



CONNECTING TZEIREI HASHLUCHIM AROUND THE WORLD!

פרשת משפטים, כ"ח שבט תשס"ז
Volume 3, Issue 18

A project of CHINUCH YALDEI HASHLUCHIM a division of The Shluchim Office
 816 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213 ~ (718) 221-0500 x317 ~ cyh@shluchim.org

PARSHAS MISHPATIM



Every day in our davening we say, "מגיד דבריו ליעקב חוקיו ומשפתינו לישראל" - "He tells His words to Yaakov, His statutes and His laws to Yisroel." Our Chachomim teach us that "His words" and "His laws" mean that the mitzvos that Hashem asks us to do are also His: Hashem Himself fulfils the mitzvos which He commands us.

This week's parshah, Mishpatim, has many mitzvos. Let us take one of those mitzvos - the mitzvah of lending money to a person in need - and see how Hashem fulfils it.

When we give someone a loan, it seems as if we are giving away something for nothing. That person is not giving us anything back immediately for the money we lent him, but of course, we expect to get it back one day. We trust him, even if he is a poor person.

Now let us try to understand how Hashem fulfils this mitzvah. Like a person lending another Yid some money, Hashem "lends" each and every neshamah the special strength and ability to fulfil His will.

As with a loan, the neshamah gets its strength "for free." But Hashem expects that, in return, our neshamah will pay back the loan by using this strength to fulfil His mitzvos.

Hashem is very generous and grants each neshamah many powers, whether or not it deserves them. The passuk says, "If you will lend money to My people" - Hashem loves us and calls us "My people"; just by being Hashem's people we have a big enough zechus to get a loan from Hashem.

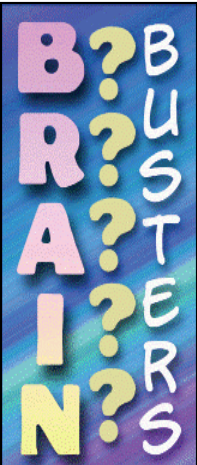
When we lend money, we do not tell the borrower how to use that money. It becomes his, and he can use it for whatever he wants. When Hashem gives us a "loan," it also becomes ours. We can use the strength and power He gives our neshamah for anything we choose. We must do our best to make the right choices. We must show Hashem that we are worthy of this loan, and "pay it back" by using the special strength He gives us to fulfil His will.

(Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. 1)
 'Please Tell Me What the Rebbe Said'

WITH MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

Chinuch Yaldei Hashluchim:
 Rabbi Kasriel and Mrs. Chana E. Shemtov

Connections:
 Mr. Yochanan and Mrs. Peri Brook
 Mr. Zalman and Mrs. Raizy Cousin



**IN THE SEA WE CAN BE FOUND.
 FOR A שבת TURN ME 'ROUND.**

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org

Last weeks' brain buster: With אהרן and חור, left and right, I gave the אידן lots of might!
 Answer: משה

Congratulations to Shlomie Liberow, age 10 from Grand Rapids, MI for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Hi there Young Shluchim!
 How are ya'll? I bet it's been a real busy time for all you Young Shluchos! Did you go into Crown Heights for Chof Beis Shevat? Were you by the Kinus? Of course this Kinus was especially for the Shluchos and even a famous Lens Making and Seeing Professor like me couldn't manage to slip in. I tried convincing the Vaad HaKinus that the Shluchos needed to have a special workshop on Lens Making, but I think they remembered all the reasons that I gave them just a few months ago by the Kinus Hashluchim why I *couldn't* give a workshop, so this time *they* turned *me* down.

Workshop or no workshop though, I wasn't going to miss reporting back on this most amazing Kinus, so I sent in a secret, undercover reporter. Nope, it wasn't my goldfish Genendal, and it wasn't even my regular and dependable, ever friendly Mendel the Mouse - I really did try convincing him to go visit his cousins in Crown Heights, but he wasn't interested. It was my most secret weapon - Mrs Getzel.

Being a Shlucha of course, and the wife of a Shliach who works for the Shluchim Office, CYH department, Mrs Getzel was able to get into all those places that I wanted to but couldn't. Of course it came at a price though. It meant that for almost a whole week I had to live off peanut butter and chocolate spread and jelly sandwiches. Not that Mrs Getzel didn't leave a freezer packed full of food that just needed to be popped into the microwave, but between me and you, nothing beats a chocolate spread and jelly sandwich, especially when you add green olives too.

Before Mrs Getzel left, we made a plan of action. The easiest thing would have been if Mrs Getzel would have written her own report on the Kinus, but ever since Mrs Getzel heard that computers can catch bugs and that one of the main parts of the computer is a mouse, she wont even go into the same room as our computer. Which meant that I would have to do the writing while Mrs Getzel did the reporting. So we had to make a plan about what exactly Mrs Getzel would report on.

The two big events of course were the Banquet and the special Day of Celebration that the Shluchim Office, Online School Department was making for the first time ever. Now unfortunately Mrs Getzel is too nervous to go near my computer, so she can't teach in the Online School, but through my connections in the Shluchim Office, I had heard all about the Day of Celebration and I wanted to make sure that Mrs Getzel wouldn't miss that.

Well I'm pleased to report that the Kinus lived up to all our expectations. Mrs Getzel told me she was so excited to see so many of the Young Shluchos running around. She even recognised a lot of you from your pictures in the Kids Speak Column in the Connections and from the Kids Connect that you make from time to time. And it was really fun introducing herself in the Shluchim Office as Mrs Getzel! Of course most of the time Mrs Getzel went around with a different badge saying that she was a Shlucha from Iceland (hey, it starts with the same letter as Iowa!), because she didn't want people to realise who she was, but when she went to the Shluchim Office she just had to introduce herself properly so she could get to meet all the those people that she speaks to every week on

the phone when she has to explain why my column is late yet again.
 Did you enjoy the Kinus maidalach? Mrs Getzel is still bouncing off the walls she is so full of chayus. That is why I couldn't even get a proper report out of her. For a while I couldn't even understand what she was saying. 'Day of Blancation,' 'Banquet of Celekinus,' 'Kinus of Celebration,' 'Banquet of Chayus.' But I soon worked out that she was just super excited about everything she saw, and it was all amazingly fantastic! I guess next year I'll have to figure out a way to sneak into the Kinus myself, and give you a real report...
 Until then, keep up the good work!

Dr Getzel



**DEVORAH FREUNDLICH, AGE 9
BEIJING, CHINA**

Bli ayin hora, there are 4 children in my family: 1) Mushkie - 10, 2) me - Devorah - 9, 3) Chava - 3, 4) Aaron - 5 months.

I go to Ganeinu International School. I help my parents in their Shlichus work by making sure that all the children in our community feel like they are Jewish and I do mitzvos with them whenever I can. I once made this girl frum and she keeps Shabbos, kashrus and dresses very tzniusdik.

We have two Chabad Houses and one Chabad school. You can look on our website and see all the information about them.

In my free time, I read books and play on the computer as well as check my e-mail.

My CYH Chassidische Calendar hangs in my classroom.

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.

Shabbos Mevorchim Checklist



This Shabbos is **שבת מברכים חודש אדר**

- morning I made sure to say תהילים. (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 אדר. (The ברכה can be found in the סידור after שחרית for שבת)

Rosh Chodesh Checklist



ראש חודש אדר

ל' שבט – Sunday
א' אדר – Monday

- I remembered to say יעלה ויבא in שמונה עשרה and in bentching.
- I remembered to say הלל after שמונה עשרה.
- I remembered to daven מוסף.
- I remembered to say ברכי נפשי after the שיר של יום.
- (For Girls) I didn't sew or do any laundry.



Moshiach in the PARSHA

"שש שנים יעבד ובשבעת יצא לחפשי" - "For six years he shall serve and in the seventh year he shall be set free".

These six years hint to the six kingdoms in which בני ישראל were in גלות: מצרים, אשור, בבל, מדי, יון, and אדום. After גלות אדום, we will be set free by משיח who will redeem us from our גלות.



When בני ישראל heard ה' proclaiming, "נעשה ונשמע" (saying "we will do" before "we will hear")



He commanded 600,000 מלאכים to bring two crowns for each איד. Each angel placed one crown on the head of a איד for having said נעשה, and a second one for נשמע.

When the עגל הזהב בני ישראל made, ה' commanded His מלאכים to take back the crowns from בני ישראל.

In the time of משיח, ה' will return to us those heavenly crowns and we will be happy again!

DID YOU KNOW?

On the last שבת of the month of שבט, or on ראש חודש אדר if it falls on שבת, we read an extra תורה קריאת called פרשת שקלים. This שבת is called שבת שקלים. פרשת שקלים speaks about the מצוה for every איד to give מחצית השקל, a half-shekel - a type of coin - every year to the בית המקדש. This money was used to buy the קרבנות for the בית המקדש.

The מחצית השקל had to be given in by ניסן א', and they would begin collecting it on ראש אדר ט"ו. The people were reminded about the מחצית השקל beginning on ראש חודש אדר. For that reason, the תורה קריאת speaking about the מחצית השקל was read on the שבת before ראש חודש אדר as a reminder to prepare it.

Today, we don't give a מחצית השקל because there is no בית המקדש to bring קרבנות in, but we do give half a coin as a remembrance of this on תאנית אסתר. Until משיח comes, we daven instead of bringing קרבנות. We still read this portion in the תורה, and hope that it will be counted as if we actually fulfilled the מצוה.





Stories of the Rabbeim

One beautiful summer day, a fancy carriage stopped in front of the שול of the בעל שם טוב. The driver opened the door and a wealthy-looking frum איד stepped out of the carriage, entered the simple building and asked if he could have a private צדיק with the יחידות.

A meeting was arranged and when they were sitting face to face the rich man looked at the בעל שם טוב and wasn't very impressed. The only reason he came was to see who is this Holy Man that everyone was talking about, and, frankly, he looked like every other איד. It was obvious that he had come all the way to Mezibuz for nothing.

"Well," said the בעל שם טוב. "Would like to hear a story? I have a very good story to tell you."

"Alright," said the visitor looking at his pocket watch, "but I do have a long ride ahead of me."

"Good!" the בעל שם טוב said "I'll make it short."

"Once, in the city of Warsaw, in Poland, there were two close friends, who were both frum אידן. They had grown up together, bought houses next to each other, went into business together and, when their business succeeded, become extremely rich together. Their friendship was so strong that they were like brothers."

He paused, looked up and asked his guest, "Are you listening?" When he nodded 'yes', the בעל שם טוב continued.

"After several years they decided to open a branch in Paris with the idea that one of them would move there to take care of the new branch.

"Everything went smoothly. They traveled to Paris together, made the necessary connections, opened the business, bought merchandise and only after being sure that everything was running smoothly they parted.

"At first they wrote to each other twice a week, but as time went by they corresponded less and less frequently until ten years later they were writing only to wish each other גוט יום טוב.

"Then one year, the partner in Poland ran into some bad luck, suffered some major losses, and suddenly found himself without a penny, in fact he was deeply in debt. With no other choice he used his last money to buy a train ticket to France with the hope that his friend would help with a loan.

"However when he arrived at his friend's home and suggested the idea, his friend replied in amazement. "What! A loan? I should give you a loan!? Why that is ridiculous!!! I'm not giving you any loan! We are brothers!! Half of what I own is yours! Take a million francs!!! Here!!"

"They embraced and wept on one another's shoulders, renewed their friendship and a week later the poor partner returned to Warsaw, a new man with renewed hope, reinvested the money that he got and within a year he had regained his wealth.

"But, just as before, in a few years time they had both returned to their busy schedules and remembered to write only occasionally.

"The years passed and about ten years later the wheel of fortune again took a bad turn, but this time for the partner in Paris. He too lost all his money and with no alternative he decided to visit his partner in Warsaw. He wasn't a young man anymore, and he was a bit broken from the strain of his financial problems, but he had no other choice and he was sure that could always depend on his friend in a time of need. But he was in for a nasty surprise.

(To be continued next week)



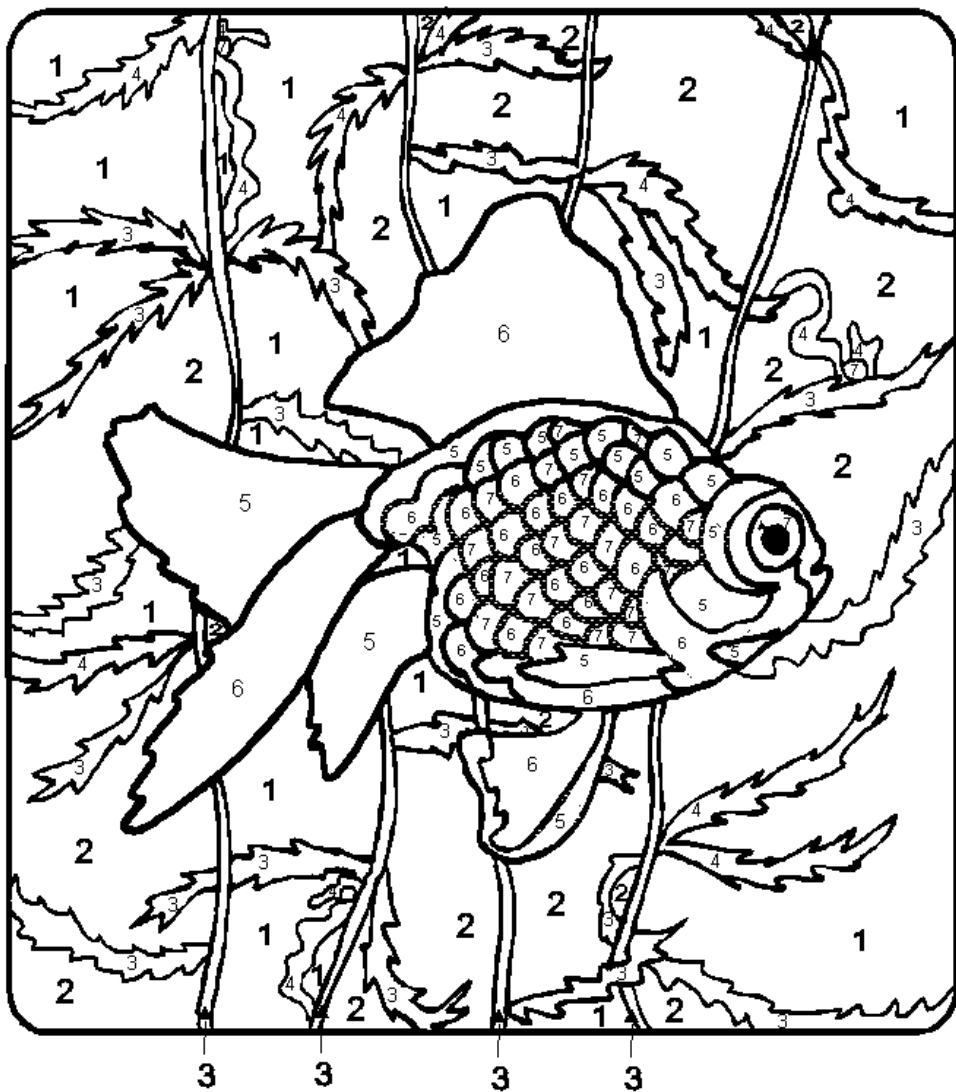
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת משפטים

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:

Color in this color by number picture to see a picture of the מזל of חודש אדר.



- 1 - Dark blue
- 2 - Light Blue
- 3 - Dark Green
- 4 - Light Green
- 5 - Brown
- 6 - Orange
- 7 - Yellow

הצלחה רבה

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

Last Week's Winners:

Mendel Gordon, age 9 from Charlotte, North Carolina

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת משפטים

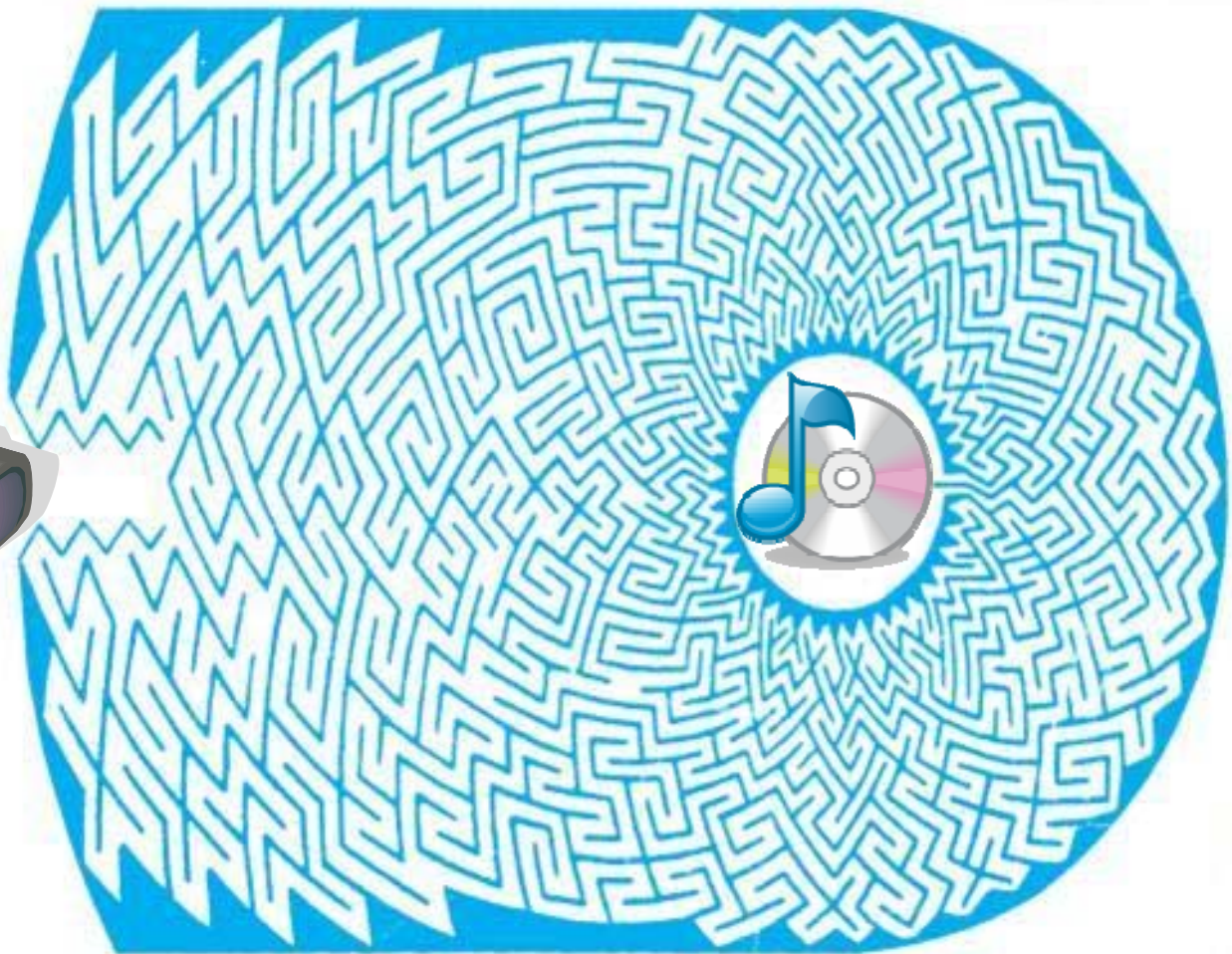
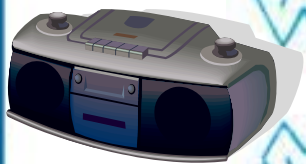
Kids! Fill out the answers to the puzzle below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221- 0985 or e-mail it to connections@shluchim.org by Wednesday

Level 2:

משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה!!!

Mendy wants to play music for אדר חודש.

Help him put his CD of ניגונים חסידישע into the CD player.



הצלחה רבה

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

Last Week's Winners:

Bassie Vorovitch, age 9 from Richmond Hill, Ontario



KIDS CONNECT PURIM EDITION

DEAR VALDEI HASHLUCHIM.

WRITE A STORY, ARTICLE OR POEM ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS. AND SEND IT IN TO US BY MONDAY. ROSH CHODESH ADAR AND YOU WILL GET A SPECIAL MISHLOACH MANOS FROM THE SHLUCHIM OFFICE!

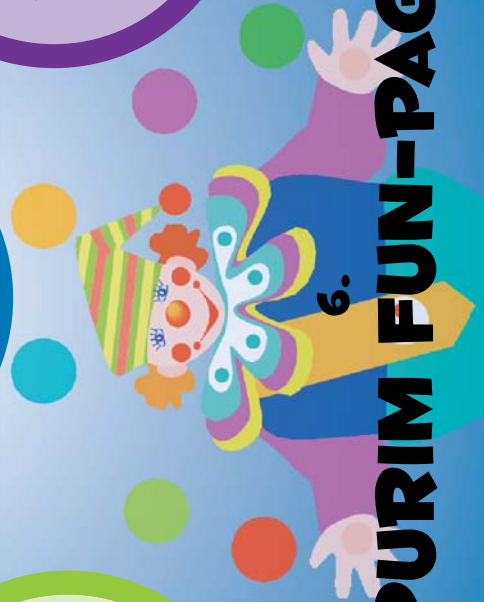
3.
FEATURED
CHABAD
HOUSE

2.
THE
כינוס
השלוחות

4.
(דבי) דעיז
מהמנא

1.
THE STORY
OF PURIM

5.
חסידישע
דאטס אין
חודש אדר



6.
PURIM FUN-PAGE

E-MAIL: CYH@SHLUCHIM.ORG

FAX: 718-221-0985