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The World Needed You

Parshat Bereishit begins with one of the biggest ideas we can possibly think about. Hashem chose to create the world.

He could have created the world differently. He could have made everyone and everything the same. He could have made everyone have the same strengths, the same personality, and the same way of thinking. But He didn't.

Instead, Hashem created a world full of differences and details. He created the sky and the earth, the birds and the sea creatures, the stars and the grass. Every part of creation is different, and every part has its own purpose.

And then, Hashem created man. Just like every part of creation is unique, **so is every single individual**. Hashem didn't create us all the same because He doesn't need us to be the same. He created each of us with our own strengths, personalities, and abilities

because **there is something that each of us can bring to this world that no one else can**.

There's a quote that we really love from Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, "The day you were born was the day the world couldn't exist without you." Obviously, the world existed before us and would continue to exist without any one person. But the idea behind this quote is so powerful. There is something that you can bring into this world that nobody else can bring in exactly the same way.

Sometimes we look around and think, Why am I not more like her? Why don't I have what she has? Why can't I be more like someone else? But Bereishit reminds us that Hashem didn't create us to be copies of one another. He created a world that needs different people. What did Hashem put inside of me that the world needs from me?

As we begin a new Torah cycle with Bereishit, maybe we can remind ourselves of that. Hashem created an entire world filled with differences, and that includes you!

We are all part of Hashem's creation, but each of us has a unique role within it. You don't have to be someone else to have value. Hashem created you because there is something only you can bring into this world. ■

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