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PARSHAS RA'EH



"You know," Moshie said to Yossi. "Being in camp makes a big difference for everyone."
 "What do you mean?" Yossi asked. "Camp's a lot of fun, and we all enjoy ourselves, but what do you mean by 'a big difference'?"
 "Well, take Rabbi Kaplan," Moshie replied. "In school, he's pretty strict. He makes sure all the rules are kept to the T, and he gives lots of homework. And you almost never see him smile. He's not mean; he's just very demanding.
 "But in camp, he's different. He tells jokes. He still makes sure we learn, but he's much more relaxed. He's not as sticky when it comes to the rules, and tries to give every kid his time. Whoever wants to speak to him can go over and ask."
 "I guess you're right. I think it has something to do with being out in the country," Yossi said. "I don't know if it's the scenery, or just that it's less crowded than in the city. It's true, here people are more at ease."
 Their counselor, Sholom, had been listening to the conversation. "This is a good opportunity to share a thought of Chassidus," he thought.
 "Do you know what this Shabbos is?" he asked Moshie and Yossi.
 "It's Shabbos Parshas Ra'eh," Yossi answered.
 "And what else?" Sholom asked again.
 This time it was Moshie: "It's Shabbos Mevorchim Elul, the Shabbos on which we bless the month of Elul."

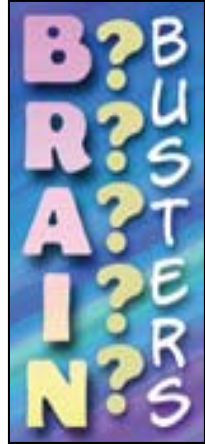
"What you two were speaking about - how camp makes a difference - reminds me of the month of Elul," Sholom said.
 "How?" replied Yossi. "Usually, camp is almost over by Elul."
 "Let me explain," said Sholom. "The Alter Rebbe says that in the month of Elul, it's as if Hashem goes out to the field. During the year, and especially on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Hashem is like a king in his palace. Only a few very special people are allowed into his throne room, and they have to observe all the formalities of court procedure. And even then, the king is often stern.
 "But for one month a year, Elul, it's different. Hashem becomes like a king who is passing through the country as He travels back to His city. All His countrymen can come out to meet Him in the field. He lets everyone greet Him, and shows a happy smile to all of them. He listens patiently to everything they say, and gives them what they ask for.
 "In Elul, Hashem makes it easy for us to come to Him. All we have to do is want to see Him. And if we try just a little bit - like a person who leaves his house and goes outside to meet the king - Hashem will be happy with us, and grant us everything we need for a good year."

(Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. II)

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THIS WEEK WE CAN SEE.

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Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org
Last weeks' brain buster: Read second, but third in the Torah.
Answer: והיה אם שמוע

Congratulations to Mendel Vorst, 9 from Rotterdam, The Netherlands for solving the brain buster.



FROM THE DESK OF DR. GETZEL...

Dear Tzeirei Hashluchim,

Did you know that your fellow **Tzeirei Hashluchim** like to read articles that were written by you? Together with your brothers and sisters, you can write an article about any of the subjects below or about your family and your **shlichus**, to be published in the **Tishrei Issue** of **"Kids Connect."**

Choose topics from the following list:

Featured Chabad House

Use the questions below to help you. Try to be original.

- What is the name of the city and country where you live? What language is spoken there?
- What is the weather like?
- How big is your Chabad House? What does it look like?
- What programs do your parents do?
- What is your most favorite program on shlichus? How do you help?
- Where do you go to school? What do you learn?
- What types of games do you like to play? What hobby do you enjoy most?
- Are you friends with any other Tzeirei Hashluchim and where do they live?
- What do you do that makes you proud to be a shliach?

1. תשרי with the Rebbe

2. חודש תשרי of חב"ד מנהגים

3. ראש השנה

4. יום כיפור

5. סוכות

6. שמחת תורה

7. שמחת בית השואיבה

8. ויעקב הלך לדרכו

9. Fun Sheet תשרי

Rules:

- Try to write twenty lines (preferably typed)
- Write full proper sentences in story style
- Send us a picture of yourselves
- Entries should be your original work, but you can ask your parents for help

Deadline:

Sunday, י"ד אלול, September 14

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שבת מברכים חודש אלול This Shabbos is

- morning I made sure to say תהלים. (Remember to keep up your quota even though there is no World-Wide Tehillim club this week)
- I went to shul and made the special ברכה for the new month of אלול. (The ברכה can be found in the סידור after שחרית for שבת)



ראש חודש אלול

ל' אב - Sunday

א' אלול - Monday

- I remembered to say יעלה ויבוא in שמונה עשרה and in bentching
- I remembered to say הלל after 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



ראש חודש – א' אלול

On הר סיני (for the third and last time.) He returned on יום כיפור with the second set of לוחות showing that י"ב had been forgiven for the חטא העגל. During this time, the ג"ג מידות הרחמים were revealed to the world for the first time. Each year, they are revealed again in חודש אלול.

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When the אלטער רבי was nine years old the מגיד who received from his Rebbe (the בעש"ט) in the name of his well-known Rebbe (אח"י השילוני) that from the second day of ראש חודש אלול (א' אלול) until יום כיפור we should say three קאפיטלאך of תהילים every day. Then, on יום כיפור, thirty six קאפיטלאך: nine before נודרי; nine before קריאת שמע; nine after מוסף, and nine after נעילה. Whoever did not start on the second day of ראש חודש is to start with the תהילים of the particular day on which he realizes that he left out, and complete the missing תהילים later.

(היום יום א' אלול)

פרק חמישי

“ועשרה על הים” (ה'ד')

What were the ten נסים performed for the אידן at the sea?

1. The waters split.
2. They shaped like a tent and the אידן entered.
3. The floor of the sea became completely dry.
4. The floor of the sea became muddy when the מצריים chased after them.
5. The frozen water on the floor was not one layer of ice, but like small tiles to make walking easy.
6. The frozen water walls were hard as a rock and the מצריים injured their heads against them.
7. The walls of water created twelve corridors, one for each שבט to pass through.
8. The walls of water were like transparent glass, so that all the שבטים would see the others while they walked through, thanks to the light from the pillar of fire.
9. There was sweet drinking water available to the אידן.
10. The unused sweet water froze so that מצריים couldn't drink it.

(Adapted from 'Vedibarta Bam')

Remember to say פרקי אבות of פרק חמישי after מנחה on שבת

DID YOU KNOW?



Hashem is like a king. Usually, a king stays in his palace where very few people can see him. There are guards blocking the entrance. The king is dressed in royal clothes, wears a crown on his head, and sits on a throne. It is very difficult to make a request of the king. Even when somebody manages to reach the king, he is scared to ask the king for personal favors. The king seems so great and mighty that a simple person cannot talk to him openly.

If the king left his palace, though, and went out to the fields where the simple people were working, they would have a much easier time reaching him. And if the king spoke to the simple people in the fields on their level, with nice words that made them comfortable, they would no longer be as scared. Then, the people would feel comfortable asking for any favors and whatever they needed.

Hashem is high and removed from us during the year, like the king in his palace. It takes a lot of effort to communicate with Hashem. We are scared of Hashem, and do not want to ask for favors.

During Elul, Hashem "comes out to the field." Hashem is right here, waiting for us to talk to Him. During Elul, Hashem is the kind King who we do not have to be so scared of. We can ask Hashem for whatever we need. He is ready to listen. We do not need to be afraid to ask for forgiveness.

The only catch is that we have to be in the field to speak to the king. If we run away, or are not interested, or ignore the fact that the king is standing there, we will lose this chance to speak with him. During Elul, Hashem is waiting to hear from us and ready to listen, but it is up to us to be there and talk. It is up to us to daven to Hashem and do teshuvah. If we do, Hashem will listen and forgive us.



Stories of Olde

It happened once that some בעל שם חסידים of the טוב were sitting and farbrenging together. The longer they farbrenged and sang ניגונים, the more they wanted to be with the טוב בעל שם, till they spontaneously decided to hire a horse and wagon and set out for the טוב בעל שם's town of מעזבוז.

Their own shtetl was actually quite far from מעזבוז; even if they travelled non-stop for several days, there was only a small chance they might make it before שבת. The wagon driver was not very excited; as far as he was concerned there was no need to hurry, and in his opinion, it was simply not possible to cover that many miles before the sun went down on Friday. The roads were very bad, he pointed out, and there were always unexpected obstacles and delays while travelling.

But the חסידים still wanted to go. Even if the trip might be hard and long, they still wanted to see their Rebbe very much. Without further ado they were on their way.

The wagon driver soon had the horses at a gallop, running as fast as they could. The roads were very narrow, wide enough for only one wagon. They were so narrow, in fact, that if another wagon would appear, passing it on either side would be impossible.

As the חסידים reached a fork in the road, an elegant carriage suddenly pulled out in front of them. It was the carriage of the local poritz, and he was clearly in no hurry to go anywhere. At a leisurely pace his carriage moved slowly down the road, blocking all traffic. The חסידים were now stuck behind it, and their wagon could only move at a crawl.

The wagon driver gritted his teeth; even the חסידים were becoming angry. The tiny chance they had to make it to מעזבוז in time for שבת was quickly disappearing before their eyes.

One חסיד was more upset than the others. "I can't believe it!" he complained. "After all our efforts, how can something so ridiculous spoil our plans? Just because of this slowpoke we're going to miss out on spending שבת with the טוב בעל שם!"

Another חסיד, however, tried to calm him down.

"My dear brother, how can you say such a thing? Why are you worried? Have you forgotten what our master the טוב בעל שם has taught us, that ה' directly supervises every tiny detail in the world, and that a leaf doesn't turn in the wind without פרטית השגחה? Does it not say in the תורה that nothing bad can come from שמים, and indeed, everything is for the good. Whatever ה' does is only good and for the best. The more we get used to thinking and acting this way, the more we will be זוכה to see the good that exists in everything openly revealed. How can it be that you should forget this? I tell you my friend, this is only a test..."

The חסיד's fervent plea entered the hearts of the others, and their impatience disappeared. Their wagon could still only move at a very slow pace, but they were filled with ביטחון and confidence that the unexpected delay was for the best.

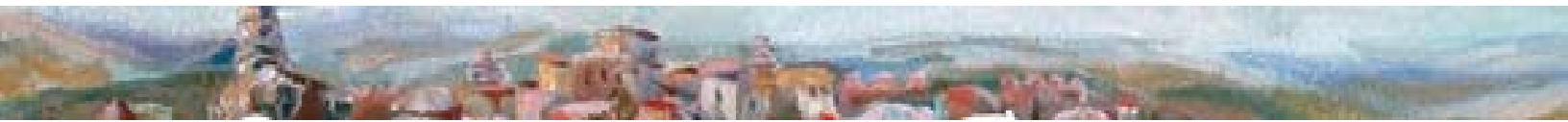
The wagon continued over the next few miles until suddenly, it looked like another problem was about to come up. All the way up ahead, at the next intersection, they could see a group of drunken peasants waiting to pounce on the first wagon that passed by...

There was no doubt what the drunken peasants would have done to the חסידים if they had been alone on the road, or travelling ahead of the poritz's carriage. They would have simply received the "usual" treatment drunken peasants knew so well how to give. The חסידים would have been lucky to be alive after that, let alone continue on their journey.

As it turned out, however, because the poritz's carriage was in front, the hooligans simply scattered once they saw who was coming. By the time the חסידים reached the intersection they had all slunk away and the danger was over.

A few minutes later the poritz's carriage turned off onto a side road, and the main road was suddenly clear. With a crack of the whip the horses were again at a gallop, and the חסידים made it to מעזבוז before שבת - with plenty of time to spare.

From which we learn that even something that doesn't appear to be good at first, may in fact be so in reality.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

פרשת ראה

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:

Find all the words in the Word-Search

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לדוד ה אורי

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חשבון נפש
תפילה
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אני לדודי

ודודי לי
חודש רחמים
חי אלול
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הצלחה רבה

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Last Week's Winners:
Mendel Greenberg, age 6, Shanghai, China

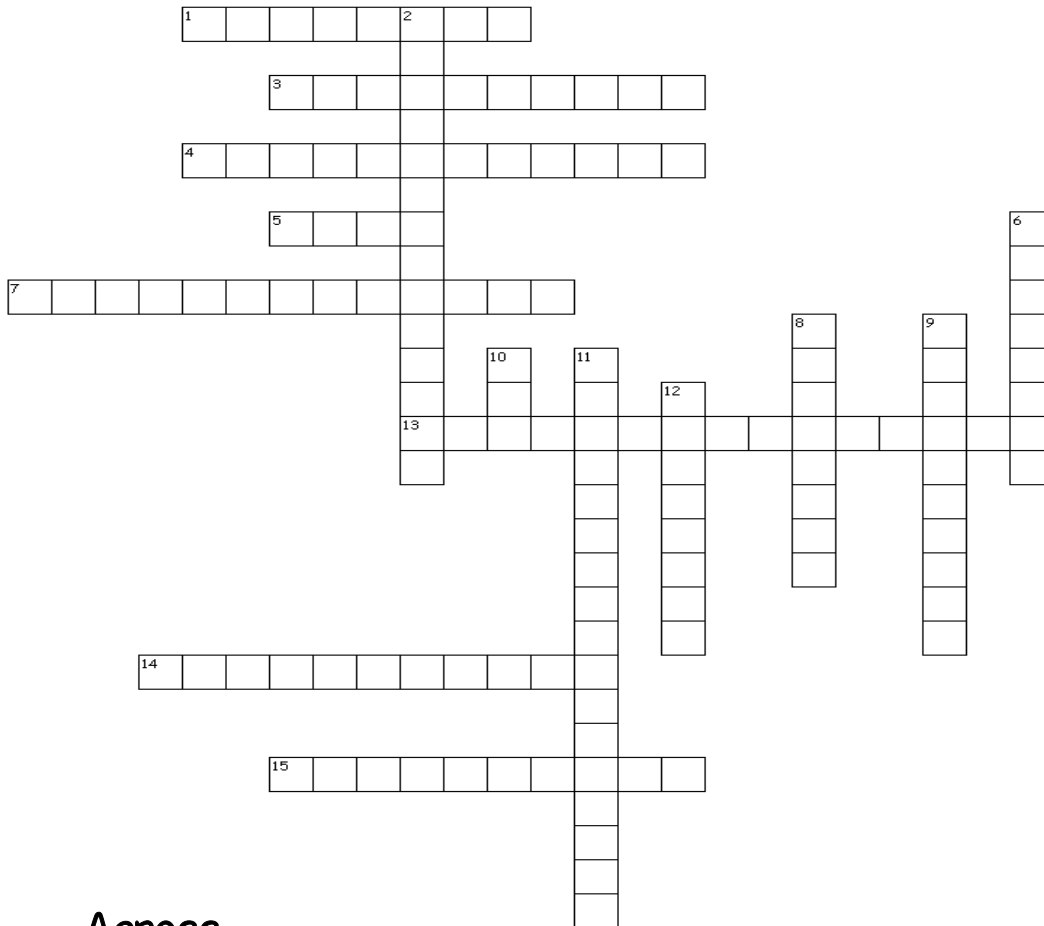
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Level 2:

Fill in the Criss-Cross puzzle with clues all about חודש אלול.



Down

2. Translate 'Melech Basodeh'.
6. Chodesh Elul is also known as Chodesh Ha_____.
8. What day in Elul is the Alter Rebbe's birthday?
9. A Cheshbon Nefesh - An A*co*****g
10. How many days Rosh Chodesh does Elul have?
11. Elul is roshei teivos for which Posuk from Shir Hashirim?
12. The _____ Midas Harachamim

Across

1. Teshuvah, Tefilah and _____.
3. How many days does Elul have?
4. What extra Tefillah do we say every Rosh Chodesh?
5. We don't blow Shofar on which day in Elul?
7. Which Rebbe's birthday is in Elul but not on Chai Elul?
13. What extra Tefillah do we start saying on Rosh Chodesh Elul?
14. Who else shares a birthday with the Alter Rebbe?
15. What is the Shofar compared to?

הצלחה רבה

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

Last Week's Winners:
 Mendy Bechor, age 8, Randolph, NJ