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Baruch Hashem - today we had the *zchus* of naming a granddaughter after my mother the *tzadekes*, Gittel Mirel Breindel Leah ע"ה.

In this week's *Parsha* we learn about the importance of the Jewish woman. The Torah clearly states that the *chinuch* of the next generation depends on her.

The Torah warns *Bnei Yisrael*:

וְלֹא תִתְחַתֵּן בָּם בֵּתְךָ לֹא תִתֵּן לְבָנוֹ וּבִתּוֹ לֹא תִקַּח לְבָנְךָ כִּי יִסִּיר אֶת בְּנֶךָ מֵאַחֲרַי (דברים ז ג-ד).

And you must not intermarry with them, you must not give your daughter to his son, and you must not take his daughter for your son. For he will remove your son from following me.

Rashi explains this by quoting the *Gemara* (ס"ח:):

בַּנֵּךְ מֵאַחֲרַי - This refers to the son of a goy who marries your daughter. He will remove your son who will be born to the goy from your daughter, from following me. (We infer from here) that the son of your daughter whose husband is a goy is still called your son. For in the warning that you not take his daughter for your son, it does not say that she will remove your son from following me. (This teaches us that the child of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish woman is not considered your son, i.e. Jewish)



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We see that everything depends on the mother for she influences the children more than anyone else. As the *Shelah Hakadosh* wrote, (שער האותיות אות ד" - דרך ארץ) - And the women are commanded to correct their children just as the father is, and even more. For they are free to spend more time with them in the home.

And in *Masheches Brachos* (י"ד.)

"The promise that *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* promised to the women is greater than that of the men, as it says:

נָשִׁים שֶׁאֵנָּה קִמְּהָ שְׁמִעָה קוֹלִי בָּנוֹת בְּטָחוֹת הָאֲזָנָה אֶמְרָתִי (ישעיהו ל"ב:ט) - Serene women rise, listen to my voice, confident daughters, bend your ears to my speech.

Rav asked R. Chiya, in which merit do the women receive this reward? (He answered) For bringing their children to learn to read in the *beis knesses*, and for sending their husbands to learn in the *beis medrash*, and for waiting for their husbands to return from the *beis medrash*"

Now, *baruch Hashem*, another *bas Yisrael* has been born and she is named after my mother *a"h*, who truly personified this ideal. She is the one who imbued in us the feelings of *temimus* - wholehearted acceptance, for any aspect of *kedusha*. She inculcated in us *yiras shamayim* and *yiras Ha'Romemus* (a sense of awe), with sweetness and simcha. B"H she saw generations of her descendants all following the path of Torah and Mitzvos. *Im Yirtzeh Hashem* this granddaughter will also grow up to Torah, *chupa* and *maasim tovim*. May she bring up her children to illuminate the world with Torah and *maasim tovim* and all forms of *avodas Hashem* with *simcha* and sweetness. אכי"ר.



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