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One Priority: Focus and the Trap of Doing Everything

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Sometimes our children don't listen to us. Recently I asked one of my kids to do something, and he said, "But Tatty, I'm still doing the first thing you asked me to do." He was unsure what to do. I responded that he is lucky to have me right here to clarify and explain my intentions, and to reveal the priority.

We are so often faced with challenges where we have so much to do in life. We don't always know so clearly what the priority is, what we should do first. I say quite often that the word "priority" in English used to be singular. A person had a "priority." Society has evolved such that a person now has multiple priorities.

In Torah we have a notion of עוסק במצוה פטור מן המצוה (*one engaged in a mitzvah is exempt from another mitzvah*). We need to be careful not to get sucked into this mentality. Focus on what is important; don't try to do everything in one moment. Don't take on too much too quickly, or you will find that nothing is accomplished.

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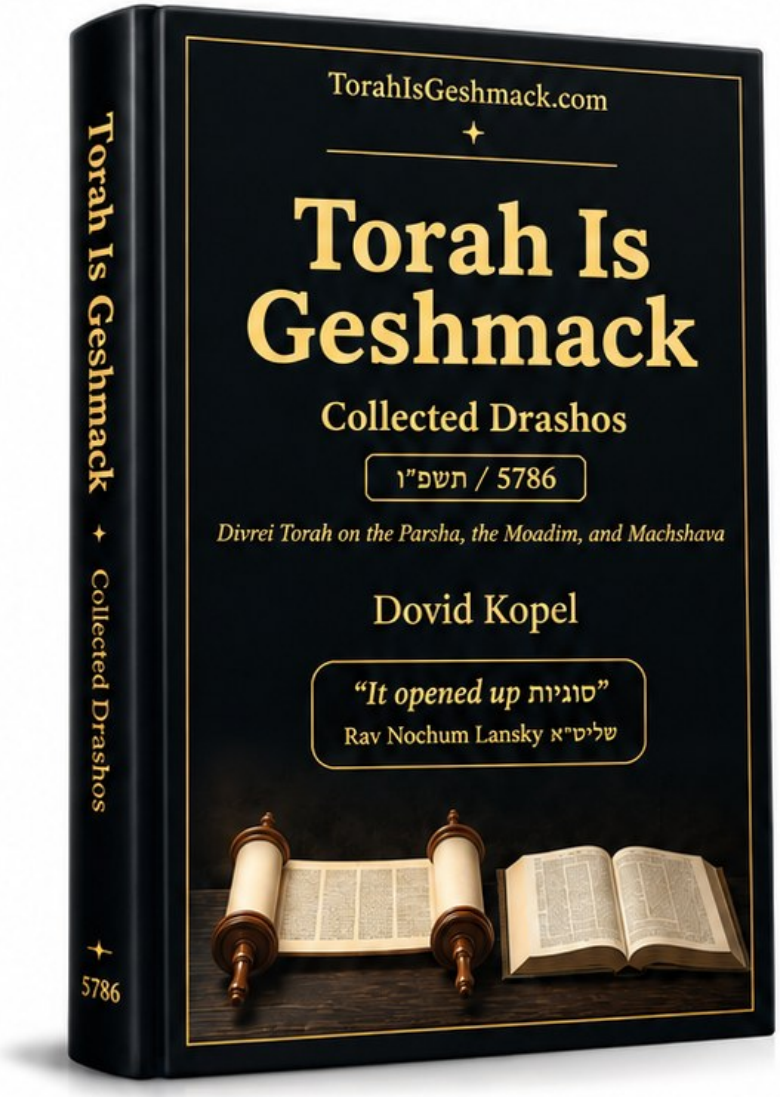
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