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HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY MAZEL?

What is mazel and how can we improve our mazel?

We know 2 things about 'mazel' –that the 'mazel' of a yid is at its peak in the month of Adar. This year we have 2 Adars, so we have 60 days of great mazel. So if a Yid has to go to court with a goy, he should try to postpone the court date till Adar, because the Yid's mazel is so much better this month.

In addition, the Gemara writes, if a person wants his plants to grow, he should plant in Adar. Soro Tova explained that this also means, any investments, any relationship we are working on, career, increasing limud Torah-all should be started this month. You have more of a chance of being successful in whatever endeavor you undertake, if you start in Adar.

Haman also knew about mazel. He chose to annihilate the Yidden in the month of Adar, because he thought since there were no yomim tovim in Adar, they had no merits in this month and that Adar did not have good mazel for the yidden. This was the darkest time in history for the Yidden, because this is the only time, that all the Yidden lived in 1 area-the empire of Persia. So if Haman's plan would have been successful, chas v'shalom, it would have meant the end of the Jewish nation.

Another reason Haman HaRosho thought he would succeed, was because he saw that our greatest leader had died in Adar, so he thought that would have a negative power on the Yidden. He did not realize that Moshe Rabbeinu was born in Adar and therefore, our mazel is great in Adar.

The mazel of Adar is a fish. And Haman thought that just as the fish swallow up other fish, so too the Yidden can get swallowed up by others. But Hashem said, yes it is true that sometimes fish swallow other fish, but sometimes, a bigger fish will come and swallow up the fish that was ready to swallow those smaller fish.

In the story of Purim, all seemed hopeless for the Yidden. There was no way out for the Yidden. They seemed doomed. On one side of the coin was Haman and on one side was Mordechai hazaddik. And Haman was on top of the coin. But all that needed to be done, was turn the coin over and put Mordechai on top, which is what Hashem did, V'nahapochu. In the month of Adar, everything got turned around. What tipped the scale in our favor? The birthday of Moshe Rabbeinu, zayin Adar. Why? Because the day a Yid is born, is a 'mazeltik' day for him. And Moshe Rabbeinu was such a big tzaddik that his birthday is not only powerful for himself, it empowers the Yidden, not just on zayin Adar, but throughout the whole month. His birthday permeates the whole month.

"Moshe who Yisroel, Yisroel who Moshe." Moshe Rabbeinu's neshama contains all our neshamos. So if his mazel is strong in Adar, our mazel is also strong in Adar.

How do we make our mazel stronger in Adar? Soro Tova says, “chap around”. Firstly tap into simcha-mi shanichnos adar marbim b’simcha” there is a power to simcha. Why? Because simcha has the ability to tune into the mazel of adar and turn the negative forces around. The simcha of Adar turns the coin upside down and puts Mordechai on top. Through our mazel , we can turn negative decrees upside down.

On a deeper level, what is mazel. It needs to be defined. We know it says, “yain mazel l’yisroel”. The goyim are under the constellations and they are their flow from the sun, moon and stars. But the Yidden are above that and get their flow straight from Hashem. The source of our mazel is in the ‘yain” the source is in our own very own neshama. Our neshama is partly connected to our body, but the MAJORITY of our neshama hovers over our body and that majority sees Hashem clearly.

The source of our neshama, is our powerpoint, the place that the ‘yain ode milvado’ there is no one else besides Hashem, from the point of ‘yesh mayin” the same ‘yain” from that nothingness comes everything. Everything stems from ‘yain”, the ‘yain ‘ is pure Hashem. Hashem Achod U’SHTO ACHAD. It is an open power, not concealed. We need to tap into it and that takes us from ‘chayil al chayil’. It is where Moshe Rabbeinu resides, where all the tzaddikim live.

There were Yivrim who went to the King’s party and there were Yehudim who didn’t go. When the decree was brought down on the Jews, the Yehudim who had listened to Mordechai and had not gone to the party, could have said, let’s become secular and save our children. If we stay frum, we will all die. But they didn’t do that, even the Yivrim , the secular Jews who had gone to the party, became Yehudim. They all had mesiros Nefesh. We see throughout our long history, that many times, Yidden were willing to be moser Nefesh, to die on Kiddish Hashem-it was a one moment experience.

But in Purim, this mesiros Nefesh was a whole year. Every day, for a year, every Yid had to rethink his commitment to Yiddishkeit. The knife was over their head for a whole year. For a whole year, ‘lo olo lohem machshova chutz”-they never faltered, then never thought foreign thoughts.

Purim was an unbelievable display of mesiros Nefesh that we can never fathom. This is an expression of the source of a Yid’s neshama and what we call mazel. The mazel of the yid at that time was so strong. The essence of their neshama was felt so strongly it brought out in them incredible mesiros Nefesh.

Why was their mazal so strong? Because it was chodesh Adar and Moshe Rabbeinu’s birth permeated the month and aroused our mazel . Because of Moshe Rabbeinu, the Yidden were able to do what they did.

This is a lesson for us, even today. To strengthen our mazel, to tap into the power that is already there because of Moshe Rabbeinu’s birth. This has to fuel us now. And our job is to live on Kiddish Hashem, not just to use it to die on Kiddush Hashem.

We need to live with the same intensity that the yidden throughout the generations were willing to die for.

Our ancestors, are watching us in our daily life. Our Bubby's and our Zeidy's for generations back, are our cheerleaders. They are watching us from the sidelines and saying "Go, Go, Go". They want us to connect to our 'mazel'-to the source of our neshama and say Hashem Achod U'shmos Achad. They are pushing us forward , pushing us to yimos hamoshiach where everything has been prepared for us.

Moshe Rabbeinu sent us messages-be strong, be b'simcha, I am here for you. Use everything in this world towards this purpose. Take advantage of this month of Adar.