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Rashi says that a spark from you and a spark from one of your sons emerges and it burns them. The Chidushei Harim Z"TL said that a Yid needs two sparks in himself. One spark of Yosef Hatzadik to chase away the bad, and a spark of Yaakov which is the spark of a Yid.

- Sefer Siach Sarfei Kodesh

הוא נער

Yosef Hatzadik was steadily in the situation of a youngster. Since he always renewed himself anew in his Avodas Hashem (service to Hashem)

- Beis Aharon, Sefer Pninei HaTorah

ויקנאו בו אחיו: ל"ז י"א

And his brothers were jealous of him [37: 11].

What were they jealous of?

בצדקתו

in his righteousness:

- Reb Elyokom Bryah of Kohznitz, Pininei HaTorah

וישאלהו האיש לאמר

The Malach taught him to say and repeat and say steadily his aspirations, - to steadily aspire.

- Reb Menachem Mendel of Kotzk

כי כסתה ודרשו רבותי ז"ל (בסוטה ד"י ע"ב) □ ע"ש שכסתה פניה בבית חמיה שהיתה צנועה ברש"י

For she covered her face Our Rabbeim Z"L explained (in Sotah 10:2) that she covered her face in her father in laws house, She was modest. (see Rashi; there)

When the Ba'al Shem Tov ZY"A, was in Istanbul, He saw Yungeleit (young men) who had Neshomos (souls) of Tannaim. The Ba'al Shem Tov said that this is due to the greatness of the צניעות (modesty) of the women.

- Sefer Ba'al Shem Tov

ויהי ה' את יוסף ויהי איש מצליח ויהי בבית אדניו המצרי: בראשית פל"ט פ"ב

And Hashem was with Yoseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. [Bereishis 39:2]

Sadly, many people who become successful in their affairs forget Hashem [G-D]. Not so Yoseph. Though he was successful,

ויהי ה' את יוסף

he did not think -

...נחתי ועצם ידי עשה לי את החיל הזה: ספר דברים פרק ח' י"ז

"...my strength and the power of my hand have made me this wealth" Devorim 8:17. He recognized that it was all due to Hashem.

- Reb Simcha Bunim Parshischa ZY"A

The Ra"m of Kobrin ZY"A said; He who is in need of a Refua (cure), can accomplish it in the days of Chanukah.

מדליק עד שתהא שלהבת עולה מאליה -

One lights until the fire rises on its own.

Every person has a torch and warmth in their heart. One must kindle himself with Mitzvos to the extent that it will make the flame rise from his heart to his mind, for the name of Hashem:

- Sefer Beis Aharon

The Kedushas Levi - Reb Levi Yitzchok of Barditchev ZY"A, once entered his Kollel of Yungerleit [young men] and was confronted by a commotion. Upon his investigation he was told what had transpired. The local Poritz [count] of the province had desired to go sledding during the summer, but to his disappointment, as there is no snow during the summer, he was not able to fulfil his lust. His servants who wanted to fill their masters desire poured out sacks of sugar across his fields, and so the Poritz went sledding. Upon hearing this, the Kedushas Levi exclaimed "Der Tipish - this fool, all his worldly mundane desires do not add up to the pleasure I have of lighting one Chanukah Licht [light]".

- Mipi Hashmuoh

On a similar note, in the time of the Beis Aharon of Karlin ZY"A, he heard of a Poritz who wanted to go sledding during the summer, and his servants fulfilled his wish by pouring sacks of sugar on the fields and so the Poritz [count] went sledding. Upon hearing this the Beis Aharon exclaimed "Alleh zein Teivos Olom Hazeh kumt nisht tzu tzu der taynug vos ich hob by Nishmas oif ain Shabbos - all of his lusts of this world do not reach the pleasure that I have by Nishmas on one Shabbos".

- Mipi Hashmuoh

When the ruler of Russia, The Czar Nikolai died, the Beis Aharon of Karlin ZY"A sent a group of his Chassidim to the funeral, and told them: "It says, באבוד רשעים רנה - when evil doers vanish it is joy, they will produce a new song, and see to memorize it." When they returned from the funeral and sang the song to the Bais Aharon, He answered: "This tune will be appropriate for 'Aromimchoh' - (I shall bless you)". It is the famous song sung for 'Aromimchoh' till the present day, in our holy courts on Chanukah.

- Nesivei Hameoros, Mateh Aharon

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