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## **Chaburah 28 – Shevet Mussar Perek Alef, Chaver Maamarim, ma’amar 103**

In the previous Chabura we learned that the greatest way we can reveal Hashem through our accomplishments in Torah, “is specifically by learning to know what unique character traits and abilities I have, and then by capitalizing *upon them* to learn the Torah in a way that is unique and individualized to me”.

In today’s Chabura we examine more Mekoros that indicate that our natural, inborn tendencies – traits, abilities, and skills – are really, in essence, expressions of our Shoresh Neshama.

Source: Shevet Mussar, Perek Alef

Summary: Every person feels a connection to a different part of Torah. This stems from his unique Shoresh Neshama. It is necessary for a person to *davka* learn that part that he feels a connection to, because that is an indication of what he needs to accomplish and actualize in this world. (That is, the innate internal connection that he feels, is itself the sign that his Neshama has come to this world exactly for this mission – to learn and internalize that specific part of Torah that he feels the connection to.)

He adds that this internal sense is an indication in regard to a person’s Shoresh connection to Mitzvos as well. The specific Mitzvas *Aseh* that a person feels the most connected to, is an indication that it is specifically that Mitzva that he is connected to on his Shoresh level. The specific Mitzvas *Lo-Sa’aseh* that a person feels the most challenged about, is an indication that it is specifically that *Lo-Sa’aseh* that he is connected to on his Shoresh level – the specific one that he may have come to this world on account of, to be *mesaken*.

It comes out that: In regard to our *chelek* in Torah and Mitzvos that we feel a connection to, that feeling that we have stems from our Shoresh Neshama. This is even more explicit than what we learned in the previous Chabura: that the way we can “uplift” the “*Nitzos*” of our very own Neshama to its highest level and gain access to our portion in Torah, is through recognizing our unique characteristics and applying them through our individualistic way of understanding and approach. From the Shevet Mussar we see that our individual approach and our unique sensitivities themselves, actually stem from who we really are in our Shoresh Neshama.

Source: Chaver Maamarim of Rav Yerucham Levovitz, Ma’amar 103.

From this Source we see that not only does our affinity for a certain part of Torah or toward a certain Mitzva stem from our Shoresh Neshama, but even the Middos that we find naturally in ourselves, are exactly in the specific combination and amounts that they are, because they are a direct parallel expression of the spiritual reality of our Shoresh Neshama. That means, that the innate, inborn particular traits that come to each of us naturally, are really an indication of what Middah our Neshama is connected to at its Source – in the Framework of G-dly Traits Above.

Conclusion: We need to develop, express and cultivate - to the best of our ability - *davka* those specific traits and abilities that come naturally to us, because they are really the greatest level of expression of our Neshamos in the service of Hashem, that can be revealed by us in this world. That is the way we will become closet to Hashem in this world.