

לפְעָמִים הַשֵּׁם יִתְבָּרַךְ עוֹשֶׂה מוֹפְתִים עַל-יְדֵי בְּעָלֵי

Wonders Through the Halachic Authorities

THE TEACHING

A short teaching on the power of a true halachic ruling. Sometimes Hashem works wonders (מוֹפְתִים) through the great halachic authorities (בְּעָלֵי הַפּוֹסְקִים), as the verse says: “מִפְתֵּיו וּמִשְׁפְּטֵי פִּיהוּ” (Divrei HaYamim I 16:12), “His wonders, and the judgements of His mouth.”

MAIN POINTS

- When the posek (פּוֹסֵק) rules that something shall be so, through the judgements of his mouth a wonder happens.
- Because he is accepted as a posek, his word (דְּעָתוֹ) is accepted in what is forbidden and permitted (אָסוּר וְהֵתֵר); so too when he rules in any other matter, his word is accepted, and wonders happen through him.
- That is the root of the wonders told about the great Geonim (גְּאֹנִים) of earlier generations.

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Honour the true poskim, and bring them your questions. A ruling given for the sake of Heaven carries great power.

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