How to Find Diamonds



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Preface

How wealthy can you become if you find a few gemstones that are worth millions?

The true secret to wealth is in Avos 4:1, "To learn how to rejoice with <u>your</u> portions." Thus you need to utilize every wealth story you hear or read about as a 'Moshol'/analogy to show you can find a treasure right in the room you are in now.

You know the answer to how to find diamonds -

- 1 Pray for them and
- 2- Search...

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#### 1. On the Path

Which path should we try?

The Gemara, Makos 10b says, "On the path one is <u>determined</u> to go he will be led."

We need to review this lesson many hundreds of times and ask, "What is the meaning of 'Rotzeh'/he desires"?

Similar to the word 'Rotz'/to run. The way we run to do something is an indication of how eager we are to do it.

The more we desire something and demonstrate our desire by means of Prayer and action efforts, the more Hashem will assist us.

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One simple way to buy diamonds is with money. You can earn that money by finding out what people need around where you live, and how you can supply them with their needs for a fee. There are opportunities to achieve wealth all around.

2. Helping others

How do we know that helping others is the key to finding diamonds?

One source is Avos 1:1, "The world stands on 3 Pillars,

- Torah Study,
- Prayer service and
- Kindness to others."

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Torah teaches us to live and succeed in all areas of life. Prayer is the only way to proceed to earn Hashem's help... and Kindness is the key to unlock our getting along with all others.

Care about them. Find out how you can help them and they will reciprocate and help you.

As we learn in Avos 1:10 - "Love your work."

#### 3. Secret of Success...

...is to think, 'What do people really need most and how can I help them get what they need?'

"A wise person sees what will develop," Tamid 32a.

Imagine if you would design a booklet such as this one, to share what you discovered people are looking for in your business. Would that help you grow and expand your business?

How do we know that you can invent things and increase your business? Because Hashem created you in His image, which means creativity... that applies to you!

You do need common sense, not 'common silver.' If you have money already, there is a tendency to become lazy and stop thinking creatively.

## 4. Say less...

One of the greatest Rules of life is Avos 1:15, "To say less and do more." You need to act on your ideas, not just to talk about them.

When you do whatever you need to do, put your whole self into it. As the Rambam teaches, "We learn from Yaakov Avinu to do things with 'all of your energy"!

We also need to review daily Avos 1:14, "If not you, who?

If not now, when?"

To become great you must start today from where you are now.

When you speak less you have more time, which is the most precious gift of life we have from Hashem.

You also have less health challenges which can be caused by excessive talk such as anxiety, depression, loneliness, etc.

## 5. The Greatest Rule

What is the greatest Rule of the Torah?
Rashi in Vayikra 19:18 says it's the 3
Hebrew words meaning -

"Love others as yourself."

Thus we need to imagine each person has a sign in front of them reminding us

- "Love me and show Hashem that you know I am important."

Every person you meet is a diamond opportunity.

Avos 4:1 reminds us -

- To learn from every person,
- then work on absorbing and applying the lesson with self-control,
- then rejoice with realizing your great portions and
- don't stop giving honor to each individual.

#### 6. The Key

The key is learning to see the diamonds in every situation. Mishlei 15:15 says, "One who has the right attitude will always be at a party."

This is as open as Avos 4:1 which teaches, "Who is considered truly wealthy? One who rejoices with his portions"!

It's not what you have - an abundant amount of unlimited riches. It's the way you appreciate it.

The way Mishlei teaches, it is a state of mind to learn how to view and appreciate your ongoing wealth.

You are wealthy already. You need to learn about your good fortune and begin to enjoy it. You can choose to be more generous, understanding, sympathetic, friendly, helpful and cheerful today.

# 7. Precious Values

Which is worth more - your body or your mind?

The obvious answer is your mind.

Which is worth more - your mind or your soul/Neshama?

Your Neshama.

We thank Hashem daily for the pure entity that Hashem placed in us -

- You created it,
- You formed it,
- You <u>blew</u> it into me, which means it is from Hashem, the Source of all.

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Rejoice with your great 'Neshama'.

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But how do you find this unique diamond called our 'Neshama'?

By reviewing our Torah lessons 101 times so that we delve into it again and again to discover some of the great, super treasures that are concealed there.

#### 8. It takes work

In Megila 6b we learn, "If you toil, you will find."

We need to work daily on applying ourselves to our learning programs so that we achieve what we seek in the Brochos before learning -

"Please sweeten the words of Your Torah in my mouth... so that we learn to know Your name and study Your Torah for its sake."

The Talmud says, one who learns Torah without reviewing it, is like one who plants without harvesting the crops.

Why is that? Because all the secrets are in the Torah you are studying, but you fail to discover them if you don't review and mine the treasures.

## 9. The Reason

Hashem designed this system so that we should be tested to choose with our free will to discover the treasures He prepared for us.

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- Choose to learn from all.
- Choose to develop your skills day by day diligently.
- Choose to rejoice daily with some of your unique abundant treasures.
- Choose to appreciate and honor all of the great individuals Hashem has provided for you to learn from. These are all parts of your portions.

10. Right Now

Take a deep breath and review Avos 1:14 "If not you, who?

If not now, when?"

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You can succeed right now by realizing that you have been awarded by Hashem with a handful of diamonds - your brain, eyes, ears, Neshama, hands and legs, etc.

When you start focusing on your great assets, you will rejoice and utilize them in meaningful ways and exclaim -

"I rejoice with Your sayings as one who finds great treasures," Tehilim 119.