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Baruch Shekivanti: The Torah Is Not Mine Alone

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My Rebbe once said something very honest. There were times he wanted to be the only one to say a certain thought. And then, when he later found that someone else had already said it, he was comforted.

That says something very deep. A person can want both. He can want the sweetness of feeling that he uncovered something new in תורה, and he can also feel relief in seeing that the thought was already there before him. It means that what he saw was real. It means he was touching something true.

And maybe that is part of what is hidden inside ברוך שכוונתי (*blessed that I intended correctly*). Not only relief that I was not wrong, but relief that this תורה is not mine alone. I am happy that I thought of it, but I am also comforted to know that it was already there before me. That does not take away from the beauty of the insight. If anything, it places it in its proper setting.

Torah is infinite. There are endless openings, endless angles, endless depths. But many people have also said many things. Being the first to say something is not everything. A person can always still have his חידוש, his own dimension, his own way of opening the idea. And even when something is not completely novel, there is still something beautiful about reliving it and teaching it to others.

Sometimes the greatness is not in being the first to say it. Sometimes the greatness is in being the one who truly lives it, understands it, and gives it over in a way that brings it alive for someone else. That too is part of תורה. May we be זוכה to say ברוך שכוונתי often, and to feel the שמחה of learning Hashem's תורה!

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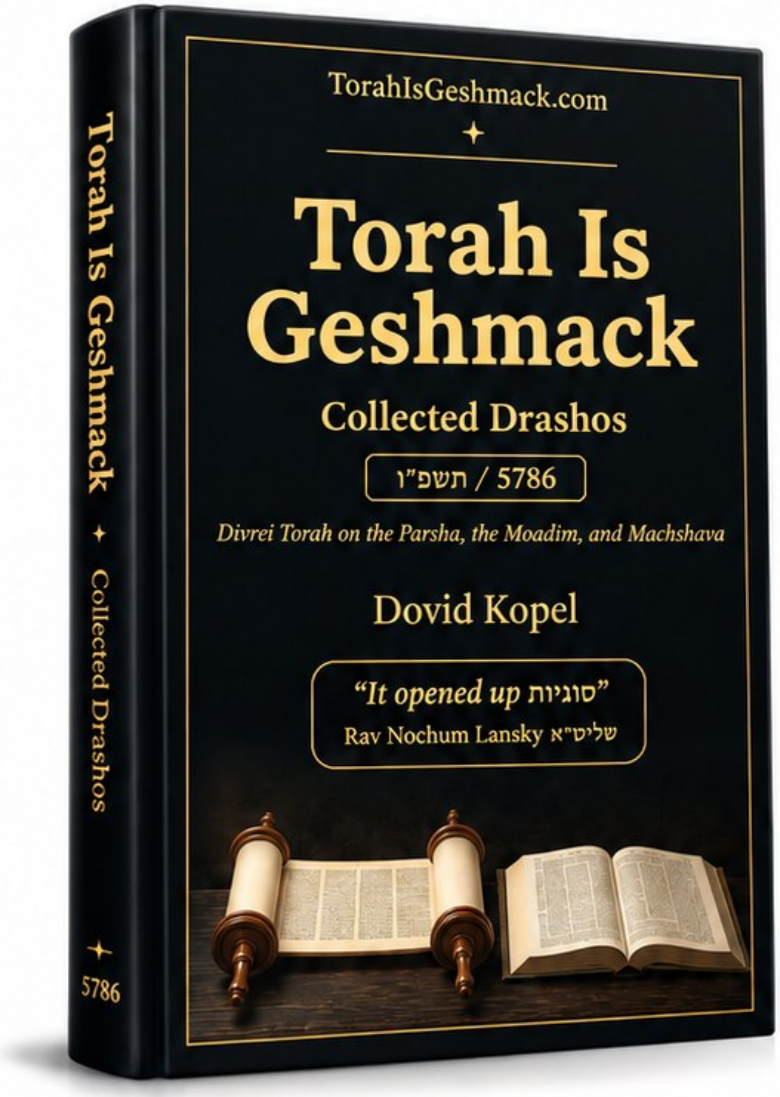
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