

What Is There to Say??

I was asked to say a few words in light of the horrific tragedy, *R"l*, that struck Klal Yisrael on the night of Lag BaOmer in the *asra kadisha* of Meron, when dozens of pure *korbanos* were taken from our midst.

What is there to say?! The ways of Hashem are hidden! Who can possibly say why such a thing happened?

In *sefer Amoros Tehoros*, in the *sichos kodesh* of the Rachmistrivke Rebbe of America, *shlita*, he "incidentally" expounds at length in this week's *parashah* (*Emor*) about the subject of *kabbalas yissurim b'ahavah*, accepting suffering with love...

I once heard from Harav Aharon Weinberg, *shlita*, that the Gaavad of Yerushalayim, *shlita*, related that he once had visited Harav Shalom of Shatz, *zy"a*, and had asked: "*Vos macht der Rebbe?* How is the Rebbe doing?" The Rebbe replied, "*Ich mach a shveig* – I'm being quiet."



But while we cannot say why this happened, there is something we can do: When such a thing happens, we need to take upon ourselves a positive *kabbalah*, and to strengthen ourselves in a certain area.

I thought that this perhaps is a *remez*, a hint to us from Above, that we have to strengthen ourselves on the subject of *kavod habrios*, respecting other people. What happened by mistake should never happen intentionally – "*Geb achtung!!*" Be careful!! "*Tzetret nisht yenem!*" **Don't "step" on another person!** ל"ד...ל