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# NEWSLETTER

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## Counting Never Ends

*Tayere Talmidei  
Hatmimim sheyichyu,*

The source for counting Sefiras Ha'omer is in this week's parsha, parshas Emor, where the Torah says that we have to count 50 days and on the 50<sup>th</sup> day we celebrate Shavuos.

There is a famous question that the Rebbe brings down on this in many sichos and maamorim: If the mitzva is to count 50 days, why do we only count 49 days?

To understand this, let me tell you a story: In the times of the Tzemach Tzedek there were many outstanding chassidim, however, two chassidim stood out as being particularly spectacular; they were Reb Aizik Homler and Reb Hillel Paritcher.

When they would come to Lubavitch they would make public reviews ("chazora") of many of the maamorim that they had heard in the past from the Rabbeim and the chassidim would come to listen and learn. The Tzemach Tzedek told his son the Rebbe Maharash to go attend to these chazoras and to learn from these great chassidim.

Once, the Tzemach Tzedek asked the Rebbe Maharash to repeat what he had heard from Reb Aizik and Reb Hillel. After the Rebbe Maharash did so, the Tzemach Tzedek commented that Reb Aizik is a "Maskil" while Reb Hillel is an "Oved".

Now, as you might know, by chassidim a Maskil refers to someone who places a special focus on understanding the deep concepts in chassidus, while an Oved places a special focus on applying the chassidus to refine his middos, how he thinks, how he talks, and how he acts.

The Rebbe Maharash was surprised and he asked the Tzemach Tzedek to explain what the difference is as surely both a Maskil and an Oved understand what they learn, and both apply what they learn to come closer to the Aibershter? The Tzemach Tzedek did not answer him, but a few days later he said a special maamor for his sons and for Reb Aizik and Reb Hillel.

That night the Tzemach Tzedek told the Rebbe Maharash to go check what



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Reb Aizik and Reb Hillel were doing and to watch them without disturbing. It was already very late and the Rebbe Maharash found Reb Aizik sitting with his eyes closed thinking, and his face was burning red from effort. He then saw Reb Hillel sitting in deep concentration with a pale face and looking very focused and concerned.

When the Rebbe Maharash told this to the Tzemach

Tzedek, the Tzemach Tzedek explained that both of them were thinking about the maamor that they had heard from the Rebbe earlier that day; Reb Aizik was thinking about the high level of "Kesser" described in the maamor, while Reb Hillel was thinking about the way that the maamor had discussed kabolos ol and how he could apply it to himself. This, said the Tzemach Tzedek, is where you see the difference between a Maskil and an Oved.

Each day of sefira we work on the Ovoda of fixing our middos. There are 7 middos and each middoh contains the other 7 middos for a total of 49 middos. Chassidus explains that after fixing all those middos we are elevated to the 50<sup>th</sup> level, a special level of connection with the Ribono She Olam; but then the Avoda starts again as we begin fixing ourselves again on a higher level looking to go up and to improve even more.

Therefore, the Torah tells us to count 50 days hinting at the fact that the Avoda is always continuing and we are never done and finished. That's why we count 49 days and then when the 50<sup>th</sup> day comes, we are reminded to keep working and not to stop.

Dear Talmidim, as we prepare for Shavuos we need to keep looking to improve, to come closer to the Aibershter and to become better chassidim with better middos and especially to work on having more Ahavas Yisroel. But we need to remember that as much as we have done until now, we need to keep growing and improving until we will be zoche to Moshiach Now!!

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It was in middle of the night in the summer of 5759. A Shliach was sitting in the one of the 'tents' near the Rebbe's 'Ohel' trying to concentrating on one of the Rebbe's Maamorim, when he noticed another man, a Chassidishe looking fellow with long Peios who was there with his two sons. The Shliach was surprised to see that they were learning a Sich'a of the Rebbe.

The Shliach just deepened his concentration and was just beginning to forget everything around him when the Chassideshe man began staring at him, stood, approached him and asked if it was possible that he was the one that held the Rebbe's car door open for him twelve years earlier.

The Shliach thought for a moment and shook his head yes.

Indeed, twelve years earlier when he was an newly married man learning in Kotel he had volunteered to help keep order on Lag B'omer as the Rebbe was walking from 770 to his car on the way to the Ohel.

It was a day that the Chabad Rabbeim would give Brachos to parents for children and unfortunately a lot of people needed such Brachos. Many people would be pushing and the Rebbe's secretaries needed help to keep some order.

This fellow said that he had been there. He was a Belzer Chassid that lived nearby and had been married for over ten years but hadn't been blessed with children.

He and his wife tried everything; doctors, specialists, professors, alternative medicines, herbal and other treatments with no results. They increased in Torah learning and good deeds. They gave more Tzedaka, Davened with more Kavana, visited the graves of Tzadikim and almost all the living Tzadikim they could. But no children.

Then one of his friends told him to go to Crown Heights on Lag B'omer where the Rebbe of Lubavitch is. That is the day that the Chabad Rabbeim did miracles regarding children. So he went.

When he got there the crowd was immense. Thousands of people were waiting outside the door of 770 for the Rebbe to exit, some for a Bracha, some for advice and some just to look, but it was really crowded.

But our Belzer Chassid knew how to push and his desperation made him push even harder until... suddenly he was almost face to face with the Rebbe. He craned his neck to get a look and yelled out over the noise of the crowd

"Rebbe, a Bracha for children!"



But it was impossible to hear anything. The Rebbe didn't respond. And he was pushed to the outside.

But he didn't give up. Again he pushed in to the front and when he thought he was close enough again yelled out at the top of his lungs "Rebbe, a Bracha for children." But again no response.

"So I made my mind up not to give up" The Chassid continued to the Shliach, "The Rebbe had already entered the car and closed the door. My only chance was the window; the Rebbe's window was open.

"But you were standing there making sure that there was an order and I figured you'd never let me get away with it. But I gave it a try anyway... I really needed that Bracha.

"I stuck my head through the open window and you grabbed me. But you let me talk. You could have pulled me away but you didn't.

"I asked again 'Rebbe, a Bracha for children' and this time he answered clearly:

"Amein! Kifliem l'Toshiah!" (Amen! A Double salvation)!

"So I just wanted to thank you! Isn't it Hashgacha Protis that we met here!"

"So" The Shliach couldn't help asking "What happened? What happened with the Rebbe's Bracha?"

"What do you mean what happened?" the Chassid replied "Here they are!" he said pointing to the two children. Ten months later my wife had twins and here they are. These are the double Brachos"

**There are 115 Hayom Yom's (67 for younger grades) to learn.  
You must start with the first Hayom Yom and continue in order.**

**Get tested on every detail, in order and by heart by your parents  
or the Extra Curricular director\*. There will be a special online form  
at the end of each week for your parents to fill out and send.**

### **כתה ד - ו**

#### **Learn 115 Hayom Yom's**

- You need to get tested on **at least 2 at a time**
- **Join the Raffle for all grades each Friday on a set Seforim if you do at least 19 that week**
- If by the end you finish all 115 you will **IY"H get these Seforim**



All the Rebbe's explanations on Pirkei Avos from over 40 years packed into this set of Seforim.

### **כתה ב - ג**

#### **Learn 67 Hayom Yom's**

- You need to get tested on **at least 1 at a time**
- **Join the Raffle for all grades each Friday on a set of Seforim if you do at least 11 that week**
- If by the end you finish all 67 you will **IY"H get this Sefer**



A lengthy Reshima of the Rebbe about the order of lighting the Menorah in the Beis Hamikdash



# Moments *from the* Lag B'omer Parade *with the Rebbe*



Rebbetzin Chana looks on with pride as her son - the Rebbe - speaks to the children

Thousands of children would eagerly await the moment that the Rebbe would emerge from the front door of 770 as the band played the heartfelt tune of "Ani Maamin".

After the Rebbe had joined the parade, the 12 Pessukim would be recited, then the Rebbe would speak to the children several Sichos pausing every few minutes for Rabbi J.J. Hecht to translate the Rebbe's words into English.

The Rebbe would usually dwell upon the greatness of the day: the Yohrtzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and the day that the Talmidim of Rabbi Akiva began to show more Ahavas Yisroel to each other and the horrible plague that killed 24,000 of them, stopped.

The Rebbe would learn out, how we must see to strengthen ourselves in Torah and Mitzvos with much joy, as Rashbi commanded, as well as to increase in our Ahavas Yisroel as is symbolized in the thousands of children from different backgrounds joining together for the parade.

Then the "Parade" would begin:

Every Yeshiva and group participating in the parade would march by the Rebbe and the Rebbe would smile and wave with much love to the small children passing by.

Many floats containing Yiddeshe themes, that were prepared by various Yeshivos would also pass right under the Rebbe's watchful eye. Bachurim dressed as clowns would skip around and a special marching band made up of children from Cheder would pass by the Rebbe.

After the parade, the Rebbe's car, on the way to the Ohel, would pass by the Lag Bomer carnival and the Rebbe would wave to all the children who ran up to the car.

The parade would generally occur each year Lag Bomer fell out on a Sunday. The Rebbe participated in 13 of these parades!



The band marches by the Rebbe



The Rebbe drives by the carnival



## Lag B'omer Parades throughout the years



These pictures are  
the 13 Parades the  
Rebbe took part in.  
**Can you name the  
years?**

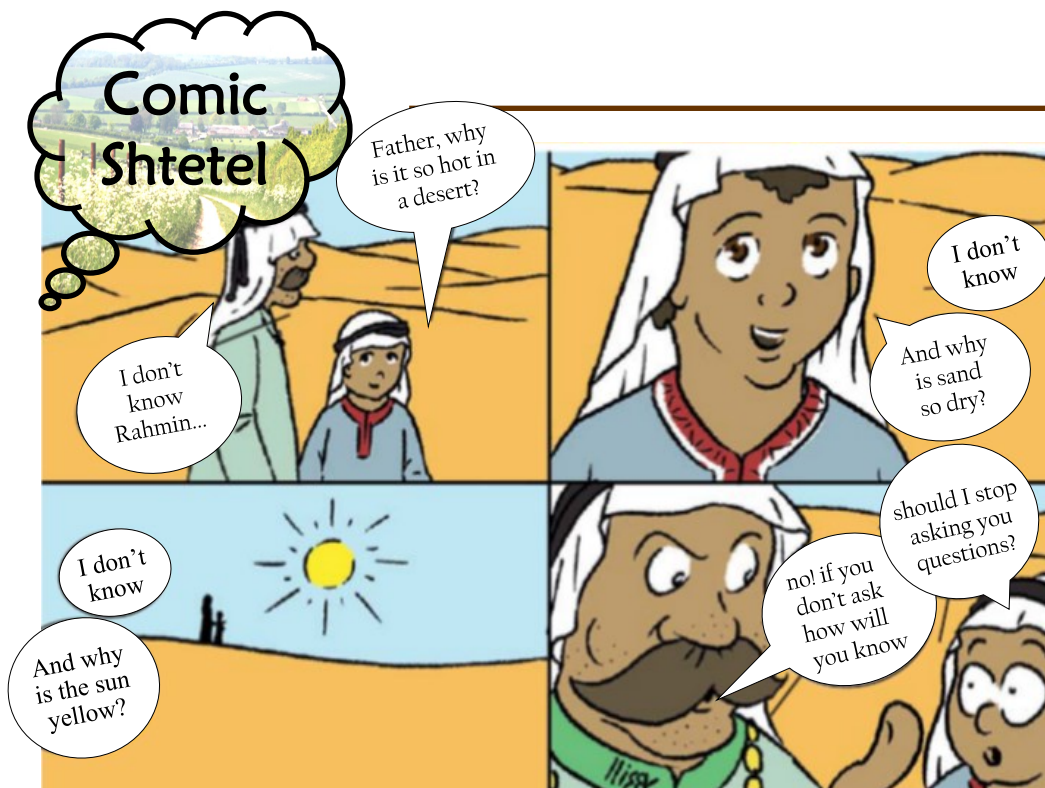


Twice, the Rebbe  
did not participate in  
the parades.  
**Do you know when  
and why?**

# Lag B'omer Word Find



THE FIRST RAFFLE FOR THE HAYOM YOM MIVTZA WILL TAKE  
 PLACE ON FRIDAY 23 IYAR. **THE VIRTUAL LAG B'OMER PARADE**  
**WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY AT 1 PM - 2 PM (EST)**



א קלאץ קשיא

I need air but I don't have lungs. I am not alive but I can grow. I don't like water even though I don't have a mouth...

What am I?



Answer: Fire