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No Time for Noise

Tayere Talmidei Hatmimim sheyichyu,

Among the topics discussed in Parshas Tetzaveh is the description of the various bigdei kahuna that the kohanim were commanded to wear. One of those begodim, worn by the Kohen Godol, was the me'il that had little bells attached to the bottom. The Torah says that the reason the Kohen Godol had to wear a me'il with bells was so that when he came to do his avoda "vnishma kolo" – it would be heard that he was approaching.

The Rebbe points out something very puzzling: On Yom Kippur when the Kohen Godol would do his Avoda and go into the Kodosh HaKodoshim, he would be wearing plain white clothes, without the bells, why was the idea of "vnishma kolo" – hearing that he was coming to do his Avoda not necessary on the most holy day of the year?

This will be easier understood with the help of a story: The Baal Shem Tov once came to a certain town before the Yomim Noroim of Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur, and he was told that the Rov of the town would serve as chazan on Tom Kippur. He was told that this Rov had a strange minhag, namely that when he would sing the Al Cheit – the tefillos where Yidden confess all their aveiros, out loud with a loud and happy tune!

The Baal Shem Tov was shocked and he asked the Rov to explain this odd practice! Al Cheit is certainly not something to be said in a

loud and a happy way?! The Rov explained his actions with the following moshol: the king's servant who does the lowest job of cleaning the garbage out of the gutters of the palace, sings as he does this low form of work because he knows that having a clean palace makes the king happy. Being as the servant really loves the king, he sings out of joy at doing this work, which brings joy to the king... So to, explained the Rov, saying the Al Cheit is like cleaning the dirt – surely a loud and happy song is called for at such a time! When the Baal Shem Tov heard this explanation he was very satisfied with the



Rov's special approach to serving Hashem.

The Rebbe explains that there are times when a Yid serves Hashem with a lot of "noise", for example, when a person needs to do teshuva for something, being as he needs to "run away" from the bad that he did, he runs away quickly and is not careful to be quiet.

Similarly, the whole year the Kohen Godol's Avoda was done with bells making noise because during the year when there is room for Aveiros and people making mistakes, the Kohen helps people do teshuva with his Avoda in the Beis Hamikdosh. But on Yom

Kippur, the essence of every Yid's neshoma is revealed, and on that level there is no room for bad or Aveiros because it is clear how all Yidden are connected with Hashem!

Therefore, the Kohen Godol does not wear bells that make noise, but rather his Avoda is done quietly, representing Yidden who are completely connected with bittul to the Aibershter.

Dear Talmidim, we are about to celebrate Purim. Chazal tell us that Purim is such a special day that even the holiest day of the year - Yom Kippur, is only "like Purim" (Yom KiPurim). Chassidus explains in many places how on Purim there is a special revelation of Elokus that is incomparable to any other day of the year; as on that day the deepest connection between a Yid and the Aibershter is revealed.

That is why Purim is associated with such unique Mitzvos and such great nissim vni'flos – miracles and wonders. Let us appreciate what Purim means and how our special connection with the Aibershter shines on that day. No doubt thinking about this will bring us special simcha and joy and help break all barriers ("simcha poretz geder") helping to bring about the Hisgalus of Moshiach!

Wishing you a wonderful Shabbos and a Freilichin Purim!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

Principal Boys
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Programs Updates

#SpecialPurimChallenge

Send us a picture of yourself involved in (at least) one of the 4 Mitzvos of Purim:

- 1) Mishloach Manos. 2) Matanos L'Evyonim (Tzedaka). 3) Megila.
- 4) Seudas Yom Tov (Purim party).

For each picture of a Mitzvah you send you get 3 points in the online school store. There will be a raffle on a special Megila Case.

If you have a interesting story that happened with you, on this years Purim Mivtzoim, send it to us and it will IY"b be in the coming newsletter!!!

מבצע ונפלינו

This week was the 10th week of the **Mivtza Viniflinu**.

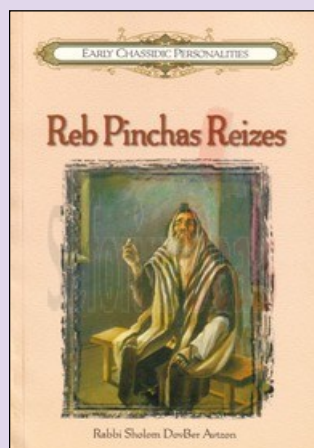
The Pictures from the last 8 weeks are on their way to your home, some boys have earned up to 10 pictures for their Rebbe Album!

Here are the winners of the last monthly raffles:

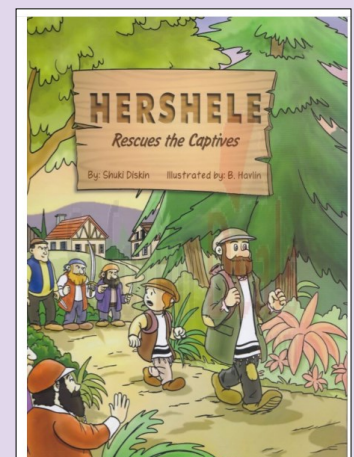
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Cortland NY



**2. Yitzchok
Federman**
Virgin Islands



**3. Mendel
Wilhelm**
Knoxville TN



The Rebbe's Extraordinary Attention to **MIVTZA PURIM**

"Ah Chossid iz ah Lamternshik!" was how the Rebbe Rashab articulated the role of a Chossid; a Lamplighter. Throughout the years, the Rebbe never ceased to utilize every opportunity that arose, dispatching his Chassidim with the charge to serve as lamplighters to their fellow Yidden.

Naturally, each of the Yomim Tovim became yet another chance for Chassidim to bring the light of Torah to others, assisting them with the Mitzvos of that particular day.

With Purim being the most joyous Yom Tov on the Jewish calendar, it is not surprising that the Rebbe displayed so much interest and concern towards his "Mivtza Purim", demanding of Chassidim that it be carried out in the most efficient manner and with the greatest Shturem .

The Rebbe's Farbrengen in the Sinai Desert

In 5731, the Rebbe came out with a special call to reach out to the soldiers of the IDF throughout the day of Purim and assist them with the Mitzvos of the day. The Rebbe also requested to give Mishloach Manos on his behalf to the widows and children of fallen Israeli soldiers, Hy"d. The Rebbe personally covered the expenses for this, and when Purim approached, the Rebbe also added a message to be delivered to each of the recipients.

During the Farbrengen of Purim 5733 one can hear of a very interesting episode. In between the Sichos, Rabbi J.J. Hecht spoke to the listeners tuned in to the Farbrengen over the radio. He relates: "This very Farbrengen is being broadcast live to a group of Chabad Chassidim in the Sinai Desert. They flew there by airplane earlier on to bring the joy of Purim to the Israeli soldiers, but when it came time to leave, a terrible sandstorm broke out and they were unable to liftoff. Realizing that there was no way to be back at Kfar Chabad in time for the hook-up, but determined nevertheless not to miss the Rebbe's Purim Farbrengen, the Chassidim attempted to arrange their own hook-up right then and there. Indeed, the technical details were carried out in no-time, and right now, as we speak, the Chassidim and the soldiers are enjoying the holy Rebbe'dike Purim words in the heart of the Sinai Desert!"

(It should be noted that when the Rebbe heard about their hookup, he postponed the beginning of the Farbrengen for a short while, entering the Shul only once they were ready. Yet again, we can see the Rebbe's special affection for the participants in Mivtza Purim.)

Mishloach Manos from the Rebbe Himself...

There are many, many more interesting facts about the Rebbe's intimate involvement in all the details of Mivtza Purim throughout the years. To specify just a few: The Rebbe's special request to visit Jewish inmates in prison and the Sichos that were said in that regard, the Rebbe's instruction to Tzeirei Agudas Chabad that they begin with the planning of Mivtza Purim as early as mid-Cheshvan (!), and much more. A really special moment was when the Rebbe recounted at a Purim Farbrengen (5736) of an incident that took place earlier that Purim with Shluchim on their way to an army base in Shechem.

We'll finish with one last anecdote that is of great relevance today: The Rebbe issued an instruction that all Bochorim and Yungerleit participating in Mivtza Purim are to take one of the Mishloach Manos packets for themselves and consider it personal Mishloach Manos from the Rebbe! Imagine, what would a Chossid not do to receive a dollar, a Kuntres, or a piece of Lekach from the Rebbe? Here we have the chance to receive Mishloach Manos from the Rebbe himself. Who could resist but go out on Mivtzoim this Purim with the greatest Shturem?!



(this article about Mivtza Purim is reprinted with permission from a Chassidesher Derher Volume 1 Issue 8)

Special Supplement

PURIM WITH THE REBBE

TZIVOS HASHEM RALLY

In the days before Purim, the Rebbe often held a Tzivos Hashem rally for the children. During these gatherings, the Rebbe especially asked that the children sing the song of "Utzu Aitza", which is very much connected with Purim, as related in the Medrash.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS

The Rebbe always sent out a telegram to all of the Chassidim all over the world, blessing them with a happy Purim and requesting that they Farbreng over the Yom Tov and spread the light and joy of Purim. At times, the Rebbe also sent a "Michtav Kloli" to all of the Jewish people.



TAANIS ESTHER

On Ta'anis Esther the Rebbe always said a Sichra following Mincha (as was customary on all fast days beginning from 5738). During the Sichra, the Rebbe always encouraged everyone to hasten up and utilize the remaining hours until Purim to finish all the necessary preparations, such as learning the laws pertaining to Purim and preparing all the requirements for "Mivtza Purim", and so on. In the later years, the Rebbe concluded the Sichra by distributing dollars for Tzedoka.



MAIRV

The Rebbe always wore a silk kapota on Purim, as he did on Shabbos and Yom Tov.

After Maariv, the Rebbe stood up to hear the Megillah and remained standing throughout the entire reading. One could notice that the Rebbe always said the Brachos quietly along with the Baal Koreh.

The Rebbe showed much satisfaction and often smiled broadly towards the children who would drown out Haman's name with much noise.

SHACHRIS

Throughout all the years, the Rebbe always davened Shacharis with the minyan on Purim morning, even during those years that the Rebbe normally davened privately on most other days of the year.



MISHLOACH MANOS

The Rebbe was always sure to send Mishloach Manos to a Kohen, Levi, and Yisroel. These people were different elderly chassidim.

These were sent from the Rebbe's room with one of the Mazkirim, usually ten to twenty minutes after Shacharis. The Mishloach Manos generally contained a bottle of Mashke and Hamantashen, and in the later years, some fruit were added as well. Rabbi Klein then brought in the Mishloach Manos that others had sent to the Rebbe.



In addition, many people brought Mishloach Manos to the Rebbe's home on President Street, where the Rebbetzin or the "Meshamshim Bakodesh" would receive them. The Rebbe would not eat from the Mishloach Manos sent to him. Much of them were given to the Bochorim in 770, the yungerleit in Kollel, or the students at Beis Rivkah, either on Purim itself, or a few days later.

The Rebbe also sent Mishloach Manos to a number of Chassidishe Rebbes in and around New York. The bag contained a bottle of Benedictine and some fruit.

MATONOS LA'EVYONIM

Every year on Purim, approximately ten to twenty minutes after Shacharis, Rabbi Mentlik and Rabbi Moshe P. Katz came into the Rebbe's room to receive a check from the Rebbe towards "Kupas Habochurim" (a fund that supports needy bochorim of the Yeshiva) as well as dollar bills and coins for needy families.

The Rebbe always asked them that they be sure to have it distributed on the day of Purim itself.

At times the Rebbe would give money to the poor people in 770 on his way out from the Shul for Shacharis.



THE PURIM SEUDAH

The Rebbe ate the Purim Seudah in his home, (and after the Rebbetzin's passing, in his room in 770) by himself and not in the presence of the Chassidim.

The highlight of Purim with the Rebbe was the Farbrengen the night after Purim. The Rebbe was usually in a very high spirit, something that was always very evident through the content and special style of the Sichos. The Rebbe always encouraged the singing of the crowd very strongly and often stood up to dance in his place. The Rebbe usually said a Maamor as well. The last Purim Farbrengen, as of now, was in 5747.

Generally, the Rebbe asked one of the people in the crowd to fulfill the obligation of Ad D'lo Yoda for everyone, and specified that this should not be done through one of the Bochorim.



Towards the end of the Farbrengen, the Rebbe made an appeal for donations. The Rebbe explained that this was a renewal of a custom always done by the Rebbe Rashab, who would use the money for whichever causes he saw fit.

THE REBBE WRITES

The following is a special letter the Rebbe wrote to Children 41 years ago, a short while before Purim 5736,

B"H, the days before Purim, 5736
Brooklyn N.Y.

To all the Talmidim and Tamidos, may Hashem give them life

Greetings and blessings!

...Chazal tell us about the way the decree of Haman was annulled:

Mordechai and Esther who knew all what was happening, called for a fast and aroused all Yidden to return to Hashem, his Torah and Mitzvos. And after Mordechai had gathered ten's of thousands of Yiddeshe Children and enflamed their hearts to the love of Hashem and the love of the Torah to the extent of Mesirus Nefesh - then Hashem annulled the decree, and gave Esther Hatzlacha in her efforts - until as it is written: "LaYehudim Haysa..."

So we see, that the miracle of Purim was mainly in the merit of the children!

... every boy or girl, wherever he or she may be, that is learning Torah and preforming Mitzvos, is adding strength to all Yidden around the world... and the power to do this is in your hands and depends on your interest!

Dear children, add in learning Torah and preforming Mitzvos, and merit Brachos from Hashem, for you and all your family, may they be well...

With love and with a Bracha for a Freilichen Purim

(מומכתב כללי - לילדי ישראל)

ב"ה בסמיכות לימי הפורים, ה'תשל"ו

ברוקלין, נ.י.

אל התלמידים ואל התלמידות ה' עליהם יחיו

שלום וברכה!

...מספרים חכמינו זכרונם לברכה פרטי ביטול הגזירה ואופנו:

מרדכי ואסתר שידעו מכל הנעשה, קראו צום ועוררו את כל היהודים לשוב אל ה' ולתורתו ומצוותיו. ולאחרי אשר מרדכי אסף ילדים לאלפים ולרבבות ולימד אותם תורה והלחיב את לבם לאהבת ה' ואהבת התורה ועד למסירות נפש ממש - אז ביטל השם את הגזירה, והמשיך הצלחה בהשתדלות אסתר המלכה - ועד אשר ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר.

נמצא שעיקר גם פורים ה' בזכותם של ילדים ונוער!

... כל בן ובת, בכל מקום שהם, הלומדים תורה ומקיימים מצוות, מוסיפים הם כח ועוז לכל היהודים באשר הם שם... ואין הדבר תלוי אלא בכם וברצונכם!

ילדים חביבים, הוסיפו בלימוד תורה ובקיום מצוות, ושאו ברכה מאת ה', לכם ולכל בני משפחתכם, שליט"א....

בחיבה ובברכה לפורים שמח



An amazing Purim Mivtzoim story related by a Bochur:

Everything was running late, as usual. Purim came and went, and then . . . oops! We, the Bochurim in the Milan Yeshivah, realized that we had forgotten to deliver the *mishloach manos* to the children who had attended the Chabad day camp the past summer.

So we sat down with a map and figured out where we'd visit that evening. All in all, there were about forty houses within a four-square-block radius. The local Shliach gave us his word that we would need no more than an hour and a half to do the whole job. Not bad.

"Oh, by the way," said the rabbi, "there is one family, the Cohens, that lives about fifteen minutes out of the area. There's only a small chance you'll make it there, but I'll mark it down on the map anyways, just in case . . ."

Two of us, a friend by the name of Yisrael and yours truly, volunteered to do the rounds. We set out at eight at night, planning to return to home base around nine-thirty.

From the moment we began the route, everything seemed to be going wrong. As we trudged from one house (nobody home), to another (she's sleeping already), to another (non-existent address), our spirits plummeted.

It was already ten past nine and we hadn't met even one kid. Our hands were hurting from lugging the heavy bags, and, to top it all off, we realized that we were lost.

We stopped our aimless walking to study the map. Where are we? Ah! I found us! "Yisrael! We have good news and bad news. Bad news: we're way out of our four-block radius. Good news: we're five minutes away from the one house that we were not planning on going to!"

We decided to make our way to the Cohens' house, to try our luck over there, hoping to see the realization of the saying in Genara: "One who changes his location, changes his fortune."

Tired and somewhat discouraged, we made our way to our destination. Don't ask me how, but somehow we managed to get lost again. By the time we reached the right building, we were a real shabby sight.

We rang the bell. And yes! The kids were home! And awake! Oh, how relieved we were. We ran into the building, into the elevator, forgot what floor we were heading to, and got lost . . . After a few trips walking up and down the stairs, though, we made it . . .

The child's mother warmly welcomed us into her simple apartment and gave us drinks and *hamantashen* ("the best in town"), and asked us to share some Torah thoughts. We gladly complied.

The mother kept swallowing it all up and asking for more. I had run out of things to say (the first miracle of the evening . . .), so I related to her the entire saga of our evening, how "truth be told, we were not planning to come to your house tonight, but for some reason nothing worked out and we got lost, so . . ."

Suddenly she burst out crying; her whole body shook as she sobbed.

What did I say wrong? Did I offend her? What do I do now?

After a few long minutes, she managed to relate her story through her tears.

"Just recently, my life has taken a turn for the worse. My husband left me, and my children are having a very hard time adjusting to this new situation. To make matters worse, I have no money to support my family. Everything seems to be going wrong.

"So this morning, I turned to G-d in despair, and asked Him to send me a sign, a sign that He remembers me and cares for me.

"The entire day passed by—no sign. Then you two boys show up. It was nice, but I did not find my sign.

"Then you shared with me how this was not a planned visit, how you got lost. How this was the *one house* you were not planning to visit. How nobody answered all your knocking. How you made it to my home . . . I immediately realized that G-d had answered my prayer; He sent me a sign in the form of two angels.

"Thank You, G-d, for sending me these angels!"

She calmed down, we blessed her and said goodbye. We walked out shaken, touched as never before.

Lesson:

We must never underestimate power of every moment and every opportunity when the Rebbe's Shlichus. Hashem works in mysterious ways.

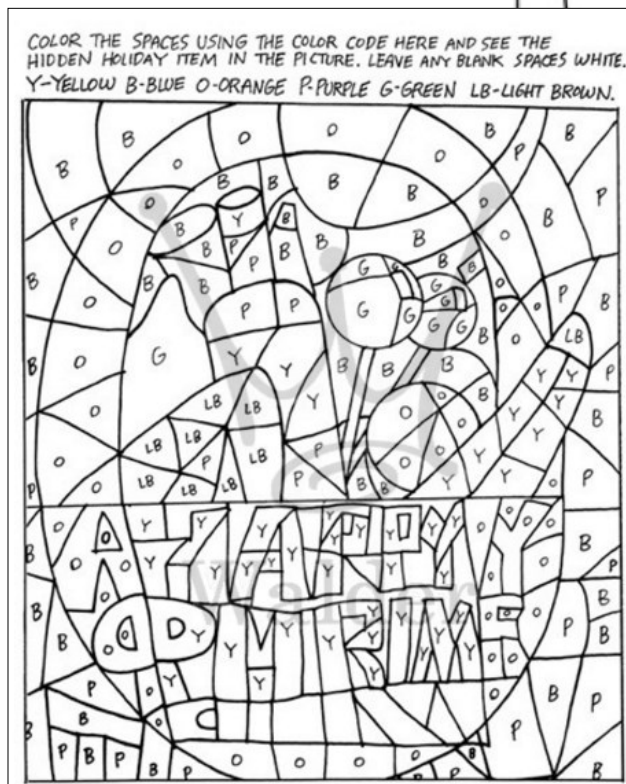


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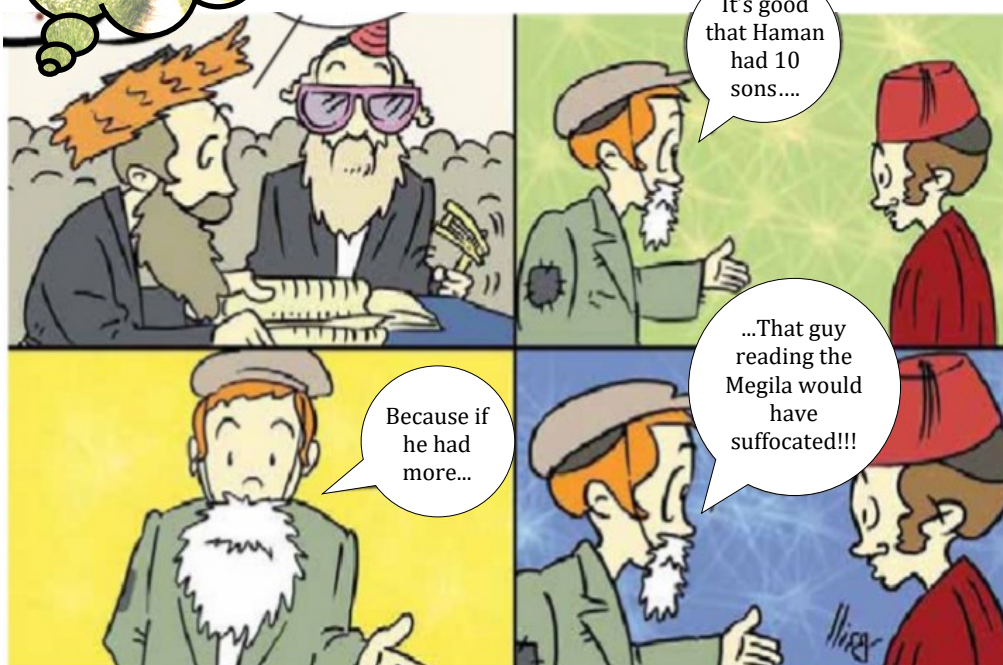
Purim Activities

IN THIS MEGILLAH, YOU'LL FIND THE NAMES OF QUEEN ESTHER, MORDECHAI, KING ACHASHVEROSH, HAMAN, VASHTI, AND ZERESH. ALSO FIND PURIM, SHUSHAN, AND GRAGGER!

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א קלאץ קשיא

Can you name 3 consecutive days, without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?



Answer: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow