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What Should I Learn on Shavuos

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As Shavuos approaches, I've been asked by a few people, "What should I learn?" I'll tell you what my great Rebbe told me. He said:

> גמר מה שלבו חפץ

Learn what your heart desires. It's a hard balance. As בני תורה (*people rooted in Torah*) and בני עליה (*people striving upward*), we want to balance between learning what we find geshmack and learning what is good for us. We need to learn הלכה, השקפה (*outlook*), and become well-rounded.

And yes — if you are just starting out in your journey in תורה, I would say: focus on what you love. Focus on what gets you into the chair with excitement for learning. I will not pretend that I have always found every single דף of גמרא, every סעיף in שולחן ערוך, or even every chapter of רמח״ל equally exciting.

But I remember once, it was פרשת בשלח, and I went over to my Rebbe and said, "It's such a geshmack פרשה." He smiled a huge smile and whispered to me: "They all are." I felt stupid. Of course they all are. Because if you are really getting the depth of תורה, it is all geshmack.

It reminds me of one תשעה באב when I was learning מועד קטן, the sugya about אבילות (*mourning*). I tried to learn it simply, the way one is supposed to on תשעה באב. But then I had a strong דיוק (*precise inference*) in רש״י, and I enjoyed it. It was geshmack. And I felt bad. I told my Rebbe, "I enjoyed learning on תשעה באב." He said: "You did nothing wrong. פִּקּוּדֵי ה׳ יְשָׁרִים מְשַׂמְּחֵי לֵב — the commands of Hashem are straight, gladdening the heart. That is the nature of תורה." If you are doing it right, you will enjoy it.

So yes, we need to be well-rounded. We need to know הלכה and תנ״ך, and we need to learn things that may not come as naturally to us as others. But on Shavuos, when we are receiving this amazing תורה, make it a sure thing. Put a smile on your face. Pick something that will remind you just how sweet תורה is. May we all be זוכה to feel that sweetness, and to receive the תורה once again.

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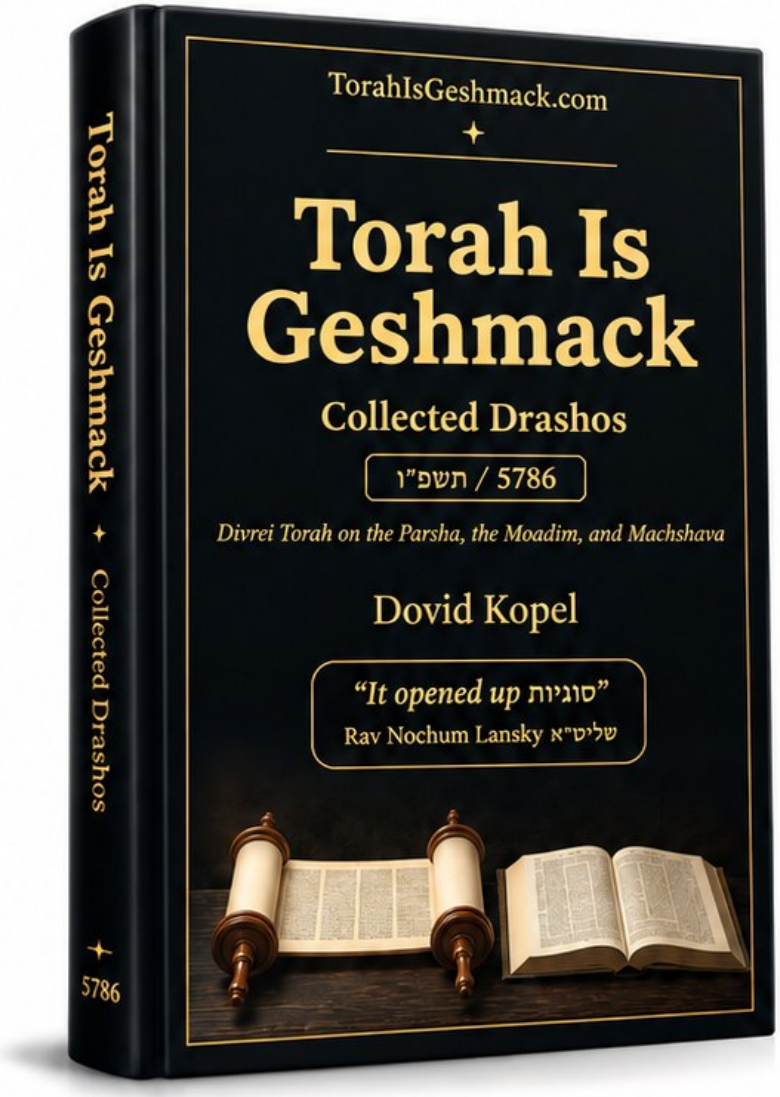
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