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PARSHAS YISRO



"What advice did Yisro give Moshe Rabbeinu?" Mrs. Schwartz asked at the beginning of parshah class.

Many of the sixth graders raised their hands. Mrs. Schwartz pointed at Ruth. "Yisro advised Moshe to appoint judges who would help him judge the people," Ruth answered.

"Mrs. Schwartz," Brochah asked, "Yisro's advice makes sense. Appointing judges seems like the logical thing for any leader to do, especially since there were over 600,000 people to lead. Why didn't Moshe Rabbeinu come up with the idea himself?"

"That's an excellent question, Brochah," replied Mrs. Schwartz. "If you think about it, the question becomes even greater. One of the reasons Hashem chose Moshe as a leader was because He saw how Moshe cared for each and every one of the sheep in his flock. But here, it seems that Moshe was not aware of the people's needs. Instead, it appears to have been Yisro, an outsider, who understood and suggested a plan to make life easier for everyone.

"There is another incident later in this parshah that can help us answer this question," Mrs. Schwartz continued. "What was the Jewish people's reaction when they heard the first two of the Aseres Hadibros from Hashem?"

"They were frightened," replied Sarah. "They asked Moshe to speak to them instead of Hashem."

"Oh, I see," Shoshanah called out. "Here we have exactly the same question. Since Moshe was such a dedicated leader, shouldn't he have known that the people would not be able to listen to Hashem's voice directly?"

"Good thinking, Shoshanah," Mrs. Schwartz praised. "Now I'll explain. Moshe Rabbeinu was a dedicated leader and he knew his people very well. He was so devoted to his people that he wanted them to hear and understand Hashem in the same way that he himself did. He was able to lift them up to this level, and they could hear Hashem's voice directly.

"But the people wanted something different. 'Moshe,' they told him, 'you are doing so much for us by raising us to your level. Still, we want to understand Hashem's words on our own level.' We see that Hashem agreed. 'They have spoken correctly,' Hashem said. So for the remaining eight dibros, it was Moshe and not Hashem who spoke to the people.

"Now we can understand why Moshe wanted to judge the people himself. He wanted to lift them up and give them the chance to understand Hashem's wisdom like he did. But Yisro saw that it wouldn't work; the people couldn't always be uplifted to Moshe's level.

"He told Moshe: 'You bring them the word of Hashem. Teach them the Torah and the mitzvos and tell them how to lead their lives. But appoint others to help you judge.

"When you are teaching people Torah,' Yisro told him, 'you can raise them to your level. But when they have an argument and need to be judged, they are not on your level. Then they cannot be uplifted to hear the word of Hashem the way you can. Appoint others to be the judges.'

"We see that Hashem agreed to Yisro's advice, and Moshe appointed judges. Having a group of wise leaders like these judges to guide the people was important - and not only at the time Yisro gave his advice. It would become even more important in the future when the Jewish people would enter Eretz Yisrael and Moshe Rabbeinu would no longer be there to lead them."

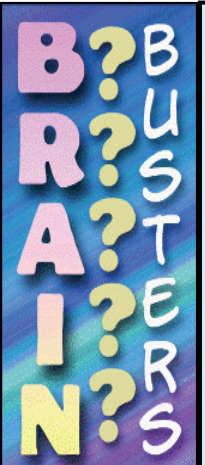
But of course, Moshe Rabbeinu had been hoping that he would bring the Yidden into Eretz Yisroel with the Geula. At that point, the Jewish people would learn Torah from Moshiach who, like Moshe Rabbeinu, would uplift them and enable them to hear the words of Hashem directly."

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

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WITH אהרן AND חור, LEFT AND RIGHT I GAVE THE אידן LOTS OF MIGHT!

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Last weeks' brain buster: I start second, I end wet.

Answer: בשלח

Congratulations to Mendel, 9 & Mushka, 8 labkowski from London, England for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Dr Getzel

Hello again Junior Shluchim!

I've been waiting all week to tell you about my brand new lens that I have been working on. Remember the one I was talking about? I've decided to call it the MOST lens. Can you guess what that means? Yup, you guess it. The MOShiach Tzeiten lens! Because, like I was explaining last week, if I managed to make such a lens it would for sure be Moshiach Tzeiten because everyone would be able to actually see Hashem and everyone would believe in Hashem.

Now of course, making a lens isn't too easy – if it was I wouldn't be the only Yiddisher Lens Making and Seeing Professor in the world – but making a really extraordinary lens like the MOST lens would be extra hard. But I wasn't too worried. Like Rabbi Ben Hey Hey tells us in Pirkei Avos, 'Iefum tzaara agra', which means that the reward a person gets depends on the amount of work he or she puts into something, and so I knew that to make such a special lens, I would need to work extra specially hard.

Well, it took me quite a while to get all the materials that I needed for such a special project, and like any type of lens building I also need to do some ruchnius'diker hachonos too. So in actual fact it was already Parshas Yisro by the time I actually started work on the lens. But I wasn't too worried; after all in Parshas Yisro we learn how the Yidden all got to hear Hashem say the first two of the Aseres Hadibros, just like they would through my new lens.

So off to work I went. First I had to make a frame for the lens. Now since this was going to hopefully be the last lens I would ever make – because for sure when everyone saw and believed in Hashem, Moshiach would finally come – I wanted the frame to be something out of this world. But, as I was checking the drawings I had made to see how big the frame would need to be, I suddenly remembered something that made me stop in my tracks. Actually, I wasn't walking, but I was bending over my desk and I straightened up so fast that I forgot where I was and banged my head on my low-hanging light fixture, and spent the next few minutes jumping around the room holding my head, shouting in pain, and trying to remember what it was that had hit me that had made me jump up that had made me hit my head and that had made me shout in pain.

Then I remembered. In this weeks parsha, the Yidden had heard Hashem telling them the first of the Aseres Hadibros, but it had been too much for them and their neshomos had left their bodies. Now, I thought to myself, what if that happened while someone was looking through my lens. I mean, we aren't really used to seeing Hashem, and what about if our bodies aren't ready for it yet because we are still in golus? Maybe Dr Getzel was going to cause more problems than good. So very reluctantly, I collected up my plans for the MOST lens and put them aside for burning with my blue chometz toothbrush. I really couldn't allow myself to make such a lens now while we are still in golus, and of course when Moshiach finally comes there will be no need for such a lens – we will all be able to see Hashem again just like by Kriyas Yam Suf and Matan Torah.

Anyway, I'll be off for now, tune in next week for more news from the snow-

covered fields of Iowa.



CHAYALE SUDAK, AGE 7 ½
EDGWARE, ENGLAND

Hi, my name is Chayale Sudak. I am 7 ½ years old. There are 5 children in my family ka'ch. Libby – 6 yrs old, Mendel – 5 yrs old, Levi – 3 yrs old and Chanie – 9 weeks. We are Shluchim of the Rebbe in Edgware, England. I am a 4th generation Shlucha in England. After the war the Frierdiker Rebbe sent my Alte Zaida Bentzion to England to help other Yidden settle here.

Each day I travel to Stamford Hill by coach to school. I leave my house at 7:40 am and come home at 5:20 pm. We have a very long ride to school especially if there is traffic.

Our Chabad House has a kindergarten. For Tishrei and Purim we have a big marquee (tent) because so many people come. We have a kiddush every Shabbos after davening. For Chanukah we gave out Menorahs by the Menorah lighting in the Edgware Broadwalk Shopping Mall. There is also a big Menorah outside the Edgware Tube (train) station.

On Purim we have lots of Megilla readings and one just for children, so we don't disturb the adults. At the Purim party we had a chocolate fountain and pony rides. We also had a dancing robot, which was lots of fun!

In August we have a camp called Gan Izzy. I met lots of new friends. Some really fun counsellors came from America.

I love to read Connections each week and say the Dvar Torah at the Shabbos table.

Hey kids!

Send us a report about your shlichus and we will IY"YH publish it in our future connections!
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Please include your name, age and location of shlichus.

POCKET CALENDAR

Moshiach in the PARSHA



Schneersohn was born in the Russian city of Babinovitch, which is near Lubavitch, on כ"ה אדר in 1901. She was the second daughter of the רבי פריערדיקער רבי. From her earliest years, she absorbed the קדושה that surrounded her, in the house of her grandfather and her father.

On י"ד בסלו she married the Rebbe, in Warsaw, Poland. The רביצין was one of the Rebbe's greatest חסידים. It was she who encouraged the Rebbe to accept the נשיאות, even though she knew that it meant giving up her husband to the חסידים. She said "Should 30 years of my father's נפש come to nothing?" She also showed this התקשרות during the court case to decide who the library belonged to. When the lawyer asked her: "To whom did the ספרים belong?" the רביצין famously answered: "My father himself, and everything he had, including the ספרים, belong to the חסידים."

Her clear answer and the way she spoke made a deep impression on the judge and this was one of the reasons that he decided that the library belonged to the חסידים.

The רביצין passed away on Wednesday כ"ב שבט תשמ"ח after a short illness. Shortly before she passed away, רביצין חיה asked for a glass of water. After saying the ברכה "שהכל נהיה בדברו" she returned her נשמה to ה'. Fifteen thousand people gathered at her לוייה to say goodbye to a true queen. The לוייה was led by an official police motorcade.

ה' said: When ה' spoke to the בני ישראל and said the first of the עשרת הדברות, their נשמות left their bodies. If so, how were they able to hear the second דברה, and to live afterwards?

The answer is that there is a special kind of dew that ה' is going to use at the time of תחיית המתים to bring all the dead back to life. He brought down some of this dew on הר סיני and it brought all the בני ישראל back to life!



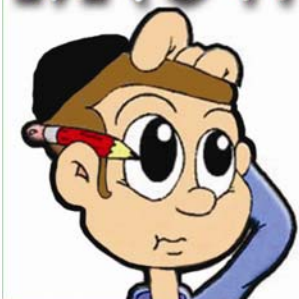
On הר סיני, the בני ישראל heard the sound of a שופר. Where did this שופר come from?

It came from the ram which עקידת אברהם sacrificed at יצחק. The ram's left horn was

used for the שופר blowing on הר סיני. Its sound became louder and louder, to prepare them for the great revelation from ה'.

But the right horn is even bigger than the left one. It will be blown at the time of גאולה, when we will return to ארץ ישראל. This שופר is the one spoken about in the פסוק "On that day the big שופר will be blown".

DID YOU KNOW?



In the days and months after מושקא רביצין חיה passed away, the Rebbe spoke many times that החלטות—"והחי יתן על לבר"—how when someone close to us passes away we should take on their memory especially in areas that they were strong in.

In the 19 years since she passed away, hundreds of Lubavitch מוסדות around the world have been established in honor of her memory, many מקואות are named for her and numerous publications are also dedicated to her memory.

There are also many girls around the world who have the זכות to have רביצין חיה מושקא's name.

For the first יארצייט of מושקא רביצין חיה, תשמ"ט, the Rebbe asked that a כינוס should be started for the שלוחות. That year, 400 שלוחות from around the world joined the כינוס. In honor of the כינוס the Rebbe gave over a special שיחה. Only שלוחות and their babies were allowed into the main shul of 770 to hear. The Rebbe spoke about being בשמחה, about being a שלוחה and making our homes into a מקדש מעט.

This year, תשס"ז, over 1600 שלוחות are expected to come to the כינוס from over 65 countries all over the world.



Stories of the Rabbeim

The פריערדיקער רבי Shneersohn, ר' יוסף יצחק, sent a long letter to his daughter, רביצין חיה מושקא, describing the personal changes several individuals went through as they became חסידים. Although it is a personal letter from father to daughter, the first 120 pages of it became public. The conclusion of the letter, however, remained private. The following story is taken from that letter in connection with רביצין חיה ב"ב שבט on יאהרצייט מ'מושקא.

One day there was excitement in the בית מדרש of Zaslav: two חסידים of the בעל שם טוב - the Horodenker ר' נחמן: צדיקים and ר' Furkas - דוד arrived on a mission from the בעל שם טוב. The בעל שם טוב had instructed them to raise the sum of sixty gold florins that very day. This money was needed for פדיון שבויים; the entire sixty florins had to be delivered immediately by special messenger, for there was not much time.

The חסידים arrived just as the people were finishing saying תהילים. As soon as the חסידים finished speaking, a list was drawn up of all residents of the town who were the בעל שם טוב חסידים. A בית דין was put together to decide how much each person could afford to contribute. The בית דין appointed collectors to go to peoples' homes immediately and collect the tax. If there was anyone who did not have enough cash on hand, they could take from him some valuable as a deposit until the sum was paid in cash.

Within less than three hours, the collectors returned to the בית מדרש with the full amount of sixty gold florins. They had also drawn up a list on which they had recorded the names of those who had paid their amount in cash, those who had made pledges and given valuables, and those who had given loans guaranteed by the valuables taken from those who had not yet paid.

Just then, noises were heard in the entrance of the בית מדרש. Several women whose husbands were not at home had arrived: one of the women was the wife of a tailor who worked somewhere in the country; another was the wife of a peddler who went from place to place with a pack full of merchandise; a third was the wife of a מלמד at an inn.

These women had heard that the בעל שם טוב had sent חסידים to collect contributions for a great מצוה. Since no one had approached them to ask for a contribution, they had come themselves, bringing pledges (for they didn't have cash on hand). One had brought her candlesticks, another had brought a becher, a third had brought a down-stuffed pillow.

The collectors, in turn, said that their mission was to demand cash or pledges from those whose names appeared on the list

given to them by the בית דין. From people whose names did not appear on the list, they had no authority to accept cash or pledges. Upon hearing that their husbands' names were not even mentioned on the list, the women raised such a cry that even ר' דוד and ר' נחמן heard it, and became very frightened.

When the members of the בית דין learned that the collectors had returned with their mission accomplished, they hurried through the rest of their תפילות. Against their better judgment (for the husbands were very poor), they accepted the pledges from the women. The special messenger was sent to bring the sixty gold florins to the בעל שם טוב.

When the חסידים finished davening, a feast was prepared in honor of the great privilege the בעל שם טוב had given them. For the בעל שם טוב loved them so much that he had given them the privilege of participating in the מצוה of פדיון שבויים; he was so devoted to the חסידים in Zaslav that he had sent to them the two famous צדיקים. All the חסידים were in such a joyful mood: you can't imagine how great their happiness was.

When the סעודה was finished, ר' נחמן spoke about the women who had cried while begging the collectors to accept their contributions toward the amount the בעל שם טוב had asked from the חסידים of Zaslav. "The Rebbe," said ר' נחמן, "is very fond of simple איד. He says that a simple איד who says a קפיטל of תהילים with his whole heart and sincerely loves his fellow איד is favored by the Aibeshter more than great צדיקים.

"How amazingly genuine those women's tears were! Their only desire was for their husband's names to be included in the list of those asked to contribute money for the great מצוה of פדיון שבויים. A מצוה is so precious, and the בעל שם טוב so holy to them, that when their husbands' names were left off the list their poor hearts broke and they burst out weeping. How precious such tears are to the רבנו של עולם; how sweet and delightful they are to the מלאך מיכאל and his 180 thousands legions of defending angels! Such genuine heartfelt tears can annul all evil decrees."

ר' נחמן then related an awe-inspiring story about an evil decree against an entire Jewish community. When a certain woman uttered a few truly sincere words that came from the depth of her heart while she wept freely, the decree was annulled. "If only we would weep on the holy יום כיפור with the same sort of tears with which our own women wept!" he ended.

(Adapted from 'L'chaim Weekly')

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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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:

Circle whether each of these sentences about רבי צין חי' ה מושקא are True or False.

ב"ה אדר is on יאהר צייט's רבי צין חי' ה מושקא. True False

ב"ה אדר's birthday is on רבי צין חי' ה מושקא. True False

The Rebbe & מושקא ה רבי צין חי' ה got married on כסלו. True False

רבי צין חי' ה מושקא had 3 sisters. True False

לוי יצחק's father's name was רבי צין חי' ה מושקא. True False

מושקא means a sweet smelling spice. True False

ב"ב שבת takes place over כינוס השלוחים. True False

רבי צין חי' ה מושקא was born in the town of Lubavitch. True False

הצלחה רבה

Name: _____ Age: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Last Week's Winners:

Miriam Polter, age 8 from Akron, Massacuset

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Level 2:

Each grey box needs a letter from י-א to finish off the name of a Rebbe or Rebbetzin. Figure out which letter is needed and then circle the name.

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Last Week's Winners:

Yossi Lasker, age 11.5 from Brussels, Belgium



Yaldei Hashluchim Update



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SNAPSHOT



The Levertov Family from Santa Fe, New Mexico listening to the Yud Shevat Rally.

E-mail pictures of yourself doing mitzvoyim and/or Shlichus work to cyh@shluchim.org. (Pictures will be featured on the CYH Website!)

An amazing Yud Shevat Rally! I could thank shluchimkids.org for the rally the super-phone, the kids forum, and all the things that have been accomplished!

Boruch Phillips from Worcester, Massachusetts

I should like to compliment you on an excellent program which was fun, highly educational in terms of the Chassidisher content and very well produced for children. Continued hatzlocho with your avodas hakodesh,

Best wishes from Reuven Cohen, (A satisfied Tatti Shliach)

Dear Chinuch Yaldei Hashluchim: Thank you for giving us the opportunity to listen and prepare for Yud Shevat. We love listening to the super-phone because we don't get any classes or anyone to teach us about the upcoming Chasidische Yommim Tovim.

The Newman Family, Alexandria, VA

Purim

