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# A Word from our Principal

*By Rabbi Ringo*



Tayere Talmiddim sh',  
Chassidus has a way of completely changing how we learn and understand the stories told in torah. One example of this is can be seen in the story of Purim which is coming soon: When the Tzemach Tzedek was a small child his mother, the Rebbetzin Devorah Leah, passed away as a result of her mesiras nefesh for chassidis and the Alter Rebbe. The Tzemach Tzedek was then raised by the Alter Rebbe himself. Once when he was 4 or 5 years old he came home from cheder and asked his grandfather if Mordechai was so so tall that Homon needed to make gallows that were 50 Amos high, wouldn't lower ones have been fine? The Alter Rebbe listened carefully to the question but he did not respond. On Purim of that year the Alter Rebbe said a maamor on the words "Vayaas hoetz govohah chamishim amoh" (that homon said that the gallows had to be 50 amos high) and he explained that Homon wanted to get his spiritual energy from a level called "shaar hanun" (the 50th gate) which is the highest level that gives energy to everything in the world, even to kelipa and bad people. Homon saw that all the evil people who came before him tried to get energy from spiritual levels but they could not overcome the Yidden and they all failed. Therefore, explained the Alter Rebbe, Homon tried to attach himself to the highest spiritual level possible (as at that level even evil gets energy) with the hope of overcoming Mordechai and the Yidden in that way. Of course it did not work! We see from this that the number 50 was very important with a very exact reason as the Alter rebbe explained. We are holding now just a few days before Chof Beis Shvat and we know how important chassidus and the torah of the Rabbeim were to the Rebbetzin. Let us use these few days to make the Rebbe and the Rebbetzin proud by connecting ourselves to chassidus and to chassidus, and to allow this to give us chayus to learn, daven and to fulfill our shlichus to bring Moshiach now! Have a wonderful shabbos!

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# A Story of the Rebbe

*By Mendel Labkowski*

At the time (תרפ"ד) the headquarters of Chabad was in the city of Rostov far from the center of Russia. From there, the Frierdiker Rebbe controlled his "forbidden" chinuch network which, besides the physical dangers hanging over the heads of the teachers and students, was always in deep financial problems.

Hundreds of teachers and workers had to be paid, students had to be fed and donations, especially for "counter-revolutionary" Yiddishe causes, were very rare.

One Chossid of the Frierdiker Rebbe who was a manager of one of these yeshivos, got acquainted with a very wealthy Jew in Rostov and asked for financial assistance. "The yeshiva is folding! The teachers and staff have not been paid for months and there is no food for the talmidim!" He pleaded. But despite his requests, arguments and tears, the rich man would not budge; he was a true miser.

Until one day the rich Jew happened to mention his own problem: he had no children! This broke his heart and worried him day and night. Suddenly he looked the Chasid in the eyes, became serious and made a proposition. "If you, being a Chasid and a man of G-d, would bless me with a child I will give what you ask."

The Chasid, realizing that this was a golden opportunity, shifted into another gear and the words came tumbling out.



"My school is going to close any day, certainly we can't wait nine months! If you give the money that the yeshiva needs (here he quoted a very large sum) now, then I promise that within a year you will be hugging your son!" The rich man burst into tears of grateful joy as he shook the Chosid's hand, went to his safe, took out the entire sum and gave it to the Chosid. The Chosid felt a tweak of guilt about the blessing, but hundreds of young Yiddeshe neshamos would be saved! Think of all the Torah that would be studied! All the mitzvos that would be observed! Surely in the merit of all this, the blessing for a child would be granted!

But it wasn't. The months passed and nothing. Finally after a year, the donor went to the home of the Chosid.

"Do you remember me? Do you remember your promise? Your blessing? Where is my child?" The Chosid didn't lose his composure, forced a smile and answered, "Give it a few more weeks." The rich man quieted down and as soon as he left, the Chosid ran to the house of the Rebbe and arranged a yechidus. "Who told you to promise children?" said the Rebbe. "How could you do such a thing? The fact is that I can't help."

"But Rebbe," the Chosid pleaded "I did it for the children, for the pupils - without his money the yeshiva would have closed!" But his pleas were to no avail. Two weeks later the man was back. And he was demanding his donation back if the Chosid did not make good on his blessing for a child. The Chosid had no choice but to return to the Rebbe.

"Please Rebbe" he begged after somehow managing to secure another yechidus. "Save me!"

This time the Rebbe answered differently, "All right! But this is the only time! Go and tell him in my name that this year he will have a son. But from now on, never make promises that you cannot fulfill!"

Sure enough that year his son was born, he continued to support the Rebbe's programs and the Chosid never made any more such promises.





# A Short Dvar Torah

Levi Schmerling



In this week's פרשה we read about the הר סיני coming to אידן and receiving the תורה. It's known that all אידן, even from future generations, were at הר סיני for מתן תורה.

The beginning of the וידבר אלוקים את כל הדברים is עשרת הדברות האלה לאמר

ה' spoke all these words to say over. Usually when the תורה uses the expression לאמר, it means that משה should tell over to the Yidden what he had heard from ה'. The question is, to whom should משה repeat this to if everyone was present?

The answer is, in בעשרה מאמרות נברא העולם it says פרקי אבות, the

world was created with ten sayings. Through these ten sayings ה' created the world. At the time of מתן תורה it became possible to draw גשמיית into רוחניות. Through תורה מתן the כח was given that

גשמיית and קדושה should penetrate the גשמיית of the world. This is the meaning of the word לאמר.

Every איד in his daily life, should connect the two (רוחניות and גשמיית) so that the light of תורה should penetrate even the normal physical things that he does.

We should not think that we will have תורה and then we will also have

גשמיית as two separate things, rather the קדושה should penetrate even the regular everyday things that we do.



# The Weekly Shmooze

*By Mendel Labkowski*

**This Week With:  
Gabi Pelman**



Where do you live?

Guatemala

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

My father does JLI, and my  
Mother does Rosh Chodesh  
society & almost weekly class  
for woman. And Hebrew  
school for kids.

So tell me a bit about your  
chabad house

My parents came here 20  
years ago barely even  
knowing Spanish, Today we  
have classes in spanish, a  
Mikvah, Shul, camp, and  
Hebrew school

What is your favorite part  
of being on Shlichus?  
That I have many guests for  
Shabbos.

What are some of the  
challenges you face on  
shlichus?

No mail gets here so every  
thing, including Kosher  
food is brought by plane.

What are some things you  
like about Online school  
Being able to have frum  
friends



# FUN PAGE!

By Levi Schmerling

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submissions and answers to  
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## Riddle #1

What number is that,  
which, added separately  
to 100 and 164, shall  
make them perfect  
squares?

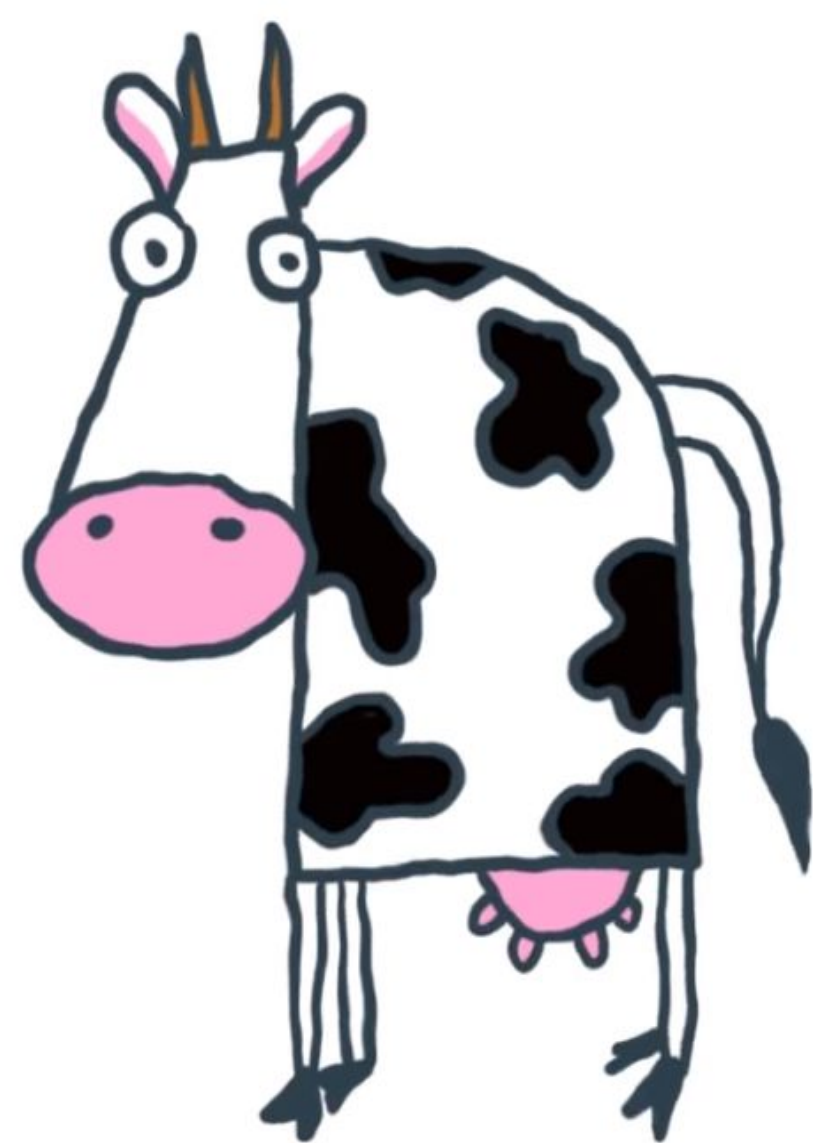
## Riddle #2

As I went across the  
bridge, I met a man  
with a load of wood  
which was neither  
straight nor crooked.  
What kind of wood  
was it?

## Riddle #3

I have a head body  
and arm but no blood.  
I have eyes but can't  
see, nose but can't  
smell. I have a stage  
but haven't seen  
anyone perform. I  
have arms but can not  
carry anything you  
see things with me  
but you can't see  
what I am made of.  
What am I?

WHAT NUMBERS  
DO YOU SEE?



F-S-T-F-F-S-\_\_

What comes next?

## ANSWERS TO BESHALACH RIDDLES

Riddle 1 - Ocean

Riddle 2 - Darkness

Riddle 3 - A Snowflake

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## FACT #1

On September 14, 1939, the VS-300, the world's first (normal) helicopter, took flight at Stratford, Connecticut. Designed by Igor Sikorsky and built by the Vought-Sikorsky Aircraft Division of the United Aircraft Corporation, the helicopter was the first to incorporate a single main rotor and tail rotor design.

## FACT #2

Most people think that the word helicopter is broken up by syllables. However, it is actually made up of two parts that are "helico," which means spiral, and "pter," which means made with wings.

HELICO - PTER

## FACT #3

Frog and bird smashed together makes..... Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey! This helicopter/plane takes off like a helicopter, but once airborne, it starts running like a regular airplane. It is most commonly used for the military.



## FACT #4

In 1974, a U.S. soldier stole a helicopter and flew to the White House in Washington, D.C. As he hovered above the south grounds, the Executive Protective Service shot and injured him, forcing him to land. He only received a one-year prison sentence and \$2,400 in fines.

## FACT #5

In 1975, \$10 million worth of Huey helicopters had to be pushed off the flight deck of the USS Midway and into the sea to make way for the emergency landing of an aircraft with Vietnamese evacuees on board.



# 10 FACTS

You Probably Didn't Know About:



## FACT #6

The United States has five times more heliports than any other country, and about as many heliports as every other country in the world combined.



## FACT #7

On May 14, 2005 Dider Delsalle set the world record for highest altitude landing of a helicopter on the 29,029 ft summit of Mount Everest. The flight and the summit landing were captured by many cameras and other equipment to validate the record. After sitting on top of the world for 3 minutes and 50 seconds, Delsalle lifted off and returned to the airport at Lukla, Nepal.



## FACT #8

The fastest helicopter is the Sikorsky X2 which travelled 259 mph in a test flight over Florida in 2010, breaking a record which had stood since 1986 when a Westland Lynx managed 249 mph.



## FACT #9

The first person was rescued at sea by a helicopter in 1944. It is estimated that the use of helicopters has saved more than 3 million lives in war and peace times around the world since then.

## FACT #10

It took 29 days, 3 hours, 8 minutes and 13 seconds for H. Ross Perot, Jr. and J.W. Coburn to circle the entire Earth in a helicopter. They broke the World's Record.



The Russian government had decreed that no Jews be found on the streets after nightfall.

# Weekly Comic

Written & illustrated

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This decree was most difficult for a fiery chassid of Rabbi Aharon of Karlin to observe. On one frigid night, this man was overcome with a powerful desire to see his rebbe and to warm his soul by watching the holy man's service of G-d. Despite the danger, a magnetic longing drew him from his home . . .



Clutching a Tehillim in his hand, the chassid hurried through the streets of Karlin, heading to the home of his rebbe.

Suddenly a Russian policeman stood before him, blocking his path.



Immediately the chassid's hands were bound, and he was unceremoniously dumped into the town jail.

The chassid remained unruffled. "My rebbe they wouldn't allow me to see, and my Tehillim they took from me," he whispered to himself. "Nevertheless, I am a Jew!"



A wave of joy washed over him at the thought. He rose to his feet and began to dance.

"I wasn't destined to see my rebbe tonight," thought the chassid to himself, "but my precious Tehillim has remained with me." And with that he began to recite the words of Tehillim with warmth and enthusiasm, verse by verse, chapter by chapter.



As the outpouring of prayer ascended to its heavenly place, a pair of wild hands suddenly snatched the Tehillim from him . . .

The prison guard peered at him with unbelieving eyes. But his incredulity gave way to hysterics. "Get out of here right now!" he yelled. "This small jail has no room for mentally unbalanced people!"



In happy spirits, the chassid ran at once to his rebbe. Rabbi Aharon greeted him warmly: "If one is joyous to be a Jew, a part of the Jewish nation, one can be rescued from everything!"