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When the Lights Go Out: Loving the Daily

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So the lights are not burning bright this evening any longer. We always need to look here and now, as well as to the future. Now we are holding a few days away from a fast day — the longest stretch of time without a מועד (*a festival*), which we just passed. The dark winter, מרחשון.

We should all take in the light that we were זוכה (*merit*) to experience for eight days and soak it up. Let that shine through until פורים, the next יום טוב (*festival*). But realize: we don't need the קדושה (*holiness*) of a יום טוב to feel special. Don't forget that שבת is more special!

It is easy to overlook the things we experience day in and day out. I like to point out an idea from my Rebbe, Rav Shraga Neuberger שליט״א: the רמב״ם places the things we perform on a daily basis in ספר אהבה, because the things we do daily we should love — knowing, of course, that it is the challenge of human beings to "tune out" and become used to, and less enthusiastic about, the things we do daily.

That is where we must put the emphasis. These are things we should *love*. Our תפילות (*prayers*) should be special; our תפילין should be something elevating. Don't let the things we do daily become mundane. Don't be a statistic — rise above and make every day קודש (*holy*)!

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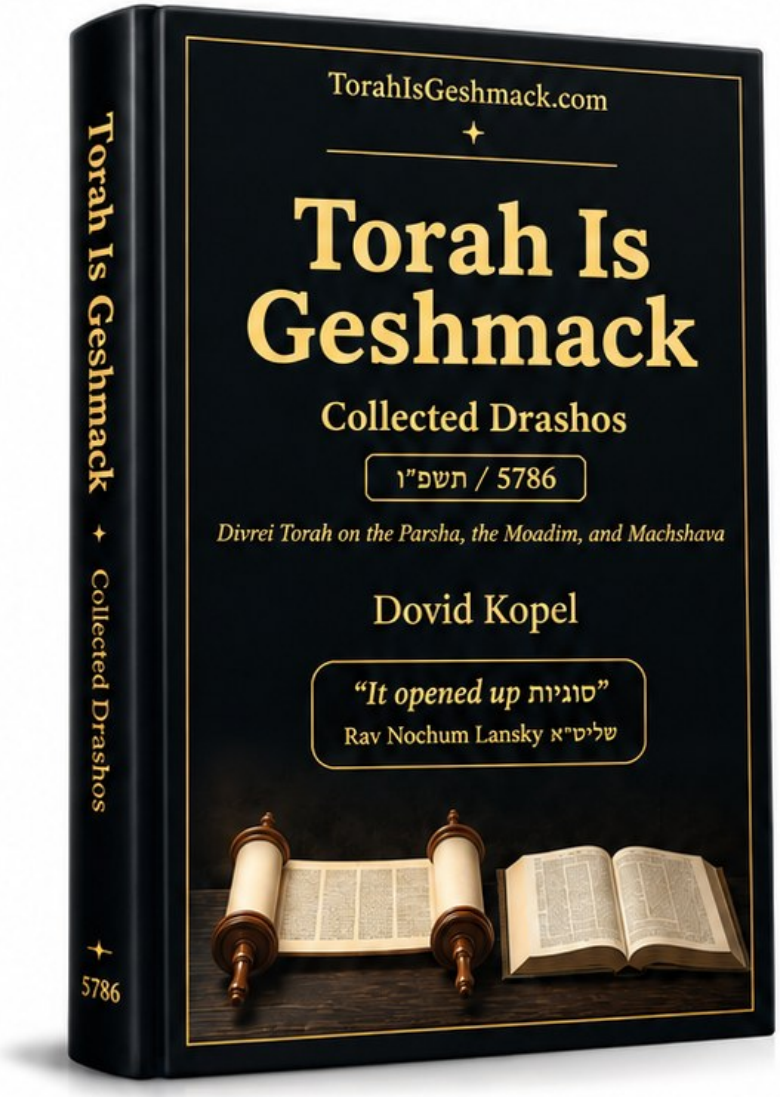
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