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# A Word from our Principal

*By Rabbi Ringo*



Tayere Tmimim sh',

Parashas Behaloscho is famous as the parsha of the menorah, which, based on chassidus, teaches a yid that his mission is to bring light to the world without a fuss. We need to focus on lighting up our environment with the light of Torah, mitzvos and chassidishkeit and to be consistent and devoted with the aim of fulfilling and completing our shlichus. What is a good way to achieve this? Chassidim tell a story that there was a successful businessman who was waiting on line to receive a dollar from the Rebbe one Sunday. As he was standing there waiting for his turn, he was thinking that it had been 18 years since he was last by the Rebbe. When he finally came in front of the Rebbe, the Rebbe looked at him and right away picked up from the last conversation they had so many years previously regarding chinuch. The man was stunned as the Rebbe had seen hundreds of thousands of people since their last meeting, but he remembered this man and their last conversation! He turned to the Rebbe and said that it's "amazing" how the Rebbe remembers that, as it was 18 years ago! The Rebbe calmly asked him, "what will it benefit the community that I am amazing". This is how one lights up the environment with kedusha - by focusing on bringing light to benefit others, and doing so without a fuss. This is part of what it means to be a real chossid and shliach who follows in the Rebbe's footsteps!

Wishing you a wonderful Shabbos,

*Rabbi Yaakov Ringo*  
*Principal*  
*Nigri International Shluchim Online School*



# A Story of the Rebbe

*By Mendel Labkowski*

As told by Rachel Davidof

I had travelled to Crown Heights, Brooklyn, from London, England, for the Kinus Hashluchos this year. At one point during my visit, my daughter and I took a cab to a different Brooklyn neighborhood. The cab driver was friendly and told us of his background; he was raised in Ghana. He then asked me if I belonged to the Lubavitch community in Crown Heights. When I told him I was Lubavitch, but lived overseas, he asked, "Do you visit the Lubavitcher Rabbe's Ohel?"

Without waiting for an answer, he exclaimed, "He is a great man and performs miracles, even these days! I had a miracle through him!"

He enthusiastically continued his story: "A few years ago, I was badly injured in a car accident. I couldn't drive for a full year, and since driving is my livelihood, I was left without any way to earn money. To make matters worse, I didn't fill out my insurance claims properly, so I didn't receive any payments. I was left with nothing. Somehow, I made it through the year, and then went back to work driving my cab.

"One day someone from the Crown Heights Lubavitch community asked me to drive him to the Ohel in Queens. He went to Daven at the Ohel, while I waited for him in my car outside, by the curb. I thought to myself, 'Why don't I ask for a Bracha?' I had driven enough people to the Ohel to know what to do; you write a letter with your request. So, that's exactly what I did. Then I thought, 'If you, Rebbe, represent us humans to Hahsem, you can do it from anywhere.' I took my letter and slipped it through the wire fence near the street.

"Let me tell you what happened. Within a week, I received full payment from my insurance company for the entire year, all in one lump sum. You can't imagine what that meant for me! But wait, I have another miracle to share with you, that happened with my friend:

"I have a friend from Ghana who lives with his wife in Canada. He came to New York to visit me. When he arrived, he looked so downcast and miserable. I didn't want to pry into his business, but



I wanted to be helpful. I said to him, 'You look like you have worries, I know a place you can get blessings that will help you...come let me take you there.'

"My friend agreed and I took him to the Ohel. By mistake, I came on Shabos and realized it was not a good day to come, so we headed back. However, I told him I could take him on Sunday. We went on Sunday and he prayed. The next day he returned to Canada.

"A few days later, I called him to find out if anything improved after his visit to the Rebbei. He answered, 'You will not believe this, you called just as my wife and I reached home, after our day in court! Let me have my wife tell you all about it.' His wife got on the phone to explain.

"They were brought to court over an eviction case. They had not been able to pay taxes and were about to lose their home. They tried pleading for an easier payment term, to make payment plans...but the government refused. The day I called him was the last day of their hearing where the judge was expected to give the final verdict.

"Well, my friend was running late and asked his wife to go ahead of him, and he would meet her shortly in court. When he got there, he noticed his wife was trying to tell him something, speaking so fast, 'Talk to our lawyer! Go! He'll tell you what happened!'

"My friend hurried to his lawyer to hear what his wife was so excited about. The lawyer told him that his case was canceled, annulled, without any explanations! He no longer owed any taxes and he could keep his home! His wife was so shocked and euphoric by this sudden turn of events, this, after such a long period of terrible anxiety, thinking she would lose her house.

"Then, the cherry on top. My friend's son, who lives in Europe, called home. He had a strange illness for awhile. He called to tell his parents that all of the sudden, he felt better as if he never experienced his illness in the first place. They were just overjoyed by all these blessings! Like I said, the Rebbe is making miracles happen these days!"

How amazing it was for me to see that non-Jews also recognize and experience that the Rebbe is with us...it's up to us to do our part!





# A Short Dvar Torah

Levi Schmerling



This week's פרשה begins with the מצוה for אהרן to light the מנורה. The מנורה had 7 branches. The lights of the מנורה represent נשמות of אידן, just as there were seven branches on the מנורה, so too there are seven types of אידן, each has its own way of serving 'ה; some serve 'ה with kindness and some serve Him with strictness. Every איד has to serve 'ה with their special talents, what unites all the אידן is that we are להאיר נרות, we are all spreading the light of מצוות and תורה.

Although there are many ways to serve 'ה and they add light in the world, some are more positive in the way that they are done. For example, אהרן, who lit the מנורה, was always kind to everyone and brought them closer to 'ה with ישראל אהבת.

So not only was he adding in light, but he did it in a positive way as well.

Every איד has a נשמה, but there are those who wait for it to be lit and that is the work of a שליח to ignite the נשמה of all seven types of אידן.

And just like אהרן brought אידן closer to 'ה with ישראל אהב, so too the שולחים bring נשמות closer to 'ה with ישראל אהבת.



# The Weekly Shmooze

**By Mendel Labkowski**

Where do you live on Shlichus?

Bend, Oregon.

So tell me a bit about your chabad house.

We give out meals every Friday, and we do a pre-Shabbos Zoom because of Covid-19.

What are some of the classes your family does on Shlichus

My mother teaches in Hebrew School, and my Father does a class on Mondays & Wednesday.

What is your favorite part about being on Shlichus?

That I am able to do what the Rebbe wants

**This Week With:  
Chezzy Feldman**



What are some of the challenges you face on Shlichus?

We can't get kosher milk and meat.

What is your favorite part about being on Online School?

I get to see other Frum kids. We also get to socialize with kids who know Torah.

Can you maybe share a very short story that once happened to you on Shlichus?

One time at our public menorah lighting, A woman came up to us and said: i did not think any Jews lived here, and i wanted to find a driedel, but i didn't know where to look. so i came came down to the old mill (where we do our menorah lighting) to try to find one, and i found one. and that specific night when she was looking for a driedel just happened to be the night of our public menorah lighting...



# **Fun PAGE**

By Avrumi Feldman

## **Riddle 1.**

What has a neck but no head?

## **Riddle 2.**

What has a mouth but no face?

## **Joke 1.**

Berels Mother had 2 kids: 1 was Tishrie 1 was cheshvan what was the third?

## **Joke 2.**

where do fish keep their money? a: at the river banks

Send your fun  
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and answers to:

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## **Answers to last weeks riddles:**

1. A tree. 2. Your name.



**1** Drumming burns more calories in half hour session than cycling, weight lifting and hiking. Drumming is the oldest musical activity. People of Africa and India used drums for long range communication between villages.

**2** The most expensive instrument in the world is the Vieuxtemps Guarneri violin selling for an around \$16 million. (A lot of money) and is also around 270 years old.



**3** The bow of a violin typically uses between 150 and 200 hairs from the tail of a horse. Bows for other members of the violin family such as a cello typically have a wider bow, using more hairs.



**4** The world's biggest guitar is more than 43ft long (about 13 meters). That is about the length of a tour bus! Significantly more impressive, the guitar is more than just a model it is actually a 100% playable instrument, and each string has the right pitch.

**5** The Singing Ringing Tree is a wind powered sound sculpture resembling a tree set in the landscape of the Pennine hill range overlooking Burnley, in Lancashire, England. Apparently considered a instrument



**6** Did you know that the correct pronunciation of ukulele is "oo-koo-lay-lay"...not "you-ka-lay-lee"



**7** The world's largest drum kit has 813 pieces and it took 36 years to build! It was built by Dr. Mark Temperato



**8** The word piano is a shortened version of the full word pianoforte, which means soft.



**9** The most expensive piano was created for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing by Heintzman Pianos, a Canadian piano manufacturer. This unique piano was named the Crystal Piano because it's created out of clear materials, allowing listeners to actually see how the piano moves and works when it's played. After the Olympics, the piano was put up for auction, with the winner paying \$3.22 million.

**10** The world's most expensive and luxurious harps was created by Lyon and Healy, and it is named Louis XV Special Concert Grand Harp. It is clad in luxurious 23-karat gold, and it flaunts a rococo style design with details such as flowers, leaves, shell-like shapes and scrolled feet.



**11** The flute is one of the highest-pitched instruments. Except for the Piccolo which is basically a mini-flute and sounds one note higher than the standard concert flute

**12** His idea was to create an instrument that combined the best qualities of a woodwind instrument with the best qualities of a brass instrument, and in the 1840s Adolphe Sax invented the saxophone. This invention was patented in Paris in 1846.



THINGS YOU PROBABLY  
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT...

# Musical Instruments