



## Sustaining the Entire Universe

In the Torah the word "And he rose" (וַיָּקָם) is repeated 27 (the numerical value of זך "translucent") times. There is a Talmudic statement that "Everything follows the closing," and the final appearance of "and he rose" is in the verse, "and he rose from among the congregation," which relates to Pinchas rising to retaliate on behalf of the sanctity of the covenant of circumcision, the quality associated with Yosef Hatzadik, the Biblical figure of Joseph. This is alluded to in the numerical value of "and he rose" (וַיָּקָם), which is 156, the numerical value of Joseph (יוסף). The letters of "And he rose" (וַיָּקָם) also permute to read "sustenance" (קיום) and "universe" (יקום), each of which retains the numerical value of Joseph (יוסף). Pinchas raises and sustains Joseph, and by doing so, he uplifts and sustains the entire universe!

Each and every one of us has the opportunity to elevate Yosef Hatzadik by assisting the Od Yosef Chai yeshivah in growing and flourishing, and by sustaining Od Yosef Chai yeshivah, we uplift the entire universe! By sustaining and developing Od Yosef Chai, we revive and sustain Yosef Hatzadik, which will very soon lead to the complete revelation of "David, king of Israel, lives and exists!" (דוד מלך ישראל חי וקים)

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