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A Word from our Principal

By Rabbi Ringo



Tayere Tmimim sh',

We are just a few days from Yud Tes Kislev, Rosh Hashona LChasidus. Just as on Rosh Hashona we consider our actions and overall involvement in torah and mitzuos, the same is true for Yud Tes Kislev. But it is not enough to just think about what we do or do not do; we also need to appreciate what we have and to really connect with chassidus in a more profound way. The story is told of a chossid who once saw how the Alter Rebbe was sitting and learning Tanya. The chossid was shocked, the Alter Rebbe wrote the Tanya so why would he possibly be learning what he himself had written? The Alter Rebbe explained that he himself cannot estimate what is in Tanya, that is why he also needs to learn it! We need to appreciate what we have! Tanya, and Chassidus in general can inspire, direct, and guide our every step. Let us use the last few days until Rosh Hashona LChasidus to pause and appreciate what we have. Let us appreciate what a zechus we have to be chassidim and shluchim of the Rebbe and let us use this to rededicate ourselves to our shlichus, and to becoming true chassidim that will cause a great nachas ruach for the Aibershter!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

Principal

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A Story of the Rebbe

By Mendel Labkowski

Lakewood, New Jersey, was just the place for Rika Maged, formerly of Eretz Yisroel. She liked the close knit community, and her son was very happy at the Yeshiva there.

When Rika came from Eretz Yisroel several years ago it was with the intension to stay for a short visit. When personal complications arose she realized she would be better off staying in the United States.

In 2002, due to serious situations with a close family member, Rika was forced to make an emergency trip to Israel. She immediately packed for her and her son and took the first flight back.

After several weeks things settled down and was all once again in order. Rika made plans to go back to America, eagerly looking forward to getting back to her own home.

But her plan was not easily: Since her visa was not able to be renewed she decided to fly from Lakewood to attempt to fly to New



York to be realized so quickly or expired a long time ago, she re-enter America. Rika flew from Israel to Canada and then to New York from there.

Rika arrived in Toronto with her son but had no idea where to go from there. She did not know anyone in Toronto, nor did she know her way around the city. Like many people on foreign territory, Rika found a Chabad House and was promptly invited to stay at the home of the Shliach. She explained her problem and they immediately suggested she enlist the help of the Rebbe.

When Rika heard their suggestion she looked as though they had lost their minds. Did they not know that those days were gone!? But, they explained to her, not only were they quite sane, but in fact many people receive blessing from the Rebbe on a daily basis. They explained how one can go right to the Rebbe and people receive very clear answers via the Igros Kodesh. Rika was adamant: She would have no part of this "pocus stuff."



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Several days passed and she was no closer to solving her problem. Desperate to go back home, she reluctantly relented, writing to the Rebbe about her problem and asking for his blessing. She opened the Igros Kodesh to where her letter was randomly placed and the Rebbe's response was "you should go with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm and with great treasures."

When the Shliach saw the answer he was excited and told Rika to purchase tickets, get on the bus and go to New York. With this amazingly positive answer, he assured Rika that she will most certainly have no problem going back home.



With great trepidation, but encouraged by the Shliach, Rika and her son boarded the bus for New York, fearful of what would happen when they reach the border.

Sure enough, when they reached the border they were interrogated by the immigration officers, who gave them a very hard time. Rika did not know what to do. How would she get out of this mess?

Suddenly, from out of nowhere, a man with a Chasidic appearance stood before them and declared that he is their guarantor and with vouch for them. Immediately, they were given consent to continue their journey, and the mysterious guarantor disappeared. He was nowhere to be found; he simply vanished.

Rika realized an amazed disbelief that, even though she is not a Lubavitcher, the Rebbe truly watches over us and takes care of us all. She arrived home in a happy state of mind, secure in the knowledge that she now has a Rebbe to assist in all her challenges.



A Short Dvar Torah

By Levi Schmerling



As Yakov approached Eisav, on his return from Choron, he sent messengers ahead to inform Eisav that “גרתִי לבֵּן עִם” ,I was a dweller with Lavan (the word גרתִי also means I was a stranger). Rashi explains that his message was that “ ,גרתִי לבֵּן עִם שִׁמְרָתִי מִצֻּוֹת ג'וֹתֵרִי”,that although he was living with an evil man, he still kept all the Mitzvos.

- There are three questions we can ask about this:
1. What is the connection between the simple meaning of this (פסוק) I was a dweller) to the מדרש explanation (I kept all the מצוות)?
 2. Why was Yakov telling this to Eisav, why would Eisav care that Yakov kept Torah & Mitzvos during all the years he was by Lavan?
 3. What lesson can we learn from this?

When Yakov said that he was a stranger by Lavan he was telling Eisav about how he viewed the physical world, that things related to his נשמה have a permanent home, but the physical things related to his body and his work were strangers, they were not his primary focus. This explains how Yakov was able to keep all the מצוות, because he didn't let his evil surroundings affect him. That answers the 1st question: because Yakov was a stranger by Lavan, therefore he was able to keep מצוות ג'וֹתֵרִי. Another part of the message that Yakov sent was that he had great wealth, donkeys, cattle etc. It's explained that Yakov was saying that he elevated all these belongings to holiness and he was prepared for משיח. As Yakov was returning to Eretz Yisroel, he was hoping that Eisav had done תשובה and had elevated his portion of the world and was prepared for משיח as well. This explains why Yakov sent this message to Eisav, he wanted Eisav to know that he was ready for גאולה and find out if Eisav was too.

Each one of us can take a lesson from Yakov, that no matter what our environment is, or how other people are doing in their work, we can do what we have to do and influence those around to be prepared for משיח.

The Weekly

Shmooze

By Levi Schmerling

**This Week With:
Shaya Bukiet**



Where do you live?

Bradenton, Florida.

So tell me a bit about the Chabad House in Bradenton. My Parents moved down here 16 years ago, knowing 2 yidden. Now 16 years later, our community has grown to over 400 people. We have a Shul and a recently built Mikva.

Wow! Tell me your daily schedule.

I wake up at 7:45. After I get dressed and eat, I go to school at 8:45. At 3:15, school is over, and I go to sleep at 9:30.

What's something cool about the city of Bradenton?

We have a Tropicana Orange Juice factory right next to us.

Did you ever visit the factory?

No, I never did.

What are some of the challenges you have on shlichus?

The closest place to get kosher food is 4 hours away.

So where do you get kosher food?

There is a Shliach who gets food from Miami, and delivers to all the shluchim in our area

What are some things you like about Online school

I don't have to go to the school which is near me, because is not so frum. And I have a lot of friends on online school.



Triple Agent

By Shmuli Goldman



It was supper when the call came. It was very surprising call, since the week had been rather quiet. "Agent 204", the voice said "We need you at the office for a important mission that...", and the voice trailed off. He didn't even bother throwing his plate away, as he ran to his car, and started driving to the office. But after a few minutes he realized he was being followed. He already knew how dangerous this was going to be. He had to get rid of this guy, and the fact that he had to be there soon didn't make it any easier for him. And then without even thinking, he made a quick turn onto a side street, And the guy who was following him wasn't ready and couldn't make the turn, gritting his teeth in frustration, He spoke on the radio "He got away, Time for plan B".

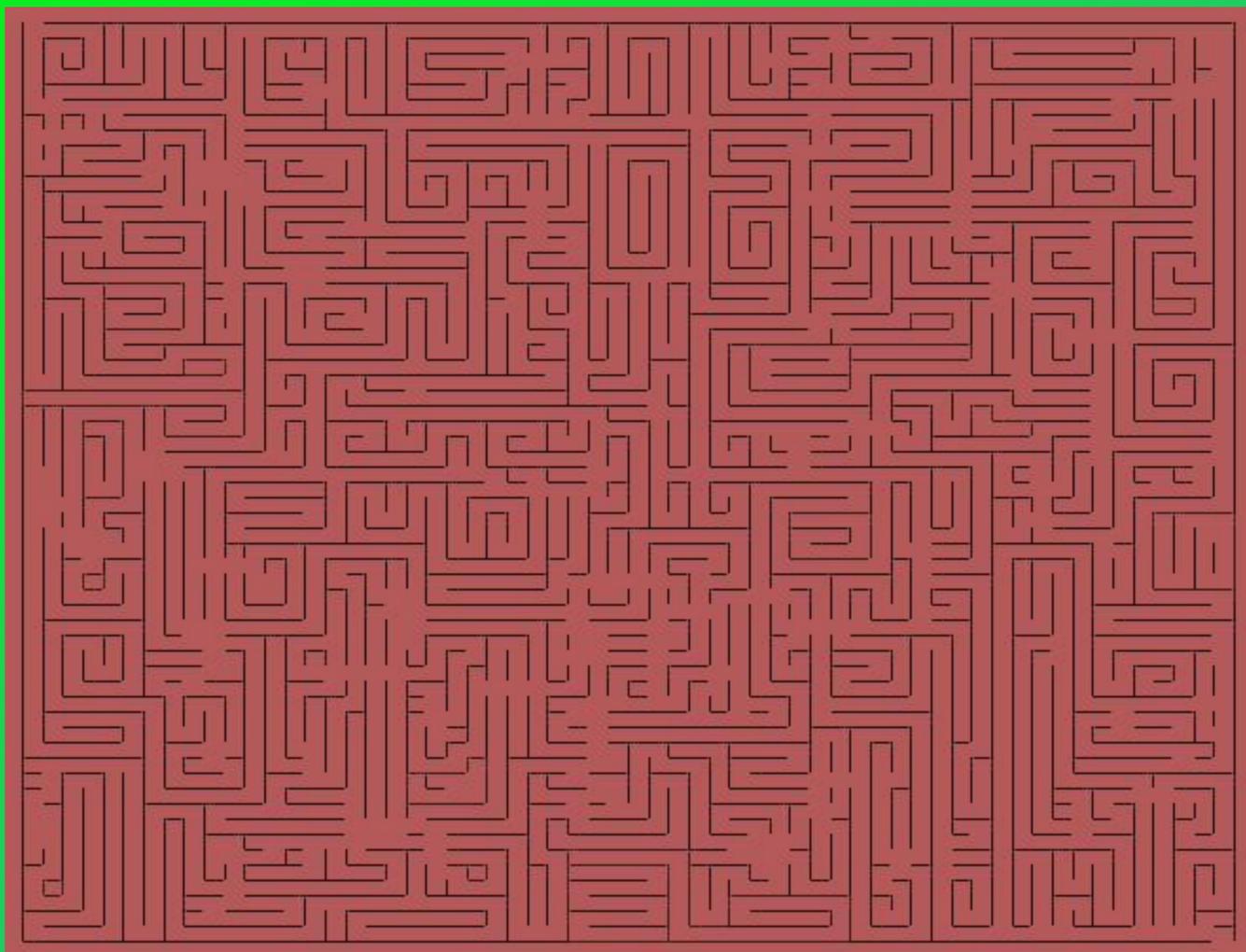


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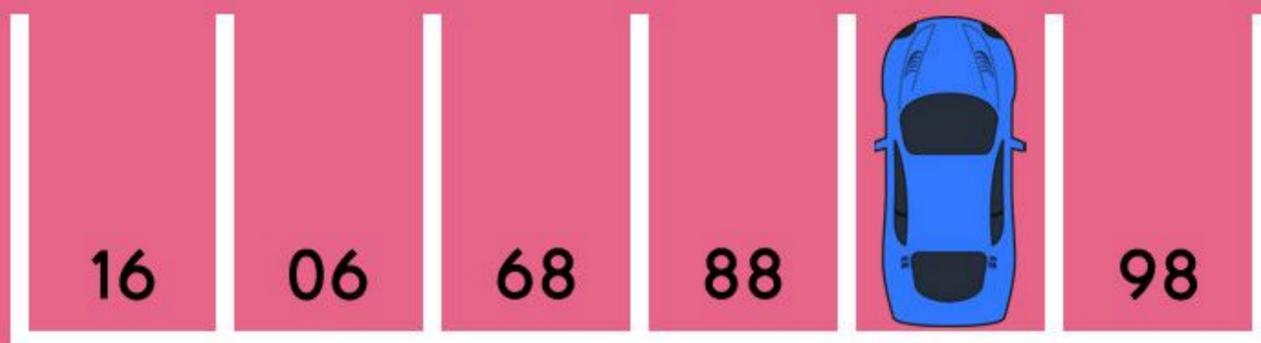


FUN PAGE!

By Mendel Labkowski



What is the **number** of the parking spot?



Send your fun page submissions and answers to SosWeekly5780@gmail.com

Riddle #1

I am something people love or hate. I change peoples appearances and thoughts. If a person takes care of them self I will go up even higher. To some people I will fool them. To others I am a mystery. Some people might want to try and hide me but I will show. No matter how hard people try I will Never go down. What am I?

Riddle #2

Only one color, but not one size,
Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies.
Present in sun, but not in rain,
Doing no harm, and feeling no pain.
What is it?

Riddle #3

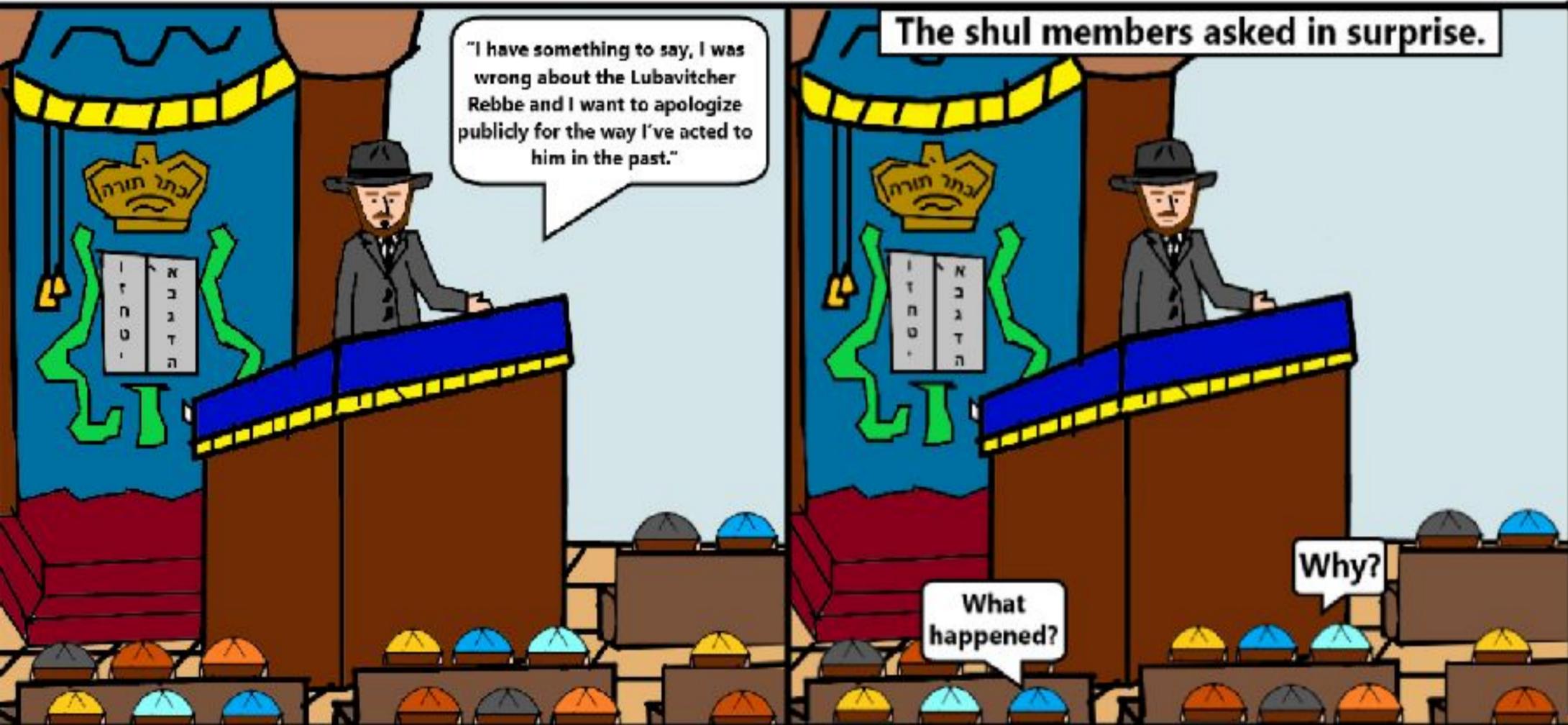
I have a neck but no head, two arms but no hands?

What am I?



Weekly Comic

There was once a Rabbi, who really didn't like Chasidim. & always made a big deal about them. Once he stood up, in front of his community, and said.



The rabbi answered with a personal story. "As you know, I have a brother, that's been diagnosed with a serious illness. He needed money, a lot of it, and he reached out to me for help."

"I thought about asking you, my congregants, but the sum was too large and I knew you needed the money for your families"

