

"Is He not your father that has gotten you, He made you and established you." (32:6)

In *Sanhedrin 99a* Chazal state, *When one teaches his friend's son Torah, it is considered as if he "made" him, as it is written "and the soul which they made in Charan"*. The *Talmud* is referring to the various "souls" that were "made" by Avraham Avinu in the course of his teaching people to believe in Hashem. From this statement in the *Talmud*, we may derive that the word "made" alludes to the act of establishing or completing an endeavor. Parents obviously share in a child's creation, but the actual completion of an individual is accomplished only through *Torah* study and *mitzvah* performance. This may be interpreted into the context of the *pasuk*, *Is He not your Father that has gotten you?* Hashem is your Father in Heaven and He created you. Hashem, however, is even more than that *He "made" you and established you*. The opportunity for true completion becomes accessible only through the *neshoma* (soul) which He gave you. Through this unique gift, Hashem enables you to uplift yourself beyond the confines of this world, in order to attain total "*shleimus*".