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A Rebbi's Favorite Gift

Mommies! Imagine the following scene:

Your kids come home from school and take one look at the supper table and say: “Yuk, That again?!”

Your husband went by all Shabbos without saying even once “Thank you for the delicious Seudos”.

How do you feel?

Now, imagine this:

“Mommy! Yum! Thank you for the delicious supper”

“I Really appreciate the hard work you put in to making the seudos soooo Geshmak!

NOW, How do you feel?

Great!

Yes, flowers need water to grow, children need praises to thrive, so too, every adult needs recognition too.

For children and adults alike, thanks and appreciation are the building blocks for a healthy self esteem which in turn leads to more and successful endeavors and accomplishments of good deeds.



A Rebbi gets up in the morning, goes to yeshiva and puts in tremendous effort to be Machanech his talmidim in the proper way.

Yes, it is a most rewarding job, it is equally, a most intense job which requires enormous koichois.

Now, what do we do to keep the Rebbi excited and motivated to teach and to strive?

Yes! POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Exactly the way anyone gets motivated – by POSITIVE FEEDBACK!!!

Ask any Rebbi and he will tell you, that a note with even one or two words of thanks will **make his day!**

And WHO GAINS? - YOUR CHILD!!

YES, indeed, there is a clear Hora'ah from the Rebbe (Sichos kodesh 5741 vol. 1 page 463) that it is a Minhag-Yisroel that children bring their Rebbi Chanuka Gelt and gifts.

Nevertheless, as a senior Rebbi, I assure you that what I enjoy and appreciate **the most** is your kind words of thanks.

A detailed description of how much nachas your child is giving you due to the Rebbi's hard work is worth far more to me than a \$100 bill in an envelope, with a "dry" note "Happy Chanuka".

True, a Rebbi should teach Lishmah, just for Hashem's sake, but it does not take off the responsibility from the parents to thank the Rebbi from time to time.

Does Hashem NEED our praises? Yet, when we say Halell to Hashem, it brings down a flow from Hashem to this world.

Likewise, when a Rebbi is praised for his hard work, he is motivated – and **WHO DOESN'T WANT A MOTIVATED REBBI FOR HIS CHILD?**

WATCH THE RESULTS!!