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PREPARE OR FALL

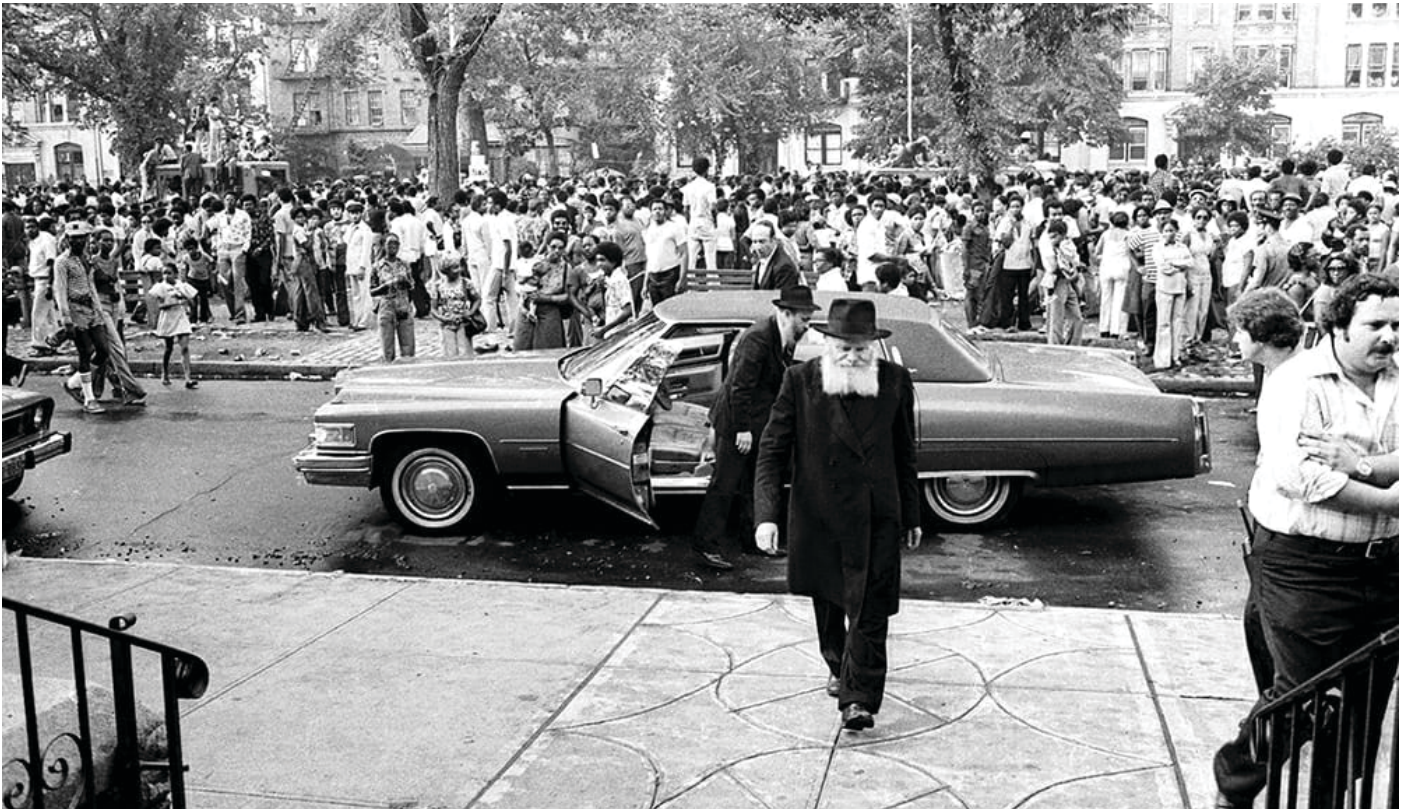
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Many of the letters in the Alter Rebbe's Iggeres HaKodesh are devoted to the theme of tzedoka. And, according to the sequencing of these letters there is an understandable emphasis on the virtues of tzedoka as each of us prepares for Rosh Hashana and the Aseres Yomei Teshuva. Ultimately though, these letters are directed to encouraging individuals to give generously, especially to causes associated with Eretz Yisroel. The Rebbe's agenda, however, is explicitly on a grander scale. Right from the outset of his nesiyus, the Rebbe used tzedoka as a platform for establishing a collective generational responsibility to consolidate and accelerate the arrival of Moshiach (*Tzion will be redeemed through tzedoka*). In the words of author Phillip Wexler, unprecedented philanthropy is the touchstone of the Rebbe's social vision for our generation. In a private audience held with author and philosopher Gershon Kranzler in 1951, the Rebbe made the following astonishing call to action: "America's great genius has been in the development of the individual, of the pioneering and self-made type. Although this helped in developing our potentialities by demanding every last ounce of ingenuity and perseverance, it has on the other hand focused too much attention on egoistic aims and interests. Personal goals have dominated. Only in our

spare and leisure time, after we have carved our groove in terms of economic or social success, have we dedicated some time and effort to philanthropic and communal affairs. We have been social workers on an amateur, after-working-hours basis. This pattern of life has been no less characteristic of American Jews than of other Americans. But it is at this point that there must be a change of basic outlook and concomitant redirection and reorganisation of our existence as a community and as individuals. Primarily we must live the life of social beings, with the responsibility and dedication of our best efforts for the klal, the community. Only then can we afford to invest in our own individual aims and goals". In furtherance of this lofty objective, the Rebbe also redefined our understanding of tzedoka. Rather than being confined to the distribution of money, it encompasses reaching out to people in need, spiritually as well as physically, to fundamentally alter their lives for the better. So in Chodesh Elul, as we prepare to re-engage with He who provides us with all of our needs, it behooves each of us to be a king in someone else's field – to profoundly impact their wellbeing through engagements built on care, sensitivity and love. Even a simple smile could make a world of difference in someone else's life. Good Shabbos and Ksiva v'Chasima Tova. **Eliezer**

Prepare or Fall

By Rabbi Avremel Goldberg

There are times that a student does not hand in his or her work on the due date, and when asked why, will answer “I wasn’t feeling well last night” or “Last night was my brother’s Bar Mitzvah.” Other times, a teacher may ask why a student is not in uniform and receive the answer “I couldn’t find it.” True, he may indeed have been busy last night, or something beyond his control may have happened to his uniform... but often the work was given a week earlier, and the Bar Mitzvah could have been planned around. Or, the student could have been more responsible to put his uniform in a safe place before going to bed. In this week’s Parsha, Perek 22, Posuk 8, the Torah talks about the Mitzvas Asei of building a fence on our

rooftops so that we don’t fall off. The Torah also forewarns us with a Lo Saase of Lo Sosim Domim Beveisecha - that we should not cause bloodshed in our homes. Whilst this Mitzvah was more applicable to olden days when it was common to use the roof to dry things (among other daily uses), the Rebbe explains this Mitzvah as something which is enduringly practical in our everyday lives today. While we are human beings, who can grow and improve each day, progress comes with its own set of challenges. No challenge is too hard for us to overcome, as long as we are aware that it is a challenge and a battle that we have to fight. When we do become aware of our challenges, it

becomes our job to “build fences.” This means we must take precautions to fortify ourselves, so we are protected from falling and making mistakes. This applies not only to young Cheder boys, but even to learned grown-ups and big Talmidei Chachamim. The Gemoro tells us that one should not read by candlelight without company on Shabbos,

lest he accidentally adjusts the candle (to better benefit from its light), and comes to be mechalel Shabbos. It once happened that the great R’ Yishmoel told himself that he could read by the candlelight alone and due to his great piety, he wouldn’t make that mistake. One Shabbos when he was learning near a candle on his own, he leaned over, meaning to (and some say he actually did) adjust

the candle’s position. When he realised what just happened, he announced, “How great are the words of the Chachomim”, and subsequently wrote in his diary, “When the Beis Hamikdosh is rebuilt, I will bring a big Korbon Chatos”. So let us all take this Parsha message to heart, identify our weak spots and do what we can to protect ourselves from falling through. Before Rosh Hashanah, the Frierdiker Rebbe would encourage everyone to take on new hachlotos/resolutions each year, to strengthen themselves and their Neshomos to combat the challenges that the new year brings. Hatzlocho with your Hachlotos, and wishing everyone a Ksiva Vchasima Tova, Lshana Tova Umesuka.



עניני גאולה ומשיח

Waiting for Moshiach

By Anonymous

The Rambam writes that someone who even believes in Moshiach but doesn't WAIT for Moshiach is considered a full fledged Kofer! The question is why? The Meforshim explain, believing in Moshiach means that he will eventually come. WAITING for Moshiach means that you believe that he can come any moment and as a result of this belief you now will wait for him any moment!



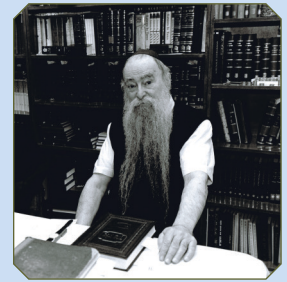
The Rebbe On Chinuch

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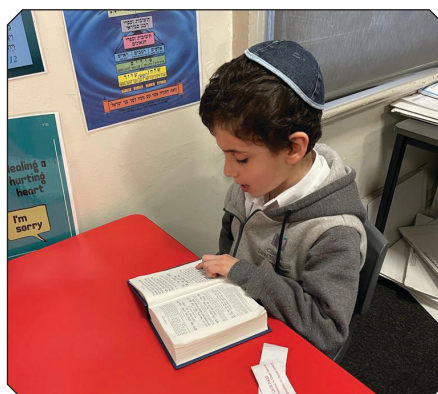
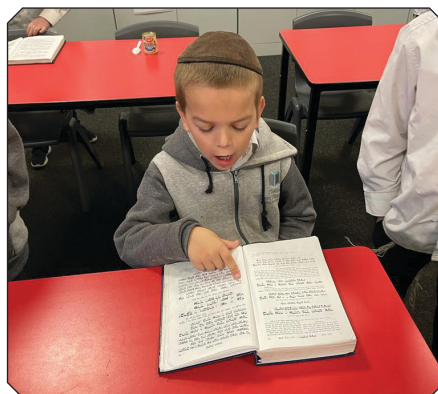
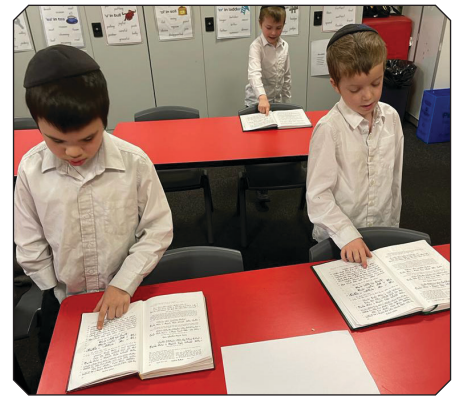
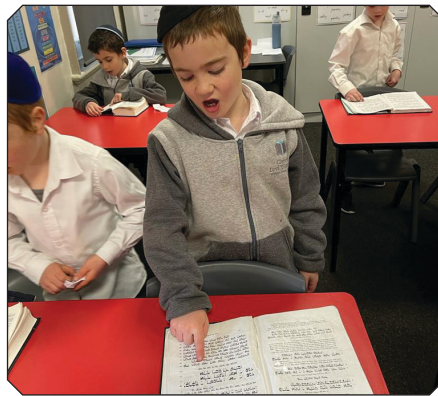
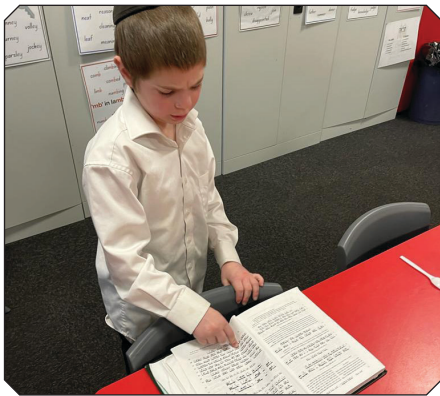
The Alter Rebbe writes in his Shulchan Oruch: The beginning of the entry of the nefesh hakedosha is in the chinuch of Torah and Mitzvos, in which the chachamim have obligated us... He who is careful about a baby (regarding morning negel vasser) from the bris and onwards, “קדוש יאמר לו” - ‘holy’ shall be said of him.” [This pasuk is originally found in Yeshayahu 4:3, and Rashi comments there: “They will all be tzaddikim.”] (Orach Chaim, Mahadura Tinyana, sec. 4)

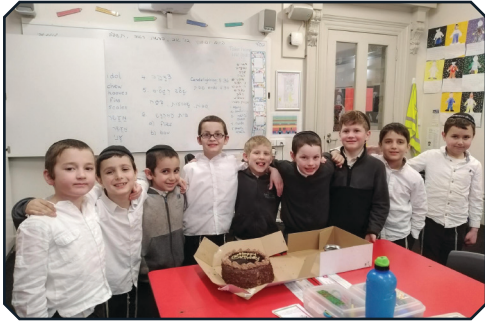
What I learned From Reb Arel

TESHUVA NOW!



Reb Arel loved engaging with Baalei Teshuva. He enjoyed and admired their willingness to accept profound changes in their lives and the corresponding influence they could exert on “tzadikim” who had reached, somewhat disappointingly a level of comfort and complacency in their personal avoidah. He would frequently tell the following story to illustrate his mindset that in life one must always be looking to increase in all things good. A chossid once came to the court of the Gerer Rebbe in the company of a ‘greenhorn’. Moving closer to the Gerer Rebbe, he whispered, disapprovingly, “This one is a Baal Cheva”. The Gerer Rebbe returned the chossid’s look of disapproval and asked: “Nu, and you, why aren’t you also a Baal Cheva?”





מזל טוב אב קאלטמאן



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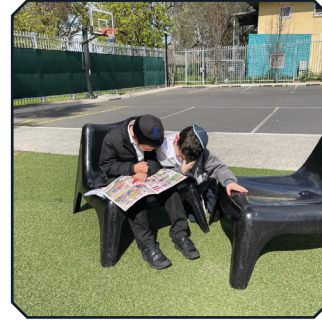
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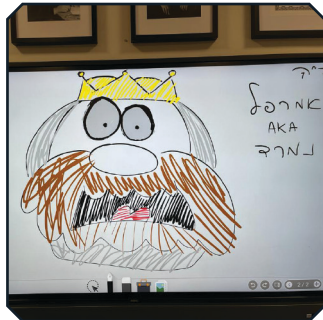
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כתה ב'



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(Correct answer get a prize)



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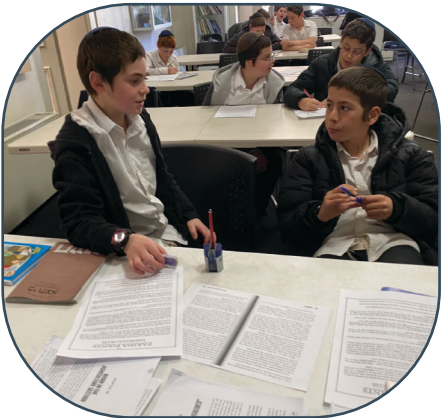
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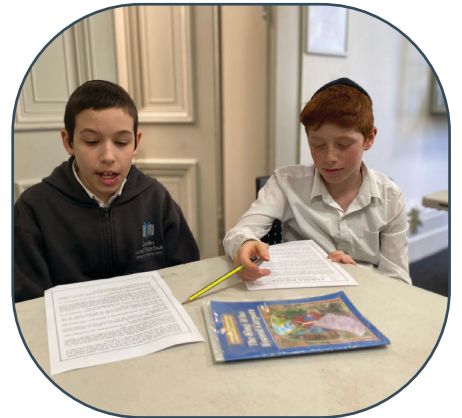
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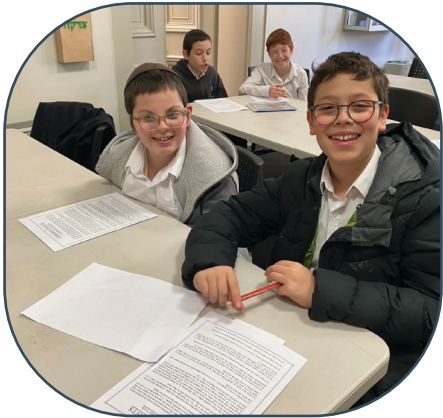
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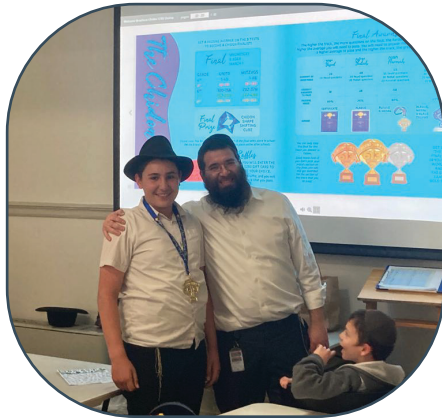
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מזל טוב כהה ז'



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שמע קולנו



ניחוח

Enhancing Achievement

By Eli Touger

It is difficult to tell whether the business enterprises of Reb Yissachar Dov Weiss, a prominent West Coast businessman, support his charity endeavors or whether the distribution of charity sustains the business. Reb Yissachar Dov prefers the second explanation. "That is the real bottom line," he maintains. "Let me tell you about a friend also involved in business. "This man had attempted several business ventures, but none of them had met with success. Once, he consulted the Rebbe before embarking on a new business. The Rebbe suggested that he give five thousand dollars to charity before starting the new position. The man was pressed for funds and failed to heed the Rebbe's advice. Shortly afterwards, his business faltered. "Some time later, the man again presented his troubles to the Rebbe. 'I had advised you to give a substantial amount of money to charity,' the Rebbe reminded him. Saying this, he removed a volume of the Talmud from his shelf and read from it: 'Rabbi Yochanan teaches, Aser bishvil shetisasher' "Tithe so that you may prosper." "I Had you donated the money to charity, I would have been able to address a claim to Rabbi Yochanan..." In another instance, Reb Yissachar Dov explained that "I have always wanted to fulfill my obligation to give charity properly. I was not always sure how much to give or which charity was the most deserving. I decided to consult with the Rebbe. "The Rebbe responded: 'The most important thing is to give tzedakah with an open and happy heart. Take pen in hand, and you will be able to sense the proper amount to write on the check.' Having established such a relationship with the Rebbe, it is not surprising that Reb Yissachar Dov often consults him about his business affairs. "Once," Reb Yissachar Dov recalled, "I asked the Rebbe whether my company should go public on the stock market. 'One can make a fortune overnight,' I said with enthusiasm. 'This will enable me to donate a million dollars to Lubavitch institutions.' "The Rebbe was less enthusiastic about my grandiose plans. After a short silence, he asked, 'Why would you want others to have a say in your business?' "I was persistent, and ultimately, I received his blessing for the endeavor. Afterwards, the Rebbe asked: 'And what will you give me?' I responded spontaneously that I was willing to offer anything." "In that

case,' the Rebbe replied, 'I would like you to give me a thousand pages of Talmudic study.' " On many occasions the Rebbe's advice saved Reb Yissachar Dov from extensive losses. A favorite story involves an investment offer for Liberian diamonds on Africa's West Coast in 1976. "The Belgian diamond dealers who had made the proposal were familiar with my business procedures," related Reb Yissachar Dov. "They knew that the Rebbe's blessing was essential to any of my endeavors. They were, however, surprised by the degree to which I relied upon him." "We understand that you want your Rebbe's blessing,' their representative remarked. 'After all, we are considering a million dollar project. But....' " 'Excuse me,' I cut him off. 'I will not invest anything before I receive the Rebbe's blessing and consent.' "The jewelers were very anxious that I invest. 'We want to clarify your statement. Do you really mean that you will not take advantage of this opportunity unless the Rebbe approves? What does the Rebbe know about business or about African gems?' "I did not answer. My past experience and burgeoning bank account had proven to me that the Rebbe's approval exceeded any calculable value. "At my next opportunity, I discussed the subject with the Rebbe. He told me not to invest, warning me that a revolution was impending. "I was surprised. 'How's that?' I asked the Rebbe. 'Everybody in the business world knows that Liberia, a neutral country, is the Switzerland of Africa.' "The Rebbe was determined in his opinion: The political situation was shaky, and investment was dangerous. Anything longterm should not be considered at all. Only something where money can go in and out immediately was worth thinking about. "The Belgian dealers were extremely disappointed and skeptical. 'A revolution in Liberia? The most stable country in Africa?' "Soon afterwards, I invested fifty thousand dollars in the diamond business. I hired a broker, instructing him to purchase Liberian diamonds quickly and to depart immediately. He purchased coarse stones which were to be cut, polished, and then forwarded to the buyer. "Shortly afterwards, the revolution which the Rebbe had predicted broke out. The stones were never exported, and I reclaimed only a portion of the price I paid. I comforted myself with the thought that I had not invested millions.

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YEAR 5 -	אריאל ברזין
YEAR 7	מאיר ברזין
YEAR 8 -	אלי קורנהויזער

מזל טוב

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מענדל ארון – טו אלול

