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Shlomie was sulking all afternoon. "I want Tatti to fix my computer game," he whined to his mother over and over.

Shlomie's mother patiently explained. "I'm sorry Shlomie, but the mark on the test you brought home yesterday upset Tatti very much. Besides being very busy today, he's disappointed with you. I don't think he'll take the time and effort to fix your game today."

Shlomie knew his mother was right, but all he was thinking about was the game. "Doesn't Tatti love me?" he blurted.

"Of course he does," replied Shlomie's mother gently. "Parents love their children very deeply, so deeply that sometimes they are willing to overlook what they do wrong. But not all the time. Sometimes it's proper to hold back the deep love which overlooks wrong. After all, it makes sense not to reward wrongdoing."

"But I still want my game fixed," muttered Shlomie. "What can I do to get Tatti to overlook those marks for now?"

"Well," said his mother, "Let's try to find a way."

Shlomie looked up hopefully. "We can learn a lesson from this week's *parshah*," his mother continued. "The *parshah* tells us that the Jewish people put a sign on their doorposts so that *HaShem* would pass over their homes during *makkos bechoros*. But why did they need a sign now? In all the other *makkos*, they didn't put up any signs.

"Because *makkos bechoros* was different," his mother went on. "Complaints were heard in the Heavenly Court saying: 'How are the Jews different from the Egyptians? Many worship idols just like the Egyptians, so they should be punished too.'

"The complaint was true. But *HaShem* said: 'I have a deep love for the Jewish people which overlooks wrongdoings; it's an unreasonable love.' And so *HaShem* gave the Jewish people an opportunity to do something to bring out this deep love.

"What were they supposed to do? Something which showed that their love for Him was also beyond reason. He told them to fulfill the *mitzvos* of *bris milah* and the *korban pesach*. Fulfilling these *mitzvos* and making signs on their doorpost showed their deep love for *HaShem*.

"*Bris milah* shows how our love for *HaShem* is beyond reason. It creates a bond between *HaShem* and a baby, when the baby is only eight days old. At that age, a baby doesn't understand, and yet the bond remains in his body forever.

"And the Pesach sacrifice surely showed a bond above reason. Is there anything more unreasonable than a slave taking a lamb - which his masters worship as a god - keeping it for four days so everyone will see, and then slaughtering and eating it? The Egyptians could have killed them for doing this. When the Jews showed a love for *HaShem* that went beyond reason, *HaShem* showed His deep love for them, and agreed to overlook their faults."

Shlomie turned and walked towards the bookshelf. "Mommy, you know how hard it is for me to memorize *mishnayos*. It's absolutely unreasonable to expect me to learn 15 *mishnayos* by heart. And that's exactly what I'm going to do. That will make Tatti happier with me, won't it?"

*(Please tell me what the Rebbe said, adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. III Parshas Bo)*

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**WHICH THREE PEOPLE'S GRANDFATHER AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS THE SAME PERSON?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your answers to [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org)

Last weeks' brain buster: I am a mixed up thing. What am I?

Answer: Borod / Dever (in Hebrew letters).

Congratulations to Mendel Chein from Cheadle, England, for solving the brain buster.



# FROM THE DESK OF... **DR. GETZEL**

HEY KIDS,

Wow! We have a big week coming up! I'm getting dizzy just seeing the big date and how much it means to me. I'm the famous Dr. Getzel who is professional at seeing and teaching people how to see. I am in the process of inventing a new lens called the COL (Chassidic Outlook Lens) and the Junior Shluchim, girls and boys, from all over the universe, are helping me form the clearest lens I've ever made. But now I'm a little discombobled, and that means that I can't see straight. In fact, I'm only seeing funny stars and squiggles because Yud Shevat is such a special day and I don't know where to look.

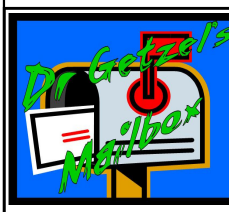
I think I know. I need the INSIDE lens. With the INSIDE lens, you look deep inside your heart. This is very hard for grownups like me, because we confuse ourselves with many different unimportant things. But kids are expert at the INSIDE look. When Thursday, Yud Shevat comes, close your eyes and look inside yourself. My research says that you are going to see something very wonderful and simple. You are going to see that: 1) You want very much, with all your heart, to be a Chossid. 2) You want very much to feel close to the Rebbe.

On Yud Shevat, the day we celebrate that the Rebbe became Rebbe, this is a very good thing to do. Some of you kids will see it right away, and some of you will have to look very hard and very long, but then you'll see how much you want to be close to the Rebbe.

Then after you look into the INSIDE lens, you can decide to make a small Hachlata (resolution) for something extra that will make you a better Chossid. I like little things (like saying Modeh Ani in the morning, being nice to younger brothers or sisters, or listening to Mommy), because Iowa is a little place with only cornfields, cows, and my office with the green roof and wooden door.

I know the INSIDE lens is a bit hard to use, but start practicing now. Like I said, grownups find this very hard, but kids are super good at using this lens. So please tell me how it went for you and I'll be back next week. Good luck, see well!

SEE YA,  
DR. GETZEL



Special mention to Aizik, 12, and Gavi, 11, Schwei from Luton, England and to Mendel Krinsky from Vilna, Lithuania for answering my Mitzvah Mission correctly.



## SAVE THE DATE!!! ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN!

In honor of א"י there will be a conference call - rally.

Date: Wednesday - שבת, אור ל' שבט, January 19.

Times: 12:30 pm EST  
6:00 pm EST  
9:00 pm EST

This will א"י be a very exciting program, so keep your eyes open.  
You will be getting an e-mail next week with all the information you need.



Rivka Moscovitz  
Kharkov, Ukraine

Two girls in the machon and a few kids from the high school won a trip to Poland. The whole thing was through the Sochnut (Israeli-run Jewish Agency). The trip was supposed to start on Shabbos. When my mother and father found out that they were supposed to go on Shabbos they made a big fuss. Because of us the sochnut arranged that the kids should stay over on Shabbos by Chabad in Kiev and afterwards would go on a train. When they came they found out that the train they were supposed to go on (they would travel on Shabbos) had a fire and the people that went on that train had to walk 2 hours in the cold and they were all late for the bus or whatever they had to go on. The girls called my mother and they were really thankful for what she did.

HEY KIDS!  
SEND US A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS AND WE WILL PUBLISH IT IN OUR FUTURE "CONNECTIONS"! PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE, AND LOCATION.  
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# POCKET CALENDAR

# DID YOU KNOW?

## ב' עט

The **ב' עט** of **אניפולי** of **אניפולי**. He was one of the **אניפולי**'s **אניפולי**. He is buried in **אניפולי**, next to the **אניפולי** of the **אניפולי**.

## ט' עט

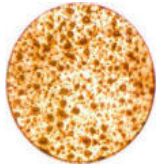
In 1952 / **ט' עט** the **אניפולי** asked that a **אניפולי** should be written to 'welcome **אניפולי**'. The writing was started on **אניפולי** but for various reasons, it wasn't finished at that time. Then, almost 28 years later the **אניפולי** asked that the **אניפולי** be finished before the **אניפולי**'s 20th **אניפולי**. The **אניפולי** was held on Friday afternoon, **ט' עט**, because that year **ט' עט** fell on **אניפולי**.



In this weeks **אניפולי** the **אניפולי** tells the story of **אניפולי**. To commemorate the **אניפולי** that **אניפולי** did at that time for **אניפולי**, every year we celebrate the **אניפולי** of **אניפולי**.

Did you know that **אניפולי** has 4 names? Yet we (the **אניפולי**) still call it **אניפולי**. Do you know why? The answer is that the name '**אניפולי**' praises **אניפולי** for passing over the **אניפולי** in **אניפולי** and killing only the **אניפולי** firstborns. So, when we call this **אניפולי** by the name **אניפולי** we are praising **אניפולי**.

In the **אניפולי** the **אניפולי** of **אניפולי** is called **אניפולי**. Do you know why? This is because the name '**אניפולי**' praises the **אניפולי** for leaving **אניפולי** in a hurry, with hardly any food. The **אניפולי** took only the dough they had prepared and it didn't even have time to rise. Even so, they had **אניפולי** that **אניפולי** would take care of them. So every time **אניפולי** wrote **אניפולי** in the **אניפולי**, He is praising the **אניפולי**.



# ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

The **אניפולי** we read this week, **אניפולי**, contains the **אניפולי** to observe the **אניפולי** of **אניפולי**: "פסח" - "For seven days you shall eat matzos". The **אניפולי** to eat **אניפולי** on **אניפולי** applies in our times as well.

Both **אניפולי** and **אניפולי** contain flour and water, so what makes **אניפולי** different? What can we learn from the **אניפולי** to eat **אניפולי** on **אניפולי** and the **אניפולי** against eating chametz?

**אניפולי** is dough that was allowed to rise and grow. **אניפולי** is dough that is thin and flat; even after it is baked it stays the same height.

**אניפולי** is proud and arrogant. It reminds us of a person who thinks he is greater than everyone else around him.

**אניפולי**, on the other hand, is humble. Its flat dough reminds us of a person who is completely nullified to others - the exact opposite of **אניפולי**.

The Hebrew letters of the words **אניפולי** and **אניפולי** are almost the same: **אניפולי** - **אניפולי** and **אניפולי** - **אניפולי**. The only difference between them is one letter - one has a **אניפולי** and the other has a **אניפולי**. Also, the **אניפולי** and the **אניפולי** are almost the same shape; both have three lines and have an opening at the bottom.

Here we see the important difference between **אניפולי** and **אניפולי**: The **אניפולי** in **אניפולי** is completely closed at the top. The **אניפולי** that has entered can't escape; it remains inside and can't get out. The person who did an **אניפולי** finds it difficult to stop himself from doing more **אניפולי**.

The **אניפולי** in **אניפולי**, however, has a small opening at the top - the opening through which a person can do **אניפולי** and return to **אניפולי**. Yes, it's only a small opening, but all we need to do is show Hashem that we are sorry, and **אניפולי** accepts our **אניפולי** and helps us return. Through the tiny opening in the **אניפולי** he draws nearer to **אניפולי**, he corrects his behavior and returns to **אניפולי** with a full heart.

Taken from L'Chaim Weekly



## י' שבט

### פריערדיקער רבי of the יארצייט

Yud Shevat, the tenth of the month of Shevat, is the יארצייט (anniversary of the passing) of the פריערדיקער רבי, ר' יוסף יצחק, the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The following story was told by Rabbi Zalman Notik of Yeshivas Toras Emes in ירושלים:

A group of yeshiva students were on their regular Friday afternoon מוצעם schedule of helping Jewish boys and men put on תפילין. The students met a group of recent immigrants from Russia.

The students were teaching the men how to put on תפילין when all of a sudden an old Russian-born Jew approached them excitedly: "You're from Lubavitch?" he asked them. "Do I have a story to tell you!"

"When I was a young boy back in Russia," he began, "I used to attend the secret farbrengens of the Lubavitchers. I also used to daven with them and went to their classes.

"At one farbrengen I will always remember, the main discussion was the desire to be reunited with the Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak (the פריערדיקער רבי). We sang:

'דער אייבישטער וועט געבן געזונט און לען, וועלן סיר פארען צום אונזער רבי'ן. You could almost touch our intense yearning to be with the Rebbe, and it was growing from minute to minute.

"In the middle of the farbrengen, a few of the Chasidim suddenly stood up and decided to 'take action.' Grabbing some chairs, they turned them upside-down and arranged them in a row to make a 'train.' Just picture it - grown men behaving like kindergarten children, sitting on overturned chairs and making believe they were going to the Rebbe!

"Most of the others, myself included, stood around watching. We laughed at them and told them they were crazy. What ridiculous, childish nonsense!

"But, do you know," concluded the man in amazement, "within a short time, all of the Chasidim who rode the 'train' received permission to leave Russia, and actually did go to the Rebbe. Whereas the rest of us, the 'normal' ones, were left behind. As you can see, most of us did not have the strength to keep up our observance of Torah and Mitzvos, and are only now beginning to catch up..."

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What are you doing to prepare yourself for Yud Shevat?

Please e-mail me and let me know:

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# 10 מכות

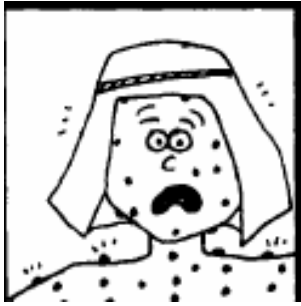
## מי אה מכה?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



### Level 1: Ages 5-8

Kids! Fill out the answers to the puzzle below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0985 or e-mail it to [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org) no later than Wednesday, January 19th, ט' שבט. We will be making a raffle from the correct answers and mailing prizes to the winners



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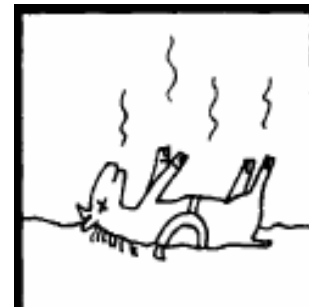
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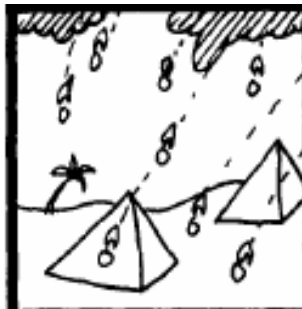
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*Congratulations to Yudi Namdar, age 8, from Gothenburg, Sweden, for winning last week!*

## Good Luck!

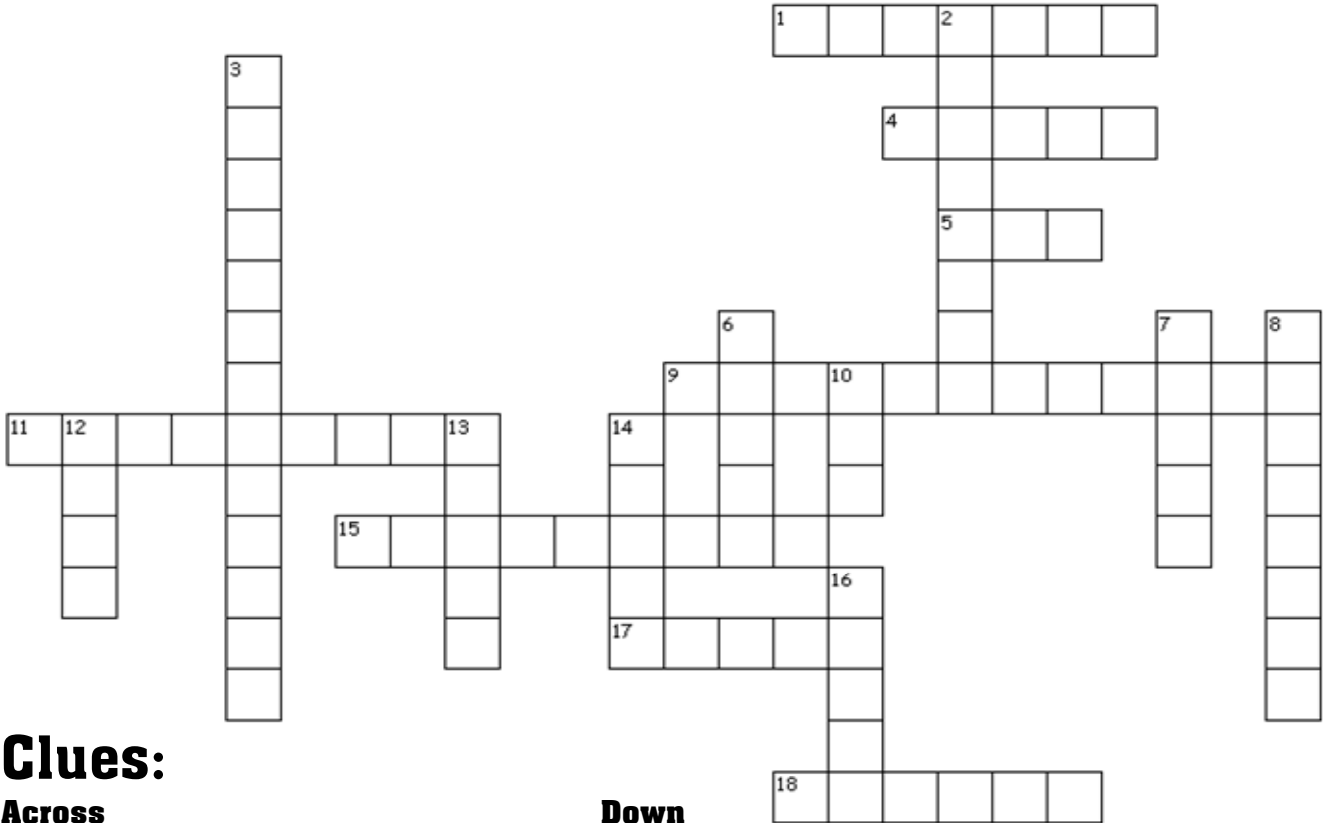
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**Level 2: Ages 9-12**

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**Criss-Cross Puzzle**



**Clues:**

**Across**

- 1. The more they tried to treat themselves, the worse they got (Makkah).
- 4. Paroh's magicians couldn't create us (Makkah).
- 5. For the Yidden I tasted good, but not for the Mitzriyim (Makkah).
- 9. I have to be roasted.
- 11. We thought we could create anything.
- 15. We were rewarded for our Mesiras Nefesh (Makkah).
- 17. Only the ones that belonged to 'good' Mitzriyim stayed alive (Makkah).
- 18. I was the spokesman.

**Down**

- 2. We tricked the king when he was running around in his pajamas.
- 3. Hashem Himself came to do this Makkah.
- 6. I had Hakaras Hatov.
- 7. I have a hard heart.
- 8. Playing Musical Freeze for a long time. (Makkah)
- 10. An animal was tied to me.
- 12. One of us could even open locked doors and windows (Makkah).
- 13. Some people think we are a god.
- 14. Biggest enemies became friends especially for this Makkah.
- 16. We ate everything in sight (Makkah)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Congratulations to Shternie Bell, age 12 from Montreal, Canada for winning last week!*

**Good Luck!**