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NEWSLETTER

Boys division, Grades B2 - B8

Stay Connected

*Tayere Talmidei
Hatmimim sheyichyu,*

Once, during the rainy season, Chassidim were not able to do Kiddush Levonoh because the skies had remained cloudy.

The last night to do Kiddush Levonoh arrived and to everyone's great disappointment the moon had still not appeared.

Reb Hillel Paritcher wrote a Tzetl to the Tzemach Tzedek asking him to daven for the moon to finally appear. The Tzemach Tzedek responded that there was nothing to worry about and there would be a moon. Reb Hillel instructed the Chassidim to set up a special watch who would keep an eye out for the appearance of the moon.

The hours were passing by, but no moon was visible. Suddenly through the clouds a murky "moon-like" figure appeared and the Chassidim ran inside to call Reb Hillel.

When he came out and saw the moon he responded that the Rebbe promised a MOON, not this kind of excuse for a moon; and he went back inside.

Shortly before Alos Hashachar (day-break) a beautiful moon came through the clouds and the Chassidim, together



with Reb Hillel, and said Kiddush Levonah with great Simcha and relief. Reb Hillel then said that once, many years earlier, the skies were too cloudy for him to do Kiddush Levonoh for the month, but, he explained, he was young and strong and was able to survive. But now that he was older and somewhat weak he did not believe that he would have survived if there would not have been a moon.

Dear Talmidim, this week we learn about the start of Golus Mitzrayim when Yaacov Ovinu and the Shvotim pass away. Being in Golus Mitzrayim was hard but the Yidden overcame it. So to by us, Golus brings with it many challenges (some that are even more difficult than not being able to do Kiddush Levonoh!) however we must always remain connected to the Nossi and we must spend extra energy on keeping every mitzvah and on valuing every mitzvah, both big and small.

Even in these hard times we need to remain

committed to our shlichus to bring light to the darkness and to do our very best to learn, to daven, to do Mitzvos, and to help other Yidden. When we do our part we are confident that the Rebbe's brochos will be fulfilled and we should be zoche to Moshiach Now!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

*Principal Boys
Older Division*



My name is Mendy Hecht

I'm in Grade B8 and I'm a Shliach in Sunnyvale, CA.

First of all, I want to make sure your ok, I heard there was a major storm in California...

True, there was a massive rain storm which flooded many areas in CA, this came after a very long bad draught so it's good it rained, but since the ground got so dry, the rain didn't sink in, instead there was a lot of mudslides. We were expecting it to be pretty bad here, in fact right near us in Monterey it was very bad and people had to evacuate, but BH Sunnyvale was unaffected by the storm.

So what can you tell us about your place of Shlichus?

The area I live in used to have many orchards and wasn't a major city. Now it's part of the famed Silicon valley were google, apple and many other fancy Shmancy technology corporations have their headquarters.

There are 150,000 people here and we think that there are up to 15,000 Jews here amongst them. Allot of the Jews here are Israelis. In fact, most of my neighbors are Israelis. Unfortunately, many of them ran away from Israel and Yiddeshkeit and therefore it's hard to reach out to them, but were never giving up.

So when did your parents move here on Shlichus?

When my parents first came in 2003, they originally directed the Gan Yisroel camp that was here in Sunnyvale. pretty soon they started directing off many other programs as well. I was born on Shlichus - and I'm the oldest boy currently at home

Can you tell us about some of the programs on the Shlichus?

Well. Sunnyvale is a very rich and expensive area, so currently the Chabad house is an extension to our home. We rent a place out for Shabbos and Yom Tov. Every Shabbos day like 50 people come!

We just had a massive Chanukah event with around 300 people, there was a public "Ice Menorah" lighting. We made it in a massive supermarket, while many people were shopping. We ended up making all the doughnuts ourselves,



Our "Ice Menorah"

because the bakery that was supposed to do it closed down.

This past Purim we has an amazing miracle: we arranged the Megila reading in a high school, suddenly a short while before the event started, the power went off in the entire city. We had no choice but to set everything up outside. Baruch Hashem the lights went on 5 minutes before the event started!

Every Sunday we have a Hebrew school with about 25 kids coming. I help by tutoring this kid by who is very jumpy and can't pay attention in class. I also Lain in shul sometimes.

Wednesday night we have a class for Torah studies. On Tuesdays my mother gives Bat Mitzvah classes. On Thursday my father gives Bar Mitzvah classes. My mother does workshops with woman. My father also does workshops for kids.

There a lot of kids who come to shul and not Frum yet. I'm close to them and try to be Mekarev them.

Can you share with us a miracle story that happened on the Shlichus?

There was a lady in our community that had a tumor, my father said to write a letter to the Ohel. A short while later, the doctors began a 5 hour surgery. Suddenly the doctor came back to call her husband who got scared... the doctor said that they finished and even though it was a massive tumor it came out faster than expected.

What do you like about the SOS?

I started last year in SOS. I used to attend a local Jewish school here called "SPHDS".

I think I like how the SOS is organized and how the system works. And mainly that there other Shluchim there and I get to meet new friends from other cities.

There is 1 class for B8 east and west track. I wake up at 6 AM and Daven, but since I'm 3 hours ahead, I miss the first class which begins at 7 AM my time (10 AM EST). I finish school at 1:45 PM Western time!

In next weeks interview, we will meet a Shliach who...

Finishes school everyday at 9:15 Pm, speaks 4 different languages and lives in a country which is still ruled by a king and queen...

Can You guess who?



Reb Pinchas Reizes, one of the greatest chasidim of the Alter Rebbe, was an incredible *gaon* in learning. The Rabbeim trusted him fully, involving him in many private and clandestine activities having to do with them and the Chasidim.

He was also a wealthy and influential resident of Shklov and did a great deal for the Alter Rebbe in that respect. He was a *chozer* during the time of the Alter Rebbe who was known for the preciseness of his *hanachos* (transcriptions). The Mitteler Rebbe called Reb Pinchas the “field marshal” of *chasidei* Chabad.

Reb Pinchas traveled to the Alter Rebbe for four months during the year: Elul, Tishrei, Nissan and Sivan. Once, Reb Pinchas fell ill and was unable to make the journey for Tishrei. Later on during the month, he felt better, but because the winter had already set in, he remained in Shklov. While sitting in his *sukkah* on Shmini Atzeres, he suddenly cried out, “Oy Rebbe!” and said to those sitting with him that the Rebbe had just thought of him.

At this same time, the Alter Rebbe was sitting at his *seudah* in his *sukkah*, and he said: “Pinchas Reizes needs his body to be cured. That which I cannot give him, I cannot give, but a bodily *refua* I can give him.”

The *chassidische* young men from Shklov were very surprised to hear the Rebbe suddenly mention Reb Pinchas in middle of the Shmini Atzeres meal. After Yom Tov, upon their return home, they immediately went to the home of Reb Pinchas and asked him for *mashke*, which he supplied. As they were speaking, they discovered that at the same time the Alter Rebbe had mentioned him, Reb Pinchas had screamed, “Oy Rebbe!”



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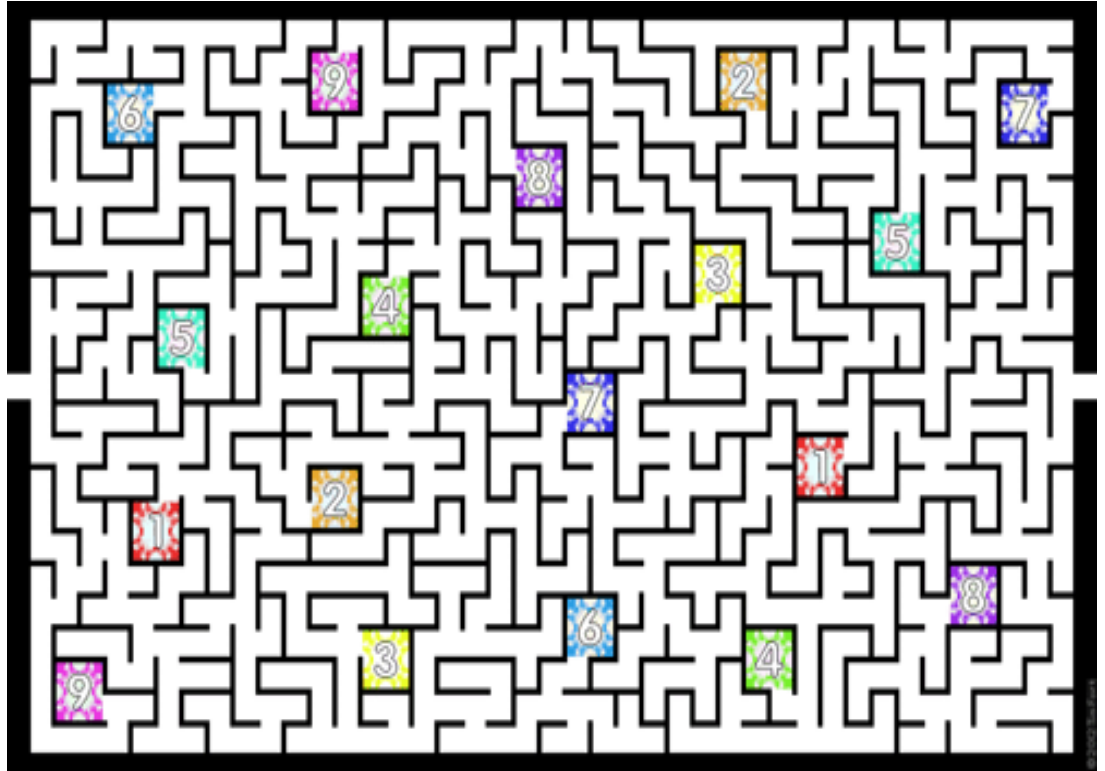
Chasidim have always been averse to an outwardly showing of greatness by displaying *ruach hakodesh* and the like, and reprimanded him for such behavior. Reb Pinchas declared, “It was not me. The first time I went for *yechidus*, I gave the Rebbe my *nefesh*. The second time, I gave him my *ruach*, and the third time, I gave over my *neshama*. Being that my entire *neshama* had been given over to the Rebbe, it was not my powers that did this.”

Lesson:

The Rebbe explained some aspect of this is relevant today, through total dedication of the *neshama* to the Rebbe. However, this level can be reached only after intense learning and toiling in *avoda* as Reb Pinchas had.

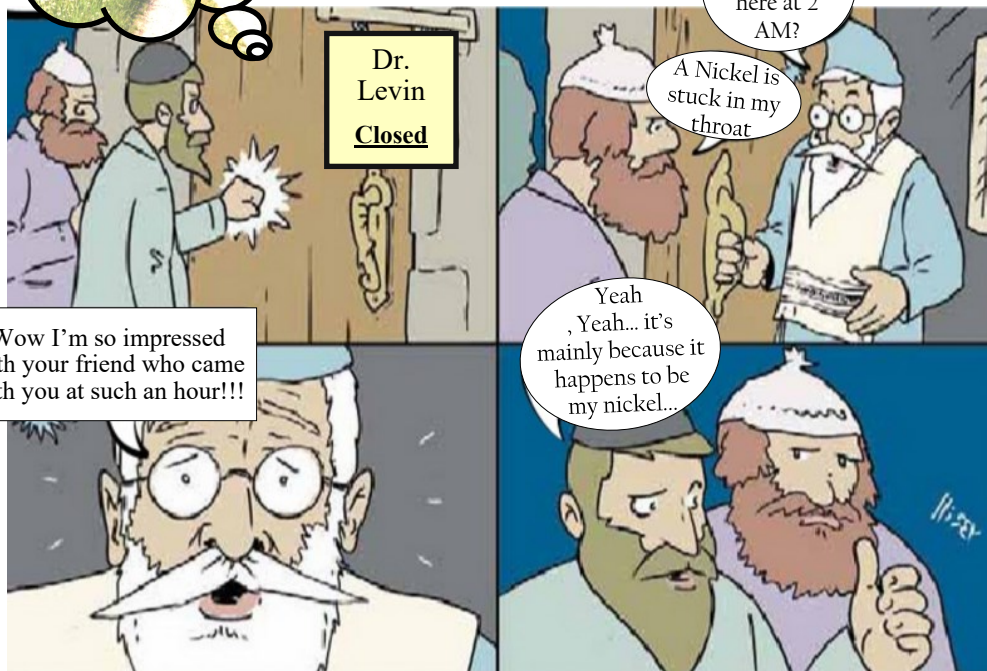
The Time Warp Maze

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Games,
Riddles and
Comics to
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It's a regular maze at first, but whenever you come to a number you are transported to the same number in another place in the maze.

Try to use that for your advantage...



Wow I'm so impressed with your friend who came with you at such an hour!!!

What brings you here at 2 AM?

A Nickel is stuck in my throat

Yeah, Yeah... it's mainly because it happens to be my nickel...

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What kind of room has no door or windows??



Answer: A Mushroom