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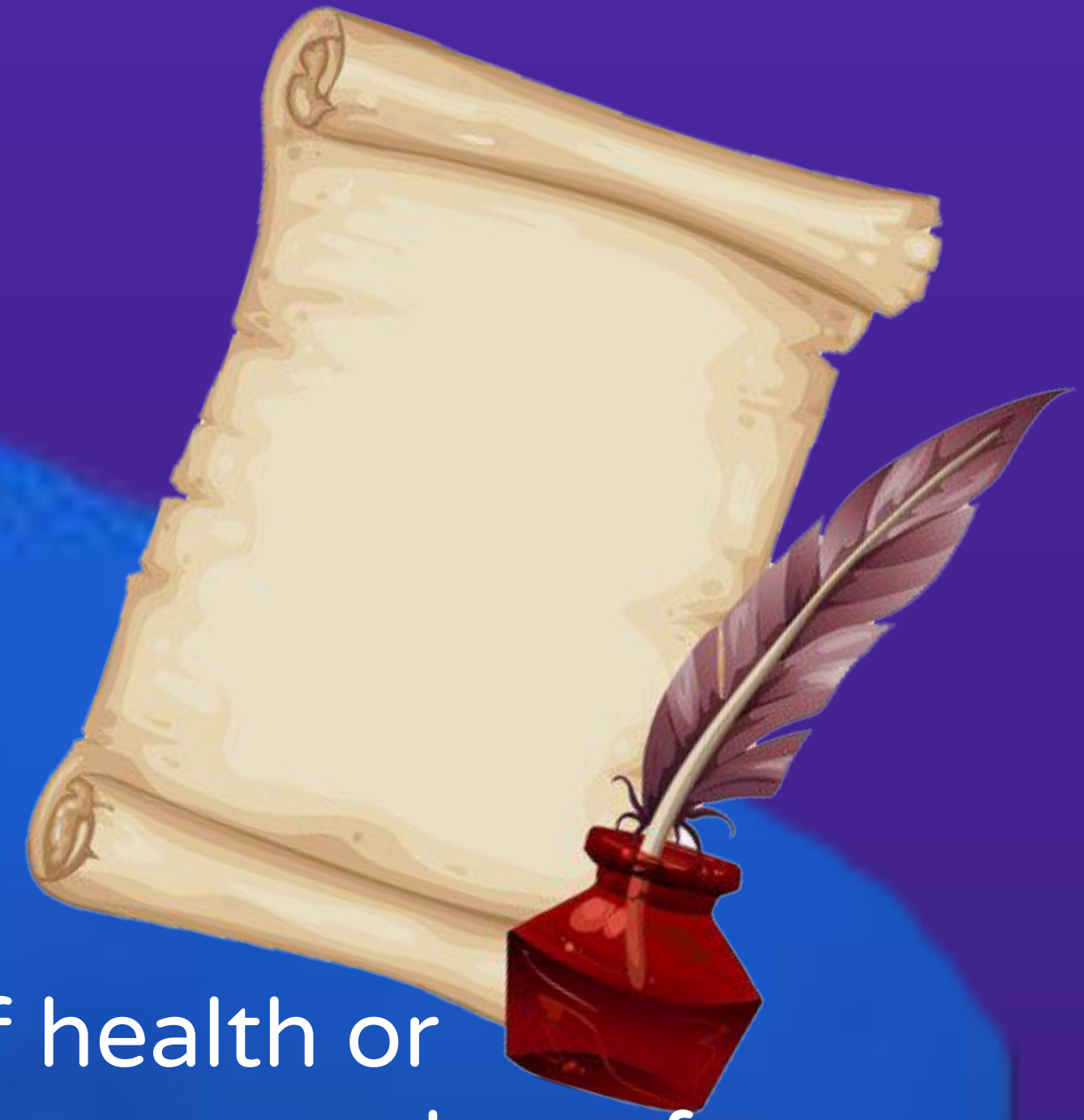
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A Word from our Principal

By Rabbi Ringo



Tayere Tmimim sh',

The Rebbe Maharash would keep a sefer on his table while meeting with people in yechidus and when someone would ask him a complicated question in matters of health or other important things, the Rebbe Maharash would pause, open the sefer, look inside it for a bit, and would then answer the person's question. In truth the Baal Shem Tov had a similar minhag as he would keep a mezuzah on his desk and often, before answering a question, the Baal Shem Tov would look inside the mezuzah and only then answer the question. Someone once built up the courage to ask the Rebbe Maharash about this strange behavior of looking in a sefer before answering personal questions. He knew that the answer to the questions were not written in the Sefer, so why look inside it before answering? The Rebbe explained that right after brias ho'olam Odom Horishon was able to see from one end of the world to the other, with a special light that shone then. After the chet eitz hada'as the Aibershter hid that light. The Rebbe Maharash went on to explain that the light was hidden in Torah, but certain people who know what they are looking for are able to use the light that is in torah for special purposes to help them to direct and guide people. With this explanation it became clear that the Rebbe Maharash saw Torah's radiating and shining light in away that was real and was a guide for all matters both gashmiyus and ruchniyus. As we learn this week in the torah about many halochos that seem very simple and are not matters that are very spiritual, we need to know that every halocho, story and word in torah is shining with a special light and by learning and involving ourselves in the Aibershter's torah we can achieve wonderful and powerful results. Wishing you much hatzlocho in your learning torah in general and especially the torah that you learn with your Rabbeim and chavrim as shluchim of the Rebbe in the Online School! Have a wonderful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Ringo

Principal

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A Story of the Rebbe

By Mendel Labkowski

In Shvat 5756, Mr. Jacques Micheal, a middle aged architect in Paris, had been going through a very trying time. He had not been feeling well for quite a while. After an examination the doctor informed him that he would need surgery. Alarmed at this news, and being a cautious person in general, he decided to go for a second opinion.

As he sat in the waiting room of the second Doctor, he became friendly with an elderly Chosid. Though Jacques was not frum, and from a totally different walk of life, the two hit it off immediately and Jacques soon found himself telling the bearded gentleman about his personal life. He mentioned his health problem and subsequent dilemma regarding the surgery.

The elderly chosid listened patiently and attentively to Jacques and then offered his advice. He strongly urged Jacques not to go for the surgery, explaining that, by the way he describes his situation, it will heal on its own and the surgery is unnecessary. He spoke with such conviction that Jacques felt convinced that this man knows what he is talking about and he need not ask further for any doctors advice.

He did not wait any longer to be seen by this second doctor and walked out of the office. Several weeks passed and Jacques' condition completely disappeared. To his pleasant surprise he felt perfect.

One day as he was driving on a main street in Paris he noticed a Mitzvah Tank. On the outside was a picture that made him very excited. He immediately stopped and inquired from the young yeshiva students how he could get to meet the man in the picture. The students looked at him in surprise, telling him that he would not be able to meet him at this time. But Jacques was insistent. The boys were equally insistent because, since Gimel Tammuz, the Rebbe has been physically concealed.

Jacques was outraged at what seemed to be a bad excuse for not allowing him access to the Rebbe. In an annoyed tone he exclaimed, "I know for a fact that this cannot be true. I myself sat next to him in the doctor's office three weeks ago and he advised me not to have surgery! I would like to take this opportunity to thank him!" When Jacques realized that he had actually seen and spoken to the Rebbe he was not only overwhelmed, but inspired to become more actively involved in his observance of Yiddishkeit. From that day on he has maintained his resolution and is proud to be an observant Jew, constantly doing more to enhance his life as a Jew and Chosid of the Rebbe.



A Short Dvar Torah

Levi Schmerling



In this week's Parsha we learn the laws of many Mitzvos: Eved Ivri, Hashovas Aveida, and many more Mitzvos.

One of the Mitzvos is the Issur of Bosor B'cholov, not to cook milk and meat together.

There are 3 types of Mitzvos: Eidus, Chukim and Mishpatim. Mishpatim are the Mitzvos that make sense to us. Chukim are the Mitzvos that we don't understand the reason behind them.

If so, why is the Issur of Bosor B'cholov in this Parsha, Mishpatim? Isn't it one of the Chukim, a Mitzva that we don't understand the reason?

The answer is that ה' put the Mitzva of Basur B'cholov in this week's Parsha to teach us a very important lesson.

When someone does something without understanding why he is doing it, he does it with less excitement. But when he understands why, he does it with much more excitement and enjoyment.

For example, if your mother tells you to carry a box upstairs, you may not be so excited to do it. But if she tells you that it's for a special surprise party, you are much more excited to do it!

This is the reason why the Torah put the Mitzva of Basur B'cholov which is one of the Chukim, in Parshas Mishpatim. To teach us that even the Mitzvos that are Chukim and we don't understand them, we should try to find a reason and understand them as much as possible.

This will cause us to do the Mitzva with more excitement, as if it was one of the Mishpatim!

When we learn about something and don't understand the reason, or we are doing a מצוה and don't know why we are doing it, ASK! Try to find out the reason. Like this, we will do the Mitzva with more excitement, happy to do what Hashem wants.

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The Weekly

Shmooze

By Levi Schmerling

This Week With:
Mendel Rothstein



Where do you live?
Vanderbilt University,
Nashville, Tennessee

So tell me a bit about your
Chabad House at Vanderbilt
U?

We have a small Chabad House that is about 100 years old, that we renovated. Every Shabbos, College Students come, ranging from 20-100 people. On Rosh Hashonah, and Pesach, we host up to three hundred people! My Tatty is fundraising a lot of money for a new Chabad House.

What are some of the
Classes that your family
does on shlichus?

My father does Sinai Scholars, and learns Tanya individually with students. I learn for fifteen minutes every week with some graduates.

What is your favorite part
of being on Shlichus?

Being able to do Mivtzoim 24/7.

What are some of the
challenges you face on
shlichus?

We have to ship a lot of the food that we eat from far away. Also, I can't play with friends my age in real life.

What are some things you
like about Online school

Being able to have frum friends that I can talk to.

FUN PAGE!

By Mendel Labkowski

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submissions and answers to
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Riddle #1

A man in a car saw a
Golden Door, Silver Door
and a Bronze Door.
What door did he open
first?

Riddle #2

It has a long neck, A
name of a bird, Feeds
on cargo of ships, It's
not alive,
What is it?

Riddle #3

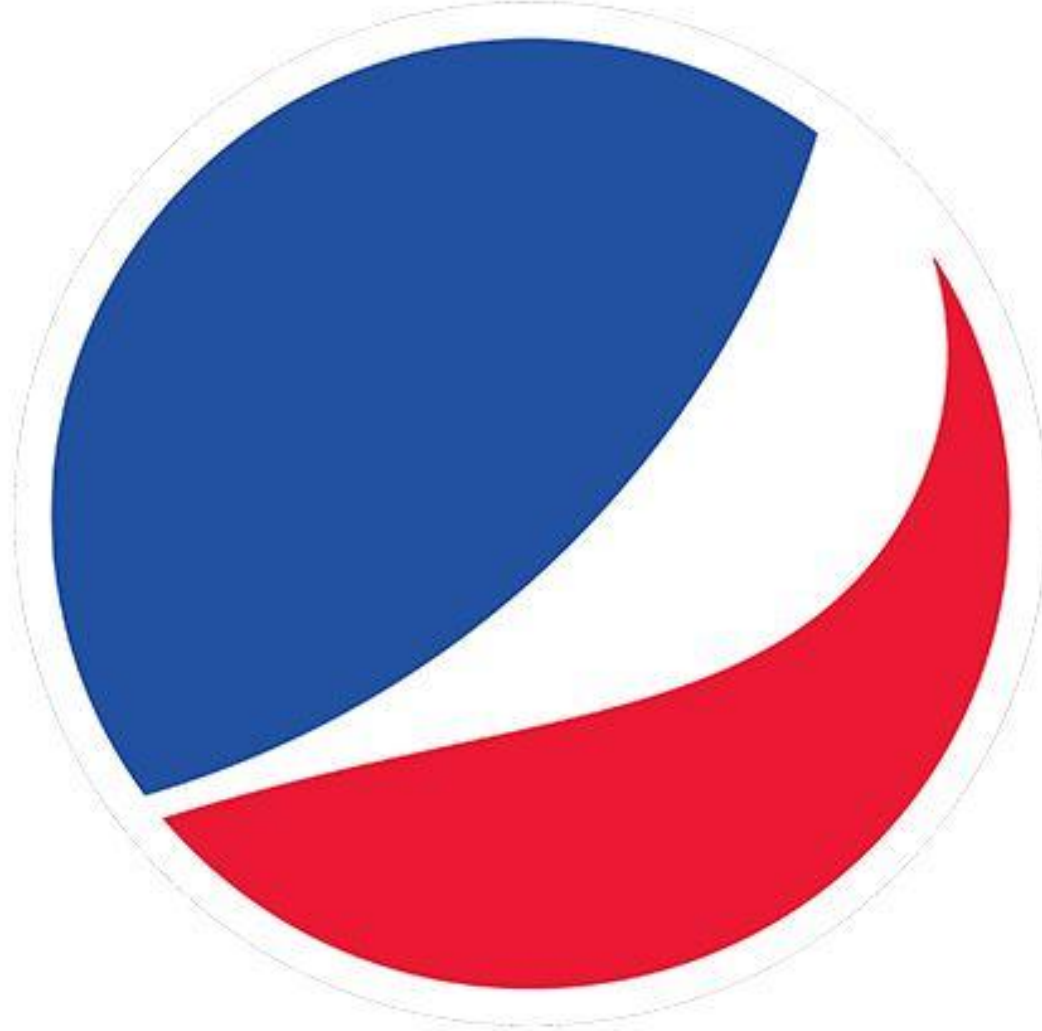
A bus driver was
heading down a street
in Colorado. He went
right past a stop sign
without stopping, he
turned left where there
was a "no left turn"
sign, and he went the
wrong way on a
one-way street. Then
he went on the left side
of the road past a cop
car. Still - he didn't
break any traffic laws.

Why not?

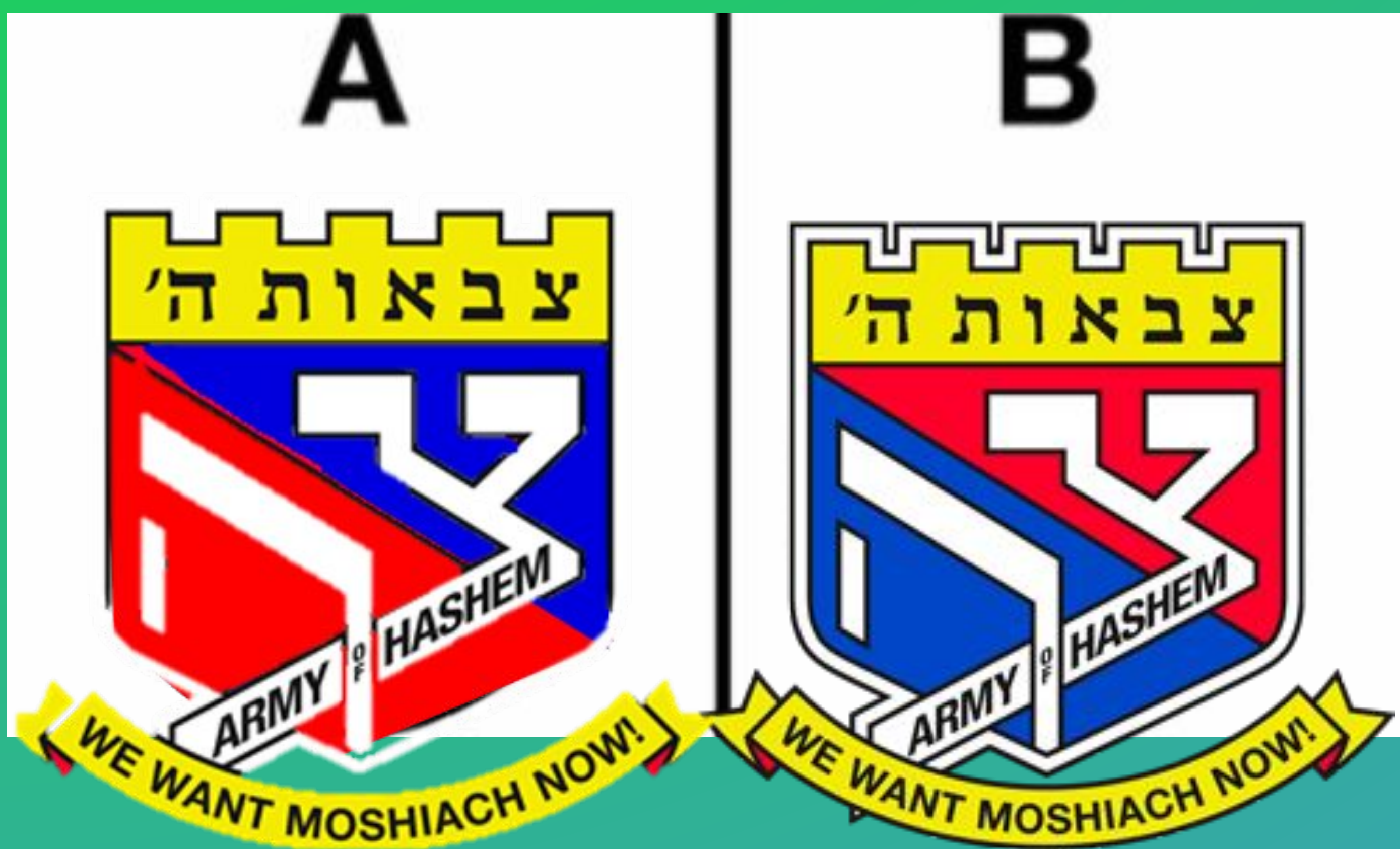
WHICH LOGO
IS CORRECT?



pepsi



pepsi



ANSWERS TO YISRO RIDDLES

Riddle 1 - 125

Riddle 2 - Sawdust

Riddle 3 - A microscope.

FACT #1

Before clock were made, people would tell time using a sundial. A sundial is an instrument that tells the time like a clock. It has a pole or in its center and markings that show hours or fractions of hours. It works on the concept of the sun changing its location in the sky throughout the day.



FACT #2

The first ever mechanical alarm clock was actually made by a yid named Levi Hutchins. He was supposed to wake up every morning at 4:00 AM, but he would often sleep in. So he made a good tool to help him out!



FACT #3

One of the first digital clocks was made by Joseph Pallweber. Two side-plates held digital numerals between them, while an electric motor and cam gear outside controlled movement.



FACT #4

In China, if you gift a clock to someone that it signifies the end of the relationship or even end of the receiver's life. A clock is one of their unlucky objects.



FACT #5

Would you have ever expected this? Old penny coins are what keep London's Big Ben clock of the Palace of Westminster accurate. Each coin added to or taken off the pendulum makes the clock go faster or slower by 4 tenths of a second in a 24 hour period.



10 FACTS

You Probably Didn't Know About:



FACT #6

In the late 18th century Great Britain imposed a hefty tax on every clock in use, even in private homes. It was known as the "Parliament Clock Tax". The new tax was resented by most. So clocks and watches were rarely bought, and a lot of clock makers literally went out of business. Within a year the burdensome tax was removed.

FACT #7

In 1928, the automaker Henry Ford, offered an astounding one million dollars (equivalent to close to \$15 million dollars today!) to the Bily brothers for the eight foot, five hundred pound American Pioneer History Clock that they carved. The brothers turned down the offer in the end.



FACT #9

The term "o'clock" came into use during the early part of the 18th century. It was a shortened version of the phrase "of the clock" which referred to the time on a clock face.

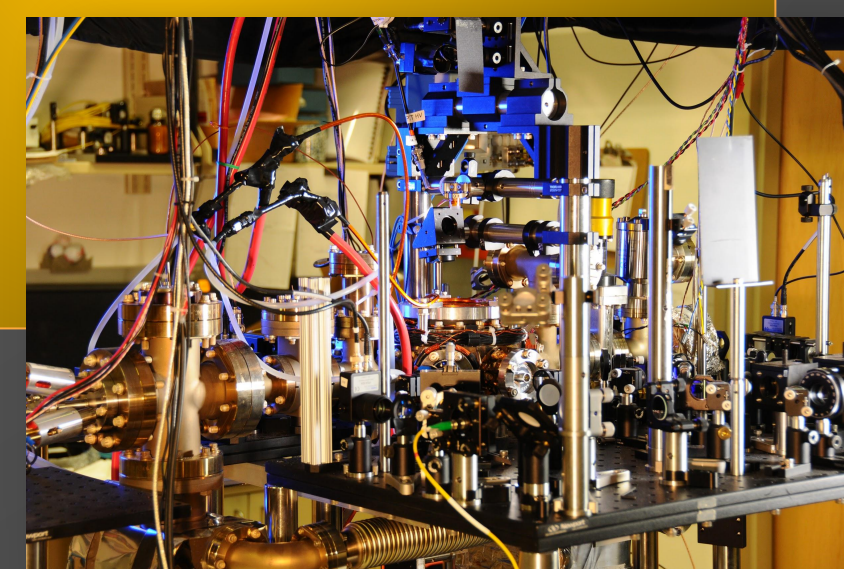
OF THE CLOCK → O'CLOCK

FACT #8

Many years ago, if you wanted to buy a clock you would have to see your local clock maker. He made clocks one at a time, commissioned by each individual customer. You would also have to see him if your clock needed adjustment or repair. Today, even though clocks aren't made old-world style in a local clock maker's shop, the tradition of calling a clock repair person a "clock maker" continues.

FACT #10

The world's most accurate clock, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Colorado, measures vibrations of a single atom of mercury. In a billion years it will not lose one second.



Ruzhin was a large city and like all large cities there were many different types of people and many types of Jews.

Weekly Comic

Written & illustrated

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But on the other hand there was Beryl the simple shoemaker, who loved all G-d's creations. He was friendly with all the gentiles, even more so with all the Jews, and more yet his Chassidic compatriots. But nothing compared to his love for the Rebbe.



In fact, at times his desire to just see the Rebbe was so great that in the middle of the night he would run to the Rebbe's home or to the Rebbe's study room in the synagogue, stand outside the door and wait for hours, just so the Rebbe would open the door and he could get a glimpse of the Rebbe for a second.



Suddenly the knob of the Rebbe's door turned. The Chassidim ran for cover. Only crazy Beryl didn't run away. He just lay there, eyes wide open staring at the door, waiting for the Rebbe to look out.

For instance one Jew was called Menasheh. He was the worst of the worst as far as the Jewish community was concerned. Whenever possible he would make trouble for any Jew he could.



His favorite cruelty was to be a mosser, an informer to the Jew-hating government. He would even pay drunks from the barroom to testify against Jews, and when there were no drunks that were willing, he would testify himself. Menasheh was a real traitor to his people.

Well, it so happened that one year Beryl had such an attack of longing an hour before Yom Kippur. This was particularly bad timing, since it was the Rebbe's custom to seclude himself several days before the holy day. No one was allowed to disturb him for any reason, even for matters of life and death. Requests would be slid under the Rebbe's door, but no more than that.



Beryl's wife tried to convince him not to go and his friends tried to discourage him but it didn't help. He ran to the Rebbe's room and began yelling outside the Rebbe's door. "Rebbe, Rebbe, Beryl needs to see you!" The Chassidim tried to drag him away but he fell to the ground, held on to a table leg, and refused to budge.

"Bereleh, Bereleh, you really love me, don't you? Your love for me cannot be contained or measured. Right? "Well, Bereleh, you should know that as great as your love is for me, I have ten times as much love for every Jew, for the worst Jew, for... Menasheh the mosser! "And that's nothing. I am just a puny creation of G-d's. Just think about how much G-d loves Menasheh! Infinitely more... "

The Rebbe opened the door wide, looked warmly at Beryl and said:



And with that the Rebbe closed the door.