



From Past to Future Parshat Eke

Po ection i the abilit to think abo t imagine and lan fo the f t e De e ed eo letend to get t ck in a te eience and a Ma tin Seligman and Anne Ma ie Roe ke de c ibe in the book *H*, ec the al o e habit fa lt thinking abo t the f t e Cogniti e beha io al the a and o iti e cholog inte ention ta get minati e thinking abo t the a t and am lif o timi tic thinking abo t the f t e Thi eek a ha highlight the o iti e and negati e a ect of o ection

The o ening o d of *a ha E e* fo e am le i not it name ake *E e b t eha a* “And it hall be *eha a* if e e o li ten to the el a and a e ca ef l to follo them then the Lo d o God ill kee the co enant and lo e ith hich He made an oath to o fathe De t : One mid a h e lain that the o d *eha a* gene all connote ha ine hile the o d *a eh* and it a denote ain and adne *Be e h Kabbah* :

Rabbi Da id Tebel oted b Rabbi Ba ch Simon in hi *I e Ba ch* o ide an a t te chological in ight to enlighten thi c tic mid a h The oot of the o d *eha a i ha a* hich mean “it a The lette at the beginning of the o di kno na a *ha h f ch* hich t an fo m the o df om a t “and it a to f t e ten e “it hall be In cont a t the oot of *a eh i eh* hich i f t e ten e “it hall be b t the o ening change the o d to “and it a *eha a* e ect the abilit to t an fo m the a t into the f t e and *a eh* e e t the f t e back to the a t Rabbi Tebel

gge t that ha ine tem f om the abilit to be f t e o iented hile emaining t ck in the a t lead to mi e

The ea et o othe efe ence in *a ha E e* to the o d *eha a* Ba ed on the afo ementioned mid a h commenta ie attem t to f ame the e e e th o gh the im of ha ine a ell In a ling age the e e tate “And it hall be *eha a* if o e e fo get *ha h ah h hah* the Lo d o God I te tif again t o toda that o ill el e i h De t : A lite al eading of the e e a f t e in hich the I aelite otentiall fo get God ha dl allo fo an inte etation of “*eha a a ha ine*

Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kot k e ead the e e ith inte ential Ha idic eati it In Heb e the o d fo “fo get i ittent ice “*ha h ah h hah* The Rebbe of Kot k gge t that the e e can be lit into t o leading to an inno ati einte etation: “*eha a ha h ah* “And if o fo get *eha a* meaning if o fo get to be ha then o ill ine itabl “*h ah e Ha he* , fo get God Jo i e ential to the i it al e t It i di c lt to e e God o e l in a tate of dejection

Yet ch ha ine need to be an a o iatel eligio ha ine The thi d e e that ta t ith the o d *eha a i al o* the beginning of the econd a ag a h of the dail Shema ecitation “*eha a* And it hall come to a *ha ah h e* if o el li ten to M commandment hich I am commanding o toda to lo e the

Lo d o God and to e e Him ith all o
hea t and all o o l De t : Rabbi Chaim
ibn Atta in hi commenta Oh HaChaim ite
that the mid a hic ha ine embedded in *eha a*
i contingent on the ha ine being an o tg o th
of “if o el li ten to M commandment If
the ha ine lack a i it all te it doe not
alif a a o th “ *eha a*

Rabbi Jonathan Sack ad ocate a o iti ef t e
o iented e ecti e in m ch of hi iting and
teaching a a o ce of ell being: “I belie e

that the a e ite the ne tcha te in o
li e a ect all the othe that ha e come befo e
B action in the f t e e can edeem m ch of
the ain of the a t “The F t e of the Pa t
C e a C e a J dai ma a hole
i “ itten inf t e ten e F e e e B
t an fo ming the a t into the f t e th o gh
the oce of *eha a* ea e able to ta into thi
e ential a ect of Je i h faith enabling to
lead li e imb ed ith emotional o i hing and
i it alha ine

*Kabb D decha Sch a a a a , fe a heA e G ad a e Sch fJe hEd ca a dAd a , a c a e
fac a heSac He e e Ce e, hea c a e abh a g a Je hCe e, a d hea h f chedf ah C a g
Chac e a d e Be g h - g h he ee a ha*