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The Real Reason

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Tayere Talmidei Hatmimim sheyichyu,

The average person is honest, upstanding, and would never think of harming someone else.

It is therefore strange that the Torah should give special Mitzvos about being a "decent" person, like those in the Asseres Hadibros such as "Lo Sirtzach" and "Lo Signov", which are such obvious Mitzvos that most people won't have a problem with these kinds of things!

It could make sense for a person who is dishonest or has a strong yetzer hora to commit crimes, to have these Mitzvos and be told how important they are to the Aibershter, but surely not for a "regular" person?!

To understand this, let me tell you a story: two prospective business partners once came to the great tzadik R' Meir'l Premishlaner for a brocho before they actually went into business together.

R' Meir asked them if they had written up a partnership contract, and they replied that they had not. He then said that he would do it for them, they were obviously delighted that the tzadik himself would be the one taking care of this, and R' Meir took out a paper and after a few seconds of writing, he gave them their contract!

They were surprized by how short it took to write

and when they looked at the contract and saw only four letters written on the page: א ב ג ד! They were shocked and did not understand what the "contract" meant.

R' Meir explained to them that these four letters stand for אַמִּוּנָה-בְּרִכָּה and for מִינִיבָה-דְּלוּת, meaning that if all your dealings are done with "Emuna" – being honest, correct, and believing in the Aibershter, then there will be "brocho", however if you are involved in "genaiva" and



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being dishonest, then there will be "Dalus" (poverty; r"l).

We see from this story that in order to get the Aibershter's brochos our first step has to be Emuna, the reason why we do anything needs to be because the Aibershter told us to do it.

The Rebbe explains that the reason we need Emuna – even for an obvious mitzvah like not stealing, is

because sometimes people lose focus and they begin to only think about themselves.

At that point, the person could find any logical reason why stealing or dishonesty might be ok for them to do. However, when the reason a person keeps a mitzvah is because the Ribbono Shel Olam tells us to, well then there is no room for any kind of change, because that is what Hashem wants and we always need to follow.

Dear Talmidim, the reason we do anything is because the Aibershter tells us that this is what He "needs" in order to make a dira b'tachtonim. Sometimes "the klugingke", the Yetzer Horah tries to convince us to do things that might not be exactly 100% ok, however, when we understand that the reason we keep Torah and Mitzvos is because of Hashem's instructions, and not because of what we understand or think, then there is never any room for any mistakes or negativity, rather, there is only room for brochos!

As we celebrate the Shabbos of Mattan Torah, which coincides with the Kinnus Hashluchos, let us dedicate ourselves to the Aibershter's Torah and to complete the ultimate Shlichus of bringing Moishiach Now!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

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Programs Updates

Winners of the automatic Prize (Sefer Ha'Shlichus") in the 10 Shevat Mivtza

Chaikel	Baumgarten	Mendel	Laufer
Shua	Berkowitz	Yehuda	Leeds
Shmuli	Brackman	mendel	lewis
Levi	Cadaner	Shmuel	Lewis
Menachem	Cadaner	Yosef	Libersohn
Yosef	Cadaner	Moshe	Lifshitz
Levi	Federman	Mendel	Perlstein
Menachem	Federman	Shlomo	Posner
Yitzchak	Federman	Yaankale	Raitport
Dov Ber	Feldman	Yosef Yitzcha	Sasonkin
Levi	Goldberg	Mendel	Shapiro
Yosef	Hecht	Ari	Silberberg
Mendel	Jacobson	Levi	Tiechtel
Yoseph	Jacobson	Menachem	Wilhelm
Leibel	Kats	Mendel	Wilhelm
Menachem	Kats	Binyamin	Wineberg
Avrohom	Konikov	Shalom	Wolvovsky
Mordechai	Krinsky	Zalman Yuda	Wolvovsky
Shmaya	Krinsky	Gabi	Yarmush
Levi	Langsam	Daniel Eliaho	Zaltzman
Shimon	Langsam	Shneur	Zirkind
Aryeh Leib	Laufer	Eliezer	Zucker
Levi	Laufer	Levi Yitzchak	Zwiebel

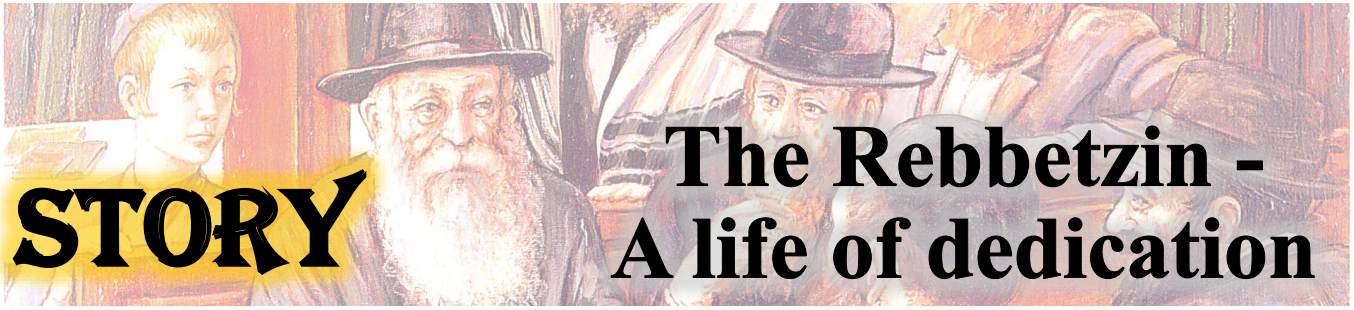
The Sefer (as well as other Seforim won over this year can be picked up during the Kinus Hashluchos.

The Boys who learned Bosi Legani Baal Peh and how many points they earned in the rewards store:

Berkowitz	Shua	25
Brackman	Shmuli	10
Cadaner	Levi Yitzchok	30
Cadaner	Yosef	65
Chanowitz	Mendel	20
Cohen	Menachem Mendel	85
Feldman	Avrumi	30
Fischer	Yosef Yitzchok	35
Gurkow	Levi Yaakov Yosef	40
Hecht	Yosef Yitzchok	100
Herbstman	Mendel	55
Jacobson	Gavriel Noach	35
Kaminetzky	Meir	70
Krinsky	Shmaya	10
Krinsky	Yoel Tzemach	15
Langsam	Shimon	30
Laufer	Aryeh Leib	20
Laufer	Levi	15
Laufer	Mendel	15
Laufer	Yisroel Aryeh Leib	60
Leeds	Yehuda	15
lewis	mendel	25
Lewis	Shmuel	10
Libersohn	Yosef Nachman	20
Pelman	Gabi	30
Perlstein	Mendel	10
Posner	Shlomo Aharon	15
Schmerling	Levi Yitzchok	10

We decided to also make a Raffle on a set of התורה (5 volumes) in addition to the automatic (Smaller Sefer) that everyone who participated in the tests earned.

The winner is Shmuli Brackman from Oxford, England.



For several decades the Rebbe would, in addition to all of his other exhausting duties, receive people for private Yechidus a few nights a week. Sometimes he would come home at three in the morning, sometimes five, and on occasion he would return when it was already light outside. The Rebbetzin once told Mrs. Hadassah Carlebach, a relative of the Rebbetzin that she always waited up for the Rebbe. That her husband should come home to a dark house and a cold supper to be eaten alone was simply not an option.

It was a winter morning in 5726 (1966), at about 3:30 a.m. The Rebbe had already left his office for home—a somewhat early night; there had been no *yechidus* that night. Just then a woman frantically phoned the Rebbe’s secretariat saying that her little baby had just fallen and was badly hurt and in critical condition. The doctors were arguing over which procedures to perform, and she desperately needed the Rebbe’s Bracha and advice.

The Rebbe’s secretary apologetically explained that it would have to wait until the morning, and that he would consult with the Rebbe first thing after he arrived.

“It’s a matter of life and death,” the mother pleaded. “I need an answer now!”

The secretary decided to dial the Rebbe’s house. If someone would answer, he would apologize for calling so late. He dialed uneasily; the Rebbetzin answered. “*Ver ret?*” (“Who is talking?”)

The secretary gave his name and immediately said, “I am sorry for calling so late,” and proceeded to apologize profusely. “It’s *chutzpah* to call at such a late hour, but there is a lady here in desperate need. She says it is a matter of life and death . . .”



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“Why are you asking forgiveness?” the Rebbetzin exclaimed. “On the contrary, my husband and I were sent to this world to serve people in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. By your calling us, you are helping us fulfill our mission.”

Mrs. Leah Kahan, a relative of the Rebbetzin, once visited her at home. The Rebbetzin turned to Mrs. Kahan, and in a voice filled with pride said, “Look at what the *shluchim* and *shluchos* sent me.” She continued to go on about how busy and stressful their lives are, “yet, their busy schedules notwithstanding, they have time to think about me! “And why me? Who am I?”

At this point, Mrs. Kahan interjected and said, “Rebbetzin, don’t you know what you mean to the *shluchim*?”

The Rebbetzin, with a hint of a smile but slightly displeased, responded, “Leah, you’re being a bit too harsh.” As if to say, “You are not giving enough consideration to their hardships and sacrifice, and what it means for them to take time off to think about me.”

Lesson:

Not only did the Rebbetzin completely dedicate her life to others, she said “thank you” for the opportunity. In her mind and heart, it wasn’t she who was doing a favor; it was others who were helping her fulfill her mission! On the other hand, when it came to others and the sacrifices that they made, her voice would swell with pride as she pointed out their merits.

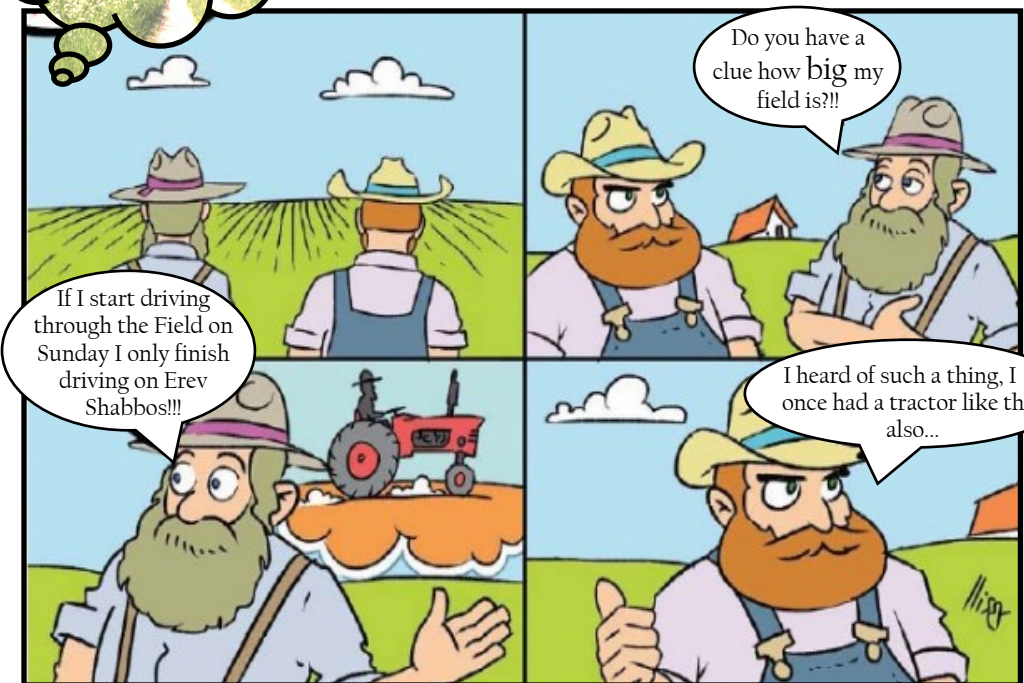
מבצע ונפלינו

The **pictures** earned for week 3,4,5,6 will be **sent out** over the coming week.

All the details on **status, essays etc. will be updated** Iy”h before the next booklet is ready this coming Monday.

The **questions for week 7** (about tehillim) are up, take the test asap)

The **winners** and the **prizes** of this past monthly raffle (Shevat) will be announced in the next newsletter IY”H



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Kinus Ha'Shuchos Challenge



From every state that you can, name just 1 young Shliach that is your relative, or Friend. Email us your list. let's see who's in the know...

א קלאץ קשיא

A blue house is made of blue bricks. A yellow house is made of yellow bricks. A red house is made of red bricks. An orange house is made of orange bricks. What would a green house be made of?



Answer: Glass