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Not Mine to Find

Dovid Kopel

We all know that our relationship with Torah can be an interesting one. We need to work at it, toil over it, and sometimes we simply do not get the פשט (*simple meaning*). There are times when we come back to something years later and suddenly it hits us. Other times, seemingly out of nowhere, the פשט comes to us.

I had been working on a שטיקל (*a piece of Torah*) for close to three weeks. I had a lot of material, but I also had several major questions, and it simply was not coming together. Then I woke up at two in the morning, and suddenly it all made sense.

יגעתי ומצאתי

That language is remarkable. I need the יגעתי (*I toiled*). I need to work, push, think, and try. But in the end, it is still מצאתי — I found it. I am only a כלי (*vessel*).

There is Torah that we may be destined to find, while other matters may simply not be ours to uncover.

I try not to beat myself up when I hear a פשט from a friend or see something in a ספר (*book*) and immediately think, "Why didn't I think of that?"

Sometimes I could have thought of it if I had known one more source. But sometimes, nothing in the world would have led me to that פשט. It simply was not mine to find.

It is amazing how learning Torah itself can be one of the most humbling experiences. The more we learn, the more we can recognize how small we are — and at the same time, what an extraordinary opportunity we have been given to learn Hashem's Torah.

May we all be זוכה (*merit*) to find what we have lost, to discover the Torah that is ours to find, and to have a true געשמאק (*delight*) in everything we learn.

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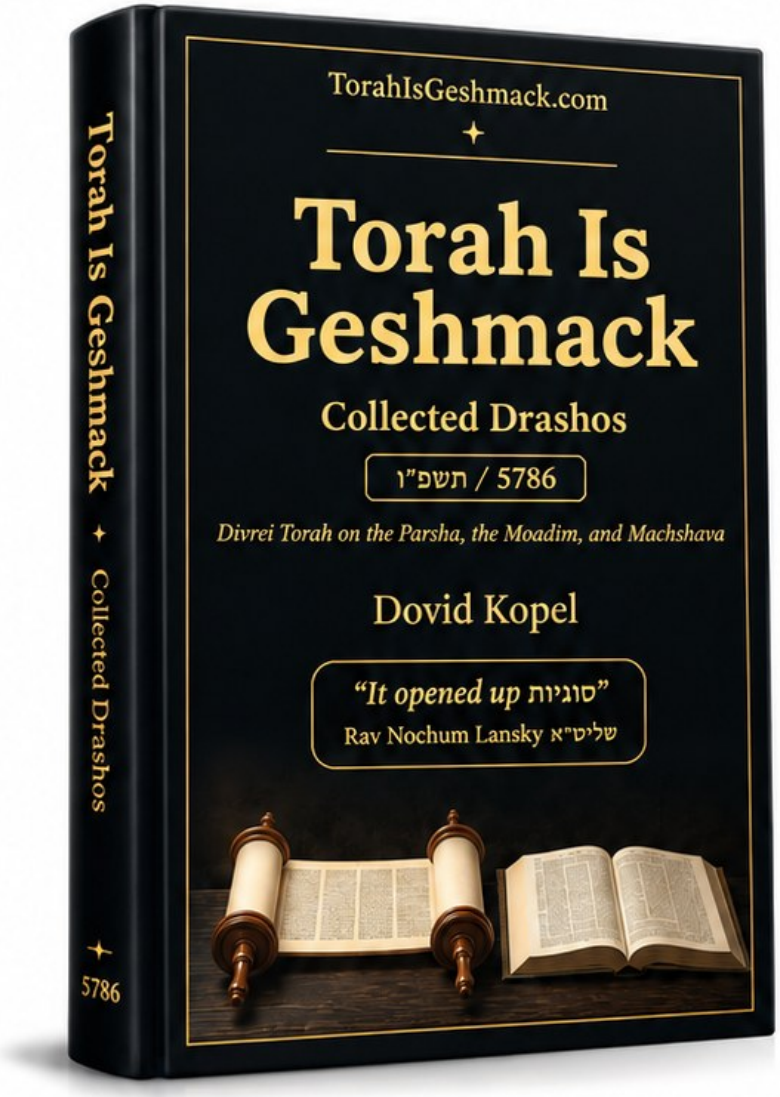
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