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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Chanukah is almost upon us: a time for spreading light and increasing in all good things. It's also a time of thanksgiving to the Almighty for the miraculous victory of light over darkness. As an expression of thanksgiving, each morning of Chanukah we recite the full Hallel. There are four verses in Hallel (specifically Kapitel 118) which, illuminated by the teachings of our Sages, provide hope and consolation for the inevitable triumph of truth over falsehood. Those verses are, in English: "I offer thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have been a salvation for me". "The stone that the builders scorned has become the chief cornerstone". "From G-D has this come about; it is wondrous in our eyes". "This day was made by G-D; let us rejoice and celebrate on it". According to our Sages, these verses, written by King Dovid, were said at the time of his astonishing coronation as the new king of Israel. But what do they mean? Briefly, because of a raging controversy about the legitimacy of Yishai and his children (due to their descent from a Moabite woman, Rus)

Yishai sought to have another child with the maidservant of his wife Nitzeves, who could then convert to Judaism and participate in the nation with full legitimacy. However, this maidservant secretly disclosed Yishai's plan to Nitzeves, and it was she, rather than the maidservant, who was impregnated by her husband. The child that was subsequently born was Dovid. Yishai was oblivious to his wife's "subterfuge", and so when Dovid was born, apparently without any intervention by Yishai, he was treated with utter scorn and contempt. To his father and his brothers, he was a confirmed mamzer. He was not permitted to eat with the rest of the family and he was assigned the role of shepherd in the hope that a wild beast would consume him while he was performing his responsibilities, and thereby rid the family of its source of disgrace. Nitzeves, who knew the truth, remained silent for 28 years, notwithstanding her suffering and the alienation of her child. The situation was corrected when Shmuel was directed by G-D to go to the home of Yishai where he

would find and anoint the next King of Israel following Shaul's failure to obliterate Amolek. When Shmuel's attempts to coronate Yishai's seven sons were prevented by G-D, Dovid was summoned from the fields. The horn of oil which Shmuel was holding, began to bubble uncontrollably in anticipation of the anointment of Dovid. And when the oil was poured on his head, it hardened and glistened like pearls and precious stones, and the horn of oil miraculously remained undepleted. Returning to Kapitel 118. It was Dovid who said the first verse. It was Nitzeves who said the second verse. It was the brothers who said the third verse. And the final verse is attributed to the entire family. Dovid is the personification of the Jewish people. We have been reviled and ostracised as illegitimate for centuries. But the day will come very soon when G-D will reveal the truth of our greatness and then manifestly, the stone that the builders have scorned will become the chief cornerstone of the entire universe. Wishing everyone a peaceful and uplifting Shabbos. **Eliezer**

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# LIVING IN GE'ULA, ON THE ROAD TO GE'ULA

By: Rabbi Leibel Raskin

At the conclusion of Yakov and Eisov's reunion in the beginning of this week's Sedre, Eisov offers for Yakov to journey forward side by side to their common destination. Yakov turns down the invitation, insisting that Eisov hurry ahead at his quicker pace, saying that one day Yakov will reach Har Se'ir and be reunited with his brother. Despite having no intention of going straight to Se'ir at that point in time (having only expressed it in this way to get Eisov off his back), Yakov was foreshadowing the eventual meeting of Yakov and Eisov that will take place when Moshiach comes. As Ovadia prophesizes; "The deliverers will ascend Har Tziyoin to judge Har Eisov". While his response could be seen as deceptive, indeed Yakov and his descendants were anticipating a journey through Golus that would culminate in the ultimate reunion of Yakov and Eisov at Har Se'ir, and his "temporary" deviation of a few thousand years was but a means to the same end. And so we see that his words were true. Despite being the purpose of creation, this is one of but a few, rare places in Chumash where the Torah alludes to Moshiach. B'Hashgocho Protis, this allusion is always read in close proximity to the Yom Tov of Yud Tes Kislev - reminding us that Moshiach's arrival is contingent upon our spreading the wellsprings of Chassidus.

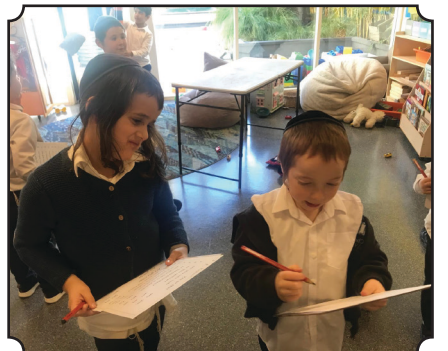
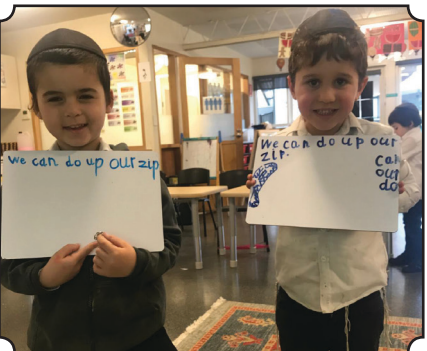
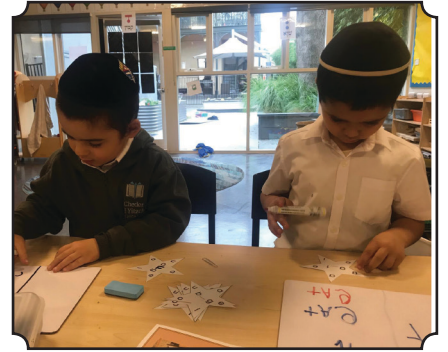


This is a lesson for us in Golus, as to how we should prepare for Moshiach. We have to deal with both the evil inclination in our external world, as well as the evil inclination inside ourselves. One might say this depiction of the strength of evil depicts our road to Moshiach as a fierce battle that will demand of us enormous reserves of resilience and courage. But from Yakov, we learn that as long as we are heading in the right direction, working towards the Geula – including being focused on learning Torah and doing Mitzvos, spreading Chassidus and most importantly educating our children to live their lives journeying on that same Geula Road – then regardless of how circuitous our journey might be, it is as if we had already arrived there. Yakov

told his brother we are going to Har Eisov and when we get there - "Vehoiso LeHashem Melucho". And thus Eisov didn't get in the way of Yakov's continued journey. This same lesson is true for us - as long as we are serving Hashem, breaking the dark Golus and preparing for the Geula, nothing can get in our way. Instead, "Vayishlach" is immediately followed by "Vayeishev" - the tranquil life that Yakov always sought, which will materialise very soon, with the coming of Moshiach.

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## The Rebbe On Chinuch

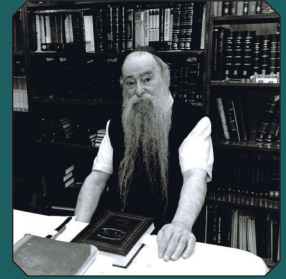
Summer “vacation” should not be “empty” time

During “vacation days”, it is easier to engrain in children matters of Torah and mitzvos because they have a break from secular studies which confuse them. ...A person’s mind and heart become a thousand times more refined. On summer days, when many children have an abundance of free time, as the school in which they learned during the winter and beginning of the spring is closed (for whatever reason), and

especially on Shabbos Koidesh and Erev Shabbos, the child has a few extra hours free each day. A child should not be left in a state of time that is “empty of substance”, even if the child is not aware of it. The truth is that if is time does not have substance, it is “empty” time (as is emphasised in many places in our Torah, called Toras Chayim). It is therefore necessary to fill this time with true content. (To be continued...)

# What I learned From Reb Arel

## GIVE YOUR PROBLEMS A SPRAY



Reb Arel would sometimes ask: what should you do if you find a swarm of ants in your kitchen? Answering his own question, Reb Arel would say: a foolish person will spray the ants. A clever person will follow the ants to their nest, and spray the nest. It's true that in problem-solving, one must be capable of identifying and articulating the disliked symptoms of the problem at hand. But the real key to resolution, is accurately diagnosing the core problem. Reb Arel would cite the story of Purim to illustrate this point, based upon a sicha of the Rebbe. When Haman's decree was first announced, the most obvious initiative which Mordechai (and Esther) should have taken, was to take advantage of their political influence to lobby the King. After all, Esther was the Queen, and Mordechai was one of the King's

most trusted advisers and courtiers. And yet, this was not Mordechai's approach, precisely because he understood that the ultimate source for the decree was not the terrestrial machinations of a wicked King and a vicious Prime Minister, but rather a spiritual blemish that needed rectification in its source. And that's why even though Esther eventually petitioned the King regarding decree, this occurred only after Mordechai had rectified the origin of the problem (the nest) through personal teshuvah, gathering huge groups of children to learn Torah publicly, and motivating his fellow Jews to stand with pride and conviction in their refusal to prostrate themselves to Haman.

## Farbrenge in honour of Yud Daled Kislev, with The Shluchim







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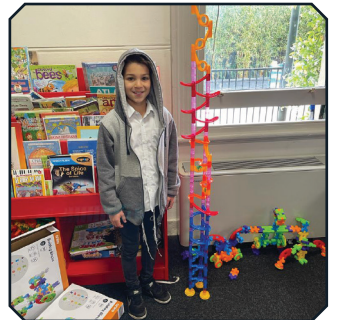
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In honor of the Rebbe and Rebbetzin's wedding anniversary, the upper primary Talmidim held a beautiful Farbrengen in their classrooms. Each class was joined by a Shliach who shared beautiful stories, anecdotes and niggunim, around the theme of the day - the

connection between the Rebbe and us, the Chassidim. The Talmidim enjoyed delicious falafel lunches while participating very eagerly. It was very beautiful to see the Talmidim contributing and really making the most of the opportunity to focus on our Hiskashrus.







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Parshas Vayishlach

בס"ד

# BREAKING NEWS!

by sukkosa weekly

## YAAKOV BEN-YITZCHAK TO PURCHASE LARGE PLOT OF LAND NEAR SHCHEM!

Yaakov Avinu was recently reported to have built a new home near shchem on a massive plot of land. Despite his great wealth, he seems to have withheld the Luxury of his home from his animals, instead opting to keep them in very temporary booths. When asked to comment on the matter, Jaankob did not hesitate. " it's a matter of principle really. I always try to keep my gashmius separate from the ruchnius. So have I done this in Labans house, so I continue here ."

When asked about his early comment to his brother Esav 400- Men " that he kept the Torah for 20 years in Charan, he replied " A person has ups and downs and when a person falls from his spiritual level , he may feel depressed. But truly one must put himself aside and serve Hashem because of his Neshama"

"My gashmius always needs to be temporary, because I'm human and have ups and downs "



BY HATOMIM HASHLIACH MENDEL MANDEL AND HABACHUR SCHNEUR REICHER



# HAKHEL CHAINIK

By The Shluchim

Hi there everyone! It's me, your favorite hakhel trumpet, here to trumpet all of the crazy stuff that happened last week on mitzvaim. Whew! It keeps on getting crazier - I can't even imagine what will happen this week. I guess stay tuned... Anyway, so last week on Friday after cheder was finished, I snuck into somebody's mitzvaim bag because I really wanted to go along and see first-hand all the awesome stuff that I read about in the Hakhel Chainik. We got onto the train, and then this mysterious somebody (I still don't know who it was! I was too afraid to look at him coz then he might see me!) opened his bag to get out his speaker so he could start playing music. Then he saw me!! So he cried, "What's this trumpet doing here in my mitzvaim bag?!" Everybody crowded around and stuck their faces inside to check me out (Phew, that was smelly. I guess not everyone remembered to brush their teeth that morning - quick reminder, everyone!), and then one of them goes, "What do you mean? Of course we

have a trumpet, because we have to go along trumpeting to everybody in the world that it's Hakhel!" Well at least that's what they thought. I was just there because I wanted to see what was going to happen on mitzvaim. But that's okay. Ok I'm getting too caught up in the preliminary details - let's get to the story already! So we arrived at this mall or something, and we were walking around asking people if they're Jewish and stuff, it was really fun! We saw a guy wearing a funny Purim costume, like a big beard and red pajamas, he must've been really mixed up because Purim's not at least for another 8 months I think! Oh, wait maybe he was from America so the time zones are different, whatever. Anyway so we said, "Well if he's wearing a Purim costume, he must be Jewish!" So we went over and asked him, and he didn't really give us a straight answer... We realized that he's for sure Jewish and we kept on nudging him, but he wasn't interested, and then his secretary came along and told us he's too busy.

Oh well. But that's not the end of the story! So later another Purim guy - what's going on over here?! Is everyone else crazy, or maybe it's me that's crazy! - he had a funny-looking kinda policeman costume, and he came over to us and told us that we shouldn't bother his Purim buddy. But then he added, "By the way guys I really do appreciate what y'all are doin' round here, y'know askin' folks if they're Jewish an' all, so keep it up willyer? Just let ole Gramps over there be." So at least the policeman likes what we're doing. So we told him, "Yeah thanks G-d bless you mate!" As we're walking away, a woman pushing a pram came over and said, "You know guys, I'm Jewish too, and I've been following you around for the past half hour (!!!), and it's really inspiring to see how you're sharing so many mitzvos with other people! I love it!" So of course we grabbed a neshek (yesh lach neshek?) and gave it to her, and she walked away happily. Already today she's frum and her grandchildren are in Brunoy!

## תלמיד השבוע

YEAR 1 -	היישא שטערן
YEAR 2 -	אברעמעל דולניקוב
YEAR 4 -	שמולי שפירא
YEAR 5 -	שמולי שטערן
YEAR 7	אהרון גוט
YEAR 8 -	יוסי ראסקין

## Geviner Vinkl

Hakhel fact - on the day of the Hakhel gathering in the Bais Hamikdash, every single Kohen would go out in the streets and blow GOLDEN TRUMPETS to get the nation to come.

## WEEKLY FRAGEH

Rashi says that Hashem took the entire Eretz Yisroel and folded it up under Yaakov Avinu. If so, where was Yitzchak then?!