

"A Memo From The "Boss"" December 2024

As we enter a new year with new hopes, we pause, to thank G-d for the year gone by. There were many trials, tribulations, challenges and tears, as well as many blessings good times and laughs, the bottom line is, here we are we made it. So, we pray that the coming year bring with it, best of blessings to all of us, for a healthy and prosperous New Year. We also pray for a bit

extra strength and faith during those trying times. It brings to mind a memo, that helps keep things in perspective. 'A Memo from The Boss":

To my dear child, Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it,

kindly put it in the "SFGTD" (something for G-d to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

If you find yourself struck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard-of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work: think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the person in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed their children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance: think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember, things could be worse. You could be them! As the saying goes on the street "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade". One of my favorite lines, "find something to laugh about every day, even if you have to look in the mirror".

One more beautiful short story to help keep life in the proper perspective.

"Adjust To Life"

A man and his girlfriend were married. It was a large celebration. All of their friends and family came to see

the lovely ceremony and to partake of the festivities and celebrations. A wonderful time was had by all.

The bride was gorgeous in her white wedding gown and the groom was very dashing in his black tuxedo. Everyone

could tell that the love they had for each other was true.

A few months later, the wife comes to the husband with a proposal. "I read in a magazine, a while ago, about how

we can strengthen our marriage," she offered. "Each of us will write a list of the things that we find a bit annoying with

the other person. Then, we can talk about how we can fix them together and make our lives happier together."

The husband agreed. So, each of them went to a separate room in the house and thought of the things that annoyed

them about the other. They thought about this question for the rest of the day and wrote down what they came up with.

The next morning, at the breakfast table, they decided that they would go over their lists.

"I'll start," offered the wife.

She took out her list. It had many items on it. Enough to fill three pages, in fact. As she started reading the list of the little

annoyances, she noticed that tears were starting to appear in her husband's eyes.

"What's wrong?" she asked. "Nothing," the husband replied, "keep reading your list."

The wife continued to read until she had read all three pages to her husband. She neatly placed her list on the table and

folded her hands over it.

"Now, you read your list, and then we'll talk about the things on both of our lists," she said happily.

Quietly the husband stated, "I don't have anything on my list. I think that you are perfect the way that you are. I don't want you

to change anything for me. You are lovely and wonderful and I wouldn't want to try and change anything about you."

The wife, touched by his honesty and the depth of his love for her and his acceptance of her, turned her head and wept.

Let us remember, in life, there are enough times when we are disappointed, depressed and annoyed. We don't really have to go looking

for them. We have a wonderful world that is full of beauty, light and promise.

Why waste time in this world looking for the bad, disappointing or annoying when we can look around us and see the wondrous

things before us?

I believe that WE ARE HAPPIEST WHEN we see and praise the good and try our best to forget the bad. Nobody's perfect

but we can find the perfectness in them and change the way we see them.

Before we close a bit of humor from the "Moshe Files" to keep you smiling. "Doing the Math"

A math teacher asked her student, "Billy, if both of your parents were born in 1967, how old are they now?"

After a few moments, Billy answered, "It depends."

"It depends on what?" the teacher asked.

"It depends on whether you ask my father or my mother." ...lol

One more short one:

Mr. Jones is driving past the state mental hospital when his left rear tire suffers a flat. While he is changing the tire, another car goes by, running over the hub cap in which he was keeping the lug nuts. The nuts are all knocked into a nearby storm drain.

He is at a loss for what to do and is about to go call a cab when he hears a shout from behind the hospital fence, where one of the inmates has been watching the whole thing.

"Hey, pal! Why don't you just take one lug nut off each of the other three wheels and use them to replace the missing ones? That'll hold your tires on until you can get to a garage or something."

Mr. Jones is startled by the patient's seeming rationality, but realizes the plan will work, and installs the spare tire without incident. Before he leaves, he calls back to the patient. "You know, that was pretty sharp thinking. Why do they have you in there?"

The patient smiles and says, "I'm in here because I'm crazy, not because I'm stupid." It's called thinking out of the box!

Season's Greetings, and A very Happy New Year to you and your loved ones, MAY 2025 BE ONE OF OUR BEST ONES YET!

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care. Amen.

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