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It's More Geshmack This Way: A Caught Chumra

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I was once privileged to eat a meal by the tremendous בעל מוסר, HaRav Yitzchak Cohen שליט״א, who lives in Washington Heights. He is מחותן with Rav Mellman from Yeshiva Lane. If you know him, you know there are few people like him.

I remember eating the סעודה (*meal*) on שבת by him. When dessert came out, it was cake. I noticed that for every bite of cake he ate, he accompanied it with a small piece of challah. I asked him if he was concerned about ספק ברכות (*a doubt regarding blessings*) — whether the מזונות of the dessert was covered by the סעודה or not. He looked at me with a very serious face and said, "No. It's more geshmack this way." Lying through his teeth.

I caught him in his חומרא. But he didn't want to admit it. I took that to heart. Here was a man so vocal when it came to giving מוסר and חיזוק to others. But when it came to his own personal עבודה, he kept it private. The צניעות he had was clear. Just because something is part of your עבודה does not mean everyone has to know about it. There was something very respectable about that. He should continue געזונט (*in good health*) and shtark, and continue to inspire all those who know him.

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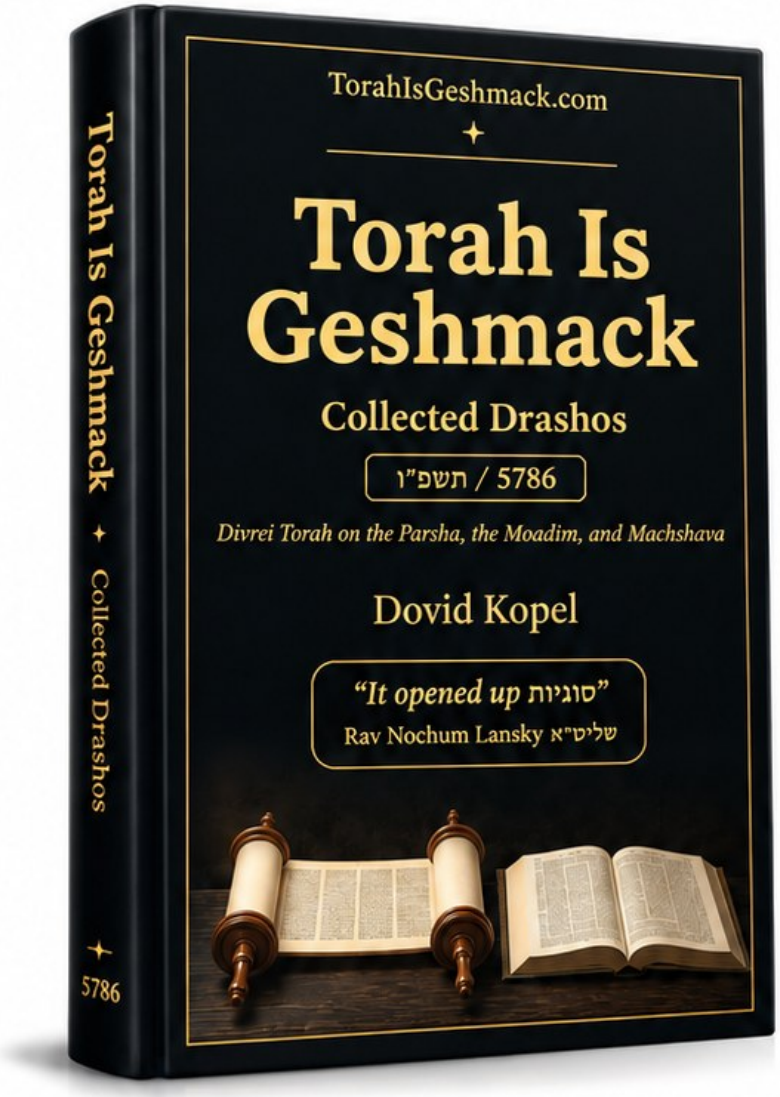
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