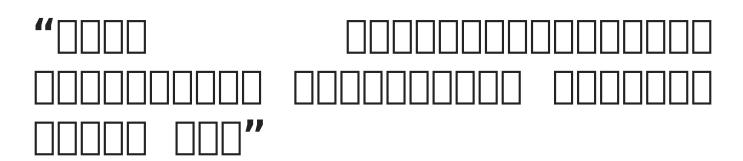
The unappreciated mitzvah

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"SECLUDED AND IMPROVISED PRAYER [IN ONES NATIVE TONGUE] IS THE GREATEST ASSET AND HIGHER THAN EVERYTHING

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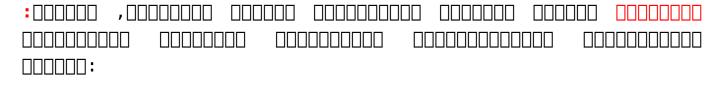
"The biggest lie in Torah tradition is that [only] at the end of [performing] all the mitzvos, and all its stringencies is when you reach D'veikus" — Rabbi Doniel Katz

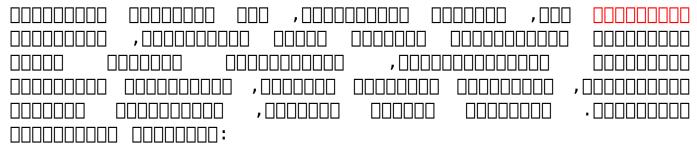
The truth is exactly the opposite. We have a direct relationship with Hashem. The mitzvos help us broaden, deepen, strengthen and intensify that supernatural relationship that we already have. I like to compare it to the time between Passover and Shavuot. The Arizal says that on the first night of Passover we attain tremendous [[[[]]]], consciousness. Then we lose it, because our bodies are insufficient vessels to hold the light. The avodah (work) of Sefirat Haomer is Tikkun Hamiddos, to build the proper emotional fortitude to get back to the place that we already reached.

My friends, I don't need to tell you that, since our Holy temple has been destroyed, we have lost the forest in the

trees. We are so bogged down by mitzvah *performance* that we've almost totally lost the mitzvah *experience*. □

Take a stand! Don't settle for the monotonous, boring, and unfulfilling mitzvah observance. We have the ability to connect within us. Maybe, as a suggestion, together we can create a powerful collective consciousness by trying to have a bit of extra intent when we make the blessing in the morning on learning Torah?





Roughly translated — Hashem, our God, King of the universe, You are the source of all blessing, and You uplifted us with the mitzvah of studying Torah. Please make the words of Torah sweet in our mouths, so that we and all our future progeny know Your name and learn Your Torah for its own sake. You are the source of all blessing, Hashem, who teaches Torah to His nation, Israel. Amen!

Torah and mitzvos are sweet because we can transcend through them. It sure is not automatic, but it's also not impossible. We can know Hashem's name. That is a blissful state.

Let's go!

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