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Rus and Esther: Women and the Root of Torah

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It is striking that the only two ספרים (*books*) in תנ״ך named for women are רות and אסתר. And those are not just any two ספרים. They are tied to the two מועדים (*the festivals*) most closely linked to קבלת התורה (*receiving the Torah*). רות is bound to שבועות, זמן מתן תורתנו (*the time of the giving of our Torah*). אסתר is bound to פורים, with קִיְּמוּ וְקִבְּלוּ הַיְּהוּדִים, and, as חז״ל teach, הדר קבלוה בימי אחשורוש — the Torah was accepted anew. That itself feels deeply telling.

A woman's primary עבודה (*service*) may not be the same as the public, constant עמל התורה (*toil in Torah*) of the בית מדרש (*study hall*). Her קשר (*bond*) to תורה ומצוות is often more hidden, more צנועה (*modest, inward*), more rooted in the אהל (*tent, home*). But it is there. And it is foundational. Because Torah is not only built in the בית מדרש. It is built in the home.

It is built through מידות (*character traits*), through כשרות, through הלכה lived out in daily life, through the entire atmosphere a mother and wife creates in the home. עקרת הבית is not just a nice phrase. Without the wife, without the mother, there is no Torah home. And even more: Yidden are מתייחס (*traced*) after the mother. So the woman is not only the one who helps sustain Torah in the home; she is the very basis of the family's Jewish identity altogether.

Maybe that is part of the depth of רות and אסתר. The two ספרים in תנ״ך named for women are both linked to the מועדים of קבלת התורה, because women are not only those who preserve Torah after it is given. They stand at the root of how Torah is received, lived, and carried forward by כלל ישראל. May we be זוכה to truly see and appreciate the amazing נשים צדקניות (*righteous women*) in our lives, and to recognize the quiet מסירת נפש (*self-sacrifice*) they give, in the home and beyond it, every single day.

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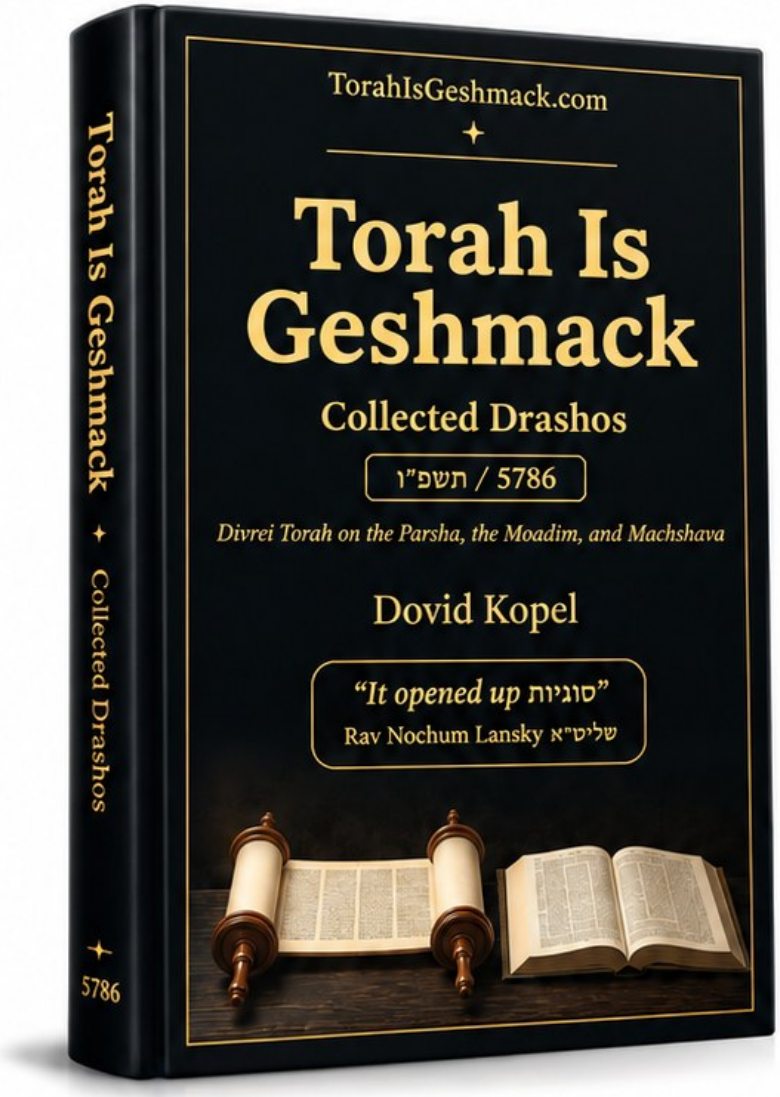
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