליח ויהי בבית אדוניו המצרי (בראשית לט ב), *and whatever he did Hashem made succeed in his hand.*

May I suggest that the verse be read; in “whatever he did”, the sentiment that, **יד' מצליח**, Hashem breeds success, **בידו**, was always in his hand, and on his lips!

One who maintains one's equilibrium in pursuit of accomplishment never allows for success to blind him from those around him who are still struggling, and certainly not to condescend towards them.

When the prison warden who was entrusted with imprisoning Yoseph becomes enamored with Yoseph's charisma, he trustingly places Yoseph in charge of the other prisoners.

The Torah reports: **והיה ד' את יוסף ויהי איש מצליח ויהי בבית אדוניו המצרי** (שם שם כג), *and everything that was done there, he (Yoseph) would do.*

The Targum implies (see Rashi) that Yoseph “directed” them. Yet the Torah could have written that more explicitly. Perhaps it is intimating that Yoseph lead by action and example, by “doing what they did”, never allowing himself to lapse into callous complacency thereby arousing the envy of his fellow inmates. **ויהי**, and he was always Yoseph, constantly bounding over the temptations of success.

May we reach our dreams, but more significantly may we never lose sight of our personal greatness and wonderful attributes by succumbing to “success”!

May we be **“מצליח”** in bounding over the mighty challenges we all face!

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