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THE REBBE'S RECOVERY

Though it would be weeks before the doctors would authorize him to go home, the Rebbe immediately resumed editing his scholarly dissertations. The scholar Rabbi Yoel Kahn, head transcriber of the Rebbe's talks, says that at first his team sought to ease the burden on the Rebbe. "Our first step following the Rebbe's heart attack," says Kahn, speaking in Yiddish, "was to make [the transcriptions] less complex and with less footnotes, to avoid causing unnecessary strain for the Rebbe." However, Kahn relates, once his staff realized that the complexity and depth of the Rebbe's Saturday night talks and discourses did not diminish, they continued their compilations unabated. From his makeshift hospital room, the Rebbe would

edit the drafts and add scholarly notes. The Rebbe also insisted on continuing to respond to people's personal letters. "When we approached the doctors to ask whether we made the correct decision about continuing to submit the scholarly compilations for editing," says Kahn, "they responded that when the Rebbe edits the compilations, they see no difference in his heartbeat. [But] when the Rebbe reads personal letters, that is when the heartbeat is abnormal." Still, relates Klein: "The Rebbe wanted to continue to respond to the letters personally. The Rebbe said that if they would not bring them in, he would go take in the mail himself." In that first year after he fell ill, the Rebbe wrote many letters. Rabbi Chaim Shaul Brook, a member of the editorial team

presently working on releasing the Rebbe's previously unpublished talks, says that those letters, which vary from responses concerning the writers' personal lives to scholarly and innovative thoughts on Torah topics, will soon be published by the Kehot Publication Society. "The heart attack marks the starting point of a renewed vigor in the Rebbe's activities which continued for the following 15 years," Brook adds. Weiss says that the Rebbe did not let up until a stroke in 1992 left him incapacitated. In many ways, he says, the Rebbe seemed to be more energetic following the heart attack. "He really was medically like a giant, like a very strong person, as if the heart attack had not occurred," says Weiss. "It was beyond my wildest expectation."

SEE DEEPER THAN THE BUCKET

By: Avi Kassman

Many years ago, it so happened that two well-known and righteous brothers, who were travelling the country side together doing no harm, were arrested for some trumped up charge. One of the brothers was named Reb Zusha, and he lived in the town of Anipoli. His brother was the renowned Reb Elimelech, from the city of Lizhensk. As the first day of their captivity

wore on, the brothers encountered.. let's say an unexpected problem. The time had come to daven mincha , but the terrible stench emanating from a waste bucket standing in the middle of their cell, rendered prayer to the One above, well, unacceptable. Reb Elimelech was extremely upset about their predicament, but his

brother comforted him with the following words: "The same G-d who commanded you to pray, also commanded you not to pray when the room is unfit for prayer! So by not praying in this room, you have achieved a unique connection with G-d, that otherwise you never would have accomplished."

Well in that case, there was reason to celebrate! The predicament suddenly overjoyed to two brothers, and in good Chassidic spirit, they began to dance. Apparently the guards didn't like this and they came to investigate. Pointing to the centre of the cell, one of the other inmates told the guard "I'm not sure

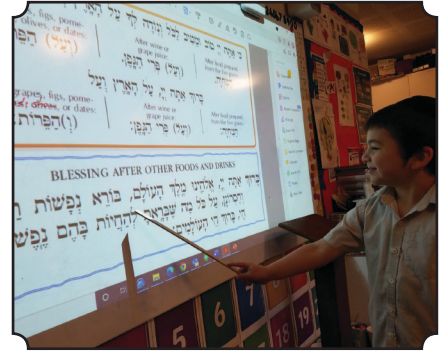
what it's all about, but it's definitely got something to do with that waste bucket." So, the guards took the bucket away. And the holy brothers were then able to pray mincha undisturbed. In many a letter, our Rebbe tells us that we need to see the good in this world. The potential of what it can be and the source from which it all came. That it's no easy task. That it takes work. That it takes time. It was like that for

our patriarch Yitzchak too, who saw the great potential in Eisav. He saw what was lying beneath the surface. He saw what could eventuate if only Eisav would overcome his challenges. Knowing that although Eisav was deeply entrenched in the materialism of the physical world, he had all the power to influence and elevate the world around him.

If only Eisav could have seen it in himself. When we face challenges it's important to know that the same G-d that put us in this place, has also given us the strength to overcome. That we have a Rebbe who is with us and that we will ultimately overcome and reach our full potential.

Mr Avi Kassman works as the Rebbe's electrician, supercharging our appliances, houses and really anyone he meets with warmth, light and a love for Torah and Mitzvos. Avi is the proud father of Shuki (Year 7), Zacharia (Grade 5), Levi (Grade 2) and of one of our students in Bnos Chana.





The Rebbe On Chinuch

Summer "Vacation"

There is a sly scheme of the Yetzer Hara that is called "ימי חופש" – "vacation days", and to our sorrow and regret it has become acceptable even by some people who are careful to do Hashem's will throughout the year. They say that vacation days are different [and exempt from certain aspects of religiosity], and they don't need to place as much effort [in their service of G-d]. They do not feel that this is the opposite of Torah, which says that man was born to toil, and "לא יגעתי ומצאתי אל תאמין" – "(if someone

says) 'I have not toiled and I have been successful' do not believe him". "ימים יוצרו ולו אחד מהם" – "Hashem creates days, and to Him they are like one". This means that not even one day or even one hour is extraneous, as they have been rationed and given no less and no more than the amount of time a person needs to fill his inner mission which is, as it says in the Mishnah, "אני נבראתי לשמש את קוני" – "I was created to serve my Maker". Therefore, every moment that is not taken advantage of... is a loss that does not return.

What I learned From Reb Arel



I would regularly hear the following “dirty joke” from Reb Arel. A member of a shul congregation who was highly annoyed with the Rabbi, sent the Rabbi an unpleasant communication accompanied by the image of a pig. The Rabbi took this in his stride and responded by sending a more pleasant note back to the disgruntled congregant, with a picture of the Rabbi attached. The congregant was baffled and so he asked why the Rabbi had sent him a photograph of himself. The Rabbi explained: well, you sent me a picture of yourself, so I decided to reciprocate with one of mine. Every interaction we have with another person can be divided into at least two dimensions. There is the substance of the

engagement; the subject matter, if you like. And then there is the effect on the relationship. Most people are conscious of their substantive objectives, and they tend to plan and convey issues of substance with some degree of care. But typically, people are much less aware of the impact that they have on their relationships according to how they present themselves through their communication and behaviour. Reb Arel’s lesson to me was: make sure you are conscious of both and be proactive in your management of relationship as well as substance.

This week the Shluchim launched new campaigns in Cheder and performed a special skit.





Pyramids

Emerald

Sleepover



Mazal Tov Sholem!!!



Learning never ends

The year 4 boys were treated to a super exciting overnight in Emerald! The trip was in honour of completing thorough exams in both chumash and mishnayos. The boys behaved beautifully throughout the trip, and enjoyed various activities including hiking, swimming, shiurim, farbrenging, board games, night walk, roasting marshmallows and singing around the fireplace, delicious meals and more. Their energy, enthusiasm and camaraderie was truly

commendable! A huge thanks to Rabbi Reicher for happily driving the boys both ways, to Reb Kim and Chanoch who joined and so eagerly farbrenged and assisted throughout the entire trip, to the Kornhausers for kindly lending their van and to Mendel Mandel and Naftali Stein who came along and spent real quality time with the boys, who were in turn very inspired, uplifted and encouraged to always keep growing in yiddishkeit and chassidishkeit!





Kitah Ches Mivtzoim Report

It started as usual like every other Friday, after Cheder was done we run out pumped with Chayus to go with a Shturem on the Rebbe's Mivtzoim, to conquer (ourselves ... and) the world! There was one particular Super Shturemdikeh Kevutza that went to Southland shopping center - Aizik Shechter, Eli Kornhauser, Yossi Bendetzki & Mendel Goldstein. We see this funny looking guy, so we thought to ourselves that Jews are funny looking, so he must be Jewish! But he wasn't. Suddenly we saw a group of teenagers, so we jumped on them asking "are any of you guys Jewish?" Together they all pointed to Josh saying "yes, he is Jewish". We got all excited, we found another Yid to connect to our Rebbe! He was kind of embarrassed... not knowing what hit him... we right away ask him "do you know what Tefillin are?" He replied "what's that?" So we quickly realized what and who we're dealing with... we wanted to confirm he is Jewish before we wrap him up, so we asked "from which side, your fathers side or your mothers side?" He replies "from my mothers side". Yay! We found a Jew to Jewvinate! We decided not to give it

to much time and thought - rather to jump full speed ahead! We announced to all of them "we are now making you a Bar Mitzva!" He wasn't sure what that meant... but we gave him no time to hesitate, we quickly roll up his sleeve, before he even had a chance to get what's flying - it was already too late! He was already all wrapped up!! While all his friends are taking pictures and watching in awe, and with respect - we said Shema & of course - Yechi. Then we took a group photo together (1) because I want him to have a picture to remember this, 2) he should share this with his friends and family, 3) them I have the opportunity to show him I have no smartphone ח"ו, and explain him that I try to keep my mind pure and focused, 4) now when he sends me the picture - I have his contact information...), and we obviously made a quick Hakhel right then & there - for the 9th time in that shopping center in history! (Maybe, we have no way of knowing) 2 years later: Josh is no longer Josh, rather Yehoshua learning in Yeshiva, a Chassid and a Mekushar to the Rebbe, then got married and opened a Chabad house on the Philippines to be Mekarev 100's of Yidden to the Rebbe & Chassidus! Lechaim to Josh!

Hakhel Vinkel 1/3

In the times of the Beis Hamikdash when the year and day of Hakhel came around, all the Kohanim with NO EXEPTION would go in the streets of Yerushulaim blowing Golden Trumpets to gather all the Yidden for the Hakhel gathering in the Beis Hamikdash. The Rebbe learns out from this to us and now (3 points 1)), that we all have to make Hakhel's. And just like then when the Kohanim blew the Golden Trumpets it made no difference how many Kohanim there were blowing - and each and every Kohen had to blow - so too us, it makes no difference how many Chevreh are already making Hakhel's - each & every one of us must go out and blow our Golden Trumpet, and inspire Yidden to fear & serve Hashem - and to bring Moshiach ASAP!!!

Hakhel Mission

Make your own Hakhel! How? Gather 5 boys and say this message over. That's it! Remember to tell Daniel Warren on Sunday that you did it, to get the Mitvach Meshuga's.

תלמיד השבוע

PREP -	לוי טייאר
YEAR 1 -	שמעון כהן
YEAR 2 -	שלום חייקין
YEAR 4 -	דובער הוך
YEAR 5 -	ישראל גולדבערג
YEAR 7	טולי סלונים
YEAR 8 -	לוי ענגעל

Geviner Vinkl

Shabbos Mevarchim Tehillim:

Yossi Bendetzki & Mendel Aron!

Shnaim Mikrah: Mentchy Tayar.

Logo Competition:

First place - Mendel Aron. Second place - Sholom Raskin. Third place - Michael Cohen.

Special Award for creativity and teamwork:

Yitzchok Kornhauser & Yisroel Goldberg.

Weekly Frageh: Eizik Shechter.

WEEKLY FRAGEH

Where in our daily Davening do we have 4 consecutive Pesukim that start with the word "כי"? Remember to tell the answer to Daniel Warren on Monday, before you leave Cheder.