# Hadar Did Not Die!

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Notes for the recorded shiur. Source numbers refer to the accompanying Hebrew–English sheet.

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## What comes to mind when you hear Vayishlach?

Yaakov meets Esav. Yaakov wrestles with the malach. Who would put the kings of Edom on the board? That is precisely where the Torah asks us to look.

**5:23**

## Seven kings die. What changes with the eighth?

The Torah names Hadar's wife, Meheitavel, and leaves him reigning. Divrei HaYamim calls him Hadad, names the same wife, and records his death. How can both accounts speak to us? Sources 1, 3b and 4.

**14:26**

## Where would you hide a diamond?

The Ramchal's mashal explains why an overlooked list can conceal a treasure. Yaakov had hoped Esav's strength could be put to good use. In Edom itself, Hadar hints to Melech HaMashiach and the repair Yaakov hoped to see. Source 3a.

**30:40**

## What did Moshe hear?

A doctor hears the pulse of the king's son after the other doctors have given up. Why does the king want him to lead? Moshe can go down the mountain after the golden calf because he believes there is someone to bring back. Source 5.

**40:42**

## What can a child see in a grown man's face?

As a boy, Rav Pinkus pushed through the crowd on Simchas Torah to see the Satmar Rebbe's face. A child can hear that same delight in the way his zeidy makes Kiddush. What do our children hear in our voices? Sources 6–8.

**57:59**

## Why does the Gemara tell us they searched?

Some Kohanim once hurried away from the avodah to the gymnasium. Their descendants risked their lives to restore the avodah. The search for a single flask showed how precious lighting the Menorah had become. Sources 2 and 9–11.

**1:05:49**

## Hod and hadar at the Chanukah lights

The moon receives the sun's light and reflects it. With hod, I acknowledge what Hashem has given me. With hadar, I give someone else the benefit of that gift. The extra Chanukah light lets my child see how much the mitzvah means to me. Sources 12a–14.

**1:10:11**

## Can we hear the heartbeat today?

A family still lights on Chanukah. A Jew asks for the name of a sick child so he can say Tehillim. What would Moshe hear in that phone call? What might we hear if we listened for the pulse in ourselves? Source 14b.

Adapted from Rav Shimshon Dovid Pinkus, Tiferes Shimshon, Bereishis, Vayishlach, pp. 378–384.