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**YETZIAS MITZRAYIM (2448) VS. NON-VACCINATION (5779)  
KIDDUSH HASHEM VS. CHILUL HASHEM**

By Monsey Mevaser Staff

**L**eil Seder is called "leil hiskadesh chag" - the night sanctifying the holiday. The whole incredible story of Yetzias Mitzrayim, beginning with the ten makkos, spanning all the way through krias yam suf and ultimately the great event of Matan Torah, was and still is, a demonstration of the power of Hashem and his love for the Jewish people. But what makes this story stand out as the greatest event in Jewish history, is the rippling effect it left on us and on the entire world. Klal Yisroel, as the posuk says in Devarim (4, 6) "Observe them [the mitzvos] faithfully, for that will be proof of your wisdom and discernment to other peoples, who upon hearing of all these

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**Rabbi Dovid Hoffman**

It's Chodesh Nisan, Chodesh Ha'aviv, and even the weather is cooperating. Chalk one up for all the mothers who've put their kids to work cleaning out the garages, cars and anything else that requires outdoor work. Hashem knows what our Nashim Tzikaniyos go through preparing for this festive Yom Tov and He made sure that the weather would work to their advantage.

Zman Cheiruseinu is a time of liberation. Pesach is a holiday that represents freedom. But not the freedom to throw off every and all responsibility to Hashem and His Torah, to family customs and minhagim, to a mesorah that has been in our lifeblood for thousands

of years. On the contrary, this is a freedom in which we choose to become servants of Hashem, to reinforce and reestablish our bond to our families and familial customs, to latch onto our traditions and pass them over carefully and consistently to the next generation. In today's modern liberal society, freedom is celebrated - but for the most part, those freedoms are a path to tragic indifference, a liberation of the mind, body and soul which is the antithesis of what a Yiddish Neshama craves for. A Yid cleaves to kedusha - he can't even help it, it is what his Neshama desperately wants. It's almost like the air he breathes. If left to its own devices, a Yid's neshama would automatically move towards a spiritual embrace, because that is where it feels most comfortable.

What we as Yidden must do is to give our neshama its freedom - to untether it from the crazy world in which we live and watch as it automatically gravitates towards ruchnios. Ask any mechanech and they will tell you its true. Even those unfortunate neshamos that get a little tarnished, they begin to stray somewhat, to experience some of society's freedoms - they really want to come back, they really feel a stirring sensation from time to time. What is that sensation? It is the neshama reaching out, craving a breath of fresh spirituality. I am not an expert but I am told that in many of these situations, in the end, these souls find their way back and feel glad that they did.

When I was young, my parents bought me a tabletop football game that vibrated and the stick players moved. The game board was a sheet of metal and the

players all stood on a base. When the play started, the metal sheet would vibrate and the players would move all across and down the "field" - where they went was just a matter of what direction you positioned them in. A Neshama is the same way. It is constantly feeling the vibration which urges it to move. If you position it in that manner, it will move upward and cling to holiness. If positioned in the wrong direction, the opposite can happen. Well, my friends, on Pesach we choose FREEDOM - we liberate our souls and latch onto the vibration of thousands of years of tradition. We eat the foods, read the words, and sing the songs that our elter zaidas ate, read and sang - and by doing so, we position our neshamos to continue humming along on the proper derech. But while our neshamos are feeling the vibration, our children, grandchildren and all those who we bring in to our seder are feeling it as well - and it is this experience which will remain with them and keep them positioned for kedusha and tahara.

This Yom Tov of Pesach, let us free our hearts and souls by attaching and connecting them to the One above. As we sit at our Seder - and all throughout the Yom Tov - let us feel that buzz of excitement, let us tremble from the joy of serving Hashem, and let us not only feel the vibration of kedusha - but let it overtake us and our families - and when we open the door for Eliyahu Hanavi, let him bring Moshiach inside with him as well, speedily and in our days.

*Chag Kosher V'sameach,  
Dovid Hoffman  
Publisher/Editor*

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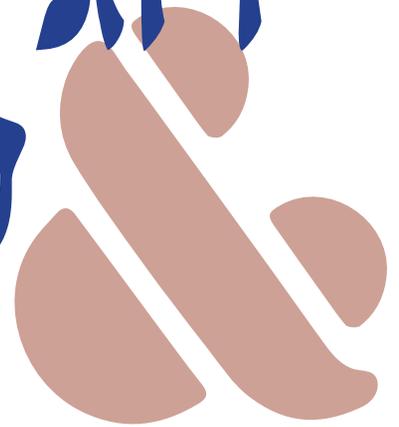
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### A HISTORY LESSON IN MONSEY'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOLS' ACCEPTANCE POLICIES

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your Editorial: A Bas Yisroel is a Yiddishe Neshama – Not a Machine which was written in response to the truly outstanding hartzig letter from an eighth grader who was not accepted into any high school. The solution that is offered by the concerned responder, that no acceptance notices get sent out until all girls are accepted via a third party negotiator is an excellent one. It is such an excellent one that it was already tried many years ago.

The system was designed by Rabbi Yisroel Flaum z'l and with great difficulty, it was arranged with all of the Monsey girls high schools agreeing not to send out a single notice until every girl was accepted. Monsey's eighth graders and their families breathed a huge sigh of relief that at long last no young girl would suffer during what should never have become such a painful process in the first place, that of going to high school. The girls took their tests, went to interviews and then waited for February 1st, the day that all the letters were supposed to be put in the mail at once with every girl accepted somewhere. The beauty of the system which everyone realized, as did your editorial writer, was that no one

would get hurt. No girl would ever know that she wasn't welcomed into a high school and had to be negotiated into a school. No girl would ever be scarred for life again by a system that she grew up in and that rejected her. And no girl would have to go to a school for four years working endlessly to prove herself worthy while all the while knowing deep down that the school didn't even really want her there in the first place.

But it was not to be. One high school out of the group that had pledged to wait until February 1st decided that its reputation and prestige were too important. It sent out a secret round of pre-acceptance letters in January to its choice of elite parents who were asked: "not to tell". In the letter, the parents were given two weeks (up until February 1) to give the school an answer. After that, it was made clear that their daughter wouldn't be welcome in that school. I know firsthand that many were torn, not knowing what to do. But one thing was certain; if they didn't accept the offer within two weeks, the high school would not consider their daughter after that, nor her siblings in the years to come, so many parents capitulated, rather than take a chance that their daughter(s) would be left in the cold with no high school after February 1. Rabbi Flaum's grand plan, despite his great stature, had been completely

thwarted. And so, that was the first and last year that Rabbanim or any other third party attempted anything like that.

Fast forward to today and here we are with even more high schools to choose from with an equally burgeoning new group of eighth graders, but ideally, the fact that there are more shouldn't be an issue when it comes to respecting the sensitivity of young girls. After all, these high schools are supposed to teach our children about achdus and midos and refinement and caring for each other besides for Chumash and Rashi and meforshim and halacha. It would be best if the schools taught by example, but since bitter experience has proven that is too much to hope for, we can only hope that someone, somehow will be able to try once again to create the system suggested in your editorial and that this individual will have more success than Rabbi Flaum z'l.

*Sincerely,  
Been There, Done That*

### MORE ON THOSE LUCKY DUCKS

Dear Crowded in Chestnut Ridge,

While I wasn't taking sides in this debate, I must say one thing. Your letter reminds me of a vegetarian that won't eat meat. Hashem made everything in this world for Bnei Yisroel. Whatever is in this world is to serve mankind. So there is live-

stock that we can eat, unlike PETA that want to give animal rights. There was once a controversy over a park ranger that shot an animal to save a child's life. Who has precedence? Of course, waterfowl are there for us. I can not think of a better reason other than to feed them our leftover bread so there won't be bal tashchis. I would like to make a petition to see if we can abolish this park ordinance. Can someone recommend an online petition site that we can collect signatures?

*Yossi Applebaum  
Pomona NY*

### DISCARDING JEWISH NEWSPAPERS

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on all those who complain that the Mevaser contains shaimos and cannot be thrown away. You should know that a newspaper which contains divrei Torah and one wishes to dispose of it, contrary to what many people think, it is not complicated. Sefer Tzedaka Umishpat (R Yaakov Bloy - 16, footnote 93) expounds on a similar discussion regarding papers containing divrei Torah that were not written "L'shem kedusha" and he brings many sources and reasons why there's no problem disposing of them in a

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respectful manner (not derech bizayon) - provided that Hashem's Name does not appear on the document. In this vein, he quotes from sources, any paper written "shalo l'shem kiyum" - not for lasting purposes, is not shaimos. Not only that, some authorities discourage putting Jewish newspapers in shaimos as it "degrades the real shaimos buried together with it." Rather, the newspapers should be wrapped respectfully (preferably double wrapped) and then disposed of in the rubbish or recycling bin. And the top and bottom page can even serve as coverings to make them a "kisuy betoch kisuy." This is an abridged summary of what is the halachic consensus of many Poskim today regarding this obviously very prevalent shaila.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Yitzchok Herman

**WHY IS THERE NO MEVASER IN WESLEY HILLS?**

Dear Editor,

I really love the Monsey Mevaser! I love the articles, the history and the local news. I really love to read about the schools and what programs they are doing. It's about time we can read about things that are going on in Monsey and not have to read a Flatbush or Lawrence paper, giving us their news.

My only gripe (you knew there was going to be a gripe, right?) is that I live in Wesley Hills and I've been looking in our local grocery store for it and it is not there! I've heard that the paper is in every other grocery store and lots of other places, so why is it not in Wesley Kosher? It does come in the mail, but sometimes it comes right before Shabbos or even on Shabbos, and I can't enjoy the articles over Shabbos. Is there something I'm missing - if it's in every other store, why can't you put it in Wesley too?

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**Editor's reply:**

Sorry for your inconvenience. We're working on it.

**ADVERTISER'S PLEA**

Dear Editor,

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Sincerely,  
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**Editor's reply:**

Should I say, "I'm sorry?"

**ROBOCALLS**

Dear Editor,

Is there anyone out there who can get

the message out that consumers do not LIKE robocalls? It does not inspire us to buy products, visit stores or attend events. They can shout their news excitedly, but all it makes me do is hang up. Seriously - whoever was inspired to donate a recording? Putting music in the background doesn't help either. It makes me listen long enough to hear the name and then if it's a business I make sure NOT to visit it. Why is it okay to assault people's phone lines night and day with robocalls? Calling late at night causes people to get genuinely worried that something terrible has happened that someone would be calling at such a late hour. And then - it's a robocall stealing peoples sleep and peace of mind. And we feel we can't get those calls to stop halachically because maybe, someone might lose out on parnasah while we lose out on peace of mind, and sanity as we run to the phone in case it's important. Or worse yet, making us NOT run to the phone when it rings these days so that we miss calls that are important. Having long, rambling messages left on answering machine is equally exasperating.

Robocalls are illegal for many categories and wrong on every category. I have blocked their numbers (they just use new ones the next time they call). I have registered my phone line with The Do Not Call list registry whose number is 1-888-382-

1222. But it doesn't help. The calls keep slipping through. I have even reported store owners after warning them that if their incessant calls don't stop, I will do so. I do this in hopes of putting an end to this practice, but others are afraid to do so, and so my one lone voice doesn't seem to be making much of a difference.

Hello? Anybody There? If so, please call the businesses and agencies that are flooding us with calls and do the same to them so that they put a stop to this annoying practice.

Sincerely,  
Someone With a Serious Hang-Up

**STAPLES PLEASE**

Dear Editor,

I received the first edition of the Monsey Mevaser, and I read it from cover to cover. I did have one problem with it though. Every time I opened it up, it falls apart making it very difficult to read. When I opened the second edition, it fell apart again, so I stopped reading it. Can you please put staples into every copy? It would really enhance my reading experience.

Sincerely,  
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# Yetzias Mitzrayim (2448) vs. Non-Vaccination (5779) Kiddush Hashem vs. Chilul Hashem

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laws will say, "Surely, that great nation is a wise and discerning people." For the rest of the world, as the pasuk says in Yehoshua (2-9), Rachav told the Jewish spies, "I know that the Lord has given the country to you, because dread of you has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land are quaking before you."

Our exodus from Mitzrayim made us into a nation, separate from the rest of the world. We are a nation of renowned prestige and integrity, of tremendous talent and growth - a nation of very, very strong tradition.

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of Pesach, are there to remind us what Hashem did for us then and what we stand for today. Our renowned prestige in the eyes of the world is a result of the high standards we demand, keeping Hashem's Torah, doing His commandments - keeping steadily to the truth, the truth, and only the truth! We've been through trials and tribulations and we've defied them all, holding on desperately to what's dearest to us.

Whether regarding specific religious beliefs or general worldly studies, we have always been a nation, strong to what we hold and educated in our decisions - above and beyond any other minority. And there's good reason for it. Klal Yisroel doesn't just follow along like a crowd of

blind sheep behind a shepherd; we try to make informative decisions. At the great revelation by Har Sinai, we were given the holy Torah. The actual meaning of the word 'Torah' means 'horah' - teaching, instructing, educating, directing, etc. to name a few. This is what we stand for and this is what we try to live up to.

And then comes along a group, a very small group of individuals, who try to defy this entire concept. The entire prestige, the entire empire that we portray as the "Tzevah Hashem," the army of Hashem, doesn't seem to matter to them in the slightest.

The following is based on an article that has been circulating in the Jewish media recently and couldn't be more appropriate for our discussion here too.

Orthodox Jewry in general and Williamsburg\Boro Park in particular, found themselves in the media this week due to the measles outbreak that is spreading among observant Jews more than any other community.

The city, doctors, community leaders and the yeshivas have been appealing to the public for weeks and months to stop the foolishness that has penetrated a small group of frum yidden who refuse to vaccinate their children - which has played a vital role in this horrible measles outbreak recently. Our publication has devoted many pages during the past few months with various reports and announcements regarding the danger of measles and the critical importance to vaccinate.

Yet, a small number of stubborn parents still know better.

As an editorial, we cannot speak from medical expertise. We are not doctors, we have not studied medicine or statistics like the thousands of doctors and researchers that have been warning us about the dangers of vaccine preventable illness, but we do know whom to trust when there is a serious health issue in the community. When there is an emergency, one rushes to call Hatzalah. When there are doubts if one needs to fast on Yom Kippur, one asks a conventional doctor - not a nutritionist, even if he/she may have excellent advice on some great diets. When it's time to decide about a serious surgery, no one turns to a hotline or some unreliable magazine or website; you seek a reputable doctor or physician. When one needs a referral to a good doctor for a serious health problem, you don't stand at the bus stop and take a poll from friends for the right address; You call those devoted askanim who understand medical matters, or the recognized medical referral agencies who are familiar with the best doctors.

Well guess what, ALL of them say that one must vaccinate!

We are obliged by the Torah "V'nishmartem Meod L'nafshoseichem," - "to guard our health" and if the recognized experts are telling us to vaccinate, then we must follow suit.

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## Appreciation Matters Launches a New Pro-Vaccine Campaign

By M. C. Millman

October 2016 marked the launch of the Appreciation Matters™ Campaign, a mission which aimed to build community bridges while publicly acknowledging and thanking the daily efforts of our local police departments. The Campaign provided thousands of car magnets to the community with the message: "I thank and support my police department." The car magnets were inspired by the desire to find ways to reach out and create positive momentum and a kiddush Hashem and were distributed, free of charge, throughout Monsey. Many can still be spotted on cars throughout the Greater Monsey Area.

Fast forward three years and Appreci-

ation Matters™ is creating appreciation awareness once again - this time about vaccines. "My driving goal is to create positive forward momentum to combat all the negativity in many media outlets," says Shoshana Bernstein, Founder, and Owner of SB Writing & Communications LLC, which put out Tzim Gezint, a culturally sensitive, factual, evidence-based vaccination information publication. First written in conjunction with ECHC of Monroe and the Department of Health several months ago, the fifty-page publication was subsequently mailed throughout the Greater Monsey Area in response to the measles outbreak.

"Vaccinations have become their own worst enemy; we've lost the appreciation

for the protection they provide. People have forgotten that years ago children were dying or going through life scarred or damaged from diseases that until recently, we simply had no point of reference to thanks to vaccines.

"With Chol Hamoed approaching, it is incumbent upon all of us to be extremely aware of our public presence and behavior. We have a monumental obligation to make a kiddush Hashem wherever we go. I am hoping these magnets can change the dialogue from the measles crisis being viewed, and covered in the media, as an Orthodox problem to putting it in its place as an anti-vaccination problem of a few among many. The visibility factor should clarify that a very large percentage of Orthodox

Jews vaccinate but that like any demographic there are some who don't."

The message on the magnets: "I'M PROUD TO VACCINATE" adorning thousands of vehicles will proclaim loud and clear that the vast majority of frum people do vaccinate and that religion has nothing to do with it the anti-vaccination movement. The first 1,800 magnets were sponsored by four pediatricians: Dr. Gavin Jaffe, Dr. Yakov Kiffel, Dr. Alan Werzberger, and Dr. Seth Kurtz.

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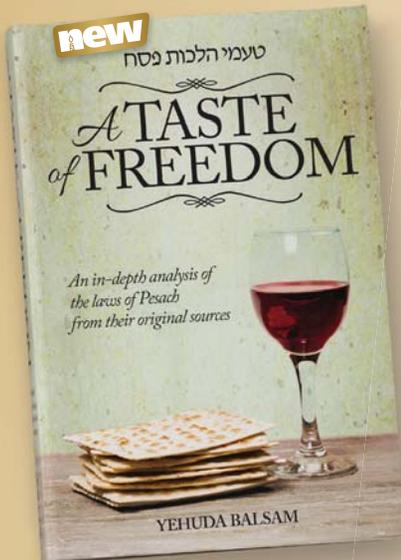
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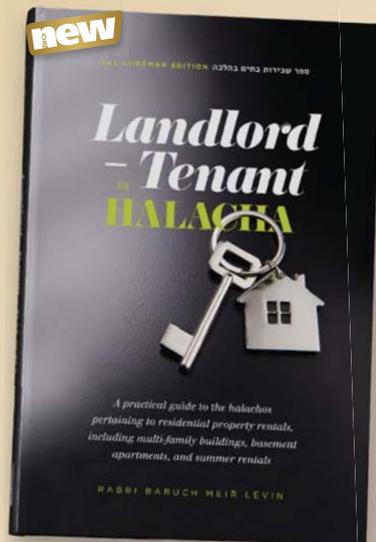
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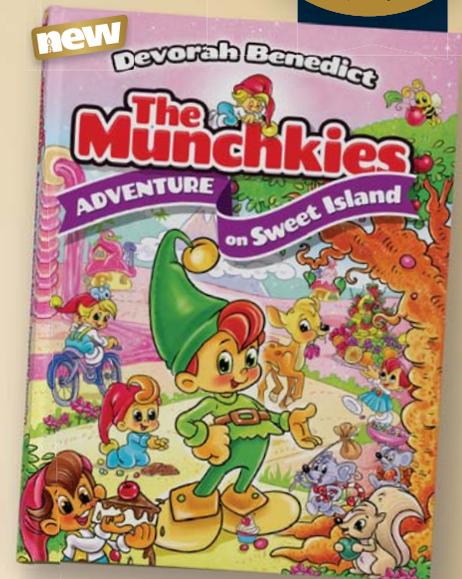
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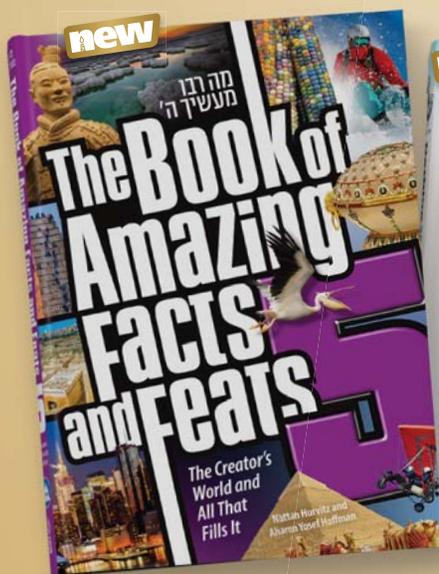
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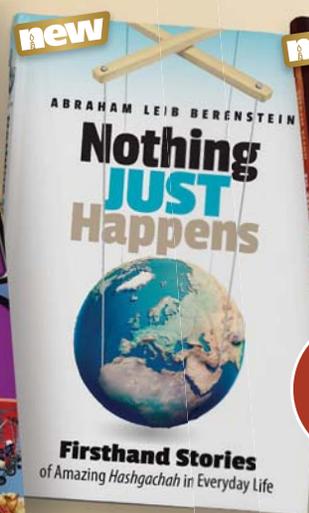
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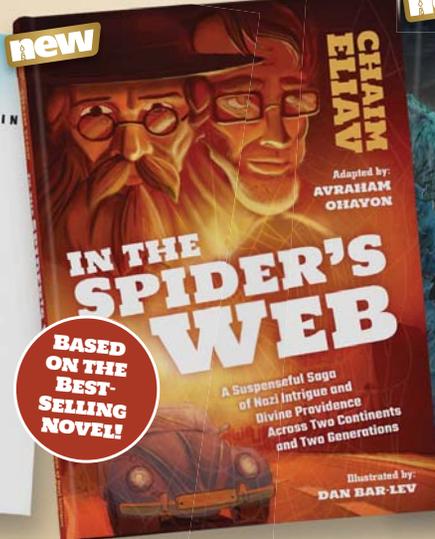
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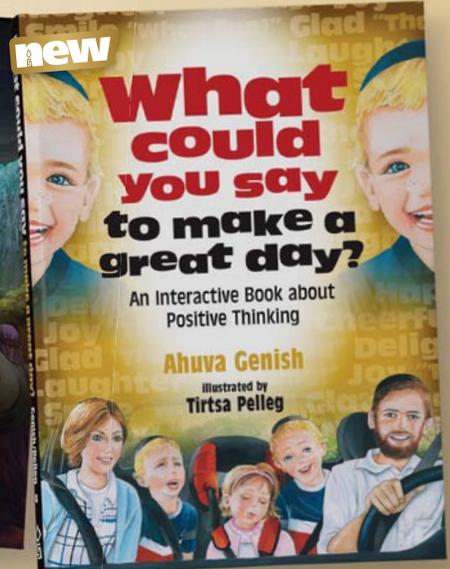
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# This Day in Jewish History - 14 Nisan 5703 - April 19, 1943

**In Warsaw, Poland, German forces attempting to clear out the city's Jewish ghetto are met by gunfire from Jewish resistance fighters, and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising begins.**

Shortly after the German occupation of Poland began in 1939, the Nazis forced the city's Jewish citizens into a "ghetto" surrounded by barbed wire and armed SS guards. The Warsaw ghetto occupied an area of less than two square miles but soon held almost 500,000 Jews in deplorable conditions. Disease and starvation killed thousands every month, and beginning in July 1942, 6,000 Jews per day were transferred to the Treblinka concentration camp. Although the Nazis assured the remaining Jews that their relatives and friends were being sent to work camps, word soon reached the ghetto that deportation to the camp meant extermination. An underground resistance group was established in the ghetto - the Jewish Combat Organization (ZOB) - and limited arms were acquired at great cost.

On January 18, 1943, when the Nazis entered the ghetto to prepare a group for transfer, a Jewish combat unit ambushed them. Fighting lasted for several days, and a number of German soldiers were killed before they withdrew. In mid-April, Nazi leaders announced that the ghetto was to be emptied of its residents and more than 1,000 S.S. soldiers surrounded the ghetto confines with tanks and heavy artillery.

On Erev Pesach, April 19, 1943, Nazi SS auxiliary forces entered the Warsaw Ghetto en masse, planning to complete an Aktion of deportation and extermination of the remaining Jews in the ghetto. But the Jews were ready for them and began a resistance that lasted for ten days. The ghetto fighters (numbering between 400 to 1,000) were armed primarily with pistols and revolvers; they had little ammunition and relied on improvised explosive devices and incendiary bottles. German troops suffered losses as they were repeatedly ambushed by Jewish fighters, who threw Molotov cocktails and hand grenades at them from alleyways, sewers, and windows. Thus began, what has been commonly referred to as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

After initial setbacks, the Germans regrouped and systematically burned or blew up the ghetto buildings, house by house, block by block, rounding up or murdering anybody they



Rabbi Menachem Ziemba zt"l Hy"d

could capture. By April 29, 1943, most of the fighters were killed or had escaped the ghetto and this marked the end of the organized resistance.

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For the religious Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto hoping to celebrate the Festival of Freedom, they were in a real quandary. With great difficulty and under the ever-vigilant watch of the SS police and auxiliary troops, they managed to bake a small amount of matzos, and they gathered whatever food they could to prepare for the Seder night. All this, while mindful that at any moment, the Nazis were coming to liquidate the ghetto.

At the time, only three Rabbis were left in the Warsaw Ghetto. They were: R' Menachem Ziemba zt"l Hy"d, R' Shimon Stockhammer zt"l Hy"d and R' Dovid Shapira zt"l Hy"d. The latter two rabbis had been deliberately included on the list of appointees for the Judenrat, the ruling body that dictated Jewish life in the Ghetto and was responsible to answer to the German authorities at their every beck and call. It was a dif-

ficult job and many individuals took advantage of their position at the expense of their fellow brethren. But not R' Shimon Stockhammer or R' Dovid Shapira. On the contrary, they fulfilled their duties in exemplary fashion and even absorbed the physical abuse and beatings at the hands of the Nazis, in order to protect older men who would not have survived the blows.

The great Tzaddik, R' Menachem Ziemba, was undoubtedly the spiritual leader of the ghetto and people at the very point of despair turned to him for a warm word, encouragement, and sage counsel. He even found time to study Torah with his students, deliver shiurim and write a number of chiddushim (novellae) in the ghetto.

Just before the final uprising that saw the destruction of the ghetto and deportation of the few survivors, the Polish clergy extended an offer to save the three rabbis and spirit them out of the ghetto. After much discussion, they decided to forgo the offer rather than forsake their families and fellow townsmen, even as they pre-

pared to be gained by apostasy, the Divine Name is to be sanctified not by the death of a Jew but by his striving to live."

R' Menachem looked at the men in the underground bunker, men who had seen death and destruction in close proximity and were not afraid to do battle against their implacable foe, and concluded, "As I understand the halacha, therefore, it is now a mitzvah to raise a revolt - and with the best battle strategy we can muster!"

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On the first night of Pesach, R' Menachem Ziemba conducted the seder together with his family, in his gloomy hideout on the fourth floor of their building. He recited the haggadah with all the fire and fervor of previous years and even shared inspirational insights into the Festival of Liberation with the people who sat around his table and looked to him in these, their final days.

The next day, the accursed Nazis broke



Ruins of the Warsaw Ghetto 1943, Yad Vashem Photo Archives

pared to face the bitter end that awaited them. There wasn't much they could do physically in the ghetto, but their mere presence and the fact that they chose to remain with their brothers in solidarity, mightily raised the spirits of the ghetto inhabitants.

When the revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto was in its final planning stages, R' Menachem was asked to speak to the resistance leaders and deliver the Torah point of view on the imminent battle. R' Menachem addressed them in his distinctive manner, explaining that Kiddush Hashem in their unfortunate circumstance could no longer be a matter of passive martyrdom.

"The Kiddush Hashem of past generations is not the same as the Kiddush Hashem of today. In the eyes of halacha, if a Jew was given the option of living as a gentile, yet he chose to remain a Jew at all cost, this choice alone sufficed to constitute Kiddush Hashem. This is how the Rambam rules. Today, though, when nothing is

through the defenses of the ghetto resistance and stormed the streets. In an effort to smoke out their prey, they burned down building after building, before eventually blowing up the entire enclosure.

R' Menachem and his family were forced to flee their apartment for the safety of a nearby cellar.

The fire and smoke were everywhere and the heat became overpowering. R' Menachem shepherded his family across the courtyard and into the adjoining street, but as he was crossing over in a desperate bid to reach the building on the next block, a sniper's bullet struck him down and he collapsed in a pool of his own blood. He died right there on the street in view of his horrified family.

Thus, died a great tzaddik, a man who scorned an offer of life and freedom, preferring to share the certain fate of his fellow Jews. Yehi Zichro Boruch - Hashem Yikom Damav.

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The Warsaw Ghetto after the Nazis destroyed building after building

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# Rav Shimshon Pincus zt"l - 12 Nisan 5761 - April 5, 2001

By Rabbi Eliezer Abish

Many years ago, a young yeshiva bochur wrote a letter to Rav Shimshon Pincus asking for advice with dealing with some issues he felt were hampering his spiritual growth. Rav Pincus responded that "While I received and read your letter, I must inform you that I myself have not attained the lofty level sufficient to answer you properly. I can, however, give you one piece of advice. You say you are working on improving your middos and studying diligently. This is the route you must continue to travel.

The only assistance I can really offer you is the name and address of someone you can turn to for all your needs and assistance and He will never turn you away.

His name is Hashem.

He is the only one you need to turn to. Turn to Him for everything and you will inevitably accomplish a lot.

Rav Pincus wasn't being glib with his answer. As far as he was concerned, the only place where the word anochi, I, belonged, was in the aseres hadibros. As far as he himself was concerned, no such concept of self existed. He often commented that the first words we say every morning when we awake is Modeh ani and not Ani modeh. Because we don't want our first focus of the day to be ani - I. Rather, our focus should be on my obligation to give thanks to Hashem. We therefore put the modeh first and only then the ani.

Rav Shimshon Pincus personified living his life simply to fulfill Hashem's will. His oldest son, Rav Yisroel Yaakov, who assumed his father's position Rav of Ofakim, says, "My father lived with Shivisi Hashem lenegdi tomid, I have set Hashem before me always. At every moment, he deliberated what Heaven wanted. If it was to be firm, then he was firm; if it was to show kindness, he showed kindness. When he had to yell at someone, he yelled. Everything he did, was in accordance with Hashem's will. Every utterance was consistent with Hashem's will.

### Torah

His Torah learning was legendary. Besides for the hours he would spend daily immersed in learning, he also would travel all over Eretz Yisroel giving shiurim. Where ever he felt he could make a difference, he was there. He would never take payment for those shiurim.

His children related that, on more than one occasion, while raising his fingers heavenward they overheard him saying "Ribono Shel Olom, You know that I have labored over Your Torah and have not benefited personally in the slightest!"

Rav Shimshon Pincus often spoke for very large kiruv organization and would mesmerize the large crowds with his ad-



dress. A misspalel of Rav Shimshon Pincus once approached the executive director of the organization and asked him why they don't pay Rav Pincus for his services. Especially that he draws so many hundreds of people to their events.

The executive director explained that he in fact does pay him. "When I give him a check, he rips it up. When I try to give him cash, he absolutely refuses to take it. Believe me, he is so valuable to our organization that I don't want to lose him so I try very hard to pay him. I told him that he should at least allow me to cover his travel expenses to which he laughs and says 'Really? You're going to pay me the few shekels for my gas? That would be highly embarrassing for me to take money for something as petty as that.' He would refuse to discuss it further!"

With spending so much time away from Torah, he would often tell his wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Mindel, who would take care of the children and home by herself that "Even though we don't get to spend that much time with one another in this world, don't worry because in the next world, we'll be together the whole time!"

### Chessed

His chessed was absolutely limitless. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for someone else.

Avrohom Deutsch was a very close friend of Rav Pincus. One day, he received the tragic news that his wife was diagnosed with a terrible debilitating illness. After a lot of research, it was determined that the best course of action was through a specific hospital in the United States. Being that Avrohom Deutsch didn't speak any English, Rav Shimshon Pincus told him that he should stay home and take care of his children and, since Rav Pincus spoke perfect English, he would travel with Mrs. Deutsch and her sister to the hospital! I outright refused his very kind offer, explaining that a Rov can't be expected to just pick up and leave for a

few weeks. He gave me a stern look and said, "I'm not asking you. I'm simply telling you what I am doing!"

They travelled to United States and he took care of all the logistics. He would take them to the hospital and he would then return to his room to learn for the day until it was time to pick them up. He not only made her appointments for her, but he would drive them there as well. He also arranged for all their food requirements. He stayed with them for a few weeks until he had to return and I went to bring my wife and sister home!"

Who ever heard of someone putting their life completely on hold for a non-family member? Only Rav Pincus, because to him, all Yidden are family!

### Tefilla

Rav Pincus tefilla was genuine. Rav Pincus didn't just daven to Hashem. He would have a real conversation with Hashem. Tefilla was real to Rav Pincus. It was tangible. It was so obvious that when people would hear that he was in Yerushalayim, they would go just to experience watching him daven. A teenager related that if he felt down or depressed, he would go watch Reb Shimshon daven. It was such an uplifting experience that it would infuse him with positive energy to keep going!

This wasn't a trait Rav Pincus acquired later on in life. In fact, by the shiva, a fellow from New York related that as a young bochur, he learned in Bais Hatalmud in New York with their father. "One day by breakfast, your father he asked me why I don't daven with more feeling and concentration. He said I daven like I'm trying to get it over with. 'What do you expect? I have no idea what I'm saying. I don't even know what the words mean!' Without saying a word, your father lovingly took me by my hand to an empty classroom and spent two hours teaching me the translation and meaning of the entire Shemoneh Esrei! Your father was only 15 years old at the time!"

Rav Pincus was no fool. He knew the importance of tefilla and utilized it to its fullest. A couple who were not yet blessed with children approached Rav Pincus on Purim night and asked him to daven for them.

A year later, on Purim night, Rav Pincus called the fellow and asked him if they have good news to share. They responded that they still need to daven. "Really?" a surprised Rav Pincus asked.

"No news yet," they responded again.

Two weeks later, Rav Pincus called them again and, this time a little more forceful, asked "Are you certain you don't have good news to share? If I have to continue storming shomayim on your behalf, I will. But it's very difficult and if don't need to, please don't do this to me!"

The fellow burst out crying and asked for forgiveness. "Yes, we boruch Hashem have great news but it's so early that we were too scared to share it with anybody. We were going to wait as long as possible before sharing the beautiful news.

"Amazing", the fellow commented later. Rav Pincus was able to actually feel that his tefillos for this matter were already answered.

### Genuine Care For Others

Rav Pincus care for everybody knew no bounds which led him to dream up unusual and creative ways to encourage people to push themselves to achieve more.

One Purim morning, the gabbai was selling the aliyos and called out "Fifty shekels for the aliyos!" Before anybody could even respond with a bid,

Rav Pincus ran up to the bimah and called out, "The aliyos for reciting asher yatzar from a siddur for one month!" The bidding began and the aliyos went to the fellow who bid to recite asher yatzar from a siddur for three years!

The pure satisfaction on Rav Pincus' face was priceless.

On the 12th of Nissan, 5761, the night of bedikus chometz, Rav Shimshon was traveling back home from giving a speech. There was a tragic accident and Rav Shimshon Pincus, along with his Rebbetzin, Chaya Mindel and daughter Miriam, perished. The blow, not only to his beloved community in Ofakim but to world Jewry, was immense. Rav Chaim Kanievsky said that it was a gezeirah on the entire generation.

What he accomplished with his short 56 years is simply astonishing. More than 16 seforim based on his shiurim have been published. Each one has been eagerly received by the learning public.

Rav Yosef Goldenthal, the founder of the Ofakim community, related in his hesped that he remembers the night in 1981 when RSP was sitting in his succah and we proposed that he leave the Yeshiva he was presently involved with and come to Ofakim. He told us he would think about it.

The Yeshiva he was in didn't want him to leave so they went to the Steipler, who told them that they would be able to find someone to replace Rav Pincus, but the Ofakim community would not be able to find someone else! Listening to da'as Torah, Rav Pincus packed up with his family and moved to Ofakim, a small development town in the South that was established in 1955. By the time Rav Pincus came with his family, it still had a population under 5,000. With tremendous siyata dishmaya, sheer determination, and a fierce love of his fellow Jews, not only did RSP change the landscape of Ofakim, he changed the entire landscape of Torah Jewry!

Yehi zichro boruch.

# The Week in (Biblical) History

**13 Nisan 2044 - 1717 B.C.E.** According to one account in the Medrash, Hashem appeared to Avram, changed his name to Avraham ("father of a multitude of nations") and commanded him to circumcise himself and all members of his household - and all future descendants at the age of eight days--so that "My covenant (brit) shall be in your flesh, as an eternal covenant." On 13 Nisan, Avraham Avinu was 99 years old when he circumcised himself and his son Yishmael / Ishmael who was 13.

**13 Nisan 3403 - 357 B.C.E.** In the 12th year of his reign, King Achashveirosh of Persia endorsed Haman's plan "to destroy, kill and annihilate all Jews, from young to old, infants and women, on a single day, on the 13th day of the 12th month, the month of Adar."

On 13 Nisan, (11 months before the date chosen for the massacre), proclamations of the annihilation decree were drafted and dispatched to all 127 countries of the Persian Empire, (Esther 3:12-15). Mordechai donned sackcloth and told Esther to go before the king and plead for her people. Esther asked all the Jews of Shushan to fast three days (Nisan 14, 15 and 16 - including the first two days of Pesach) in which all Jews would repent and pray for the success of her mission.

**14 Nisan 2448 - 1312 B.C.E.** The Jews in Egypt bring the first Korban Pesach, to be eaten later that night at the first Pesach Seder. This was an act of great courage, as sheep were regarded as idols in Egyptian society, and the Jews were technically still subject to Egyptian slavery. This was Hashem's way of emphasizing the idea that Egyptian society was in a state of collapse. In times of the Bais HaMikdash, the Korban Pesach would be offered by every Jewish family; many thousands of lambs would be processed and prepared in the Bais HaMikdash during the afternoon hours preceding the Pesach holiday.

**14 Nisan - c. 1100 B.C.E.** Naomi and Rus (Ruth) arrive in Beit Lechem.

**15 Nisan, 1st Day of Yom Tov Pesach** Kayin and Hevel brought their sacrifices on this night, 15 Nisan, the Seder night (Pirkei D'Rabbi Eliezer).

**15 Nisan - 1716 (or 1740) B.C.E.** Sarai, wife of Avraham Avinu, was kidnapped and brought to the house of Pharaoh.

**15 Nisan** Avraham Avinu battles the four Kings. When Lot was taken captive by the four kings who conquered the "five cities of the plain" (Sodom, Gomorra, Admah, Zevoim and Zoar), Avraham, aided only by a small band of loyal servants, went to battle to rescue his his nephew; "the night divided for them, for him and his servants, and they defeated them, pursuing them to Chovah, which is to the left of Damascus... And he recovered all the property; also his kinsman, Lot, and his property were recovered, and also the women and the people" (Bereishis 14:15-16).

**15 Nisan 2018 - 1742 B.C.E.** Hashem made a bris bein Habsorim (Covenant Be-

tween the Parts) with Avraham, in which the destiny of the Jewish people was foretold: Hashem granted Avraham and his descendants the Land of Israel, as their eternal heritage, but first they would have to experience galus - exile and persecution. "And He said to Avram: 'Know surely that your descendants shall be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and they will be enslaved to them, and they will afflict them four hundred years... and afterwards they shall come out with great wealth.' And

when the sun went down and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace and a burning torch which passed between those pieces... On that day Hashem made a covenant with Avram, saying: "To your seed I have given these land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates" (Bereishis 15:13-18).

As Avraham lived at a time of widespread idolatry and corruption, and took upon himself the mission of spreading ethical monotheism to the world. In response, Hashem set

aside the Land of Israel as a "laboratory" where Avraham's descendants could create a model society, "a light unto the nations." Unlike other nations who claim land because their army was able to conquer it from someone else, Israel's claim to the land is based on Divine authority.

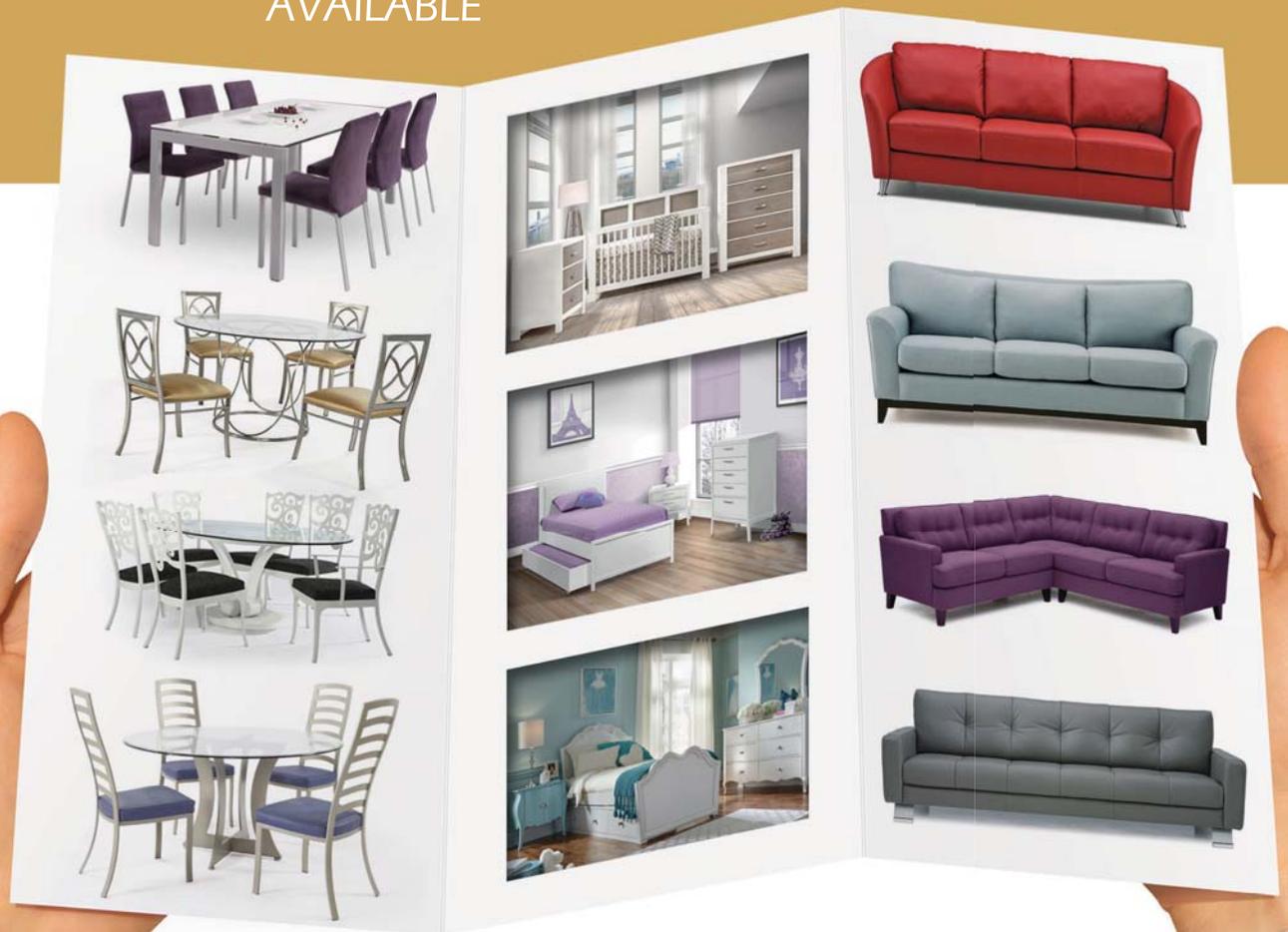
**15 Nisan - 1713 B.C.E.** On the 3rd day following his circumcision at age 99, three angels visited Avraham: Raphael healed him, and

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Michael informed Avraham and Sarah that in exactly one year, a son will be born to them. The third angel, Gavriel, proceeded to Sodom to destroy the wicked city. (Bereishis 18:10).

**15 Nisan 2048 - 1712 B.C.E.** Birth of Yitzchak Avinu. "Hashem remembered Sarah as He had said; and Hashem did to Sarah as He had spoken. And Sarah conceived, and bore Avraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which Hashem had spoken to him... Avraham was a hundred years old, when his son Yitzchak was born to him." (Bereishis 21:1-5).

**15 Nisan 2171 - 1589 B.C.E.** Yitzchak summoned Esav and requested that he prepare a tasty meal for him and receive his first-born blessing. [This tradition was apparently based on the wording of Yitzchak's blessing: "May Hashem give you of the dew of heaven". The Talmud fixed 15 Nisan as the beginning of the harvest season and the end of the rainy season. Thereafter rain is harmful but dew is beneficial.

**15 Nisan - 1556 B.C.E.** Yaakov wrestles with Esav's Angel. "And Yaakov was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn. When he saw that he could not prevail against him, he touched the socket of his hip, and the socket of Yaakov's hip became dislocated as he wrestled with him. And he (the angel) said, 'Let me go, for dawn is breaking,' but

he (Yaakov) said, 'I will not let you go unless you have blessed me.'" (Bereishis 32:25-27).

It was the eve of 15 Nisan. The next morning, Yaakov confronted Esav in the flesh. Esav, who had come with a band of armed men with the intention to kill his brother, "ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept." Esav invited Yaakov to join him in his mountain kingdom of Se'ir, but Yaakov replied, "Please, let my lord go on ahead before his servant; and I will lead you slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that goes before me and the children." (ibid, 33:4-14).

**15 Nisan 2230 - 1532 B.C.E.** Yahrtzeit of Yitzchak Avinu. According to tradition, Yitzchak Avinu (some say Yaakov too) passed away on the first day of Pesach. It is also the Yahrtzeit of Yehuda ben Yaakov Avinu, and Iyov (Job) as well.

**15 Nisan 2447 - 1313 B.C.E.** Moshe sees the Burning Bush. Exactly one year before the Exodus, Moshe was shepherding the flocks of his father-in-law, Yisro at the foot of Mount Sinai, when Hashem appeared to him in a "thornbush that burned with fire, but was not consumed" and instructed him to return to Egypt, come before Pharaoh, and demand in the name of Hashem: "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me." For seven days and seven nights Moshe pleaded with Hashem that he is the wrong person for the job, before eventually accepting the mission to redeem the

people of Israel and bring them to Sinai.

**15 Nisan 2448 - 1312 B.C.E.** Yetzias Mitzrayim/The Exodus

At the stroke of midnight of 15 Nisan, 210 years after Yaakov Avinu settled in Egypt and 430 years after the "Covenant Between the Parts," Hashem visited the last of the ten plagues on the Egyptians, killing all their first-born. Earlier that evening, the Children of Israel conducted the first "seder" in history, eating the roasted meat of the Pesach offering with matzos and maror (bitter herbs), and sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice on their doorposts as a sign that Hashem will "pass over" their homes when inflicting the plague upon the Egyptians. Pharaoh's resistance to free them was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land.

Several million souls - 600,000 adult males, plus the woman and children, and a large "mixed multitude" of non-Hebrews who joined them - left Egypt on that day, and began the 50-day trek to Sinai and their birth as Hashem's chosen people.

**15 Nisan 3213 - 547 B.C.E.** The Assyrian army of Sancherev, which had threatened Yerushalayim was destroyed.

**15 Nisan 3388 - 372 B.C.E.** The prophet Daniel is thrown into the lions' den. Daniel was cast into a den of hungry lions by King Darius I of Persia for violating a royal edict that no man may pray to any god save the king for 30 days. Miraculously, the lions did not touch him, and he emerged from the den unscathed (Daniel 6:5-29).

**15 Nisan 3404 - 356 B.C.E.** Queen Vashti was executed by order of Achashveirosh. On the seventh day of his royal feast, King Achashveirosh demanded that the Queen Vashti appear before him to display her beauty to all the attending guests. When Vashti refused this request, the king had her executed. Her ignominious death on Shabbos was divine retribution for her penchant to force Jewish girls to work on Shabbos, and paved the way for Esther to become queen and save the Jewish nation from Haman's plot.

**15 Nisan 3405 - 355 B.C.E.** Queen Esther Appears Before King Achashveirosh. On the 3rd day of the fast proclaimed by Mordechai at her behest (see 13 Nisan), Queen Esther appeared unsummoned before King Achashveirosh - a capital offense. The king, however, extended the royal sceptre to her, signifying his consent that she approach him. Esther requested that Achashveirosh attend a private wine party with her and Haman (according to one opinion in the Talmud, her plan was to make Achashveirosh jealous of her apparent friendship with Haman so that he would kill them both, thus saving the Jewish people from Haman's decree).

**15 Nisan 3833 - 73 C.E.** The last pocket of Jewish resistance to the Roman conquest of Eretz Yisroel and the Churban Bayis Sheini, came to an end when Masada fell to the Romans.

**16 Nisan - 1714 B.C.E.** Sodom was overturned. The wicked cities of the Sodom valley, including Sodom, Gomorah, Admah and Zevoim, were overturned in punishment of

their sins. Only Lot, his wife and two daughters were saved. Lot's wife, however, turned into a pillar of salt when she failed to heed the Divine warning not to look back at the burning cities.

**16 Nisan 2332 - 1428 B.C.E.** Birthday and Yahrtzeit of Levi, who was born to Leah and Yaakov.

**16 Nisan 2488 - 1272 B.C.E.** Mann Ends. Six days after the Children of Israel entered the Holy Land under the leadership of Yehoshua bin Nun, their remaining supply of the miraculous "bread from heaven," which had sustained them since shortly after their exodus from Egypt 40 years earlier, ran out. (The mann had ceased falling on the previous 7 Adar, the day of Moshe's passing.) After bringing the "Omer" offering at the Sanctuary they erected at Gilgal, the people prepared their (unleavened) bread for the first time from the produce of the land.

**16 Nisan 3405 - 355 B.C.E.** Haman, the villain of the Purim story, was hanged along with his 10 sons. (Esther 7:10). Mordechai was then chosen to be chief of staff to King Achashveirosh, replacing Haman.

At the 2nd wine party she made for King Achashveirosh and Haman, Queen Esther revealed her identity to the king and began to plead for her people, pointing to Haman as the evil schemer plotting to destroy them. When Charvonah, a royal servant, mentioned the gallows which Haman had originally prepared to hang Mordechai, the king ordered that Haman be hanged on them, opening the door for the Jews' salvation from Haman's decree (Book of Esther, chapter 7).

**18 Nisan 2448 - 1312 B.C.E.** Pharaoh was informed that the Jews had escaped. Following the Jewish Nation's grand exodus from Egypt, Pharaoh, who only gave official permission for the Jews to leave for three days, was informed by secret agents that the Jews had no intention of returning. Pharaoh decided to mobilize his army and pursue the Jews, with the intention of bringing them back to Egypt.

**20-21 Nisan 2448 - 1312 B.C.E.** On the eve of the seventh day after the Exodus from Egypt, the Children of Israel found themselves trapped between the Egyptian army and cavalry pursuing them from behind and the waters of the Red Sea before them. A terrified Jewish nation divides into several factions. Some advocate surrender and return to Egypt, the bolder ones prepare to battle the Egyptians, while others advise the nation to pray. Hashem commanded Moshe: "Speak to the Children of Israel, that they should move forward!"

Nachshon ben Aminadav of the tribe of Yehudah was the first to jump into the sea; the water split, and "the children of Israel walked across on the dry land in the midst of the sea." All that night, a pillar of fire intervened between the Egyptians and the Israelites. When the Egyptians followed, the waters returned to their natural state and place drowning Pharaoh's troops. The Children of Israel sang the Shira - "the Song at the Sea" in praise and gratitude to Hashem.

To this day, the final days of Pesach are a special holiday, commemorating the splitting of the sea. The people of Israel then entered the Shur desert.

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In the Haggadah we say: "Even if we were all wise, all people of understanding and experience, all well versed in the Torah, it would still be incumbent upon us to tell about Yetzias Mitzrayim; and whoever elaborates upon the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim is praiseworthy."

Why are we obligated to retell what we know already? And how can it be that "whoever elaborates upon the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim is praiseworthy" when we are not even learning anything new from it?

The answer is as follows. The seforim hakdoshim

## Tiv HaEmunah

### We Should Feel Emunah Like We Feel Our Right Hand

explain that there are three basic levels of emunah: yediah - knowledge, hakarah - recognition, and hargashah - feeling. Understandably, each one of these levels is as far from the other as the distance between east and west. Even within any one of these three levels, there is a tremendous range of heights one can reach, involving the extent of his knowledge, the clarity of his recognition, or the intensity of his feelings.

In truth, the knowledge a person has is seated in his head — he understands it intellectually, whereas his recognition and feelings are within his heart. The duty of man is to transplant the knowledge of the mind into the heart so that his heart will tangibly recognize and feel emunah in Hashem Yisborach, the same way that he recognizes and feels the limbs of his own physical body.

Dovid Hamelech depicted this when he proclaimed (Tehillim 16:8): "I set Hashem before me at all times," continuously without interruption; "because He is at my right hand, I will not falter." Meaning, just as I feel my right hand, so I feel emunah in Hashem Yisborach. Indeed, the purpose of our avodas Hashem is to achieve this deveikus. The "light of our eyes," the Rama, chose to open his commentary to the Shulchan Aruch with this truth as well (Orach Chaim 1:1):

Shivisi Hashem Lnegdi Samid — "I set Hashem before me at all times" (Tehillim 16:8) is a powerful directive in Torah and in the prominence of the right-

eous who journey before Hashem. When a person internalizes into his heart that the great King, Hakadosh Baruch Hu, Whose reverence fills the whole world; Who is standing above him and sees all of his actions ... he will immediately attain awe and humility from the fright of Hashem Yisborach and his constant self-conscious feelings before Him (based on Moreh Nevuchim III 52).

Therefore, since our objective is to achieve this knowledge, recognition, and feelings within our hearts, we must specifically tell about all the miracles of Yetzias Mitzrayim that express our emunah that Hashem Yisborach supervises all that transpires in the world, does whatever He desires, and has the ability to change anything if He would want to do so. Everything is in His power. Through our repetition and elaboration of the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim again and again, the emunah in Hashem Yisborach will become implanted in our hearts, so that we will fully recognize and feel it.

This is the goal of all the mitzvos we perform, as the Zohar Hakadosh has revealed to us: the taryag mitzvos are actually six hundred and thirteen possible directions for a person to connect to Hashem Yisborach.

#### We Must Be Well Prepared With Lessons Of Emunah For Seder Night

Seder night is an especially opportune time, more than the rest of the year, to facilitate our chil-

dren attaining pure emunah in Hakadosh Baruch Hu. We must relate to each and every one of our children, without exception, all about the miracles of Yetzias Mitzrayim. Not only does this include our young children, but even if a person has a son who is a rasha, Rachmana litzlan, he is obligated to tell him as well. In this way, everyone will have the opportunity to be influenced and come closer to attaining pure emunah.

Indeed, attaining this emunah is the objective of every Jew. The Torah states (Devarim 6:4): Shema Yisrael, Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echad — "Listen, Yisrael, Hashem is our God, Hashem is One." This means that according to the degree that you know, recognize and feel that Hashem is our G-d and that He is One (emunah), that is the extent that you are a Jew and have a portion in Yisrael.

We make such wonderful, befitting and worthy efforts to set the Seder table so beautifully, resplendent with magnificent dinnerware and replete with tasty delicacies (orach Chaim 472:2), conducting ourselves like wealthy, free men who have personally left Mitzrayim, all in order to enhance and strengthen our emunah. Therefore, how great it would be if, even more so, we enhance the spiritual aspect of our Pesach preparations, preparing our minds and hearts so that we, as well as our children, will truly recognize and tangibly feel emunah in Hashem Yisborach.



**Reb Sholom Mordechai Rubashkin**

Pesach is the birthday of Am Yisrael. Calling it the birthday is not just a name; the Posukim describe the Yidden becoming a nation, as them being born. This is why Pesach has a strong focus, more than any other Yom Tov, on teaching children and Chinuch, since this is when the Yiddish Nation was born and became children that needed to be taught.

During the Seder, we teach in a way of Question and Answer, not by Speeches. There is a Mitzvas Asei of telling one's children the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim on Pesach. This is taught by the four

## We Internalize Emunah on Chag HaMatzos

Posukim in the Torah that command fathers to answer their children's questions, and teach them the way Hashem Yisborach took us out of Mitzrayim. With nissim and with a strong hand, Hashem Himself came into Mitzrayim to save His kinderlach.

We also know that there are the four types of children that have four types of questions. We need to have an answer and an explanation for each child.

The four children are 1) Chacham, the wise son. 2) Rasha, the wicked son. 3) Tam, the simple son who listens with interest. 4) She'eino Yodea Lishol, the son who has no questions. (There can be different reasons as to why he has no questions. We can discuss this later.) For this son, the father has to help him open up so that he joins in the questions and answers.

In the Haggadah the Chacham asks "what are the eidos, chukim, and mishpatim?" This is from the question of the Chacham in the Pasuk: "When your son will ask you saying, what are the eidos, the chukim, and the mishpatim that Hashem Elokeinu commanded you?" We say this in the Haggadah by "Chacham mah hu omer."

The following question is asked in Chassidus. Being that this is a Chacham, a wise son, certainly, he must know the Mitzvos. Why does he ask about the meaning of the eidos, chukim, and mishpatim? What is the meaning of his question?

The question is, how can a son that is a Chacham say "Eschem" meaning, [commanded] you. Though he initially says "Hashem Elokeinu" - our

Hashem, why does he use words that can cause others to think that he is taking himself away from the Mitzvos? He should have used the word 'osanu', [commanded] us.

One of the answers is as follows. We know that the Mitzvos were all kept by the Avos even before Yetzias Mitzrayim and Matan Torah, but their Avodah was mainly a spiritual Avodah. The Peulah that they did in this world was to make it a kli, a receptacle, fitting for the Avodah Ruchnius in a spiritual way. This Avodah was changed by Matan Torah when Hashem came down on Har Sinai. This was the start of the need for the action of doing a Mitzvah. Even when a person may not be spiritually prepared for the holiness and Kedusha that the Mitzvah brings forth, the Mitzvah still needs to be done in action.

This can be seen by the Mitzvah of eating Matzah after Matan Torah. If a person has all the 'holiest kavanos' and keeps all the lofty kavanos of what eating Matzah does at the front of his mind, but will Chas Veshalom not eat Matzah, he will not be doing the Mitzvah and there will be no Kedusha that his 'kavanos' bring into the world. Yet, if he just eats the Matzah without any kavanos, he does still fulfill the Mitzvah of eating Matzah and he brings Hakadosh Baruch Hu into this world.

When the Chacham says eschem - you, he is not excluding himself chas v'shalom. He is referring to the Yidden after Matan Torah when the ikur of the Mitzvah is in the action, and he is asking how it is possible to bring Hakadosh Baruch Hu into

the world through actions without proper kavanos. We answer him, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Mitzrayim and Hashem took us Yidden out of Mitzrayim...and Hashem commanded to do all these chukim...." Since Golus Mitzrayim was the preparation for Matan Torah, and at Matan Torah we Yidden received the Koach of the ability, by doing Mitzvos in action, to bring forth the highest levels of Kedusha into the world. Thereby we can bring Hakadosh Baruch Hu into the world by doing Mitzvos.

On the Yom Tov of Pesach, we have a very easy way to internalize Emunah. All we have to do is eat the food symbolized by Emunah, which is Matzah. So when you say the bracha on the Matzah and on the Mitzvah, and you know the specific size that must be eaten, remember that the halacha is important and must be followed. And when we eat Matzah we internalize the Koach of Emunah which will make our learning so much easier.

The main thing is to live with Emunah and Bitachon in Hashem Yisborach, "Tzadik b'emunaso yichye".

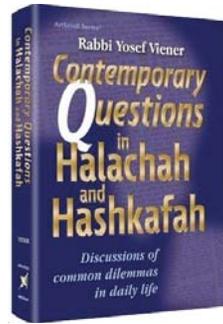
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# Women's Obligation to Recite the Haggadah



Based on the rule of tadir veshe'eino tadir, tadir kodem (the mitzvah of greater frequency precedes the mitzvah of lesser frequency), you should daven Maariv and then count sefirah. Tefillas Maariv has greater frequency than sefirah ha'omer, thus giving it halachic precedence in this situation.<sup>6</sup> Another reason to daven Maariv first is due to the recital of Krias Shema, which is a mitzvah mi'd'Oraisa and therefore supersedes sefirah ha'omer, which, according to many poskim, is a mitzvah diRabbanan in today's times.<sup>7</sup>



If one came to Maariv as the minyan was counting sefirah and there was no other minyan afterward, some rule that one should count the omer with the congregation. This is because the advantage of counting the omer with the tzibbur (Berov am hadras Melech) outweighs the rule of tadir veshe'eino tadir, tadir kodem.<sup>8</sup> It also eliminates the risk of possibly forgetting to count later.

Others rule that even in such a circumstance one should count sefirah after Maariv, even if he will be saying it alone.<sup>9</sup>

1. Hilchos Avodah Zarah 12:3.
2. Mitzvah 21.
3. Rambam ibid.
4. HaRav Yosef Shalom Elyashiv, shlita, in Kovetz Teshuvos 152.
5. Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 472:14 rules that women are obligated in all the mitzvos of the Seder night.
6. Beur Halacha 489, d"h achar tefillas Arvis, in the name of the Chok Yaakov,
7. See Beur Halacha ibid. d"h lisp or ha'omer.

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**By Rabbi Yosef Viener, Rav D'Khal Shaar HaShomayim**

**M**y wife tends to the needs of the Pesach Seder for our family each year and finds it challenging to read the entire Haggadah, or even most of it. Is there an obligation for women to read the Haggadah, or is it a minhag to fulfill when possible? If it is indeed an actual obligation, is there a bare minimum that is necessary to fulfill the mitzvah?

There is a dispute in the Rishonim and poskim concerning the level of obligation of women to engage in the mitzvah of sippur yetzias Mitzrayim (reciting the story of our redemption from Egypt) through the reciting of the Haggadah.

Rambam<sup>1</sup> exempts women from the Biblical obligation because it is a mitzvas aseil shehazeman gerama (a time-bound mitzvah), from which women are exempt.

Sefer HaChinuch<sup>2</sup>, however, rules that women have a mitzvah mi'd'Oraisa (a Biblical obligation) to fulfill sippur yetzias Mitzrayim on Pesach night.

Some suggest that women are obligated to tell the story as an offshoot of the mitzvah of matzah, which is called lechem oni — lechem she'onim alav devarim harbeh (a bread upon which much commentary and background is offered). Since women are obligated in the mitzvah of eating matzah,<sup>3</sup> according to this opinion they are also obligated in the mitzvah of relating the story behind it.<sup>4</sup>

The poskim assume that even if women are not obligated mi'd'Oraisa in the mitzvah of sippur yetzias Mitzrayim, there is at least a mitzvah d'Rabbanan to do so.<sup>5</sup> Mishnah Berurah 473:64 rules that to fulfill the minimum obligation properly, all women must hear (or recite) Kiddush and recite the Haggadah's discussion of the three primary mitzvos: Pesach, matzah, and maror. The Mishnah Berurah adds that it is customary for women to join in the reciting of the ten makkos as well.

It goes without saying that, when possible, it is meritorious for women to join the Seder for the entire Haggadah, or at least for most of it.

### Counting Sefirah Before Maariv

*I often daven Maariv in a shul that has several minyanim. I occasionally arrive toward the end of the previous Maariv, at the time when the tzibbur is counting sefirah. Should I count sefirah with them, or should I wait until I daven Maariv and count sefirah after my own davening?*

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## 5 Keys to a Memorable Seder

But we need to remember that the atmosphere of “menucha v’simcha” is the critical ingredient to reaping the tremendous benefits that are waiting for us.

In truth, this battle for simcha begins early on as we scrub and clean our house for Pesach. Already then, the Yetzer Hara is creating tension and stress. We know, however, that wherever the Yetzer puts up the biggest fight, that is where we can reap the greatest reward. Generating a sense of simcha in the home is much more than the “spoonful of sugar that makes the medicine go down.” Ivdu es Hashem B’simcha is the difference between our “avodah” being drudgery or privilege, degrading or honor.

Creating this atmosphere of simcha begins with small things; good music, good cheer, rewarding yourself and others for completing tasks, and showing true appreciation for everyone’s effort. But to maintain the spirit of Menucha V’Simcha requires reminding ourselves that there is no object or goal that is more valuable or important than a child or spouse. A wine-stained table cloth or shattered dish is a small price to pay to keep the atmosphere happy and joyful. And if you truly have items with great monetary or sentimental value, consider putting them away until your children have reached the stage where these items will not cause you stress.<sup>1</sup>

### Exhilaration

The Seder is an emotional pursuit – not an intellectual task.<sup>2</sup> Maggid is not about a good vort or expounding on deep scholarly notions. The objective of Maggid is to gather us in a swell of joyful acclamation to Hkb”h for all that He does for us. To recognize that we too were redeemed from Mitzrayim. To truly feel in our hearts and spirit that just as Hkb”h saved us in the past, He is always with us throughout all of

our trials and difficulties. What happened in the past can happen – and does happen every day of our lives.

Maggid culminates in the singing of Hallel. As we delve into the miracles of Yetzias Mitzrayim and recount the great love that Hkb”h showered upon us, we reach the spiritual crescendo of Hallelu Avdei Hashem!

This rising tide of exhilaration flows from our own feelings. The more we feel and appreciate the love and Hashgacha of Hkb”h, the more we will be able to convey these deep feelings and innermost beliefs to all of those gathered around our Seder table.

### Engaging our Children

There is a well-known story of a preschool teacher who asked Reb Yaakov Kamenetsky zt”l if a mezuzah can be placed lower down on the doorpost so that small children can reach and kiss the mezuzah when they pass through the doorway. In a response that captured the essence of chinuch, Reb Yaakov replied; The mezuzah needs to stay in its place. It is not our job to lower the mezuzah to the level of the children but rather to raise the children to the level of the mezuzah!

When approaching the Seder, we need to “trust the program.”<sup>3</sup> Think of a food you eat. When you crunch into a delectable dish, the tantalizing arrangement and mouthwatering aroma, join with your tingling taste buds to produce an explosion of senses. But the real magic happens beneath the surface, out of sight, as the food flows through your cells, nourishing and energizing as it replenishes the critical nutrients in your body. However, not all foods are equal. Some are filled with “empty” calories while others are “super foods,” bursting with wholesome benefits.

The Seder night is a “super food” for the spirit. Cloaked within the regal setting of the night,

the Seder is bursting with spiritual treasures that have the power to affect us and energize us on the deepest levels. The Matzah is much more than a crunchy memory of Yetzias Mitzrayim. The Zohar calls it “Michla D’Miheimna” – Food of Emuna. The four cups of wine have concentrated within them the powers of Geula. The words of the Haggadah have layers of depth beyond our understanding.<sup>4</sup> The various numbers and minhagim of the night, even what appear to be simple directions are saturated with deep meaning filled with powerful segulas.<sup>5</sup>

Yet, as with any food, how we prepare and present it plays a big role in how powerful the effect will be. The good news is that Chaza”l already provided us with ideas and strategies for bringing all of our children into the spirit of the night – each one at their level.

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<sup>1</sup> It is worthwhile to see the Taz in Hilchos Havdola (296-1) where he explains the Chazal about the siman bracha in one whose wine overflows like water. If we treat the spilling of good wine by accident without anger – the way we would relate to spilling water, then our homes will be filled with bracha. Look it up!

<sup>2</sup> Heard from Rabbi Chaim Schabes Shlit”a

<sup>3</sup> The Mitzvah of Hakhel seems to have no educational benefit to little children, yet Chaza”l describe the indelible impression made on the youngest minds from being part of such a gathering of Kavod Shomayim.

<sup>4</sup> For a small glimpse into this world, see the famous letter from Rav Shimshon M’Ostriploli printed in the front of many Hagados where he explains the Ariza”l’s comments on the 3 opinions as to the number of Makos delivered.

<sup>5</sup> The seforim tell us that when it says before the Ma Nishtana, “Kan Haben Shoel” there is a tremendous Eis ratzon in Shomayim when a yid can ask for anything!

The night of Pesach is a “Leil Shimurim.” More than a night of “guarding,” it is a night of waiting and anticipation. Hkb”h Kiviyachol, waited for us this night, says Rav Moshe Wolfson; so badly did He want to take us out of Mitzrayim. And Hkb”h continues to wait for us on this holy night, ready to shower us with an outpouring of berachos.

It is an awesome responsibility and charge that we as parents have been given to connect with these rays of Kedusha and transmit the eternal messages of the Seder to our children. The following thoughts can perhaps help us Be”H access these powerful treasures.

### Atmosphere

The Zohar in Parshas Bo describes how Hkb”h kiviyachol comes together with his entire Heavenly Tribunal to bask in the glow that radiates from the tremendous simcha at every yid’s seder. But as we all know, the Yetzer Hara fights this spirit of simcha with all of his might! We are tired, tense, and under pressure of time to fulfill all of the mitzvos of the night properly.

## A Letter to Rob

### Serving Hashem ... Like a Server in a Restaurant

Dear Rabbi,

Why is davening in shul such a big deal? G-d wants me to pray so I will pray - but in the shul, half the members come late, the other half looks like they’re just mumbling the words, and of course what about those guys that don’t stop talking? I say, forget the shul and daven at home! What do you say?

Signed,  
Rob



ing with Him.

He wants us to pray so He can pay us and help us fulfill our dreams!

Our great Sages tell us how praying with a minyan enables everyone’s prayers to go up, even if they’re sometimes just phoning it in and don’t have the best concentration. Okay, back to the restaurant analogy. The others in the shul are like the restaurant staff. You can’t have one waiter for a hundred tables, so if no one else is there you won’t be able to do your work.

So now, the others are in shul, but they’re late, or

talking, or not praying with kavana.

Rob, that’s not your problem (though you probably want to try to pray where people understand the gift of being able to talk to Hashem directly.) Remember, you and the rest of the “staff” are waiting on your own customers. You will each get tipped generously based on your own performance. If one waiter is lousy or lazy he may not get a big tip, but it doesn’t stop you from being attentive to your customers and enthusiastic about giving great service.

It’s your chance to be an outstanding server and impress the guests with your attention, passion, and dedication to their satisfaction. Your boss will likely take notice too, and you just might get promoted. Maybe you’ll be the manager and start to get a share of the tips from other servers!

Going to shul is no different. You have to show up with the rest of the staff but once you do, you’ve



got the chance to stand out and shine. By focusing on a fantastic one-on-one experience with your Creator, you’ll stand to benefit the most.

And if you inspire others to daven more meaningfully? You’ll get rewarded for that merit every time they open their mouths.

Sounds delicious, doesn’t it?

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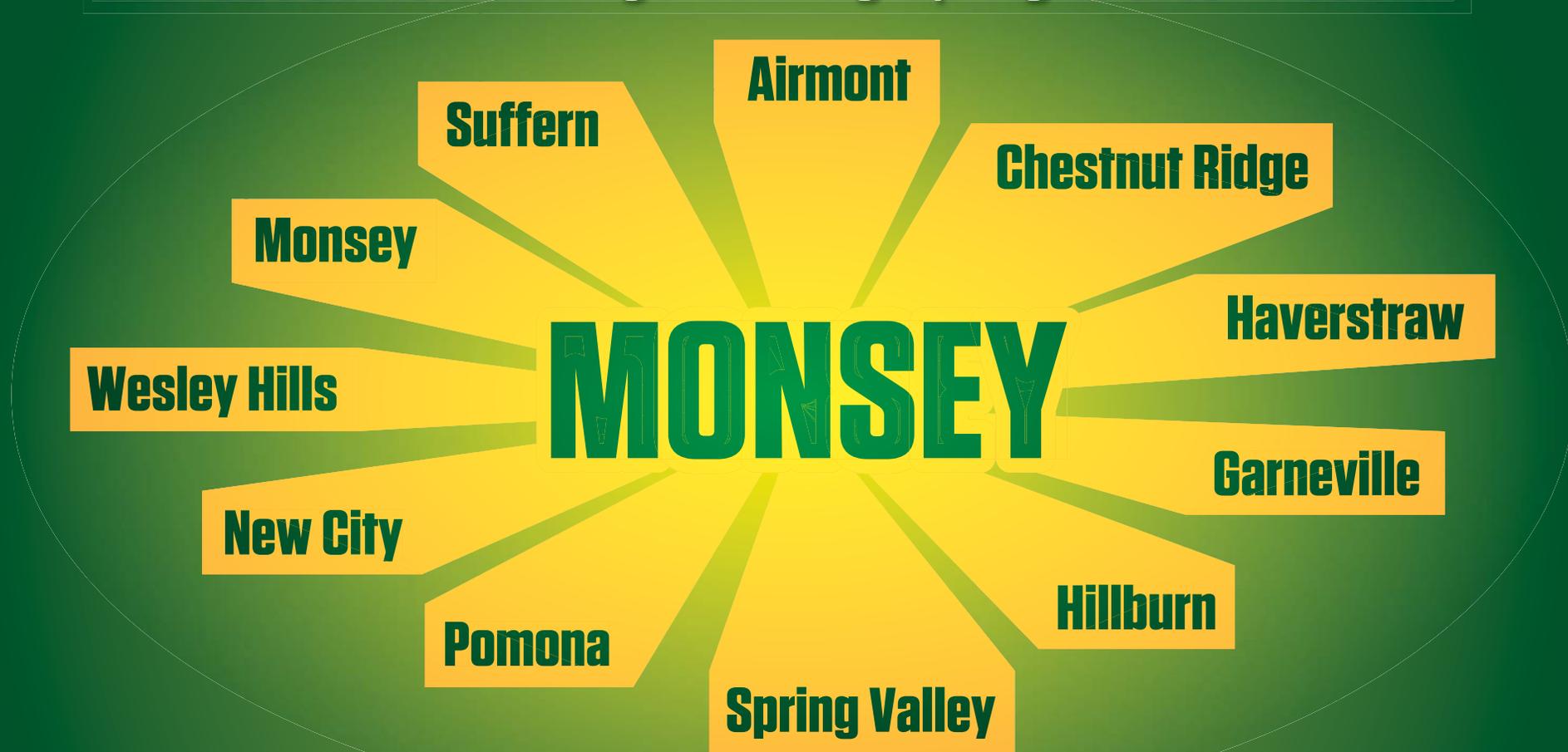
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Chashuvei Monsey at the Schlesinger Tepper Wedding



Erev Rosh Chodesh Nisan tefillos at the Kivrei Tzaddikim of the Ribnitzer, Vizhnitzer and Skulener Rebbes zya



Chaverim of Rockland installing one of many emergency phones in local shuls



Tuvia and the Publisher



Rav Chaim Leibish Rottenberg putting Tefillin on a Bar Mitzvah boy, Elimelech Amsel



After a long day cleaning for Pesach



Rabbi Yoni Fischer speaking at the Learning Program at Ohr Chaim



The Litchker Rebbe of Yerushalayim with a future Chashuvei Monsey



Rav Ephraim Wachsmann dancing with the chosson at the Weiss Minzer Wedding



Rav Yisroel Reisman with one of Chashuvei Monsey



Chashuvei Monsey at the Feinsod Vogel vort



The Bluzhever Rebbe in Boro Park



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Seen at the Weiss Minzer Wedding



YHSM 10th grade visits with Rosh Yeshiva of BMG Harav Yeruchem Olshin



Rav Leizer Yudel Finkel at the Minzer Weiss Wedding



Chashuvei Monsey Baking Matzos



Shloime Daskal, Beri Weber and Alex Clare singing together at a wedding in Marina Del Ray



Chaverim Rescues Food and Clothes for 200 Shortly Before Shabbos



Yeshivah Bais Mikroh 6th Grade Siyum on Eilu Metzios



Yesivah Ketana Ohr Reuven talimidim helping out at Chasdei Lev Pesach distribution



Pre- Pesach program at FountainView with Rabbi Daniel Glatstein and Rabbi Matis Stern on Pesach and the Haggadah



In honor of Pesach, a sheep came to visit the boys in Yeshiva Bais Mikroh



## ROCKLAND COUNTY

**New Measles Mandate for Rockland**  
By Monsey Mevaser Staff

While the court case involving the State of Emergency is undergoing appeal, the Rockland County Department of Health (RCDOH) has redoubled its efforts to combat the measles outbreak. In so doing, the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Patricia

Schnabel Ruppert in consultation with the County Attorney, Thomas Humbach and the Rockland County Department of Law, have issued new guidelines that will be used moving forward in dealing with the measles outbreak.

Rockland County officials announced the Communicable Disease and Exposure Exclusion Order on Tuesday morning, April 16. The new mandate orders that anyone with measles must be excluded from indoor and outdoor places of public assembly located in Rockland County for a period of up to 21 days. Those exposed to the disease need to stay out of public spaces throughout the county. The individual is prohibited from going to or being present at any place of public assembly for any period of time with exceptions for medical care, emergency situations and court appointments only. Individuals are also required to cooperate with RCDOH public health authorities by providing information regarding details of the illness, exposures, and contacts. Those individuals who do not comply with this new mandate face a fine of \$2,000 per violation per day. Parents and guardians served with this order on behalf of an exposed minor are responsible for compliance by their child.

In addition, students residing in the zip codes of 10952 and 10977 are required to stay home from school if they do not have documentation of having received an MMR vaccine or proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella. This additional mandate will be enforced even if the schools attended have a more than 95% vaccination rate. The only exceptions made will be for students with a valid medical or religious exemption on file.

Of the 186 confirmed cases of measles presently in Rockland County which includes all cases since the outbreak began in October, five cases of measles including one infant were severe enough to lead to hospitalizations in intensive care and one premature birth was documented as having been brought on by the measles.

# AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



## FROM YOUR DOCTORS

**“ We, the undersigned Doctors who faithfully serve the Orthodox Jewish communities of North America, strongly urge all members of our community to receive all recommended VACCINATIONS.**

Our unequivocal recommendations are based upon exhaustive research and supporting data from years of studies on hundreds of thousands of patients. These studies have found that routine childhood vaccinations, when following the recommended schedules, are safe.

Immunizations are critical to maintain a healthy community, and we strongly urge everyone to be immunized according to the age appropriate schedules recommended by the CDC, so that each of us protects ourselves and each other to the greatest extent possible. This includes the immunization of not only children, but pregnant women, healthy adults and senior citizens.

*We are aware of the dangerous misinformation campaign being spread and reject any unproven unscientific statements that contradict all available current science-based studies on vaccinations.*

**It is an individual and communal responsibility to work together in the effort to prevent harmful diseases from spreading. ”**

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## MONSEY

### Chaverim Cashes In

On Monday night, April 1 the calls began - distraught Monsey residents, who in trying to make a kiddush Hashem seemed to have lost out big time. Every caller had the same story. A driver of a black pickup truck had pulled up and approached them. Identifying himself as a taxi driver, he would ask if they had change for a hundred dollar bill. Always ready to do a good turn for another, people were only too happy to comply, but not for long when after closer inspection, the



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one hundred dollar bill they were left holding ended up being counterfeit.

Chaverim members were told to be on the lookout for a black pickup truck, but no one had caught the license plates yet. "Every night after that," says Yossi Margarten, Chaverim of Rockland Coordinator, "we would get another few calls telling us the same story. On Thursday night someone even changed five hundred dollar bills on Blauvelt Road. On Sunday night, April 7 there were two more calls."

Then on Monday, April 8, in the middle of the day, after Chaverim sent out a general alert to the whole community, the would-be thief struck again on Herrick Avenue on Maple. This time, his target was ready for him as the sharp individual instantly recognized the vehicle from the community alert Chaverim had shared. He requested that the driver pull over so he could check if he had money to change the hundred and then took out his cell phone to call Chaverim. The call to Chaverim was enough to send the driver racing away, but within minutes Chaverim had five volunteers on his trail and had placed a call to the Ramapo Police Department. Minutes later it was all over for the perp who was pulled over and arrested after more counterfeit hundred dollar bills were found in his truck and the Monsey community has hundreds of more reasons to be grateful to Cha-



Chazaq and Toras Dovid Community Kollel community shiur

tions? Where can they be lenient and where do they need to be strict? Those that go away also have to know what products to buy or partake of.

Rabbi Schabes presented an outline for the preparation for Pesach which would meet the halachic requirements but also allow a person to enter Pesach in a calm state of mind and not physically depleted. From doing bedikas chametz in small increments days before Pesach to avoiding unnecessary cleaning, Rabbi Schabes gave practical guidance for many areas of Pesach preparation. He also discussed how to kasher ovens, microwaves and various utensils, prepare kitchen cabinets and tables. The Seder mitzvos and their measurements comprised the end of the talk. His clear and concise presentation gave the audience a well-balanced guide to get the most out of Pesach.

Rabbi Levin then spoke about Pesach products and why there needs to be so much hashgacha. The average kosher consumer doesn't know that so many additives to food might be sourced in kitnios or even real chametz. And even if the product is totally fine, perhaps it was produced alongside chametz ingredients. In discussing medicine, pet food, quinoa, eggs, coffee, and many more products, Rabbi Levin opened the eyes of the audience to the multi-faceted world of modern-day kashrus and its complicated issues. What could be a Pesach problem with dried fruit? What could be a problem with common spices? Salt?

The message, besides one of halachic practicality, is that by being careful of the products we use on Pesach we raise our spiritual level and become closer to Hashem. The audience, after being treated to such an informative and uplifting evening, left with confidence and enthusiasm to prepare for the holy days of Pesach.

## FORSHAY

### Bais Medrash Ohr Chaim Community Services

Bais Medrash Ohr Chaim offered a number of pre-Pesach services to the community. One was the convenience of shatnez testing on location. From Rosh Chodesh Nissan until Pesach, walk-in, on the spot, shatnez testing was made available in the ladies tent from six to eight each evening. The shatnez testing was offered by Menachem Fogel from the Monsey Shatnez Lab located on Valencia.

Another service offered is a car cleaning while you daven which was offered for the fourth year on premises. The shul also had

free kelim kashering for seven hours on Sunday, April 14. The kelim had to be completely clean and unused for twenty-four hours in order to be kashered. A mashgiach was on premises during the set kelim kashering time. A shaimos drop-off was available as well at the shul from April 11 - 18. The shaimos drop-off had a hechsher stating it to be under the auspices of Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Friedman from Lakewood to assure that disposal is done in a halachikly appropriate fashion.

These necessary and much-appreciated services represent just a small part of what makes Bais Medrash Ohr Chaim an integral and much-appreciated part of the Monsey community.

## NEW CITY

### Health Department Offers Free Fish to Utilize for Mosquito Control

To help County residents reduce the number of mosquitoes on their property, Rockland County is offering free fathead minnows. The fish will be available for one day only, and it must be ordered in advance. The fish are available for pick-up on Thursday, April 19th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Health Department, 50 Sanatorium Road in Pomona. Follow the "Free Dunk/Fish" signs from Sanatorium Road to the giveaway location. Please call (845) 364-3173 on April 19th during normal business hours to make sure that the fish giveaway will take place as scheduled. The Health Department will provide the required permits to allow you to stock the fish within Rockland County. The fish will be in a sealed bag for transport. Recipients should bring a bucket or small cooler. To order the minnows, while supplies last, call (845) 364-3173 or visit <http://bit.ly/2na0BSG> Opens a New Window. Orders must be placed by April 16th.

Fathead minnows are a type of fish that eat mosquito larvae before they become flying, biting adults. They can eat up to 200 mosquito larvae per day. The fish can be placed in unused swimming pools, ornamental ponds, and other similar areas that have a minimum of eight inches of water. It is not necessary to stock streams and rivers with these fish, as mosquitoes generally do not lay eggs in moving water. If fish are already present, it is not necessary to add Fathead minnows, as the existing fish population should provide appropriate mosquito control.

"Mosquitoes can sometimes spread disease such as West Nile Virus or Zika Virus. The West Nile Virus has been found in local mosquitoes, and Rockland County has had cases of the virus in people which was spread from local mosquitoes. To date, the Zika virus has not been found in local mosquitoes, and our only cases of Zika to date are from people who have traveled to areas where the Zika Virus is spreading," said Dr. Ruppert.

To help keep your property mosquito-free: be sure to check around your property for any items that can hold water and

get rid of the items or empty the water out and scrub the objects at least once a week. For more information call the Health Department at (845) 364-3173 or visit the New York State Department of Health webpages.

## KASER

### Annual Pre-Pesach Meals Served

In an attempt at relieving some of the pre-Pesach stress, Khal Toras Chaim Viznitz offers four consecutive nights of ready-made suppers for families. The meals were served in tents at 20 Ashel Lane from Sunday, April 14 to Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30 - 9:00 each night. The supper, which consists of chicken and sides for adults with an option of hotdogs and sides for children, is offered at deeply discounted prices which haven't gone up in years - only four dollars for adults and two dollars for children. Take-out is available as well for an additional fee. The heimishe atmosphere and excellent food is enjoyed by all of those who arrive to take advantage of the food and the respite it offers during what can otherwise be an overwhelmingly busy time.

## SPRING VALLEY

### Village of Spring Valley Spring Cleaning Pickup and Chometz Burning Schedule

The Village of Spring Valley's spring cleaning schedule included three extra garbage pick up days, on Wednesday, April 10; Tuesday, April 16; and Friday, April 19. These garbage pickups will be in addition to the regularly scheduled garbage pickup days.

The Spring Valley Community Chometz Burning will take place Friday morning, April 19 from 6 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Spring Valley Memorial Park. Only food that is made from grain and water will be accepted. This includes breads, cereals, cakes, cookies, pizza, pasta, or any other food that contains grain or grain derivatives. No furniture, glass bottles, garbage or any other items will be accepted for burning. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## TOWN OF RAMAPO

### Ramapo Spring Cleaning Schedule for Residents

The Town of Ramapo offered residents of the unincorporated Town of Ramapo additional spring cleaning service between Monday, April 8 and Friday, April 19. In order to keep up with the sheer volume of trash created during the pre-Pesach season., the Town scheduled extra garbage pickups on those days to be made in addition to all regularly scheduled pickups. For all questions on the subject, calls can be made to the Department of Public Works at (845) 357-0591 Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 3:30.

To have your news

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verim and the Ramapo Police Department for their incredible efforts towards making our community a safer and better place for all.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Ramapo Police Detective Bureau. If you know someone who was a victim of this scheme, please contact the Ramapo Police Department at (845) 357-2400.

### Chazaq and Toras Dovid Community Kollel Community Shiur

Chazaq and Toras Dovid Community Kollel joined forces again to bring an essential program to the community: Pesach Kashrus: In and Out of Our Homes. The featured speakers were Rabbi Chaim Schabes, Rav Cong. Knesses Yisroel and Rabbi Mordechai Levin, Senior Kashrus Coordinator for the Kof-K.

Out of all of our special Yomim Tovim, Pesach presents critical kashrus concerns. Those that stay home have the challenge and opportunity to create a "chametz-free" zone. How far do they need to go in their prepara-



## Tomche Shabbos of Rockland Prepares for Pesach in a Big Way

By Mindy Cohn

This year Tomche Shabbos worked feverishly to prepare for its massive Pesach distribution with trailer loads of food delivered throughout Monsey. The distribution took place after lines of tractor-trailers descended upon the warehouse and were unloaded to the tune of thou-

sands of boxes for the annual Pesach distribution which took place on Sunday, April 14.

The full-day event involved incredible human resources and carefully coordinated plans to ensure a smooth and efficient operation. Later in the day, dedicated volunteers arrived with trucks borrowed from friends or which were rented at their own expense to distribute dozens of boxes to more than 1,100 struggling Monsey

families.

Over the day, Tomche Shabbos unloaded and delivered incredible amounts of food. Approximately 1,100 cases each of grape juice, chicken, eggs, apples, and oranges; over 50,000 pounds of potatoes; and truckloads of other foods including \$183,250 worth of matzo; \$28,800 in wine, \$23,760 in grape juice, \$72,819 in chicken; \$81,501 in produce not including the

\$7,252 spent on romaine lettuce and \$9,300 on horseradish; \$63,609 was spent on eggs; \$26,240 on gefilte fish and \$20,160 on apple juice.

Supporting Tomche Shabbos's multiplicitous endeavors supports the very fiber that is woven into Monsey's heartstrings. It's not too late to support a family for Pesach and beyond contacting Tomche Shabbos at (845) 357-5885 or visiting <https://www.tomcheshabbos.org/>

## Chesed 24/7 Pesach Prep in Full Swing

By M.C. Millman

Can you imagine spending Shabbos in a hospital? Can you imagine not only being responsible for Pesach cleaning your entire home but in, addition having to clean twenty-one extra rooms that are scattered all over the New York metropolitan area and beyond for all of those who never imagined spending Pesach in a hospital? Not only that, but after you are done turning those rooms over for Pesach, envision having to stock them with at least 143 pounds of hand-made shmurah matza, cartons of fresh milk, bottles of juice, 100 new containers of coffee, brand-new sugar and Splenda packets, a whole slew of unopened paper goods, new warmers, new hot water urns, new microwaves, 75 cases of grape juice, 90 cases of chips, endless stacks of Tradition cup of soup, cheese sticks, and ice cream from Kleins. There is also chocolate of every kind, yogurt, applesauce, nuts donated from Klein's Naturals, cookies donated from Eden and cake—all kosher l'Pesach according to the best possible standards. Fresh fruit and

vegetables are available and refreshed over chol hamoed. Five hundred Shabbos in a Box containers are prepared for the two Shabbasim included this year on Pesach. Reading material is a staple item from magazines to, newspapers, and, of course, the newly published Chesed 24/7 siddur.

There is also a full supply of refrigerated meals in every one of the Chesed 24/7 rooms for those emergency arrivals that are inevitable in a hospital. Chesed 24/7 also arranges with a non-Jewish driver to have deliveries of full, hot meals brought to the rooms of patients on Yom Tov in all twenty-one of the hospitals throughout the tri-state area that Chesed 24/7 is involved in. The pre-made kosher l'Pesach meals are made especially for Chesed 24/7 and include, at the minimum, chicken, fish, potato dishes, carrot kugel, apple kugel, and compote.

Sounds like a lot of work, but all of this is just another Pesach at Chesed 24/7, which annually moves all of the leftover chametz supplies from its twenty-one chesed rooms into its warehouse located in New Square. This way the organization can



have all of the supplies ready again as soon as Pesach is over so as to put all that chametz right back again for when people need it. When it comes to Pesach food in the hospital, Chesed 24/7 takes care of every detail, right down to making sure to have a ready stock of Haggadahs and 230 seder plates, so everyone will get their own all prepared and delivered by Chesed 24/7 volunteers. The sederim that take place in the Chesed 24/7 Chesed rooms have been reported as truly memorable in the poignancy of the night as strangers from every walk of life unite using the same Hagaddah, the same words, the same stories, and the same intensity, despite the

melange of languages and accents.

Chesed 24/7 volunteers will make sure those sederim happen making what sounds like a near-impossible task a reality when they work through the night on both Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-18, to get the chesed rooms fully prepared for Pesach.

Chesed 24/7 is known for its numerous relief activities on behalf of the sick, the elderly and the developmentally disabled. From visiting the sick to sending hot, nourishing meals, to providing transportation to hospitals, to maintaining chesed hospitality rooms, to providing stimulating activities to both seniors and the developmentally disabled.

Opportunities are still available to sponsor Pesach meals or to stock one of the twenty-one Chesed 24/7 hospital rooms located across the New York metropolitan area. Any donation will offer much-needed relief to those who are unfortunately stuck in the hospital over Pesach. To donate or to volunteer for any Chesed 24/7 activity, please contact Mrs. Dvora Adler at (914) 806-2823 or [dadler@chesed247.org](mailto:dadler@chesed247.org).

## Chesed 24/7 Medicine Chests

By Golda P. Turner,  
Director of Beineinu

It's 7:00 a.m. Shabbos morning. Your little one has been up all night crying. You are sure that he has fever, and needs some Tylenol. A quick check shows that there is none left in the house. You try your neighbor, but they only have adult pills. Shabbos is over in thirteen hours. What should you do?

Pesach morning. The wine and matzo that everyone enjoyed last night have affected your stomach. The Pesach book lists what you can use, but all medications were packed away with the chometz. Where can you get help?

Your parents are visiting for Yom Tov. Your father is a heart patient who is supposed to take low dose aspirin daily. They forgot to pack it. Who might have some?

Do any of these scenarios sound familiar? They are an unfortunate but normal part of life and there is help available within the frum communities of Rockland County through Chesed 24/7. The Chesed 24/7 Medicine Chests are stocked with over-the-



counter medications in the homes of volunteers throughout our area. You can stop by at any time Shabbos or Yom Tov and find items such as Tylenol, Benadryl, Pedialyte, Motrin, Sudafed, low dose aspirin, medications for diarrhea and constipation, decongestants, antacids, and more.

One such medicine chest is run by one of our local Monsey heroes,

Meir Efraim Turner. You may remember him as the smiling young man in a wheelchair who collected over \$18,000.00 in neighborhood shuls to support Chesed 24/7's kosher hospitality rooms in New York area hospitals. You may have seen him packing at the Tomchei Shabbos warehouse on Thursday nights or riding the truck to make Tomche Shabbos pre-Pesach deliveries. He is a mitzvah man who enjoys doing things for our community.

The Medicine Chest at home is his special project. He feels good helping to alleviate people's suffering. It is his pleasure to make sure that it is fully stocked throughout the year, always ready for that knock on the door.

So if you ever find yourself in need on Shabbos

or Yom Tov, don't hesitate to visit Meir Efraim or any of the other volunteers listed below. Though they hope that everyone will be well, they are always available to greet you.

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## Chaverim – In the Right Place at the Right Time

By M. C. Millman

It was supposed to be a relaxing Shabbos for Chemdas Hatorah. Families of the yeshiva and bochurim were going up to the Catskills to enjoy a quiet Shabbos of rejuvenation and inspiration. A truck followed behind with the suitcases, suit bags, and food for Shabbos for over two hundred people. Everyone left in plenty of time to get to Ellenville and everyone arrived safe and sound - except



for the truck which ended up in a rollover accident at exit 15 on the Thruway. The driver and his two passengers were fine. The truck was not.

Yidel Perlstein, Chairman of Community Board 12 in Boro Park and owner of Lucky Truck Rental, who had provided the first truck, promptly arranged for a second truck to be sent, but Shabbos was creeping inexorably closer and who knew what kind of mess they would find upon opening up the back of the original truck to transfer the contents. Plus, how was the contents supposed to get moved from one truck to the other and still

make it the rest of the way to the Catskills in time for Shabbos? Uncertainty reigned, but unwilling to give in to chaos, Yidel had an idea. He called Chaverim of Rockland.

“We had twenty-five members waiting for the truck,” says Yossi Margaretten, Coordinator of Chaverim of Rockland, “and another four on standby at Glaubers on Maple Avenue. We didn’t know what we would find when we opened the truck, and so Glaubers stayed open to give what they could in case we needed to replace spilled food for two hundred.”

It took hours to file the accident report and five tow trucks to right the badly damaged truck so it could be towed. Even then it wasn’t a smooth ride as the truck broke loose in the middle of being towed to its destination. The truck was towed to Big Tows on Red Schoolhouse Road – located, unbelievably, right next door to Chaverim Headquarters. Still, it was already five o’clock by the time the dedicated Chaverim volunteers, who had

been standing by for hours already, were able to get to work. As a team, they transferred everything from one truck to the other, including repacking many of the boxed items to be packed into the other truck which was then sent on its way.

“We transferred the food and luggage to the new truck which was waiting,” says Yossi, “and made an assessment of what food was going to be needed. Most of the food was fine since it was frozen and could be saved, but whatever was missing, was donated by Glaubers – like fish, soup and eggs. In under thirty minutes, the truck was on its way.”

Arriving ten minutes before the zman, the truck was greeted with open arms and rapid action. Within a short time, Chemdas Hatorah was ready for the relaxing Shabbos they had planned, with a bonus of extra emotion and gratitude for the hashgacha pratim that was clear as a road map making sure that everything had happened in just the right place at just the right time for all to see.

## Hiking Made Safe with Chaverim

In order to cut back on the need for the Chaverim Forest Search and Rescue Team to do more than hone their skills during practice sessions, Chaverim would like to offer the following safety tips.

- Keep in mind that it gets darker in the woods an hour earlier than in town due to the setting sun being blocked by mountains and trees.
- Always tell someone back home where you plan on going: the area, the trail, the intended route, how long you plan on staying and which entrance you plan on utilizing.
- Don’t take any shortcuts even if you think the area looks familiar going back down. Trails often make

twists and turns so that one might not realize that one has just crossed over a mountain. Bushwhacking often only leads to completely different areas, leaving one hopelessly lost.

- If lost:
- Stay on the trail even if gets dark. Otherwise, this makes the search and rescue much more difficult.
- Know that no matter the emergency, help is always a minimum of one hour away.
- If you hit a road, any road, dirt or paved, or any open area, stay on it, as you will be more likely to be found on a road than in the woods.
- If you can get a call through, be prepared to tell

rescue teams where you are or at least as much information as you can, such as the name of the trail you were on and how many hours in you are.

### Suggestion and Supplies for Camps/Schools/Groups

- Bring along basic first-aid kits.
- Bring flashlights for afternoon/long hikes.
- Bring along enough responsible manpower so that there will be those who can accompany an injured person or those who can stay back at different points with worn-out hikers who can’t push themselves to the same limits as others in the

group.

- Bring charged cell phones, but don’t rely on them as cell phones do not work in all areas.
- Even if there is no cell service for calls, try sending a text instead.
- Plan the route before the trip. This can be done by calling Chaverim and asking to speak to an expert hiker for the area the group wants to visit.
- Let Chaverim know ahead of time that the group is going on a hike and where they will be.
- Bring a list of medications, allergies and medical history for all hikers

## Thank-You’s Everywhere, with 608 Pesach Orders Filled at Chasdei Lev’s Monsey Distribution

By: Sandy Eller

The east-side parking lot at the Palisades Credit Union Park in Pomona was awash in an orange sea of gratitude on Sunday, March 24th as well over 100 men and boys spent their afternoon volunteering at Chasdei Lev’s annual Pesach distribution. Working hand in hand with manufacturers, distributors, and yeshivas, Chasdei Lev has been making heavily discounted foods and other essentials available to rabbeim before Pesach and Succos as a way of thanking them for devoting their lives to chinuch.

While Chasdei Lev first began its massive thank-you efforts in Brooklyn in 2010, the number of participating schools has grown far beyond Kings County, with the ballpark event marking the sixth time that Chasdei Lev has held a Pesach distribution in the greater Monsey area. Monsey operations director Shimi Schlissfeld has had a front-row seat to the explosive local growth, watching the distribution grow from just over seven dozen orders in its initial year to the current 608 orders from rabbeim who

teach at 81 different yeshivas.

Just moments after Shabbos ended on March 23rd, a group of dedicated volunteers made their way to the Pomona ballpark where they were greeted by ten tractor trailers waiting to be unloaded, with another sixteen massive rigs bearing Pesach orders arriving shortly after that. Working through the night with forklifts and pallet jacks, the crew unloaded the trailers, laying each of the pre-packed, shrink-wrapped pallets holding the orders precisely in a designated zone to ensure a smooth and seamless distribution when the rabbeim arrived.

Ezzy Katz was one of nearly a dozen men who spent the night at the baseball stadium. Foregoing sleep to ensure that all of the paperwork and logistics were carefully mapped out was a small price to pay to see the joy on the faces of the rabbeim as they were greeted by volunteers and picked up their orders before receiving a parting gift as they exited the parking lot.

“We are privileged to be able to do this for our rabbeim,” said Katz. “This is just a minor token of appreciation for all they do



for us.”

Volunteer coordinator Yossi Weimer reached out to several local yeshivas, recruiting nearly 100 boys from Yeshiva of Spring Valley, Yeshiva Degel Hatorah, Yeshiva Ohr Reuven, Mesivta Bais Shraga, and Mesivta Ahavas Hatorah to break down the pallets and load boxes into rabbeim’s cars. Clad in orange Chasdei Lev t-shirts bearing the words “Thank You” on their backs, the boys worked cheerfully throughout the six-hour long distribution, with several running off to help their own rabbeim as they pulled into the parking lot.

“There are no words to express what goes on here,” said Weimer. “We do this

every year, and each time, we still can’t describe how amazing it is to be able to say thank you in this way to our rabbeim for all that they do.”

Also helping with operations was Nuchem Ornstein who directed Rebbeim to the designated zones to receive their orders. Experiencing his fourth Chasdei Lev distribution, Ornstein said that the reaction from volunteers, onlookers, and Rebbeim is always the same, as they wonder aloud at the incredible generosity of heart on display during the distribution.

“Thanks to Chasdei Lev, these rabbeim will enter Pesach well in advance, knowing that they have what they need,” said Ornstein. “You can see on people’s faces how much they appreciate this and you can’t buy smiles like that for anything in the world.”

Those thoughts were echoed by Meir Friedman, another volunteer who spent the night before the distribution unloading trailers.

“It is such an honor to get to see the Reb-

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# OP-ED: RESTORING EAST RAMAPO

by: Joel Petlin

The Rockland Journal News recently published an opinion piece by Mr. Mondaire Jones, an East Ramapo graduate who is now a successful attorney in Westchester. In his piece, Mr. Jones correctly points out that the State has shortchanged the East Ramapo School District over \$25 million in Foundation Aid over the last decade. He also correctly notes that this is an opportune time to correct this injustice, as Democrats control both the executive and legislative branches. He is absolutely correct in noting that “fully funding Foundation Aid would make a positive and direct impact in the lives of East Ramapo children.”

In point of fact, everything that Mr. Jones has written is accurate, and I completely support his well-articulated reasoning and conclusion. East Ramapo students deserve an excellent education that should be fully funded by the State.

My only counterpoint to Mr. Jones is not based on anything he wrote, but rather, is based on the last line of his biography, which describes him as a board member of

the NY Civil Liberties Union. For those not aware, it was the NYCLU that has brought another round of costly litigation against East Ramapo, this time with the NAACP, challenging the racial make-up of the Board and the voting patterns of the district.

Since the Federal suit was brought in November 2017, East Ramapo has spent \$3 million to defend itself. That’s \$3 million that could’ve and would’ve been used for staffing, programs, and services to help the public school students of East Ramapo. Instead, that money has been used for lawyers, demographers, stenographers and other court expenses that could’ve been avoided, if the NYCLU and NAACP were truly interested in helping the community that they purport to represent.

There are currently 37,000 students in East Ramapo; 28,500 in Jewish private schools, and 8,500 in public schools, comprising 23% of the student population. The nine-member school board is comprised of 6 members of the Jewish faith and three people of color, or 33% of the school board. Yet, despite this evidence of proportionate representation, with no evidence of any inappropriate de-

isions by these Board members, and with the presence of State Monitors to oversee every expenditure and Board decision, the District is still faced with astronomical legal bills caused by another frivolous lawsuit.

I respect Mr. Jones and his accomplishments as a proud East Ramapo graduate and litigator. However, in the best interest of the students, I urge him to use his position on the NYCLU Board to stop the drain on East Ramapo’s resources and end this costly litigation. Of course, Foundation Aid should be restored, but what truly needs restoration is the divide between the public and private school community. In this tax cap era, with limited dollars and increasing needs, millions should not be wasted on unnecessary litigation.

I am fully in agreement with Mr. Jones that East Ramapo students “just need the right opportunities to succeed.” In my view, that requires working together, and using our resources in the classroom instead of the courtroom, so they can truly succeed.

*The writer is an East Ramapo resident and the Superintendent of the Kiryas Joel School District.*



## Yeshiva of Spring Valley Pesach Preparations in Pre-K

In honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Yeshiva of Spring Valley’s Pre-Schoolers baked matzo in their own YSV matzo bakery. This gave a visual hands-on for the students to understand the matzo baking process from beginning to end. The students also decorated personalized chef’s hats in honor of the occasion and made matzo boxes as well.



## Yeshiva Bais Hachinuch Highlights From Fourth Grade Limudei Kodesh Rabbi Kleinberg

The past few weeks, Rabbi Kleinberg’s class reached a number of milestones, starting with a siyum on Parshas Bo, perek 12. They were fortunate to hear beautiful words of inspiration from Rabbi Ephraim Shraga

Shain, the Menahel of Cheder D’Monsey. The boys were very excited to discover that Rabbi Shain is a great grandson of Rav Yaakov Yosef Herman zt”l, whom they have become very familiar with from the book “All For The Boss.” The boys also completed their class behavior chart and earned a trip to Mrs. Kleinberg’s Dairy Delicatessen, where they enjoyed a delectable lunch.

The boys continue to participate in the school’s “Shakla V’Tarya” program and have earned a class donut party after reaching 500 points. In Chumash, they are continuing their chazara of Parshas Bo, the twelfth perek and the boys’ familiarity with the material is evident as they reviewed the posukim that deal with the mitzvah of Korban Pesach.

## Yeshiva of Spring Valley Boy’s School Completes Another Round of Kedushas Anayim Project

Yeshiva Spring Valley Boys School awarded another Kedushas Anayim Trip to students. The trip was a rousing success even if students are already looking forward to the Grand Finale of the Grand Bounce Trampoline trip scheduled for June 13.



## Chabad of Rockland’s Model Matzah Bakery for Local Schools

Over 300 children from school’s all over the Greater Monsey Area came to visit Chabad of Rockland’s Model Matzah Bakery. The annual presentation gives participants a hands-on learning experience in the process of making matzoh. Every student left with their own hand-made Matzah.

The Model Matzoh Bakery was open to school’s from Sunday, April 7 - Thursday, April 11. Each presentation took approximately 50 minutes.

## Bein Hazmanim at YHSM

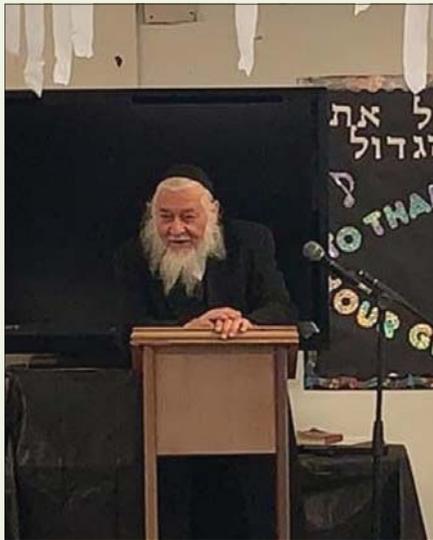
After a long winter Zman, the Bachurim at Yeshiva High School of Monsey expressed an interest in continuing their learning by establishing a Bein Hazmanim learning/ davening program. The Menahel, Rabbi Dovid Rubin, was enthusiastic about the idea, and recruited the B’keyos Rebbe, Rabbi Mordechai Silver, to initiate an exciting cash incentive program for the entire yeshiva. The bochrim were excited when Rabbi Silver unveiled a carefully constructed schedule for minyonim and sedarim of learning that would be convenient for everyone. Looking forward to an uplifting Bein Hazmanim, and to handing out the cash prizes to the talmidim after Yom Tov.

## Yeshiva Degel Hatorah Visits New Square Matzo Bakery

On Wednesday, April 10, Yeshiva Degel Hatorah’s Rabbi Heller took his class on a trip to New Square where the boys toured the matzo bakery. The boys took in every detail from carefully pouring the exact amount of water, to kneading the dough in record time, to the rolling tables, and the “holes” tables. The talmidim even got to peek in and watch the kernel grinding taking place upstairs. The boys were also treated to a visit to the Skverer Rebbe and each boy received a bracha from the Rebbe. The students were fascinated to note the rebbe’s room is inside the tremendous aron hakodesh in the main bais medrash.



### Pre-Pesach Shiur at Ateres Bais Yaakov



Rav Zev Leff, Rav of Moshav Matityahu, educator, author, and speaker addressed the students at Ateres Bais Yaakov. The stirring, pre-Pesach shiur was filled with inspiration regarding the authenticity of our mesorah and the Torah.

### Rabbi Zev Leff, Rav of Moshav Matityahu, Educator, Author, and Speaker Visits Yeshiva Ketana Ohr Reuven's, Second Grade, Where Grandson, Dovie Leff, is a Talmid



### Ateres Bakes Matza



Students in first, second and third grade were treated to an exceptional experience on Thursday, April 11 when a traveling matzah bakery come visit the school. During the visit, students learned about the halachos and process of baking matzah. Each girl also got to make her own matzah to bring home.

### Mrs. Fuch's, Sixth Grade at Yeshiva Ketanah Ohr Reuven's 'Wanted' Posters Identifying Organelles of Cells



### Surprise Science Museum Trip for Bais Yaakov Chofetz Chaim Talmidos



As she entered the doors of our BYCC home away from home, every student felt a buzz of anticipation. Full of excitement, students in grades four through eight davened, then boarded comfortable coach buses for a smooth, fun-filled ride to Liberty Science Center. The ride there was part of the fun as the students sang, cheered, and passed around snacks. The travel time felt like a mere fifteen minutes.

Upon arrival, students were divided into groups and began the fantastic adventure with school friends and chaperones. Interesting exhibits expanded the girls' knowledge and allowed a greater appreciation of Niflaos HaBoireh. Fascinating displays

of live fish and other creatures, hands-on experiments, and scenic professional, live presentations at the museum reinforced science topics which were being learned at school. Playing science games, enjoying stimulating activities, posing for pictures, and crawling through touch tunnels boosted the thrill and lifetime memories.

It's hard to believe this superb trip was free of charge, thanks to an educational grant. In addition to the learning and pleasure, it was an opportunity for The BYCC of Pomona to show the world that the Am Hanivchar behave with derech erez and are conscious to make a Kiddush Hashem at all times.

### Bais Mikroh's Eighth Grade Celebrates Eighteen Week Torah Program



After the successful completion of an intense eighteen week Torah program, Bais Mikroh's eighth graders were treated to a well-deserved trip right before Pesach. The unique chazarah program called Chevrus Hashomrim involved a commitment of learning and chazara over the entire winter zman. The weekly two blatt reviewed by each boy brought them to a level of clarity and comprehension which will help in retaining all the Gemara they learned. In total, the talmidim accumulated over 1,000 hours of learning and 2,300 blatt of Torah. For their reward, the students went to Funplex Amusement Park in East Hanover, New Jersey.

### Bas Mikroh Learning on All Fronts

In the limudei kodesh department at Bas Mikroh, Pesach learning has been fully underway since Purim with girls in every class absorbing ideas about inyani Pesach, the seder, and the Haggadah in a variety of ways. From learning the Mah Nishtanah in the younger grades, to preparing and presenting a dvar Torah in the 8th grade, the learning was specialized to grade level, preparing the girls to fully participate in the seder and absorb the yesodos of Yiddishkeit.

In limudei chol, Bas Mikroh's fifth graders conducted interviews on immigrants to the United States. The students conducted interviews, wrote up the information, and presented it to their class. From Europe to Mexico, the girls explored the challenges that come along with immigration. "It was interesting to learn about the different countries," said one student while another appreciated conducting her first phone interview. All of the students appreciated what they learned when their classmates presented some of the many lessons from their interviewees.



### Bnos Leah Prospect Park of Monsey Prepares for Pesach

Bnos Leah Prospect Park of Monsey students are hard at work on their Haggadahs. Even more importantly, though, the lessons being imparted are those that make sure that the upcoming Yom Tov comes alive through the series of hands-on activities the school has made sure to bring to the students.

One example is the fire safety presentation which was given at the perfect time, while learning about biur chometz, to reiterate to the girls the rules of fire safety. The fire safety rules were so much more interesting when explained by a fireman who had arrived in a flashy fire truck which the girls got to explore up close.

Learning about hand matzo in a classroom is one thing, but actually making your own matzo at the Model Matzo Bakery in New City is quite another thing. The girls really enjoyed observing and participating in every step of the process from watching the wheat kernels being ground into flour to kneading, rolling out and poking holes in their very own matzos (which were eaten in school).

"We work all year round to create hands-on activities," says Mrs. Shoshana Rube, principal, "to really make yiddishkeit come alive and bring the excitement of the Yomim Tovim home to each talmidah."



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## TORAH TAVLIN

STORIES AND SAYINGS, WIT AND WISDOM  
FROM OUR TORAH LEADERS

By Rabbi Dovid Hoffman

*"Israel will have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us." - Prime Minister Golda Meir.*

On July 17, 2014, the day when a five-hour ceasefire had been brokered by the U.N. between Israel and Hamas, over 100 rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip into Southern Israel.

Operation Protective Edge was the Israeli military operation aimed at stopping rocket fire from Gaza into Israel, which had increased after an Israeli crackdown on Hamas in the West Bank was launched following the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teenagers by Hamas members. What the world did not know at the time was that the rockets were a distraction. Hamas actually planned to use a terror tunnel in order to launch a devastating attack against Israeli civilians.

The story gets even more interesting. Three weeks before the ground war began on July 17, R' Aharon Samet shlita, a dayan in the Eidah Charedis, led a chabura of Jews from Bnei Brak who were harvesting wheat from Bnei Brak who were harvesting wheat to bake matzos for Pesach. This group harvests the wheat every summer when the sun beats down on the fields, thoroughly drying out the wheat. It is then stored until the winter when the chabura begins the production and baking of matzos.

On a Chareidi radio program, R' Samet told the story of the great miracle which occurred for the people of Israel thanks to his chabura's efforts.

"This year, we were getting ready for the upcoming Shmita year (agricultural sabbatical). As a result, this summer we harvested wheat grain for two years. We searched the whole country, looking for wheat which was sown late in the season and needed rain which fell late. At Kibbutz Sufa, very close to the Gaza border, we found an entire field sown in mid-January, an unusual occurrence, and came across almost 2000 acres of green wheat which was perfect for our needs."

"We harvested the wheat," said R' Samet, "and ran into IDF soldiers, military police, as well as undercover officers who came to check out who we were."

The Gaza air campaign of Operation Protective Edge was already underway, and the Yidden from Bnei Brak were able to clearly see clouds of smoke billowing over Gaza and hear the air raid sirens while they were harvesting and transferring the wheat to trucks. They then hurriedly moved it all in the direction of the processing plants near Masmiya for cleaning, fumigating and tith-

ing the wheat.

When they had completed the harvest and processing, they left the area and didn't give it another thought. Only weeks later when the fighting between Israel and Hamas was at its peak did these Jews realize the significance of their actions.

On July 17, 2014, a homicide tunnel opened up on the Israeli side of the border, and 13 Hamas terrorists emerged intent on murdering, maiming, and taking Israeli men, women and children captive. They infiltrated from Gaza and the tunnel's entrance opened up at the exact spot near Kibbutz Sufa where R' Samet and his chabura had been harvesting. The terrorists were shocked to discover that their natural camouflage - the giant wheat field that they had been planning to hide in - had totally disappeared. The now empty field allowed IDF surveillance to spot the terrorists immediately as they emerged from their hole, opening fire on them and dropping a bomb on them from above. The terrorists were neutralized and many Jewish lives were saved by the grace of Heaven.

Commenting on this miraculous development, Givati Brigadier Commander Col. Ofer Winter concluded, "Soldiers Experience so many miracles that it is impossible not to believe in Hashem."

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On the second day of Pesach we read from Parshas Emor, regarding the laws of the holidays, and specifically those surrounding Chag HaPesach. These are preceded by the command to keep Shabbos. Chazal teach us that one who keeps the holidays is considered to have kept the Shabbos and conversely, one who violates the holidays is considered to have violated the Shabbos. The parallel influence of Yetzias Mitzrayim (Exodus) and Maaseh Beraishis (Creation of the world) is fundamentally a comparison of Chag HaPesach and the holy day of Shabbos. Just as the entire week revolves around Shabbos, the entire cycle of festivals takes its cue from the month of Nisan and the Pesach holiday, the time of past and future redemption. The night of Pesach is known as "Leil Shimurim" - a night when the Jewish people are Divinely Protected from anyone and anything that might cause them harm, while our Sages have taught that, "One who keeps Shabbos will be protected and distanced from sin." (Mechilta)

In response to a sharp increase in the frequency of rocket attacks into Israel prior to December 19, 2008, the Israeli Air Force launched "Operation Cast Lead" consisting initially of airstrikes against Hamas installations, personnel, and other facilities in the Gaza Strip, followed a week later by ground operations. Hostilities between Israeli forces and Hamas fighters continued through January 18, 2009, with Israel meeting most of their objectives. The conflict ended on January 18, when Israel declared a unilateral ceasefire, with a complete withdrawal of forces on January 21.

On Erev Shabbos, January 2, the seventh

day of "Operation Cast Lead," the telephone rang in the home of R' Aharon Leib Shteinman zt"l. On the line was a representative of the IDF, the Israel Defense Forces, who urgently asked to speak with the Rav. When the gabbai explained that all messages must go through him, the caller explained that the army was poised to launch a ground offensive the very next day and General Gabi Ashkenazi, the commander-in-chief of the ground forces, had ordered him to call in advance to receive the Rav's blessing.

Immediately, the gabbai entered R' Aharon Leib's room and informed him about the call. R' Aharon Leib was quiet for a moment and then asked why they were initiating the battle on Shabbos. The gabbai went back to



the phone and asked the man on the line the Rav's question. The answer he gave was that for strategic reasons - most of which were highly classified and confidential - it was imperative to begin the assault during the day and could not wait until Shabbos was over.

R' Aharon Leib shook his head when he was told this answer. He refused to accept it, and declined to give his blessing.

The attendant suggested to the Rav that since the army was planning on following their military directives regardless, perhaps he should give them a blessing anyway. But R' Aharon Leib again shook his head and replied, "Shabbos is the mekor habracha (source of all blessing) - how can I give a bracha for chilul Shabbos?"

The gabbai told the IDF representative what the Rav had said and the caller hung up.

The following night, literally minutes after Shabbos was over, the telephone rang again in R' Shteinman's home. It was the same army representative who said, "Please tell the Rav that we listened to his words and deferred the operation. We are going in right now and we need his bracha!"

This time, R' Aharon Leib took the phone. His voice rose as tears began streaming from his eyes. With the warmth and sensitivity of a Gadol B'Yisroel, he responded with a generous bracha for the success of the mission and the safety of the Jewish soldiers. He then handed the phone back to his attendant and requested a Tehillim. He proceeded to recite Tehillim late into the night and much of the next day - accompanied by sobbing cries and heartfelt tears.

Twenty-four hours later, the phone once again rang in R' Shteinman's home. This time, it was General Ashkenazi himself on the line, asking to speak directly to the Rav.

R' Aharon Leib took the phone in his hands and listened as the general sincerely thanked him for his blessing; with the help of Hashem, the army had achieved all of

its objectives in the first 24 hours of battle. Furthermore, he related, the IDF had anticipated that the cost of the first day's operation would be close to fifty casualties among Israeli troops. In reality, however, there was only one fatality and no doubt the Rav's bracha had contributed crucially to the supernatural success of the operation.

Later, when asked to confirm the report, the IDF commander stated humbly, "I asked R' Elyashiv and R' Shteinman to daven for us and they did."

## הרב היה אומר

**Aleksander Rebbe, R' Shmuel Tzvi Danziger zt"l (Tiferes Shmuel) would say:**

"Why is 'Kadesh' before 'Urchatz'? Shouldn't one wash and cleanse himself before he is worthy of Kedusha? The answer is that under normal circumstances, a person cannot enter a king's palace unless he is invited. At that time, he prepares himself accordingly and enters in clean clothes and looks the part of a royal guest. Unless he is being chased by bandits who wish to kill him, at which time, he rushes into the palace, as a safe haven, to protect him and save his life, no matter how he looks or is dressed. On the night of Pesach, the Jewish people were 'בהפזון' - rushing to leave Egypt in great haste, fearful of falling into the 49th level of impurity. They had no choice but to jump into kedusha into the service of Hashem even before they were cleansed. We, too, rush into 'Kadesh' even before we are ready for 'Urchatz.'"

**R' Nosson Tzvi Finkel zt"l (Alter from Slabodka) would say:**

"Why is even the wisest sage obligated to retell the basics of the Exodus story year after year? Because no matter how wise one has become, no matter how old one is or how many times he retells the story, he still retains the incorrect images that he formed as a child. The story must be retold and retold until these images are uprooted."

**R' Klonymous Kalman Halevi Epstein zt"l (Maor V'shemesh) would say:**

"The first letters of 'אפיקורמן' are the ר"ת of 'פ"תה את ידך' - for this מצוה is a segula for parnassa."

**A Wise Man would say:**

"Liberty is the right to choose. Freedom is the result of the right choice."

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## Tiferes Shimshon: Rav Shimshon Pincus zt”l Yahrzeit 12 Nisan 5761 Chag HaPesach: The Everlasting Quality of Am Yisroel

Chag HaPesach is a glorious time for the Jewish people. It is a time when we celebrate our transition from slavery to freedom. It is when each and every Jew feels real cheirus. Am Yisroel is comprised of many different types of people, and every single yid is beloved and precious to Hashem. Every one of us is like an only child of the Master of the World and we celebrate our special bond with Him through the many different mitzvos and customs that are observed on this special and unique holiday.

The three most important components of the Pesach Seder are the matzos; wine; sippur yetzias mitzrayim (telling the story of the exodus). We place the greatest emphasis on these three things because they symbolize the three partners in the formation of a human being. The Gemara in Nidda (31) tells us that the three partners are Hakadosh



Baruch Hu, the father, and the mother. Since Pesach is the birth of our nation, it is only proper to focus on our origins and to thank Hashem.

The Gemara tells us that the father gives the child all the white elements of his body, like his bones and teeth. This is symbolized by the matzah

that we eat on Pesach that is made from white flour (and is sometimes as hard as a bone!). The father is usually the one who is harder on the kids, more tough and strict in his style of discipline. The mother, on the other hand, supplies the red parts of the child, such as his blood. This is alluded to with the wine at the Seder. Furthermore, a woman is compared to a grapevine (Tehillim 28) and not only gives her child physical blood, but the passion and love for Torah and mitzvos is usually derived from one's mother.

The third and most important partner in the formation of a human being is surely the One who supplies the neshama, the soul of man, which is, of course, Hakadosh Baruch Hu. The neshama, as we know, is the "רוח ממללא" - "the speaking spirit." It is our ability to communicate through speech that makes us human. The greatest expression of speech

is telling over the wonders and miracles of Hashem. Praising Him and thanking Him is the way we raise ourselves up to greatness. This is exactly what we do on Pesach when we tell over the story of yetzias mitzrayim.

Thus, through the matzah, the wine and sippur yetzias mitzrayim, we remember the three partners in the creation of a person. It is at this time, the annual "birthday" of Am Yisroel that we realize how precious every individual Jew is to Hashem, for all together, we are the entire purpose of creation. It is the Jewish people who were born on Pesach, and have survived throughout all the generations - outlived all our enemies and will endure forever.

May the great strength of the matzah, the wine, and the sippur inspire us to reach our greatest potential - Am Yisroel Chai!

## Middos Before Mitzvos

"And you shall count for yourself from the day after the rest day, from the day you brought the Omer offering, seven complete weeks. Until the day after the seventh week, you will count the fiftieth day and

bring a new meal offering before Hashem."

We begin counting *Sefiras Haomer* on the second night of Pesach. We count for 49 days and on day 50 we celebrate Shavuos. Why do we count 49

days from the second day of Pesach? Why don't we count 50 days from the first day of Pesach?

The purpose of the exodus from Egypt was for Hashem to give us the Torah and for us to reach a level of *malchus*, royalty - a level that symbolizes the ultimate connection with Hashem. Refining one's character is only possible when one has the freedom to think and reason. We could not do that in Egypt. Only once we were freed could we begin the journey towards *malchus*.

On the first night of Pesach we became free and our minds also became free. On that night all the *middos* of everyone in Klal Yisrael were elevated to the highest level. However that was a momentary gift - a glimpse of our incredible potential. It was gone the next day and Hashem commanded us to work towards that level on our own.

That is why we began counting on the second day of Pesach, "the day after the rest day." It would take 49 days, 49 levels, for us to reach our potential. The first day could not be part of the count because we experienced momentary greatness as a G-dly gift.

This is similar to what our sages tell us about Shema. First we accept Hashem's *malchus* - kingship when we say *Shema* and *Vahavta*, then we can accept the yoke of *mitzvos* in *V'haya*.

But aren't these one and the same? If Hashem is my King, I am obligated to do His bidding and fulfill His commands!

The sages explain that *malchus*, royalty, alludes to perfection of our *middos*, good character traits. By accepting Hashem's *malchus*, we accept the responsibility of perfecting our character traits as demonstrated by Hashem Himself. Once we accept this responsibility we are ready to accept the other commandments.

Our duty is to work on our character and connect to Hashem through His commandments. So long as one has not worked on his weaknesses, one cannot forge a true connection with Hashem. When we say *Krias Shema* each day we commit to perfecting our *middos*. During our day others may



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treat us disrespectfully or hurt us in some way. We must not lose ourselves. We must be humble and work on our character. That is the prerequisite to the other *mitzvos* and additionally when we work on our *middos*, our *mitzvos* be accepted on High.

This is the work of *Sefiras Haomer* - the seven weeks we dedicate to character development, as a precursor to our acceptance of the Torah on Shavuos.

What is involved in this great task? We must master the seven primary *middos* - *chesed*, *gevurah*, *tiferes*, *netzach*, *hod*, *yesod* and *malchus*. The *middos* are all intertwined. There are elements of each *middah* in every *middah*. For example, there is *chesed*, kindness, in the *middah* of *gevurah*, strength. We count seven weeks, with each week dedicated to one of the *middos*, and seven days in each week, with each day corresponding to a different *middah*. The first day is *chesed sheb'chesed*, kindness with kindness; the second day is *gevurah sheb'chesed*, strength with kindness; etc.

At the conclusion of these weeks, we have

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**By Rabbi Simcha Bunim Berger  
Rav of Village Green Shul**

We observe the holiday of Pesach for 7 days, and it concludes with the story of the splitting of the sea. While most people concentrate on the Seder, Chazal focused substantially on the latter part of the holiday. When composing our daily prayers, they inserted the episode of Krias Yam Suf (the splitting of the sea). We remember this event twice a day.

In the morning, we recite the entire Shira (song) that the Jews sang at the sea and immediately before the Shmona Esrai (the silent prayer) we recount the exclamation of "Hashem yimloch leolam voed" (G-d shall reign for eternity). The same episode is repeated in the evening prayers.

## Chag HaPesach: Remembering Krias Yam Suf Since Hashem is in Total Control

Why did Chazal choose this topic of Hashem saving us from the sea as the prelude to our Shmona Esrai?

### The Liberator of Israel (Go'al Yisroel)

In both the morning and evening prayers, we praise Hashem with the blessing of Go'al Yisroel. Why?

This title refers to Hashem as the savior of His people. The situation in Egypt was terrible; we were beaten, tortured and lived an intolerable life, but we were alive.

At the sea, however, we stood at the brink of annihilation. The Torah quotes the Jewish people complaining to Moshe: "Hamibly ein kvarim bemitzraim?" (Are there not enough graves in Egypt?)

The underlying difference between the beginning of Pesach and its end, was the following: initially, Hashem wanted Pharaoh to release His people. At Krias Yam Suf, however, Bnei Yisrael were in mortal danger. The entire nation's existence - men, women and children - were threatened. It was there that Hashem revealed Himself in a new way: as the savior of Israel.

### Creation

The act of saving Klal Yisroel was not just a miracle, but was also an act of creation. It echoed what happened on the third day of creation, when Hashem said "yikovu hamayim v'seiroeh hayabosha" (let the waters gather and let dry ground be seen). This was the moment of creation of the dry land of earth.

The Jewish people were saved in the same manner. Hashem divided the waters and created new land at the bottom of the sea so that the Jews would be saved.

Two profound lessons are learned from this.

First, while the world had provided a place for Jews as slaves, it had no place for them as a nation. Therefore, Hashem created new ground on which His nation could emerge. Even when other nations give us no space, Hashem will create the area needed, even if it means creating new ground.

Second, this demonstrated that the children of Israel are above the physical world. The miracle of the splitting of the sea was not only to save us physically, but also to give us a spiritual reality. The rules of nature are not binding, since, when needed, Hashem will intervene on our behalf.

### Prayer

It is with this deep sense of belief we pray to Hashem, and helps explain why Chazal placed the remembrance of Krias Yam Suf before we daven.

No matter how bleak or grim the situation may seem - even when it appears that there is no possibility of either escape or a positive conclusion - we are confident that Hashem will save us. We pray for health - even though all medical reports indicate there is no hope.

By prefacing our prayers every day with a remembrance of Krias Yam Suf, we have an established reason to pray - we know that there is absolutely nothing that is out of Hashem's control.

He is the Liberator of the Jewish people.

We stand in front of Hashem, with this recognition, confident that He can and will answer all of our prayers.

Gut Yom Tov,

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**By Rabbi Nachum Scheiner  
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### Reason for Bitul and Reciting "Kol Chamira"

As we move into high gear before Pesach, we search our entire premises for all those crumbs, culminating with the final bedika on the night of bedikas Chametz. In addition, we burn the chametz that we find at the fire on Erev Pesach. Although we do this careful bedika and biur, we are still required to do bitul - to nullify and be mafkir (revoke one's ownership) the Chametz - as we do with the recital of kol chamira, after burning the Chametz.

Why is this all necessary? The Gemara in Pesachim (6b) tells us the answer: "Habodeik

## Bedikah and Bitul Chametz

*tzarich she'yivateil* - even one who performed bedika [and got rid of all his Chametz], still needs to perform bitul." The Gemara explains that the reason for this is that we are concerned about the possibility that someone may find Chametz on Pesach. This in itself is not an issue, since the person did his best to search the house for Chametz. But, if he delays in destroying that Chametz - even for a fleeting moment - thinking that he wants to keep it, he would, thus, transgress the issur of having Chametz in his possession on Pesach. Therefore, Chazal required everyone to do bitul, thus nullifying the Chametz before Pesach arrived and even if he will delay in getting rid of the Chametz that he finds, there will be no issue.

### If we Sell the Chametz Why do we Still Need Bitul?

However, there is a big question that can be raised whether this concern should still apply. It has become a universal practice to sell one's Chametz to a non-Jew. Once a person sold all of his Chametz, why should it still be necessary to do bitul and nullify all of the Chametz? If all Chametz in his house is sold, even if he finds Chametz on Pesach, there should be no issue.

Since the Chametz is not his, the aforementioned concern that he may delay in destroying the Chametz - and transgress the issur of having Chametz in his possession on Pesach - should not apply, because the Chametz is owned by the non-Jew.

In truth, this question may depend to what extent a person is using the mechira. For those that do not rely entirely on the mechira - and will, therefore, not sell Chametz gamur - then there is a good reason to do bitul, in case the mechira is not valid. But for those that do rely wholeheartedly on the mechira, it would seem totally unnecessary to make bitul, since any Chametz that is found is already included in the mechira.

In order to answer this question, we can pose another question: In the text of the *kol chamira* that we recite on the morning of Erev Pesach, after burning the Chametz, we nullify all Chametz: "דבערתיה ודלא בערתיה" - that I destroyed and that I did not destroy." This expression begs for an explanation: If the Chametz was destroyed and it doesn't exist, what reason is there to nullify it in the text of the *kol chamira*?

The Chasam Sofer answers that this ex-

pression is to include in the bitul any Chametz that was sold - just in case the sale was invalid the bitul should work, instead. He adds that this is the explanation for the expression: "דבערתי - that I destroyed." This can be referring to the Chametz that one sold to a non-Jew, but the sale was invalid. This Chametz is also being annulled and should be hefker like the dust of the earth.

Based on this explanation of the Chasam Sofer, we can now understand the purpose of the bitul, even after one sold all of his Chametz. Even if one does sell all of his Chametz, we are still wary of something happening that would cause the Chametz not to be sold. Thus, by doing bitul, the person would still be safe, because even if the Chametz was not sold, for whatever reason, he still has the backup of bitul.

In summary, we are required to do bitul, even if we get rid of all of the Chametz, and even if one sells any Chametz he owns to a non-Jew.

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touched upon every combination of traits necessary for the acceptance of the Torah.

Upon introspection, each person will find the area he should be working on. We often feel insult-

ed by others. We may feel slighted and wronged but we also must understand and believe that everything comes from Hashem Himself. People are just agents, fulfilling His commands. If we remember that, it will be easier for us to act and react correctly, and not corrupt our *middos*. If someone

upsets us we must be careful not to lose ourselves. When the heat of the moment passes we can approach the other person and respectfully work things out.

Rabbi Moshe Cordovero writes in his great work, *Tomer Devorah*, that we must emulate

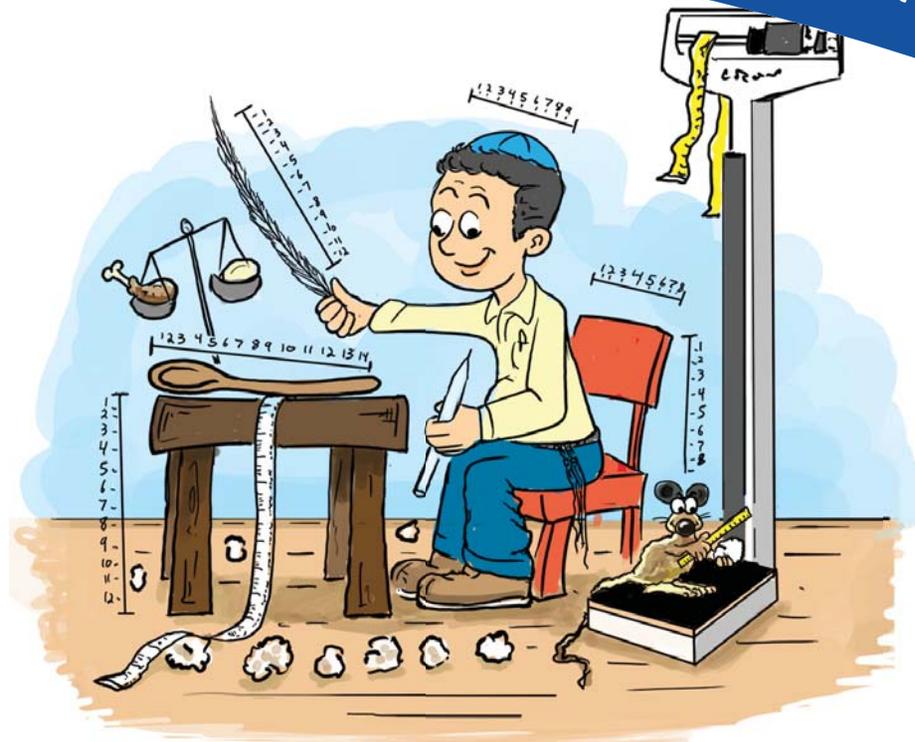
Hashem's traits. We should be merciful and slow to anger, no matter how much someone has provoked us. If we do so, all our sins will be forgiven and we will merit incredible Heavenly bounty. But even more, we will achieve the ultimate purpose of our redemption - a true connection with Hashem.

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- 1 Which special merits brought about the rescue of Bnei Yisrael and year in history – 2448?
- 2 Who frequently administered C.P.R. (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) in Egypt?
- 3 Which plague was probably the harshest on our Egyptian persecutors?
- 4 Why was every avodah zarah destroyed during the makkos in Mitzrayim, with the exception of one idol – the Baal Tzfon statue?
- 5 When will there be another Plague of Darkness?
- 6 How did the Jews defend themselves, during Alexander the Great's reign, when some Egyptian descendants tried suing the Jews for "borrowing" their gold and silver and never returning it?
- 7 Why is it good that Mitzrayim was smitten with 250 different plagues?
- 8 Why did the Egyptians act so irrationally and chase after the Jews into the sea?
- 9 Which three specific mitzvos protected the Jews from the raging Red Sea?
- 10 Is there a connection between the 210 years of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (between 1653 and 1863) and the slavery of the Jews in Mitzrayim?

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1. The main merits the Jews had for leaving Egypt - even though many Jews abandoned their religion in that spiritual wasteland - were: A) They kept their Hebrew names. B) They didn't change their holy way of speaking. C) They didn't speak Lashon Hara about each other. D) They kept their Jewish way of dress. E) They were not morally corrupt. Not one transgressed gilui arayos despite being in such a depraved society. (Only Shelomits bas Divri was guilty, and that was unintentionally.) F) They would eventually accept the Torah at Har Sinai. (Yerushalmi Taanis 1, Vayikra Rabba 32:5, Shir Hashirim Rabba 12:1, Shmos Rabba 1:28 and 3:4)

2. Yocheved used a tube to blow air into the lungs of newborns who required oxygen. She was therefore nicknamed "Shifra", which to see if they will recognize the only G-d, so people should still be tested by free choice left the avodah zarah of Baal Tzfon standing also disintegrated their many idols. Hashem Egyptians for enslaving the Bnei Yisroel. He How much would they be owed for millions of people working for so many years? The hundreds of years and they did not get paid. that the Egyptians forced the Jews to work for their wealth. They said it says it in the Torah. So he said, well it also says in the Torah asked them how they know the Jews took from seeing the sides of the sea; in their frenzy from the Egyptians blocked the Egyptians Miller shilua quoting the Gra)

3. Some say that the frogs, with their constant croaking, were the most unbearable plague for the Egyptians. It was most frightening, because the frogs were alive inside Lashon Hara about each other. D) They kept their Jewish way of dress. E) They were not morally corrupt. Not one transgressed gilui arayos despite being in such a depraved society. (Only Shelomits bas Divri was guilty, and that was unintentionally.) F) They would eventually accept the Torah at Har Sinai. (Yerushalmi Taanis 1, Vayikra Rabba 32:5, Shir Hashirim Rabba 12:1, Shmos Rabba 1:28 and 3:4)

4. When Hashem retaliated against the Egyptians for enslaving the Bnei Yisroel, He asked them how they know the Jews took from seeing the sides of the sea; in their frenzy from the Egyptians blocked the Egyptians Miller shilua quoting the Gra)

5. At the future redemption, Hashem will engulf the nations that did not obey Him when we keep the Torah. (The Generation in darkness, and He will shine upon Klal Yisroel. May it happen in our time! (Shmos Rabba 14:3, Yeshayah 60:2)

6. Gevriha ben Pesisa, a hunchback, asked them how they know the Jews took from seeing the sides of the sea; in their frenzy from the Egyptians blocked the Egyptians Miller shilua quoting the Gra)

7. The Torah (Shmos 15:26) promises us that if we learn Torah and keep the mitzvos, we were in Mitzrayim the less there is to get completely safe and secure. [Interestingly, our Rabbits say that someone who intermarries with these mitzvos will be safe from sin, and if a person is safe from sin, he is saved from other dangers and problems.] (Doresh Tov, Mitzvos Aviv, Mechitla)

8. The cloud that separated the Jews from the Egyptians blocked the Egyptians Miller shilua quoting the Gra)

9. The mitzvos of Mezuzah, which is on our right, Tefillin, which is on our left, and Tzitzis, which is in front of us and behind us, were the three mitzvos that protected the Bnei Yisroel when they entered the dangerous waters of the Red Sea, keeping them completely safe and secure. [Interestingly, our Rabbits say that someone who intermarries with these mitzvos will be safe from sin, and if a person is safe from sin, he is saved from other dangers and problems.] (Doresh Tov, Mitzvos Aviv, Mechitla)

10. I don't know if there is any connection. But a student made a brilliant observation, that the slave trade was 210 years, which is also the sum total of years that the Jews lived in Egypt. Maybe this was some type of a punishment midah kneged midah. Since the Jews were enslaved in an African country, maybe there had to be a payback where Africans were enslaved for 210 years! (Torah Shows: Yaakov Friedman of Yeshiva Toras Emes)

My son has been going out for a year and so far, he hasn't found the right one. Problem is I feel like we're spinning our wheels. We ask and check and look into every name, but I feel like my son is looking for things in a shidduch which are not the same as what my husband and I are looking for. They are hard to balance since they seem to be different values - but I feel like later on in life what we want for him will be more important to him. How can I make him understand that - or should I just back off?

This question is bothersome to me as a parent and as a shadchan. Before your young adult is ready for the parsha of shidduchim, an adult conversation should take place. This is the time to analyze, dissect and discover all the various ideas and thoughts your single may have. If your single has ideas that you think are immature or not important, this would be the right time to discuss them and come to a comfortable place of reason for both of you. If you cannot see eye to eye, please go speak to a third party who can discuss these ideas from a non-objective perspective. In your case a year has gone by and you are still not seeing eye to eye, I would recommend to take a break from dating and meet with someone who can help you and your son come to a comfortable spot. Both your needs and your sons needs are equally important for his future. All issues should be wrinkled out as best as possible, otherwise they will creep out at a later date. Of course, all parents want what's best for their children, but the communication and respect between the two of you is of the utmost importance for your son's and future Kallah's happiness... Best of luck,

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First of all, have a sit-down with him to see what he wants. Once he tells you in his own words what he is looking for, than you can ask him nicely how important these certain things really are in life. Have a mature talk. Just remember that when you are 22, you are not 45 (or older) and you are not supposed to be 45. You cannot make your

son 20 years more mature than he is.

So if he wants something within the norm, than I would let go and find him what he wants. But if he is being totally irrational and unreasonably petty in his demands, than I would have a Rebbi or someone he is close to talk to him and explain things to him.

Hashem wants us to get married young - before the brain is fully developed or else it would be very difficult to get married. But I wonder if I'm smelling a drop of controlling issues here .....

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I am presuming the question is referring to if your son is looking for someone with a different hashkafa and or tznius level than you had hoped for. The first step in such a case is to realize that you, as the parent, need to take your pride out of the picture and try to understand who your son really is and who would really be best for him. Sometimes, when it comes to situations like this, it can be better for the parents to take a step back and ask a Rav for guidance.

It is important to realize that you have to accept and appreciate that your son is being honest with you and telling you what he wants. The parents also have to give up the drive to control and value his decision as it is what's important to him.

I would though check what direction the girl is going. You can get someone who is at the same level as someone else, but if one is going up and one is going down, that's a very different place. You should also let your son know that it is important to marry someone who you feel like you want to be



a better person with when you are together regardless of what level you are on. At this point, when your son is up to shidduchim, we can't put our Yiddishkeit onto our kids if they've decided they are not going to accept it, so the best thing is to take a step back and let him make his own journey through his own choices.

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It is very hard to make anyone understand something that they disagree with. As you mentioned, the trick here is to find the right balance, and not to give your son the feeling that his values are wrong. It might be helpful to give your son a list of values and character traits (can be found in a great book called "Shidduch Secrets") and ask him to check off the 10 that are most important to him in a shidduch. Then ask him to put the list in order of importance.

Sit together and find the things that you both want. Validate his feelings and opinions and maybe tell him a story or two of people who got married for the wrong reasons and how their marriages suffered or were unsuccessful. (without names of course, and if you don't know any such stories, you can make them up!)

Since you are the ones that are doing the checking, you really have the upper hand. Look for a girl who might meet both yours and your son's criteria (you'd be surprised - she CAN be found) and daven that the right girl for him will find favor in his eyes.

Don't ever make him feel that you are against him and his values. Try to make him think that you both really want the same thing and hopefully, with enough positive encouragement and tefillos, he really will come around.

*Aleh V'Hatzlach,*  
*Rebbetzin R. Taub*

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beim, and to load their cars and to thank them for all that they do for our children," said Friedman. "Being able to do that is just indescribable."

Shia Friedman spent the distribution stationed next to pallets of frozen chicken, meats, gefilte fish and salmon, the only Chasdei Lev items that are not pre-packed in advance. Checking every order as drivers entered the stadium parking lot, Friedman said that he finds most rabbeim awed by the scope of the distribution.

"They can't thank us enough, but the whole point is that we are saying thank you to them," explained Friedman. "What they

are doing is beyond amazing."

"As the son of a rebbe I understand how important it is to show appreciation and also how grateful the rabbeim are to Chasdei Lev for all that they do," added Refael Reese, who had been operating a forklift for nearly 20 hours, taking just a short break to catch a few precious hours of sleep.

Simcha Levi came to his first Chasdei Lev distribution last Pesach at his son's request. Blown away by all that he saw there, Levi volunteered at the Succos distribution with three of his boys, returning again with them on March 24th.

"They have literally been asking me since Succos 'when are we coming back?'" noted Levi, who works at Yeshiva Ohr Naf-

tali in New Windsor and was one of several men who were at the stadium, both to volunteer their time and to pick up their own Pesach orders. "What goes on here is amazing, and I can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon."

Chasdei Lev founder and director of operations Naftali Miller said that one of the organization's most unique attributes is its diversity, with people of all ages, from all walks of life and from all across the religious spectrum, working together towards a common goal.

"We have people whose names we don't even know coming and staying up the whole night working," said Miller. "We have people who come and who shlep and who load

cars, and everyone does their part for the greater good, coming together to recognize what our Rebbeim do for Klal Yisroel."

Town of Ramapo Supervisor Michael Specht toured the distribution, taking in the large network of volunteers and the genuine joy that seemed to be everywhere.

"This event is a perfect example of all that is good in the Town of Ramapo and an amazing organization of volunteers," said Specht. "I was especially gratified to see students giving back and saying thank you to their teachers. Over 600 teacher's lives were made a little bit easier as they prepare for the upcoming Passover celebration. Chasdei Lev is an organization we can all be proud of."



שאל אב"ך  
ויגדך זקניך ויאמרו לך  
*Dear Bubby...*

**Dear Bubby,**

My Yeshiva bochurim are home for Pesach vacation, and I am thrilled to see them. The problem is .... when do I see them? I know it's supposed to be free time, but they sleep and daven late, hang around the house for a while before meeting their friends and spending most of their time with their friends. I know they are learning for part of the time which makes me proud. On the other hand, I am slaving away cleaning, cooking and making Pesach and could use their help. How do I make it clear to my teenage boys that instead of running on their own Bein Hazmanim schedule for an entire month, they should think about poor old Mom and help out?

*Bein Hazmanim Mom*

**Dear Mom,**

Please never refer to yourself as "poor old mom." You are anything but that! You are a mom who is the "Queen of her house." You are a superior organizer, homemaker, and cook. You are totally invested in your family and their welfare. Now is the time to inform these young men of all YOUR attributes. But it shouldn't be you to tell them it is pay-back time. Dear old dad (your husband) should call in his bachurim and tell them how proud you both are of them and hopefully, impress upon them that Erev Pesach is a time for family to help family. Their help now is very important, and this is the way of saying thank you to their special Mom for all she does for them.

Make sure you have a schedule. A few hours a day with specific chores. You must be very specific about what you expect them to do. After your sons have put in their time and effort, do something nice for them - take them out for dinner. (You certainly deserve a break)

Happy cleaning, Make it fun, and it can also be a bonding experience.

**Dear Bubby,**

A little birdie told me that if I needed a real good Pesach recipe, I should ask the Bubby in the Monsey Mevaser. Can you share something for us so my family will enjoy a fresh new Pesach idea - not the usual stuff I make year after year?

*Recipe Hunter*

**Dear Hunter,**

Thanks so much for asking. I love to cook and bake (such a Bubby) and I'm pretty good at it. (Many many years of experience, I certainly hope so).

This is my recipe for: No-fail, Healthy, Low-fat Pesach Cheesecake

You will need:

- 10 Ladyfingers — small sour cream or yogurt
- 2 tsp melted margarine or oil — 2 tbs. sugar
- 2 - 8-ounce farmer cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cp. sugar
- 1 packet vanilla sugar

Preheat oven at 350

Crumble ladyfingers, add margarine and mix. Put into a round tin.

Mix farmer cheese, eggs and sugars till smooth. (no mixer needed)

Pour cheese mixture over fingers and bake for 25 minutes at 250. Let cool 10 minutes. Cover with sour cream and sugar mixture. Bake for 12 minutes more.

This is great for breakfast for the kids with a glass of milk. Or a yummy creamy treat with a cup of coffee. I have been making this cheesecake for over 40 years. Now my kids make it for their grandchildren.

So enjoy. Let me know how it turns out.

A Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

**Dear Bubby,**

I have to admit that I am looking forward to sefira because I will get a break from all the social obligations that abound during the rest of the year (besides for the three weeks). No more weddings for a short time and I get to stay home with my children and put them to bed myself. There are some weeks during the year when I feel like I am out more days of the week than I am home.

My husband tells me I shouldn't feel I have to go, but I just feel that if someone actually invites me to their simcha, it must mean that they want me to attend, and I don't want to insult them. After all, how many times will that couple get married? (Hopefully only once and so I want to be there for that once in a lifetime experience.) Then there are sheva

brachos, and even the bar mitzvahs take their toll. Fortunately, there is only one school dinner unless someone in the neighborhood or a relative is honored and then I am obligated once again.

My children need help with homework, and the babysitters don't really know what they are doing in that regard, but I always tell myself it's just one special simcha (after another, after another, after another).

How do I put an end to the endless social obligations without anyone getting hurt?

*Social Butterfly*

**Dear Butterfly,**

It is wonderful to be sooo popular, but not at the expense or wellbeing of your children. If the simcha is local, it is easy to step in for half an hour and say Mazel Tov. Then return home in time to tuck in those darlings and get a bunch of goodnight kisses.

Be selective - if you make the wedding, forget the sheva brachos. Unless it's family or a very close friend (you know what I mean), send a gift and explain that you have a previous engagement (you have a date with your special kinderlach) and are unable to attend.

Remember, in ten years the Baalei Simcha of all those affairs will not remember if you were there that night, but your precious children will remember how their mother was always there to help with homework and put them to bed

Soon they will be grown. They may not need you to tuck them in. Then you can fly all you want.

Wishing you many simchas in the future

**Dear Bubby,**

I'm a very outgoing girl at home, but when it comes to school, I feel very self-conscious. Due to my lack of confidence, I have no friends. Another problem I have is that whenever I have a question or answer for my teacher, I get very self-conscious and don't raise my hand. Please tell me how I can find confidence.

*Thank you,  
Self-conscious*

**Dear Self-conscious,**

You can't find confidence - you need to build confidence.

How do we start? First, you sound like a very bright girl. Just the fact that are aware of the problem is part of the solution.

If you want friends you have to be a friend. That means being concerned for others, sharing with others and helping out those you think could use help.

If you want to be more aggressive and participate in class - practice the night before. Practice makes perfect.

Think of what you could say or ask and remember to look at your teacher when you are speaking. The first words may be hard, but once you start you will find that the words flow - and so will your confidence.

Confidence is feeling good about yourself. If you look good, you feel good. So always make sure you are neat and put together, that will surely help your self-esteem.

Last but not least, if all else fails, FAKE IT. The more you act confident, the more you will feel confident. Not arrogant, just comfortable with yourself.

Good Luck. I am confident you will do great.

**Dear Bubby,**

I have a growing problem. Every day I make a delicious supper for my family. All of my children eat it besides for my five-year-old son. He will not touch anything except for pizza or macaroni.

What's better, to make all my children eat pizza and noodles every day for supper just so my son will eat or to make other food which he won't eat and then he will get sick? What can I do?

*Sincerely,  
A Worried Mother*

**Dear Worried Mother,**

Let me tell you what I did when my children were young. Maybe that will help.

Every day there was a different supper. Each day of the week was somebody's favorite.

Monday - Meatballs and spaghetti, Tuesday - Minute steak and potatoes. If you were eating your favorite supper on your day, great. If not - you had to eat what Mommy made whether you liked it or not (of course they did).

Your day will come. (I think that is a song). Giving everyone one supper while making something else for another child is not a good way to teach acceptance. Learning early in life that you can't always have your way is a good thing. Also, believe me, if they miss a meal (but no snacks before bedtime) that is also a lesson in acceptance. Don't worry about eating healthy - more important to teach respect for food and of course for parents at an early age.

Eating dinner together (if possible) is also a good way for children to learn good manners and respect for siblings.

But most important, dessert - the best part of dinner (always a staple at our house). No objections there I'm sure.

*Hearty appetite.*

*Please send in your questions for Bubby to  
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She'd love to hear from you!*

With Shabbos Pesach twice this year you won't even miss your beans and barley with this grain and potato free cholent.

I developed this recipe as an option for those who want to balance out the heavy carb load in their shabbos meal while still maintaining the warmth and flavor of this tradition favorite.

The riced cauliflower adds texture and makes it more of a thick stew. The yams

give the texture of standard potatoes with a much lower glycemic load. Feel free to swap chicken or turkey for the flanked for a leaner lighter option. Pesach forces us to venture out of the box. Use the time to try new vegetables and seasoning. You may find some new favorites to incorporate into your menu all year round.

Chag Kasher V'samayach

Rorie

# Full 'n Free Pesach Cholent

## Ingredients

- 1 large onion, diced
- avocado oil, for sautéing
- 2 large yams, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 large Japanese sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 large carrots ( optional)
- 1 24 oz bag frozen mini cauliflower florets
- 2-3 pieces flanken, with or without bone, OR 2 pieces of strip steak (for a leaner version)
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt



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- 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 2 teaspoons paprika
  - 1/2 teaspoon turmeric (optional)
  - 4 cups beef, chicken or vegetable stock (homemade or packaged)
- Begin preparing cholent about 24 hours before you plan to serve it.
- Sauté the onion in avocado oil on a low flame, until soft and golden. Layer the cauliflower into the crock pot. Add sautéed onion, yams, sweet potatoes and carrots (if desired). Place meat on top, and season with spices. Add stock. Liquid should rise to an inch below the meat. Set crock pot to "low". Before Shabbos, add 1/2 cup water.

*Note:* you can leave a crock pot plugged in a full of water, until it is needed on yom tov, and then make this recipe as instructed. If you do not want to use a crock pot, you can prepare the cholent in a roasting pan and place it in the oven at a low temperature until ready to serve. Be sure to use a sheet pan to catch any spills so that your oven stays clean. Another option is to prepare the cholent in a pan, as instructed, and bake it at 350 F for 4-5 hours before removing it to the blech, using an inverted pan underneath to avoid burning.

Rorie is a health coach certified in integrative nutrition, a recipe developer, creator of Rorie's Dough Mixes and founder of Full 'N Free, LLC. In her practice, Rorie specializes in helping women with metabolic issues and hormonal imbalance, combining her training in integrative nutrition and functional medicine with the principles of the Rambam and other Torah sources. To learn more about Rorie and her dough mixes, recipes, programs and services, visit [www.fullnfree.com](http://www.fullnfree.com).

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# 15 Steps of the Leil HaSeder - Our Spiritual Ascent in Emuna

By Rebbetzin Raize Guttman

Author, Lecturer, and Mechaneches

As Pesach rapidly approaches, the anticipation grows steadily. We all look forward to a beautiful Yom Tov, but the highlight is the very first night, leil HaSeder. This holy night is a special gift given to us from Hashem, and the great levels of ruchnius that we receive are manifested through the 15 steps of the seder. In Hebrew we say "Hakol B'seder." This is the equivalent to the English, "It's all good." There is, however a much deeper message in these seemingly simple words. Hakol B'seder means that everything is in the seder. Everything about being a Jew can be found in the words of the Haggadah and the many mitzvos and minhagim that we carry out on this awesome night.

Pesach is the Yom Tov of Passover. It is the time that we pass over to the next generation the mesorah of am Yisrael. The basis of Yiddishkeit is having a relationship with Hashem, and the 15 steps of Leil haSeder teach us how a Jew can truly come close to his Creator. The root of Emuna is Eim which means a mother. It is primarily the job of a woman to infuse her children with Emuna and love for Hashem. The entire seder revolves around the number 4. There are 4 sons, 4 questions, 4 cups of wine and 4 expressions of geula. Who knows 4? 4 are the mothers of Am Yisrael. Leil HaSeder is about Emuna and is surrounded by the number 4 to remind us that it is we women, the mothers of Klal Yisroel who brought about the geula with our strong Emuna and will iy'H be the ones to bring the future geula in the merit of our Emuna.

Rav Shimshon Pincus zt"l gives us a beautiful understanding of each step of the seder night. The first step is KADESH. What do we say in Kiddush? "Atah Bchartanu mikol haaminim" - You were chosen from all the nations. The first thing a yid needs to know in his ascent to greatness is how special he is. You are great and holy. You were chosen by Hashem and He loves you. This is the most important piece of information that a yid needs to know in order to be close to Hashem.

The next step is URCHATZ- you wash your hands without a bracha. This is the first level of Nekius, cleaning oneself from sin. The Arizal says that the 3 washings that we do on this night signify the ascent in levels that we are achieving. The first is without a bracha, the second is with a bracha and the third is the mayim achronim when we bentch. At each one, we are completely different people and this is why our blessings to Hashem become stronger.

Next is KARPAS. The reason we dip a vegetable in salt water, explains the Shulchan Aruch, is

"Shelo yishnu Hatinokos," so that the small children should not fall asleep. In Kabbalah there is a concept of "gadlus dmochin" and "katnus dmochin." Katnus dmochin is referring to a simple and lower level of connection to Hashem. Gadlus DMochin is referring to a very high and lofty level of Dveykus in Hashem. We do Karpas so that the "Little babies" in us shouldn't fall asleep, which means we should awaken the relationship that we already have with Hashem and hold on to it so that on this night we can use it as a stepping stone to reach great heights in our avodas Hashem.

YACHATZ means that we break the middle matzah. Matzah symbolizes Emuna. Rav Gamliel Rabinovitch shlit'a says that when a person eats the matzah he should realize that he is physically putting Emuna into his bloodstream. We take the matzah, which is our Emuna, and break it in half. The bigger piece, the gadlus dmochin, we put away for later on in the seder when we will reach a very lofty level. The smaller piece we save to eat very soon.

Now, we come to a turning point in the seder, MAGGID. We now tell over the many miracles and kindness that Hashem did for us. In Tehilim we say, "He'emanti ki Adaber" - I believe that which I speak. The more you speak about something, the more you believe it. This is the way to infuse ourselves with Emuna and appreciation to Hashem.

After Maggid we are on a completely different level in our relationship with Hashem. Now we do RACHTZAH, we wash our hands, but we are in a different spiritual place and this time we make a bracha.

Then, we come to MOTZI MATZAH. We actually eat the matzah with tremendous love and appreciation for the ability to infuse ourselves with Emuna. Matza is called "Naham d'm'haimenusa" - bread of Emuna. We ate matzah because we had no time to bake bread. When Hashem said, "Go now," there were no questions - we went. Matzah means that Hashem is in charge and we do what He says whether we understand or not.

After we are full of Emuna, we now have to see if our Emuna is real. This is why the next step is MAROR. The test of a Yid's Emuna is when life is bitter. We eat the maror to show that no matter how hard and bitter life may be at times, our Emuna is strong. The way we do this is through KORECH. We take the bitterness of life and put Emuna on top and Emuna on the bottom and that is how we swallow our maror. We say "Zecher L'mikdash k'Hillel" - this is what Hillel used to do. Why do we mention Hillel? Because Hillel was the paradigm of one who never got angry or upset. Whatever happened he accepted with

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## Nutrition Facts

By Yocheved Millman, MS Nutrition, Certified Personal Trainer  
Serving Size – 1 Greater Monsey Community

Dear Yocheved,

I just went grocery shopping today and realized how much I enjoy the gluten-free products available for Pesach. This got me thinking, and I feel like I can stick to this way of eating throughout the whole year. What is your best advice for getting started on a gluten-free diet?

Mimi - Suffern

Dear Mimi,

This is one of my favorite questions that I frequently get asked from clients. Gluten is something that has a very bad reputation, yet most people don't know precisely why it has this reputation, or more importantly, what gluten is. Let's talk more about the basics of gluten.

**What is gluten?**

Gluten is one of the two proteins found in cereal grains, particularly wheat, rye, and barley. When water is mixed with flour, the gluten in the flour develops and forms an elastic and stretchy network. Gluten can be thought of as the 'glue' holding the dough together. We have gluten to thank for the great texture of challah dough!

**Who should avoid gluten?**

Individuals with celiac disease should absolutely avoid gluten. This condition is an autoimmune disease where the body's immune system attacks the small intestine when gluten is consumed. Over time, this will likely cause damage to the lining of the small intestine, and ultimately decrease the absorption of nutrients. Keep in mind; only about 1% of the population has celiac disease. Beyond this population, there is little evidence on any health benefits of a gluten-free diet.

**Pros and Cons of a gluten-free diet:**

There are many naturally gluten-free health foods, such as fiber-rich vegetables, antioxidant-rich fruits, nuts, seed, legumes, lean proteins, and gluten-free grains. If you are sticking to this kind of gluten-free diet, then this is a great healthy option. On the opposite side of the spectrum are the products that are labeled gluten-free, such as gluten-free breads, cookies, and cakes. This label does not mean that the product is healthier. Generally, the flour in these products is replaced with refined gluten-free grains – think potato starch, arrowroot starch, cornstarch, or rice flour. These alternatives are heavily processed and starchy; meaning they are almost entirely stripped of the nutrients they once contained. Think back to my previous article on whole grains and the health benefits they have. These packaged gluten-free items are very rarely made of whole grains. This issue is amplified by the fact that many gluten-free products have more sugar and/or fat than the regular versions. This is because when gluten is removed from baked items, it needs a replacement to achieve a similar texture and taste. These additives generally have no nutritional benefit and may negatively impact health when consumed in excess.

**When is gluten-free not a good choice?**

A great example I like to share with people is Marshmallow Fluff. This is not a gluten-free item that uses other flour replacements, but it applies all the same. The package boasts 'NO FAT OR CHOLESTEROL, GLUTEN FREE,' but does this statement make it healthy? I hope you are all shaking your head no! This product may not have gluten, fat or cholesterol, yet it does contain an excessive amount of added processed sugar, and zero nutritional value. (Side note: think back to my previous article on fats – and why reaching for the low-fat/nonfat food is not always the healthiest). There are many other similar examples, but the message remains the same: it is so important to think critically about what these labels actually mean. Do not fall for the 'health benefits' that the package deceptively implies.

**How to get started on a gluten-free diet:**

The best way to get started is to consider the health benefits of a food item before simply looking at the label to see if it says 'gluten-free.' Breads, cakes, and cookies do not offer much in terms of nutritional benefit, to begin with, and making it gluten-free does not automatically make it a healthy item. It is possible to follow an entirely gluten-free diet while eating candy, cookies and other refined carbohydrates, which would likely not produce the healthy results you may be looking for. I would recommend choosing the whole grain versions of breads, cakes, and cookies before reaching for the gluten-free version. Also, keep in mind that a nutrient-rich gluten-free diet is attainable by eating more healthy non-refined grains, like quinoa, teff, brown rice, and amaranth, along with lots of vegetables, fruit and other nutrient-packed foods that are inherently gluten-free.

Best of luck!

Yocheved Millman, **MS Nutrition, Certified Personal Trainer**

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# Finding Geulah by Quieting the Critic

By Mrs. Chani Juravel, LCSW

Once again, we're greeting the awesome month of Nisan, the promise of redemption a hopeful reality. We're all anxious for *geula* in one way or another; we are all in need of personal and national salvation. For some, a medical challenge, for others, the need for income, a spouse, a child...or for clarity and resilience that seems to have run dry. We await a time that will promise a world of revealed good and the fulfillment of Hashem's *malchus* restored. We know that the month is auspicious, the timing opportune. Yet we wonder if we dare imagine what until now has proven impossible. How to access healing?

We need not question Hakadosh Baruch Hu's ability to enact even the most dramatic of change. He can, as proven in *Mitzrayim*, usher in new conditions and realities at any instant. He is, as we affirm each day in our *tefilla*, a *Borei Refuos*, an *Oseh Chadashos*...One Who is able to yield new, powerful, miraculous turnarounds and states of being. We know *He* has what it takes...We just have to figure out *our* role and ability in making *geula* a reality.

We, women, tend to be pretty hard on ourselves, often so critical of our own goodness and self-worth. For many, it is hard to take a compliment ("What, this recipe? Oh, please...it is so easy! I'm not much of a cook.") For others, there is a voice of criticism always waiting to interject and punctuate their thoughts ("You really think you deserve to be called a mother? How could you have sounded like that? You're destroying your child. It will be a miracle if she turns out okay.") No matter how much we try and come through, it is often the failing that is highlighted ("You blew it! You polished off that chocolate cake. What a waste. Two months of dieting, a total wash. You're hopeless.") Surprisingly, even our best of efforts can yield rebuke from our voice ("You think you deserve credit for leaving him supper? Oh, please. That is what every normal wife does. Don't rest on your laurels; you're nothing special. Other women are a lot busier than you and they manage to feed their husbands. It's about time you came through.")

There are many possible reasons that we hold on to our critical parts. Over the years, students and clients of mine have shared many: if they let go of self-criticism, they're convinced they'll slip. It is their critical voice, they're sure, that keeps them in place and assures their success. Without it, they fear they'll stagnate at best or be "out of control" at worst. Another reason? It may serve to curb arrogance. Aren't we supposed to

stay away from *ga'ava* and self-aggrandizement? What better way to do that than by beating ourselves up...ensuring that we will not feel too good or proud of ourselves, lest it get to our heads. Or... an internal voice of criticism may be parroting a voice from our past - parent, authority figure, a mentor of some sort who blamed, criticized and/or chastised us in some way in hopes of channeling or motivating us somehow. Internalizing that familiar voice may have become second nature, with no other voice ringing as true.

Whatever the case, let's question whether or not that critic has yielded long-term success on any level. Yes, you may say, "It got me to be a better student/parent...to control my temper...lose weight," or "Look where I am; it hasn't done too badly!" but I'm not convinced that it is the source of your success. The only way you would know that is by trying to follow the same plan or be the person who you are *without* The Critic. It just may be that you will experience the same (or even longer-term) success without it, freed from the damage it does in the process trying to help. We do seem to make some positive changes because of The Critic. but when you think about it, the results never last all that long. The standards are too high and we're too hopeless about our potential to maintain them. And therein lies our key to understanding how to access truer *geula*.

In addition to Hashem's everlasting ability, there was a component of our historic redemption that was in *our* control. The Nesivos Shalom says that to leave *Mitzrayim* we had to believe not only that Hashem could and would free us, but that He saw us as loveable and *worthy* of being freed, even at the shockingly low level we were at. We needed to believe in our own goodness and value, in His first message to us of "*b'ni bechori Yisroel!*" It was that positive declaration of His love that inspired us to do and become more, even though we were far from being at our best or purest when it was spoken. For only believing in our strengths and Hashem's love for us, says the Slonimer Rebbe, will ultimately fuel us to grow and heal. For eighty percent of our brethren, that didn't resonate. They didn't believe that they were really loveable; they were sure that they'd have to prove themselves first to be deserving of Hashem's interest. And they died in their self-imposed prison of Egypt as a result, literally and figuratively limited and left to the darkness they chose.

It is our self-critic, he says, that keeps us from actualizing our strengths and coming to our truest, freest state of redemption. That critic has us believe that

we can't be deserving unless we prove our perfection first. It is the voice of *Amalek*, the cold and cruel critic that brought us down in the *midbar* ("You think G-d wants you? (Not in the state you're in...! You've got a lot to do before you'd be worth anything to Him!") and it is the internal, similarly harsh voice of our own internal Amalek that keeps us down in our lives today. If we believe that only at our height of perfection are we deserving of positive notice and confidence, we just may never get there.

We have what it takes, and we don't need the critic to remind us. Imagine a father coming home to find his child reading a book all day instead of doing her chores. With a smile, he says, "If you have the discipline to sit and read the same book all day, with that amazing focus imagine what you can set your mind to doing in life!" Our kindest Father sees the beauty in our beings, limited and weak as we may now be. He sees us as our best selves. He awaits our adherence to His Prescriptive and Plan and is confident that we can utilize the talents and tools we have thus far ap-

plied elsewhere (albeit ineffectively) to get to where we will experience most success and spiritual safety.

We as women ushered in the first Nisan *geula* with our merit. And we as women, with the gift of *she'asani kirtzono*, being created so beautifully and naturally in sync with Hashem's will, have the ability to echo His voice in freeing ourselves and our generation once more. We have to show belief in others' and (even *more* difficult) in our *own* strengths and goodness, to believe that we have what it takes to elicit Hakadosh Baruch Hu's assistance and *yeshua* by our trust and most trustworthiness of actions.

He is just waiting for us to be as hopeful and as confident in ourselves as He always is and has always been in us.

Wishing you a beautiful Yom Tov!

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# Chemdas Shlomo - Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Lifshitz - 12 Nisan 5599 - March 27, 1839

Rav Shlomo Zalman Lifshitz, Rav of Warsaw, author of Chemdas Shlomo, was born in Posen in 1764, which was part of Poland at the time. Posen was a Torah metropolis for centuries. Its rabbanim included the Maharsha, the Maharal and the Levush. (Rav Akiva Eiger would serve in Posen, beginning in 1815.) Rav Shlomo Zalman learned under the son-in-law of the Noda B'Yehuda, known as Yosef HaTzaddik, who was the Rav in Posen, for 25 years until his passing in 1801.

After being supported by his father-in-law for 22 years, he took up the yoke of rabbanus in 1804. He was about 40 years old at the time. His first position was in Nashlask, Poland. After 15 years in Nashlask, Rav Shlomo Zalman moved to the Warsaw neighborhood of Praga, and in 1819, became the first chief rabbi of Warsaw, which boasted 5,000 Jewish families and was the largest and wealthiest kehilah in Poland. After serving as rav of Warsaw for 25 years, Rav Shlomo Zalman fell ill and passed away.



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When the father-in-law of the great tzaddik, R' Shloime Eiger zt"l passed away, he left a last will and testament which stated that whichever one of his children or grandchildren will have a baby boy and name the child after him, will receive an inheritance worth 40,000 rubles. Such a large amount was practically unheard of at the time, and as mazel would have it, R' Shloime's wife was in the latter stages of pregnancy.

Within a few short months, a baby boy was born to R' Shloime and his wife, and of course, he named the baby after his fa-

ther-in-law. Unfortunately, the baby was not well and the doctors did not think the child would make it. In less than thirty days, the sick baby succumbed to his illness.

A bit later, another son-in-law was blessed with a healthy baby boy and this child survived. Now, a question arose: Who should claim the 40,000 ruble inheritance? R' Shloime insisted that under the terms of the will, the one who gave the name to his baby boy will receive the inheritance, notwithstanding the fact that the child did not survive. His brother-in-



law, however, argued vehemently that the purpose of naming the child after their father-in-law was only so that the child should live and perpetuate his name. Thus, he believed that the inheritance was

due to him. The only recourse was to go to a Rov and settle the matter according to Torah law.

The two respected claimants came to the Beis Din in the city of Warsaw, under the auspices of the renowned Chemdas Shlomo, R' Shlomo Zalman Lifshitz zt"l. Each side laid out his claim and R' Shlomo Zalman listened attentively. After a few moments of deep concentration, R' Shlomo Zalman told them that he would need thirty days to contemplate the matter and afterward, he would render a decision.

The month couldn't go by fast enough for the claimants and finally, on the appointed day, they found themselves back in Warsaw, in the inner sanctum of the Chemdas Shlomo. With little fanfare, the Rov explained how he came to his decision and then ruled in favor of the other son-in-law.

R' Shloime Eiger was crestfallen. He had reviewed time and time again, all the angles of the case and was sure that he would win. He had proof after proof ready to cite in the event that it would be necessary and now that it was, in fact, necessary, R' Shlomo Zalman would not listen. He had made up his mind and his ruling was final.

In exasperation, R' Shloime Eiger turned to the elderly Rov and said, "With all due respect, this cannot be. If my father (the great R' Akiva Eiger zt"l) would hear this case, he would not rule as you did...."

R' Shlomo Zalman didn't flinch. In fact, quite the contrary, he broke out into a broad smile. "Come, I would like to tell

you a story that happened many years ago with the holy Rebbe, R' Heschel zt"l of Krakow. When he was a young child, he was once sitting at the seder on the night of Pesach, next to his father. He was a clever child and he managed to sneak the Afikoman away from his father without his father even realizing it. When the time for Tzafon (when the Afikoman is eaten) came, his father looked about and saw that his Afikoman was gone. Immediately, he turned to his son Heschel and asked for it back. The young boy smiled and said that he would give it back to his father but only on the condition that his father buys him a silk jacket." At this point, the Chemdas Shlomo looked at his listener and added, "I don't know why the young boy Heschel would need an expensive silk jacket - but that's irrelevant to the story."

He continued. "The ancient Jewish custom of bargaining over the Afikoman ensued but Heschel wouldn't budge. His father checked the time and realized that he had no choice but to give in. Heschel brought out the wrapped piece of matza and ceremoniously handed it over to his father. His father began breaking off pieces and giving them to each member of the family. He gave one piece to every person present - except Heschel.

"What about me, father?" asked the boy. A sly grin crossed his father's face and he said, 'Okay, if you want a piece of the Afikoman, you have to take back your demand for the silk jacket. Otherwise, I will not give you any matza and you will not be able to fulfill the mitzvah.' His father smiled triumphantly. 'Fair is fair.'

"But young Heschel was not to be denied. He reached under the table and pulled out a small piece of matza. Grinning like a child who just won an unlimited supply of candy, he announced, 'Father, I had a feeling you would do this, so I came prepared. I broke off a piece of the Afikoman before I gave it back to you!' The child prodigy Heschel munched happily as his father sat stunned and defeated."

The Chemdas Shlomo now turned to his eminent guest, R' Shloime Eiger. "When I took this case, I had a feeling that you might not be happy with my ruling and might try to 'pull rank' on me by bringing your esteemed father into the fray. So like the Rebbe, R' Heschel, I too, came prepared. I asked for thirty days so that I could present the case in writing to your father, R' Akiva Eiger. He sent me back his response, which is in total agreement with my ruling!"

R' Shlomo Zalman then pulled out the letter and handed it to the stunned claimant.

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# Nostalgia from Uncle Ben ....



## If You Want It to Be Clean, Pass the Mr. Clean!

With gratitude to Hashem Yisb-orach, I would like to inform you that I have finished the entire Shas, Shisha Sidrei Mishnah with Bartenura, Rambam, and all four Chalakim of Shulchan Aruch! I would like to thank my wife who constantly gave me the push to do it. Now, I will be moving on to clean the second half of the shelf, Chumashim and Siddurim.

Someone sent me that text message earlier this week and it got me to laugh. But then, I started thinking: why am I laughing? As I dwelled upon this point, I came to the realization that it is the unadulterated truth. We all work hard to clean every single book and sefer that

we own. Yet, we know deep down that we haven't used them all year long, and we're probably not using them on Pesach either.

Now of course the seforim you know you've used throughout the year at the Shabbos table, or the ones you plan to use over Yom Tov - by all means clean them! But to clean every single sefer? Are you Rav Chaim Kanievsky?

It isn't only the men - the ladies are guilty of this too. Did you ever serve dinner on top of the bookcase? Or have snack inside the AC vents? Did you shmear chomez on the hallway walls? Do you normally have a snack behind the freezer? We all know what the Mishnah says in Pesachim: "Kol makom shein machnesim bo chometz, ayn tzurich bedika." Any place that chometz is not brought into does not require bedika, checking. So why are we working so hard? Dust isn't chometz - why has no one realized that yet?

But you see, kinderlach, that is the

beauty of us Yidden. We don't settle for mediocre. We don't settle for less. We don't settle period. We do 110% of what we're supposed to do. We ensure that we don't have a single crumb anywhere in the house. We vacuum and clean the house over and over, again and again. We are super vigilant to eradicate any trace of chometz from our homes. Kudos to the women for going the extra mile.

This is the way it is today, this is how it was 50 and 500 years ago. We all keep to our mesorah. There are no shortcuts, tricks or games. Year in year out, we keep going through our homes ensuring there isn't a speck or morsel of chometz.

The famous story is told of the Berditchever Rebbe who asked his students on erev Pesach to find him a Turkish cigarette, which was outlawed in those days. They searched and after a short period of time, returned to the Rebbe with the cigarette. Then, the Berditchever asked them find a loaf of bread in a Jewish house. The Talmidim searched high and

low but they were unable to find any. To that, the Rebbe exclaimed, "Ribbono Shel Olam, look down at your children, and without any policemen they guard your mitzvos!"

How fortunate are we to be able to live with ideals of the past and integrate them into our daily lives. We don't take shortcuts. We take the halachos of Pesach seriously. Being an old-timer, I am able to see first-hand how careful Yidden are regarding the mitzvos of Pesach.

As we now pass these values on to the next generation, we need to instill in them the importance of these values. This is our Mesorah. Lucky am I to be part of this holy nation. How fortunate are we to have this Yom Tov.

Wishing you all a Chag Kosher V'sameach. Keep on cleaning and remember - even though grout isn't chometz, it won't shine on it's own!

*Until next time,  
Everyone's favorite Uncle Ben*

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This week the national media reported some frum yidden from some very religious orthodox communities saying that their child has or had measles and it's wonderful. Its juvenile to even respond to such talk. No one denies that most people recover from it, but nearly one-in-ten are hospitalized and many of them are developing severe medical conditions. During the current outbreak, five patients in New York city were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit and we pray that Hashem will shall protect them and they should come out healthy. The disease, can cv's result in: swelling of the brain, partial blindness, deafness and even more serious complications. And that's not to mention the cancer patients undergoing treatments, or other people struggling with health issues, to whom exposure to the measles is extremely dangerous and can even be fatal, cv's.

Is a Jew permitted to take the risk because it worked out for their child before? The answer found in all the poskim without exception, is a unanimous - NO!

We heard an argument from the anti-vaxxer group that those who are in dan-

ger because they are sick should watch themselves. Let the unhealthy children stay home so my unvaccinated child can go to school.

It is heartbreaking to hear a frum yid presenting such a ridiculous argument. They want sick kids who must go to the hospital for serious medical treatments, or are hospitalized for other reasons, to not be able to spend time with their friends in Yeshiva because others have baseless myths against vaccinating? Where is their heart, where are their feelings? How can one endanger others due to outright fantasies and myths? Those believing in these myths should go back in time to a hundred years ago when people weren't vaccinating, and keep their children home, as was the norm a century ago, and don't make life more difficult for those suffering enough!

However, it's much deeper, and here's where it comes to the topic of our discussion: the outright blatant CHILUL HASHEM that this small group has caused. If someone still doubts if the anti-vaccine movement has anything to do with Judaism or sanity, they only have to analyze how this group fights for their cause.

When the Department of Health or-

dered that unvaccinated children shouldn't attend school, they fought tooth-and-nail, as if keeping a healthy child at home until the outbreak ends is the end-of-the-world. Their stubborn fight caused the "infection" to spread even more. While in some neighborhoods the outbreak is already over, our schools and institutions are struggling with this for months, instead of weeks, all due to the anti-vax stubbornness

Many cities and councils have taken more and more action, causing more and more attention to what President Trump calls "Fake News" and the amount of media coverage the frum community receives has only harmed our standing and perception amongst our neighbors. There is now a bill in Albany to prohibit the use of religion as an excuse not to vaccinate. Should this pass, parents will have no choice but to give their children ALL vaccines - for now and for forever - even the ones not so conventional for the average Jew.

Columbia-Presbyterian hospital, one of the most famous children's hospitals, has released a "Measles update" mandating that anyone entering the emergency room must prove their vaccination status, otherwise they will be forced into

confinement and other such treatments, in the hospital. Hatzalah has already reported being discriminated against when bringing patients to the hospital. These are just a few of the unfortunate examples.

This small group of anti-vaxxers, who spoke to the press and tarnished the image of observant Jews, has created an immeasurable chilul Hashem. We learned of instances in certain areas where people are warned to distance themselves from Jews to avoid infections. It reminds us of medieval libels that Jews are causing plagues which led to horrible anti-Semitism. Chas V'shalom that this should start a fire of hatred against Jews. Their entire fight is conducted in a short-sighted non-Jewish manner, which only harms their interests and brings a terrible defamation of Hashem's name. Even more unfortunately, it is playing gleefully in to the hands of those who want to destroy the independence of our yeshivos which has zero to do with vaccinations.

Does this disturbing group really think they know better than the whole world?! What has become of the "great, wise and discerning people" we are supposed to be?!



Rabbi Pinchos Jung

**Praise**

1) When we praise Hashem, it is abundantly clear, as with most of our davening, that we are really reminding ourselves of His infinite greatness. This is the way we condition our minds before we place our request before Him as the gemara teaches (Brachos 32A), "Always spell out praise of Hashem and only then daven." This we can all appreciate.

## Gleanings for Pesach From the Tzemech Tzedek z.y.a.

Our topic actually includes all brachos since we mortals are surely unable to offer the Creator our blessing. However, the Chinuch (430) explains, on the lines of the above, that the way to attract bracha to ourselves is simply by acknowledging that, on the contrary, He alone is the very source of bracha. This we can easily also comprehend.

But Tzemach Tzedek (Derech Mitzvosecha, page 148) provides us with a moshel that may surprise some readers. If you need to approach a wealthy individual on behalf of a worthy cause, you are likely to begin your appeal along these lines: "I know that you love to do gemilus chesed, so here we have a desperately needy family" etc. This is not intended as flattery, which we are repeatedly told to avoid. It is in fact, as Tzemach Tzedek sees it, to arouse and activate the kindness and sympathy of the generous person you are addressing. This will, it is felt, touch his heart and move his generosity from potential to reality.

Thus, we are legitimately touching the very roots of the midah we choose to activate by praising Hashem with the immortal words of David Hamelech. Our seforim tell us how this method is always free of any

"kitrug" and so that's has a major advantage over openly stated requests.

**Yom Tov Sheni**

2) Everyone is familiar with the halachah of Yom Tov Sheni and the fact that it is to be treated with no less honor than the first day, as far as tefillah is concerned. Here the Tzemech Tzedek quotes and explains an inspiring insight from the Remak z.y.a. The simple reason for maintaining this practice today, despite the establishment of a permanent calendar, is also well known. Basically, the reason for it is given (Betzah 4b). "Be cautious not to abandon the tradition of your ancestors."

The Remak offers a deeper Insight. Yom Tov is an experience of an outpouring of spiritual energy emanating from the loftiest sources. Eretz Israel is a unique country in that, as we understand it, Hashem is so much closer to it than He is to any other place on our planet (see Devarim 11:12). Thus, the pure atmosphere of Eretz Hakodesh can absorb the full kedusha of the Yom Tov in just one day. However, any other country will need twice that amount of time to soak in that degree of holiness.

That's the need for Yom Tov Sheni.

This, explains Tzemech Tzedek (ibid page 198) is to be compared to a source of light, be it a lamp or be it a candle. The closer we are to that source of light, the more intense it will be. The further we are, the weaker it will become. However, it will spread over a greater area. It is exactly the same in its origins; its power depends on the position of the recipient. With this, he comments on the medrash, (Shir Hashirim 1:6:5) that the yiden of chutz la-aretz thought they could claim double reward as we keep two days Yom Tov. But since it is essentially one day, diluted in a sense into two, we are equal with the citizens of Eretz Yisroel. Surely, when we experience the Olam Haba earned by keeping the two days, we will be so delighted that we will be honored to be on an equal status with inhabitants of Eretz Yisroel. Moreover, by the time you read this, hopefully, we will all be back home...

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**וירא ישראל את היד הגדולה אשר עשה ה' במצרים ויראו העם את ה' ויאמינו בה' ובמשה עבדו**

**"And Yisrael saw the great hand that Hashem inflicted against Mitzrayim and the people revered Hashem and they believed in Hashem and in Moshe His servant."**

A woman once came to the Sanzer Rebbe for a bracha since she was experiencing many serious problems. The rebbe told her, "Put your trust in Hashem and He will help you." The lady thought for a minute and replied, "But in Shacharis we daven, Yisrael saw the great hand of Hashem, and only then do we say, And they believed in Hashem and in Moshe His servant. From here we learn that Hashem must first save us and only then must we have trust in Him!" Bested, the rebbe smiled and said, "If

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that is the case, then Hashem will indeed help you and then you must put all your trust in Him."

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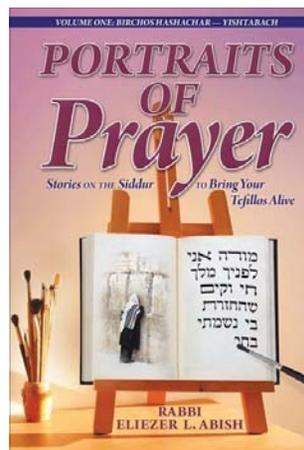
The Ibn Ezra explains that Bnei Yisrael believed in Hashem and, concerning Moshe Rabbeinu, they believed that he was merely a servant of Hashem." Moshe Rabbeinu had no independent powers. Everything Moshe Rabbeinu accomplished was directly from Hashem.

Reb Yaakov of Mishkolov zt"l once asked his rebbi, the Vilna Gaon zt"l, why Moshe Rabbeinu is not mentioned at all in the Haggadah. After all, he is the most central figure in the episode of Bnei Yisrael leaving Mitzrayim.

The Vilna Gaon replied that Moshe Rabbeinu is actually mentioned in the Haggadah, by quoting the pasuk, And they believed in Hashem and in Moshe His servant.

"I still don't understand," Reb Yaakov persisted. "Since Moshe Rabbeinu played such a large and pivotal role in Bnei Yisrael leaving Mitzrayim, his name should be liberally sprinkled throughout the Haggadah. It almost seems as if the omission is deliberate."

"Your point is exactly correct; it is a delib-



erate omission. The Haggadah is teaching us that while Moshe Rabbeinu's role in leading Bnei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim was a very important one, nevertheless, Moshe Rabbeinu himself was incidental to our exodus. In other words, Bnei Yisrael did not leave Mitzrayim because Moshe Rabbeinu took them out. Hashem took Bnei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim and Hashem utilized Moshe Rabbeinu to accomplish it. This is one of the reasons Moshe

had a speech impediment; so people should not claim that Moshe used his persuasive and articulate tongue to convince Pharaoh to release Bnei Yisrael, or to convince Bnei Yisrael to submit themselves to him. Indeed, because Moshe was not a gifted orator, everyone would have to agree that the exodus of Bnei Yisrael from Mitzrayim, as well as their transformation from a nation of slaves to a free nation, was only because Hashem willed it.

If, for whatever reason, Moshe Rabbeinu had not led Bnei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim, someone else would have done so.

"This is why," explained the Vilna Gaon, "Moshe Rabbeinu's name is conspicuously absent from the Haggadah. Moshe Rabbeinu's role is downplayed in order for us to properly

understand that, in actuality, no one played a role in our exodus from Mitzrayim other than Hashem Himself.

"The pasuk states, I am Hashem and I will take you out from under the burden of Egypt." The pasuk also states, I shall execute judgment, I am Hashem." Rashi explains these words as, 'I, by Myself, and not through an emissary.'

"These Posukim teach us that we should clearly understand that it was only Hashem Himself who released us forever from the bondage and slavery of Egypt, that it was only Hashem Himself Who punished the Egyptians and that it was only Hashem Himself Who took us out of Egypt."

"Therefore," concluded the Vilna Gaon, "Moshe Rabbeinu's name is not prominently mentioned in the Haggadah. It is only mentioned one time, 'And they believed in Hashem and in Moshe His servant.' The only time Moshe Rabbeinu is mentioned is to tell us that he is a servant of Hashem and not one who has any powers of his own."

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# Editorial: Do we Recognize the Growing Threat?

By M. Kracko

Much has been made over the last two years about the supposed “hatred” emanating from President Trump. We have been told of tendencies that have led many pundits and media folk to conclude that there is some nefarious plot unfolding giving white supremacy new found power.

Yet the facts on the ground don't add up to the narrative being supplied to us. Last week, President Trump recognized Israeli rights to the Golan Heights. The strategic importance of the Golan Heights is undeniable. Throw in the recognition of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish people, freeing Sholom Mordechai Rubashkin from his outrageous jail sentence, and the compassion and care he displayed after the Pittsburgh massacre - and a different theme emerges. A president who values and cares very much for the Jewish people.

However, that is only half the story. About a month ago representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN.) cast her third anti-Semitic tweet in a row. The response of the Democratic Party was quite revealing. Instead of a bill decrying anti-Semitism and censuring Omar, they put forth a bill taking a stance against all hatred in general, without even mentioning Omar by name. They couldn't bring themselves to admit that a growing faction of the Democratic Party had a problem with the “Benjamins.” The new “fresh faces” of the Democratic Party, Omar, Talib and Ocasio Cortez have all

made troubling remarks about either Jews or Israel in general. Throw in the fact that the second in control of the D.N.C. is a man by the name of Keith Ellison, a man who claims as his spiritual mentor, Louis Farrakhan - and your eyes begin to bulge out from their sockets.

Recently, a photograph surfaced that pictured former President Obama with the very anti-Semitic Farrakhan. They were smiling and embracing one another. The picture had been held by the press for many years. Apparently they didn't want to besmirch the Obama name or ruin his chances at election or (re-election).

Anyone who had any questions about why there was a “strained” relationship between Obama and Bibi Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, now understands why that was. There are other examples of the Democratic Party and their “Jewish problem.” Too many for my pen to delineate here.

After Shabbos, I took a look at Yeshiva World News and noticed that President Trump had given a speech to the Republican Jewish Coalition. A non religious group in Nevada. It brought a smile to my face to know that some Jewish people recognize the friend we have in the White House.

My only question is, do enough Jewish people recognize the growing threat from the other side?

*Rabbi Moshe Kracko is the rabbi of Pine Valley Rehabilitation Center, a teacher and a freelance writer with an eye on politics*

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Emuna that it is from Hashem and it is good. This is a very high level that we wish to attain on this night.

Now, we come to SHULCHAN ORECH. We eat a delicious meal. But we eat Isheim shomayim. We are so full of Emuna already that our physical eating becomes a spiritual act of true avodas Hashem.

As we come to TZAFUN, we have come to a level of gadlus. We can now take out the matzah of high-level Emuna that we put away for later when we would be on the madreiga to eat it. This is what we think about as we eat the afikomen. We are eating Emuna that is real dveykus in Hashem. The only thing that one can do at this point is burst out in thanks and praise to Hashem and therefore we come to BARECH. We bentch Hashem with our whole heart and soul.

Then we sing HALLEL and say Nishmas with our entire being. And as we come to the end of the seder, we are so overcome with true love for Hashem that we do NIRTZAH, we daven that our avoda is pleasing in Hashem's eyes. We sing Echad mi yodea and Chad Gadia which are deep and mystical songs of love to Hashem.

Once we are on such a high, we can't just go to sleep, so we say Shir Hashirim, the holy and beautiful description of our deep and intense love that we have for Hashem and that He has for us.

May we all be zoche to the great gift of ruchnius that the Leil Haseder offers us and may we all achieve the goal of Pesach which is to infuse ourselves with so much Emuna that it naturally gets “passed-over” to the next generation. Let us realize our tremendous powers as women and inspire our children to truly love Hashem. May we be zoche to bring Moshiaich speedily, in our days.



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The first shiur was on "Understanding the Role of *Safek* (doubt) in Halacha", and was delivered by Dayan Aharon Dovid Dunner, Dayan Hisachdus Hakehillos, London.

The second was "Exploring the Frontiers of Kashrus Observance, delivered by Harav Noach Isaac Oelbaum, Rav Khal Nachlas Yitzchok, Queens.

The third was on "The Profound Impact of *Hefsed Merubah* (large losses) in Kashrus", and was

presented by Harav Moshe Heinemann, Rav Agudath Israel of Baltimore.

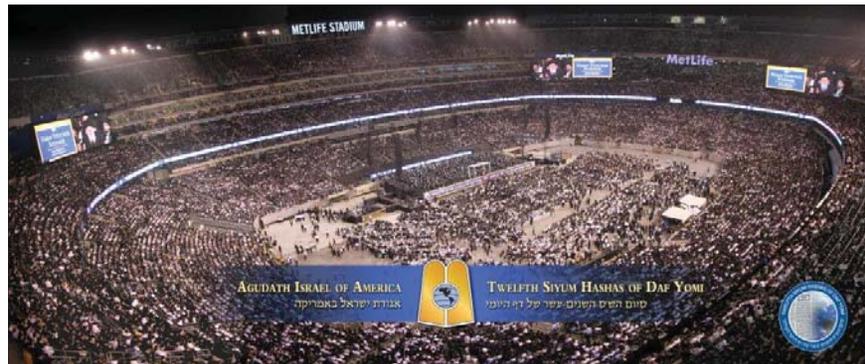
The final shiur was on "The *Nodah B'Yehudah*: The Lion On The Streets of Berlin",

given by Harav Yitzchok Zilberstein, Rav Ramat Elchanan Bnei Brak, and Rosh Kollel Bais Dovid, Cholon. Rabbi Zilberstein discussed some of the most fascinating kashrus

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## Statement from Agudath Israel of America on the Measles Outbreak and "Infectious Hatred"

Agudath Israel of America is deeply concerned about the recent outbreak of measles and the threat it poses to communities around the country.

For that reason, countless rabbinical figures and leaders, including leading rabbis in the Agudath Israel movement and doctors serving these communities, have repeatedly encouraged vaccination in the strongest possible terms. Indeed, the overwhelming majority of children enrolled in Jewish schools are vaccinated. Governmental records indicate that the measles vaccination rates in yeshivos in Williamsburg, Borough Park and across New York State are high,

with yeshiva averages statewide exceeding 96%. Similarly high rates were obtained in areas around the country with large Jewish populations. While vaccination rates in certain schools and for preschoolers may be lower, vaccination is the clear societal norm in Orthodox Jewish communities.

Agudath Israel views with equal alarm something else that has spread along with this disease: infectious hatred. Our public discourse is debased when individuals and media outlets point the finger of blame for the spread of measles squarely - and sometimes viciously - at the "ultra-Orthodox" community. Social media comments have

been particularly appalling in this regard. This is a time to come together and collaborate to meet a challenge. There is no excuse to use a public health issue - an outbreak we are suffering from - as a platform from which to spew poisonous anti-Semitic rhetoric. The motive behind this hatred becomes readily apparent in light of statistics evidencing that acute Orthodox Jewish outbreak areas have vaccination rates rivaling those of many other municipalities.

There may be reasons why, despite the high percentages of immunization, Orthodox Jewish communities are more susceptible to an outbreak of measles. Epidemi-

ologists have chronicled how international travel by Orthodox Jews to outbreak areas, closely interrelated Orthodox social networks, and high numbers of Orthodox children at ages most susceptible to a highly contagious disease are key factors in the spread of diseases of this kind (see here and here). These are all reasons it is imperative to build on the Orthodox Jewish community's already high vaccination rate, not to spread a contagion of hate.

The eradication of these dual scourges - disease and hate - demand our immediate response.

## Agudah's Overseas Passover Campaign: Decades of Help for Yidden Overseas

Imagine baking matzah with *chometz* flour. For Jews living in the former Soviet Union and other communist countries during the 1950s, observing Pesach with kosher matzah and wine was virtually impossible. Although many did try to observe the *yom tov* properly, they were unable to because of the limited resources available to them. During that era there were instances in which well-intentioned but spiritually deprived Jews actually baked matzah with *chometz* ingredients.

Decades ago, Agudas Yisroel learned of their predicament. They recognized the need of the thousands of *yidden* stuck in the communist countries of the former Soviet Union. The organization mobilized volunteers who worked tirelessly to secretly send them matzah and other basic Pesach necessities, using humanitarian channels and Agudah contacts in Switzerland.



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This gesture strengthened and gave hope to the Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain. And this is how Agudas Yisroel's Overseas Passover Campaign - which brings the fundamental ingredients of a kosher Pesach to needy Jews around the world - began.

Over the years, as more and more Jews wished to observe the *yom tov*, de-

mand for Pesach products grew. Today the Overseas Passover Campaign continues to fill a real need. "For Agudas Yisroel, the Overseas Passover Campaign is a sacred mission," says Rabbi Shlomo Gertzulin, Agudah's vice president for finance and administration, emeritus, who administered this campaign for many years. Campaign Chairman Avrohom Schonberger echoes this thought: "There are many organizations here in the United States which provide *aniyei ircha* with matzah and other Pesach necessities. We take care of those who seem to have been forgotten to ensure that all *yidden* have the opportunity to properly observe Pesach."

Rabbi Gertzulin explains that the Overseas Passover Campaign has made a real difference in the lives of many Jews living abroad. "Over the years, our campaign has distributed millions of dollars of matzah,

grape juice, and other Pesach products to tens of thousands of impoverished Jews who, even today, live in the former Soviet Union and in other countries once behind the Iron Curtain. The fall of communism brought thousands of Jews into the open, and reignited their hearts to observance of Yiddishkeit."

Agudas Yisroel is grateful to work with some wonderful partners, organizations in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and other countries, which distribute the supplies for the Agudah. "These organizations act as our *shluchim*; together we are able to help Jews keep Pesach," says Rabbi Gertzulin.

Throughout the decades, Jews all over the world without the means to make the *yom tov* have struggled to keep a kosher Pesach. Agudas Yisroel was with these *yidden* when it was illegal to be Jewish in Soviet Russia; they were with them when open observance was possible but still required effort; and they are with them now when political and economic upheaval adds another layer of challenge to preparing for Pesach.



## IN ISRAELI ELECTIONS, FINAL VOTE COUNT BUMPS UTJ UP TO 8 SEATS, LIKUD DOWN TO 35; NEW RIGHT STILL OUT

**Amended numbers released by elections committee bring Netanyahu's party to parity with Blue and White; results to be presented to president Wednesday**

**TOA By RAOUL WOOLLIFF**

The Central Elections Committee on Tuesday said the United Torah Judaism party had received an additional Knesset seat at the expense of Likud, in final election results that are to be presented to President Reuven Rivlin Wednesday.

UTJ now has eight seats, while Likud is down to 35 — the same number as the Blue and White party.

The CEC thus confirmed UTJ's claim from a day earlier, when party chairman Yaakov Litzman said he had been informed of the change. At the time the CEC said it had not provided any parties with "interim updates regarding the election results."

In recent days several parties, including UTJ, had complained to the committee over what they believed were mishandled ballot boxes or other problems at one or more of the country's 10,000-plus polling stations on election day. The Central Election Committee results had earlier placed UTJ just several hundred ballots shy of an eighth seat.

Additional inspection as the CEC completed its reviews and amended its tallies awarded the party with the extra seat.

The CEC also said it had examined claims of irregularities and counting errors by Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked's New Right party, and looked into the count at dozens of polling stations cited by Bennett.

The committee said its teams had worked throughout Monday and through the night to examine the claims and found no substantial errors. In fact, it said it had found the party had been mistakenly awarded three votes to many.

Earlier Tuesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu secured the backing of a majority of Knesset members as Yisrael Beytenu, the Union of Right-Wing Parties and Kulanu recommended him to form the next government in their official consultations with Rivlin.

With 10 of the 11 parties elected to the Knesset having now presented their recommendations to Rivlin, Netanyahu has the backing of 65 MKs, a majority of the 120-seat Knesset. Blue and White leader Benny Gantz, in contrast, has just 45.

The president said his choice was now



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, speaks with then-health minister Yaakov Litzman of the United Torah Judaism party, left, at the Knesset on March 28, 2016. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90/File)

"all but certain" and he is expected to entrust the task of forming a government to Netanyahu, who is likely to be able to build a coalition of up to 65 seats comprising Likud (35 seats), the ultra-Orthodox Shas (8), United Torah Judaism (8), Union of Right-Wing Parties (5), Kulanu (4), and, likely, Yisrael Beytenu (5).

After the president makes his selection, the chosen MK will have 28 days to form a government, with the possibility of a two-week extension at the discretion of the president.

## AFTER LUNAR CRASHING, SPACEIL ANNOUNCES BERESHEET 2.0

**"I've decided that we are going to actually establish 'Beresheet 2,'" SpaceIL chairman Morris Kahn said in a video released by SpaceIL. "We're actually going to build a new [spacecraft], we're going to put it on the moon, and we are going to complete the mission."**



Israeli President Reuven Rivlin (right) and SpaceIL president Morris Kahn at an introduction of the Israeli spacecraft "Beresheet" at the President's Residence in Jerusalem on Feb. 17, 2018. Photo by Noam Revkin Fenton/Flash90

(JNS) SpaceIL chairman Morris Kahn announced on Saturday that there will be a second Beresheet lunar spacecraft, following the first Israeli moon mission ending unsuccessfully last week when the spacecraft crashed into the moon's surface.

"I've decided that we are going to actually establish 'Beresheet 2,'" he said in a video released by SpaceIL. "We're actually going to build a new [spacecraft], we're going to put it on the moon, and we are going to complete the mission."

Kahn, who mentioned he was encour-

aged by worldwide feedback on the first mission, said he intends to lead the second project, and will form a new group of donors to support Beresheet 2.0 and has appointed a new team, which started on Sunday.

"Beresheet," named after the first word and the first book in the Torah (meaning "in the beginning"), lifted off from Cape Canaveral on Feb. 21 and almost completed its 6.5-million-kilometer journey to moon.

On Thursday, a failure in its main engine just before touchdown caused it to crash into the lunar surface.

Immediately after the result, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israel will make another attempt.

"If at first you don't succeed, try again," he said.

The initial project started eight years ago when its co-founders attempted to win the Google Lunar XPRIZE challenge by being the first private team to land a robotic spacecraft on the moon, travel 500 meters, and transmit back to Earth high-definition video and images. The contest ended in March 2018 with no winner.

However, SpaceIL's implementers Yariv Bash, Kfir Damari and Yehonatan Weintraub pressed on, acquiring the backing of multiple donors, including Kahn.

SpaceIL's effort was assisted by NASA. Only the United States, Russia and China have landed crafts on the moon, with India working on it.

On Friday, XPRIZE announced it will award SpaceIL with a \$1 million award for being just the seventh nation to orbit the moon.

## 1,600-YEAR-OLD GOLD COIN OF EMPEROR WHO ABOLISHED SANHEDRIN DISCOVERED BY PUPILS

**Byzantine ruler created the 438 Theodosian law code, which collected the thousands of imperial laws of the sprawling empire and officially made Jews second-class citizens**

**TOA By AMANDA BORSCHER-DAN**

An extremely rare 1,600-year-old gold coin of the Byzantine emperor who made Jews second-class citizens in the Land of Israel has been discovered — ironically, near a new trail built in commemoration of the Sanhedrin he abolished. It is the first time this coin has been found in Israel, according to an Israel Antiquities Authority press release published on Tuesday.

In February, four trekking teens stumbled upon the coin while orienteering in the fields alongside the Zippori stream

in the Galilee. The high schoolers, Ido Kadosh, Ofir Sigal, Dotan Miller and Harel Grin, immediately discerned that this was no run-of-the-mill coin and alerted their geography and history teacher Zohar Porshyan, who contacted the Israel Antiquities Authority.



Rare 1600-year-old gold coin depicting the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II discovered in February 2019 by pupils alongside the Zippori stream in the Galilee. (Nir Distelfeld/Israel Antiquities Authority)

The ninth graders received a certificate of commendation from the IAA at the Haemeq Hama'aravi High School in Kibbutz Yifat in the Jezreel Valley. The coin has been transferred to the State Treasuries.

The obverse of the solidus — a solid gold coin with a weight of approximately 4.5 grams that was minted in the later Roman Empire/early Byzantine era — depicts Emperor Theodosius II; its reverse is illustrated by the goddess Victory holding the Staff of the Cross.

Emperor Theodosius II (401-450) began his reign over Byzantium, the eastern part of the Roman Empire whose capital was in Constantinople, as a 7-year-old. His name is enshrined in the Codex Theodosianus or Theodosian law code, which is a set of laws published in 438 that collected and redacted the thousands of imperial laws of the sprawling empire.

Unfortunately for the Jews of the era, who had enjoyed relative freedom, the codex officially demoted their status. Rights and privileges of Jews were circumscribed. They were barred from military and civil service — aside from the thankless profession of tax collector — and no new synagogues could be constructed.

In an even more resonant blow, the emperor's codex also diverted the taxes paid to the head of the Sanhedrin, which led to the eventual abolishment of the Jewish legal council. Gamaliel VI (400-425) was the final holder of the office of Nasi.

"The emperor Theodosius II abolished the post of the 'Nasi,' the Head of the Sanhedrin Council, and decreed that the Jews' financial contributions to the Sanhedrin be transferred to the Imperial Treasury," said Yair Amitzur, IAA chief archaeologist of the Sanhedrin Trail.

"The Sanhedrin Trail initiated by the IAA tells the story of the Jewish leadership in the Galilee at the time of the Mishnah and the Talmud in the Roman and Byzantine periods. It is symbolic that the gold coin discovered adjacent to the Sanhedrin trail reflects the period of dramatic events when the Sanhedrin ceased to function in the Galilee, and the center of Jewish life transferred from the Galilee to Babylon," said Amitzur.

The high schoolers showed archaeologist Nir Distelfeld, the IAA's anti-theft inspector,



where the valuable coin was discovered.  
 “It is uncommon to find single gold coins as they were very valuable, and people took care not to lose them. I commend the pupils and their teacher for their good citizenship,” said Distelfeld.

## ISRAELI SCIENTISTS REVEAL FIRST COMPLETE 3D PRINT OF HEART

**Project leader Tal Dvir said this was “the first time anyone has successfully engineered and printed an entire heart replete with cells, blood vessels, ventricles and chambers.”**

(JNS) The first 3D print of a complete heart was disclosed by Israeli scientists on Monday. The Tel Aviv University researchers called it a “major medical breakthrough,” advancing options for transplants even though the 3D possibility is a long way off from being available mainstream.

“Researchers must now teach the print-



The first 3D print of a complete heart was unveiled by Tel Aviv University scientists on April 15, 2019. Credit: Screenshot.

ed hearts ‘to behave’ like real ones,” reported The Times of Israel. “The cells are currently able to contract, but do not yet have the ability to pump.”

Project leader Tal Dvir said this was “the first time anyone anywhere has successfully engineered and printed an entire heart replete with cells, blood vessels, ventricles and chambers.”

“People have managed to 3D-print the structure of a heart in the past, but not with cells or with blood vessels,” he added.

The findings were published in the peer-reviewed journal Advanced Science.

“Maybe, in 10 years, there will be organ printers in the finest hospitals around the world, and these procedures will be conducted routinely,” said Dvir.

## GREEK ENERGY FIRM DISCOVERS NATURAL-GAS RESERVE OFF ISRAEL

It has agreed to sell some of the gas to Israeli power producer I.P.M. Beer Tuvia in

### a 19-year deal expected to earn Energean \$900 million.

(JNS) Greek energy firm Energean has discovered between 28 trillion and 42 trillion liters of natural gas off Israel’s northwest shore, announced the company on Monday.

The firm has already agreed to sell some of the gas to Israeli power producer I.P.M. Beer Tuvia in a 19-year deal expected to earn Energean \$900 million.

“It will be more than enough to power 40

[percent] of Israel’s electricity needs for the next 10 to 15 years when production comes on stream in 2021,” reported The Telegraph.

“We are delighted to be announcing this significant new gas discovery at Karish North, which further demonstrates the attractiveness of our acreage offshore Israel,” said Energean CEO Mathios Rigas. “We are building the Energean Power [floating production storage and offloading] with spare capacity, which will enable us to quickly, safely and economically develop both Karish North and future discoveries.”



An Israeli offshore natural gas rig. Credit: Wikimedia Commons.



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**Dear Dr. Hughes,**

My two-and-a-half-year-old will not touch vegetables. Not even just vegetables—she won't touch fish or meat or avocado or apples or anything green or anything squishy. I could go on and on because the list seems endless some days. My pediatrician said she's gaining and growing nicely, and I am giving supplemental vitamins but meal-times have become very stressful. Please help me.

*Terrible Twos,  
Monsey, N.Y.*

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**Dear Terrible Twos,**

Your daughter sounds like a delightfully strong-willed child and that determination will take her very far in life! However, I do understand your concerns with her nutrition and dietary habits. The good news is, for most toddlers, this is just a phase and they will start accepting more foods as they get older. Until that happens, I have some suggestions for mealtime.

**Limit distractions**

Create a clear difference between mealtime and snacks. Snacks can be on-the-go and quick. Meals should be eaten while seated in the highchair or

booster at the table. Limiting distractions and making it clear that now is the time we eat, will help your child to understand what is expected of her.

**Choose your battles**

Nutrition is a battle to choose! Children your daughter's age are starting to understand life around them and they are craving some control. This leads to struggles when trying to dress, feed or put them to bed. She is an individual person with her own personality and likes/dislikes and sometimes these opinions are okay. For example: you want to wear pink tights with a green dress? Okay. You insist on wearing your winter hat when it's 50 degrees out? Okay. But you want cookies for lunch? Not okay.

**Give choices but keep the options healthy**

Let her help make decision. But you're in control of the options. This is the best way to compromise so that both of you are happy. Let her help you pick out the vegetables and fruits for the week. Give her two healthy lunch options, and let her choose which one she wants that day. Do not give in and give junk or sweets just to get her to eat something. Children will not starve themselves and they will let you know when they are hungry. Eventually they will eat what is offered.

**Use her cues**

Get her to accept what you offer by paying attention to her cues. If she asks for candy, she wants something sweet and you can offer fruit. If she asks for chips, maybe wants something crunchy and you can offer raw string beans, celery (with the strings removed) or apple chips. Considered the underlying characteristic of what she wants and find a healthy option.

**Make food interesting and fun**

You said your daughter does not like apples, but does she like peanut butter? Smear peanut butter on the apples to get her to try them again. Arrange fruit in the shape of a face on the plate and then ask her to find the nose and eat it. Or make "ants on a log" which is peanut butter or cream cheese on celery with raisins on top--let her put the raisins on the celery herself so that she's participating and it's more fun for her. Let her use dips—it is messy but more fun for them! Hummus is a great option for dipping vegetables because it comes in so many flavors and is a great source of protein and iron.

**Look for other sources**

Speaking of protein and iron--you mentioned your daughter does not like meat or fish. Rest assured, there are plenty of other sources of protein for her. Other good sources of protein include: tofu, nut butters, Greek yogurts, yams, beans and lentils. Other good sources of iron include: turkey, spinach, squash, eggs, broccoli, dried fruits and iron-fortified cereals. It is okay that she re-

fuses beef and fish because they are easily substituted.

**Maximize the nutritional value of what she will eat**

Even if your child becomes more receptive to food with these suggestions, she is still going to have picky days. Remember, even if she can out-stubborn you, you can still out-smart her. On picky days, sneak in some extra nutrition. If all she wants is pasta, then make sure the pasta is whole wheat pasta and/or pasta fortified with protein and vitamins. If she likes red sauce then you can puree some red peppers or carrots to mix in. If all she wants is macaroni and cheese, then puree some cauliflower or squash and mix it in—she will never know! Make the most of it! And good luck!

*--The information provided in this article is for general informational purposes only. You should always seek care from your own pediatrician regarding concerns about your child's health. --*

*Dr. Sandra Hughes is an award-winning pediatrician with 12+ years of experience treating children of all ages and medical backgrounds. Known for her warm, caring personality and extensive knowledge, Dr. Hughes was awarded the Super Doctors Rising Star Award by the NY Times Magazine. Dr. Hughes is currently accepting new patients at RefuahHealth's Main Site, 728 N. Main Street and Twin Avenue Site, 5 Twin Avenue, Spring Valley, NY 10977.*

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