

WHAT, THE BOSS GAVE OUT A BONUS AND I DID NOT KNOW!? ALL I NEEDED TO DO WAS SWING BY TO GET THE CHECK? UTTER FRUSTRATION WHEN YOU REALIZE THE MONEY WAS RIGHT THERE, YOU JUST HAD TO PICK IT UP.

MANY ARE USED TO DAVENING WHEN THEY NEED SOMETHING. ASKING FOR OUR WANTS AND DESIRES, LIKE A CHILD BEGGING HIS FATHER FOR A LARGER ALLOWANCE. BUT, THERE IS A SECOND FUNCTION OF PRAYER. PRAYERS SERVE AS THE CONDUIT TO OPEN THE GATES IN HEAVEN TO ALLOW WHATEVER IS IN STORE FOR US TO COME FORTH.

THE GRASS DID NOT SPROUT UNTIL THE FIRST MAN WAS CREATED. WITHOUT ADAM HARISHON ASKING FOR THE RAIN, THAT GRASS WAS NOT ABLE TO GROW. OUR PRAYERS TAKE ON A CRITICAL FUNCTION IN THIS SECOND FORM OF PRAYER, AS NOTHING COMES WITHOUT IT. THERE CAN BE SO MUCH IN STORE, BUT WITHOUT OPENING THE GATES, ALL THAT GOODNESS CAN NEVER BE ATTAINED.

TEFILAH OPENS THE GATES