

# Toras Avigdor

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## Song of the Seeds

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## Song of the Seeds

We can learn a very important lesson from our *parshah* this week. Hashem told Moshe Rabbeinu that he wasn't being allowed into Eretz Yisroel with the rest of the Am Yisroel, but Moshe wouldn't take no for an answer. Even though Hashem told him that he wouldn't be allowed into Eretz Yisroel, he still wanted to at least see Eretz Yisroel. And so Hashem took him up on a high mountain and let him look across the Yardein and see the land for himself.

Now, that's a big question. What was so special about seeing Eretz Yisroel? Why was it so important for Moshe Rabbeinu to climb a tall mountain just to see the land?

Every day during davening we say הַלְלוּ אֶת הַשֵּׁם מִן הָאָרֶץ. That means that everything on land, everything in the whole world gives praise to Hashem. And the *passuk* goes on about the animals that sing to Hashem, and the trees that sing to Hashem ... everything on earth sings to Hashem! But how can that be? Does a tree sing?

And the answer is that a tree causes YOU to sing to Hashem. A tree is singing to Hashem with its leaves and its branches and its trunk and its bark and its seeds. It is “singing songs” just by being a tree, because when we study all the amazing things about a tree, it makes us sing praises to Hashem.

A tree grows from a tiny seed. At first it was nothing. You pass by helicopter seeds on the ground all the time. You think they're just toys to play with, to stick on your nose, but really they're there to make you think about Hashem and sing to Him.

For such a tiny thing — a little helicopter seed — to turn into a huge maple tree is a *neis*! Look at the furniture in your house. It's made from wood — wood that was once a tree. But what was it

before that? It was nothing! It came from a tiny seed that grew into a huge tree. The helicopter seed fell to the earth and Hashem got busy turning that little seed into a tree!

Is there a bigger demonstration of Hashem than that? When you see a helicopter seed, it's one of the greatest reminders of the Borei Olam, the Creator of the entire universe and everything in it.

And that's why Moshe Rabbeinu wanted to see Eretz Yisroel. Moshe wanted to enter the land that was full of such amazing



things. Trees and fruits and seeds! Dates oozing with honey and animals that eat grass and turn it into milk! Moshe Rabbeinu wanted to see Eretz Yisroel because he wanted to sing to Hashem as much as possible, because that's why we're in this world — to see Hashem as much as possible and sing to Him. You don't see Hashem so much in the desert where not much grows, but in a land flowing with milk and honey you can really see Hashem!

In the spring, dandelion puffs pop up all over the place. Some of you might just ignore them. And some of you think it's fun to blow them and watch the seeds fly off into the wind. But Moshe Rabbeinu understood that the dandelion is singing. Each puff ball is made up of many many seeds, and each seed is attached to a tiny parachute that helps it fly when blown by the wind. The incredible design of the countless "parachute" seeds is a song to Hashem. And Moshe wanted to see the dandelion and listen to its song!

And so, the great lesson from our parshah is that we are here in this world to see Hashem all around us as much as we possibly can. And it's in all of Hashem's creations that we can see Him best.

***Have a Wonderful Shabbos!***

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