



he decided to attend the Rebbe's *Shabbos Hagadol Derashah*. He pushed himself forward so that he could get a good look at this great Rebbe that everyone talked about.

At first Berel didn't really understand anything the Rebbe was saying, but he was happy that he had the zechus to see him... However, at a certain point, after the Rebbe had discussed some halachah, kabbalah and chassidut, the Rebbe started to translate the Haggada word by word into Yiddish. And when the Rebbe came to the words of Vanitz'ak el Hashem... he entered into some type of a trance, in a state of tremendous deveikut, and then said, "Don't think that this "Vanitz'ak" was only in Mitzrayim; it wasn't only in Mitzrayim that the Jews cried out to Hashem and He answered them. This could – and does – happen even today! Every year on Pesach night there are tremendous hashpa'ot of mercy that come down to the world! And we should take advantage of them. If when we will say these words in the Haggada, we will pray to Hashem and scream these words of Vanitz'ak, and cry out to Him as the Jews did in Mitzrayim, Hashem will surely answer us! A Jew who needs children should scream and shout out these words to Hashem for it! A Jew who needs parnassah should scream to Hashem for it; a Jew who has trouble paying the portiz his rent money should scream to Hashem for it! That's all Berel had to hear! He was so excited!

When he finally came home, and his wife asked him what the Rebbe told him and what berachah he received, he answered, "You don't have to worry about a thing; the Rebbe told me exactly what to do and when the time comes I will let you know and you will see!" The first night of Pesach came and the Seder looked pretty much what it looked like every other year, but when they reaches Vanitz'ak, Berel explained that the louder they scream, the greater the chance that they we will be answered! "If we scream really loud the Ribono shel Olam will answer us and we will have the money to give to the portiz!

Berel and his wife screamed louder than they ever had before! They shouted and repeated this passuk again and again! Then, suddenly, they were interrupted by some banging on the window that startled them. Berel opened the door and saw a gentile who lived close by. "Hi Berel; I am sorry if I woke you up." "Berel, can I come in? I have a big problem." Once he came in he explained that he got into a fight with a different guy and he pushed him off the roof and he died. "I have to run for my life, and I want to leave you something. Here are two pots filled with gold coins. If I run off and they spot me at the border with all this gold, it will arouse the border guards and will figure that I am running off. Now since I saw your house was lit and heard you screaming I realized that you were up so I came to say goodbye. But I have a favor to ask of you: Take these two pots of gold. If I come back I will take one and you can keep

one; if I don't come back, they're both yours!" Berel tried reasoning with Borris, that if he returned he should take back both pots, but Borris insisted that this is what he wants!

Berel had his answer! The Ribono shel Olam answered him! The first day of Chol Hamoed, Berel went to pay his rent to the portiz, who was very pleased. Then the portiz told him that he wanted to make Berel an offer: instead of having to pay rent every few months, he offered to sell the tavern to Berel at a very low price, that it should be totally his! Of course, now he had the money! He used most of the money of one of the pots to pay for it. "Wow," said Berel, "Our screaming of Vanitz'ak must have really gone far!"

His wife said that they must go back to thank the Apta Rav. They decided to churn some butter and bring it to the Apta Rav as a present along with a few coins for tzedakah. After they came and were let in, they presented their gift to the Rebbe. Everyone was standing around beholding this interesting sight: "Why I am privileged for such a special gift?" asked the Rebbe.

"What do you mean?" said Berel, "You told me what to do and gave me the advice that saved my life!" Everyone seemed perplexed: what berachah; what advice? Berel never ended up speaking with the Rebbe.

Berel explained, "By the *Shabbos Hagadol Derashah* the Rebbe was talking to me, when you said that if there's a Jew who needs money to pay the portiz his rent money, he should scream to Hashem by Vanitz'ak and he'll get help! So we and my wife really screamed by Vanitz'ak and we were helped right away! The Rebbe smiled and said, "Berel, yes, I was talking to you by the *Shabbos Hagadol derashah*, and I was also talking to everyone who was there; and for that matter I had in mind that every Jew in all future generations: that when the author of the Haggadah writes that when we cried out to Hashem He heard our voices and brought our salvation, this is a message that on Pesach night it is a very opportune time for our tefillot to be answered. And if only we can have that same level of emunah and bitachon that you had, Berel, with those words, we would also be saved from all our problems. Berel, you proved a point: It's not the berachah, the advice or the kvitel money; it's the emunah and bitachon that brings the yeshuah!"

The Apta Rav thanked Berel for the butter and invited him to stay with him for the rest of Yom Tov with him.

There are many accounts – even in our times – of people who have experienced salvations, and were blessed with children after being married many years and with miraculous healing! The power of tefila from the depths of the heart is always answered as Dovid Hamelech says

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת מִמַּעְמְקִים קְרָאתֶיךָ ה' אֵלֹהֵינוּ

:"A song of ascents. From the depths I have called You, O Lord. O Lord, hearken to my voice; may Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. (Tehilim 130:1-2). And his prayers were always answered.

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