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Purim edition



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Better every week!

Whoever hasn't seen edition 2 because of winter camp should check it out now.

THE REBBE SAID THAT THE
MITZVAH TANKS ARE OUR TANKS
AGAINST ASSIMILATION AND IT'S
OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE EVERY YID
KNOWS HE'S A YID AND ACTS
ACCORDINGLY.

WE SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE
SHLUCHIM OF THE REBBE AND TO
BRING MOSHIACH NOW!!!

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Letter From Rabbi Ringo

Tayere Tmimim sh',

This week's Shabbos has a special name, Shabbos Poroh. It is called by this name, as you know, because we read the section of the Poroh Adumoh. The reason that it is read is because Yidden needed to remember to make sure they were tohor for coming to Yerusholayim and for bringing the korbon pesach, and they needed to get themselves ready. There is a very important lesson here, that when we are going to do an important mitzva, like the korbon pesach, we need to make sure that we appreciate that we can't just show up and say "I'm here", no, we need a hachona – a preparation. Something that is valuable and important always needs for us to prepare ourselves and to take some time to think about the zechus and achrayus that we have, and to make sure we are ready for it. As shluchim we all know that we need to take time to think about how we are doing on our shlichus and how we can grow and improve. Let's use this Shabbos to remember the importance of looking ahead, setting ourselves goals, and working hard to prepare ourselves for reaching what it is that we need to do and not wait until the last minute. This is especially important as we are just a couple of weeks from Yud Alef Nissan. We can make sure that our hachona for this important day will be doing things that the Rebbe wants, and for Tmimim, it is especially important to be involved in learning extra Torah as we prepare for this day. Look out for the OS special hachona mitvza and apply yourself as best you could!

Wishing you all a wonderful shabbos!

Rabbi Yaacov Ringo

Principal

Dvar Torah

The Me'il worn by the Kohen Gadol had attached to its bottom hem 72 ornaments in the shape of pomegranates with golden bells. These bells tinkled to announce the Kohen Gadol's arrival in the Mishkan and his departure from it. We learn from the fact that the Kohen Gadol's entry was announced by bells that a person should not enter his own home unexpectedly. This shows us the importance of being sensitive and respectful to other people. It says in perek avos not insult people, Even the lowest person must be treated respectfully. The key to interpersonal relationships is to try and place yourself in your friends' shoes and see things from his perspective. For example, when it's hot outside and your friend insists on the window being closed at night, try to understand his concerns - catching a cold and waking up sick the next morning. Although it's nice to be important, it's more important to be nice!

Purim Sicha

Next week's parsha, Parshas Ki Sisa begins with the mitzvah of the half-shekel. The gemara says that in merit of this mitzvah, the decree of Haman to destroy the Jews was not done. Later in this parshah, the Torah commands us regarding the ketores to be used in the avodah in the beis hamikdash. This is also connected with Purim: the main mitzvah of ketores was performed on Yom Kippur, by the Kohen Gadol in the kodesh hakadashim. It is explained in many avodos that Purim and Yom Kippur are closely connected. This is seen from their names — as called in the Torah, Yom HaKippurim, 'a day like Purim.' In addition, the word 'Purim' refers to the raffle by Haman, similar to the raffle for the korbonos on Yom Kippur.

Purim Questions

How long did achashverosh make his 2nd feast for?

1. 21 and 10 8ths of a day
2. 7 days
3. 12345678910 days
4. 7 years (and he gained 770.7 pounds)

Who told achashverosh to kill vashti?

1. Memuchan (/haman)
2. Vashi
3. Mordehai
4. Small son and seresh

What drink is the best to have on purim?

1. Mashkeh
2. Wine
3. Windex
4. All of the above
5. 1, 2 and 4. (somehow)
6. None, i prefer beer

Game Show

How Many Sons did Haman Have?
(the answer is not 10)
look in the midrashim

Send your answers to

tankistennewsletter@gmail.com

REBBE STORY

Rabbi Zalman Serebryanski, a senior chassid from Russia, once brought a girl to Rabbi Chaim Gutnick. "Please, help this girl convert," he asked. Rabbi Gutnick listened to the girl's story. She lived in Balaclava, and from her youth had felt a strong attraction to Judaism. Whenever she heard stories of the Holocaust, she was deeply touched. She had been reading and studying about Judaism for a long time, and now wanted to convert. Rabbi Gutnick was moved by her sincerity.. The girl was still living at home with her non-Jewish parents. Would she be able to practice Judaism in her parents' home? Would her interest continue as she matured into adulthood? Since he could not answer these questions, he decided to let time take its course. If the girl was still interested when she was older, she could convert then. Rabbi Gutnick's refusal plunged the girl into deep depression, to the extent that she had to be confined to a hospital. The elder Reb Zalman, stirred by the depth of her feelings, continued to visit her from time to time. After several weeks, he called Rabbi Gutnick, telling him of the girl's condition and asking him whether perhaps he would change his mind because of the strength of her feelings. Rabbi Gutnick answered that the reasons which had dissuaded him from performing the conversion were still valid. Nevertheless, he promised to write to the Lubavitcher Rebbe describing the situation. If the Rebbe advised him to facilitate her conversion, he would happily comply. Reb Zalman told the girl that the Rebbe was being consulted, and her condition improved immediately.

Rabbi Gutnick did not receive an immediate reply to his letter. But at a later date, at the end of a reply to another issue, the Rebbe added: "What's happening with the Jewish girl from Balaclava?" Rabbi Gutnick was surprised. The girl and Reb Zalman had both made it clear that her family was Anglican! He and Reb Zalman went to confront the girl's mother. At first, she continued to insist that she was Anglican, but as the sincerity of the two rabbis impressed her, she broke down and told her story. She had been raised in an Orthodox Jewish home in England. As a young girl, she had rebelled against her parents and abandoned Jewish life entirely, marrying a gentile and moving to Australia. She had not given Judaism a thought since. She loved her daughter, however, and would not oppose her if she wished to live a Jewish life. Once the girl's Jewishness was established, Rabbis Serebryanski and Gutnick helped her feel at home in Melbourne's Lubavitch community. She continued to make progress in her Jewish commitment, and today is a teacher in a Lubavitch school. But Rabbi Gutnick still had a question: How did the Rebbe know she was Jewish? At his next yechidut he mustered the chutzpah to ask. The Rebbe replied that, at Reb Zalman's urging, the girl had also written him a letter. "Such a letter," the Rebbe declared, "could only have been written by a Jewish girl."

A SHLICHUS STORY

A certain shliach was once sent by the Rebbe to go and give a torah shiur to a the jews of a certain village on a far away island, as a loyal chassid he goes to the island and finds the jews and makes a shiur on the parshah. Afterwards a jew invites him to his house and tells him we have a son who like all the other kids went to public school but the new principal decided that every morning the kids have to “pray” in their cloister but my son refused and fought and its getting every dangerous for him, so can you please take him to new york to learn in a yeshivah. To cut the story short the boy went to yeshivah in new york and grew up to become a big chassid.

Interview with Chaikel Yitzchok Bialo

Tankisten newsletter: Where do you live?

Chaikel Yitzchok Bialo: portland oregon

TN: Do you think there's anything unique about your city?

CYB: not really besides lots of greenery

TN: Do you have any kosher stores that get you special kosher things?

CYB: no

TN: How many siblings do you have in your family?

CYB: 9 counting me K"H

TN: Do you have friends near you or shlichim near you?

CYB: yes 30 minutes away

TN: Do you run your shul like usual even with covid-19?

CYB: no portlanders are soooooooooooooo strict

TN: What's your best part of SOS?

CYB: so many boys and a rebbe my old school we only had moras and mixt genders

TN: What's your hardest part of SOS?

CYB: not being able to see my friends

TN: What's your best part of being on shlichus?

CYB: not having chicken soup at the shabbos table

TN: Do you help your parents a lot in shlichus? And if you do, do you like too?

CYB: i make friends with the students its fun i have one student who when i was younger was my best friend eddei he moved to miami now

TN: What's your message for online school?

CYB: if you go on hangouts and zoom chat beware dont accept anybody contact you dont know theres strangers and hackers out there



By Anonymous (so if you listen to my advice and you have to pay a fine, get sued etc. you can't sue me)

The shlichus question and answer column

Real questions by shluchim living in my imagination

Q. Im in new york for the first time and i need to get somewhere and my friend says to take the subway but what is a subway and how do i use it?

A. i will now give you basic rules of the subway.

1. You see those stairs awkwardly just being there in the middle of the street if you go down those steps you will get to the subway

2. Once your down there you will see these metal turning thingies people are going through, if you want to waste money you can buy a card which will never work or you can break your back going under the polls and resist arrest.

3. Then after that you will see a platform which after that is a gaping whole in the middle of the ground DO NOT JUMP INSIDE the only place you are going to go is to gan eden! ("hey wait is this gan eden, why is there so much graffiti?")

4. After 3 and 20 quarters of a day waiting there is going to be 5 big metal boxes inside the hole connected to each other with bike chains and it come between 102 and 102.29 MPH and then it looks like it's going to pass you, then all of the sudden it makes the biggest shortstop known to mankind goes from 102.25 to 0 MPH!

5. After it stops and everyone is alive, all of the sudden you hear the lady robot says "doors opening" and then all of the sudden the doors open, im telling you shes a novi (i wish i had a robot voice) and then she says "you may enter" 10 people go on and 35 people dont i was like never mind she's not a novi

6. I was still wondering why most people didnt go in so i ask one of them "why didnt you go in if that crazy novi lady told you to?" and he answered "because it's not my train" and i was like "its not mine either but im going in it anyway, i would need to be a lot richer!" so i went in and then the ladie said " doors closing move out of the way" AND BOTH OF THOSE THINGS HAPPENED!!!

7. When the box starts driving you will see alot of grafiti on the walls, try your best to not think about the people who did that and why they made doors afterwards.

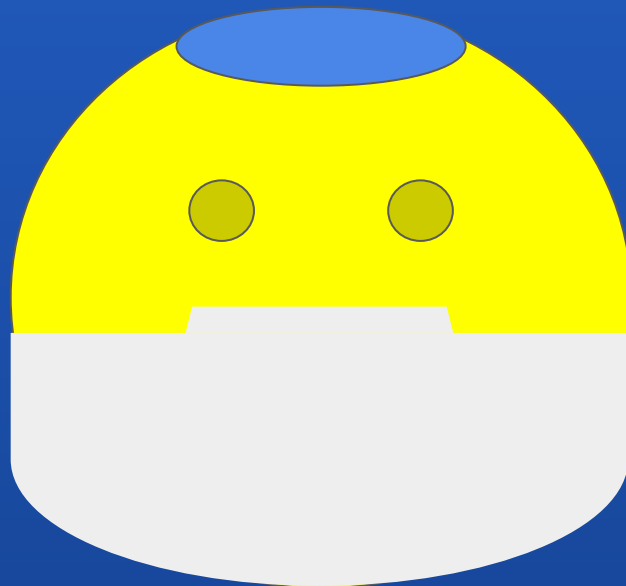
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8. It is law that the map on the subway has to be behind the tallest (and smelliest) people on the bus, oh, and theres is a 99% chance of sitting either across or next to these guys.

9. Yes i know that the subway smells EVERY subway smells.

10. When the subway stops at your destination (allow 1-2 weeks for this) it is recommended to fall off the subway straight to gan eden... just kidding.

Oh and on the note of purim, i feel really bad for the guy who was meant to be named baruch mordechai but had his bris on purim...



AH FREILICHEN PURIM!!!

DEAD END

A Novel with Tochen

The Ravs house yud bais adar 5780

“Hello reb zalman! What brings you here today?”

“Now that we have our 9th child the house is very crowded, and there is not enough space for all 11 of us. And i was searching for a new house in this area that i can move into, but unfortunately i didn't find and house that would fit all of us. I even tried asking people for us to buy their house even though it is not for sale and either it was too expensive or they didnt want to sell it”

There was a few seconds of silence, until the rav said “so what do you want from me?”

“I found a house that would fit us all but it is on the other side of the city, and i was wondering if you think it is a good idea to move there?”

“Which neighborhood is it?”

“Ezras Torah”

It was quiet for a few minutes, the rav had his hands over his eyes.

Maybe zalman thought to himself the rav doesn't want me to move? Or maybe the opposite.

A few seconds passed and then the rav started to speak.

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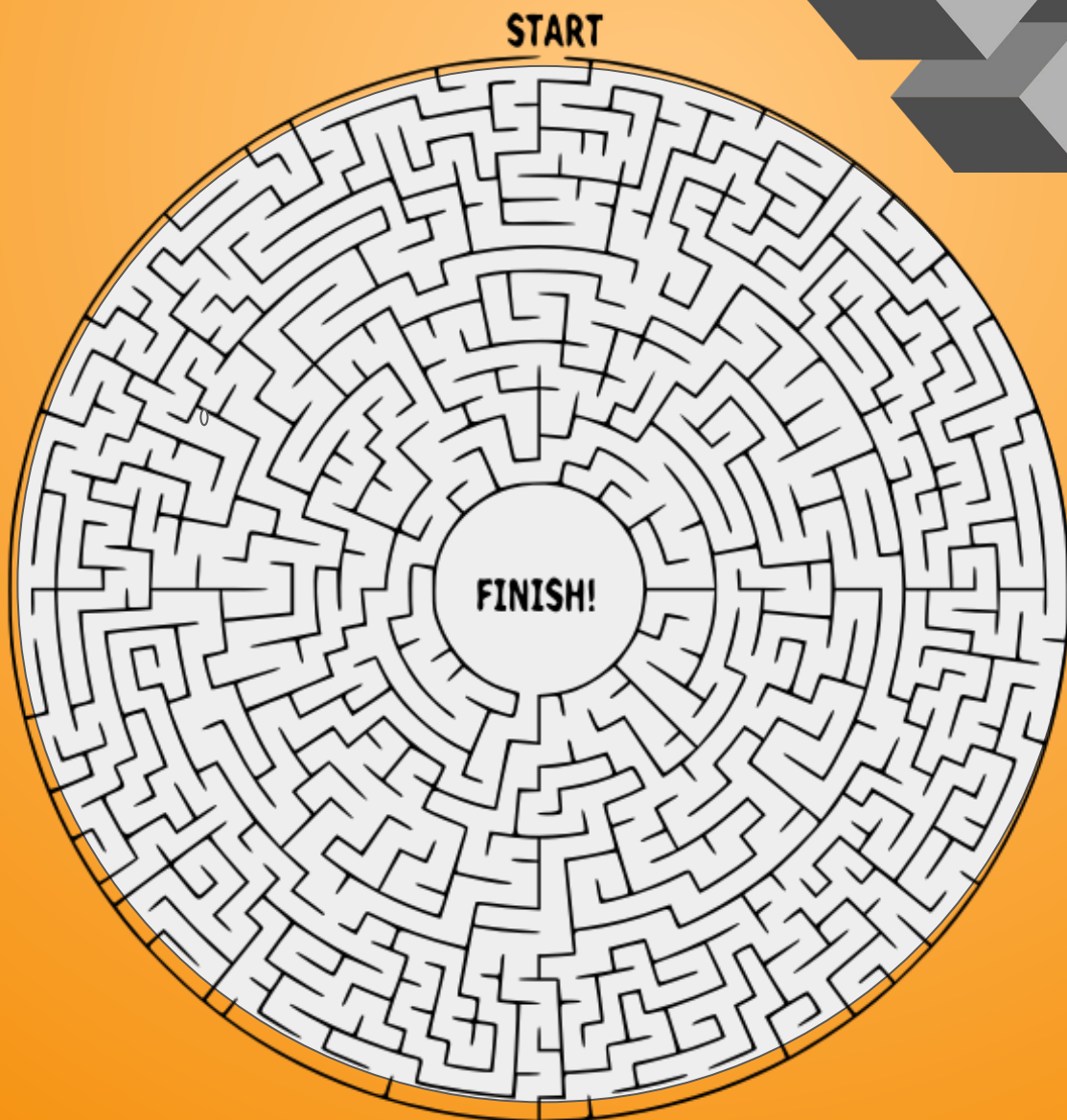


The Tzaddikim and the Witches

Chapter 2:

Y"Y" this story will continue next week.

To Be Continued...



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Hi this newsletter is
the best!!! (find me
in the newsletter)

-baruch haman



Send your purim
pictures to extra
curricular so everybody
can see you in the most
embarrassing costume
ever!!!



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