





*The Appointment Canceled for the Sake of  
the Shiur • The Unexpected Encounter •  
"The eyes of all look to You with hope"*

**Told by Rabbi Y. Sh. M. from the Holy City of Jerusalem:**

It was Thursday, *parashat Bereshit* 5786 (October 2025). Early that morning, Rabbi Avraham Mordechai Zilberberg **SHELITA** called me with a request. Since he had to attend a family **bar mitzvah**

*parashat Bereshit*, and made my way toward Tzvi Street, to the place surrounded by salvations. Just as I reached the entrance to the **Beit HaMidrash**, I met an old friend of mine who had also come to attend the regular Thursday-night class. I noticed at once that the glasses he used to wear constantly were gone. When I asked him about it, he told me that a few months earlier he had undergone laser surgery at a certain clinic. It turned out he had thoroughly researched the matter and knew a great deal about it. He recommended the very clinic where he had been treated, assuring me that the

procedure there was completely painless. He also gave me several practical tips that anyone considering the surgery should know.

The next day I booked an evaluation appointment at that second clinic, and after the examination they scheduled my surgery for the following week — an exceptionally short waiting time.

**Rabbi Avraham Mordechai Zilberberg, the regular lecturer, shares the final part of the story:**

"On the eve of **Shabbat Lech-Lecha**, as I was waiting by a traffic light in Jerusalem, a car suddenly honked at me. Inside was

Rabbi Y. Sh. M., who pointed to his eyes — now free of glasses — and said with excitement and joy, **'It's all thanks to the Zera Shimshon! Baruch Hashem, I've already had the procedure; it went smoothly, calmly, and without pain, together with the wonderful advice I received from my friend during the class.'**

And although I have been learning **Zera Shimshon** for many years, once again I witnessed that whoever heeds the words of the **Tzadik** never loses. When one fulfills the will of the righteous, one merits to see the salvation of Hashem in the blink of an eye. Even when at first it seems you are losing, in truth — you are only gaining, and greatly so."

celebration that evening in Bnei Brak, he would not be able to deliver his regular Thursday-night lecture at the **Heichal HaYeshuot**, the **Zera Shimshon** study hall, at Tzvi St., Jerusalem. He therefore asked me to give the **shiur** in his place.

At first I was overjoyed by the request. I felt a special sense of Divine providence, for I had been giving a weekly class on the **Zera Shimshon** for several years, and that particular week — unusually — the class had not taken place. I was moved to see how Heaven was granting me an opportunity to make up for it.

But a few minutes later I remembered that that very evening I had an appointment for a pre-surgery evaluation for laser eye correction. I felt some regret at the thought of canceling a slot I had been waiting for so long and delaying the entire procedure I had carefully planned for months.

Yet at that moment I told myself, **No one ever loses from studying the Zera Shimshon.** I had personally witnessed several wondrous stories of deliverance that came through its merit—and all the more so when the study is done publicly! I could not afford to miss such an opportunity. In a split second I decided and told Rabbi Zilberberg, "Yes, I'll come and give the class, no matter what." I immediately phoned the eye-surgery clinic and canceled my appointment.

I prepared for the lecture, choosing selected passages from



**The Zera Shimshon**

*promised those who study his words:*

"May your eyes merit to see children and grandchildren, wise and perceptive, thriving as olive shoots around your table. And may your homes be filled with an abundance of good, with wealth and honor never ceasing from amongst your progeny."

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