



פרשת ויקהל-פקודי, כ"ו אדר תשס"ז  
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## PARSHAS VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI



Mrs. Katz was explaining the connection between the Mishkan and tefillah to her fifth grade parshah class. "Parshas Pekudei summarizes the building of the Mishkan," Mrs. Katz was saying. "The Torah tells us that Betzalel and Oholiav carried out the work as they were commanded. The Torah goes through the long list of the Bigdei Kehunah and the building of the Mishkan, telling us each time that it was all done 'as Hashem had instructed Moshe'." "These words 'as Hashem had instructed Moshe' are repeated eighteen times. Our Chachomim connect this to davening. Can anyone guess why?" asked Mrs. Katz. "That's easy," called out Chaya. "There are eighteen berachos in the Shemoneh Esreh." "And something else," added Rina, "the most important avodah in the Mishkan was the offering of the korbanos. Today our tefillah takes the place of the korbanos." "Very good," said Mrs. Katz. "There's more too. The Mishkan was built from many types of materials, teaching us that a Yid's avodah is to use everything in this world to serve Hashem. This way our world becomes uplifted and connected to Hashem's holiness. Tefillah is called a ladder, like the ladder in Yaakov's dream that stood on the ground but reached up into the heavens. Through tefillah, we left ourselves up and become connected to Hashem." "Morah," Simi called out raising her hand. "I don't mean to be disrespectful, but I counted the number of times the parshah says 'as Hashem commanded Moshe.' You said there were eighteen, but I counted nineteen." "Oh, Simi!" Mrs. Katz said with a smile. "You just answered one of the questions I was going to give you for homework! You're right. It does say so nineteen times. Our sages tell us to start counting from the time it mentions Oholiav in the third passuk of the parshah. Then, the num-

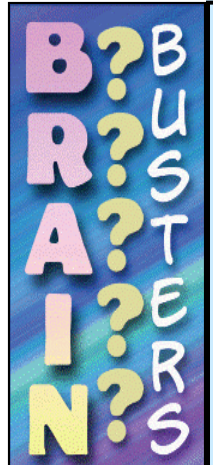
ber totals eighteen." "But why?" asked Chayah and Rivkah together. "Why shouldn't we count from the beginning where Betzalel is mentioned?" added Simi. "Let me explain," replied Mrs. Katz. "Betzalel was from Shevet Yehudah, which was first in line as the Jews traveled in the desert. Shevet Yehudah brought into the world the leaders whose descendants would later become kings. Oholiav was from the tribe of Dan, which was last in line on the journeys. "The avodah of the Mishkan, to lift this world up for kedushah and connecting it to Hashem's holiness, comes about as we work together with achdus. This means including everyone - from the most important, talented, smartest person to the simplest Jew. "The second passuk speaks only about Betzalel. But the third passuk begins, 'And with him Oholiav....' So we begin counting from there, from where Oholiav is included. When Shevet Dan and Shevet Yehudah work together, the Mishkan can be built 'as Hashem commanded Moshe'. "Now, can someone connect this idea of achdus with tefillah?" asked Mrs. Katz. Many hands shot up. Mrs. Katz called on Mindy. "We begin davening with the words Hareiini mekabel ali mitzvos aseil shel veahavta lereiachaha kamocho," she replied. "That's right. Ahavas Yisrael connects all Jews with one another, no matter who they are and where they may be. Through our tefillah, which begins with achdus, we can uplift ourselves and become connected to Hashem."

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

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Last weeks' brain buster: Red and unemployed

Answer: פרה אדומה

**Congratulations to Devorah Hodakov, age 7 from New Haven, Connecticut for solving the brain buster.**



# FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

*Dr Getz*

Hey there Junior Shluchim!

There I was, sitting at my (very messy) desk thinking what to write about this week, when it suddenly hit me - Purim is over, Pesach is on the way and Moshiach is still not here! At least there is one piece of good news - Moshiach is a day closer than he was yesterday! But that isn't too exciting either because it means we were another day without Moshiach! Enough already! Ad mosai! Dai leGolus!

I have to admit that at first I was very sad. In fact I was so sad I didn't even feel like writing anything anymore, not a column for Connections, not a recipe for a new lens and not even a letter wishing my favourite Getzel'ite mazel tov on her birthday. But then I remembered that I am a chossid, and a Lubavitcher chossid. And like every good Lubavitcher, I know that it is not good to be sad. After all, the Alter Rebbe even says so in the very first Perek of Tanya! And then I remembered that I am a chossid of the Rebbe who has told us exactly what to do if we want to bring Moshiach.

So, before you could say 'extra acts of goodness and kindness,' I had already grabbed the keys to the Getzel-mobile and I was on my way out of the door. And I'm sure you realise just how quick that was because it normally takes me at least half an hour to find my car keys! As I was running through the door I was getting more and more excited! Not only did I know that by doing 'extra acts of goodness and kindness,' I would bring Moshiach closer, I even knew that the Rebbe had told us exactly where to start too - with the special Mivtzoyim that the Rebbe gave us.

As I reached up to kiss the mezuzah on my way out of the door, I suddenly realised that I had won. That sneaky, sly, tricky, clever Yetzer Hora of mine had been trying to get me depressed that Moshiach hadn't come yet. It was just like the Rebbe writes in Hayom Yom, that sometimes the Yetzer Hora pretends to be all frum and holy - like trying to get you upset that Moshiach isn't here, or trying to get you to skip on helping out your Mommy on Shabbos morning because you suddenly wanted to say some extra Tehillim - when really it is not the right time and place to be doing that. And even though I hadn't realised what the Yetzer Hora was up to, thanks to the Chassidus that I'd learnt I managed to beat him and I was actually on the way to bring Moshiach closer!

Okay then kinderlach, I'm off to bring Moshiach a bit faster, how about you give me a hand?! Let's do some extra Mivtzoyim and extra acts of goodness and kindness and really get Moshiach here now! See you next week - with Moshiach!

(PS - It's that time of year again, when I temporarily shorten my name because Getzel rhymes with - you guessed it - pretzel and pretzels are, as you know, chometz. At this time of year we are all trying to get rid of the chometz in our houses and I don't want to add to all the hard work you have to do.)

## KIDS SPEAK

Where Young Shluchim talk about their Shlichus



**SHEINA CHINCHOLKER, AGE 11  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

There are 3 kids in my family B"H. There is me, my younger brother Yosef Yitzchak who is 8 and my older sister Devora Leah who is 13.

I go to Cheder Lubavitch in Chicago.

We are shluchim on a college campus so whenever they have a break, the city is empty. The weather here is nice. It is normal, cold in the winter and hot in the summer.

I help my parents by doing mivtzoyim, being friendly to the people that come to our Chabad House so they will come again. I am not there during the weekdays since I go to school in Chicago which is 6 hours away. There is no Jewish school here in Bloomington.

We have a Chabad House. It is not that big but we are working on it.

In my free time I like talking to my friends and see what is happening with their lives.

In my house, the CYH Chassidishe calendar hangs in my brothers room.

Hey Kids!

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

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Please include your name, age and location of shlichus.



### כ"ז אדר

It was Monday, כ"ז אדר א'.  
The Rebbe, like on all Mondays and Thursdays in the later years, traveled to the Ohel of the רבי פריערדיקער רבי. In the previous weeks, the Rebbe very much stressed about bringing the גאולה and that everyone should do what they can to bring the גאולה. It was חודש אדר, and the חיות was felt.

Suddenly, the news was heard around the entire world. The Rebbe fell in the Ohel! At first, we didn't fully understand what had happened, but it didn't take long to hear that the Rebbe had a "stroke!"

I didn't want to believe this. The happy days of אדר turned into dark, hard days.

We were certain that any day the Rebbe would become well and continue as before, making פארברענגען's and giving out dollars. However, as we have seen, Hashem decided to continue in a different way.

Now, when Hashem stopped the גשמיית'דיקע giving over of חסידות, we must strengthen ourselves in the Rebbe's holy work of - "והיו עיניך רואות את מוריד" - זוכה until we will be זוכה to see our Rebbe with the גאולה השלימה now!

### ב' ניסן

The fifth Rebbe, the רבי שלום דובער, רבי רש"ב, was born on ב' חשוון תרכ"א (1860). After his father, the רבי מהר"ש (1882), he became Rebbe. ב' ניסן תר"פ (1920) - 87 years ago.

His last words were: "איך גיי אין הימל און די כתבים לאז איך אייך" - "I'm going to שמים; I leave you the writings (מאמרים)."



### שבת מברכים חודש ניסן

- 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 ניסן. (The ברכה can be found in the סידור after שחרית for שבת)



### ראש חודש ניסן

א' ניסן - Tuesday

- I remembered to say שמונה עשרה in יעלה ויבא and in bentsching.
- 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.

# DID YOU KNOW?



This special פרשה is connected to the month of ניסן and its importance in being the first month. On פרשת החודש a second תורה ספר is taken out and פסוקים are read that talk about the מצוה of קידוש החודש - sanctifying the new moon and the מצוה of referring to ניסן as the first of the months.

פרשת החודש is also to remind people that פסח is coming and it is time to begin preparing for עליה לרגל - the מצוה to visit ירושלים on each of the שלש רגלים.

פרשת החודש is the שבת before ראש חודש ניסן or on ראש חודש ניסן if it falls out on שבת.

Even though the calendar begins with ראש השנה (חודש תשרי), nevertheless, when we name or count the months, the תורה tells us to refer to ניסן as the first month. When the months are mentioned in תנ"ך, they are also called the first, second, third month and so on, starting from חודש ניסן.

(Adapted from e-chinuch.org)



פרשת החודש

# Stories of Olde

(Continued from last week)

One morning, there was a loud knock on the Rabbi's door. He was surprised to see the Chief of Police standing there. The Chief asked the Rabbi to come with him to the Police Station on some important business. A horse and carriage were waiting in front of the house.

The Rabbi was very worried. He was afraid that there might be a serious problem. He davened to ה' it should not be connected with any danger to the Jewish community.

The Police Chief brought the Rabbi to his office and in a very friendly way asked him if anything had been stolen from his house recently.

The Rabbi who had never spoken to anyone about the missing money was completely surprised. He told the Police Chief about the missing purse, but assured him that the one who took it had since returned the money. It was a young man who was getting married and needed the money. He really only meant to borrow it. The Police Chief asked a few more questions and he looked very confused by the entire story.

"You Jews are a wonderful people," the Police Chief said with respect and admiration. "Never in my life have I heard of anything like this!"

Then he opened the drawer of his desk, pulled out a purse and handed it to the Rabbi. "Do you recognize it?" he asked.

It was now the Rabbi's turn to look confused. This was certainly his missing purse, but how did it come here? The door opened and a police officer brought in a handcuffed peasant woman.

"Do you recognize her?" asked the Chief of Police. The Rabbi shook his head. "No, I'm afraid I don't," he answered, still completely bewildered.

"Well, I suppose you are busy with your work and do not notice the cleaning woman who comes to clean your house. Anyway, it does not matter. She has confessed." And then the Chief of Police told his story.

When the woman was cleaning the house before פסח, she happened to find the purse. She took it to her house and buried it in the garden near a tree.

A few days later, she took some golden coins and went to buy new clothes. Then she decided to stop working, for now she had plenty of money. A week passed, and she took some more gold coins to buy new boots and shoes. The neighbors became suspicious and reported it to the police.

It didn't take long for them to catch her. They found her digging in the garden, and when she was opening the purse, the police arrested her. There were only four coins missing. "Here you are, Rabbi," said the Chief of Police with a friendly smile.

"But you know," he said, "I just can't understand what you said. Why did that young man pay you back when he was not guilty? And why didn't he explain to you that he was not at fault?"

The Rabbi shook his head. This was something he could not explain.

The next day the Rabbi traveled to Sniatyn. He rushed out of the wagon, ran up to אנשל משה, and tearfully asked his forgiveness. "Why did you not tell me that you were innocent?" asked the Rabbi in a trembling voice.

אנשל משה explained that the sadness and worry of the Rabbi had deeply touched him. He knew that if he told the truth, and offered to help, the Rabbi would have refused to accept it, knowing that אנשל משה was far from a rich man. So אנשל משה and his wife gave everything they owned to the Rabbi, and for many months they saved every penny to complete the missing amount.

The Rabbi embraced אנשל משה and blessed him to have great riches so that he might always be able to help the poor and needy of his people. "Here is the money you so kindly paid out of your pocket. Go to Frankfort, Germany, where you will have a better chance to succeed in business, as well as to do מעשים טובים. May ה' be with you and your wife and children for generations to come."

The Tschortkower of הרשלע of ברובה אנשל משה became a successful merchant and banker in Frankfort. His son, מאיר אנשל Rothschild, was even more successful. His five sons settled in different capitals in Europe, and they carried on their banking business in partnership and their wealth increased from generation to generation.

A grandson of מאיר אנשל, Baron Edmund de Rothschild of France, head of the House of Rothschild, earned the name of אידן הודוע - "The Famous Benefactor." He helped many in many different ways. He died in Paris in 1934 at the age of ninety.

So this was the secret of the Rothschilds' success - the unselfish generosity of an ordinary man, a man who gave צדקה without letting anyone know of his great נפש.

'The Secret of Success'

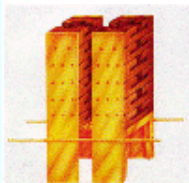
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### Level 1:

Draw a line from each of the כלים to its name and then to the place it stood in the משכן.

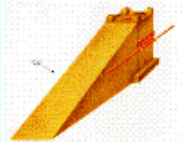


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### Last Week's Winners:

Mendel Lipskier, age 5 from Atlanta, Georgia

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### Level 2:

Fill in the missing vowels to create a summary of the Parsha.

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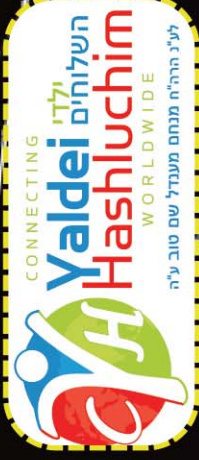
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### Last Week's Winners:

Mushky Wineberg, age 9 from Kansas City, Kansas





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY REBBE! NACHAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

In honor of this upcoming Yud Alef Nissan, we are putting together a special video presentation that will I"YH be featured on the YUD ALEF NISSAN RALLY!

The video is called: **"HAPPY BIRTHDAY REBBE- NACHAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD"** and it will be featuring Young Shluchim from all over the world in action - making the Rebbe proud!

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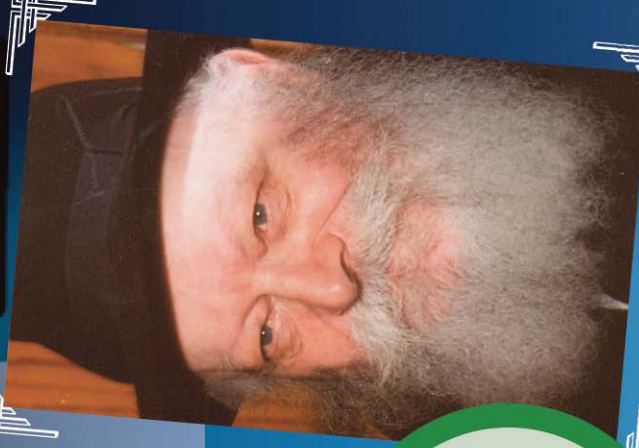
Take a video of the following:

1. How I participate in my Shlichus

2. My Yud Alef Nissan Hachlata

3. What I do to make the Rebbe proud

4. About my family's Shlichus



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