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PARSHAS MIKEITZ



"Shimon!" called Rabbi Davidson, the fourth grade teacher. "Please look into your Chumash and pay attention."

The teacher's stern tone jolted Shimon, who was staring out of the window, lost in thought. "I didn't mean to startle you," said Rabbi Davidson, this time in a more relaxed voice, "but you really must not daydream so much in class. Maybe it has to do with the parshah we are learning which is all about dreams. Pharaoh has two dreams, Yosef is called to interpret those dreams because he was right about other dreams by the butler and the baker, and Yosef was sold to Egypt in the first place because of his dreams."

Shimon nodded his head apologetically. "Actually, Rabbi Davidson, I really was thinking about those dreams. We learned that Pharaoh woke up and called his wizards to explain his dreams, right?"

"That's correct, Shimon." The teacher turned to the class and asked, "Who remembers how the wizards interpreted the dreams? We learned that Rashi."

Many hands shot up and the teacher picked Yossi. "They said that the seven fat cows and stalks were a sign that Pharaoh was going to have seven daughters, and that the seven thin cows and stalks meant that the daughters were going to die."

"And the other explanation?" asked Rabbi Davidson, pointing at Dovi.

"They said that Pharaoh was going to conquer seven nations, but that seven others would later

rebel against him."

"That's just what I was thinking about," Shimon declared. "Why wasn't Pharaoh satisfied with his wizards' explanations? Why was Yosef's interpretation so convincing that he accepted it right away?"

Rabbi Davidson smiled. "That's an excellent question, Shimon. If that's what you were thinking, then I'm not even upset about your daydreaming."

"You see, King Pharaoh ruled over the world's leading empire of that time. Now, a ruler is not a private person. He is responsible for his people, and he spends his entire life attending to their needs. Pharaoh knew that his dream had a very important message which would involve himself as well as his entire people."

"Pharaoh did not think that the explanations his wizards gave were fit for a king's dreams. Having children or showing the strength of his armies do not involve all the people in his nation. Yosef's explanation was different. Yosef told him that years of plenty and years of famine would arrive. These events would affect everybody in his empire."

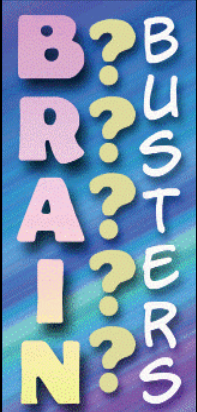
If this is true about a non-Jewish leader, then it is certainly true about a Jewish leader. A Jewish leader does not only think about making his own life better or about helping a small group of people close to him. A Jewish leader cares about the entire Jewish nation.

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 'Please Tell Me What the Rebbe Said'

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**THIS IS IT.
 44 IN ALL.**

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org

Last weeks' brain buster: They rested on the twenty fifth.

Answer: חנוכה

Congratulations to **Mussie Danow, age 10 from Gothenburg, Sweden** for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Hi there my favourite Junior Shluchim,
 How has your Chanukah been so far? Have you been busy with Chanukah mitvzoyim? Giving out lots of menorahs? Getting in lots of Chanukah gelt? Eating lots of donuts?

We've been very busy here in Iowa too. Last Sunday we had our Grand Menorah Lighting which was really very grand. Every year more and more people come. Or at least I think so. I definitely need to order more and more donuts each year, and they are not all for me. (I mean, could you eat five thousand donuts all by yourself?)

There was no time to rest on our donuts though, because on Tuesday night we had the Menorah Parade. Now there aren't too many Yidden in Iowa who put menorahs on their cars, but a few years ago we came up with a really good idea – every year I book a whole fleet of cars from the local taxi company, fit them all with menorahs, and lead them on a parade around the city. I actually wanted them to keep the menorahs on their cars the whole of Chanukah, but the cab drivers were worried that they wouldn't be able to get into parking lots or go under bridges. Actually I had never thought about that. I had been wondering how the menorahs had kept on disappearing off the top of my car though. I knew when I had left the house in the morning the menorah had been on the roof, but often when I came home at night it was gone. Now things were a bit clearer – I must have left the menorah somewhere in a downtown Iowan parking lot.

And of course, besides for the big peulos, there was still so much more to do – menorahs to give out, latkes to fry, donuts to eat and Chanukah gelt to distribute. Of course we did give out latkes and donuts too, but I sure ate a lot myself as well! And the Chanukah gelt! Boy oh boy! How come is it that my little three year old ainekal can't read the brochos for lighting the menorah, but already knows about Chanukah gelt? I think between all the little Getzel'ites (those are the boys) and Getzel'shmites (the girls), I must have given away enough money to build a new Chabad House! But I'm not upset because that is what all my ainekelech said they were saving up for anyway, so now instead of having built one new Chabad House, I have a share in seventy nine!

Anyway kinderlach, there isn't much time of Chanukah left and there are still some people out there who need menorahs, so I'm going to be going now. Good luck with your mitvzoyim and remember that a mitzvah a day keeps the yetzer hora away!

See you next week!

KIDS SPEAK

Where Young Shluchim talk about their Shlichus



**SHEINA LIBEROW, AGE 11 1/2
 BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA**

My name is Sheina Liberow. There are ka'h 6 kids in my family (including me), 5 girls and 1 boy. Their names are Chaya - 17, Raizy - 15, Sara - 14, me - 11 1/2, Shaya - 9 and Rochele - 15m.

I attend the CYH Online School. I live in Barranquilla which is in Colombia, South America. The weather is very hot and humid all year around. Most neighborhoods are very poor and old fashioned but some are very pretty and nice.

I try help my parents with all the activities we do which are lots of fun.

We have a Chabad House which is called "Casa Lubavitch de Barranquilla, Colombia". In it there is a gigantic dining room, milchik and fleishik kitchens, a library, a game room, a guest room, a gift shop, class rooms for Talmud Torah classes, and an old age home which is in the process of being built.

In my free time I like to paint, draw, go biking, go swimming, cook, help my mother and father, and play on the computer.

The CYH Chassidische Calendar hangs on my bulletin board.

Hey kids!

Send us a report about your shlichus and we will 1Y"H publish it in our future connections!

E-mail us at connections@shluchim.org

Please include your name, age and location of shlichus.

POCKET CALENDAR



Moshiach in the PARSHA

ה' טבת



ה' טבת is a special day in the calendar. On this date in תשמ"ו (1986), U.S. Federal Court decided that the library belonged to the חסידים. The ruling was based

on the idea

that a Rebbe is not a private individual but he is the head of the חסידים. The Rebbe asked that on this day everyone should set aside time to learn from ספרים.



גלות's dream is compared to the פרעה's dream of fat and skinny cows - two opposite things. This is just like in גלות, where we are faced with opposites all the time. One minute we want things of קדושה and the next minute, our יצר הרע makes us want things that are not holy. When the גאולה comes we won't be fooled by the יצר הרע anymore. We will see how everything in the world is only for ה'.



פרעה was locked up in the pit of יוסף, and didn't know if he would ever get out. But suddenly, ה' had יוסף freed from jail.

The same thing happens when ה' redeems the בני ישראל. When He took us out of מצרים He did it very quickly. And the same thing will be now - when ה' takes us out of גלות very speedily!

'The Rebbe Speaks to Children' about...

The Seventh Day of חנוכה

The יום טוב of חנוכה celebrates our victory over the יצר הרע. The miracle of חנוכה took place when the Yidden won against the Greek Empire. The Greeks had tried to make the Yidden forget Hashem's to-rah. In our days, we must defeat the יצר הרע who also tried to make us forget ה' תורה and prevent us from doing the מצוות of ה'.

On the last day of חנוכה we stage the main attack against the יצר הרע, which leads to the final victory. But every good action needs preparation. We must prepare ourselves on the day before, from the very moment we light the seventh candle, in order to win that final victory.

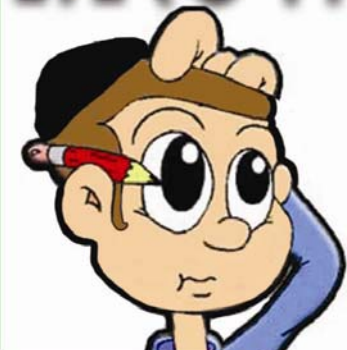
The Eighth Day of חנוכה

The eighth night is the brightest night of חנוכה. All eight candles are now lit in the מנורה. The sight of all eight candles shining brightly is something that the אידיש children of צבאות ה' will remember throughout the year. They will also remember the lesson the candles have taught them: A איד has to go ever higher in serving ה' - 'מעלין בקודש' - ה'. Just as we added one more candle each night of חנוכה, so too we must constantly add to 'נר מצוה ותורה אור' - the light of תורה and מצוות.

As we know, the מנורה in the בית המקדש (where the miracle of חנוכה first happened), has only seven candles. Nevertheless, on חנוכה we light eight candles. This teaches every איד that even when he has already lit seven candles, and his עבודה is equal to the candles of the מנורה in the holy המקדש בית המקדש, he must not stop. When the eighth night of חנוכה arrives he lights one more candle, creating a light that is even greater than the light in the בית המקדש.

As we end the יום טוב of חנוכה, we take with us an 'enlightenment' for all the days of the year. A איד has the power to brighten himself and his surroundings, with a light that is even brighter than the light of the מנורה in the בית המקדש.

DID YOU KNOW?



Stories of the Rebbeim

(Continued from last week)

The Rebbe looked at the page and gave a long string of ברכות, the last of which was 'Just as you rejoiced at my חתונה may you have the זכות to rejoice at the חתונה of your grandchildren'.

When אברהם ר' saw how friendly and open the Rebbe was, he decided to ask the Rebbe about something that was bothering him.

"Rebbe, may I ask a question?" The Rebbe nodded his head in agreement and he continued. "I have many neighbors that speak against the Rebbe and against חב"ד. I know they are wrong but I simply don't know what to tell them. I'm afraid I'll say the wrong thing. What should I say? They say the Rebbe is wrong for bringing close every איד, even people who have done many big עבירות, when the תורה says that ה' Himself hates them and it is forbidden to help them. What should I answer?"

The Rebbe looked serious and immediately answered. "That same 'very-frum' איד would also agree that if it was his daughter that left אידישקייט it would be different...because on one's family it says 'From your body don't turn away'.

"Well, in ה' eyes every איד is dear like an only son.. and in my Father-in-law, the Rebbe's eyes, EVERY איד is 'From your own body don't turn away!!"

Then the Rebbe smiled and concluded, "Let us finish with a ברכה... The reason that many חסידים make a special celebration on the fifth night of חנוכה is that that night represents the greatest darkness because it can never fall on שבת...and nevertheless the lights of חנוכה light it up. That is the job of every איד whether in Toronto or London. Every איד is ה' only child. And when we light that נשמה with a flame of קדושה it can bring it from the furthest and darkest place."

Ten years later in 1979, it became time for אברהם ר' to marry off his second son. This time the חתונה was to be in London and, for some reason he did not have time to go to the Rebbe for a ברכה.

But before he left for England his next door neighbor,

a close friend and one of the most important חסידים in Satmar, came to him in tears with a desperate and urgently secret request.

His daughter had run away from home with a non-Jew and was living somewhere in the big city of London. At first she hid it from them but when they found out, it was too late.. and now she was gone. He apologized to אברהם ר' over and over again for the trouble but he didn't know what to do! Perhaps there was something he could do in London after the wedding?

אברהם ר' was stunned and very upset by the terrible news. He promised he would do what he could and rushed off to catch his plane. But in his heart didn't think there was anything he could do.

The problem weighed heavily on his heart, he simply couldn't get it off his mind. Several days after the חתונה, when his in-laws asked him what was wrong, he told them.

They answered that if anyone could do it, it was ר' אברהם Glick. He was a חב"ד חסיד who was well-known as one who the Rebbe gave much responsibility and who had saved several אידישע girls from similar difficult situations. They called him, explained the terrible situation and Rabbi Glick promised that he would contact the girl's parents for more details and then do what he could.

Ten days later Rabbi Glick called אברהם ר' back and told him to take a taxi and come to his home urgently.

Not long later אברהם ר' arrived, and there sitting on the sofa crying bitterly, was his neighbor's lost daughter! "It's a נס of חנוכה!" said Rabbi Glick as he pointed at the חנוכה lights. "A true נס!"

אברהם ר' was stunned. There were five lights in the מנורה!

Tonight was the fifth night of חנוכה! Those five lights succeeded in awakening a נשמה אידישע that had wandered into the ultimate darkness! Suddenly he understood the Rebbe's repetition of the city 'London' each time he mentioned the fifth candle.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת מקץ

Kids! Fill out the answers to the puzzle below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221- 0985 or e-mail it to connections@shluchim.org by Wednesday

Level 1:

Match each ספר to the רבי that wrote it.

דרך מצותיך

אלטער רבי

קונטרס ומעין

מיטעלער רבי

תניא

צמח צדק

היום יום

רבי מהר"ש

ספר הזכרונות

רבי רש"ב

אמרי בינה

פריערדיקער רבי

תורת שמואל

אונזער רבי

הצלחה רבה

Name: _____ Age: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Last Week's Winners:

Yehuda Spiegel, age 7 from Eugene, Oregon
Lippy Baumgarten, age 5 from Rockaway, New Jersey

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Level 2:

Can you find the names of these ספרי חסידות in the word-search? Next to each, write the name of the רבי who wrote it.

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ר	ו	ו	ו	א	ר	י	נ	ק	ת	ק
ה	מ	ט	נ	ד	י	ע	ו	ת	ו	ו
ז	י	י	ט	ר	ב	ט	כ	ו	ר	ט
כ	ו	ד	ר	ו	י	ר	ל	ר	ת	י
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צ	פ	ה	נ	ו	מ	א	ה	ר	ע	ש
ק	ד	צ	ח	מ	צ	א	ת	ש	ר	ק
ז	מ	ו	ל	ש	ת	ר	ו	ת	ו	ה
נ	מ	ל	כ	א	י	נ	ת	י	ט	ח

- ליקוטי תורה
- ליקוטי שיחות
- תניא
- שער האמונה
- עטרת ראש
- צמח צדק
- תורת שמואל
- חנוך לנער
- תורת שלום
- קונטרס ומעיין
- לקוטי דבורים
- היום יום
- תורת מנחם
- ספר הזכרונות
- אמרי בינה

הצלחה רבה

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Last Week's Winners:

Chanie Azimov, age 11 from Paris, France

Shaina Groner, age 11 from Charlotte, North Carolina

Happy Birthday!

חודש טבת

א' טבת

Elchonon Yeudah Leib Botnick - Ottawa, ONT
Tzemach Dovid Feller - West S. Paul, MN
Sholem Jaffe - South Manchester, CHESHIRE
Malachi Kohan - Swampscott, MA

ב' טבת

Menachem Caroline - Key Biscayne, FL
Mushkie Tiechtel - Berlin, Germany

ג' טבת

Yosef Dovid Lifshitz - Blue Ash, OH
Fruma Hurwitz - Temecula, CA
Schneur Zalman Matusof - Madison, WI
Mendele Shapiro - Caulfield North, VIC
Yisroel Arye Leib Greenberg - Commerce, MI
Hinda Weinstein - Newtown, PA

ד' טבת

Shmuel Naparstek - Myrtle Beach, SC
Shneur Zalman Gansburg - Coconut Creek, FL
Chaya Muska Lerner - Brookline, MA
Esther Benjaminson - Glenview, IL
Yisrael Meir Levin - London,

ה' טבת

Devorah Leah Newman - Huntington Beach, CA
Eliyahu Tzvi Weiss - Miami Lakes, FL
Yosef Yitzchak Glogauer - Port Washington, NY
Devorah Scheiner - Boulder, CO
Yosef Mann - Miami Beach, FL
Mushka Blesofsky - Iowa City, IA
Chaya Mushka Federman - St. Thomas, USVI

ו' טבת

Raizel Feldman - Hurstville, NSW
Zeev Sasonkin - Patchogue, NY
Chaim Shemtov - Yardley, PA
Raizel Serebryanski - Albany, NY
Shmuel Steinmetz - Sarasota, FL
Chana Hodakov - New Haven, CT

ז' טבת

Zev Jacobson - Des Moines, IA
Nochum Zalman Eisenbach - Litchfield, CT
Necha Mann - Miami Beach, FL

ח' טבת

Schneur Zalman Simon - London, England
Yehudah Leib Marozov - Valencia, CA
Dvora Lea Ginsburg - Chaifa, Israel
Devorah Leah Simmonds - Winnipeg, MB

ט' טבת

Chaya Mushka Greenberg - Commerce, MI
Menachem Mendel Kleinberg - Moscow,
Yael Kranz - Richmond, VA

י' טבת

Chaya Mushka Segall - Las Vegas, NV
Levi Yitzchok Pelman - Guatemala City,
Mendel Kantor - Mission Viejo, CA

יא' טבת

Berel Feldman - Hurstville, NSW
Golda Ita Mondshine - Smolensk,
Yossi Holtzberg - Monterey, CA
Tamar Kranz - Richmond, VA

יב' טבת

Shnior Zalmen Srugo - Guadalajara, CA
Moshe Turk - Chicago, IL
Shmuel Braun - Bondijunction, NSW
Mirel Schusterman - Atlanta, GA
Sterna Sara Ginsburg - Chaifa, Israel

יג' טבת

Sheina Lenczynski - Rio De Janeiro, RJ
Avigail Soro Walker - Wilmslow

יד' טבת

Dovid Posner - Rancho Mirage, CA
Shlome Zalman Braun - Bondijunction, NSW
Shneur Zalman Tamarin - Zhitomir, Ukraine
Batya Chaya Raskin - Larnaca

טו' טבת

Sheina Azimov - Paris,
Mendel Laufer - Warwick, RI
Miriam Maryasha Turk - Chicago, IL

טז' טבת

Menachem Mendel Turk - Chicago, IL
Meir Shlomo Deren - Greenwich, CT
Boruch Shneur Deren - Greenwich, CT
Miriam Posner - Boston, MA
Shterna Sarah Jaffe - Carindale, Brisbane

יז' טבת

Yechiel Tzvi Kosofsky - Springfield, MA
Menachem Mendel Marcus - Mission Viejo, CA
Menachem Mendel Benjaminson - Glenview, IL
Menachem Mendel Lazaroff - Houston, TX

יח' טבת

Lazer Mangel - Dayton, OH

יט' טבת

Moishe Kaplan - Montreal, QUE
Chaim Tzvi Hirsh Scheiner - Boulder, CO
Shneur Zalman Newman - Alexandria, VA
Rochel Cunin - Reno, NV

כ' טבת

Chaya Mushka Shmotkin - Milwaukee, WI
Zalman Zusya Friedman - Coral Springs, FL

Kehos Weiss - Charlotte, NC
Blimi Richter - Howard Beach, NY

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Mendel Harlig Harlig - Miami, FL
Menachem Mendel Goldman - Oklahoma City, OK
Chaya Bigelman - Tucson, AZ
Yosef Mendel Heintz - Utrecht, The Netherlands
Shneur Zalman Barash - Prague

כ"ב טבת

Chaya Mushka Ginsburg - Chaifa, Israel
Chyena Miriam Gansburg - Coconut Creek, FL
Elishva Bryna Walker - Wilmslow,
Shalom Greenberg - Solon, OH
Zali Rosenblat - North Miami Beach, FL
Levi Kievman - Milford, MA
Tzivia Pink - Leicester,

כ"ג טבת

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Shneur Zalman Piekarski - S. Diego, CA
Moshe Tzvi Heintz - Utrecht, Netherlands
Menachem Mendel Lent - Dublin, Ireland
Yaakov Karnowsky - Redondo Beach, CA

כ"ח טבת

Menachem Mendel Kahn - Paris,
Chana Schapiro - Hoboken, NJ
Moshe Zalman Vorovitch - Richmond Hill, ONT
Avraham Dovid Krinsky - Needham, MA

כ"ט טבת

Yitzchok Frankforter - Miami Beach, FL
Menachem Mendel Osdoba - Belle Harbor, NY

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