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Today is the 13th of Iyar, 5770. (28 days of Omer. 4 weeks)
“Our god” and the “God of our parents”. These two words encapsulate the idea of spiritual progress. We know of God Almighty in two ways: by what our parents have taught us, we know of His miracles, His protection and love for Am Israel. Thanks to our parents we don’t have to undergo the whole process of Abraham Abinu’s discovery of God. Even if your parents were not fully religious, if they transmit to you your Jewish identity you owe them your very basic idea of the God of Israel.
But that is not enough. We should also embark in our ‘personal’ discovery of God adding to our parent’s inherited knowledge. For us, people of the 21th century this journey is fascinating. Because God’s presence is becoming more evident than ever.
The incredible sophistication of space or the world of atoms are all 20th century’s new testimonies of a Divine Designer. The more we understand how DNA functions, the more we realize that there is no chance. In this sense, we know today more about God than our parents did.
One example: just 150 years ago -before Pasteur- our parents lived in a world which believed in spontaneous generation of life, that life appears just like that from matter (btw, this is how Darwin justified the origin of life in our planet!). In the 1980’s Fred Hoyle said sentenced that” the likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is one in 1040,000 (10 with 40,000 zeros after it)… which is a mathematical impossible. Of all disciplines, secular science -in some cases involuntarily -is endowing us with knowledge of Mi sheAmar veHaya haOlam, the Creator of our universe.