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## PARSHAS TAZRIA

Mazel Tov! It's a boy!

Do any of you have a baby brother or sister? Do you remember how happy everyone was when the baby was born? Were you happy?

Most people are excited when a new baby is born. After all, an amazing thing just happened. A new person, a perfect little human, just joined us in the world. With Hashem's help, he or she will grow up to learn Torah and do mitzvos, making a big difference in the world.

But wait. If it is a baby boy, the baby is not quite ready for his job in the world. He looks perfect, but something is missing. Something was not quite finished.

What could be wrong?

Hashem left the last little job for us to do. The baby needs a bris. We have to wait until he is eight days old, and then we can give him a bris, making him complete and perfect.

Why couldn't the baby have been born with that job taken care of? If Hashem could make a perfect little baby, why did He have to leave out that one detail? Why did that one little job have to be left for us to do?

Hashem wanted to show us that we cannot just get a perfect little gift without having to work a little. A baby is born almost perfect, but we have to do the last little bit of work. That is what Hashem wants. He wants us to have to work in order to get good things.

The whole world is just like this baby. Just as a baby is not born perfect, the world was not created perfect. Hashem left a lot for us, the yidden, to fix up in the world.

Why?

That is our job in this world. Hashem wants us to work in order to make the world into a dira betachtonim- a home for Hashem.

When that happens, we will get rewarded for all of our hard work. Won't that be great? Not only will we get a great reward, but we will know that we were the ones who worked for it and made it happen.

That is what Hashem wants. So let's keep up the good work. We are almost done.

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I'm mentioned in פרשת תזריע  
Without my head I have the same meaning as my head and tail.  
What am I?

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

Last week's brain buster: My beginning is my name. My end is the amount of Makos in Mitzrayim  
Answer: שמיני

Congratulations to Gavi Schwei, age 11 from Luton, England for solving the brain buster.



## FROM THE DESK OF... DR. GETZ

(Until after Pesach, I'm changing my name to Getz because Getzel rhymes with pretzel and pretzels are chometz.)

I've been very busy cleaning for Pesach. Mrs. Getzel makes me work very hard before Pesach so that on the night of the Seder I really feel like I left Mitzrayim! We started cleaning for Pesach by scrubbing the green shingles on the roof (don't ask me how chometz might have gotten up there!) and we won't stop until all the grass on the front lawn is sparkling green. When we're finished, not even a half of a piece of macaroni will be left.

You're probably thinking, "Wait a minute, what terrible thing did the chometz do to deserve this kind of treatment?" Well, that's why they call me Doctor, because I answer those kinds of "thinks." I'm Dr. Getzel, world famous eye-doctor and Pesach-cleaner and I help kids see hidden things with my special COL (Chassidic Out Look) lens.

In order to answer your question we're going to need to carefully examine a piece of chometz. To start, get a loaf of bread and a magnifying glass. If you look really closely, you'll see . . . lots of poppy seeds! Oops. I knew I forgot something. Without my COL lens to see the chometz from the right, Chassidishe perspective, all we were able to see were poppy seeds.

Let's try this once more. Put on your COL lens and look at the bread again. See how fluffy and puffy it is? That's because of the yeast in it that makes it rise and grow. Now, activate your outside-IN vision to imagine that puffy bread wearing a yarmulka, shirt and pants. Next, put a face on it. Does the bread-boy look familiar to you? He reminds me of when I feel important and haughty. Like last week when I won that baseball game. I felt so high and mighty that I stuck my nose in the air. Yikes! All of the sudden I started to grow and grow . . . until I looked just like a fluffy, puffy bread-boy, all puffed-up with pride!

As Junior Shluchim of the Rebbe, we always need to make sure that we are humble. We should be proud of the good things we accomplish but we need to be careful not to brag and boast about what we do. We don't want to rise and grow like a puffed-up loaf of bread!

Happy cleaning and good-bye 'till next week!

*Dr. Getz*

## ראש חודש & שבת מברכים CHECKLIST

**This Shabbos is שבת מברכים חודש ניסן**

- תהילים I MADE SURE TO SAY שבת MORNING (REMEMBER TO DO YOUR QUOTA FOR THE WORLD-WIDE TEHILLIM CLUB)
- I WENT TO SHUL AND MADE THE SPECIAL ברכה FOR THE NEW MONTH OF ניסן. (THE ברכה CAN BE FOUND IN THE שידור AFTER שחרית FOR שבת)

### ראש חודש ניסן

א' ניסן - Sunday

- I REMEMBERED TO SAY שמונה עשרה IN יעלה ויבוא AND IN BENTCHING
- I REMEMBERED TO SAY שמונה עשרה AFTER הלל
- I REMEMBERED TO DAVEN מוסף.
- I REMEMBERED TO SAY AFTER THE שיר של ברכי נפשי
- I DIDN'T SEW OR DO ANY LAUNDRY



Dear Yaldei Hashluchim,

הכנה we will once again be having a program. You will receive it via e-mail. There is 1 page for each day from ניסן ראש חודש until ניסן א'. The first page of the הכנה contains full instructions. And the last page is a checklist that you will need to fax-back to The Shluchim Office by אסח תג.

For the last הכנה - גטע י' זכנז, over 160 Yaldei Hashluchim faxed back their הכנה checklist, and received prizes in the mail. Are you going to get a prize this time? It's easy! Just follow the הכנה program and don't forget to fax-back your checklist in time!

PLANS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR OUR "ניסן" RALLY!

IF YOU AND YOUR SIBLINGS WOULD LIKE TO SAY A פסוק, E-MAIL US AT [CYH@SHLUCHIM.ORG](mailto:CYH@SHLUCHIM.ORG) WITH YOUR NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF SHLICHUS.

## KIDS SPEAK

WHERE YOUNG SHLUCHIM TALK ABOUT THEIR SHLICHUS

Menachem Mendel Fridman, age 9  
Moscow, Russia



My name is Menachem Mendel Fridman and I am 9 years old. I live in Moscow, Russia. I have two younger brothers and a little sister who is very cute. Now in the winter there is lots of snow and in summer we have light rain sometimes. My parents work in the Jewish university for girls called Machon Chamesh. Almost every week my mother gives a class to girls in our house. My father also started a minyan every Shabbos in the Renaissance Hotel near my house. Many people from all over the world come there. I am the chazzan for שחרית until עד שרוחן. After davening there is always a Kiddush and many people also come to our house afterwards and the whole building hears us singing.

I learn in Cheder Menachem and I am in the fourth grade. My Limudei Kodesh subjects are: Chumash, Gemara, Mishna, Halacha, Navi. We also have clubs in school: drums, sport, swimming, carpentry and computers. At home I study piano and take voice lessons.

I like being on shlichus and it is really great here.

HEY KIDS!

SEND US A REPORT ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS AND WE WILL IY"ח PUBLISH IT IN OUR FUTURE CONNECTIONS!  
E-MAIL US AT [CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG](mailto:CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG)  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF SHLICHUS.

## ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

### פרשת החודש

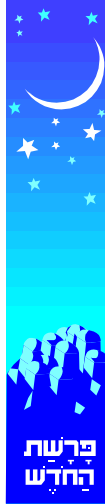
This special פרשה is connected to the month of ניסן and its importance in being the first month. On פרשת החודש a 2nd ספר תורה is taken out and פסוקים are read that talk about the מצוה of קידוש החודש—sanctifying the new moon and the מצוה of referring to ניסן as the first of the months.

פרשת החודש is also to remind people that פסח is coming and it is time to begin preparing for עליה לרגל—the מצוה to visit ירושלים on each of the שלש רגלים.

פרשת החודש is the שבת before ראש חודש ניסן or on ראש חודש ניסן if it falls out on שבת.

Even though the calendar begins with ראש השנה (חודש תשרי), nevertheless, when we name or count the months, the תורה tells us to refer to ניסן as the 1st month. When the months are mentioned in תנ"ך, they are also called the 1st, 2nd, 3rd month etc. starting from חודש ניסן.

(taken from e-chinuch.org)



## DID YOU KNOW?

From ראש חודש ניסן until "ב ניסן", we say the נשיא after Davening, together with the special יהי רצון. (The נשיא is in the back of the סידור by the קריאה for תנוכה.)

When the אידן dedicated the משכן, the נשיא of each brought silver and golden dishes, בשמים, a flour and oil מנחה and 21 קרבנות to dedicate the מזבח. Each נשיא brought his dedication on a separate day, starting from ראש חודש ניסן.

During the entire month of ניסן we don't say תחנון. Do you know why?

The reason is because most of the month of ניסן we are busy celebrating. The first 13 days we remember the dedication of the משכן and the קרבנות the נשיאים brought. Throughout פסח we also don't say תחנון. Since most of ניסן we anyway don't say תחנון, therefore the חכמים said we shouldn't say תחנון the rest of the month as well.



## ב' ניסן

### יארצייט פון דער רבי רש"ב—ר' שלום דובער

נסתלק רבי רש"ב, the fifth Rebbe, known as the ר' שלום דובער, ב' ניסן. The following account of his passing was written by דובער רבקיין who was the שמש of רבי רש"ב in his later years:

"On ערב שבת, I went into the holy room of the רבי רש"ב and I saw that his condition had changed drastically. His face was very red. The doctors said that they had done all they could. Toward evening, the חסידים gathered to daven and say תהילים, knowing that only a נס could save the רבי now.

"On שבת, as evening approached, the main doctor, Dr. Landau, told a few of the elder חסידים to inform the רבי's son, the פריערדיקער רבי that now was the time to speak to his father.

"After שבת, the פריערדיקער רבי entered his father's room. The רבי רש"ב looked at his son and told him clearly, "איך גיי אין הימל", "און די כתבים לאזן איך אייך". "I am going to שמים. I am leaving my writings for you. Take me into the shul and we will be together."

"The פריערדיקער רבי became visibly shaken by his father's words. When the רבי רש"ב saw his son's reaction he said, 'You are shocked? You are shocked? Intellect [rules the heart]! Intellect...!'

"The חסידים then honored the Rebbe's request and moved him into the main שול, the same שול in which he had davened and given over his שיחות and מאמרים.

"A few hours after midnight, the פריערדיקער רבי saw that his father wanted to בענטש him and so he came closer. Afterward, the ב' רבי gave ברכות to the פריערדיקער רבי's daughters.

"When the פריערדיקער רבי saw that his father's breathing had almost stopped, he shouted out, 'טאטע, טאטע!' The hearts of all who were standing nearby were torn to pieces. This happened a few times, and each time the רבי רש"ב started breathing again. After more time passed the רבי רש"ב's breathing stopped altogether.

"The doctors examined the רבי רש"ב and then covered his face. The holy נשמה of the רבי רש"ב went up towards שמים."

May the רבי רש"ב and all of the רביים continue to be בעטע בעטע on High for us, all the Jewish people and the entire world until משיח comes and we will be זוכה to see them again!

# Stories Of Elders

## Stories of the רבי רש"ב

In the year before the רבי רש"ב was born in א"תרכ"א/1860, his mother, רבקה רבצין, had two dreams in which she was told about his birth. In her own words:

"On י' כסלו תר"כ, 1859, I saw my mother [רבצין שיינא] and my grandfather [the רבי מיטעלער] in a dream. My mother was smiling as she said, 'רבקה, you and your husband should write a ספר תורה'. Then my grandfather said, 'And you will have a fine son. Don't forget to name him after me.' To which my mother added, 'רבקה, do you hear what my father is telling you?' At that point I woke up."

רבקה רבצין kept her dream a secret. A few days later, her father-in-law, the צמח צדק, made a comment to her about "a good dream that should surely be fulfilled."

On the night of י"ט כסלו, רבקה רבצין had another dream. This time, her mother and grandfather were accompanied by another elderly man, who said, "אמן, may it be ה's will." Then her mother said, "זיידע, bless her," and the elderly man gave her a ברכה to which her grandfather and mother answered "אמן." רבצין רבקה also said "אמן" in a loud voice, which woke her up.

When רבקה רבצין told both dreams to her husband, the רבי מהר"ש, he insisted that the ספר תורה be written on the best kind of parchment, made from the skins of kosher animals that were shechted according to הלכה.

The ספר תורה was completed on י"ג חשוון. When רבקה רבצין brought the mantle (covering for the תורה) she had embroidered for the ספר תורה to her father-in-law, the צמח צדק, he said, "מזל טוב, and may ה' fulfill the ברכה that was given to you by my father-in-law [the רבי מיטעלער] and my grandfather [the אלטער רבי]."

The רבי רש"ב was born a week later on כ' חשוון.

There is a beautiful story about the רבי רש"ב, showing how he thought that every Jew is very important.

One of the רבי רש"ב's חסידים, Reb Monye Monissohn, was a wealthy gem dealer. Once, when they were sitting together, the רבי רש"ב spoke very highly about some simple, unlearned Jews.

"Why do you make such a fuss about them?" Reb Monye asked the רבי רש"ב.

"Each one of them has many special and noble qualities," explained the רש"ב.

"I can't see any of these qualities," said Reb Monye.

The רבי רש"ב remained silent. A while later, he asked Reb Monye if he had brought his package of diamonds with him. Indeed, Reb Monye had brought the diamonds, but asked the רבי רש"ב if he could display them later, when they could be seen to their best advantage.

Later, Reb Monye took the רבי רש"ב into a different room and arranged the diamonds for him to see. Reb Monye pointed to one gem in particular, extolling its beautiful color and quality.

"I can't see anything special in it," the רבי רש"ב said.

"That is because you have to be a maven to know how to look at diamonds!" explained Reb Monye.

"Every Jew, too, is something beautiful and extra-ordinary," the רבי רש"ב said. "But you have to be a maven to know how to look at him."



# פרשת תזריע



ב"ה

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 ד' ניסן.

## Level 1: Ages 5-8

The answers to these questions are in the box below—but they are scrambled up!  
Can you figure out the correct answer?

1. What is the name of this week's פרשה? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If this year would NOT be a שנה מעוברת, what פרשה would be joined with this week's?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What does a baby boy get when he is 8 days old? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What עבירה do we get צרעת from? \_\_\_\_\_
5. We read an extra part of the תורה this week. What is this שבת called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What else is special about this שבת? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the רבי רש"ב's name? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who was the רבי רש"ב's son? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Why did Dr Getzel change his name? Because it rhymes with something that is  
\_\_\_\_\_

שולן הער      למשו דרעבו      צחמ

שתב רמבסכי      צמעור      תפשר דחהוש

רבתי      רעיפרקערדי יבר      שרא שחדו

עתזיר

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Week's Winners:  
Level I: Etti Krinsky, age 8, Manchester, NH

**Good Luck!**

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## Level 2: Ages 9 — 12

### Babble-On

Say each phrase a few times until you figure out what it really is and then write the answer on the line.

Example:

Moishy he Ak

Answer:

Moshiach

No fish a locust

\_\_\_\_\_

Dear habit act tony am

\_\_\_\_\_

Saw ray main ewe

\_\_\_\_\_

I'm hear sash hem

\_\_\_\_\_

Toe key has amass him

\_\_\_\_\_

Say fort aura

\_\_\_\_\_

Hit catch route

\_\_\_\_\_

Beer cause amazon

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Busy a tad dish mayo

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Luck!

Last Week's Winners:

Level 2: Aidela ZirKind, age 9, Fresno, CA