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PARSHAS TETZAYEH

Shimon is a nice boy. He likes to study, help around the house and share with his friends. But Shimon is only a young boy, and there are things he still has to learn. Like the proper way to daven.

Of course Shimon davens; he says every word loud and clear. But often he looks up from the siddur to make sure someone is watching.

Shimon knows that when a Yid davens, he should think about the words and imagine himself standing before HaShem. He knows that davening is between him and HaShem, and that it's not to impress people around him. Still, Shimon's eyes wander about looking to see who is watching and listening to his davening.

Perhaps we can help Shimon learn a lesson from this week's Parsha. Parshas Tetzaveh speaks mostly about the bigdei kehunah - garments worn by the kohanim while they served in the Mishkan. Yet in this parshah, we also read about one of the holy objects in the Mishkan - the mizbeach haketores, or incense altar.

Isn't this strange? Shouldn't this Mizbeach have been mentioned with all the other keilim in Parshas Terumah? Why is the mizbeach haketores singled out? How is it different? Didn't it stand along with the menorah and the shulchan in the kodesh - the holy area of the Mishkan?

It did. But there is a difference between the avodah carried out upon the mizbeach haketores and the avodah of the other holy vessels. When the menorah was lit or the lechem haponim was put on the Shulchan, other kohanim could be present. But when the kohain offered the ketores on the mizbeach, no one else was allowed to be in the holy area. Twice every day, in the morning and evening, the kohain would offer the ketores standing alone - only him and HaShem.

The word ketores comes from the root ktar - a bond. A Jew creates a very special closeness between himself and HaShem when he is alone. There are many mitzvos which we do in public or which other people take part in, but there must also be a closeness with HaShem that comes only when a Jew is alone with Him.

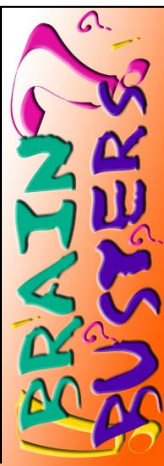
From 'Please Tell me What the Rebbe Said' (Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. I, Parshas Tetzaveh)

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WITHOUT MY HEAD, I'M A SON
 WITHOUT MY TAIL, I'M A FATHER
 WHAT AM I?

Please send your answers to connectionseshluchim.org
 Last weeks' brain buster: Without my head, Bnei Yisroel ate me in the Midbar (מן),
 without my tail I am Noach's son (םש). I am used in the Mishkan.

Answer: **שמן**

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"ואתה תצוה"



was the last מאמר that was given out before כ"ז אדר א' תשנ"ב. We daven that משיח should come very, very soon and we will hear מאמרים and שיחות from the Rebbe again.

The words ואתה תצוה seem to mean that the command comes from Moshe and not from Hashem. And then the פסוק says, ויקחו ויצדקו which seems that the אידן should bring the olive oil for the מנורה to Moshe. But didn't Aharon light the מנורה?

The Rebbe explains that the פריערדיקער רבי said that the word צוה-command, is similar to the word צותה which means connection or bond. So the פסוק is teaching us that Moshe connects and binds the אידן with ה'.

The פריערדיקער רבי referred to Moshe as the אמונה רעיה מהמנא. He is the one that makes the אידן internalize their אמונה (נשמה) into their אידן. This also applies to the משה of every generation.

In the time of the Purim story, מרדכי was the אידן רעיה מהמנא and he inspired the אידן to have מסירת נפש. Although there is a משה in every generation, משה רבינו was the leader for ALL the אידן in his generation, מרדכי was the leader for ALL the אידן in his generation and so was the פריערדיקער רבי.

The רעיה מהמנא of the עבודה is to bring out the אמונה that is in the נשמה of every איד until they can fulfill the רצון of ה' even in the darkest גלות and their נשמה shines brightly. And through the effort of this we will have the זכות of the שלימה immediately!



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I GOT BEAUTIFUL E-MAILS FROM THE NAMDAR CHILDREN, TELLING ME ALL ABOUT THEIR מוקדש מעט.

Hi my name is Chavale Namdar and I live in Sweden. About my Mikdash Me'at: I share a room with my sister Mushky. She is 13 years old. There is a shelf next to my bed with a Tanya and Siddur which i don't use so much but on my desk there is a Chumash, Tehilim, Tanya, Machzor and a Siddur. I use the Siddur on days that I daven Shacharis at home and the Tanya I use sometimes and learn katointi baal peh. Sometimes I do Chitas and I have 3 Tzedaka pushkes on my desk.

Hi my name is Dani Namdar and I live in Gothenburg Sweden. About my Mikdash me'at I have a chitas and a pushke.

Hi my name is Mendele Namdar and I live in Gothenburg Sweden. About my Mikdash me'at I have a Chitas and a pushke. I share a room with my brother Yudi.

Hi my name is Yudi Namdar and I live in Gothenburg Sweden. I share a room with my brother Mendele. We have a Chitas and a pushke in our room I am 8 years old and my brother Mendele is 9 years old. We have desks in our room.

ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

משה is the only פרשה in ספר שמות where פרשת תצוה בני רבינו's name is not mentioned. On many occasions בני ישראל rebelled against ה'. When ה' threatened to destroy בני ישראל and make משה רבינו the father of a new nation, משה רבינו said, "If you will not forgive the Jewish people, - please wipe me out of your book!"

Although משה רבינו forgave בני ישראל, He still took משה רבינו's name out of this פרשה. This shows us משה's אהבת ישראל and מסירות נפש. It also teaches us that the words of a צדיק should not be taken lightly.

When משה רבינו was caring for his father-in-law's sheep, he ran after a little lamb that left the flock. When he finally caught up with the lamb, he saw that it was looking for soft grass to eat. משה רבינו picked up the lamb and said, "Little lamb, if I had known that this is what you wanted, I would have brought it to you myself!" ה' heard משה's words and said, "If משה shows such concern and מסירת נפש for his sheep, he surely is the right person to lead בני ישראל!"

(From RabbiRiddle.com)



DID YOU KNOW?

"ואתה תצוה את בני", ויקחו אליך שמן זית זך כתיבת למאור להעלות נר תמיד"

OLIVE OIL INSIGHTS

pure olive oil

The oil in the Bais HaMikdash was pressed in nine stages. Each pressing yielded a different quality oil, but only the best and purest oil was used for the Menorah!

compared to olives

The Jewish people are compared to an olive tree. Just as an olive tree does not shed its leaves in summer or winter, the people of Israel will never disappear, not in this world and not in the World to Come.

Burned twice as long

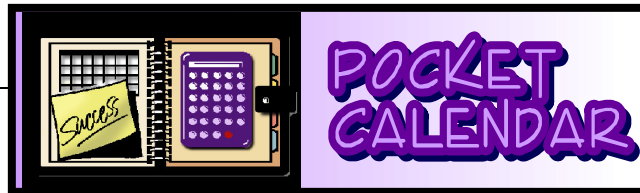
The Menorah in the Bais HaMikdash had seven branches. Each of them held exactly the same amount of oil, but the branch closest to the Kodesh Hakedoshim always burned much longer than the rest.

a source of light

The Navi Yermiah compared the Jews to an evergreen olive tree because, just as olive oil burns with the purest most beautiful light, so too, the Jewish people are a source of light to all mankind.



(Tzivos Hashem Newsletter)



POCKET CALENDAR

This Wednesday & Thursday, ט"ו אדר א' & ט"ז אדר א', is פורים קטן and פורים קטן. We celebrate by being extra joyful and not saying תחנון. We also don't say תחנון during the מנוחה before פורים קטן.

The Rebbe says that פורים קטן must have a special connection to "קטנים" - children, because קטן and קטנים both come from the same word!

The Rebbe also tells us that the story of Purim has a very special connection to children. What did מרדכי do when he heard that המן wanted to kill all the children? He gathered thousands of children and taught them תורה. He taught them about the עומר קרבן that was brought in the בית המקדש. And when המן came to call מרדכי for the parade, מרדכי thought that המן was coming to kill him so he told all the children to go home but they said "No, מרדכי, we want to stay with you and learn תורה!"

The Rebbe says that it is in the זכות of these children that the אידן were saved in the time of the Purim story, and it is a lesson for us now. Whenever a "המן" comes and wants to destroy the אידן either בגשמיות or אידישקייט we should do what מרדכי did—gather the children and teach them תורה and about אידישקייט.

We should tell them that we can bring משיח and the holy בית המקדש will be rebuilt and we will serve ה' in it and when the Jewish children are ready to say "We want to stay with the תורה whether we live or die", then the תורה assures us that we will be victorious over all the המן's and all אידן will have "אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר".

(Adapted from a Letter of the Rebbe on Purim)

Stories Of the Rebbeim

THE GULF WAR

Fourteen years ago, in January 1991, war exploded in the Middle East.

Iraq, headed by the hate-filled madman, Saddam Hussein, launched the attack. In August, 1990, he had invaded Kuwait. Now he boasted that he would burn Israel to the ground.

For Joey Kelman, (10), of Baltimore, and many others like him, the war meant that their Dad was far away in some sweltering desert. Who knew when or if he would be coming home?

Hussein had been building up his army for years, with unlimited billions of dollars worth of missiles, tanks, and planes. His troops were experienced and ready for war. U.N. troops nervously prepared for a long, nasty, conflict. This was not going to an easy war.

Hussein's weapon of choice was the Soviet-built Scud missile. Weighing 8 tons, a Scud is bigger than a tractor trailer. When it hits, the impact smashes through buildings for blocks around. The main targets were Tel Aviv (with 2 million people), and Haifa, where over a million tons of explosive materials are stored in tanks above ground.

Saddam also had poison gas. Every Israeli had to have a gas mask, and every home had to be equipped with a specially sealed room in case of attack.

Then it began, on January 18, at 2 am. Sirens pierced the night air. A missile attack. People jumped out of bed. Women screamed. Children cried with terror. People a little older remembered Poland and the War.

Families huddled in their sealed rooms. Finally, an army spokesman came on the air. 5 Scuds had been fired at Tel Aviv. 400 apartments had been blown up. Hospitals prepared for thousands of dead and injured.

Ambulances raced to the scene, and found... that almost no one had been injured! It was incredible. One man had a few scratches. A woman had a sprained ankle.

9 Scuds had been fired on Haifa. One landed across the road from an oil refinery. That was a close call. The other 8 sailed out into the Mediterranean.

Open miracles were happening. Could it be true? How long would Israeli luck hold?

In Israel, the media began to publicize what the Lubavitcher Rebbe had been saying all along.

"There is no need to fear, or to leave Israel.... Gas will not be used.... Israel is the safest place in the world, for the eyes of Hashem are always on it..."

Just before the war had started, Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Goldstein, a Chaplain in the US Army, had gone to see the Rebbe, before being sent to the Middle East.

He was astonished, when out of the blue, the Rebbe told him that the war would be conducted rapidly. "No doubt it will be over by Purim."

During the six weeks that the war lasted, 39 Scuds fell on Israel. Life was totally disrupted. Schools were shut down. Businesses closed. Thousands of apartments and dwellings were destroyed or damaged.

Yet miraculously, almost no one was hurt. 6500 people were actually present in the place where Scuds had exploded. Of these, only 1000 needed to go to hospital. Only 60 had needed to stay more than a few hours. Only 30 suffered a broken arm or leg. There was one direct fatality.

Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir summed up Israeli feeling: "Saddam Hussein, the faithful disciple of Amalek, Haman, and Hitler, promised to burn half of Israel. He believed his words would be fulfilled. But with the help of G-d, his evil plans came to nothing."

On Purim Day, February 28, 1991, Hussein surrendered. The "lightning" Gulf War was over.

And the Jews had a new reason to celebrate Purim.

(Tzivos Hashem Newsletter)



שושן פורים קטן & פורים קטן Checklist:

- I remembered not to say תחנון on Wednesday and Thursday.
- I made sure to be a extra happy on these special days.

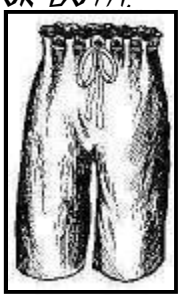
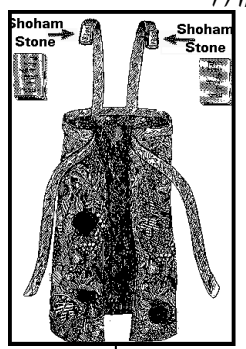
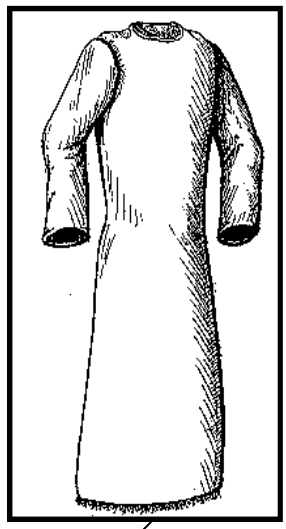


פרשת תצוה בגדי כהונה



Kids! Fill out the answers to the puzzle below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0983 or e-mail it to connections@shluchim.org no later than Wednesday, February 23rd, 'פ"ד אדר א'.

UNDER EACH OF THE *בגדי כהונה* WRITE THE NAME OF THE *בגד* AND WHO WORE IT, THE *כהן גדול* OR BOTH.



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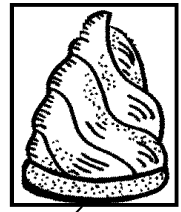
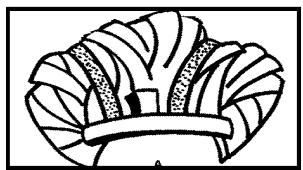
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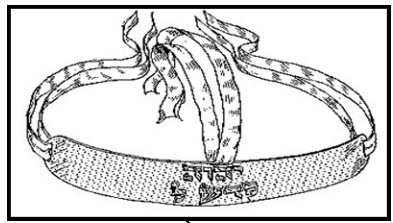
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BONUS:
DO YOU KNOW WHICH *בגד* IS MISSING?

AND WHO WORE IT?

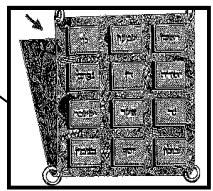


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Name: _____ Age: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Good Luck!

Last Week's Winners: Wow! This week there were so many Yaldei Hashluchim who participated in the "Test your Knowledge!" There were 28 faxes from Level 1, 34 from Level 2, and 15 from the Yiddish Connections (77 in total)! Keep up the good work!

Level 1: Pessi Fischer, age 5, Augusta, GA; Mushka & Sara Rivkin, ages 5 & 7, New Orleans, LA.

Level 2: Menachem Mendel Schapiro, age 10, Sydney, Australia; Shmuel Chanowitz, age 9, Monticello, NY