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The Yetzer Hara Also Has Signs

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My Rebbe, HaRav Shraga Neuberger שליט״א, once said something both brilliant and frightening. Someone was speaking about a certain situation and said, "I think it's a sign — a סימן (*indicator*) — that it's meant to be." In other words, he was suggesting that the way things unfolded was Divinely orchestrated, as if to tell this בחור (*young man*) to go through with that course of action.

Rav Shraga responded, "The יצר הרע (*evil inclination*) also has signs."

He was saying something very deep. A person can see something happen and immediately jump to the conclusion: "Look, it's a sign. It was meant to be." But no — that is not enough. A person has to do further בדיקות (*checks*). He has to look inward and honestly evaluate: is this truly the רצון השם (*Hashem's will*)?

The יצר הרע is clever. Don't be fooled by "signs" that seem to prove something is meant to be. Not every סימן comes from a pure place. May we all be זוכה to see clearly, to recognize the true light, to know what is right and what is wrong, and to have the strength to follow through with what is truly right.

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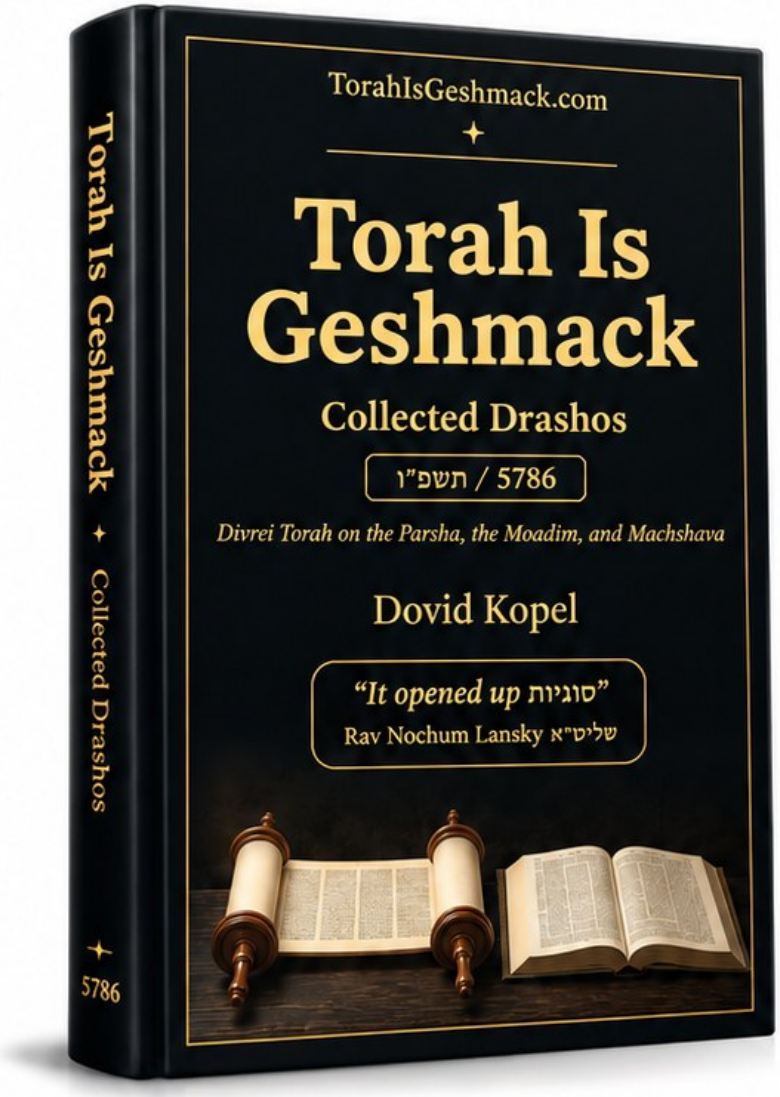
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