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# NEWSLETTER

Boys division, Grades B2 - B8

## Emerging From Our Comfort Zone

*Tayere Talmidei Hatmimim sheyichyu,*

The second Makkoh that the Aibershter brought on Mitzrayim was the Makkoh of Tzefardeiah – frogs all over Mitzrayim.

Chazal say that this Makkoh was particularly important in breaking Mitzrayim and leading the way for the Yidden to leave it.

Why was this Makkoh in particular singled out for being extra important?

The Rebbe explains that there are many lessons that we could learn from the way the frogs acted during this time. One lesson could be better understood from the following story:

Reb Hillel Paritcher was once farbrenging with the chassidim and the farbrengen, which started in the evening, lasted until very late and most of the candles that they had lit to light up the room had burnt out.

Somebody arrived at the farbrengen and he was surprized that they were sitting in such a dark room, and he asked them why they were sitting in the dark? One of the chassidim explained to

him that after sitting there for a while one grows accustomed to the situation and they didn't even notice that it was especially dark! When Reb Hillel heard this conversation he commented that there is an important lesson here: when a person lives his life in a certain way that really should be changed

and from what they were used to experiencing. The Rebbe explains that this approach was key to the Yidden leaving Mitzrayim and to breaking Mitzrayim because it represented the idea of not being comfortable with where you are and living in the dark, but rather breaking out of one's current level and not being satisfied with living in the dark and the cold. This was the message that Reb Hillel was telling the chassidim.

Now we can better understand why the Makkoh of



and improved (it is "dark"), but he becomes used to that way, he stops noticing that there is any kind of problem that needs to be fixed...

Dear Talmidim, the "way of life" of frogs is to live in the colder water, and in fact, they are even born "and created" from the water. In Mitzrayim the frogs did something that was totally out of character: when they were told by the Aibershter to go up into Mitzrayim they went everywhere, even into the ovens which are hot places, places which are the total opposite from where they came from

Tzefardeah was so important; the actions of the frogs themselves represented breaking out of their own "comfort zones" and looking for ways to serve Hashem out of warmth and energy. We need to learn from this, and break out of our own "cold" comfort zones to which we have become accustomed. By doing this we also break out of Golus and go to the Geulah Shelaima!

Wishing you a wonderful Shabbos,

**Rabbi Yaacov Ringo**

*Principal Boys Older Division*



# Shliach Spotlight



**My name is  
Mendel  
Vorst**

**I'm in Grade  
B5 and I'm a  
Shliach in  
Charlotte, NC.**

## **So tell us a little about the Shlichus in Charlotte**

The head Shluchim to the "Carolinas" (that is north Carolina and south Carolina) are my grandparents, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Groner. They were sent by the Rebbe on Shlichus here in 1980.

My parents came here about 12 years ago and started helping out with a lot of the programs.

My mother teaches the kindergarten level at the Jewish community day school here, which my Bubby runs for over 25 years and is B"H very successful.

There is a Kosher store and restaurant in charlotte which is the only kosher store in the entire north Carolina. People come from far and near to order or take out food.

My father is the Mashgiach there and makes sure its all good and kosher. He also makes programs for the youth in our Shul.

## **What can you tell us about the Jewish history in the Carolinas?**

Well there are about 35 thousand Jews in north Carolina. Jews have

lived here for many years there has been a large Jewish community here for close to 150 years.

In fact, the very fist Jew to step foot in America (unless you think Columbus was Jewish..) was in 1585 when a Jew from Prague settled for a short while in the (then British colony of) Carolina. Also the first Jewish

its for younger professionals businessman. Charlotte is a business city.

## **What's your daily life like?**

I'm the oldest boy in my family, I go the day school the charlotte Jewish day school. and in the afternoons I attend the SOS.

I wake up at 5:45 AM to get ready for Shachris at the Chabad house

which is at 6:30, I'm the only kid by Shachris, in my class we don't do the whole davening, and I want to, so I wake up really early to Daven with the Minyan. From 7:50 till 2:50 I go to the day school, and then from 4:15 till 5:50. I go to sleep at 8 PM.

I really love the Online School because we are able to learn with all

Frume kids and Shluchim, also the learning level is a lot higher than in my day School.

I help set up the Kiddush on Shabbosim and during Davening I Daven at loud to help people in Shul get more involved.

The shul that my Zaidy has, is the only shul in the Carolinas that has a minyan 3 times a day! We will build a new shul IY"H, we are currently raising money.



## **My Grandfather giving a Shiur at the Chabad house**

Legislator in the country came from North Carolina in 1808.

The first Frume Shul here was started by my grandfather. There are 2 other Chabad houses in charlotte, one started a year ago by my uncle Motti Groner,



Once when Reb Chaim Gutnik of Australia entered the Rebbe's room for a yechidus, he was startled to see that the Rebbe's eyes were closed, and it was discernible that there were tears coming out from the Rebbe's eyes.

From previous yechidissin he knew this was not a regular occurrence. The Rebbe would always greet him (and others) with a large smile as if he said Baruch Habah, and here the Rebbe didn't even acknowledge him.

However, he understood that there definitely is a reason for this and he remained quiet, staying a short distance away from the Rebbe's table and waited. After a few seconds, which felt like a long time the Rebbe opened up his eyes and apologized.

Being that he had an extremely close and open relationship with the Rebbe, he asked the Rebbe if everything is ok, if the Rebbe is feeling any pain chas v'sholom.

The Rebbe assured him, that he is Boruch Hashem feeling fine and the tears are for a different reason. "Right now", the Rebbe said, "there is a young couple in the airport about to depart on their shlichus... The wife is the only daughter in the family and is extremely close with her mother.

So although all of her older brothers went on shlichus, the parents always had other children who were in the house or lived nearby."

"Now", the Rebbe said, "the mother is saying goodbye to her beloved daughter and there are tears in her eyes. Yes these tears are tears of happiness, but nevertheless, they are tears of a Jewish woman whose nest is now going to be empty, for good reasons, but empty nevertheless.

So I too participated in this momentous moment of theirs".

Then the Rebbe proceeded with the yechidus.

#### **Lesson:**

The Rebbe feels the joys and sorrows of all Yidden, and especially the Rebbe's Shluchim who the Rebbe accompanies along every step of their Shlichus.

May all the Shluchim and shluchos have tremendous hatzlacha in their mission of elevating the world and bring about the geulah shleima.

But knowing that the Rebbe is with you gives the extra strength to overcome the final hurdle.



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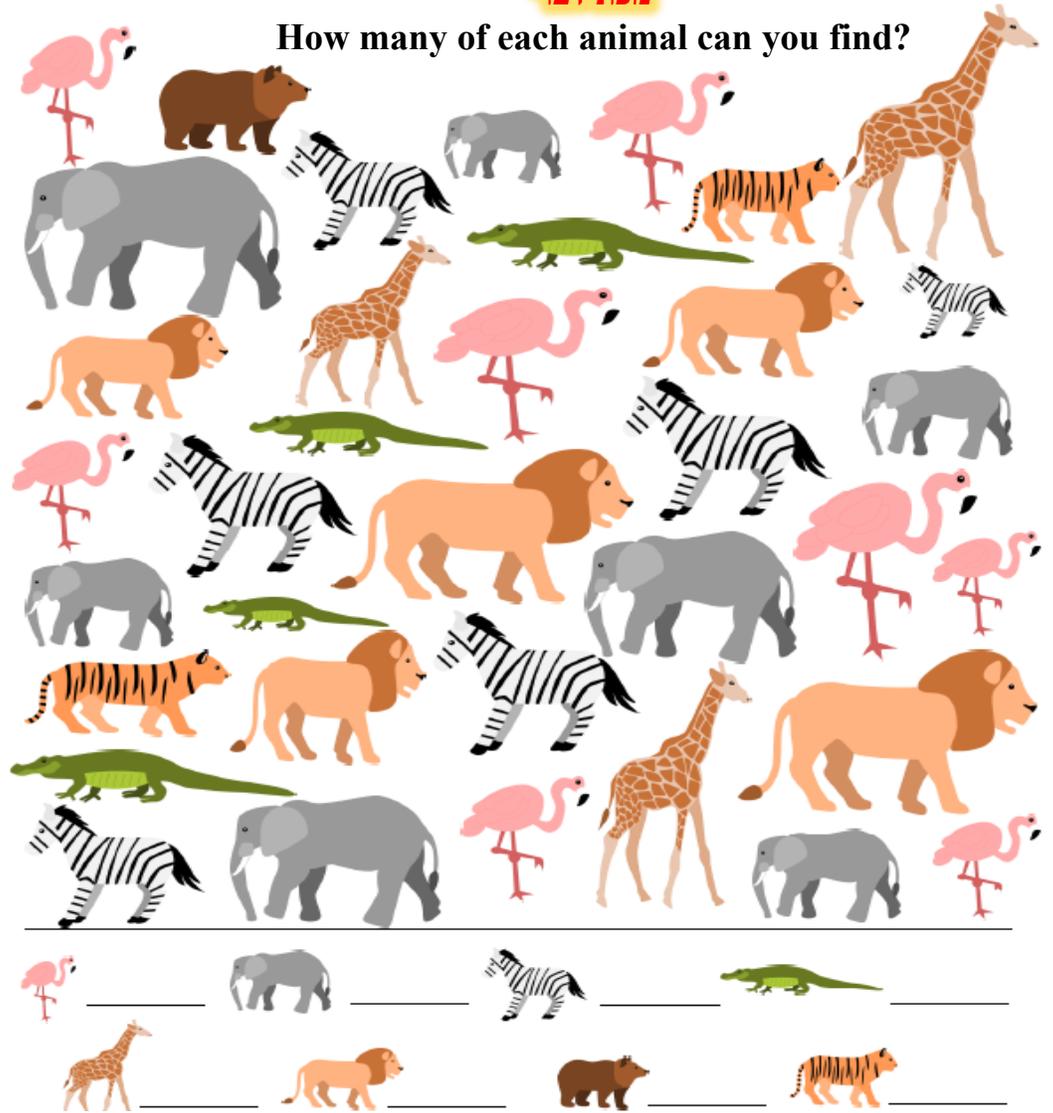
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What is the ancient invention that allows people to see through walls?



Answer: A Window