





# Focus on Middos

Dear Talmid,  
 Have you ever heard of the *Hep-Hep* riots? Most likely, the term *Hep-Hep* was the sound that was used to round up the people, similar to the typical call of the shepherd to his flock. The riots began in Würzburg on August 2nd, 1819, sweeping through various other Bavarian towns and villages, before spreading to Bamberg, Bayreuth, Darmstadt, Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Koblenz, Cologne and other cities along the Rhine, reaching as far north as Bremen, Hamburg and Lübeck. Many Jews were killed and much Jewish property was destroyed. *Ettlinger* was a *בחור* when they occurred. At the time, he had to jump out a window to escape bodily harm.

*Ettlinger* also lived through other difficult periods in Jewish history. After the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 and the great famine of 1816-17, he had to battle the beginning of the Reform movement. None of these events stopped *Ettlinger* from dedicating every fiber of his being to build *תורה* and serve *ישראל*. He opened *ישיבות* in every town in which he was a *רב*. His close *תלמידים* included two of the great leaders

of the next generation of German Jewry, *Hirsch* and *Zumbil*, *אברהם שמואל*, what he should do with his wealth, *יעקב* was that he should support a *Klaus*, a *בוגל*. This was readily done and the 400,000 marks supported a group of *תלמידי חכמים* until WWII.

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*Ettlinger* was considered one of the most influential *רבנים* of his era. Yet, he wrote in his will that no one should refer to him as a *צדיק*, there should be no *הקפידים*, *eulogies*, and all praises should be omitted from his *מצבה*, tombstone, which should mention only his name, the years of his service as *אב בית דין* of Altona, and the titles of his *ספרים*.

My *תלמיד*, when understanding the turbulent time *יעקב* lived, his *קסירת* together with his love for *תורה* and realizing his modesty, is it any wonder that *תורה* has been accepted as one of basic classics to use as an aid when learning any of the *מסכתות* on which he wrote?

יהי זכרו ברוך!

רבי Your, *בגידות*

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# Sage Sayings

The *neighborhood*, home of *צ"ל*, was built through the efforts of *יעקב יקוב עטלינגער צ"ל* and his *תלמידים*. On the 1st day of *חג*, at the annual *זכרון חיים* that *יעקב* made for *זינו נשמה האט געוואוסט צו געבן אַ גאנצען ערוך לנר און שרייבן*, he noted, *יעקב יוקב זינו נשמה האט געוואוסט צו געבן אַ גאנצען ערוך לנר און שרייבן* and write on 8 *אויף אַכט מסכתות* — *His knew to name his ערוך לנר* — which is 8 days. This day he brings his brilliant *ספר* to *מעלה* של *ישיבה*.

Source: Men of Distinction

# Understanding Davening

ועל הנסים... ועל הנחמות...

[We thank You...] for the miracles ... for the consolations (comforting)...

What are we referring to when we thank *די* for the *consolations/comforting*? The *נחמה* explains the word *נחמה* in *קדיש* to mean the soothing prophecies of *נביאים* that the *נביאים* discuss regarding the world in the days of *משיח*. Here too, in *נחמה*, the meaning is similar. We give thanks to *די* not only for the miracles that we experienced, but also for the consoling prophecies that helped us to live through those tough times. When we remember that *די* promises us that we will never be destroyed and that He will always be watching over us, then we do not feel alone or lost, even during the most challenging times.

לעיני ר' משה צבי בן הר"י טוביה הלוי צ"ל



# This Week in History

20th *קטיל* 5656 / 2005 – R' Tzvi Hirsh Ze'ev Paley (5671 / 1911 – 5656 / 2005), was born in Shklov, Lithuania, to the *תלמידים* of the Alter of Slabodka and a close *תלמיד* of *ברוך ליבוביץ צ"ל* when *יעקב* was fourteen. His father became the *משגיח* in *תורה* and *ירושלים* with his lifelong friend *יעקב*, whom he considered his *מבקר* and *מורה דרך*.

*יעקב* was the last surviving member of the *תורה* community following the 5689 / 1929 riots. The Paley family was miraculously spared when an Arab hid them in a cellar under the house of *יעקב סרגא צ"ל*, who was in *ירושלים* at the time. When the murderers came to the house, the Arab told them no one was there, and they moved on. The few survivors of the pogrom moved to *ירושלים*, where they re-established *תורה* in the *תורה* neighborhood.

In 1965, he married *מנוחה*, the daughter of *יעקב פיינשטיין*. She was one of the first *תלמידות* of Sara Schenirer and served as a *תלמידת* of *יעקב* for over six decades, both in *תל אביב* and in *ירושלים*. They moved to *תל אביב* where *יעקב* studied in *תל אביב*, founded by his father. He later became *תלמיד* at *תל אביב*.

R' Paley was totally devoted to his students, and his house was open to them at all times. R' Paley was renowned as a *תלמיד*, and for many years he was the *משגיח* for *תורה* during the *משיח* also ran a one-man *תורה* operation. He distributed funds to thousands of families before *תורה*, without their ever discovering who had helped them. Some of his *תורה* have been compiled and published as *תורה*.

ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE THERE LIVED A DISTURBED PERSON KNOWN AS 'THE PROFESSOR.' HE WAS A HARMLESS FELLOW WHO IMAGINED HE WAS BOTH A MEDICAL GENIUS AND A HIGH-RANKING ARMY OFFICIAL.

STAND AT ATTENTION! ... YOU MUST RESPECT RANK!

POOR MAN, JUST IGNORE HIM! HE COMES HERE DAILY...

HOSPITAL

THE PROFESSOR WAS A FAMILIAR FACE IN THE HOME OF R' MOSHE SHISGAL ZT"l. HE WOULD JOIN THE FAMILY FOR MEALS, AND THEY WOULD PREPARE FOOD FOR HIM TO TAKE WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE GOING.

"YOM SHABBOSON AIN LISHKOACH...V'SHOM YONUCHU YES'EI KOACH... YONAH MATZA..."



THE PROFESSOR HAD BROUGHT A TRANSISTOR RADIO, WHICH HE WAS PROUDLY SHOWING OFF. HE TURNED THE RADIO TO THE HIGHEST VOLUME AND WAS SWITCHING FROM STATION TO STATION.



A TALMID ONCE VISITED R' SHISGAL'S HOME AND FOUND HIS REBBI HAD COMPANY...

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PROFESSOR...OH! I MUST EXPLAIN: I CALL HIM THE PROFESSOR, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT HE WANTS TO BE CALLED!



THE LOUD NOISE WAS DISTURBING R' SHISGAL AND HIS TALMID, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THE HEART TO DAMPEN THE MAN'S SPIRITS BY ASKING HIM TO TURN THE RADIO OFF. SUDDENLY, RAV SHISGAL HAD AN IDEA...

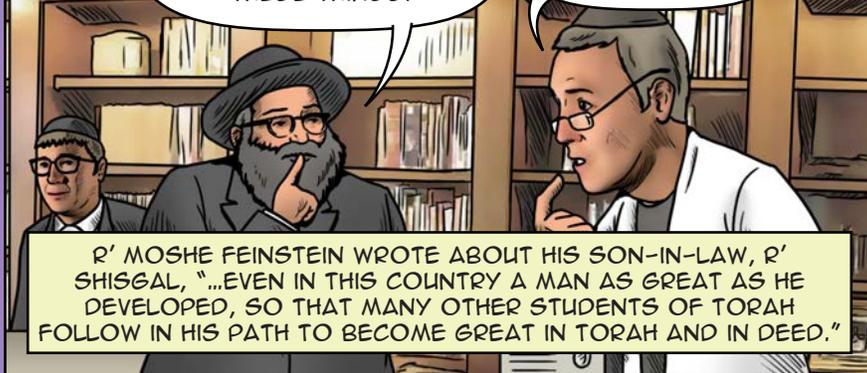
PROFESSOR, ARE THESE MILITARY SECRETS THAT I HEAR?

THIS IS A MILITARY RADIO AND IT BROADCASTS MILITARY SECRETS!



WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY. I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE HEARING THESE THINGS.

OY! RABBI, MY APOLOGIES! YOU ARE RIGHT!



R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN WROTE ABOUT HIS SON-IN-LAW, R' SHISGAL, "...EVEN IN THIS COUNTRY A MAN AS GREAT AS HE DEVELOPED, SO THAT MANY OTHER STUDENTS OF TORAH FOLLOW IN HIS PATH TO BECOME GREAT IN TORAH AND IN DEED."

R' ELIYOHU MOSHE SHISGAL זצ"ל WAS BORN IN SLUTSK, WHITE RUSSIA, TO R' AVRAHAM YITZCHOK AND CHARNA. WHEN HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD HE EMIGRATED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE USA. AT THE AGE OF 11, HIS PARENTS SENT HIM TO STUDY IN YESHIVA TORAH VODAATH. HE LEARNED HARD AND, AT A YOUNG AGE, WAS PROMOTED TO THE YESHIVA'S HIGHEST SHIUR, THAT OF THE ROSH YESHIVAH, R' SHLOMO HEIMAN זצ"ל, WHERE HE QUICKLY BECAME HIS PRIZE TALMID. AT 21, HE MARRIED FAYA GITTEL, DAUGHTER OF R' MOSHE FEINSTEIN זצ"ל. A SHORT WHILE LATER HE BECAME A MAGGID SHIUR IN TORAH VODAATH. HE ALWAYS CARRIED A SEFER. HIS LEARNING, TZIDKUS AND DAVENING ARE LEGENDARY.

