

## אמור מעט ועשה הרבה

Moshe Leib began summer Zman 5766 in Eretz Yisroel dividing his time between his small Yeshiva and his third psychologist to date. He'd been blood tested lambasted and expelled from the Yeshiva dorm due to his inexplicable fatigue and apathy.

Moshe Leib confided in me that he's up all night going all kinds of stuff. I was appointed to tutor him morning seder and quickly learned that Moshe Leib wielded immense כוחות. Like most bochurim. Hundreds or thousands of bochurim flounder their way through high school lost in the obscurity at the middle of the class. The metzuyanim get the Rebbe's עיקר attention and they end up by the Briskers or Rav Asher shlita etc. (Many of them despite this attention not because of it). Moshe Leib's type continues on to Israel and encounters the same kind of situation they slept through in high school.

Mechanchim are usually תלמידי חכמים but even גאונות doesn't necessitate teaching skills. Moshe Leib's type has experienced little achievement in the beis medrash hence sorely lacks in self esteem and self confidence facing an open gemara. Rav Uziel Milevesky zt"l taught how the Kohanim lit the menorah in the Beis Hamikdash. בהעלותך. Suspend the fire above the wick and let it reach up and catch the flame. Independence. I heard Rav Asher's shiurim for five years. Whenever I pressed him to clarify points from shiur he'd refuse to spell things out completely. For two years I had the zchus of watching Rav Naftoli Kaplan shlita inspire his talmidim to be mechaven to Rishonim and Achronim..

No spoonfeeding.

Think.

You work it out.

For twenty two years I heard the awesome silence of Rav Moshe Shapiro zatzal's shiurim. He would respond "אסור להגיד" when talmidim pried for more than he was willing to reveal. Rookies would complain, "But he didn't answer his own question!"

Moshe Leib didn't סתם need personal attention. He needed to be shown his כוחות. I made him read everything. Look everything up. Know shakla v'tarya baal peh before shiur. Keep a running memory of shakla v'tarya the entire Z'man from daf beis. He was in seder on time and quickly became the heartbeat of the beis medrash. The Rosh Yeshiva there told me it's just my personality. He's wrong. The recipe is simple. Exert g'vura. Don't spoonfeed. Make the bochur work. Ruthlessly provide him with a quality education.

On the oral farher at the end of the zman the best guy in yeshiva, a second year bochur, answered ten questions correctly. Moshe Leib - forty (guess who needs the psychologist now). His mother cried, and said, "Thank you for an entirely new son". Today he's a metzuyan. Rabbosy. Have rachmanus on Klal Yisroel. Don't smother our נרות with your חכמה.