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## Hayom Yom: 4 Elul

ַסֶדֶר בִּרְכוֹת הַתּוֹרָה: נוֹגֵעַ בְּטַלִּיתוֹ בִּתְחַלַּת הַקְּרִיאָה וּבְסוֹפָהּ נוֹשֵק הַטַּלִּית בְּמָקוֹם שֶׁנְּגַע בַּסֵּפֶר תּוֹרָה, גוֹלֵל הַסֵּפֶר תּוֹרָה, מַפְנֶה פָּנָיו, קְצַת, לְיָמִין וּמְבָרֵךְ. פּוֹתֵחַ הַסֵּפֶר תּוֹרָה וְקוֹרֵא.

The manner in which the blessings before the public Torah Reading are recited is as follows: [After the Torah scroll has been rolled open, the congregant called to the reading] should touch the beginning and end of the passage [that is about to be read for him]1 with his tallis and then kiss the part of the tallis that touched the scroll. After rolling it closed, he turns slightly to the right and recites the blessing, then opens the scroll, and [it is read].2

ּ בְּמַעֲלַת מִין הָאֶנוֹשִׁי, יֶשְׁנָם אַרְבָּעָה תוֹאֲרִים: אָדָם – מַעֲלַת הַמּוֹחִין וְהַשֵּׂכֶל, אִישׁ – מַעֲלַת הַלֵּב וְהַמִּדּוֹת, אֱנוֹשׁ – הַחֲלִישׁוּת בְּאֶחָד מֵהֶם בְּשֵּׁכֶל אוֹ בְּמִדּוֹת, אוֹ בִּשְׁתֵּיהֶם, גֶּבֶר – מִתְגַּבֵּר עַל עַצְמוֹ לְהָסִיר הַמְּנִיעוֹת וְעִכּוּבִים לְהָשִּׁיג אַחַת הַמַּעֵלוֹת אוֹ בִּשֵּׂכֵל אוֹ בִּמִדּוֹת, הַיִנוּ דִּגֵּבֵר עוֹסֵק עם הָאֵנוֹשׁ לְהַגִּבִּיהוֹ לְמַעֵלַת אִישׁ אוֹ אָדָם.

ּוּמֵאַחַר דְּאֶפְשָׁר לַעֲשׂוֹת מֵאֶנוֹשׁ אִישׁ אוֹ אָדָם, הֲרֵי בְּהֶכְרֵחַ דְּגַם בֶּאֶנוֹשׁ יֶשְׁנָם כָּל אוֹתָם הַמַּעֲלוֹת שֶׁיֶשְׁנָם בְּאִישׁ וְגַם בַּאַדַם.

Four terms are used to describe the uniqueness of humanity: adam reflects the quality of intellect that is lodged in the brain; ish refers to the quality of emotion that is lodged in the heart; enosh indicatesweakness in either or both the intellectual and emotional abilities; and gever denotes a person who overcomes his own limitations, removing the blocks and obstacles that would hinder his attainment of the positive quality of intellect or of emotion. That is to say, the gever works with the enosh [within himself] to elevate him to the level of ish or of adam.

Hence, since an enosh can be made into an ish or an adam, we must say that an enosh has [in potential] all the positive qualities that both an ish and an adam possess.3