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A Much Needed Transition

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As a computer engineer I worked at a certain IT business in town for several years and had not received any promotions. When a new manager was hired I requested a promotion and a raise. After several months of delaying a clear response, he notified me that he could not offer me a promotion and if I was really adamant I would need to find a job at a different company.

Disappointed, I started to search for work elsewhere with no success.

In addition to my work at the company, I teach computers at the yeshiva in Kfar Sitrin. Since I am very

satisfied with my teaching and developed a special connection with the students, I felt that it would not be appropriate for any new job to interfere with my teaching. This usually torpedoed the new job opportunities I was pursuing.

Two years passed and I was increasingly dissatisfied with my career.

This year, in honor of my son Levi Yitzchok's bar mitzvah, I travelled with him to the Rebbe for Yud Shevat. We arrived on Thursday, 6 Shevat, and we immediately went to the Ohel. As we exited the Ohel, Levi asked me if I



had requested a *bracha* for a new job. I had never written to the Rebbe about this and I told Levi that I was focused on so many other issues while at the Ohel that my job search had not crossed my mind.

“But you want a new job,” he insisted. “You must ask the Rebbe for a *bracha*.” I assured him that on Yud Shevat I will mention this at the Ohel.

As we waited in line to enter the Ohel on Yud Shevat, Levi reminded me several times to daven for a new job. During the short time we were in the Ohel, after a few *perakim* of Tehillim, I said, “Rebbe, I am in need of a new challenge at work. I am in the same position for nine years and I must move on.”

At 4 o'clock the next morning I was woken to the sound of my phone buzzing. I saw a Whatsapp message from my friend Yonatan Weberman. “Why is your phone off at this hour?” “I am not in Israel. I am by the Rebbe” I immediately replied. “Wake up and call me now!”

The CEO of a computer company was in Yonatan's office in search of a qualified computer engineer available for hire immediately. After a wonderful 20 minute conversation he asked me to join his company. I explained that I was currently in the US and would be returning to Israel in two weeks.

We concluded that upon my return to Israel we will discuss the matter further.

After a very special two weeks, we returned home and I reached out to the CEO of the new company. We soon met and he offered me a lucrative position in his company effective immediately. I happily accepted the position and assured him that I would make the transition to begin working as soon as possible.

When I submitted my resignation to my previous employers, they were in shock. It seems like they hadn't believed I would actually find another job. Over the years I had served as a “shliach” in the company, lighting menorah every Chanukah, building a sukkah and bring the *daled minim*, and I distributed matzah before Pesach. The CEO was adamant that I stay, and presented me a competing offer against the new company.

Since the new position came as a result of the Rebbe's *bracha* I was confident in the transfer as it would benefit my continued growth and development in the field as well. I shared my story with the CEO and he was initially incredulous, but eventually understood my position. He assured me that in the future I was always welcome to return to the company and I assured him that in the meantime I will continue all of the *mitzvot peulos* I had been doing in the company over the past nine years.

Last year our community arranged a trip to the Rebbe. We were a group of twelve and it was an amazing trip. Since Chanukah we have been discussing a trip for this year, but for a long time we had no clarity if the trip would actually happen.

After this story, I started to pressure my fellow *anash* that a trip must happen this year. I wanted to travel to the Rebbe to say thank you. *Boruch Hashem*, as a result of this strong motivation, we succeeded in arranging the trip with double the amount of participants. 📍

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