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Nachas, Not Pride

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There was a short conversation I had with my wife that stayed with me. I said that we as Yidden are not really "proud of our children." I said that there is no such term in לשון הקודש (*the holy tongue*). She challenged me on that.

What came out of the conversation was that in English, "proud" comes from "pride." A parent looks at a child's accomplishments and feels a certain sense of satisfaction, achievement, even pride. But the expression we use is different. We say that a child gives us נחת (*deep joy and satisfaction*). That itself is very telling.

נחת comes from נח (*rest*, *ease*, *comfort*). When our children are walking on the straight path and growing in their עבודת השם, what they give us is not "pride" in the English sense. They give us comfort — the inner ease of knowing that we are doing our job as parents, helping bring them up with the right values, the right direction, and the right foundation.

Maybe that is the difference. Pride is about how their success reflects on me. נחת is about the comfort and quiet joy of seeing a child grow into who he is meant to be. May הקב״ה bentch us to have much נחת from our children, and may He help us inspire them to keep growing in תורה and עבודת השם; and through that avodah, may we be זוכה to welcome משיח צדקנו במהרה בימינו.

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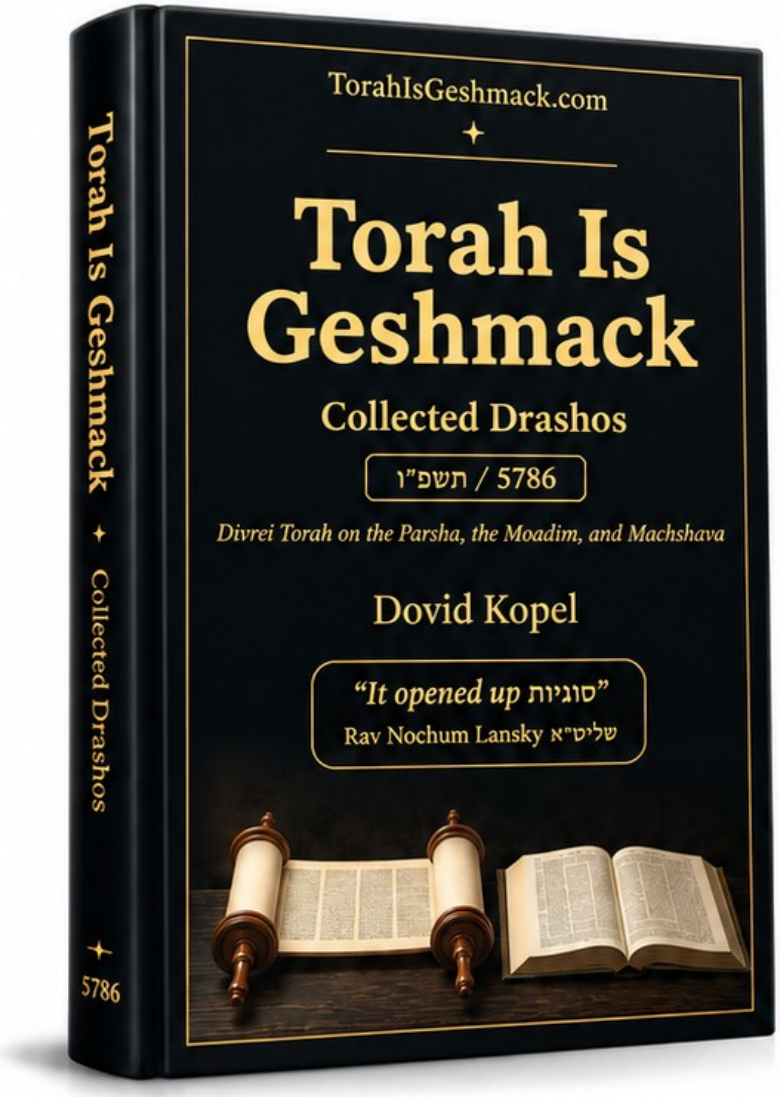
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