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PARSHAS SHELACH



Can you imagine how Yehoshua and Kalev felt as they journeyed secretly across Eretz Yisrael along with the other ten miraglim?

They knew that it was not going to be easy to shut their ears to the doubt-filled muttering of the others. They knew that they would have to be careful not to be influenced even though originally all of the miraglim were considered tzaddikim. Yehoshua and Kalev knew that their travels would be dangerous because Moshe had given Yehoshua a special bracha for courage and trust in Hashem before they began their journey.

Alert to the danger, Kalev went out of his way to go to Chevron and daven at Me'aras HaMachpeilah where the Avos and Imahos are buried, requesting that their merit protect him from being influenced by the miraglim.

Kalev's efforts and his tefillah were rewarded. Not only was he not persuaded by the miraglim; later, he was even more successful than Yehoshua in lifting the spirits of the people and strengthening their trust.

Kalev gained this special ability to inspire the people because he made the effort to turn to Hashem on his own. Yehoshua was also protected from the bad influence of the miraglim, but that was not of his own doing, since he had received a special bracha for this from Moshe Rabbeinu. Kalev made the effort on his own, despite the difficulty and danger.

Hashem showers brachos upon us which give us

strength and trust in Him. Since these comes from above, we may not always sense them so strongly. But when we turn to Hashem on our own, we feel His brachos much more powerfully. This makes us feel strong and brave as we face the future.

When the miraglim returned and frightened the people with their report, Kalev rose courageously to speak to the people. And when he spoke, he succeeded in getting all of the people to at least listen to what he had to say, even those who sided with the miraglim.

What did Kalev say? He told the people: "We have a righteous leader who has proven to us many times that Hashem is with us. Our leader, Moshe, is so trustworthy that if even if he would tell us to climb to the heavens, we would succeed!"

Where did Kalev get the courage to speak with so much trust and determination?

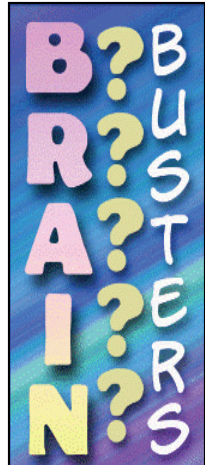
It all came from the effort he had put in before, strengthening himself in the face of difficulty. Although he was scared of the miraglim's influence, he worked on himself, turning to Hashem for help. He did not set out with a blessing given to him from above; he earned Hashem's bracha on his own. This gave him the strength to get the people to listen to him as he proclaimed, "We will go up and inherit the land."

(Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. VIII)
'The Rebbe Speaks to Children'

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TWO; START WITH ONE OF OUR MITZVOS, END WITH ANOTHER.

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org
last weeks' brain buster: 7 or 8. Every day - Don't be late!

Answer: מנורה

Congratulations to Mushka Blotner, age from Phoenix, Arizona
for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Hey there Junior Shluchim!

So here we are a whole week later, looking forward to getting the smallest of looks through that big new lens of mine. Well kinderlach, hopefully we won't have to wait too much longer, but in case you forgot, let me remind you what this lens was all about. I had decided last week to make a lens that would help me look at things the right way. But not only would the lens help us look at things the right way, it would also help us look at the right things.

So this whole week I've been working, with a few of my fellow lens-makers, on this new lens. After all it is not an easy job to decide which things should be used and which things should not be used, and who should use which things. And as I'm sure you can imagine, programming a lens to decide such things isn't easy.

Take for example the internet. It can be used for so many good things, like for me to send my weekly column for Connections to the editor, who uses the internet to send the Connections to the proofreaders, who use the internet to send the Connections back to the editor, who then sends the Connections to the CYH Department, who sends it out to all your Tatties and Mommies and puts it online for everyone to see. And of course, we have the amazing Shluchim Kids forum, and the absolutely out-of-this-world rallies that we have on the different Yomei Depagra. And we can't forget the most amazing CYH Online School.

But on other hand there are lots of people who use the internet for things that are not good at all, and sometimes they can make problems and do nasty things, which is why we always have to be so careful what we do on the internet. And that is why we only use the internet when our Mommies and Tatties are around. Actually I go on the internet when Mrs Getzel is around because I don't live with my Mommy and Tatty any more, but you get the idea.

So after a full week of programming, fixing, fine-tuning and correcting, we're hoping that finally the lens is ready for testing. The truth is, making the lens was actually quite easy, and it was a very easy formula too. All I had to do was think, 'what would the Rebbe want me to do.' That was it. Then there was no fooling around. Straightaway I would know if this was something I should be doing or shouldn't be doing. And if it was something I should be doing, I would straightaway know how and where I should be doing it. Because thinking about the Rebbe would always make sure that I was doing the right thing - the thing that the Rebbe would want.

Oops, I just realized, I haven't even told you the name of my new lens yet. It is the LOGLAG lens. I'll give you a minute to figure it out...

Worked it out yet? Of course! You got it! The Look Only Good, Look Al-

ways Good Lens. Well done!

Well, have a Good Shabbos kinderlach, and remember, even if you don't manage to get your own LOGLAG lens, then you can make your own by just thinking to yourselves - 'what would the Rebbe want me to do.'

Dr Getzel

KIDS SPEAK Where Young Shluchim talk about their Shlichus



**SHEINA NECHAMA GRONER, AGE 12
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Hi. My name is Sheina Nechama Groner. I am 12 years old and I live in Charlotte, North Carolina. There are 10 children in my family K"H. There is Rochel, Esti, Bentzion, Leah, Mendel, Motti, Zalman, Chaya, me and Shmuli. I go to to the Online School for Young Shluchim.

We have very nice weather in Charlotte. I love Charlotte because it is really nice.

We have a Chabad House. There is a preschool too. We have Junior Congregation on Shabbos and meals after Davening. I help out in the school my mother runs.

I like to read and bake. I also like to learn and chazer my school work.

Hey kids!

Send us a report about your shlichus and we will IY"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

כ"ח סיון

When World War II started, the רבי and רביצין were living in France. When the פריערדיקער רבי reached America he immediately started to make efforts to bring the רבי and רביצין to safety too. In תש"א / 1941 - after the Nazis had already invaded France - the רבי and the רביצין were able to travel to Portugal which was neutral during the war. Once they were in Portugal, they boarded a ship to the United States. The trip itself was very dangerous, with the ship being stopped many times by the Nazis.

On June 23, 1941, the רבי and the רביצין arrived in New York. The פריערדיקער רבי was not well and was unable to greet his son-in-law and daughter personally. Instead, he sent four of his most important חסידים to greet them.

The פריערדיקער רבי told them: "I am choosing you as my שלוחים to welcome my son-in-law, who is

arriving tomorrow. Let me tell you who he is: Every night he says תיקון חצות over the destruction of the בית המקדש. He knows by heart both the entire and ירושלמי with their commentaries and משנה תורה s'רמב"ם and is expert in the works of חב"ד חסידות. .!."

Since then, כ"ח סיון has become a day of שמחה and thanks to ה' for the rescue of the רבי and the רביצין from the hands of the Nazis in Europe. It also marks the beginning of a new period in חב"ד outreach when the פריערדיקער רבי set up מחדש ישראל and מרכז לעניני חינוך. All these מוסדות were run by the רבי when he came to America.



שבת מברכים חודש תמוז

- תהלים morning I made sure to say (Remember to say your quota for the World-Wide Tehillim club)
- I went to Shul and made the special ברכה for the new month of תמוז. (The ברכה can be found in the סידור after שחרית for שבת)



פרק שלישי

we are told "Whoever accepts upon himself the load of תורה, the load of government and the load of worldly cares are removed from him. Whoever, throws off the load of תורה, the load of government and the load of worldly cares are forced upon him."

But didn't we learn in ב'ב' that " it is good to combine תורה study with an occupation"?

There is a story of a son who inherited his father's very successful business. After a very short time, the business was no longer successful at all. The young man remembered that every time his father had a problem he would travel to his Rebbe to get advise and a ברכה, so he decided to do the same.

During his יחידות, the Rebbe asked him, "tell me what did your father do during business hours when things were slow?" The young man told the Rebbe, "when my father wasn't busy, he would learn from his ספרים, or say some תהלים."

"And what do you do when things are slow" the Rebbe asked.

The young man replied "My father couldn't read English well and had no interest in current events or sports, but I read and understand English, so I either read the newspaper or listen to the radio."

The Rebbe looked straight into the young man's eyes said, "Now I understand. The שטן was bothered by your father's תורה study, so to distract him he would keep him occupied with customers. But since you are doing exactly what he wants, wasting your time, he has no interest in getting you occupied with customers."

The משנה is teaching that when a person takes upon himself the load of תורה, the load of פרנסה is removed from him. Although he goes to his business regularly, he doesn't have to worry how he will make a living because the שטן makes sure to send him clients so that he will be occupied. When a person, however, casts off the load of תורה, and he does not occupy himself with תורה when he has free time at work but keeps busy with other activities; then the שטן is very happy and doesn't need to send him customers.

(Adapted from 'Vedibarta Bam')



Stories of the Rabbeim

Rabbi Pinchas Teitz from New Jersey made twenty-two trips to Russia during the time of Communism. Even while Communism was very powerful, he managed to get permission for his visits. He had good contacts in the government and they trusted him. Still, he was often able to use his visits to secretly smuggle in important Jewish materials, such as תפילין and סידורים, for the benefit of the אידן in Russia.

Although Rabbi Teitz was not a חסיד, when he got involved in helping the Russian אידן, he soon realised how much חב"ד was doing and many times he had the זכות to bring objects from the Rebbe to his חסידים in Russia, and vice versa.

Once, when Rabbi Teitz was preparing for another trip, a representative of the Rebbe brought him a package. This was no surprise; he was already used to and even expected the arrival of a messenger and the usual package.

But this time the messenger from the Rebbe also took out a small תנייא, and handed it to the rabbi. He explained that the Rebbe asked that Rabbi Teitz take it and carry it with him while in Russia, but didn't say who to give it to.

"I was shocked," related Rabbi Teitz afterwards. "To cooperate with the Rebbe to deliver basic Jewish necessities to the Jews of Russia was one matter, but to go with a copy of תנייא in my luggage? To Russia? It

seemed unnecessarily dangerous. The KGB knew very well what a תנייא is. What explanation could I give if they would find it on me?"

In the end, he decided to take it. If the Rebbe was making such an unusual request of him, he must have a good reason.

On the third day of his stay in Moscow, while he was walking back to his hotel from the Great Synagogue after מעריב, two young men approached him as he passed through a dark side street. They forced him quickly into a nearby parked car. The rabbi was taken by surprise and of course frightened. Were they the KGB? Was this a kidnapping?

His fears were soon proven wrong, however as his two "kidnappers" turned out to be local חב"ד חסידים. They apologized for the rough treatment, explaining that this was the only way they could possibly bring him to a safe house, and they needed to discuss urgent matters with him.

Only after they were safely in the house, did the two introduce themselves. They said they had investigated and discovered that he could be trusted, and what they wanted of him was that he should deliver a message to the Rebbe for each of them. They had major life decisions to make for which they needed the Rebbe's advice, and they couldn't wait for an official שליח.

(To be continued next week)

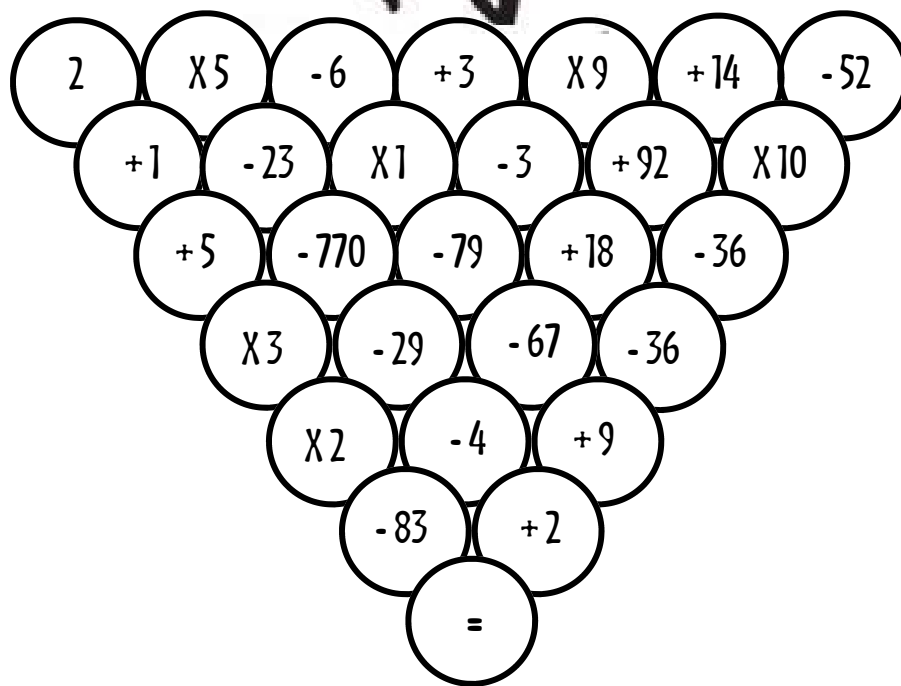
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת שלח

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 2:

Figure out the math to find the answer.



How many of the מרגלים carried me? _____

הצלחה רבה

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Last Week's Winners:

Baila Rochel Leah Goldstein, age 8 1/2 from Poway, California

CYH SUPERPHONE

הכנה לג' תמוז תשס"ז



OPERATION: REDEMPTION

THERE WILL BE 10 DAYS OF THE SUPERPHONE HACHANA. EACH DAY FOCUSING ON A DIFFERENT ONE OF THE 10   **MITZVAH TANK**

THE SPECIAL DAY OF **ג' תמוז** IS ALMOST HERE.
HOW CAN WE CONNECT TO OUR REBBE. AND PREPARE?
VALDEI HASHLUCHIM. HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO:
LET'S REACH OUT TO A FELLOW JEW!
THE TEN MITZVOIM - ARE THE AMMUNITION.
WHICH THE REBBE GAVE US - TO COMPLETE THE MISSION.
LET'S FOCUS ON THESE 10. AND SEE JUST HOW.
WE CAN FINALLY BRING MOSHIACH RIGHT NOW!

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