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Stop and Think

*Tayere Talmidei Hatmimim
sheyichyu,*

The *Alter Rebbe* once told the following *Moshol* in *Yechidus* to a young man, who was not yet a *Chossid* and who was having some difficulties serving *Hashem* as he should have:

There was once a person who needed to travel in his horse-drawn wagon through a thick forest in order to reach his final destination. After a short while in the forest he reached a crossroad and was unsure which direction to take.

He quickly made a choice to travel on the road that appeared to him to be the more appropriate one, however, after a short while it became clear to him that he had made the wrong choice as the current road was hazardous and extremely unsafe and it was evident that he should have taken the other road. Luckily, his horse was old and was not able to walk quickly resulting in him not traveling too far on that inappropriate road.

The *Alter Rebbe* turned to the young man to whom he was telling the *Moshol* and commented that had the

horse been young and fast it would have travelled much further on the wrong road! The young man responded that the *Alter Rebbe's* logic was problematic because as soon as the rider realizes the mistake ("*Az Men Chapt Zich*"), the young horse could quickly retrace its steps in the same amount of time!



The *Alter Rebbe* would frequently speak in a "song-like" tone and he responded to the young man in that tone that "this is true...*Az Men Chapt Zich*... *Az Men Chapt zich*...", meaning that one needs to realize where one is holding in order to return and fix what one should fix.

These words had a profound impact on the young man and he turned his life around ultimately becoming a true and

devoted *Chossid* of the *Alter Rebbe*.

Dear *Talmidim*, we are holding *Erev Shabbos Shuva* when we have a special *Ko'ach* to turn things around and set ourselves on a good path in our *Avodas Hashem*, but to truly do that, we need to "*Chap Zich*" what areas we need to improve in. For one person it could be in learning, for another davening, for another *Ahavas Yisroel* and so on.

This means we really need to stop and think about what we're doing now and understand how much we could accomplish with the *Aibershter's* help. When one does "*Chap Zich*" and he rededicates himself to his *Shlichus* and his *Avoda* as a *Chossid* of the *Rebbe* with renewed energy and excitement, he has the *Koa'ch* to quickly progress and accomplish great and wonderful things.

Wishing you a meaningful *Shabbos* of "*Az Men Chapt Zich*" and a *Gmar Chasima Tova*!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

*Principal Boys
Older Division*

Yimei Chabad

י' תשרי, תשכ"ה (1964)

Rebbeztin Chana was Nistalek on *Shabbos* afternoon in the presence of her son - the *Rebbe*.

Two years later, the *Rebbe* created *Keren Chana*, a fund to assist with tuition for Jewish girls. Each year on the *Yohrtzait*, he would raise funds for the foundation.



Shliach Spotlight



My name is
Shneur Slonim,

I'm in Grade
B6 ET and I'm
a Shliach in
Binghamton,
NY.

So what is the nature of the Shlichus in your city?

Chabad on Campus.

Binghamton is a small city in upstate NY and home to a famous University with 17000 students. We live in a smaller city next door called Vestal.

There used to be a pretty large Jewish community in Binghamton but it began dwindling around 20 years ago, the main percentage of Jews here today is the 1000 college students that come from all over to study here, most of our programs focus on them and their families. This year marks 30 years since my parents moved here on Shlichus.

That's a really beautiful Chabad house. How long ago was it built?

Well, when my parents first came here, they

opened a small Chabad house in their apartment. With our programs growing, the center grew bigger as well and moved from location to location.

In addition to my own family, there are two other Shluchim family's helping with the programs: My



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brother Rabbi Levi Slonim and family and Rabbi Zalmy Chein and family.

For years we have been eyeing the properties around our house in order that we can expand our Chabad house. A few years ago (in 5768), one of our neighbors sold us their home and thanks to a special grant by one of our Baalei Batim as well as Mr. George Rohr we made construction and built this beautiful 5 million dollars Chabad house.

With the new Chabad house we started getting like 300 students every Shabbos, now we get over 500 weekly! (some aren't even Jewish they just don't want to miss all the fun...) we have a big meal Friday night with like 550 people.

The new building is an exciting place for the many students to hang out, we have a couch room, game room and many more exciting things. some events are so big that we

need to use the outdoor space as well. It's so crowded that we need a new place and we are still waiting for our other next door neighbor to move out...

What kind of programs do you make for the students?

The first massive event my parents started around 5 years after they came was 'Shabbat 1000' the idea was to get a thousand Jews to attend the Shabbos meal).

The horizon keeps expanding A few years ago we started Shabbat 1500 now we just had Shabbat 1800!

Another vey exciting thing here is a Kosher restaurant we manage. Actually it's two different Restaurants, on Monday's and Thursday's we have a Café for Milchig take out and on Tuesday's we have a Fleishig Deli.

We started these 15 years ago, after we built an extension to the house for the shul, it's the first kosher restaurant here.

Another big event each year is a Purim carnival.

It's always a lot of fun, we even have a 'Chabad Rock band' which has a few talentad students, they play by these kind of events and it attracts a lot of other student bands to join the fun...

Sukkos is a blast. We have a sukkah we build on our parking lot that can fit 300 people.



Our Chabad House

In what ways do you help on Shlichus?

I'm the youngest of 9 children but I have still have a very important role in our Shlichus and I try to use my talents to help out wherever I can.

For instance, there is a Pedi Sukka I built with a student and drive it around town.... last year

over 70 people shook Lulov in my Pedi-Sukkah throughout Sukkos!

I'm also BH pretty good at technical stuff like wiring, I help set up all events here like the mikes etc.

I also help putting Tfiilin on people by big events.

I help at the cash register when the deli and café open.

What kind of things do you in your spare time?

I love playing the keyboard and making recordings.

I'm also really excited about Chidon in Sefer Hamitzvos. I'm getting involved this year for the first time and I'm really going for it.

I got to run now to help out for Shabbos....

In her later years, Rebbetzin Chana kept a diary and wrote down her memoirs. The following is excerpts in which she expresses her feelings about her son - the Rebbe.

***Moitzai Shabbos Kedoshim 5711
(1951)***

...My son, long may he live, about whom I have written above, has just left my home. He visits me daily and twice on Friday. He makes my life much better and, as they say here [in America], makes me feel better.

My apartment where I am now is not very large. It so happens that during the time he sits here with me, the room



seems to be much bigger!

During his visits, I don't at all feel many things that I find unpleasant, and under the inspiration of his noble

devotion and sublime greatness, I manage to live with them until his next visit 24 hours later.

It pains me only to notice when he doesn't feel well and is very fatigued, although he tries very hard to conceal it from me. First of all, he works very hard. Besides that, he often experiences issues on which his pure sincerity of character is incapable and unwilling to compromise, troubling him greatly and

disturbing his calm disposition. Only his great mind enables him to overcome these feelings.

28 Marcheshvan 5713 (1952)

...Just now, my son—long may he live, and may he be well and successful—left my apartment. He is very fatigued, yet he still took with him lots of work to do at home.

Since childhood, he has always spent his time in constant study. I don't remember him ever wasting time.

Thank G-d, I derive a great deal of *Nachas* from him.

He is a truly great personage, with a pure soul. He does much for my sake, which I consider to be a privilege, after all the tribulations I have experienced.

Chol Hamo'ed Sukkos, 5714 (1953)

I don't want to let pass the opportunity to record the pleasure I enjoyed last night listening to my son, *shlita*, speaking to an audience of many hundreds of people. I am not the expert to appraise the scholarship of the subjects on which he spoke, but the portion I did understand made a deep impression upon me with its rich content.

Of course, I didn't stay until the end, which would be too difficult for me.

“It’s what I live for...”

I was delighted to see such a large number of young people attending and how great was their interest in all the activities of my son, *shlita*. I observed how they look upon him with such a love that is indescribable. It was apparent from the way they were hurrying, by subway, by car, in groups, each trying to get ahead of the other in order to get a better place so that they should be able to see and hear as much as possible.

They were from all types of background—non-Chasidim, Chasidim, Polish Chasidim, *Litvish*, old and young, non-religious and Orthodox. The same was true for the women. Everyone tried to find a place where they could not only hear but also see.

Thursday, 5 Tammuz, 5716 (1956)

It’s now nine years since my arrival here [in New York]. Thank G-d for my son, who has been accomplishing so much in recent years.

...The young people are so devoted to

him; they love him and relate to him as to a G-dly person.



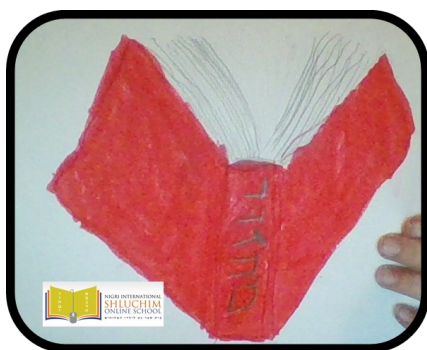
I see all this, understand it and appreciate it.

“Some individuals can acquire their portion in the World to Come in a single hour.” My son acquires it with the ten minutes that he comes in to visit me every day. It’s already twelve years that I’m on my own. Thank G-d for the good that I have. What I grasp on to is my son, *shlita*.



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Shmaya Krinsky



Yoel Tzemach Krinsky



Yitzchok Federman and Levi Laufer

The second day of Rosh HaShannah I went with my little brother and tatty to blow shofar for a man who lives in our city who is too sick to go to shul. He has a disease and finds it very hard to walk or even stand or speak. We said the Brochos with him and then my tatty blew shofar. Even though he is very sick he was able to smile and seemed happy.

Mendel Brown

Mendel went on mivtza shofar on Rosh hashana.

He went in pouring rain to a few homes with his father to blow shofar for people. The people were very appreciative that he came despite the rain.

Mrs. Labkowski

Ari walked on rosh hashana to blow Shofar for 2 families. He walked about 4 miles with his sister, brother and 2 bochurim.

One was an elderly man who was so excited to see him and the 2 bochurim that went with him.

The second was a family who has a boy ari's age. They played together and stayed until after yom tov was over. What a great experience!

Mrs. Lifshitz

MIVTZA SHOFAR STORIES



Let us know you went on Mivtzoim and you'll get into the Raffle on the Shofar and please...

**Send us your
Story**

Me and my father blew shofar for 7 people.

On the first day of Rosh Hashana we went on Tashlich to a stream of water nearby and brought a shofar to do mivtziom. On our way back there is a nonreligious family that did not go to shul to hear shofar. My Uncle called out Shanah Tova and then me and my father asked them if they heard shofar and they said no. So we went in and blew shofar for them. Then one of the men that did not go to shul said you deserve a l'chaim for that shofar blowing.

Mendel Herbstman

Last week's correct answer:

התמים

Mendel Wilhelm
(Tennessee)

Know Your Seforim

The Rebbe would expound on me each Shabbos. I contain the teachings of Reb Levi Yitzchok - the Rebbe's father.

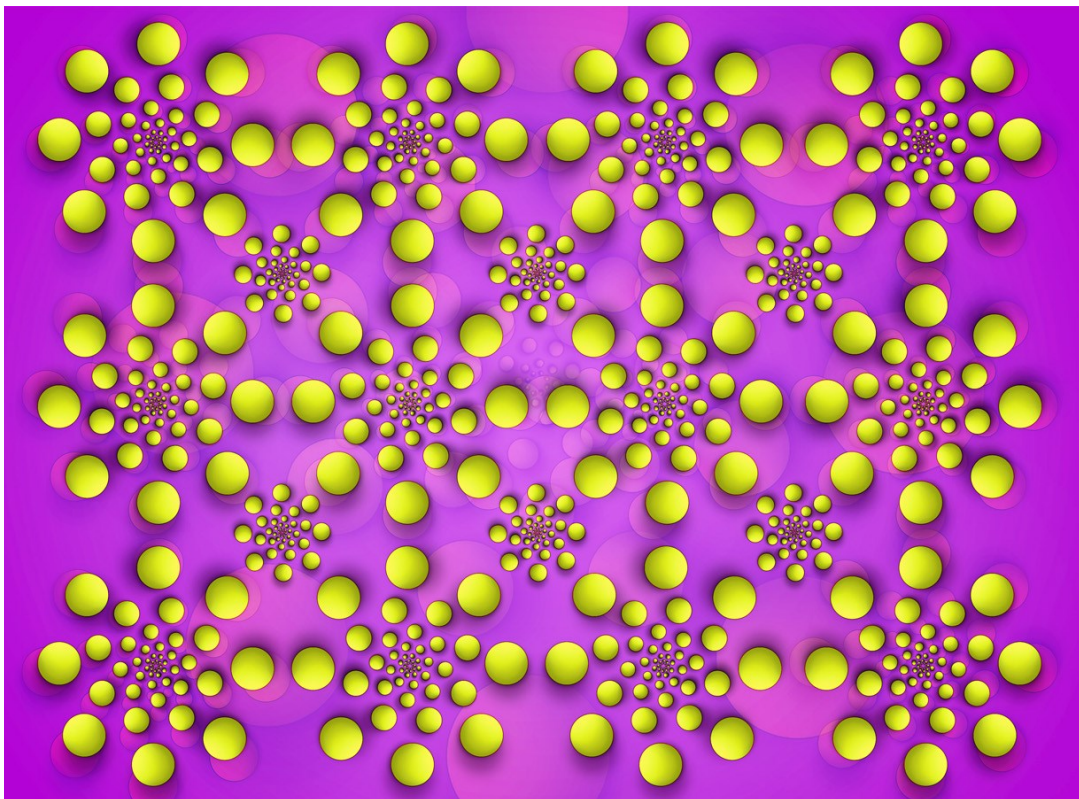
Which Sefer Am I? Send your answer to boysprograms@shluchim.org

At first glance the circles in this picture seem to be moving, but of course that's impossible...

This is what's called an

Optical Illusion

In which our eyes see things in a certain way and plays tricks on our mind



Comic Shtetel



א קלאץ קשיא

I have streets but no pavement, I have cities but no buildings, I have forests but no trees, I have rivers yet no water
what am I?



Answer: A Map