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## **Chaburah 8 – Shela Hakadosh, Toldos Adam, Sha’ar Hagadol - 1**

Review: Our Goal – within this world – is to do a “job” (- Avodah) for Hashem: to reveal our heart knowledge that His Presence and All-Encompassing control over everything that goes on in this world, is *always* present – even when it’s not so noticeable.

In regard to the Goal beyond this world, Hashem’s created reality of becoming a “receiver”, now allows us (the created souls) to become “givers”, and so we can now pattern ourselves to be totally like Hashem - and by means of that we are now able to attain the Ultimate Goal of creation: to Receive the Greatest Level of Good that Hashem has to Give us.

Question: How are we to view this “new” “created” reality? Does Hashem really ‘need’ our acts of giving to Him or is He just doing all this “just for us”? For example, a human being can say, “Ok, I’ll receive this gift from you. Thanks a lot”; but in reality, he doesn’t really *need* it. He’s just “being nice”, or “doing it *for you*”.

The Shela Hakadosh makes it very clear to us, that the way we should view the importance of our acts for Hashem, is that Hashem *needs* us to keep the Mitzvos and to reveal His Presence in this world. This concept is called **“Ha’Avodah L’Tzorech Gevoha”**, and according to the Shela Hakadosh is a major tenet of Yiddishkeit, reiterated numerous times throughout the Torah.

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Although this doesn’t make so much sense to us, that Hashem should really *need* our actions, we are required to view it as such, and to believe that according to our reality here in this world, that it *really is* true.