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Just before Mattan Torah, all of the Jewish people gathered around Har Sinai. The mountain was surrounded by fire, and a heavenly cloud settled on top. The entire world came to a halt as the sound of the shofar was heard; thunder roared and lightning flashed in the background.

In the Talmud and in the Midrash, our Sages tell us more about what happened then. Rabbi Akiva tells us that the Jewish people could actually "see the thunder and hear the lightning."

Why does Rabbi Akiva tell us this?

Many other miracles took place at that time: All the birds stopped chirping precisely at the moment the Torah was given, flowers and fruit-bearing trees sprouted forth from the desert mountain, and most important - the Jewish people actually heard HaShem tell them the Ten Commandments. Is Rabbi Akiva just adding another miracle?

No. Rabbi Akiva is teaching us something very important. He is teaching us is how a Jew should look at the Torah and the world around nim.

We usually see physical things, but not ideas or thoughts. Yet our ears can listen to ideas - even deep and holy thoughts about HaShem.

The Torah guides a Jew to gaze deeper into the things which appear before his eyes and to look for the things which his ears have heard about. HaShem hides His holiness in the things around us. Even though we cannot see it, it is still there. It is our job to look deeper, to find that holiness, and to reveal it. Every mitzvah which we perform helps us reveal that hidden holiness.

For example, a delicious red apple. The Korean grocer says, "Its color is so red, its shape is perfect and it tastes delicious!" He sees the apple as a nice, tasty fruit. But a Jew who makes a berachah on the apple is looking at more than just a fruit. He sees the blessing of HaShem, and thanks Him for making the fruit grow.

This is what Rabbi Akiva meant when he said that the Jews could see what is heard - that the Torah makes it possible for us to look deeper and see the holiness in the world around us.

In his own life, Rabbi Akiva set an example of how to look deeper than what our eyes can see. He once accompanied a group of Sages who passed the site of the Beis HaMikdash after it was destroyed. Suddenly, a fox darted out from the rubble. Spotting the fox, the sages burst out in tears.

"How terrible! Look what has happened to our holy place!" they cried.

But Rabbi Akiva did not cry; instead the Sages saw him smiling. "How can you possibly be happy while seeing this destruction?" they asked him in wonder.

"I am happy because I am looking beyond what my eyes see," replied Rabbi Akiva. "Just as HaShem carried out His warnings to destroy the city, He will also fulfill His promise to rebuild the Beis HaMikdash. The destroyed Beis HaMikdash helps me see the rebuilt city of Yerushalayim and hear the sounds of geulah approaching."

From Please Tell Me What the Rebbe Said (Adapted from Likkutel Sichos, Vol. VI, Parshas Yisro)

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## THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MY PARTNER AND ME IS WHAT. WHAT AM I?

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org

#### Last weeks' brain buster:

If you take away 10 of me, you will have something special for Shabbos.

Answer: if you take away the '> from 110 0>, you have 1012!

Congratulations to Menachem Mendel Altein, from Winnipeg, Canada, for solving the brain buster.

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Hey Kids,

Have you ever seen googly eyes on a puppet or toy clown? It's a set of eyeballs that spin in circles, and they usually belong to toys rather than humans. I'm a professional Seeing Professor and I learned in my Special Specialized Spectacle School that humans cannot have googly eyes. I've seen all kinds of eyes: green eyes and black eyes, red eye and pink eye, eyes that are cold or warm, old or young, and sad or happy, but I've never seen a human with googly eyes. Last week, however, as sure as my name is Dr. Getzel from lowa, I actually did see a human with googly eyes!

And it wasn't just anyone whose eyes were spinning in circles; it was the plump pilot of flight 1341 flying United from lowa International Airport to JFK in New York. It happened like this: Last night (Wednesday), I happened to see many ladies wearing high heels and short earrings and many girls wearing small bags and big smiles, going to the airport. I asked them where they were going and they told me they were on their way to the annual Chof-Beis Shevat convention in New York for Shluchos.

They didn't know if I was invited, but I decided to come along anyway. As we boarded flight 1341 United from Iowa to JFK, the plump pilot looked a bit confused. He asked me where so many happy girls and ladies were going, and I knew it was going to be hard to explain a Shluchos Convention to a plump, and mostly bald, pilot of a United flight. I scratched my head, which thankfully is not bald, and began to explain.

Shluchim and Shluchos are messengers from the Rebbe who have the job of reaching out and touching every Jew. I asked him if he was good with numbers, and he began scratching his head too.

- There are about 1,300 Shluchim who go to the convention every year
- There are about 1,000 Shluchos who come to the convention every year
- Today are about 4,000 couples on Shlichus throughout the world
- There are over 2,000 mosdos (i.e. schools, camps, Chabad Houses and Mikvahs). . .
- There are about 15,000 children of Shluchim who help their parents

The pilot's eyes started spinning as I was rattling off the numbers. I never saw eyes like that; they were downright googly, like a puppet or a toy. "If there are so many kids and mothers and fathers in so many countries and cities and states," he asked, "how many Jews do you think they touched all together?"

Hard question. How many Jews have been affected by all the kids, mothers, and fathers together? For sure more than a thousand, more than a million, more than a trillion, more than an octillion—it must be a GOOGOL (!) Jews who have been touched by the Rebbe's many messengers.

And I missed the flight. But I'm sure you are going to have a great flight with a plump pilot, who is bald, and whose eyes have gone googly thinking of how many Jews you kids and your parents have affected. Sometimes you wonder if your little Mivtza in your little city means anything, but now you know the BIG PICTURE—together we are reaching a GOOGOL of Jews.

Have a good trip. Dr Getzel

## Rebbetzin chaya mushka



שניאורסאן שניאורסאן עויה מושקא שניאורסאן was born in the Russian eity of Babinoviteh, near the town of Lubaviteh, on אדר in 1901. She was the second daughter of the פריערדיקער רבי and his wife, פריערדיקער רבי Sehneersohn. From her earliest years, she absorbed the purity and holiness that surrounded her, in the house of her grandfather and her father.

On י"ז כסלו "she married the Rebbe, in Warsaw, Poland.

The רגצין passed away on Wednesday תשמ"ח בצין מליה האכל מקלפר after a short illness. Shortly before she passed away, היה היה ברכה ברכה asked for a glass of water. After saying the גרכה היה משמה to 'ה. In a farewell to a true queen, the לויה was attended by fifteen thousand people, led by an official police motoreade.

In the years after she passed away, hundreds of Lubaviteh institutions around the world have been established in honor of her memory, many mikua'os bear her name and numerous publications are also dedicated to her memory.

There are also many girls around the world who have the זכות have the אזכות מושקא have the אזכות.



Chaya Mushka Freundlich, age 8

Beijing, China

My name is Chaya Mushka Freundlich and I am a Shlucha in Beijing, China.

When I was at home my mother said: "We are going to America soon and we are going to be there for a long time, but we are also going to be there around Arizona Camp time. Would you like to go?" so I said: "I will think about it." The next day, I said to my mother: "OK I will go to camp in Arizona."

When we came to America, my parents put me on the plane with two counselors Rochel and Leah, with lots of Kisses and good byes. I went to camp. When I came to camp, my first impression was "It's going to be fun!"

The whole time I was in Arizona camp, I had lots of fun. We played games, went on field trips and even got to hear a story from the Rebbe's personal Doctor. When I left camp, I cried a lot.

And I was right, it was going to be fun!

IF ANY OF YOU YALDEI HASHLUCHIM WORLDWIDE HAVE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE YUD SHEVAT FARBRENGEN, THE KINUS OR EVEN A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOUR SHLICHUS, PLEASE E-MAIL IT TO US AT CONNECTIONS (SHLUCHIM.ORG WITH YOUR NAME, DATE AND LOCATION AND WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN A FUTURE EDITION OF "CONNECTIONS".



#### כ"ב שבט

For the first רביצין חי'ה מושקא of ארצייט, in רביצין חי'ה מושקא, the Rebbe asked that a כינוס should be started for the תשמ"ש. That year, 400 שלוחות from around the world joined the Kinus. In honor of the Kinus the Rebbe gave over a special Sicha. Only Shluchos and their babies were allowed into the main shul of 770 to hear. The Rebbe spoke about being BeSimcha, about being a Shlucha and making our house into a מקדש מעם.

This year, תשס"ה, over 1600 שלוחות are expected to come to the בינוס from over 65 countries all over the world.

#### פרשת יתרו

This week's פרשה includes the עשרת הדברות. Our y עשרת הדברות is to stand during the קריאה and to face towards the מפר תורה.



#### A Lesson From איה מושקא Name and יארציים ארציים אורכצין הייה

<u>"חי'ח"</u> means "life." The Rebbetzin's life was filled with מצות and acts of goodness and kindness.

<u>"מושקא"</u> means "perfume" in a different language. Our במוים explain that the sense of smell brings pleasure to our בשמות.

יב שבט is the day of the 'ב"ין' yartzeit. The number 22 hints to the 22 letters of the 'ב"א. Our בעמים explain that 'ה created the world using these letters. The 'ב"א is a way that Hashem's היות gives life to the איין world.

From the בצין' name and from the date of her יארציים we can take a lesson for ourselves and our lives. We should fill our days with acts of goodness, kindness, that spread and penetrate even the lowest parts of this world.

# ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

#### The Guarantee

While בנ"י were busy with their preparations for מתן תורה himself went up the mountain. There 'ה said to him:

"Gather all the people, but first speak to the women, so that they should hear and appreciate My teachings. And when My words have entered their hearts, they will help their husbands to train their children in the way of My Torah.

"And then, משם, when you have finished speaking to the Women, you will turn to the Men and teach them all I have told you. Not one thing must you leave out from all I have said!"

then descended from the mountain and spoke to all of בנ"י, exactly as ה had commanded him to do. When משה had finished speaking, they all called out together:

"All that 'ה has told us ונעשה ונשמע"

Then 'ה asked what they had to offer as a guarantee that they would keep their word? For unless they offered 'ה quarantors that He would be satisfied with, He would not give them the תורה.

"Our holy יעקב & יצחק, will be our guarantors!" replied the people.

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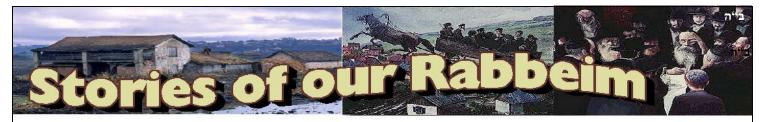
"Will You accept our children who will be born to us as guarantors, to assure You that we intend to keep Your תורה?"

"Your children are indeed the best guarantee that you can offer, and I gladly accept them as your pledge of trust!"

"We faithfully promise to study the תורה and teach the תורה to our children, so that they in turn can teach their children, and so on, forever."

"Your words please Me very much," answered "ה. "And now I can give you the תורה."

(Adapted from chabadonline.com)



## Stories of Rebbetzin Ghava mushka

### Really feel for the other Person

The Friday night before she passed away was a bitterly cold night. During a conversation with her visitor, the רגצין mentioned, "When I think that you have to go out [to go home], I become cold."

We should care so much about other people that we feel for them and even anticipate their discomfort. We can accomplish this by putting our own considerations aside, as the רגצין did on this night when she was already very sick, and focusing entirely on the other person.

#### The importance of Humility

One year, in honor of her birthday, the נשי חב"ד Organization sent the רכצין a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Together with the bouquet was an envelope that contained a list of names of people who were in need of a כרכה. The intention was that the list be given to the Rebbe.

The person who accepted the bouquet gave it to the רבין and submitted the envelope to the רבי. The looked at the envelope, upon which the רבין ame had been written, and asked why it was not given to the רבין. The person explained that it contained a list of names of people who were in need of a רבי responded, "Nu, she can also them!"

But when the רבצין communicated an answer from the Rebbe, she would always convey it word for word, saying, "This was the exact answer." She refused to ever add an explanation but only repeated the רביים words exactly.

No matter our own greatness or importance, our own abilities or position of power, being humble is an important character trait.

In the זכות of the רבצין, may we immediately be privileged to see the conclusion of the coming of now!

### carine for every jew

This story was told by Chessed Halberstam who worked for Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka for 18 years and was also her driver. The Rebbe asked Chessed to make sure that the Rebbetzin got some fresh air every day. Chessed and the Rebbetzin would usually drive out to a park in Long Island. One day, as they were driving, they saw that one of the streets they usually drove along was closed and they had to take a detour along a different street. As they were driving along that street, they suddenly heard the sounds of a woman screaming in Russian. At the next traffic light, the Rebbetzin asked Chessed "I heard a woman screaming; can you go back and see what that was about?"

They drove back to the beginning of the street. There they saw a woman standing on the curb and crying, while near her movers were carrying furniture and household items from a house and loading them on to a truck. Near the truck stood an official looking man holding a clipboard. Chessed parked the car and went to ask the official what was going on. The official explained that the woman hadn't paid her rent for many months so she was now being evicted from her home.

When Chessed told the Rebbetzin all this, she asked him to go back and inquire from the official how much the woman owed and she also asked him not to say anything to the family being evicted. Chessed didn't understand why the Rebbetzin wanted him to do this, but he did exactly what she asked.. The sum that the family owed was approximately \$6,700. The official said that if he received the payment, his men would carry everything back into the house. When Chessed informed the Rebbitzin of the details, she took out her checkbook and, to his amazement, wrote out a check for the full amount, and asked him to give it to the official.

With an amazed look on his face the official instructed his workers to take everything back into the house. The Rebbitzin immediately urged Chessed to quickly drive away, before the woman realized what had happened.

Chessed was completely amazed at what he had seen and later, when they were in the park, he could not hold back his curiosity anymore and asked the Rebbetzin what had prompted her to give such a large sum of money to a total stranger?

"Do you really want to know?" asked the Rebbetzin.

"Yes, I do," he replied.

"Then I'll tell you," she said. "Once, when I was a young girl, my father (the Frierdiker Rebbe) took me for a walk in the park. He sat me down on a bench and started to tell me about the idea of *hashgachah peratis*. Every time -- said my father -- when something causes us to change from our normal routine, there is a reason for this; every time we see something unusual, there is a purpose in why we've been shown this sight.

"Today," continued the Rebbetzin, "when I saw the 'Detour' sign instructing us to change from our regular route, I remembered my father's words and immediately thought to myself: Every day we drive by this street; suddenly, the street's closed off and we're sent to a different street. What is the purpose of this? How is this connected to me? Then I heard the sound of a woman crying and screaming. I realized that we have been sent along this route for a purpose."



Did you come to New York for the Kinus?

Please e-mail me at <u>connections@shluchim.org</u>
and tell me all about it.







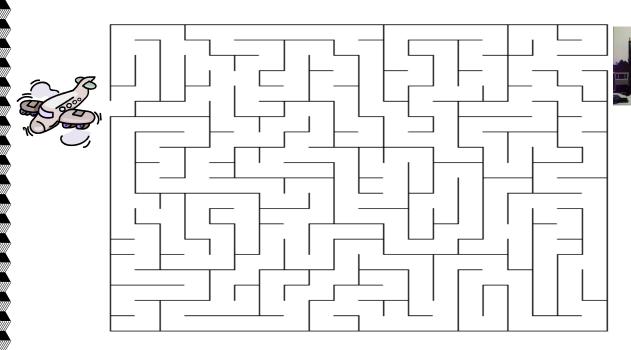


#### Level 1: Ages 5-8

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 no later than Wednesday, February 2nd, ב"ג שבט.

- o1. When is Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka's birthday? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is her father's name?
- **3.** What is her mother's name? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Where did the Rebbe and Rebbetzin get married? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What posuk from Tehillim applies to the Rebbetzin?
- 7. Who are the Rebbetzin's 'children'?
- 8. What year was the first Kinus Hashluchos in? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. What day and year did Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka pass away? \_\_\_\_

#### Help Chanie go to Crown Heights for the בינוס השלוחות:



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Last week's winners: Devorah Leah Goldman, 6, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma & Mendel Levertov, 8, Sante Fe, NM

Good Luck! 







### Level 2: Ages 9-12

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