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## PARSHAS YISRO



In this week's פרשה, we read about the most important event in the history of בני ישראל - מתן תורה. When the Yidden reached Har Sinai, the Torah tells us: "And ישראל camped there, opposite the mountain." The Torah uses the word ויחן which means "and he camped." Shouldn't it have said ויחנו, "and they camped," as it says many times when describing the בני ישראל's journeys in the מדבר?

But camping at הר סיני was different, because there בני ישראל would receive the תורה. The תורה teaches us how the world was created by the one and only Creator, and that everything in the world exists for one purpose: to reveal Hashem's holiness. The תורה shows us how to fulfill this purpose, and when we do so, we bring אחדות, unity, into our world.

Since the תורה brings אחדות in the world, before they could receive the תורה, the Jewish people had to feel אחדות among themselves. This is why the תורה says "ויחן" - "and he camped." Our חבמים teach that the entire בני ישראל camped "as one person, with one heart." Every איד has a נשמה which is "a part of Hashem," and this makes us one nation. At הר סיני, the אידים felt this אחדות more

powerfully. When Hashem saw that בני ישראל felt this אחדות, He knew the time had come to give the תורה.

But wait; let's take a closer look. The תורה tells us that at הר סיני משה רבינו climbed high on the mountain, and his sons stood lower, and the זקנים were further away, while the rest of בני ישראל stood even further off. Is this אחדות?

Yes, it is. אחדות does not mean that we are all the same, but rather that we all feel close and are joining our efforts to do the same thing. We are all part of one united nation with a single purpose: to follow the תורה's guidelines and reveal Hashem's holiness in the world.

We can see how this works in our own bodies. We all have one body, but it is made up of many parts. Each part is different and has a job of its own. But they are all part of one body, and when all these parts work together, our bodies are healthy and strong.

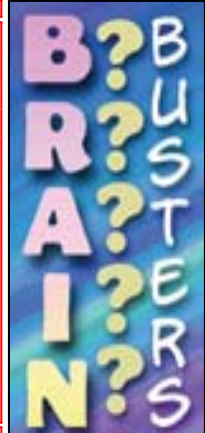
So though there may be different levels, positions and roles among our people, we are each part of one whole.

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

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Last weeks' brain buster: My beginning has 41 and my end is an end  
 Answer: ים סוף

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Congratulations to Yisrolik, age 11 and Moussia, age 10 Kievman from Liverpool, England for solving the brain buster.





## כ"ב שבט רביצין חיה מושקא of יאהרצייט

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

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

The afternoon after the לוויה, the Rebbe asked that a fund, named for the רביצין, should be established as quickly as possible. (חיה מושקא שניאורסאן for ראשי תיבות) קרן החמ"ש was started. During the following years, the Rebbe gave large amounts of money from this fund to both מוסדות for women as well as for women in need of help all over the world.

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In the years after 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 **כות** to have רביצין חיה מושקא's name.

For the first יארצייט of מושקא חיה רביצין, in 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.



# DID YOU KNOW?



### יארצייט Name and רביצין חיה מושקא's Lesson From

"חיה" means "life." The רביצין's life was filled with **מצות** and acts of goodness and kindness.

"מושקא" means "perfume" in a different language. Our **חכמים** explain that the sense of smell brings pleasure to our **נשמות**.

כ"ב שבט is the day of מושקא חיה רביצין's יארצייט. The number 22 hints to the 22 letters of the א-ב-ב. Our **חכמים** explain that ה' created the world using these letters. The א-ב-ב is a way that Hashem's **חיות** gives life to the **גשמייתדיקע** world.

From the יארצייט name and from the date of her יארצייט we can take a lesson for ourselves and our lives. We should fill our days with acts of goodness and kindness that spread and penetrate even the lowest parts of this world.

With each **איד** working toward this end, we will soon see that **אלקות** truly fills this world with the revelation of **מושיח** and the **השלימה** now!

# Stories of the Rabbeim

## STORIES OF רבצין חי' מושקא

### REALLY FEEL FOR THE OTHER PERSON

The Friday night before she passed away was a bitterly cold night. During a conversation with her visitor, the רבצין mentioned, "When I think that you have to go out [to go home], I become cold."

We should care so much about other people that we feel for them and even anticipate their discomfort. We can accomplish this by putting our own considerations aside, as the רבצין did on this night when she was already very sick, and focusing entirely on the other person.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY

One year, in honor of her birthday, the Lubavitch Women's Organization sent the רבצין a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Together with the bouquet was an envelope that contained a list of names of people who were in need of a ברכה. The intention was that the list be given to the Rebbe.

The person who accepted the bouquet gave it to the רבצין and submitted the envelope to the Rebbe. The Rebbe looked at the envelope, upon which the רבצין's name had been written, and asked why it was not given to the רבצין. The person explained that it contained a list of names of people who were in need of a ברכה. The Rebbe responded, "Nu, she can also בענטש them!"

But when the רבצין communicated an answer from the Rebbe, she would always convey it word for word, saying, "This was the exact answer." She refused to ever add an explanation but only repeated the Rebbe's words exactly.

No matter our own greatness or importance, our own abilities or position of power, being humble is an מדה.

In the זכות of the רבצין, may we immediately be privileged to see the conclusion of the coming of משיח now!

### CARINE FOR EVERY JEW

This story was told by Rabbi Halberstam who worked for רבצין מושקא for 18 years and was also her driver.

The Rebbe asked Rabbi Halberstam to make sure that the רבצין got some fresh air every day. Rabbi Halberstam and the רבצין would usually drive out to a park in Long Island. One day, as they were driving, they saw that one of the streets they usually drove along was closed and they had to take a detour along a different street. As they were driving along that street, they suddenly heard the sounds of a woman screaming in Russian. At the next traffic light, the רבצין asked Rabbi Halberstam "I heard a woman screaming; can you go back and see what that was about?"

They drove back to the beginning of the street. There they saw a woman standing on the curb and crying, while near her movers were carrying furniture and household items from a house and loading them on to a truck. Near the truck stood an official looking man holding a clipboard. Rabbi Halberstam parked the car and went to ask the official what was going on. The official explained that the woman hadn't paid her rent for many months so she was now being evicted from her home.

When Rabbi Halberstam told the רבצין all this, she asked him to go back and inquire from the official how much the woman owed and she also asked him not to say anything to the family being evicted. Rabbi Halberstam didn't understand why the רבצין wanted him to do this, but he did exactly what she asked.. The sum that the family owed was approximately \$6,700. The official said that if he received the payment, his men would carry everything back into the house. When Rabbi Halberstam informed the רבצין of the details, she took out her checkbook and, to his amazement, wrote out a check for the full amount, and asked him to give it to the official.

With an amazed look on his face the official instructed his workers to take everything back into the house. The רבצין immediately urged Rabbi Halberstam to quickly drive away, before the woman realized what had happened.

Rabbi Halberstam was completely amazed at what he had seen and later, when they were in the park, he could not hold back his curiosity anymore and asked the רבצין what had prompted her to give such a large sum to a total stranger?

"Do you really want to know?" asked the רבצין.

"Yes, I do," he replied.

"Then I'll tell you," she said. "Once, when I was a young girl, my father (the פריערדיקער רבי) took me for a walk in the park. He sat me down on a bench and started to tell me about the idea of השגחה פרטית. Every time – said my father – when something causes us to change from our normal routine, there is a reason for this; every time we see something unusual, there is a purpose in why we've been shown this sight.

"Today," continued the רבצין, "when I saw the 'Detour' sign instructing us to change from our regular route, I remembered my father's words and immediately thought to myself: Every day we drive by this street; suddenly, the street's closed off and we're sent to a different street. What is the purpose of this? How is this connected to me? Then I heard the sound of a woman crying and screaming. I realized that we have been sent along this route for a purpose."

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

## פרשת יתרו

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](mailto:connections@shluchim.org) by Wednesday

### Level 1:

CAN YOU MATCH THE RABBEIM TO THEIR רבצין?

רביצין שיינא	בעל שם טוב
רביצין שטערנא שרה	מעזריטשער מגיד
רביצין חיה מושקא	אלטער רבי
רביצין חיה מושקא	מיטעלער רבי
רביצין לאה רחל	צמח צדק
רביצין סטערנא	רבי מהר"ש
רביצין נחמה דינה	רבי רש"ב
רביצין שיינא	פריערדיקער רבי
רביצין רבקה	רבי

## הצלחה רבה

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Last Week's Winners:

Yisrolik Baumgarten, age 5 from Rockaway, New Jersey

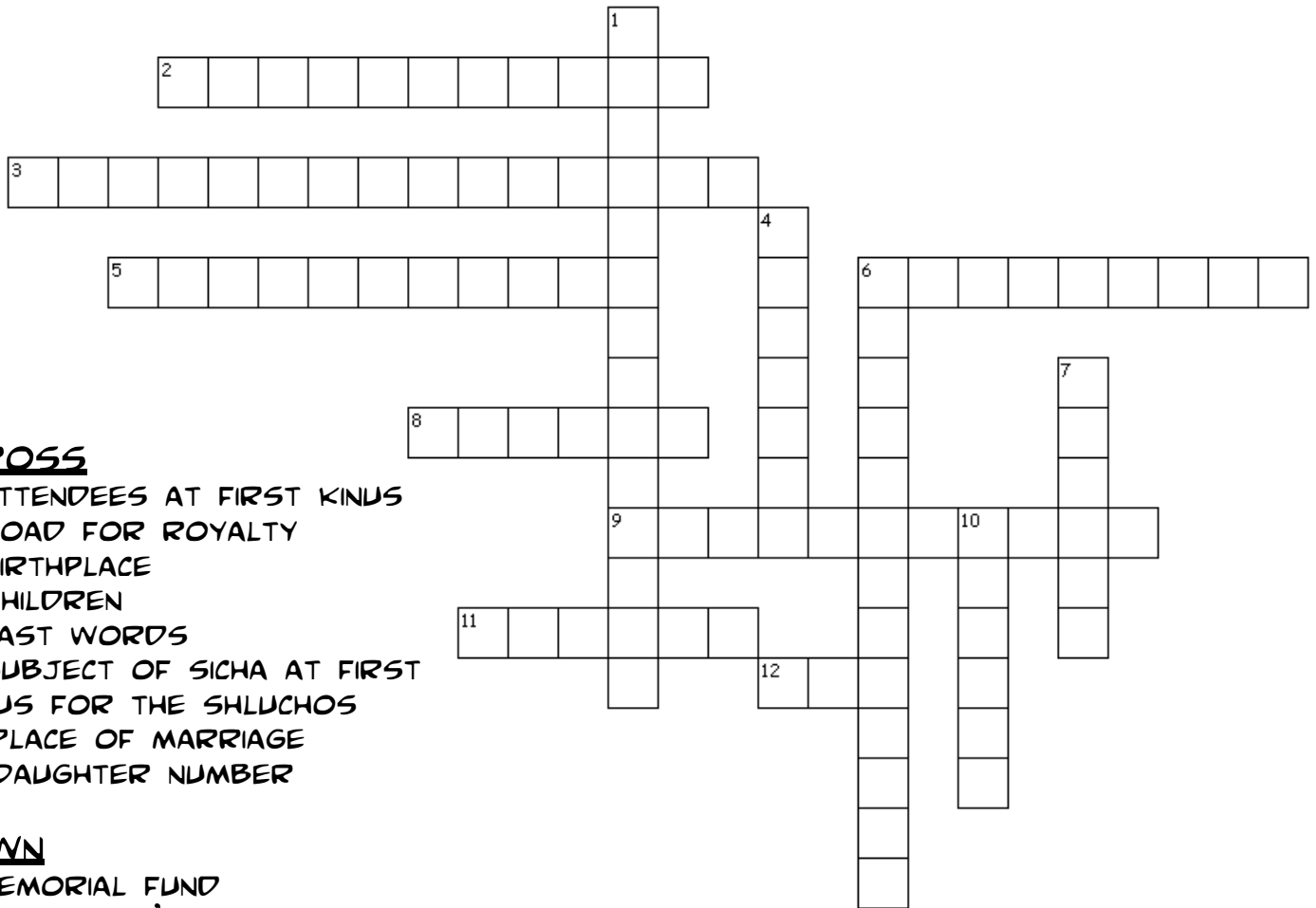
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### Level 2:

FILL THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS INTO THE CROSS-WORD ABOUT רביצין חיה מושקא



#### ACROSS

2. ATTENDEES AT FIRST KINUS
3. ROAD FOR ROYALTY
5. BIRTHPLACE
8. LAST WORDS
9. SUBJECT OF SICHA AT FIRST KINUS FOR THE SHLUCHOS
11. PLACE OF MARRIAGE
12. DAUGHTER NUMBER

#### DOWN

1. MEMORIAL FUND
4. THE REBBE'S GREATEST
6. BUILDING FOR GIRLS
7. WEEKLY MAGAZINE IN HER MEMORY
10. SWEET SMELLING SPICE

# הצלחה רבה

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Last Week's Winners:

Chaya Zippel, age 10 from Salt Lake City, Utah