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PARSHAS TZAV

"Gershon, please come see me during lunch break after you finish eating," Rabbi Rothman said. "I'd like to speak to you."

Gershon wondered what his teacher wanted. So did the other boys in the class. Gershon was one of the best students in the fifth grade. He was a serious pupil and a nice boy. Everyone liked him.

Gershon hurried through his lunch and got permission to bentsch early. He met Rabbi Rothman in the teachers' room. "I don't want to take up all of your recess time," began Rabbi Rothman, "so I'll get straight to the point. It's about the test in mishnayos that you will be having next week.

"I started studying already," Gershon told his teacher. "I want to make sure I really know the mishnayos well."

"Good for you, Gershon," Rabbi Rothman complimented him. "I know you're a studious boy, and that's just why I asked to see you. I would like you to study with Levi and help him prepare for the test."

Gershon could not hold back a frown. Levi was a fun boy to be with, but he wasn't a serious learner. Gershon often helped him with homework, and it always took twice as long as it would have taken him to do it himself. Gershon felt uncomfortable. He found it hard to tell his teacher that he didn't want to do as he was asked.

"I could learn much better on my own," he finally said quietly.

"I know, Gershon," said Rabbi Rothman with a smile. "As a matter of fact, I can guess the mark you'll get even before you take the test. You are high on the list of fifth graders who make me very proud. But we have to think about the others who are not part of this group. In fact, this week's parshah tells us why."

In Parshas Tzav, the Torah teaches us dinim about the korbanos and the mizbe'ach upon which they were offered. There is one particular din that Rashi learns from the pessukim that I want to talk about. Rashi tells us that the menorah was lit from the fire that was constantly burning on the mizbe'ach hanechoshes, the mizbe'ach made of copper.

"But Rabbi Rothman," asked Gershon, "the menorah stood inside the Kodesh right next to the mizbe'ach hazahov, the mizbe'ach made of gold. Why should the kohain have had to go out to the court where mizbe'ach hanechoshes stood and take the fire from there? It would have been much easier for him to light the fire inside the Kodesh."

"That's just the point, Gershon," Rabbi Rothman replied. "A person who is a Torah scholar is like a menorah. From where does the menorah get its light? That light comes from the mizbe'ach hanechoshes which stood outside. It is the act of going out beyond his own group - reaching out to others who are outside - that gives a 'menorah Jew' the light to shine brightly."

'Please Tell Me What the Rebbe Said' (Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. XVII)

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Last weeks' brain buster: You'll find me in this week's Parsha. If you take away 2-ll be in a corner, if you take away 50-ll come closer. What am I?

Answer: 1217

Congratulations to Nechama Bell, age 9, from Montreal, Canada for solving the brain buster.

WHAT AM I?
I'M ONLY IN THE BEGINNING AND I END IN A SUN



DR. GETZEL
FROM THE DESK OF...

Hi there all you Queen Esthers, clowns, and Mordechais. I was very busy this Purim traveling to see Purim parties all around the world. I saw some excellent costumes. You kids were so well disguised that I couldn't even tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman! If you are a really good detective, you might have spied me hiding in the corner and watching all of the wonderful things that you were doing. I just love watching kid-shluchim helping their parents and teaching their friends.

Lots of Purim parties that I visited had popcorn on the tables. Have you ever seen popcorn being made? It pops so high and so fast that it looks like Chassidim dancing at a Farbrengen. I've seen popcorn popping in bowls many times, but this Purim was the first time I saw popcorn popping on someone's face! I'm a professional at seeing so I notice lots of things that other folks don't see. My specialty is seeing the un-seen and noticing the un-noticed. I take after my Zaidy Zelig. He had such good eyesight that he could see the inside of his eyelids with his eyes closed! As a chossid, I like to share everything that I know with others. That's why I became an eye doctor. Being an eye doctor lets me help other people see things, too. And that brings me to the story I want to tell you.

Remember all those supermarket shoppers who I invited to my house for a grand Purim bash? One of them was a little curly-haired girl with big, round glasses and fifty-five freckles on her face. Every time Haman's name was mentioned in the megillah, I noticed that her freckles would bounce all over her face like popcorn popping.

After megillah reading, she approached me and asked if I knew why her freckles were so jumpy. I told her that they were trying to fight Haman. The freckled-faced girl looked nervously around her. "I don't see Haman! Where is he?" she asked in a frightened voice as her fifty-five freckles jumped faster and faster.

I calmed her and her freckles down and explained that she couldn't **see** him but she could **hear** him. That was because she had a mini-Haman inside, talking to her.

We all have a mini-Haman living inside of us. As you can imagine, since the Purim story happened so long ago, mini-Haman is a really old, grumpy man by now. All he likes to do is sit around on his rocking chair, make mean faces, and stop us from doing what needs to get done. He hates when Jewish children take action and do mitzvos. Every time we get excited about doing a mitzvah he tells us, "Don't bother getting up, stay here and keep me company instead."

But we can't let grumpy, old Haman win. We need to copy those fifty-five freckles- and take action. Whenever a mitzvah comes our way we need to jump up like popcorn

and do it with chayus and a smile. As kid--shluchim you always need to set the right example for your friends. When they see how excited you are about doing mitzvos, they'll want to do them too. Before you know it, the whole world will be jumping and popping with mitzvos!

Keep popping mitzvos!

Dr. Getzel

KIDS SPEAK
WHERE YOUNG SHLUCHIM TALK ABOUT THEIR SHLICHUS

*Ella Steinmetz, age 7
Sarasota, Florida*



My name is Ella Steinmetz from Sarasota, Florida. I am 7 years old and my mommy home-schools me. We learn Parsha every Wednesday and Thursday, and for me I like this the best, because it's like listening to a story. I am proud of myself because my Kesiva has improved. We also learn Yiddish and Hebrew and it's fun being able to speak in Hebrew and Yiddish. One of my favorite activities is to help in the preschool that my mother runs. My mother and father also run a Hebrew school, and I help by being a Dugma Chaya to all the children in my class. (Even though I know everything they learn, I go to Hebrew school so that I should have time to be with friends my age.) In my free time I play Yiddishe songs on the piano, and also enjoy art. I hope that one day my art teacher will teach me to draw a picture of the Rebbe. In my free time I enjoy playing legos and helping with my younger brothers. I have 2 brothers learning in New York. I have one sister learning in Chicago, and my oldest brother in Detroit. I can't wait until I'll be able to join my brothers who learn in New York. One of my favorite parts of my Shlichus is inviting guests and friends after Shul to our home for a Shabbos meal. I like to help my mommy and tatty prepare for Shabbos by helping with the cooking and cleaning. I like having company on Shabbos, and I am sure that they are proud of the D'var Torah that I say. I am very proud to be a Shlucha of the Rebbe and help to bring the Ge'ulah.

HEY KIDS!
SEND US A REPORT ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS AND WE WILL IY"YH PUBLISH IT IN OUR FUTURE CONNECTIONS!
E-MAIL US AT CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND LOCATION OF SHLICHUS.



Ta'anis Esther Checklist: - Thursday, י"ג אדר - March 24, 2005

- We fast on י"ג אדר, to remember of the fast of מרדכי, אסתר, and all the אידן.
- I remembered to give 3 מחצית השקל – half-coins – to צדקה before מנחה.

It is a tradition to give three half-dollar coins to צדקה to commemorate the מחצית השקל that each Jew gave as his share in the קרבנות in the time of the בית המקדש. This מנהג is usually done in shul

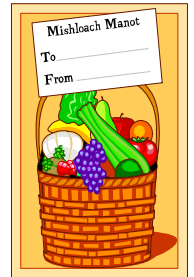
Purim Checklist:- Friday, י"ד אדר - March 25, 2005



- I listened to every word of the מגילה on Thursday night, and banged my gragger when I heard Haman's name being mentioned.
- I listened to the מגילה on Friday, I made sure to listen very quietly and I heard every word.
- I remembered to give מתנת לאביוניים – צדקה – to at least two poor people during Purim day.

I gave משלוח מנות – food gifts – that have at least 2 different ready-to-eat foods – to at least one of my friends. Boys give to boys and girls give to girls. (The Minhag Beis HaRav - The Minhag of the Rabbeim- was to include both food and drink in the משלוח מנות and to give it to at least 3 people.)

- I ate a special Purim סעודה with my family – I made it very lebedig.
- I remembered to say שמונה עשרה ועל הניסים and Bentching.



PURIM CHECKLIST



Did you ever wonder why everyone dresses up on Purim?

1. On Purim it's a Mitzvah to have fun. And it's so much fun to wear a great costume.

2. We're supposed to have fun לרע לרע, which means 'to the point of not knowing' the difference between ברור and מורדל. When we dress up in our costume, no one knows who we are.

3. In a costume, we hide from others. In the הלילה, בלילה, also hides. Big miracles take place, but ה' Name isn't mentioned in the Megillah even once! Every-thing seems so natural, you could think that ה' didn't even have anything to do with it! But we know better.

Just as He redeemed the Jews in Persia of old, so we pray He will redeem us, with the immediate revelation of מונו NOW!

A Purim Message from the Rebbe

ים פורים has a special connection to 'ה צבאות - the Army of ה'. The task of 'ה צבאות is to achieve victory over the orders of 'ה צבאות. צבאות 'ה, just like מרדכי, who "did not bow down or bend his knee," before ה'.

If the 'ה צבאות tries to convince a child to eat something that is not kosher, or that playing ball is more important than learning the child answers, "I am not going to listen to you. You just better keep quiet! מרדכי would not bow down to you, and neither will I!"

"I am going to learn ה' תורה, and I am going to do מצוות! Because these are the most important and precious things in the world!"

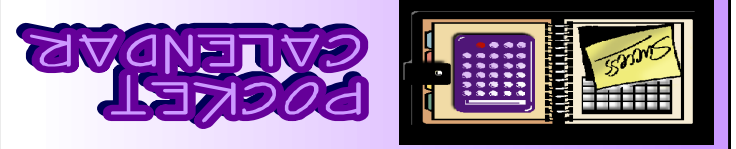
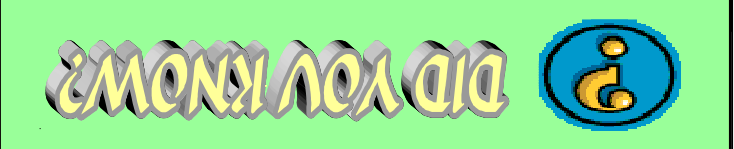
"Not only that," says the Jewish child, "I am going to influence my friends in school too, that they also should learn ה' תורה and do מצוות!"

This is the ultimate goal of 'ה צבאות: victory over the 'ה צבאות for oneself and one's friends, by not bowing down and not bending the knee.

And in this way, we will all merit to go and greet our righteous King and leader, ארץ ישראל, where he will build the third מלכות ה' in its place, and with all its details.

Then the time of גלות will be finished, and the 'ה צבאות will have begun, and it should all be NOW! RIGHT NOW!

Tzivos Hashem Newsletter - Based on a sicha to Tzivos Hashem, Adar 12, 5742





Just like in the time of the Purim story, 'ה' made a נס and the אידן were saved at the last minute, throughout Jewish history, many Jewish communities have been saved by a נס. To remember this, the community would celebrate a 'Purim' every year on that day. Here are a few stories of different 'Purims' of communities around the world.

Purim of Saragossa

The Purim of Saragossa was established in the year 1440, (565 years ago). In the city of Saragossa, Spain, the Jews were ordered to appear at a public reception honoring the King with all of the ספרי תורה of the community. The אידן who lived in Spain were Sefardim who have big fancy cases for their ספרי תורה.

The rabbis of the community decided that it would be safer to remove the Torahs from their cases, and were sure that the King would never know the difference.

Unfortunately, there was a man in the community named Marcos who was a troublemaker. He went to the authorities and told them about the rabbis' plan, and said that they planned this because they don't like the King.

The King was furious about this and at the reception he ordered the Jews to open the cases at once. The אידן were terrified, they knew that the punishment for disobeying the King would be very big, but they had no choice so they opened the cases. They were completely amazed and dumbfounded when they saw that all of the cases contained ספרי תורה.

What they didn't know was that the night before, the שמש of the שול had a dream in which אליהו הנביא appeared to him and ordered him to replace the ספרי תורה in their cases. The dream was so real that the שמש did as he was instructed, but he had no time to tell the rabbis what he did.

The King saw that the Jews were innocent. He ordered that Marcos be punished severely. To remember the נס, the rabbis established a special Purim that would be celebrated on י"ז & י"ח שבט.

Purim of Rhodes

In 1840 (165 years ago) a blood libel was brought against the Jewish community on the island of Rhodes. (A blood libel was something the Goyim used to bring against the Yidden. They would say that the Yidden killed a Goyishe child and used the blood to make Matzah. Of course we know that this can't be true because Matzah only has flour and water in it and we are careful never to eat any blood. We even check eggs carefully to make sure that there is no blood spots in it. But unfortunately, the Goyim would bring a blood libel often and many times, terrible things happened to the Yidden because of it.)

The governor of the island arrested the leaders of the community and said that they should be killed. But the child (that the Goyim said was killed by the Yidden) was found alive and well. The leaders were released.

On י"ד אדר, the Turkish sultan, Abed Almagid, issued a royal decree that the Yidden would keep, stating that the blood libel is not true. From that day on, the Jews of Rhodes celebrated a double Purim to remember that story.

Purim of Chios

This Purim, known as "Purim de la Senora" (the "Purim of the woman of honor"), remembers when a Jewish woman spoiled the plans of the Spanish navy (part of the army that fights with ships) and saved her community.

In the year 1595 (410 years ago), the Greek island of Chios was surrounded by the Spanish navy led by King Ferdinand of Spain.

A Jewish woman who lived in a house joining onto the local fortress went out early in the morning to the big outdoor oven to bake bread for her family.

Sparks from her coal fire accidentally lit the storeroom of ammunition which was in the nearby fortress, causing a frightening explosion.

The Spanish navy which was anchored nearby quickly sailed away in terror, and this saved the Jewish community from the Inquisition which the Spaniards always established in the countries they captured.

(The Inquisition was started in Spain after all the Yidden were expelled from the country. Many Yidden didn't want to leave because they had owned lots of land and all other reasons, so they pretended to become Goyim but secretly did the Mitzvos and learned Torah. The Inquisition would send spies to watch these Yidden - called Marranos - and see if they were keeping any of the Mitzvos. Even if a family only cleaned their house on Friday, the Inquisition would arrest them and do very bad things to them. The Inquisition was in Spain and in any country that Spain captured)

(Adapted from the L'chaim Weekly)

Fun Sheet

Kids! Fill out the fun sheet below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0985 or e-mail it to connections@shluchim.org no later than Wednesday, March 30th, י"ט אדר ב'.

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A	Starting at the arrow, write down every other letter in the lines below to discover one the mitzvos of Purim.						R
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Poem
By: Nechomale Gordon, age 11, London, England

Purim is on a very short day this year,
But does that mean that the Megillah some people will not hear?
On Purim this year rush we must,
But for others, not to have a Seudah is not just.
So on Mivtzoim we will still go,
And the Mitzvos of Purim to other people we will show.
To hear the Megillah we will makes sure they all do,
So that the minutes till Moshiach will be very few.

Hey kids!
E-mail us a picture of you with your original Purim costume, and we will include it in next week's "Connections"!

Wordsearch by: Lieba Fischer, age 9, Augusta, Georgia

10. רעשון	1. פורים
11. סעודה	2. אסתר
12. משלח מנות	3. מרדכי
13. צדקה	4. המן
14. בגתן	5. אחשורש
15. תרש	6. שושן
16. לצנים	7. ושתי
17. אדר	8. מגילה
18. תענית אסתר	9. און המן

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Last Week's Winners:

- Level 1: Levi Weg, age 6, Tulsa, OK & Baila Rochel Leah Goldstein, age 6, San Diego, CA
 Level 2: Sheina Glazman, age 10, Riga, Latvia & Mendel Gurevitch, age 8, Gold Coast, Australia