

HOMESCHOOL IDEAS!

Dear Kids,

We are happy to announce that we are starting a newletter for homeschool kids. We took time and effort to make a newsletter special for kids who learn at home and do the Rebbes shlichus. We would really like if you would join us by sending articles, stories, dilemas that we could share, fun sheets, and ideas of why its good to be home all day. Tell us what you like about the homeschool phoneschool and we will try to put it on our future newsletters! Please send all your articles to dafchasidi@gmail.com. All articles should be checked by a parent so it should be ready to put on the newsletter. If its possible we ask to send us all your articles for issue #2 before Shavuos. We cannot say that everything you send will be put on to the newsletter. If you have any questions you may call at 216–691–2684 and ask for Shmuel or Mushkie Freedman.

Thank You, Freedman Kids

P.S. If you want to be pen pals with other homeschool kids you can send us your name, age, and email address and we will put in on the next newsletter.

Do you have any ideas of what to do when your bored at home? Send your opinion to dafchasidi@gmail.com

STORY

The Strong Man of Shklov

After a visit to the city of Shklov the Alter Rebbe decided to return home. When the *Misnagdim* heard about it, they decided to throw stones at Rebbe, when he would depart. When the *Chasidim* heard about the plan, they decided to make a meeting and find out a way of how to protect the *Alter Rebbe*. One of the people was very strong; his name was *Dovid*. He was an 18 year old boy and he said that he is going to protect the Alter Rebbe from the Misnagdim. When the Alter Rebbe was ready to leave Shklov the *Misnagdim* gathered and before they could start throwing stones...David took a tree and said "I will kill anyone who puts up their hand to throw a stone". The misnagdim were very scared of him so they backed out. When they came to the gate the Alter Rebbe told David "you saved my life I will bless you to live to 120 years". The day before David turned 120 years he called up the chevrah kadisha and told them to come. He made with them a lechaim and ate and told them that the next day he will be with Hashem. The next day David passed away and now he is in Gan Eden next to Hashem! He lived till 120 years!





It says in the *midrash* that the Jews slept the whole night before *Matan Torah* and in the morning when it was time for *Hashem* to give the *Torah*, *Hashem* saw that they were sleeping, so *Hashem* had to wake them up. This is the reason why we stay up the whole night of *Shavuos* learning in order to correct the fact that the Jews slept the night before *Matan Torah*.

We need to understand:

From the time the Jews heard that 50 days after they are going to be freed from Mitzraim they are going to receive the *Torah* they had a big desire to receive the *Torah*. They started to count the days that was left till *Matan Torah* and this is one of the reasons why we count *Sefiras Haomer*.

So why did the Jews go to sleep the night before *Matan Torah?*

The answer is:

When we sleep part of the *Neshama* goes out of the body to the heavens and when that happens, the *Neshama* understands the *Torah* much deeper compared to the time that the *Neshama* is in the body. Therefore the Jews went to sleep the night before *Matan Torah* in order to reach a higher level of understanding of the *Torah*.

This is the proof that the Jews did not *Chas Vesholom* forget about the *Torah*.

The *medrash* says that, that night *Hashem* made a *Neis* that the Jews should not get any mosquito bites even though the Jews were sleeping very deeply. Still it was not the proper thing to sleep so much, because the preparation of *Kabolas Hatorah* has to be in a different way.

After *Matan Torah* A Jew was able to connect Ruchnius with Gashmius. (for ex. make *Tefilin* from the leather of a *beheimah*) The greatest thing is that A Jew could make his body Holy, therefore before *Matan Torah* the Jews did not have to go to sleep in order the *Neshama* should go out of the body and understand more *Torah*, only they had to stay up the whole night before *Matan Torah* in order the *Neshama* should stay in the body and the body should become more holy.

(This sicha is from leben mit der tzait)

I like being Home all day!

I think that being homeschooled is good way to grow up on shlichus. Being in school is an easy way to get influenced but when you are homeschooled you don't have other kids to influence you to do bad. You do what ever your parents tell you. In that case you make a bigger Kiddush Hashem in your shlichus. Kids who are homeschooled are also very creative because in a real school they give you homework and tests and that's all you do, but when your homeschooled you get used to the fact and start thinking of ideas. My aunt once told my mother that her kids are bored when they dont have schoolwork and when she saw us playing and doing things she was surprised. But she understood that because we are home all day we get used to figuring out what to do and start making our own activity. What we do when we are bored is cook, watch good videos, computer, and we play "office". We make a desk with papers and pen and we play as if it was real its really fun. Homeschooled kids are always smart and creative! My first time I went to school I did really well. The kids asked me how come you do very well if its your first time. I answerd them because I never went to school so I like school and that's why I put a lot of effort into my work! Now I am glad to have phoneschool classes where I could learn better and have a real education!

By Mushkie Freedman, Bahia Blanca, Argentina

עביך

Q: Why is the festival of *Shavuos* called *Shavuos*?

Answer:

- 1) Shavuos means weeks. From the time the Jews went out of Egypt they waited seven weeks till they merited to receive the Torah. Also we count 7 weeks of Sefiras Haomer starting the second night of Pesach till Shavuos and that's why the festival of Shavuos is called Shavuos.
- 2) Shavuos also means "promises." When Hashem gave the Torah to the Bnei-Yisrael the Jews promised to keep up the Mitzvos and to always believe in Hashem but Hashem said to the Bnei-Yisrael that his promise was that he only wanted the Bnei-Yisrael and he will never ever change them to another nation

(This Inian is from the book Vedibarta bam)



Circle every other letter to know what to do when you're bored: Pflfagyk adnvda rseyabdw tghyilsm nsedwusv llestatherrz oxnqey miopraer ttiymuek !@!#!%

A short poem:

Poems

I think poems are neat Although some people think I cheat

A lot of people like my poems a lot And a lot of people not

I try to make them funny When people like that they call them sunny

Some of them are boring Like the one about touring

Some of my poems are sad While others are mad

I like to rhyme Just like now at this time

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