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What a Yom Tov we just had! Did you go to shul? Did you stand under your father's *tallis* at *duchenen* to be blessed by the *kohanim*?

All over the world Yidden were blessed by the *kohanim* this Yom Tov. But the Gemara is bothered by something. When do the *kohanim* get a *brachah*? Everywhere people are getting *brachos* from the *kohanim*, but what about them — are they left out? Do they miss out on these great blessings?

So the Gemara gives an interesting *terutz*. But in order to understand it, we have to go back to the beginning of the Torah. In Parshas Lech Lecha, Hashem spoke to Avraham Avinu and told him **וְאֶבְרַחָה מְבָרְכֶיךָ** — I will give a *brachah* to anyone who blesses you! Anyone who blesses Avraham Avinu or his children, the Am Yisroel, will be blessed by Hashem - that's the promise of Hashem.

That's what the Gemara answers! You know how the *kohanim* get their *brachos*? Because the *kohanim* bless the children of Avraham, so Hashem blesses them!

You hear that? The world is set up in such a way that any time you wish a Yid well, you get a blessing — automatically! Any time you give a *brachah* to a fellow Jew, Hashem gives you His *brachah* in return. And so the *kohanim* don't need anyone to give them a *brachah* because they are automatically blessed with the biggest *brachah* possible: the *brachah* of Hashem Himself!

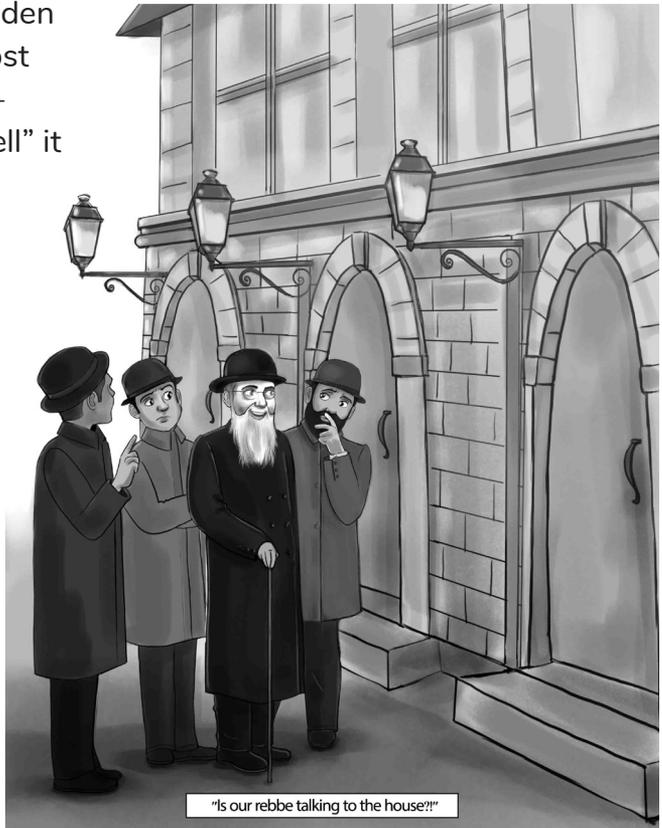
Now, I know you're only kids, but I'll give you some "business advice" anyway. You want to know how to make a lot of money? Buy something at a cheap price and sell it for a lot. That's the advice that Unkelos (the writer of the Targum in Chumash) got from his uncle.

The Gemara says that Unkelos asked his uncle for business advice, and that's what he told him: Buy something for a dollar and sell it for ten.

So even though you kids aren't looking to earn money yet, but you are looking to earn Olam Haba! So let's use this advice — let's do something that doesn't cost us a lot. Let's

bless other Yidden — it doesn't cost us anything! — and we can "sell" it for a lot of s'char from Hashem!

Because Hashem will give you the same brachah in this world and He'll also give you reward in Olam Habah for blessing your fellow Jew.



Our great tzaddikim knew about this “trick” to get brachos from Hashem. The Alter of Slabodka, z”l, was once walking with his talmidim when they passed a certain house. The Alter stopped and faced the house, and then said to the house, “Gut morgen — Good morning. You should have a wonderful day!” Then he walked a little further, and as he passed certain houses he said good morning to those houses, too.

His talmidim were wondering: Why is our rebbi talking to houses? But their rebbi explained: It’s a mitzvah to bless Yidden! I don’t want to waste time while I’m walking on the street. So when I see a Yiddishe house with a big mezuzah, I pray to Hashem. I’m not talking to the house! I’m asking Hashem that He should give all the wonderful Jews who live here a good day, a wonderful day.

And when I bless Yidden, I am doing the ratzon Hashem, and Hashem blesses me.

So next time you see someone and say “Good morning” to him, don’t just say it because it’s the right thing to do; say it and think that you’re really giving this person a brachah; you’re davening to Hashem that this person should have a wonderful day. And when you say “Good night,” to your father and mother before you go to sleep, you should be thinking, “I hope Hashem gives you a very good night!” And just like Hashem promised Avraham — וְאַבְרָהָם מְבָרְכֶיךָ “I will bless those who bless the Am Yisroel!” — so will you be blessed with everything good!

**Have a Wonderful Shabbos!**

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