

# Connections



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## PARSHAS SHMINI

A **CHABAD HOUSE** sticker on a door tells us about the kind of home inside and about the people living there.

A **PARKING** sign lets drivers know that the space is meant to be used for parking cars.

A storefront with **TOYS** on its entrance explains what we can expect to find in this store.

It's not the signs that make things into what they are. The signs simply describe what is already there. The signs, symbols, and labels all around us give information about the item or place to which they are attached.

Parshas Shmini tells us about the signs of kosher animals. Kosher animals have two signs: they have split hooves and they chew their cud. Kosher fish have fins and scales.

It is not the signs that make the animal kosher. HaShem created these animals with a kosher nature. The signs merely tell us that they are kosher.

When we eat the meat of any animal, its nature becomes part of us, and it affects the way we think. Have you heard people say "you are what you eat?"

The meat of kosher animals is fit for a Jew to eat, because of its kosher nature. When we eat this food, it affects us in the proper way. So HaShem gave those animals signs to inform us that they are kosher.

Other animals were created with non-kosher natures. This means that their meat will not affect us in a good way. Of course, HaShem did not give them kosher signs.

Let us take a closer look at these signs. Kosher animals have split hooves, which means that their feet are divided.

We can divide our activities throughout the day into two lists. One list could include davening, studying, making brachos, giving tzedakah, and helping others. The other list could include eating, playing, reading, talking, and getting dressed.

Though they are different types of activities, we should not separate these two lists from each other. Instead, they should be like two parts of a single hoof. Can you imagine a split hoof with each part looking as if it belonged to a different animal?

Just as we daven, study and do activities from List 1 like a Jew should, we must also do the activities in List 2 like a Jew should. The games we play, the books we read, and the clothes we wear should all belong to one kosher lifestyle.

This is not always easy. Because when we talk, read, or play, we are busy with what we are doing and we don't always think about how to do it in a holy way.

Here's where the second kosher sign - chewing the cud - teaches us an important lesson. Animals take time to chew their cud. They bring up their food over and over again. This teaches us to take time, to think things over, and plan to do things in a way which is kosher - fit for a Jew.

*Please tell me What the Rebbe Said (Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol I, p. 222ff; Vol. II, p. 375ff)*

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**My beginning is my name.**  
**My end is the amount of Makos in Mitzrayim.**  
**Who am I?**

Please send your answers to [connections@shluchim.org](mailto:connections@shluchim.org)  
 Last weeks' brain buster: I'm only in the beginning and I end with a son What am I?

Answer: בגתן

Congratulations to Menucha Kalmanson, age 8 from Mason, OH for solving the brain buster.



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

## From the Examining Room of Dr. Getzel

Hi there, Juniors! You're right in time for the test. Don't get nervous. I'm Dr. Getzel, world famous seeing specialist and eye-doctor who lives in Iowa between the cows and the cornfields. I give tests every day and I don't know one person who has failed yet. I give seeing tests to help kids see things in the right perspective.

If you ever had an eye exam before you probably had to look through a machine or at a chart. That's because most eye-doctors help people see outside themselves so they check your inside-OUT vision. I test outside-IN vision because I specialize in helping kids see inside themselves. I prescribe glasses for the back of your eyeballs so you have the best and clearest picture inside your head.

Are you ready for the test? Close your eyes and look inside your mind. Try to remember what your mother looks like. (If you forgot, you can cheat and take a quick peek at a picture.) Is she tall or short? Is her sheitel brown, black, or blue? (Don't laugh at that. Mrs. Getzel bumped her head and her sheitel turned black and blue.) Does she wear high-heels and orange glasses or a frilly apron and pink lipstick?

Excellent! I can see very clear and detailed pictures coming into focus. I diagnose you with perfect, 20/20 outside-IN vision. You passed the test with flying colors (I have to duck so I don't get hit by any of them. Mrs. Getzel doesn't like when I come home from my green-roofed office with my clothes splattered with wacky colors).

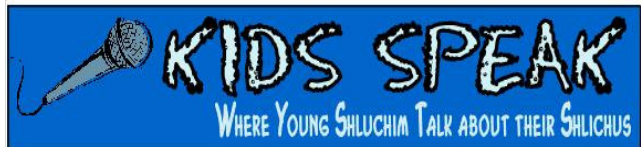
Outside-IN vision is very important. It's especially useful for Shluchim and kid-shluchim. With outside-in vision, you can activate an image of the Rebbe inside your head whenever and wherever you are. When you daven you can see the Rebbe davening in 770 and when you do a mitzvah you can picture the Rebbe smiling at you. Sometimes when things aren't going that

great and you don't feel like doing what you need to, you can imagine the Rebbe waving his arms, encouraging you and giving you ko'ach and chayus.

Keep practicing your outside-IN vision so you can stay focused and score 100% on all your seeing tests.

See ya next week,

*Dr. Getzel*



**BASSIE TIECHTEL**, age 8

**BELLEVUE, TENNESSEE**



Bassie Tiechtel (Right) with her Sister Tzivi Tiechtel (Left)

Hello, my name is Bassie Tiechtel, and I am 8 years old. I am on Shlichus in Bellevue, Tennessee. I have one brother, Levi, who is 4 years old, and 2 sisters, Tzivi 10 and Chana 1. Even though my Chabad House is small, people say it feels very warm. Just a few months ago we built a new social hall. Boruch Hashem our shul is growing. On Shabbos we have 2 programs, kiddie Kiddush for kids 6 and under and Chabad All Stars for kids 7 and up. At Chabad All Stars we learn the Parsha and prepare questions. At our Kiddush we stump the parents by asking them these questions.

On Sundays we have Hebrew school, and on Wednesdays we have Chai Five Clubs. This year we had a winter camp and we will be making a summer camp for 2 weeks.

On Chanukah we light the menorah at the capital, and on Purim we have a Purim party with a theme of a different country.

I like to help by setting the table for the Shabbos meals we have in Shul.

On Shabbos we walk to Shul in the night and in the day even though it is over one mile.

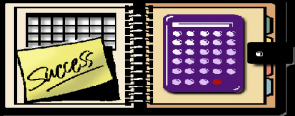
What makes me proud of being on Shlichus is in my school when we have dress down day, me and my sister are the only 2 people who dress Tznius. I am very proud because I know the Rebbe is always watching me.

#### HEY KIDS!

SEND US A REPORT ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS AND WE WILL IY"YH PUBLISH IT IN A FUTURE CONNECTIONS!

E-MAIL US AT [CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG](mailto:CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG)

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF SHLICHUS.



## POCKET CALENDAR

### כ"ה אדר

מוסקא was born in Babinovitch, near the Russian city of לובאוויטש, on Shabbos, אדר תרס"א, 1901.

When she was born, her זיידע, the רבי רש"ב, who was traveling on a trip, sent a telegraph to her father, "מזל טוב... on the birth of your daughter ...if she has not yet been named, she should be called מוסקא חי" (the name of the רבי צדק of the רבצין)."

From a very young age, the רבצין grew up in the קדושה that surrounded her from her father - the פריערדיקער רבי רש"ב, and her זיידע - רבי רש"ב.

In honor of the first birthday after the רבצין's passing in תשמ"ח - 1988, the Rebbe spoke about how special a Jewish birthday is and started the worldwide Birthday-Campaign.

When the campaign began, the Rebbe promoted many birthday מנהגים which worldwide follow carefully. Some of the מנהגים include adding in תורה study, Davening, and giving צדקה. The Rebbe also encouraged everyone, including children, to make a joyous פארבריינגען together with family members or friends, and to make a good החלטה.

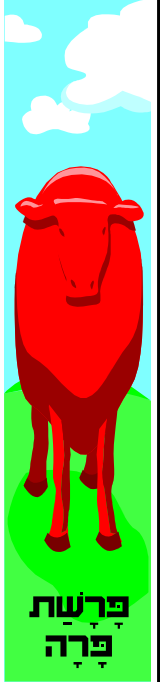
## ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

This פרשה is the third of the four special פרשיות that we read before פסח.

פרה אדומה of מצוה פרשת פרה talks about the ashes of a completely red cow, called a "red heifer," are mixed with water and sprinkled on anyone who became טמא. This would make the person טהור again.

The רמב"ם writes: "Nine פרות אדומות were prepared from the time that בני" were commanded this mitzvah until the Second בית המקדש was destroyed. The first was prepared by משה רבינו, the second by עזרא, and another seven were prepared from חורבן בית המקדש until the tenth פרה אדומה will be prepared by משיח, may he speedily be revealed, Amen, may it so be the will of ה'."

We read about the פרה אדומה before פסח as a reminder that the אידין have to be קרבן פסח when bringing the פסח טהור.



פְּרַשַׁת  
פְּרָה

## מנהגי יום הולדת

On אדר in כ"ה, תשמ"ח, in connection with רבצין חייה מוסקא's 87th birthday (about a month after she passed away, on שבט, (כ"ב שבט), the Rebbe said a שיחה about the significance of birthdays and the importance of celebrating them by gathering together with friends and relatives.



1. GIVE EXTRA צדקה BEFORE שחרית AND מנחה
2. DAVEN WITH EXTRA כוונה
3. SAY YOUR NEW קאפיטל OF תהילים
4. IN ADDITION TO SAYING חת"ת, ADD IN LEARNING נגלה AND חסידות
5. HAVE EXTRA אהבת ישראל
6. MAKE A חשבון הנפש
7. MAKE A NEW החלטה
8. CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AND MAKE A שהחיינו
9. REVIEW A מאמר OF THE REBBE
10. BOYS HAVE AN ALIYA ON THE SHABBOS BEFORE THEIR BIRTHDAY

(משיחת כ"ה אדר התשמ"ח)

# Stories of the Rabbeim



מושקא and מסירת נפש led a life which was remarkable in many ways, especially her צניעות in every aspect of her life.

She was born in תרס"א, the daughter of the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, ר' יוסף יצחק פריערדיקער רבי. Because of her remarkable abilities and cleverness, her father trusted her with great responsibilities. In fact, she was actively involved in many of his activities to keep אידישקייט alive during the terrible years following the Russian Revolution and establishment of the Soviet state.

In 1927, when her father, the פריערדיקער רבי was arrested, it was מושקא who made sure that any documents that might show what he did were destroyed. Indeed, during his imprisonment, she was very involved in trying to change the death sentence to one of exile, and then, finally to release.

A special relationship existed between מושקא and her father, and he wrote many deep, philosophical letters to her, in which he explained חסידות and עבודת ה'. Those who were privileged to know the רבי described her as a refined, knowledgeable woman with great intelligence and wit.

On י"ד כסלו, 1929, Warsaw was at the peak of its glory, the "Jerusalem of Poland." On that day, many Chassidische Rebbes, world-renowned rabbis and Roshei Yeshiva and many other important אידן gathered to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and the son of the brilliant scholar and kabbalist, ר' לוי יצחק. The marriage of מושקא to the Rebbe started a new part in her life. Twenty-five years later, the Rebbe described that day as the day that connected him to the Chasidim.

The early days of their marriage were ones of hardship and great danger. First settling in Berlin, they were forced to flee to Paris after the Nazis came to power. They fled Paris in 1940 and through the efforts of the פריערדיקער רבי they boarded the last ship to leave Europe. From the day they arrived in the United States, for the next 47 years, the רבי's life was dedicated to only one thing - taking care of her husband and making sure he was able to fulfill his mission.

It was מושקא who urged the Rebbe to take on the נשיאות of Chabad after the passing of her father in 1950. From that moment on, the רבי spent the next 40 years supporting every action and move the Rebbe took on behalf of the Jewish people.

Although in general, people never saw her, she was very interested in the work of the many thousands of שלוחים, keeping informed of their activities. The רבי was proud of their successes, and felt for them when they had hardships.

For the רבי, her husband's will became her own. She was his greatest חסיד. And yet, as his wife she looked out for his health. Knowing that the Rebbe usually refused to see a doctor, she would only agree to have a check-up if the Rebbe also did. In order to make sure that she was well, the Rebbe would, of course, agree.

In her last years, when the רבי was ill, she suffered in silence, and to her last day, she did not complain. Even to her husband she did not reveal all her suffering, in order not to upset him. Several doctors all agreed that the רבי should be taken to the hospital. Soon after she arrived at the hospital she suddenly asked for a glass of water. Shortly after midnight of Wednesday, כ"ב שבט, the pure נשמה of מושקא left this world. The רבי's great-grandmother and grandmother, רביצין שטערנא שרה and רביצין רבקה, had also asked for a glass of water minutes before their passing. It is recorded in many ספרים that צדיקים often ask for water before their passing. One explanation that is given is that their נשמות will then leave this world after saying the proper ברכה before drinking water, "שהכל נהיה..." and the blessing afterward "בורא נפשות..." This same ברכה will be said at the time of תחית המתים in the times of משיח.

In the זכות of מושקא, may we follow the Rebbe's instruction of "וזהי יתן אל לבו", and with our many deeds of goodness and kindness, may we see the coming of Moshiach now.

(Adapted from L'Chaim Weekly)

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, April 6th, ב"ו אדר ב'.

Match the event to the correct date in 'חודש אדר ב' that it happened.  
Calendar compiled by Aidela Zirkind, age 9, Fresno, CA  
The number in the box will tell you which level should fill in the answer, either both Level 1 & 2 or just Level 2

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBOS
					ל אדר א 11 <b>1&amp;2</b>	א אדר ב 12 <b>1&amp;2</b>
ב אדר ב 13	ג אדר ב 14	ד אדר ב 15	ה אדר ב 16	ו אדר ב 17 <b>2</b>	ז אדר ב 18	ח אדר ב 19
ט אדר ב 20 <b>1&amp;2</b>	י אדר ב 21 <b>2</b>	יא אדר ב 22 <b>2</b>	יב אדר ב 23	יג אדר ב 24 <b>1&amp;2</b>	יד אדר ב 25 <b>1&amp;2</b>	טו אדר ב 26 <b>1&amp;2</b>
טז אדר ב 27 <b>2</b>	יז אדר ב 28	יח אדר ב 29 <b>2</b>	יט אדר ב 30	כ אדר ב 31	כא אדר ב 1	כב אדר ב 2
כג אדר ב 3	כד אדר ב 4	כה אדר ב 5 <b>1&amp;2</b>	כו אדר ב 6	כז אדר ב 7	כח אדר ב 8 <b>2</b>	כט אדר ב 9 <b>2</b>

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
2 <sup>nd</sup> day ראש חודש אדר ב'	תענית אסתר	פורים	שושן פורים	The פריעדיקער רבי arrives in America	R' Moshe Horenstein, son-in- law of מהר"ש	1 <sup>st</sup> day ראש חודש אדר ב'
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
יום הולדת - רביצין חי מושקא, our Rebbe's wife	יארצייט of R' Mordechai Pos- ner, brother of Alter Rebbe	יארצייט of R' Avrohom Dovid Lavut, Great Great Grandfather of our Rebbe	יארצייט of Reb Yekusiel Zalman Walles, son-in-law of מיטעלער רבי	Inauguration of studies at ישיבת תומכי תמימים USA	B'day of Reb Menachem Mendel, youngest son of מהר"ש	פריעדיקער רבי becomes U.S. citizen at 770 Lubavitch Headquarters

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Good Luck!

Last Week's Winners:

Level 1: Bassie Vorovitch, age 7, Toronto, Canada & Devorah Glazman, age 8, Riga, Latvia

Level 2: Mendel Gurary, age 10, Buffalo, NY & Chaim Boruch Sasonkin, age 12, Akron, OH