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Hearing a Shiur vs. Building the Skills

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I remember once finishing a shiur given by my Rebbe, HaRav Nochum Lansky שליט״א. A bochur who frequented the shiur asked a jarring question — one that, unfortunately, made it clear he was greatly lacking in comprehension of the topic at hand. My Rebbe is amazing and said, as he usually did, "I hear," and gently nodded to the bochur — not dismissing him, but at the same time not ingratiating him with further dialogue.

There is no question that there is value in hearing a shiur or a shmooze. There is even value in just sitting before such a great person, even while hardly understanding him, just to see how he conducts himself. But at the same point, there is a side to say that if you spend that time working on establishing more skills, you might be able to reach the point where you can understand that shiur. There are many angles to this.

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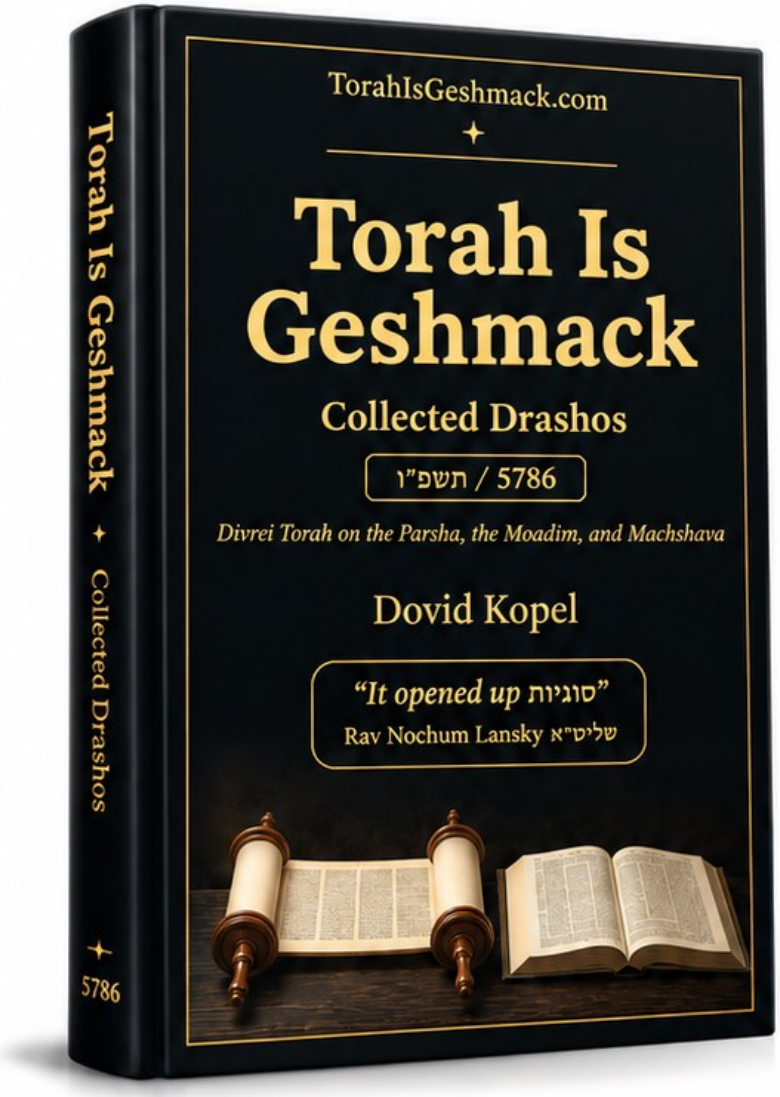
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