



# Toras Avigdor

## Junior

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Aharon and Meir finished bentching just as Uncle Eddie walked into the kitchen. “Hey Juniors! Are you ready for our Niflaos Haborei Boat Ride?”

Uncle Eddie lived in New Jersey, and owned his own motor boat. Once a year as a special treat he took his two nephews out to sea for a trip. But Uncle Eddie didn’t just stam go boating – on his trips Hakodosh Boruch Hu was always the center of attention.

Last year Uncle Eddie had spent the whole afternoon teaching the boys about the rain cycle – all about how Hashem lifts up the clean water vapor from the salty ocean to make clouds in order to feed the world. They had learned all about the miracles of clouds and winds and rain and rivers. Since then, every time it rained, Aharon and Meir reminded themselves about the wonderful miracle that rainfall really is.

Today Uncle Eddie was taking them out to see the sunset over the Jersey Shore. They would spend two hours boating around the bay while Uncle Eddie would teach them to appreciate the beautiful sights Hashem puts in this world.

“Uncle Eddie,” asked Aharon as they hopped into the car, “Why do you have a case of water bottles in the back seat? And also a bag of apples? Mommy packed lunch for us already!”

Uncle Eddie smiled. “That’s my special thing,” he said as they got into the car. “You never know when there might be an opportunity to be like Avraham Avinu”.

“Avraham Avinu?!” thought Meir to himself, “What does that mean?” But he knew how it worked with Uncle Eddie; instead of asking, you just keep your eyes open and watch and before you know it, you’ll learn some important lessons.

Suddenly Uncle Eddie stopped the car. “Ahh! Zachinu!” he said to the boys. “Boruch Hashem! Look at that! An opportunity to serve the Borei!” The bewildered boys looked out the window but all they saw was somebody working in his garden; he was digging holes and he seemed to be planting flowers and vegetables.

Uncle Eddie pulled the car over to the side of the street, grabbed a water bottle and an apple from the back seat and headed straight for the garden.

“Reb Yid,” he called out. “Please have a snack and something to drink. You’re shvitzing!”

“Oh, umm. Well, thank you, but I’m fine. I don’t even know you. And I live right here. I’ll go in to drink later on.”

“Nonsense!” said Uncle Eddie, “You’re sweating right now and you could use it. Take it, please. I’m begging you. If you don’t need it now, I’m sure you’ll need it in a few minutes - look how hard you’re working! And it’s boiling hot today.”

“Well,” said the man working in the garden, wiping the sweat from his forehead. “If you insist! I really appreciate it.”

“Well, don’t thank me. I’m just the delivery man. Hakodosh Boruch Hu is the one who created this water and He’s the one who made this



apple. I'm happy to be doing the mitzvah of being like Hashem and helping feed the world."

As soon as the boys got into the car, Aharon couldn't control himself any longer. "What was that about, Uncle Eddie?!"

"Well, years ago, I heard Rav Avigdor Miller speak about Avraham Avinu and he said something that I never thought about before. Avraham Avinu was already a very old man when he was sitting by the door of his tent waiting for travelers to pass by. And when he finally saw some travelers he didn't just call them over. He ran out and begged them to come. He threw himself on the floor in front of them: Please! Please!! I'm begging you! Come into my tent so that I can give you something to eat and drink.

"Now, we're used to the story because we hear about it every year but Rav Miller pointed out that if someone acted like that today it would be considered a bit strange. It seems like he was overdoing it! He could have just waved them over and offered them some food. Why all the waiting and running and begging? Rav Miller explained Avraham Avinu was trying to be just like Hashem!"

Uncle Eddie continued. "Avraham Avinu looked at the world and saw how Hashem went out of His way to be kind to us. Food doesn't have to be colorful and taste good. Why are apples so sweet and delicious? If food didn't taste that great, we'd still eat it and get nutrition. So Avraham Avinu realized that Hashem doesn't just want to feed us. He wants us to enjoy ourselves. He wants to do chessed with us! And He goes all out. The sun! the wind! the clouds! the rain! the earth! Hashem has everything in the world working together to feed us.

"Avraham Avinu said 'If Hashem does chessed with us, then surely He wants us to be like Him and do chessed for others.' And that's why Avraham Avinu went out of his way to do chessed in the best way possible.

"So you're just like Avraham Avinu!" exclaimed Meir.

Uncle Eddie chuckled. "Halevai!" he said. "But I do my best in my own little way.

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