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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Take a look throughout the length and breadth of the Tanya, and you won't find the Alter Rebbe expressing pained exasperation about any aspect of the service of the Jewish People other than their davening. Why? Golus is like a film over our eyes. Golus clouds and distorts our vision of the world by removing our consciousness of the G-dly energy which pulsates silently through all existence. Says Golus: what you see (physically) is what you get – and it's all there is. Davening, especially Pesukei D'Zimro, restores our eyesight – our true perspective – by hacking away the branches which divert precious nurture from the healthy trunk of our existence (spirituality) to the mighty ones (the Aritzim). It is these mighty ones - people or events - which cause us to feel intimidated by, and

beholden to, our worldly existence. The beautiful words of Pesukei D'Zimro, deliberately focused on G-D as Creator and Sustainer of the world, reverse that process and imbue us with a capacity to look at the world and our place within it, with truth and authenticity. Davening is our essential tool to connect deeply with the Almighty and ourselves, and to strengthen our conviction that the world is a beautiful garden whose revelation awaits the fulfilment of a potential we all possess. By davening slowly and with appropriate concentration, we come to see the world the way our Rebbeim see it; as our Rebbe has told us, that Moshiach is already here – we just need to 'open our eyes'. This is why davening occupies a place of such importance and pride within the Cheder and must continue to do so. **Eliezer**

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# The Joy in the Journey

By Rabbi Motty Liberow

When reviewing the Parsha's 42 journeys, isn't it interesting that our greatest leader, Moshe, didn't make it into the Promised Land? So, was he a failure? Of course

not! Perhaps here's the message: Life isn't always about our "destinations"; it may be about our journey. And oftentimes, our journey might just be our destination. A well-known story: educator Miriam Swerdlov often travelled on lecture tours. Once after an event in Detroit a snowstorm ensued, and her flight was cancelled. As she was scheduled to lecture elsewhere, she instinctively called the Rebbe's Mazkirus to let the Rebbe know that

she "was stuck in Detroit". She panicked. The Rebbe's secretary came back to the phone and said, that "the Rebbe doesn't know what 'stuck' means". She explained to him the definition of the word 'stuck'... The Rebbe's secretary interrupted her: "The Rebbe knows what 'stuck' means; but a Jew is never stuck anywhere. If you're at the Detroit airport, it is because that is where you're meant to be right now. Just try figure out what it is that you're there for". And so,

'stuck' in the airport, she ended up inspiring Jews – who were also 'stuck' there with her! All too often we face unexpected interruptions, delays, or setbacks

in reaching our perceived "destination". Yet instead of panicking, let's treat every journey as our destination, seeking to find the joy and meaning in the journey itself. This is true in life in general. Someone once wrote: "If wealth is the secret of happiness, then the rich should be dancing on the streets. But only poor kids do that. "If power ensures security, then officials should walk unguarded. But only those who live simply, sleep soundly. "If beauty and fame bring ideal relationships, then celebrities should have the best marriages."



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## The Rebbe On Chinuch

Ingraining minhagim in little children

Surely it is unnecessary to emphasize the greatness of ingraining the laws and customs of Yisroel into the memories of Bnei Yisroel. Although at the age of kindergarten this isn't [done] through [formal] learning, we see from experience that with little children, accustoming them to the laws and customs of Yisroel has a greater impact than the formal learning of the laws and customs.

This is especially true when along with these laws and customs, the parent or teacher adds a story and explanation appropriate to the children's comprehension level that adds depth in their understanding of the laws and customs. (Igros Kodesh, vol. 14, p. 71. Teachings of the Rebbe on Chinuch, p. 134)

# עניני גאולה ומשיח

## The Ultimate Test

By Tuli Slonim



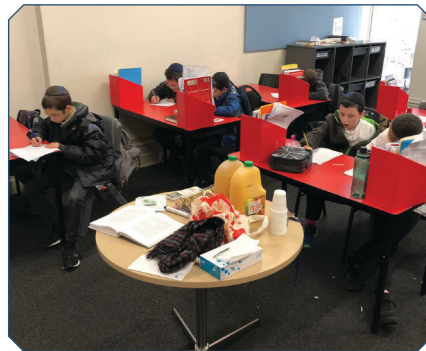
The Torah says that by the Bris Bein Habesorim, birds came down and Avrohom shoed them away. The Medrash explains that the bird was Eliyahu Hanovi coming to announce the coming of Moshiach. The obvious question is why? Why would Avrohom shoed them away if that is indeed the case? There are various times when Moshiach can potentially reveal himself, but only one time where it would be deemed the "right" time, Avrohom sent away the bird because he saw that it wasn't the right time yet.

## Bein Habesorim

By Aron Hilel Guth

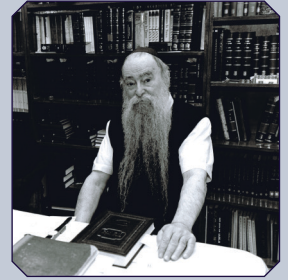


The Gemoroh writes that when the Goyim entered the Beis Hamikdosh, and went into the Kodosh Hakodashim, they saw the Keruvim facing each other. They understood that to mean, not such nice things... There is a difference of opinion in the Gemoroh, whether they faced each other, or back to back. The Gemoroh takes both opinions and joins them into one: that when the Yidden did goo, they would face each other, but when they did bad, the Keruvim would be back to back.



# What I learned From Reb Arel

## *The Mashpia*



I was able to ask Reb Arel's advice on almost every conceivable subject, spanning avodas Hashem, personal and family issues, community matters and business pursuits. Our seder was as follows. At the beginning of our daily shiur, I would mention that if Reb Arel was inclined and had the time, I would like to raise an issue for his consideration and wise counsel. Reb Arel usually answered in the affirmative, adding that we would learn a little less today to create some time for the query and the advice to follow. I sat directly opposite Reb Arel when we learned together, but when our session

was concluded, Reb Arel would almost always leave his chair and come and sit right next to me, to enable the dialogue about my question. It was Reb Arel's poignant way of letting me know – Eliezer you have my full attention. Nothing in the world matters for me right now other than to listen carefully and then to share my thoughts (which always came from a source in Torah). The deep sense of connection which I felt towards Reb Arel was forged through his focused love and phenomenal listening skills.

# דאָס איז חדר לר"י





מאור וחיים - ער"ח סעודה



Chaim Raskin & Levi Shneier



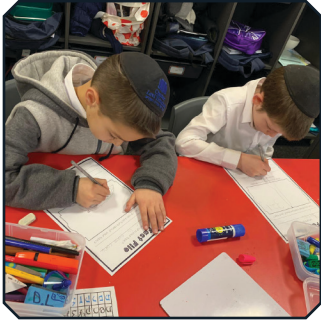
מנחם מענדל מוכן לסעודה



Newly acclaimed author



אונדזער פארק



Concentration applied



What seems to be Organic Carrots in the making



The numbers are puzzled



A trip to פארק אונדזער



אויב דו ווילן לעבעדיקייט קומען צו כתה ד'



The Big Seuda



פיזה פאר די סיום אויף פרק י'



משנכנס אב ממעטים... בשמחה



These Jumpers can



Make you Jump



כני"ל



Yes the Shpy



is back!



(כמובן וגם פשוט) in recess



כבוד לבריות! ייש"כ



What seems to be an art deco version of the עזרה



Can the Shpy fly?



רבי יוחנן אמר ולואי שיתפלל אדם כל היום כולו  
Prize to one who finds the source in Yerushalmi



Games א.ב



דאוונען



פ on the window  
(don't do this at home).



No tissues? No issues!

## INTRODUCING OUR



## CLASS CAPTAINS

**P R E P**  
**YEAR 1**  
**YEAR 2**  
**YEAR 4**  
**YEAR 5**  
**YEAR 7**  
**YEAR 8**

**LEVI KALTMANN**

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**M.M. HEIDINGSFELD**

**M.M SCHNEIER**

**TZALI TENENBOIM**

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**FIRST LIEUTENANT**

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**MAJOR**

**1 STAR GENERAL**

**2 STAR GENERAL**

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## חידושי רח"ל

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־רְאֵשֵׁי הַמִּטּוֹת... אִישׁ כִּי־יָדַר נֶדֶר לָהּ... כְּכֹל־הֵיצָא מִפִּי יַעֲשֶׂה

“Moshe said to the Heads of the Shvotim... if a man makes a promise to Hashem... All he says from his mouth, he Should do.

**Question:** Moshe taught all the mitzvos & halochos to the rosh Shevotim and afterwards they would teach it to the rest of bnei yisroel. Why is this Emphasized in connection with the halochos of nedroim – promises?

**Answer:** often, people who need votes from the community will promise to help and solve all their problems they have. But when those people are not in front of them and they do not need their votes anymore they do not do what they promised them. This is why Moshe rabbeinu specifcally warned the heads of the shevotim that their promises and nedorim were to be treated seriously. A man shall not go back on his word and should be careful when he promises because we learn from this week's parsha that what a man says he shall do.

Have a good Shabbos .

A chodesh tov to All the chassidim.

*Chaim*

## To be a Rebbe

By Eli & Malka Touger

Very often the Rebbe's blessing to an individual or a group concludes with the phrase: Azkir al hatziyun "I will mention this at the gravesite." Indeed, many times that phrase constitutes the entire reply. The term tziyon refers to the grave of the Previous Rebbe Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn which is located in a Jewish cemetery in Queens, New York. The Rebbe frequently prays at the Previous Rebbe's gravesite. There he reads the multitude of letters that are sent to him from all over the world. Many who have received this reply, unaware of the full implications of this phrase, may have desired "a more substantial blessing." Such was the case when Reb Shneur Zalman Duchman wrote to the Rebbe, asking for a blessing for a childless couple whom he knew. The Rebbe replied Azkir al hatziyun. Unsatisfied with this answer, Reb Shneur Zalman wrote a second note, asking the Rebbe to promise the couple a child. The reply was the same: Azkir al hatziyun. Time passed. One day, just as the Rebbe was leaving his house, Reb Shneur Zalman was walking down President St. The Rebbe signaled to Reb Shneur Zalman to approach him. "Have you heard that a son was born to the couple for whom you requested a blessing?" the Rebbe asked. "Nu, evidently Azkir al hatziyun has something to it."

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We might gain some insight into the events which transpire while the Rebbe visits the Previous Rebbe's gravesite from an interchange between Rabbi Shmaryahu Gurary, the Rebbe's brother-in-law, and Reb Azriel Zelig Slonim. Commonly known as the

Rashag, Rabbi Gurary was an outstanding example of a chassid whose heart and soul were devoted to the Rebbe. "As you know, Reb Zelig," explained the Rashag, "When my father-in-law, the Previous Rebbe, passed away, we were all heartbroken and confused. One day, I was deliberating unsuccessfully over a very important issue. I decided to consult my brother-in-law (the Rebbe, of righteous memory). "He weighed the matter carefully, and then said: 'I would not like to take personal responsibility for such an important issue. I will visit the gravesite later today, and I will discuss it with our father-in-law. Then I will give you an answer.' Upon his return, he presented me with an excellent solution." "Now listen here, Reb Zelig," concluded the Rashag. "My brother-in-law is not one who exaggerates. If he said that he would discuss the matter with the Previous Rebbe at his gravesite, then that is exactly what transpired. I know that I am not capable of this. Since he can do so I am his devoted chassid."

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During the early years of the Rebbe's leadership, his minyan was graced by the presence of an illustrious personality, the revered Rebbe of Tomishpol-Koidenov, who stood at the forefront of chassidic Rebbeim in America until his passing at the age of 108. Once, the Rebbe returned late from praying at the ohel, the Previous Lubavitch Rebbe's gravesite. As he entered the shul for the afternoon service, he glanced at the Rebbe of Tomishpol and said: "A bit late?" The Rebbe of Tomishpol replied: "There can be no more appropriate time for prayer than when the Rebbe davens."

### תלמיד השבוע

PREP -	רפא'ל בורטולוטו
YEAR 1 -	לוי שניאור
YEAR 2 -	שלום הייקין
YEAR 4 -	דובער הוך
YEAR 5 -	סעדי' ארון
YEAR 7 -	לוי ראסקין
YEAR 8 -	לוי ענגעל

### מזל טוב

אשר בן צור - ה' מנחם אב  
משה הוך - ז' מנחם אב  
דובער הוך - ז' מנחם אב  
לוי ראסקין - ט' מנחם אב

