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PARSHAS NOACH



The recess bell rang and the 5th grade boys rushed out of the classroom. They wanted to continue the ball game that they had begun during the morning break. Shimon weaved his way between the desks quickly, catching his jacket on a pile of books and sending them crashing to the floor.

"He's so careless," exclaimed Yehudah.

"Cares about nothing but the game," muttered Itzy.

Meir had been busy copying the homework from the blackboard. The sound of falling books caused him to look up with a start. Yehudah pointed an accusing finger toward the hall where Shimon had dashed out, but Meir wasn't looking in that direction. He was only concerned about the sifrei kodesh that were lying on the floor. He quickly picked them up and put them on the desk.

After school, Shimon walked home with Meir. "Thanks for picking up the books for me. I was in a hurry, you know, because of the game," Shimon said.

Meir shrugged. He didn't think he had done anything special. He saw something that had to be corrected and he did just that.

We should learn from Meir. We don't need to judge others, find faults, or blame people, when we can simply set things straight.

Books were knocked down? So pick them up, that's all. Don't make a fuss about it.

Meir was following the example set by Noach's two sons: Shem and Yefes. Noach planted a vineyard after he came out of the ark. Later, he drank the wine, which made his head feel heavy and dizzy. His third son, Cham, found him slumped down immodestly.

Cham ran to tell Shem and Yefes, who immediately brought over a blanket. Holding it between themselves, they walked backwards to cover their father, so that they would not see his immodesty.

Why does the Torah tell us that they did not see their father in this condition? Surely we can understand that someone who walks backwards cannot see what is behind him!

The Torah is teaching us that they did not see their father while he was immodest, because they were not interested in finding any wrong in another person. They just wanted to correct a problem.

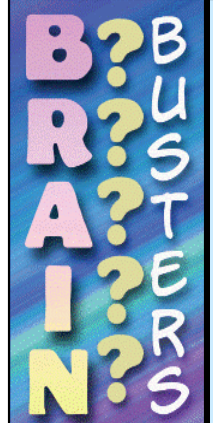
We should do the same. If we see something that needs to be corrected, let's not make a fuss about it or try to find blame. Let's just take care of it, that's all.

(Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. X, Parshas Noach)
'Please Tell Me What the Rebbe Said'

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I HAD TWO BUT THEY BECAME THREE.

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org

Last weeks' brain buster: We are not so bright, but we help to light.

Answer: כוכבים

Congratulations to all the Yaldei Hashluchim who sent in the answers to the brain buster! All the winners are on page 5.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Hi there Junior Shluchim,
Remember a few weeks ago I promised to tell you about the Great Storm of Iowa. Well I think Parshas Noach is as good a time as any to tell you about it. To tell you the truth, at times during the storm I was wondering whether Hashem had decided to bring a mabul on the whole state of Iowa. After all, Hashem promised Noach only never to wipe out the whole world, but he didn't promise anything about our little State!

And what a storm it was. It started on the first night of Sukkos. We were all sitting comfortably in our Sukkos, when ... BOOM. SWASH. WASH. Before we knew it we were sitting outside our Sukkah. Or more like our Sukkah was sitting outside us! The whole thing had lifted up and blown away – walls, schach and all. We just sat there in shock, Mrs Getzel and I and all our guests. Then it hit us. Not the rain – that had been falling all through the night – but the realisation that all the delicious food that Mrs Getzel had made for Yom Tov was going to go to waste unless we found another Sukkah quick!

Well, I huddled Mrs Getzel and our guests into the house, bundled myself up and I set off on the hunt for a Sukkah that was still standing. The rain was flying against me, and the wind was getting stronger and stronger. Streetlights had been blown over and the only light was from the flashes of lightning. I started to wonder if this is what it had been like during the mabul. Except of course the mabul had started during the day, and lasted forty days and nights, and had wiped everything out, and I was hoping that our worst casualty was going to be the Sukkah.

Well Boruch Hashem, all is well that ends well. I managed to find a Sukkah – I think it was actually the only one in the whole of Iowa still standing – and the owner, my good friend Reb Yankel, welcomed us all in. And I even got to eat Mrs Getzel's special-only-for-Sukkos zucchini kugel! Boy had I been worried about that!

Of course everything that happens is by hashgacha pratis, and as I stood fixing our Sukkah on Chol Hamoed I couldn't help wonder what the hashgacha pratis in losing our Sukkah could be. And then I remembered how amazed our guests had been to learn about the story of the mabul, and that even the Great Storm of Iowa was a opportunity to praise Hashem with the brachos on the thunder and lightening, and I decided that from now on, I'm going to teach these brachos to my guests first thing on Sukkos. Just in case...

Signing off now,

Dr. Getzel



KIDS SPEAK

Where Young Shluchim talk about their Shlichus



**LEIBEL BLUM, AGE 9
OTTAWA, CANADA**

My name is Leibel Blum I'm 9 yrs. old and I live in Ottawa, Canada.

I have three sisters, one 7 years old, one 3 years old and one 2 years old.

I go to school at Cheder Rambam. It is a small school and I have nine kids in my class.

We have a Shul and we have around 35 people every Shabbos.

One of my favorite programs is 'Tefillin & Toast'. Once a month, on Sunday morning we have a Minujin followed by bagels and lox. Every time we have another topic and have someone talk about it, for example we had the only Jewish firefighter in Ottawa who is the caption of the station near us come talk. Every Purim we have a different theme, a different country. We've had Russian, Italian, Israeli. This year we had 'A big fat Greek Purim' it worked out very good. I help doing lots of stuff, which includes loading the car when we have to bring stuff, setting up the Shul, babysitting the little kids so my parents can work, stuffing envelopes, and much more. My father has a class for adults on Tuesday called JLI. Once a year in the summer we have a summer BBQ. We make a big BBQ and the men and boys play soccer, basketball...

We are proud to be on the Rebbe's shlichus in Ottawa, ON!

Moshiach Now!

Hey kids!

Send us a report about your shlichus and we will IY"YH publish it in our future connections!

E-mail us at connections@shluchim.org

Please include your name, age and location of shlichus.



DID YOU KNOW?



Moshiach in the PARSHA

A very special event took place in חודש חשון: The אידן finished building the first המקדש - the place where 'ה' came to rest. All of the אידן had a share in this great accomplishment. Do you remember learning how all the אידן contributed their gifts and talents to the משכן that משה רבינו had made? In this same way, all of the אידן helped build the המקדש in the time of שלמה המלך.

חודש חשון has a special ברכה: Just as the first המקדש was completed in this month, so too, the third המקדש which we are all awaiting, will be built in חודש חשון.

The mission of חודש חשון is clear: Every איד can and must take part in the building of the third המקדש during this special month.

How can we do this while we are still in גלות? We can do this by increasing in learning תורה and doing מצוות. We must also influence other אידן to do the same. We must spread אידישקייט everywhere, just as קדושה spreads out from the בית המקדש to the whole world.

If we do all of this in the month that already has a special ברכה for the building of the בית המקדש, we will surely merit to see the actual building of the third המקדש, בית המקדש, quickly in our days, ממש.

'The Rebbe speaks to Children'

One of the נסים that we are told by the נביא (ישעי') that will happen when משיח comes is that 'the wolf will live together with the lamb'. But we know that in the days of נח, all the animals lived peacefully together in the תיבה. So what will be so special about the days of משיח if this has already happened before?

In the time of נח the whole world was in danger of destruction. In such a situation it is natural for enemies to become friends and live together. They all wanted to survive, and there was no time for fighting. In the days of משיח there will no longer be any war and there will be only much much good. Unfortunately, sometimes, when times are good and peaceful, people find time for arguments and fighting.

The נביא is therefore telling us of a נס that will happen in the days of משיח, when everyone will have loads of good: that even then there will be absolute peace and the wolf and lamb will live together.

(Adapted from 'Vedibarta Bam')



ז' חשון

ז' חשון is a very special day because it teaches us about אהבת ישראל. ז' חשון is the day that the אידן living furthest from ירושלים would arrive home after spending the ימים טובים of תשרי by the בית ארץ in חשון. ז' חשון is also the day that the אידן start davening for rain. They now say 'ותן טל' ומטר.

This teaches us a very important lesson. Many of the אידן in ארץ ישראל were farmers and we know that in order for the crops and fruit to grow, we need rain. Even though the farmers needed the rain desperately and were surely very impatient for the rain to begin, they didn't start davening for the rain until ז' חשון, when they were sure that EVERY SINGLE איד had returned home.

י"א חשון

י"א חשון is the יאהרצייט of רחל. רחל was buried on the way to בית לחם, on the side of the road. Why didn't יעקב bury רחל in מערת המכפלה? Didn't he want her to be buried next to him? Wasn't she his favourite wife?

רחל was buried on the side of the road because he knew that רחל wouldn't mind to be buried there for the sake of her children. But why did רחל need to be buried there? יעקב knew that in the future, the אידן would be sent out of ארץ ישראל into גלות and that on the way out of ארץ ישראל, they would pass by קבר רחל. They would beg רחל to daven for them. When רחל would daven for them, ה' would have רחמנות and promise that in זכות רחל, He will bring the אידן back to ארץ ישראל with משיח.



Stories of Olde

יצחק שאול showed much love and patience to all the people he met - men, women and children. He was even kind to animals and birds. This was something his father, ר' ניסן, had taught him since he was a young child. His father always told him that we must love everything that ה' made, and we must not harm any of His creatures.

ר' ניסן had a good reason to teach his son to be merciful, because, when יצחק שאול was a child, like many other children, many times, he had thrown stones at birds, or chased cows, goats, dogs or cats.

ר' ניסן had a favorite rooster. Each morning it crowed loudly, waking ר' ניסן up at the break of dawn. ר' ניסן looked after the rooster himself, making sure it had enough to eat, and keeping it in good health so that it could continue to crow loud and clear. The louder the rooster crowed, the more pleased was ר' ניסן. But not so little יצחק שאול. As much as his father loved the rooster, so did his young son hate it. He enjoyed harassing the bird at every opportunity.

One day, unnoticed by יצחק שאול, ר' ניסן came into the yard and saw his son behaving cruelly toward all of the farm animals, and the rooster in particular. Suddenly, יצחק שאול felt a heavy hand on his shoulder and looked up to see his father's angry face.

"So, this is the way you spend your time! Treating helpless creatures badly!" his father told him off sternly. "I could never imagine that a child of mine could be so cruel!"

The little frightened boy thought his father would surely give him a beating, he looked so angry. But this was not ר' ניסן's way. He was a teacher of young boys. But in all of his years of teaching, he had never hurt any of his pupils, nor any of his own children. True, his "strap" hung on the wall of the classroom. But if a pupil deserved punishment ר' ניסן had only to point to the strap on the wall, and tell him what he deserved, and it was always enough for the culprit.

Entering the house with his son, ר' ניסן asked him to bring the גמרא and open it to a specific page. He told him to read the section relating to the מצוה to look after chickens with gentle care. "See how the תורה thinks of everything," ר' ניסן enthusiastically explained to his little son. "In another part of the גמרא, we find that we must never sit down to a meal before first looking after our animals.

"So, we see that we must first of all care for ה' creatures

before we look after our own needs. Yet, you, my son, have not only ignored this teaching, but even more, have shown cruelty towards the poor creatures, which I could hardly have believed possible in a child of mine!"

יצחק שאול trembled while his father told him off. He thought his father had finished with him when, instead, he heard his father saying in a very serious voice:

"You know that it is not in my nature to hit anyone, and I have never hit you, but this time, I am going to ask you to take down the strap which is hanging on the wall. I want you to understand the pain you have given to the poor animals that you were so cruel to without thinking."

יצחק שאול took a chair and reached up for the strap which he had never before seen his father use. This in itself showed him how terrible his behaviour had been.

"Before I hit you," ר' ניסן said, "I want you to know quite clearly that the only reason I am doing this, is so that you will remember better the pain you have inflicted upon the birds and other living creatures."

These were the first and last blows that יצחק שאול ever received from his father, and he accepted them without a murmur.

ר' ניסן quickly went into another room, and a moment later יצחק שאול heard his father crying, deep and painful sobs escaping him which he seemed unable to stop.

When יצחק שאול heard his father sobbing, he realized that it was all his fault for having made his father do something so against his gentle nature. This gave the little boy more pain than the actual hitting, and he decided firmly, from that moment, never again to hurt anything or anyone.

He felt the pain for a couple of days, and walked about full of regret and shame for his bad behavior. On the third day, he suddenly went up to his father, kissed him and asked him, with tears in his eyes, if he would forgive him.

ר' ניסן's eyes also filled with tears as he said to his son tenderly, "My son, you are still a little boy and I, your father, are responsible for your עבירות, which are not quite serious. But it would be dreadful if you grew up to be an unfeeling, cruel person!"

יצחק שאול felt a changed boy. And he never again behaved in a cruel way.

(Adapted from 'The Lubavitcher Rebbe's Memoirs')

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת נח

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 & 2:

Look in the **חומש** and fill in the names of the 10 generations from **אדם** to **נח**, and the 10 generations from **שם** to **אברם**.

שם	1	אדם	1
_____	2	_____	2
_____	3	_____	3
עבר	4	_____	4
_____	5	_____	5
_____	6	_____	6
_____	7	חנוך	7
_____	8	_____	8
_____	9	_____	9
אברם	10	נח	10

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS:

Boys:

Levi Zarchi, age 8 from Puerto Rico
 Menachem M. Harlig, age 10 from Las Vegas, NV
 Shlom Friedman, age 6 from Argentina
 Mendy Steinmetz, age 7 from Sarasota, Florida
 Efraim Andrusier, age 8 from Columbus, Ohio
 Shneur Z. Bergstein, age 8 from Buffalo Grove, IL
 Yosef Bergstein, age 5 from Buffalo Grove, IL
 Mendel Mangel, age 7 from Dayton, Ohio
 Ari Baron, age 4 from Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
 Mendel Fischer, age 9 from Augusta, Georgia
 Menachem M. Schapiro, age 6 from The Netherlands
 Shneur Z. Schapiro, age 5 from The Netherlands
 Mendel Muller, age 8 Ilford, England
 Mendel Ciment, age 7 from Little Rock, AR

Yitzzy Muller, age 5 Ilford, England
 Shmuel Chanowitz, age 11 from Monticello, NY

Girls:

Sarah Beckhor, age 5 from Randolph, NJ
 Chanie Harlig, age 9 from Las Vegas, Nevada
 Pessi Fischer, age 7 from Augusta, Georgia
 Mushki Freedman, age 12 from Argentina
 Mushky Kivman, age 6 from Milford, MA
 Leah Zucker, age 8 from Key West, Florida
 Lieba Fischer, age 10 from Augusta, Georgia
 Chaya Mushka Loewenthal, from Australia
 Chaya M. Muller, age 9 from Ilford, England
 Zissie, 5 & Rochel Ciment, 8 from Little Rock, AR

BRAIN BUSTER WINNERS:

Boys:

Efraim Andrusier, age 8 from Columbus, Ohio
 Shmuel Chanowitz, age 12 from Monticello, NY
 Mendel Pink, from Leicester, England
 Levi Hayman, age 8 from Pheonix, Arizona

Girls:

Lieba Fischer, age 10 from Augusta, Georgia
 Chayaleh Turk, age 8.5 from Chicago, IL
 Zissie Ciment, age 5 from Little Rock, AR

הצלחה רבה

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

Happy Birthday!

חודש השון

א' השון

Yaakov Bekhor - Milano, MI
Menuja Teitelbaum - Buenos Aires
Moshe Tzvi Hirsh Kleinberg - Moscow

ב' השון

Sheterna Sara Glazman - Riga,
Mushkie Loewenthal - Copenhagen, DK
Iser Brikman - Brooklyn, NY
Riva Rochel Chazanow - Manalapan, NJ

ג' השון

Mendel Posner - Rancho Mirage, CA
Shterna Sara Fogelman - Natick, MA
Menachem Rubinfeld - San Diego, CA
Rivky Shishler - Sandton,
Zalman Lew - Atlanta, GA
Chaya Mushka Liberow - Colorado S., CO

ד' השון

Shneur Zalman Glazman - Riga,
Chaya Mushka Kaplan - Thornhill, ONT
Mirel Wolvovsky - Santa Rosa, CA

ה' השון

Lippy Baumgarten - Rockaway, NJ
Shneur Zalman Schapiro - Maastricht
Shoshana Yehudit Weber - Philadelphia
Brocha S. Brackman - Westminster, CO
Ettel Moscowitz - Northbrook, IL

ו' השון

Chaya Mushka Cunin - Pacific P., CA
Levi Yitzchok Tamarin - Zhitomir,
Yosef Yitzchok Lewis - NJ

ז' השון

Miriam Bracha Bekhor - Milano, MI
Chaya Katz - Miami, FL

ח' השון

Rivkah Weingarten - Grand Rapids, MI
Avrohom Feldman - Hurstville, NSW

ט' השון

Chana Heintz - Utrecht,
Levi Yitzchok Keselman - London
Pinchos Bentzion Sudak - England
Musia Pelman - Guatemala City,
Menachem M. Farkash - Issaquah, WA

י' השון

Menachem Mendel Harlig - Las V., NV
Avi Klein - Memphis, TN
Blumi Keselman, London, England

יא' השון

Yisroel Benjaminson - Glenview, IL
Aidy Freedman - Bahia Blanca,
Pinchas Osdoba - Belle Harbor, NY
Dovid Cunin - Pacific Palisades, CA

יב' השון

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Sholom Yeshaya Marozov - Valencia, CA

יג' השון

Zelda Rochel Wichnin - Jerusalem,

יד' השון

Sholem DB Teitelbaum - Buenos Aires
Simcha Binyomin Fisch Fisch - LA, CA

טו' השון

Menachem Mendel Katzman - Den Haag,
Shmuel Gniwisch - Montreal, QUE
Shalom Yisroel Eilfort - Carlsbad, CA
Levi Yitzchok Friedman - Coral S., FL

טז' השון

Mushkie Kaye - Bellevue Hill, NSW
MM Green - Westborough, MA
Yakov Lipskier - Sherman Oaks, CA
Reizi Richter - Howard Beach, NY

יז' השון

Sholom Vogel - Wilmington, DE
Aron Dov Sufrin - Ilford, ESSEX
Sholom Dovber Lazaroff - Houston, TX
MM Greenberg - Commerce, MI
Tzvi Dov Simon - London,

יח' השון

Mushky Kievman - Milford, MA
Motty Harlig - Miami, FL
Yaakov Kopel Kaplan - Baltimore, MD
Sholom Dov Ber Tamarin - Zhitomir,
Miriam Greisman - Westchester, CA
Dina Greisman - Westchester, CA

יט' השון

Sara Teitelbaum - Buenos Aires
Shmuly Grossbaum - Livingston, NJ

כ' השון

Leibel Gniwisch - Montreal, QUE
Esther Pesi Zucker - Key West, FL
Chaya Sheina Gordon - Charlotte, NC
Sholom Posner - Rancho Mirage, CA
Chaya Mushka Fischer - Augusta, GA
MM Cohen - Charlotte, NC

כ"א השון

Rochie Krinsky - Manchester, NH
Menachem Mendel Schapiro - Australia
Sholom Dov Ber Moskovitz - Kharkov,
Toiba Jaffe - Carindale, Brisbane

כ"ב השון

Levi Simon - London,

כ"ג השון

Rivka Pink - West Midlands,
Hadassah Sara Forta - Aventura, FL
Devorah Leah Segall - Las Vegas, NV

כ"ד השון

Mendel Laine - Panama
Menachem Mendel Pelman - Guatemala
Chayale Greenberg - Shanghai,
Bluma Laufer - Warwick, RI
Bluma Raizel Lewis - NJ

כ"ה השון

Rochel Leah Matusof - Madison, WI
Devorah Layah Gansburg - Coconut C., FL
Devorah Leah Posner - Plantation, FL
Bracha Deren - Pittsburg, PA

כ"ו השון

Menachem M. Kittner - Milwaukee, WI
Menachem Mendel Gordon - Charlotte, NC
Menachem Mendel Deitsch - Ambler, PA
Chaya Riva Backman - College Park, MD
Sara Bechor - Randolph, NJ
Menachem Mendel Eilfort - Carlsbad, CA
Dovber Deitsch - Ambler, PA
Benyomin Gorodetzky - Paris,

כ"ז השון

Chana Traxler - Houston, TX
Rivka Lifshitz - Blue Ash, OH
Levi Yitzchok Schapiro - Bayside, WI

כ"ח השון

Sholom Ber Weingarten - Grand R., MI

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