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The Power of Mivtzoim

Tayere Talmidei
Hatmimim sheyichyu,

As shluchim, I have no doubt that you are all getting ready to fulfill the *Rebbe's horo'oh* of performing *mivtza lulav* etc. on *sukkos*. I want to share with you a beautiful and empowering story that has an important lesson.

Approximately 20 years ago, a 770 *bochur* went to do *sukkos mivtzoim* in the main Chabad House in Philadelphia under two of the legendary shluchim, Rabbi Avremel Shemtov and Rabbi Zaman Lipskar. The *bochur* built a "Sukkah-mobile" and spent many hours driving to different locations across Philadelphia in order to get local *Yidden* to shake *lulav* and *esrog* and to eat something in the *sukkah*.

On the last day of *Chol Hamoed*, the *bochur* drove the *sukkah-mobile* to downtown Philadelphia and parked in a central location. The *bochur* quickly realized that there were not many *Yidden* in this area of town and he began to feel that he was not using his time as successfully as he could have. As he was thinking this, a white 15-passenger van drove by and when the same van returned a second and a third time the *bochur*

could not help but wonder what the reason was. Suddenly the van stopped and three small children jumped out the van and ran very excitedly to the *sukkah-mobile*. These children, who were clearly *frum*, asked if they could come inside the *sukkah-mobile* and they said that they really wanted to shake *lulav* and *esrog* with passersby. The *bochur* was surprised at the great excitement of these small children to engage in *mivtzoim*.



After a few minutes the mother joined the children by the *sukkah-mobile*. She turned to the *bochur* and told him, "You really have no idea what you are doing here!" She went on to tell the *bochur* about a girl who twenty years earlier was a student at the University of Buffalo. This girl knew she was Jewish, but not much more than that. One *Sukkos* the veteran *shliach* in Buffalo, Rabbi Noson Gu-

rury, approached her to shake *lulav* and *esrog*. The young university student did so and walked off. The lady telling the story turned to the *bochur* and said, "Do you know what the result of Rabbi Guray's *lulav* was?" She then pointed to the three excited children in the *sukkah-mobile* and to four more children in the white van. "I doubt he knows it, but his *lulav* and *esrog* brought me to *Yiddishkeit* and to raise a family of *Yidden* who keep *Torah* and *Mitzvos*."

Dear *Talmidim*, never underestimate the power of a single *mitzvah*. Shluchim often don't see the influence of what they do or who they inspire. You should know that when you help another *Yid* shake *lulav* and *esrog*, or do any *mitzvah* for that matter, you have the *ko'ach* of the Rebbe, the *meshalayach* pushing and backing you. The potential cannot be calculated, and often you may never know what you have achieved!

Wishing you a *Freilichin Sukkos*!

Oh, one last thing... that 770 *bochur*... was me.

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

Principal Boys
Older Division

Yimei Chabad

י"ג תשרי, תרמ"ג (1882)

The Rebbe Maharash was Nistalek in the town of Lubavitch at the age of 47.

He was succeeded by his son, the Rebbe Rashab.

The Rebbe would hold a *Farbrengen* on this day.



Shliach Spotlight



**My name is
Beryl Feldman**

**I'm in Grade
B6 ET and I'm
a Shliach in
Halifax,
Nova Scotia.**

So tell us about your place of Shlichus

Nova Scotia is one of the many provinces in Canada. We are actually the Shluchim to three provinces which together are called the "Maritimes", this collective name applies to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, all of which border the Atlantic Ocean, hence the name Maritimes. My parents have been here on Shlichus for 21 years. In our community we have local Yiddishe families, students in the university & tourists. We have Shabbos & Yom Tov meals for students, Shiurim & family programs around the Yom Tovim as well as throughout the year.

What is your daily life like? What are some challenges on your Shlichus?

I go to the Shluchim Online School every day. On Sundays & Tuesdays I attend the community Talmud Torah so I can show them what a true Chosid is. When we have Minyanim I try & help other children Daven (& also play with them) & of course I do Mitzvot on campus & around the city. I don't have any challenges because I am so proud to be a

Shliach & it's natural for me.

What makes your Shlichus especially meaningful or inspiring to you?

My Shlichus is especially meaningful to be because I can be a young Shliach & don't have to wait until I'm older to do Shlichus. One of my local friends proudly showed me his Tzitzis which he started wearing because he saw how proudly I wear them.



"I help set up the Chabad house for all the different events"

Even when I was a small child I made a positive impact on people much older.

What do you to help your parents out in their Shlichus?

I help my parents with many of their programs. I help them with computer technical issues that I'm better at than them (probably because I go to online school), I prepare for programs and activities, set up our Chabad house for the different events, even give them ideas for programs... thinking about it, I actually help out in every way I possibly can.

Can you tell us a story about your Shlichus.

A few years ago when I was 5, a local Yid came to pick up Shmura Matzah on Erev Pesach. He was in a really big rush and said he just wanted to pick up the Matzah quickly and had to go somewhere. I poked my father and whispered he needs to ask him to put on Tefillin. My father explained that the man was in a big rush. I answered "what are we doing here, living on Shlichus so far away, if not to encourage someone to put on Tefillin". My father, realizing I was right, told the man that I wanted him to put on Tefillin. Seeing the sincerity of a young Shliach he quickly took the time to do this important Mitzvah before running off.

Sukkos moments with the Rebbe



Outside Lubavitch World Headquarters, 770 Eastern Parkway, the Rebbe takes note of his sukkah, built by a group of yeshivah Bachurim.



Lulav and esrog in hand, the Rebbe emerges from the main door of 770 Eastern Parkway, on his way to the Sukkah, and encourages the bystanders singing with a wave of the arm.



On Hoshanah Rabbah, the Rebbe stands at the door of his sukkah distributing honey cake (lekach) to long lines of people. He wishes each of them a good and sweet year, and many pause for a quick word of advice or to seek a personal blessing.

“A Kept Promise”



**Reb Shmuel climbed
aboard the wagon of
the Poritz**

In the small Russian township of Batchaikov lived a kindly old squire. The squire owned many villages and forests, inhabited mostly by the employees of his holdings. The squire was exceptionally generous. He would exempt people from their obligations to him if they were poor, and offered special discounts for the local rabbi, ritual slaughterer, schoolteachers and cantors. Most Jews in and around Batchaikov made their livelihood off the squire's estate.

Being old and frail and in poor health, the squire often visited a renowned medical specialist of the time, Dr. Berthenson. Also, he gradually entrusted the administration of his estate to his anti-Semitic chief manager, who quickly began implementing his prejudices. Gone were the exemptions for the poor and the communal employees. In less than two years, the Jewish community was impoverished.

Many of the members of the Jewish community of Batchaikov were followers of Rabbi Shmuel, the “Rebbe Maharash. Mostly simple folk, they

would visit their rebbe for a Shabbos or Yom Tov, hear a chassidic Maamer, be received for a private audience, and head home, confident that Hashem would surely bless them with their needs. No one ever thought to trouble the rebbe with the details of the painful situation brewing in their hometown.

One longtime Batchaikov resident, whose family had maintained close contact with the squire and his ancestors, was Reb Shmuel. This Reb Shmuel was visiting the rebbe when, during a private audience, the rebbe began questioning him about the state of affairs in Batchaikov. Reb Shmuel told him everything.

After admonishing Reb Shmuel for not informing him of the situation earlier, the rebbe gave Reb Shmuel explicit instructions. "Your squire's life is in danger. Travel home. Tell him in my name that I know he is critically ill and the doctors have just about despaired of his life. Let him help the Jewish families who live on his properties; for every Jewish family he helps, I promise him one month of life and health."

After returning home, Reb Shmuel tried to visit the squire, but was refused admittance. Since it was a nice summer day, the doctor requested that the squire be taken outside for a ride. As Reb Shmuel stood from a distance and watched the old, broken gentleman get into the carriage, his

heart was pained. The moment the squire saw Reb Shmuel on the road, he invited him into his carriage.

Reb Shmuel climbed aboard the coach and immediately passed on the rebbe's message. The squire asked Reb Shmuel to draw up a complete list of every Jewish family in Batchaikov and the neighboring areas who could earn a living from his estate. In total, Reb Shmuel compiled a list of over 160 families.

So it was that over 160 families, plus a few dozen more from the surrounding area, were once again able to make a living. And the squire recovered.

About fourteen years later, Reb Shmuel was once again visiting Lubavitch, though the Rebbe Maharash had passed away some eleven years earlier. Reb Shmuel related this story to his fellow chassidim, and then revealed the reason behind his visit: though the squire was exceedingly old, for the past fourteen years he had felt robust. Recently, however, he began feeling ill. He asked Reb Shmuel to visit the resting place of the rebbe to inform him that according to the squire's tally, he was owed another fourteen months of life . . .

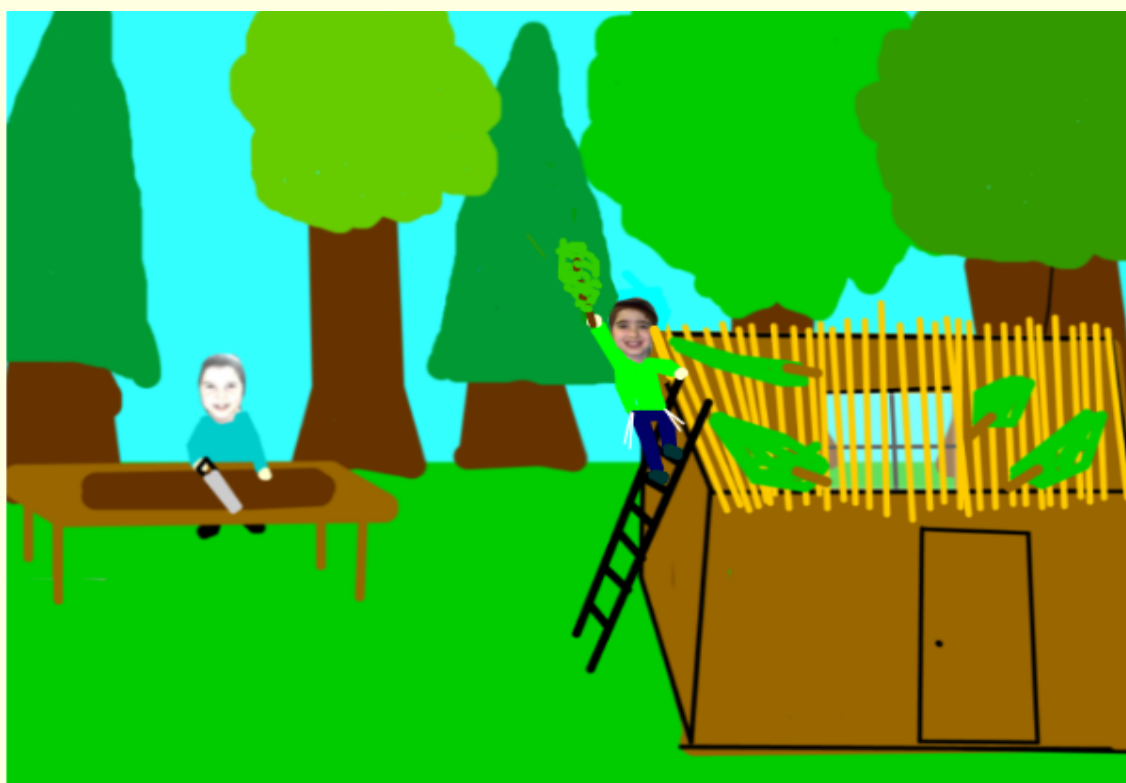
Reb Shmuel visited the rebbe's grave and relayed the message. Needless to say, the rebbe kept his promise.



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Yossi Sasonkin (Akron, Ohio)
getting ready for Sukkos and
especially for **Mivtza Lulov**



Cousins **Shimon Laufer** (Warwick, Rhode Island)
and **Mendel Laufer** (Barrington, Rhode Island)
Building the Online Sukkah

Dovid accompanied two bochurim on mivtzoyim on the first day of Rosh Hashana. They walked four miles to the university because they heard that there were going to be a group of Jewish students gathering together. When they got to the campus, they still had to walk another bit to get to the building where the students were so they asked people if they were Jewish. One college kid said he was but he was late to class. So they ran after him with the shofar and blew it while running. Then they met the group of Jewish students, blew shofar for them and took them to a lake to do Tashlich. Dovid then walked another 4 miles home for a total of 8 miles!

Mrs. Cunin, (Reno, Nevada)

MIVTZA SHOFAR STORIES



Yehuda Leeds has an incredible mivtza shofar story! On the first day of Rosh Hashana after tashlich we all went walking around the campus to blow the shofar for as many students as we could. Toward the end of the day, we found a student who lived in a house with lots of other Jews who was walking home. After we blew the shofar for him, we decided to walk him home to see if any other people were in his house that didn't hear shofar yet. It was a very long walk uphill and we were all pretty tired. When we got there, it turned out that not one single other person was home. Exhausted, we decided to return to our chabad house. As we started walking back, just 2 houses away from that house, we noticed a few students standing in the yard and my husband said Shana tova, to which one of them answered back Shana tova! The girl said she was Jewish so we blew the shofar for her. Afterwards I asked her what her name was and by hashgacha pratit she was someone I had been meaning to contact! A few months ago, another young shliach (8 years old) called up my son Yehuda to tell him to invite this girl, since his family knew her sister and wanted to make sure that she had a connection to the Chabad on campus in Berkeley. I had written it down, but somehow didn't manage to contact her, and by hashgacha pratit, we were lead right to her door! She was so surprised to hear this connection as well and we all soon realized why Hashem wanted us to climb all the way up that hill.

Mrs. Leeds (Berkeley, California)

Send us a picture of you on Mivtzoim this Sukkos and you'll get into the Raffle on an amazing Lulov Holder!!!

**Write as much about
Mivtzoim as possible**

**MIVTZA
LULOV
INFO**

Last week's correct answer:

תורת לוי יצחק - לקוטי לוי יצחק

Mendel Wilhelm (Tennessee)
Mendel Perlstein
Berel Feldman

Know your Stuff

When did the Rebbe make a Farbrengen after Mairev on the first night of Sukkos in Shul? (see this Month's Chassidesher Derher)

Send your answer to boysprograms@shluchim.org

SUKKOS WORD FINDER

- 1 sukkos
- 2 sukah
- 3 hadasim
- 4 aravos
- 5 lulav
- 6 etrog
- 7 chol hamoed
- 8 hoshana raba
- 9 shalosh regalim
- 10 yom tov

Submitted by Mendel Wilhelm
(Oslo, Norway)

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