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Simcha Is Not Levity

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As we enter חדש אדר, a time when we should be engaging in and increasing our שמחה, let us remind ourselves what שמחה is. Simcha is not שחוק (*frivolous laughter*). It is not קלות ראש (*levity*). Simcha is a deep and refined sense of completion.

Have fun and enjoy חדש אדר and the upcoming יום טוב of פורים. But don't for a second lose sight of the great קדושה and the opportunity we have to grow together during this time. So let's be בשמחה with קדושה.

I used to make a partial joke: you should be limited to a number of glasses of wine equal to the number of דפים (*folios*) you learned that day — but that is quite the exaggeration. The point stands, though: if you are מדקדק (*meticulous*) with your mitzvos, then drinking on פורים should be the same. Let me rephrase: you should be מדקדק with all of your mitzvos. Let drinking on פורים be a proper representation of how careful you are with all mitzvos, not merely the "fun ones." A gutten chodesh!

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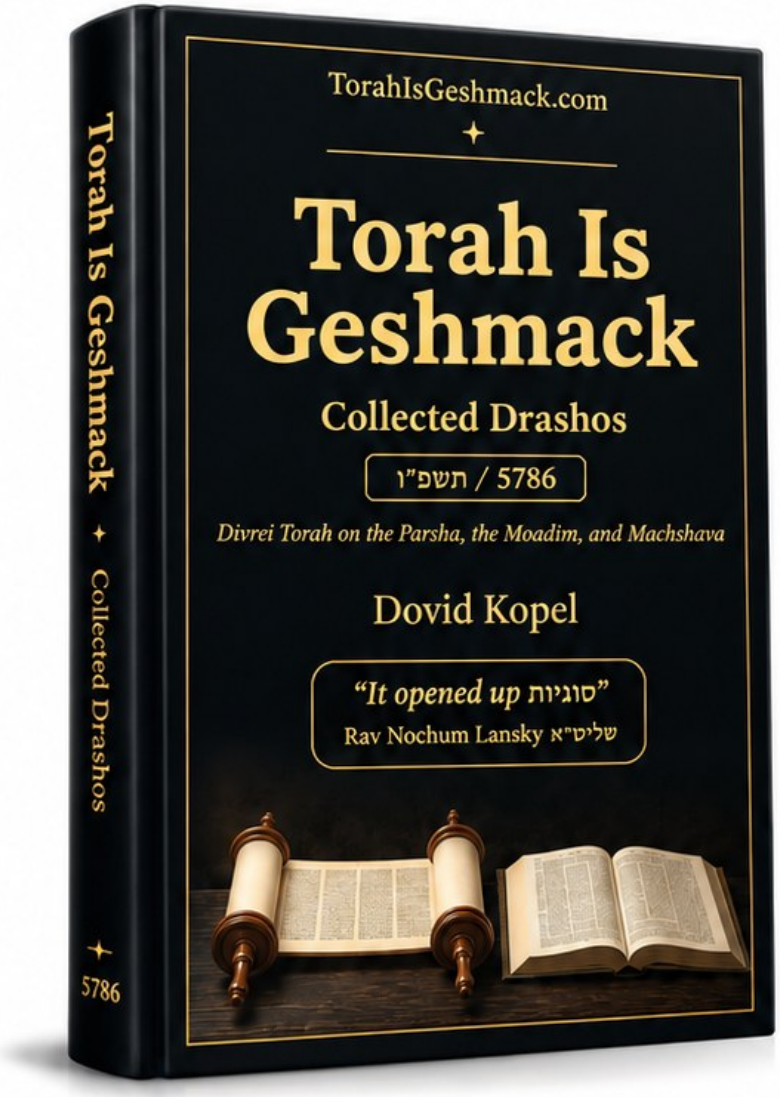
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