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Well, I Was Scared

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When I recently visited my Rebbe, HaRav Nochum Lansky שליט״א, he recounted a story about the Rosh Yeshiva זצ״ל, the בעל עבודת לוי, Rav Ruderman.

I told Rebbe that whenever he recounted a story about either Rosh Yeshiva — Rav Ruderman, and Rav Shmuel Yaakov Weinberg זצ״ל as well — there was such a fear in his voice. I said that I had trouble relating to it, because what I felt from Rebbe was only אהבה (*love*) and genuine kindness.

He looked at me and said, "Well, I was scared."

I regret not being fully honest.

The truth is that whenever I said a פשט (*a proposed reading*) to Rebbe, I was scared. Scared that he would disapprove of my approach. Or worse, that he would simply nod and smile, for fear of hurting my feelings.

I think that the fear and awe of תלמידי חכמים (*Torah scholars*) might be something affected by ירידות הדורות (*the decline of the generations*) or my own lacking.

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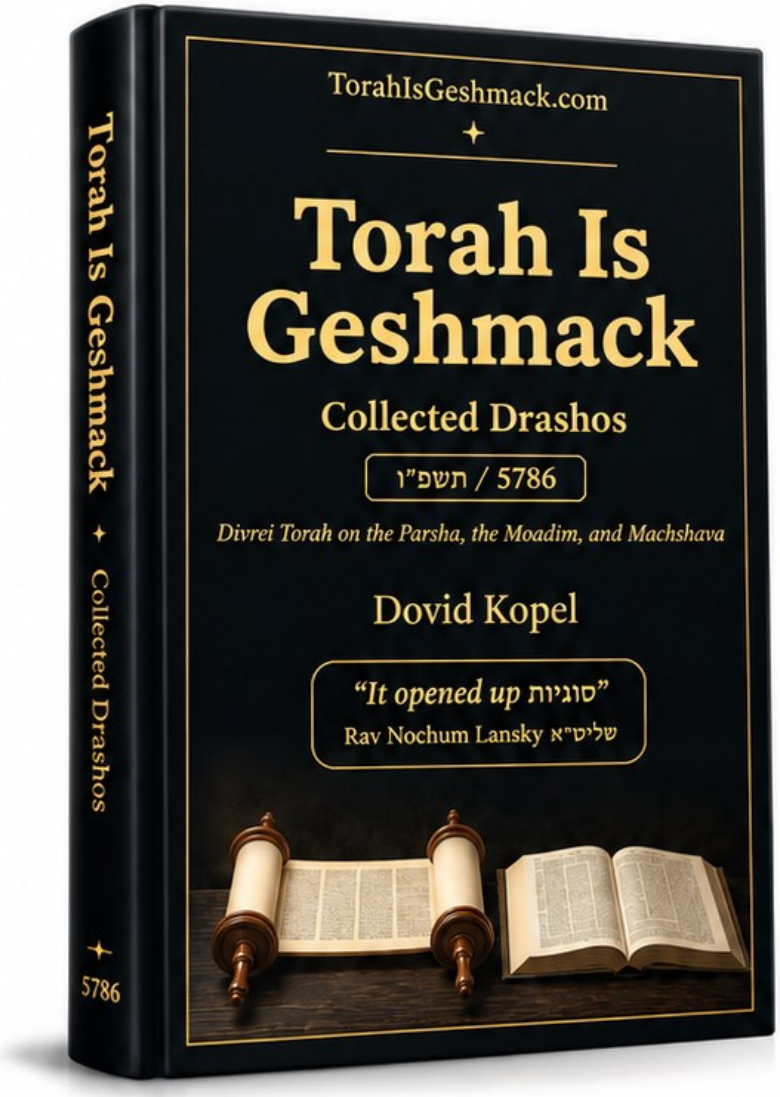
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