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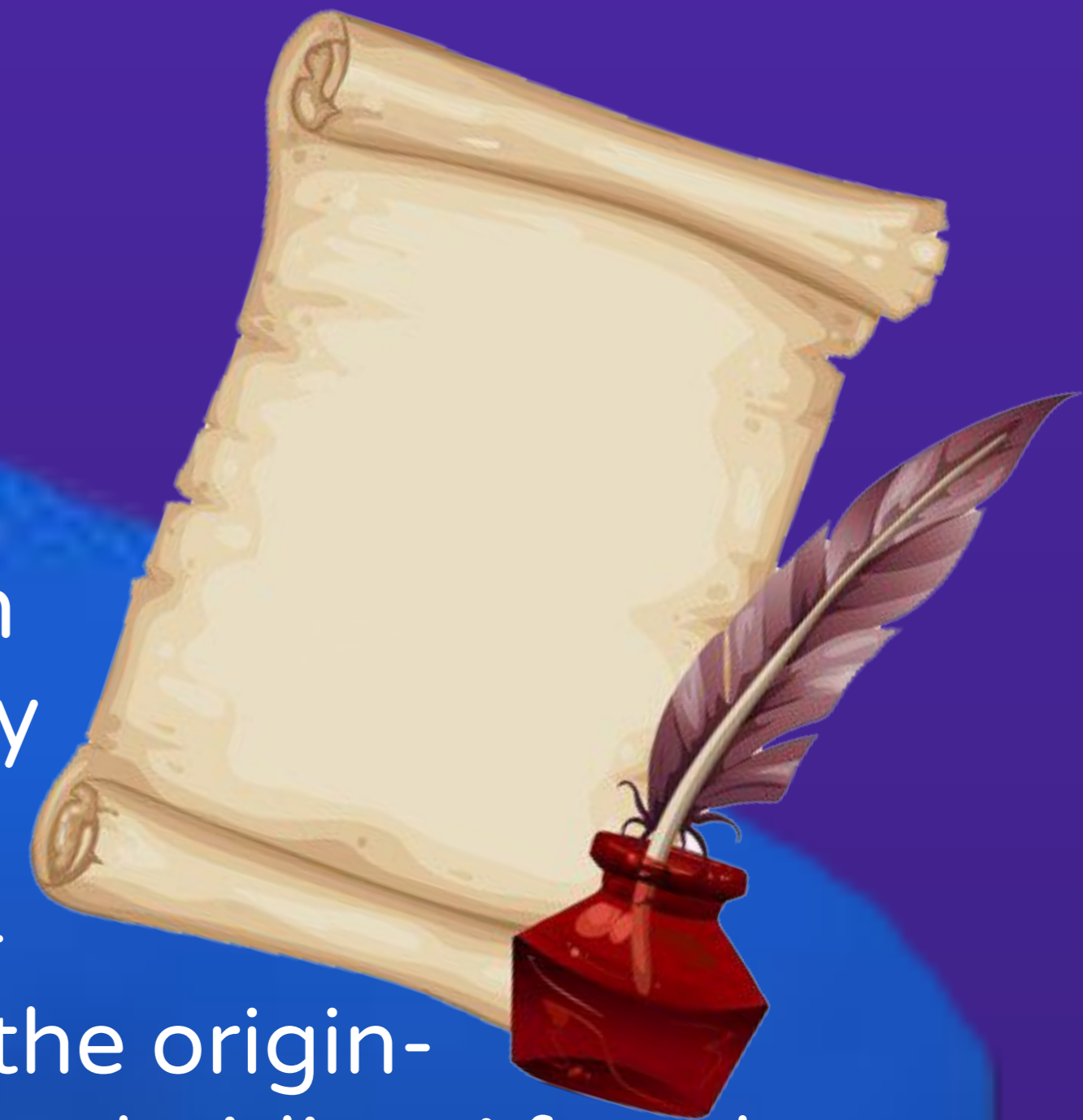
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# A Word from our Principal

*By Rabbi Ringo*



Tayere Tmimim sheyichyu,

A chossid was once able to buy some prized ksovim (manuscripts) and items that the seller claimed actually belonged to the Baal Shem Tov and his talmidim! Apparently, they had been discovered in a sheimos area in a particular town, and after doing the research, it came out that the original owners of this treasure were the Baal Shem Tov and his talmidim. After the chossid purchased these items he brought them to the Rebbe Rashab as a gift. The Rebbe Rashab went through each item and after holding and looking at each of the objects, he pointed out which of them were really from the Baal Shem Tov and which were not. The Rebbe Rashab then asked the chossid to show the items to the Frierdicker Rebbe who was a young man at the time and who was actually friendly with the chossid. The chossid did this, however, he did not tell the Frierdicker Rebbe that his father had already picked out the items that truly belonged to the Baal Shem Tov. The Frierdicker Rebbe went through each item and identified the exact same items as the Rebbe Rashab that really belonged to the Baal Shem Tov. The chossid was stunned, how did he know and how did he pick out the same items as his father? Being as the chossid was a close friend of the Frierdicker Rebbe, he asked him how he knew. The Frierdicker Rebbe explained that every Yid has special kedusha that is part of who he is. Now, when a tzadik touches or owns an item, that item gains a degree of kedusha from the tzadik and then when another Yid comes and holds that item, the kedusha in him is pulled towards the kedusha in the object. Parshas Teruma speaks about the Mishkan and in the Maamorim of Bossi Legani, the Rebbe and the Frierdicker Rebbe famously point out that every Yid is a mishkan where Hashem's Kedusha could rest. If we had the ability to truly sense kedusha, we would really appreciate just how special each and every Yid is. As Shluchim of the Rebbe it is our job to value every Yid as if he were a real mishkan and to therefore appreciate and help as many yidden as possible. Let us use this message to strengthen our ahavas Yisroel for all yidden, not only those that we might meet in our mokom hashlichus, but also for our fellow Online School talmidim!

Wishing you a wonderful Shabbos!

*Rabbi Yaacov Ringo*

*Principal*

*Nigri International Shluchim Online School*

# A Story of the Rebbe

*By Mendel Labkowski*

“I didn’t know the Lubavitcher Rebbe knew you!” exclaimed Mrs. Berkowitz to her husband. She was waving two dollars in her hand. Rabbi Berkowitz, a maggid shiur in a Brooklyn yeshivah looked at his wife quizzically. “I went to receive a blessing from the Rebbe. The Rebbe handed me an additional dollar. ‘This is for your husband,’ he said. ‘Tell him that I asked about him and that I send him my regards.’ ”

Mrs. Berkowitz handed her husband the dollar bill, but he wasn’t paying attention. With a distant look in his eyes, he mumbled, “The Rebbe remembered... thirty years ago... that’s amazing...”

Rabbi Berkowitz seemed very intent as he related an incident which had taken place three decades earlier. “It was during the summer month of Tammuz,” he recalled. “I was walking down President Street towards Brooklyn Ave. A bearded man who just turned the corner caught my attention. He had very dignified features, his appearance was most impressive, and he was walking briskly. I stopped to have a chat with him. We exchanged some Torah thoughts and opinions about current events.

“As our conversation ended, the gentleman invited me to attend a farbrengen which was to be held by the Rebbe in a couple of days. Although I knew very little about the Rebbe in those days, I decided to attend.

“You can imagine how I felt when I entered the shul at 770 Eastern Parkway. The man with whom I had conversed was none other than the Rebbe himself.”

“I regretted having wasted the Rebbe’s precious time. Afterwards, I asked him to forgive me. The Rebbe assured me that I needn’t worry. He welcomed me to come back more often. ‘I will yet ask about you,’ were the Rebbe’s parting words.”

“I never returned,” said Rabbi Berkowitz softly. “Today was the first time in thirty years that anyone in our family has gone to see the Rebbe.”



# A Short Dvar Torah

Levi Schmerling



In this week's Parsha we learn about the building of the מִשְׁכַּן and the many כְּלִים used inside it to do the Avoda.

One of the כְּלִים in the מִשְׁכַּן was the אֲרוֹן. It had three boxes, the Kruvim, and the לוחות inside. It also had poles attached that were used to carry the אֲרוֹן around whenever they traveled.

Everything in the מִשְׁכַּן was built 100% exact in every detail. Especially in the holiest place in the מִשְׁכַּן, the קֹדֶשׁ הַקְּדָשִׁים.

How is it then that the poles on the side of the אֲרוֹן were left on the אֲרוֹן all the time? It would have made more sense to have the poles on the side and only attach them when it was time to travel. Why was it left there all the time? The answer is, the אֲרוֹן which has the לוחות in it, is a sign for a Yid who is learning Torah. He is in Shul or Yeshiva where he learns all day, just like the אֲרוֹן with the לוחות is always hidden in the קֹדֶשׁ הַקְּדָשִׁים. All he thinks about is the תורה he learns.

This person might think that since he is busy with the holiest thing in the world, learning Torah, that should be the only thing on his mind. And if someone needs his help he'll have to stop learning, get himself ready, and after preparing himself will go help the Yid.

The אֲרוֹן with the poles teaches him, NO! Even when he is busy learning, he must always be ready to go out and bring the words of Torah to others. Just like the אֲרוֹן always has the Poles attached to it, ready to go whenever and wherever it needs to.

The lesson for us – Of course we know that it is the right thing to help another Yid when they need, no matter what we are doing. But we must keep in mind that this isn't enough. We must always be ready to go, as soon as we hear a Yid needs help, we are already 'out the door'!

# The Weekly Shmooze

By Mendel Labkowski



Where do you live?  
Champaign, Illinois.

What are some of the  
Classes that you family  
does on shlichus?  
Sinai Scholars, JLI,  
Aleph.

So tell me a bit about  
your chabad house  
Its very old, but we are  
buying a new one.

**This Week With:  
Meir Tiechtel**



What is your favorite  
part of being on  
Shlichus?  
Playing with kids in my  
community.

What are some of the  
challenges you face on  
shlichus?  
Anti Semitism, recently  
they allowed BDS to do  
their thing and was  
calling us Nazis.

What are some things  
you like about Online  
school  
When class Freezes.

# FUN PAGE!

By Levi Schmerling

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## Riddle #1

What do you call a fruit that is never alone?

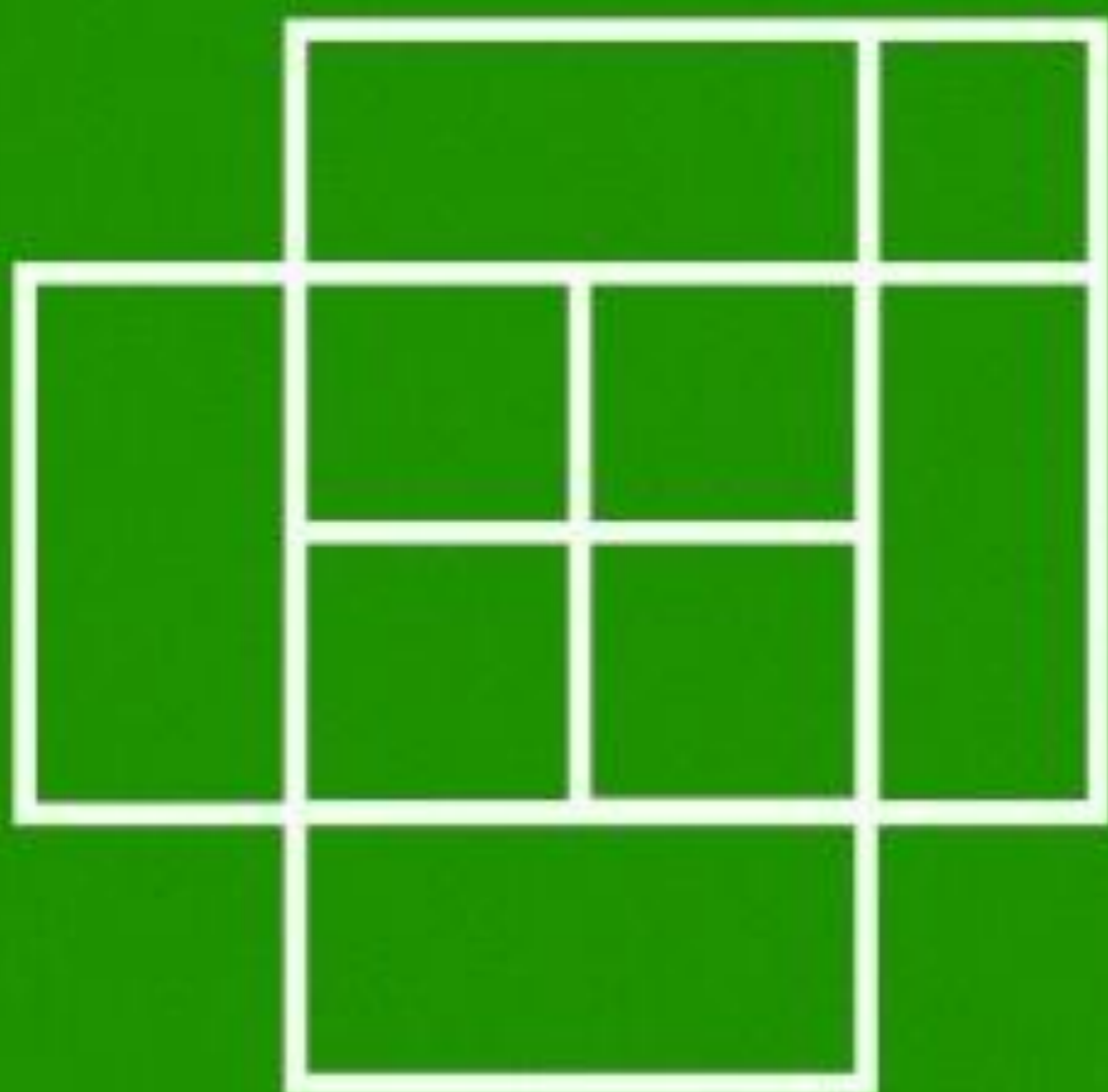
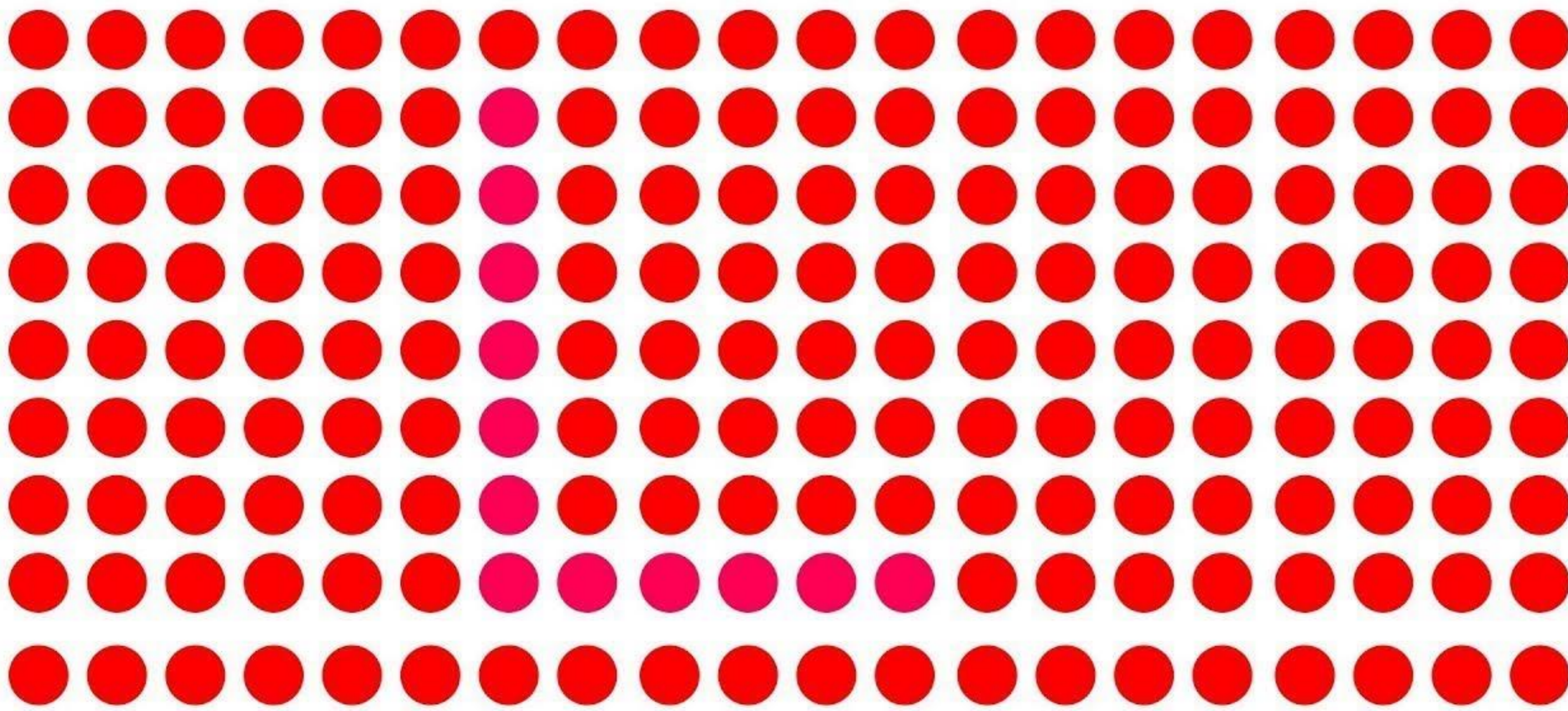
## Riddle #2

My numbers may vary, thin as a sheet, take one away, and we're just not complete. What am I?

## Riddle #3

You walk up to a mountain that has two paths. One leads to the other side of the mountain, and the other will get you lost forever. Two twins know the path that leads to the other side. You can ask them only one question. Except! One lies and one tells the truth, and you don't know which is which. So, What do you ask?

## CAN YOU SEE THE LETTER?



**HOW MANY SQUARES?**  
**95% CAN'T FIND THE LAST SQUARE!**

## ANSWERS TO MISHPATIM RIDDLES

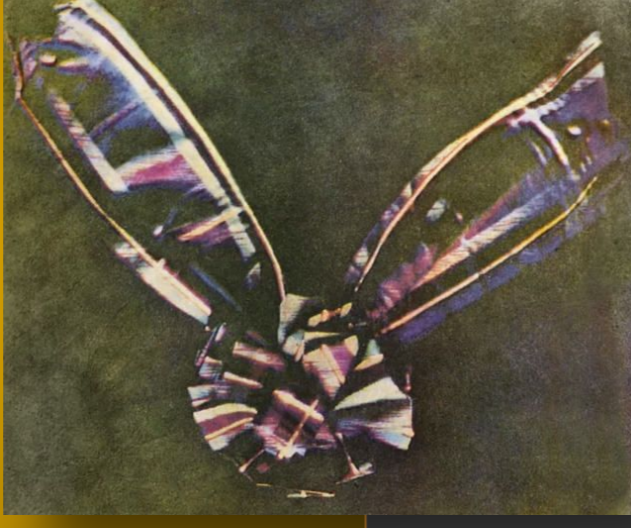
Riddle 1 - The car door.

Riddle 2 - A crane.

Riddle 3 - He was walking, not driving.

## FACT #1

The very first color photograph was taken over 150 years ago, and we have come a long way since then. It was taken by layering three separate filters of red, blue, and green, and then projecting the images onto a photosensitive plate.



## FACT #2

One of the world's oldest cameras also happens to be the world's most expensive, setting the record at auction in Vienna. The camera, an ultra-rare Leica O-series no. 122, is believed to be only one of three in original condition in the world. Only 25 of these cameras were ever made.



## FACT #3

The world's most expensive photograph, captured by Andreas Gursky in 1999, the photograph is named "Rhein II." In 2011, 12 years after it was taken, this photograph sold for the mind-boggling amount of \$4,338,500 at auction. While there are claims that other photographs have been sold for more, there are no documents or evidence of these sales.

## FACT #4

During the first landing of man on the moon, 12 Hasselblad cameras were taken and used to capture the first images of the surface of our moon. These cameras were left, however, in order to save weight on the journey home. The extra weight was to carry back lunar rock samples, and the cameras are still up there to this day.



## FACT #5

Ever wondered why people in old portraits are never smiling? Old photographs were taken with huge large format cameras. Because the technology wasn't as advanced, an image would take hours to expose correctly. The subjects didn't smile because they had to stay still for hours for one photo, and impossible feat.

# 10 FACTS

You Probably Didn't Know About:



## FACT #6

Whether you are into the photography world or not, most everyone has heard the name Kodak and knows its relation to photography. Little do most people know, the actual word doesn't mean anything. This is quite the opposite of many of the big names in the industry. For example, Canon means a rule, law, or principle.

## FACT #7

Many people are probably unaware that camera and photograph technology has been around for that long, but it has! Not only was this picture taken almost 200 years ago, but it also took nearly 8 hours to capture. This famous photo is named "View From the Window" and was captured by Joseph Niepce in France.



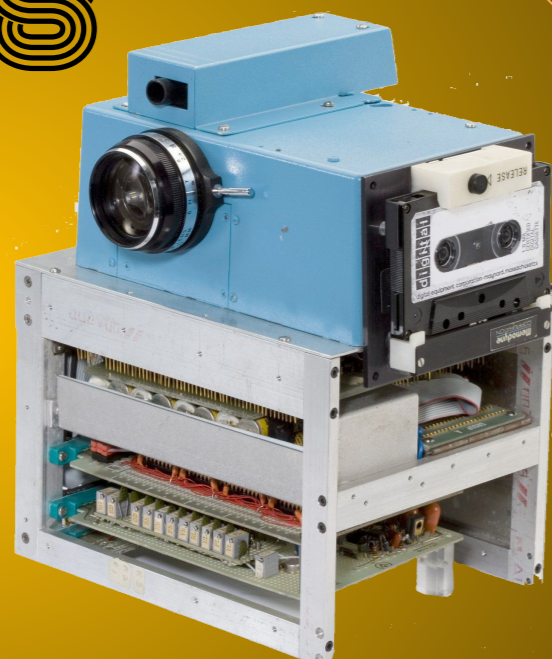
## FACT #10

Do you see that gentleman in the far left corner? He is the first person to ever have his photograph taken and it was an accident. It is believed he was getting his shoes cleaned, which is why he stayed still long enough for his photograph to be taken.



## FACT #8

The world's first digital camera was only 0.01 Megapixel and had an incredible weight of 3.6kg. It took the camera more than 20 seconds to transfer the image to the tape.



## FACT #9

A study was conducted by having people lose 240 wallets without contact information in them on the street to see how many would be returned. 42% of the total wallets were returned. 88% of the wallets with a picture of an infant in them were brought back followed by 53% of the wallets with puppy/dog photos. The wallets with no pictures in them were only returned 15% of the time.

Unfortunately,  
there is no  
comic for this  
week. But  
next week we  
will **Y”H** have  
one!