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Happy Birthday

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1 Teves 5769

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NEWSLETTER

Boys division, Grades B2 - B8

The Source of Everything

Tayere Talmidei Hatmimim sheyichyu,

Shortly after Yaacov Ovinu came to Mitzrayim to be reunited with Yosef Ha'Tzadik and to be saved from the famine, he went to meet with Paroh Melech Mitzrayim. During that meeting, he gave Paroh a brocho that the Nilus should rise and flood over his feet. The reason that this brocho was particularly important was because the famine was because the Nilus had not flooded. Mitzrayim was so dependent on the Nilus that it was one of their "Avoda Zoras" to which they prayed.

The Rebbe asks, how could Yaacov Ovinu had given Paroh a brocho that would improve the situation of the Avoda Zora of Mitzrayim?

In order to understand the Rebbe's answer allow me to share a short story with you: There was a chossid who lived in the town of Kremennchug who was very ill (R"l) and there was a disagreement among the doctors as to whether they should do an operation or not. It was decided that a big specialist would be

called in to make the final decision as to if they should operate or not. After examining the patient, he decided that the operation was not needed and he believed that operating would make the situation worse.

The patient sent a long letter to the Rebbe Rashab explaining to him what was going on, and he asked the Rebbe Rashab's advice. The



Rebbe Rashab responded by sending a telegram directly to the specialist telling him that the operation was absolutely necessary and that he should "please operate." They followed the recommendation of the Rebbe Rashab and during the operation the specialist discovered that they had made a mistake in the diagnosis and that the operation was vital to save

the patient's life! The specialist was shocked and, after the operation, he pulled out the telegram and asked those around him how could the Rebbe had know what the doctors did not? Of course the chassidim never had a sofek (doubt) how the Rebbe knew... With this telegram the Rebbe taught the people that everything comes from the Ribno Shel Olam.

Dear Talmidim, sometimes people forget that everything that happens in the world comes from Hashem. In Mitzrayim the people lost focus on the fact that it was Hashem who made the Nilus flood over and they started to think that the Nilus itself had power. The Rebbe explains that when Yaacov Ovinu Bentched the Nilus to overflow, and it then did overflow, the Mitzriyim realized that the Nilus is not really powerful and that the Aibershter is the source of everything. Therefore, by Yaacov Bentching the Nilus he actually weakened the Avoda Zora of Mitzrayim.

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

Principal Boys
Older Division

Yimei Chabad

ה' טבת תרכ"א (1861)

Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka, the wife of the Tzemach Tzedek passed away in the village of Lubavitch. She was also the daughter of the Miteler Rebbe.

After her passing, The Tzemach Tzedek changed a lot of his Hanagots.

ט"ו טבת תרי"ט (1859)

Rebbetzin Shterna Sara, the wife of the Rebbe Rashab was born



Shliach Spotlight



My name is
Ari Silberberg

I'm in Grade
B8 and I'm a
Shliach in
London, ON.

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

Here in London, Ontario (it's in Canada, not in London England...) there is a large college campus, it's called the UWO, there are 30,000 students and around 1500 Jewish student's.

In addition to our Chabad house which caters specifically for the students, there are several other Shluchim and another Chabad house for the older people.

What are some of the Peulos (programs) you do with the students?

Well besides, the regular Shabbos meal, (which by the way on an average Friday night we host around 200 students) we also try to make a lot of exciting sounding programs for the students, things which older people would never think of doing.

For instance we have something called "midnight breakfast" where students come at 10 PM to learn with my father and eat breakfast style food such as bagels etc.

Another such program is "Sushi with Chavrusi" where students come to learn Gemara with my father.

How do you help out on Shlichus?

In my family we have 7 kids Kein Ayin Hora. Since my older brother is in Yeshiva, I'm the oldest boy at home right now and that comes



The college campus

with a lot of responsibilities such as helping with the food preparations etc. I'm at Online School most of the time and only get to really spend time with the students on Shabbos, I try then to be as helpful as possible.

What do you enjoy most about the online school?

Well, till last year I used to attend a school here in

London which wasn't Chassidish at all, a lot of kids there, weren't even Frum. In Canada, people learn French, so each day during French classes, I would go out to learn Gemara.

Now B"H I am full time at the Online School and I really enjoy it. I'm starting to appreciate a lot more what it means to be a Chossid and to be connected with my Shlichus and the Rebbe.

Another thing I really enjoy is the Shluchim Winter Camp in Lakewood Florida, I just returned from my 4th year there and I had a blast.

Can you share with us a Hashgocha Protis story that happened on your Shlichus?

Once as I was going on Chanukah Mivtzoim with my father, we went to this apartment building where there weren't so many Jews, finally we found a Jew. When he saw us he was shocked. He told us that that very moment he was about to light his Menorah but could not find any candles, and then we showed up with everything he needed!!!



As one of the Alter Rebbe's wealthy chassidim advanced in years, he was able to marry off his children and establish them in business. A generous man by nature, when the responsibilities of his immediate family became less pressing, he committed himself to pay for the weddings and dowries of his relatives' children.

Suddenly, however, his business affairs took a sharp turn for the worse, and instead of being very wealthy, he found himself in debt and unable to meet his commitments. Before his financial situation became public knowledge, he hurried to Liozna to receive advice and blessings from the Alter Rebbe.

At Yechidus, he poured out his heart to the Rebbe, saying that he was prepared to remain poor himself, but he needed to pay his debts and honor the commitments that he had made to his relatives.

The Alter Rebbe responded: "You are speaking about what **you need**. But you have not given a thought to what you are **needed for**."

The Chassid fainted; the Alter Rebbe's Gabbai had to help him out of the Rebbe's room. When he came to, he began to devote himself to prayer and study, without thinking of his business concerns.



After the Chassid had conducted himself in this fashion for some time, the Alter Rebbe sent for him. Standing before the Rebbe, the vision of his previous Yechidus flashed in his mind, and he could barely muster the strength to look the Rebbe in the face. This time, however, the Alter Rebbe spoke to him gently: "Now you appreciate Hashem's truth.... You can return home...; may Hashem grant you success."

The man made his way home and discovered that the gloomy picture he had seen previously could be corrected. A few favorable strokes of fortune had given him the opportunity to right his financial course.

Lesson:

We see in the story, how once the Chossid was able to appreciate his purpose, he was granted the means to accomplish it.

The Rebbe gives people a sense of mission, enabling them to see what they were needed for. This awareness helps them mold their characters.

When a Chossid is committed to a purpose beyond himself, it gives him the strength to understand what he really is here for and helps him live a fuller and more complete life.



Eliezer Andrusier went on mivtzoim with the boys in the shluchim winter camp in Florida! He said they spent the whole day handing out menorahs, candles, and of course asking, "excuse me, are you Jewish?"



Moshe Korf, in the dreidel man costume. He was at our big event at a table, as well as going on mivtzoim to the mall, and at new Year outdoor events.



Mendel Pelman invited Jewish kids from the community to light the Chanukah candles at our home in honor of his Birthday, he also shared with them מנהגי יום הולדת

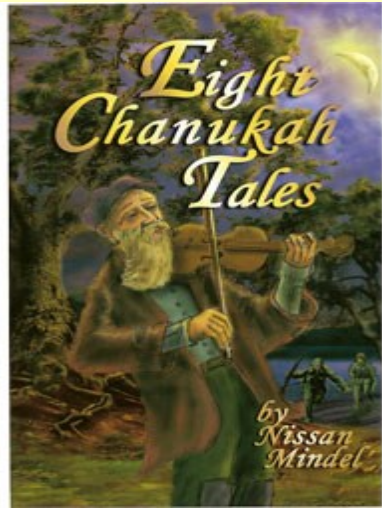


From our Inbox

Chanukah

Mivtzoim



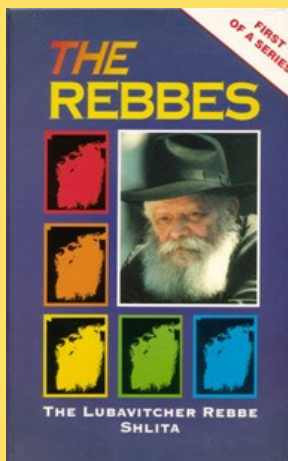


Raffle for Chanukah Mivtzoim

Prize: "Eight Chanukah Candles" story book

Winner: Yankele Resnick

Recent Raffles



Raffle for
מבצע ונפלינו
(grades 4 and up)

Prize 1: Silver Plated Menora

Winner: Beryl Feldman



Prize 2: "the Rebbes" Book
Winner: Levi Lent

Prize 3: "Fast Blast" Game
Winner: Shneur Zalman Lifshitz

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The Japanese Eye Test



Have you ever been to an eye doctor? If yes, you probably know that if you only can see something from close up, it means you do not have good eye sight.

But what if you can only see something from far back or by looking at it with your eyes shut 90%...? Well try reading these words through this crazy Japanese eye test...



Comic Shtetel

א קלאץ קשיא

What is as big as
an airplane but
weighs
nothing??



Answer: The shadow of an airplane