

# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RABBI YITZI

## PARSHAS EIKEV

### Hashem in Your Home

In this week's Parsha, Eikev, we read, "And now Israel, what is Hashem your God asking of you? Only to revere Him, to walk in His ways, to love Him..."

What exactly is Hashem asking of us? How does one revere and love Hashem?

When Hashem created this world, He made His presence hidden. You could know that He is there, but you can't see Him. This enables freedom of choice, because if Hashem was visible, we would be ashamed to commit a sin. His presence would be so imposing, you would not have a choice.

#### GET CLOSE TO G-D BY STUDYING HIS TORAH AND CONNECTING THROUGH PRAYERS.

Being that Hashem can't be seen, it is possible to forget, for moments, that He is there.

Hashem wants you to make Him a real

part of your life. To develop such a close relationship with Him that His presence feels as if you could see Him.

This takes a strong commitment, getting to know Hashem through the study of His Torah, and getting closer to Him through davening. Use words like "Baruch Hashem," Blessed is Hashem, "B'ezras Hashem," with Hashem's help, "Im Yirtzeh Hashem," if Hashem wants. When making important

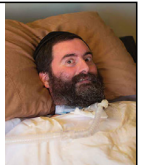
decisions, ask: What does Hashem want?

When Hashem is felt in your home, you can't help but follow in His ways. Your choice to make Hashem's presence important in your home is true reverence. The more you develop your relationship with Hashem, the more your life becomes an expression of your love for Him.

Baruch Hashem, I am blessed with many visitors, people of all levels of Jewish observance. The one thing that is clear is that all believe deeply in Hashem. We all believe. Yet Hashem wants even more. He wants us to feel Him in our day-to-day lives.

I bless you that when you welcome Shabbos into your home, you truly feel Hashem's presence, and that presence permeates your entire being. Good Shabbos.

*Despite facing one of life's most difficult challenges, Rabbi Yitzi Hurwitz continues to spread joy and faith to thousands around the globe. Diagnosed in 2012 with ALS, Rabbi Yitzi is now 95% paralyzed and no longer able to speak or breath on his own. Thanks to the miracle of technology, Rabbi Yitzi continues to spread his wisdom through his eyes, focusing on each and every letter of these Torah articles. Rabbi Yitzi, his wife Dina and their seven children are the Rebbe's Shluchim to Temecula, California.*



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