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FROM THE EDITOR

BY LARRY GORDON

Tamar's Torah

Just about everywhere we turn these days, there is news revolving around Donald Trump and company. Certainly this is a historic and momentous time in American history, but there is also much else going on—especially in the

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Driving Off The Derech

Adults At Risk

BY RAV ARYEH Z. GINZBERG CHOFETZ CHAIM TORAH CENTER

The annual Agudah convention is not only a place for inspiration and introspection, but it also provides an opportunity to openly discuss timely issues

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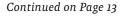
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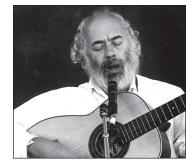
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The Day The Music Died?

WFMU-91.1 FM has gone silent to Jewish radio listeners after almost 39 years of continuous daily morning broadcasts. I learned about the cessation of these important and informative programs the other day when I overheard a conver-





R' Shlomo Carlebach, a'h

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Halachic Musings

BY RABBI YAIR HOFFMAN

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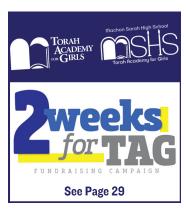
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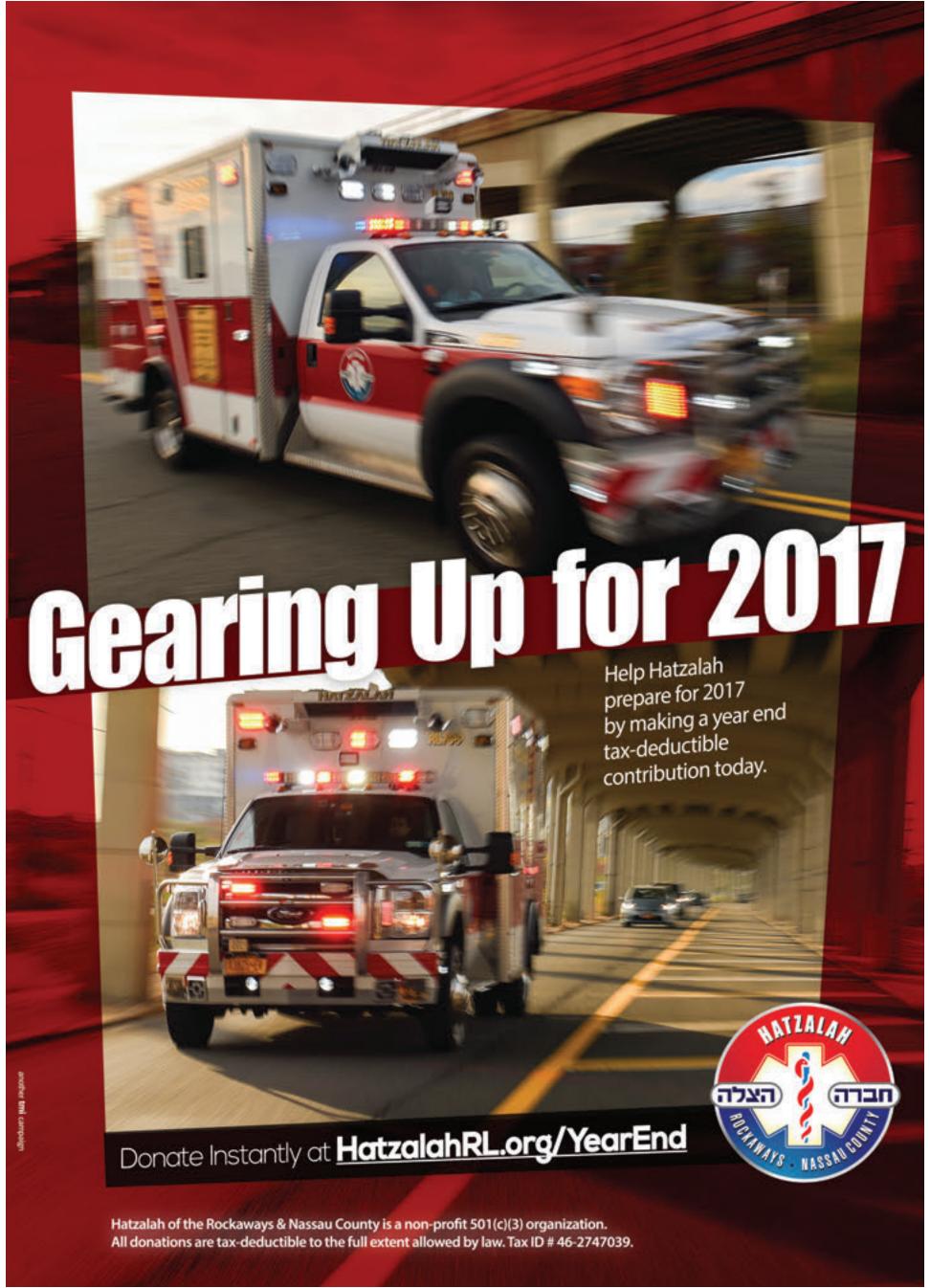
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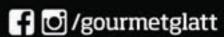
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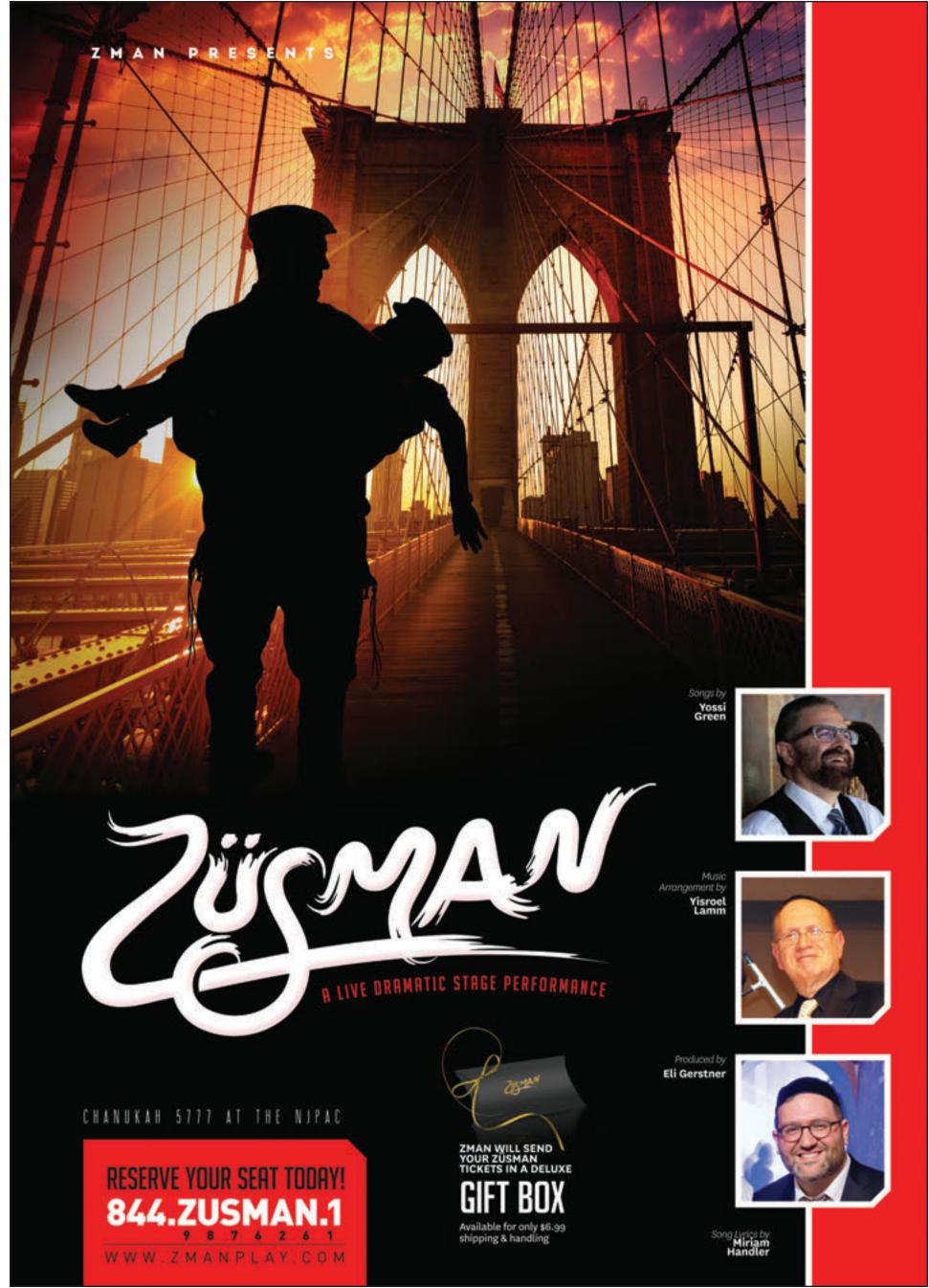
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sation about December 1 being that

It was a sad piece of news, especially for me, because I was there at the very beginning—initiating the programming by going on the air for the first time on October 12, 1977. It wasn't my first radio broadcast job; that began in 1975 on 105.9 FM in New York on a station with the call letters WHBI. In those days, we were on the air daily from 6:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., playing what was then still somewhat underdeveloped Jewish music, reporting on news from Israel and Jewish communities around the world, and interviewing various personalities in the news.

Then WFMU happened almost by accident—a quirk and anomaly that lasted almost four decades until last week's conclusion. It is impossible to ascertain how many people were inspired by the extensive different types of programs that were offered up over these many years, but I would venture to say that though the show lasted almost 40 years, nothing was as pure, innocent, or authentic as those first few years on the air with the show emanating from basement studios in East Orange, New Jersey.

I will never forget that Monday morning when the show first went on the air. There was no advance publicity and we did not have the resources or the wherewithal to advertise or promote the advent of this breakthrough Jewish radio program in any way. The studio was always dark with a low-watt bulb that hung overhead, giving the engineer the ability to work the control board. After a few months and a constant change in engineers at the then Upsala College-owned radio station, I became my own engineer, essentially, because I was the only one who was sure to be up early enough and on time for the show to go on the air every day at 7:00 a.m.

So there I was in my early twenties, not only hosting my own radio show, but also possessing the keys to open the station and the ability to throw the switch each morning that put the station on the air for the day. Thinking back after all these years, I still cannot begin to describe the feeling of this awesome responsibility as the broadcast audience began to expand quickly and the fashion in which we were able to both influence and inspire.

The radio programming, I have to say, was all in my head. I'm still bewildered by the actual operation at the

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time, but all I had to do was think about what I wanted to do, what music I wanted to play, which guests I thought we should feature on the program, and then, without the need to discuss or clear it with anyone, I could just go ahead and do it.

There were harrowing moments in those early years that could have potentially endangered the existence of the program, but those were few and thankfully I managed to wiggle out of those situations. By way of exposition, let me say that despite the fact that this college that owned the radio station was a subdivision of the Lutheran Church, somehow the radio station still had some independent management. As it turns out, unbeknownst to us until we were already on the air for months, the dean who oversaw the functioning of the college radio show was an Orthodox Jewish woman from Livingston, New Jersey.

Another key player in this undertaking who surfaced later on-that is, when we could not meet our financial obligation to the collegewas the local New Jersey Federation which in those days—the late 1970s was headed up by Carmi Schwartz, who today lives near us here in the Five Towns, and through the local Federation in Essex County allocated \$12,000 annually to help defray some of the cost of the air time in those days.

OK, so here was the most memorable of the on-air harrowing experiences and one of the reasons that the radio program lasted almost four decades. If it survived this crisis, it would conceivably survive anything going forward.

It was approximately 1979, and the Nazi Party or whatever version of it that existed in those days decided to exercise their ability to freely express themselves as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Whoever they were chose to organize this march in the Jewish comreact without saying something like, "Killed? In what way do you mean," or something like that. At that point we paused for a break for some announcement because the light that indicated that someone was trying to reach me was illuminated. On the phone was Dr. Rhoda Freeman, the dean whose duties at the college included the radio station. She said, or directed rather, that I not continue the interview with Rabbi Kahane and I didn't. It was not the place or time to argue First Amendment rights or

This is as close to forever as a simple radio show can get.

munity of Skokie, Illinois, which in those days had a significant population of Holocaust survivors. Rabbi Meir Kahane was a guest on my morning program and I asked him what he thought was the proper response to the proposed Nazi march in Skokie. He was sitting directly opposite me in a small studio with a microphone on a stand almost touching his lips. He hesitated after hearing the question, or maybe it was a pause as a way of emphasizing what he was going to say next. "Nazis who march in Skokie have to be killed," he said.

Then there was a silence on the air as I was trying to figure out how to

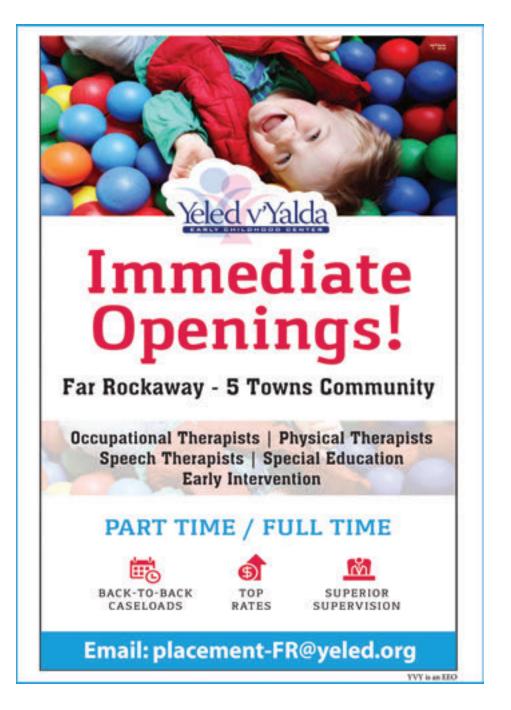
It took time but the urgency of the matter dissipated. The college was concerned about allowing their airwaves to be utilized for calling for someone's murder. That's the last thing we wanted to be involved in. But that was Meir Kahane who was way ahead of his time. He understood the way in which certain buzzwords or statements, especially in a public forum like on a radio show listened to by tens of thousands, would command immediate attention.

Today, 22 years after Shlomo Carlebach's passing, everything about him has a magical air to it. But back then in the late 1970s and early '80s, he was a great talent and a leading artist but he was also just a man hoping to sell as many albums as possible featuring some of his greatest songs. So when he finished a new album, it was his practice to come into the studios of WFMU in New Jersey, bring in a copy of the new album, play some of the songs, and just talk about the circumstances or thought process that inspired some of those songs that are still sung today with the same energy and vigor as they were a long time

The WFMU studio was just a room in a basement on the Upsala College campus in those days. Some days I was the only one in the studio and on others another person would accompany me to help with the production of the broadcast. I was always sure to keep the station door locked. I didn't want any uninvited or unexpected visitors. So as not to make any noise while the microphones were live, we had a light in the studio that illuminated when someone rang the bell. I had to notice the light and put some music on the air in order to go answer

On one of those mornings, when I did not see that light right away and there was a torrential downpour outside, Shlomo Carlebach was out there pressing the bell with a rain hood over his head, hoping someone would answer. He came in, took off the soaking coat, and handed me the Days Are Coming album that was just about to be released.





The stories of those first few years as this program established itself on the air are almost endless. One of my favorite memories was sitting crowded into the studio with the members of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band. Playing their music and discussing what inspired them was in and of itself inspiring. The talk ranged from going to yeshiva on Har Tzion, the ba'al teshuvah experience, putting King David's words to music, Arlo Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and more.

I have boxes of tapes of those shows-mostly on cassette but some reel to reelin storage boxes not far from where I'm sitting now. There were so many players involved in positioning this program into place so that it could enjoy almost four decades of entertaining and inspiring people. There was my good friend Charlie Bernhaut who with his financial acumen, wizardry, and ability saved the show from extinction more than a few times. There was Glenn Richter who reported to us regularly on his relentless and ultimately successful efforts to bring the plight of Soviet Jewry to the forefront of the news.

You know, as long as the show was there every day and I heard about it from time to time from various people, I would get this thrill and surge of satisfaction though I've had nothing to do with it for over 30 years. I was happy for its success and sad to see it go. Frankly, I thought it was going to last forever, but I guess this is as close to forever as a simple radio show can get. Maybe I'll look around for a cassette player, open one of those boxes, and listen to an old program with Mordechai Ben David, Avraham Fried, or the Megama Duo (remember them?). I guess radio programs have a tendency to come and go, but apparently the music never dies. ❖

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Jewish world—that warrants coverage and attention, if for just a brief time, until we get back to the Donald, Jared, Ivanka, Mitt, and Rudy story.

This story popped into my e-mail inbox last week, and it was quite intriguing so I would like to share. It's about Tamar Ariel, a religiously observant young lady who became Israel's first female F-16 pilot. Growing up in Israel near Kiryat Malachi not far from Tel-Aviv, Tamar was not much different from many of the other girls she studied with in school.



Tamar Ariel

She did her mandatory post-highschool two years of national service but then felt she wanted and needed to do more for her country. And she did. She joined the Air Force and finished at the top of her class, earning the distinction of becoming an IAF pilot. After her stint in the Air Force, Tamar, along with a few of her friends, set off on the customary post-army trip abroad before deciding on a professional direction.

Tamar's uncle, some of Tamar Ariel's pilots and others associated with her command are from this kibbutz and some have become ba'alei teshuvah; at the same time several observant Jewish families have moved to the kibbutz creating, after all these years, a need for a shul.

According to Shlomo Ariel, Kibbutz Sde Nechemia is an interesting place and one of the few kibbutzim in Israel that are flourishing economically. Still, they need 300,000 shekel to finish the shul in Tamar's memory; that's about \$75,000. Tamar was 26 years old when she lost her life. She was single and never had a chance to build the type of life in Israel that she had dreamed of and hoped for.

It's an unusual project in a country where unusual things seem to be part of the everyday routine. ❖

Saving Lives

We can do a story every week about Zvi Gluck and Amudim. For the most part, Zvi and his colleagues are out there doing the work that we either don't want to do or do not have the courage or fortitude to be involved in.

Zvi is out there dealing with the ugly side of life. That is deaths of young people, many in the frum community, through drug overdoses, suicides, and so on. Next week in Woodmere, Amudim will be in the Woodmere Fire House teaching community residents about the lifesaving use of Narcan, a drug that has the ability to reverse the potentially fatal effects of heroin and opioid overdoses.

Unfortunately there has been a significant uptick in the number of drug-overdose deaths in the frum community over the last year, with an inordinate number of those unfortunate and untimely deaths occurring in the Five Towns.

How does a secular kibbutz end up building a shul in a religious girl's memory?

She was in Nepal in 2016 when she died underneath an avalanche of snow on a break from a skiing trek between sky-high mountains. Her family was devastated at the loss and now two years later are trying to drag themselves back to normal everyday life, going to work and school while mourning for Tamar.

I spoke with Tamar's uncle, Shlomo Ariel, who resides in Efrat just outside of Jerusalem. In her memory, a non-religious community in northern Israel is writing a sefer Torah and planning on placing it in a shul that is being built for this purpose. The kibbutz Sde Nechemia has never had a shul before nor was there ever any interest in anything like it in this almost 100-year-old community.

So how does a secular kibbutz with no historical attachment to anything of a Jewish religious nature end up now building a shul in a religious girl's memory? As it turns out, according to

"Interestingly enough," Zvi says, "these deaths usually take place within days after the victim or drug user finishes a stint in rehab," Gluck says. He explains that it is a combination of sad circumstances that generally lead to these deaths. He says that after finishing rehab, the body has a low tolerance for the drugs, but the person involved generally resorts to using the dose that he or she recalls helped them to achieve the high they were seeking. The result is an overdose and, too often, death.

Narcan, which will be available for distribution at the Woodmere Fire House next week, is a drug that Gluck believes every household should be familiar with and know how to use. In a sense, Gluck says, the drug, which has only been available commercially for about two years, has the ability to undo effects of heroin and opioids that can kill.

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As far as the ages that the heroin scourge has affected, Gluck says it is all over the place. Over the last few weeks, he says there have been five deaths in the Five Towns of heroin overdoses of people between the ages of 16 to 61. Drug abuse affects every-

So who in our community has a predisposition to getting involved in dangerous drugs? Zvi Gluck says he can draw a straight line from those who have been sexually abused to those who get involved in bad drugs. It's an attempt to escape from a troubled state of mind that can quickly and unexpectedly result in death.

Gluck says that considering societal circumstances, there is no alternative to information and education. The days of denial have to end. Zvi says Amudim and other organizations dealing with troubled young people like Madraigos are now allowed into more yeshivas than ever before, dealing with these issues before it is too late and the damage is done. ❖

On The Dais

It was sort of surreal Sunday night in the city as I sat at the dais at the Bet El dinner with Israel's UN Ambassador Danny Danon and Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Bolton. If you did not see it here first over the last few weeks, I accepted an award in memory of my father, from the American Friends of Bet-El last Sunday, and as a result, part of what I had to do was sit up there with other honorees and a host of dignitaries.

Once I was finally sitting up there, I was pleased, because I knew the event and idea of being somewhat in the limelight would be concluded, and amongst other things I would not have to sit on a dais anymore. All that personal stuff notwithstanding, Bet El is an outstanding community and educational institution that deserves support from all of us.

On another level, sitting up there provides one with an interesting and unusual perspective on the matter of these large dinners. There I was, sitting up high, overlooking the assembled, well-fed multitudes. It's dark, and after a few other honorees step up to receive this beautiful Lucite-encased menorah, my name is called. At least after watching the others I now know what to do. So I walk up to center stage, someone hands me this rather heavy Judaica piece, camera bulbs are flashing away, and I'm standing there smiling trying to look natural for the camera in a most unnatural setting.

Now that it's over, it was good and I'm glad I did it. My family was there and everyone had a great time. We were all treated to warm and encouraging words from Mr. Bolton and Ambassador Danon who assured us that in these most trying and unusual times, the U.S.-Israel relationship will be better than ever and over the short term will become great again. ❖

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Bet El Institutions Champion Good PR For Israel

Why does Israel so often suffer from bad public relations? It's a deep question with answers ranging from the spiritual to the practical. Spiritually speaking, last week's parashah, Toldos, reminds us that Eisav will always be there breathing down Yaakov's neck when and if the Jewish people, Yaakov's offspring, fail to keep the birthright Yaakov laid claim to.

Chazal teach us that Hashem set up the foundation of the Jewish people based on the "trick" of Yaakov and Rivka in order that the ongoing antagonistic relationship between the brothers should work in favor of the Jewish nation. Specifically, if we don't keep our end of the birthright, namely keeping Hashem's Torah and upholding mitzvos, Hashem will call us on that, and send the Eisavs of the world (and Ishmaelites as well) to hold us accountable for the responsibilities of that birthright.

This point is further clarified in the Gemara in Megillah that says that the signet ring of Achashverosh did more to bring the Jewish people to teshuvah than all the 48 prophets and prophetesses of Israel, meaning Hashem set up the "other side" to keep us in line. The other side could be any form of bad PR, anti-Semitism, forest fires, or many other manifestations in this world.

On to perhaps the more simple and practical responsibilities of each of us. There are some practical things that every one of us can do to help Israel and its image. At the Bet El Institutions' dinner this past Sunday at the

Marriott, with a tremendous showing of over 1,500 guests, short honoree films prescribed practical suggestions and solutions for the guests.

Guests of honor Ken and Nira Abramowitz laid out the reality of Israel being on the front lines of Western democracy and how Bet El Institutions is leading the fight, being on the border of the conflict, and all should go visit.

Honorees Dr. Alan Berger and Dr. Marc Berger rallied in support of getting involved with your United States politicians.

Honoree Larry Gordon, of this publication, expressed his support for Bet El-run *Arutz Sheva* news site that he "clicks on ten times a day for accurate reporting on Israel."

Finally, Young Leadership awardees Pinny and Yael Farkas encouraged the next generation to continue the foundations laid down by Yael's grandfather Mr. Eugen Gluck, an accomplished philanthropist.

In order to get further insight into the world of bad PR against Israel in the media, we spoke with producer/director David Jasse of DMJ Studios in Cedarhurst, who produced a portion of the videos for the Bet El gala. As Mr. Jasse got his foundations in television, working with such networks as CNN, FOX, and CBS, he shed some light on the power in the world of media.

"People don't realize that news is very subjective and crafted beyond

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the average person's awareness. People don't know how the producer can literally manipulate images and sound bites in favor of one's particular leaning. In the case of Bet El, it was a pleasure to use the tools of our trade in favor of Israel."

For the last few weeks, Mr. Jasse and his team at DMJ Studios has been working hand in hand with Bet El Institutions to help get the word out about the heroic yet everyday lives of those who live in Bet El. Mr. Jasse further explained, "As part of the project, we researched Bet El on YouTube to look for inspiration, perhaps images available to us and just to learn more. What we found was generally not inspiring or uplifting clips or images at all."

The producer described how the honorees interviewed for the four short films spoke of normal people living normal lives and the existing YouTube videos when one searches Bet El come up with war, war, and more war—no signs of normal people. Baruch Hashem, with the help of the team working for Bet El Institutions, they were able to produce films showing the true colors of those there, namely committed, hard-working Jews settling the land of our ances-

Bet El was where Yaakov had his dream, and it was amazing to get to know the people who are living out the dream today. ❖

ADULTS AT RISK

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and concerns and a springboard for responding as a united community to those concerns. Over the past few decades, many of the most prominent communal organizations serving Klal Yisrael had their beginnings at an Agudah convention and then spun off to build on the seeds planted there. Shuvu, Project YES, and the Employment Parnassah Initiative are just a few examples that were born at an Agudah convention. While many of the names and faces at the recent convention are new, the opportunity for communal self-introspection and improvement has remained the same.

Case in point: Over the last few years, I, as well as others who are involved in shalom bayis issues amongst young couples, have had to face a growing (albeit limited) phenomenon of "adults at risk." It is disturbing to witness this and so disheartening to see the breakup of beautiful young mishpachos.

In sharing some of the personal stories I have encountered recently (of course without any names) with my dear friend and one of the senior staff members of the administration of Agudah, Rabbi Leibish Becker, he suggested that this painful issue be brought up for discussion at the Agudah convention. I was uncomfortable being the one to present this painful phenomenon to the community at large, especially if most

are not aware (or choose not to be aware) that it exists. Rabbi Becker offered encouragement that it is an important issue to bring to the attention of the greater community, with the hopeful objective that a communal solution will be developed to deal with it, as has happened so many times over the years as a result of the convention.

I began my discussion explaining how speaking about a painful phenomenon of adults at risk is not a contradiction to the theme of this Gaon, zt'l, explained, "Klal Yisrael is HaKadosh Baruch Hu's chelek and He is happy with His Klal Yisrael, whatever level they are on, even if not doing what is expected of them. We are His chelek and He is happy with

At the same time, Klal Yisrael never stops looking to improve; we introspect on where our faults lie and we search for remedies to fix what is broken. We know who we are, HaKadosh Baruch Hu's chelek, but we strive for

Klal Yisrael never stops looking to improve.

year's convention, "Who Are We?" In light of so many public efforts to tarnish the image of the Orthodox community, the theme was to focus on the true uniqueness of our community. Klal Yisrael is truly special. Rav Chaim Volozhiner, zt'l, the prime disciple of the Vilna Gaon, zt'l, would travel from Volozhin to Vilna whenever he had a difficult question that required his Rebbe's guidance. One time he came to Vilna and asked the Gra to explain a perplexing midrash. The midrash relates that the Ribbono shel Olam is "sameach b'chelko." How can one attribute this middah to HaKadosh Baruch Hu. who created and owns the entire world? The Vilna

The rosh yeshiva of Telz Chicago, Rav Avrohom Chaim Levine, in a public address, described "who we are." The last Mishnah in Masecheta Sotah describes all the things that will take place "b'ikvisa d'Meshicha," in the days preceding the coming of Mashiach. Yet the Mishnah seems out of place next to the beraisa of Pinchas ben Yair describing the steps of kedushah that a Jew should strive for. Rav Levine explained that it's not enough that Klal Yisrael is different than the rest of the world, it's not enough that we are better than they are; we have to do so much better. It is demanded of us "kedoshim tihyu," to climb step by step in kedushah and avodas

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Hashem. That is in essence who we really are.

We cannot do so without pointing out the area where we are falling and where we need to focus our attention, and resolve to address the internal problems that we are facing. One of these areas is what has been recently coined "adults at risk." We have seen an increase in men (and sometimes women, to a lesser degree) between the ages of 26 to 35, married with children, who are walking away from life as a *frum Yid*—and leaving their wives and children behind as well.

It would be easier to explain if those who fall into this category are from broken homes, only recently became shomrei Torah u'mitzvos, or were discovered to have a substance-abuse problem. We are finding this phenomenon happening to young men who do not fit into any such category. They are from the most prominent families in Klal Yisrael; they went to the best yeshivos all their lives and even put in a few years in kollel after their marriage. For the most part, they are happily married to wonderful young women and are great fathers to their young children. Yet they are undergoing great internal struggle and, often

without the proper help, are left with no other choice but to walk away from the only way of life that they have known. And when they do, there is no turning back.

About two years ago, a young mother of four beautiful children was leading a charmed life, married right out of seminary to the "best bachur" in one of the most prominent yeshivos. They started out their married life with two years of kollel learning in Eretz Yisrael. Moving back, they bought a beautiful home in a wonderful young Orthodox community and quickly made many friends in their warm and friendly community. Then it all unraveled.

One afternoon she met an old friend from high school while shopping and the friend said to her, "What a small world it is, that our husbands have become good friends!" She was surprised, as they traveled in different circles, and asked, "How did they become friends?" Her friend explained, "My husband meets your husband every morning when he goes into Starbucks for a coffee and your husband is there working on his laptop."

She was taken aback. She knew that her husband left every morn-

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ing to shul for minyan and then he returned home to help with the children before leaving to work. How could he sit in Starbucks at the same time? All of a sudden, certain thoughts began to go through her mind and she called me in a panic as to what she should say to him.

At her request, I agreed to meet with him. I called him, and later that evening we met. After some small talk, I looked at him and asked him point blank, "When was the last time that you put on tefillin?" He was startled at first and then after a moment responded, "About six or seven months ago." I didn't react at all, but asked him if I could have one more follow-up question. I proceeded to ask him, "On Friday night, after the seudas Shabbos when you sing zemiros with your children and review their parashah sheets and then you help put them to sleep and sing Shema with them, what do you do next?" He hesitated for a moment and then said, "After my wife retires for the night, I go down to the basement, click on my computer, and watch sports."

The response was not shocking to me, as I have heard these things over the last few years from young men (and sometimes from young women) too often. Why does this happen? How could this happen?

I am not a sociologist who has done a survey as to how many such cases

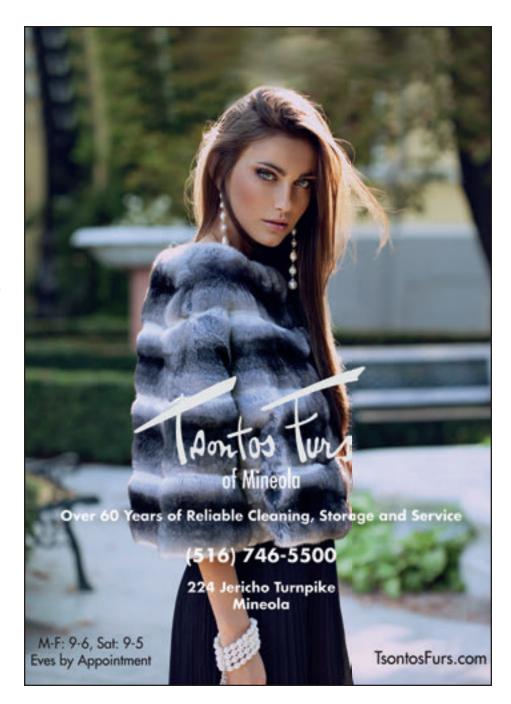
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there are in our community, but I know of several dozen, and the numbers are growing. This "adult at risk" phenomenon is not limited to one particular community; it is happening in the yeshivish, chassidish, and Modern Orthodox communities, and exists in Williamsburg, Lakewood, Monsey, Passaic, the Five Towns, and wherever young Orthodox families are living.

As long as these young men and women stayed insulated in their communities, they were able to go through the motions of living life as a full shomer Torah u'mitzvos, though completely empty of true feelings of Yiddishkeit in their hearts. However, as they go out into the workforce and their daily interaction with people from all walks of life, who have different lifestyles, they find themselves in great internal stress. They begin to wonder—if they have no real feelings inside their neshamos for a life of Torah and mitzvos, why should they have to live their lives with such restrictions and limitations when they don't feel it? Why can't they live more "open lives" like all their colleagues at their work-

One would think that after living 25 or 30 years as a Torah-committed Jew, it would take many years for this negative influence to begin truly affecting them. However, sometimes it takes no more than a year to cause someone to turn their lives upside

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down. And when that happens, the wife (or husband), children, parents, in-laws, siblings, and so many others in his/her orbit find their lives turned upside down as well.

For a while, I limited discussion of this disturbing "crisis" to my rabbinic colleagues, many of whom are also dealing with this issue, and to several therapists servicing our community. However, after reading an interview in a magazine this past Sukkos, I realized that this problem is much more widespread than even I realized, and we as a community need to

In a compelling interview that my dear friend Rabbi Yisroel Besser did for Mishpacha magazine (October 13, 2016) with the famed Breslover mashpia Rav Mota Frank in Eretz Yisrael, he wrote the following words. "It's a new situation—I don't know if previous generations faced this challenge. In years past, those who left the path were clearly identified: They looked different, spoke different, and went to different places. They were outside. Now, they are inside. They look the same, the levush, the lifestyle, but they are on a different train. In the past I worked with bachurim in their late teens who'd lost interest, for whom the allure and glitter of wider society was too strong. Now, however, the dynamic has shifted. It's not 18-year-old bachurim but 30-year-olds, fathers of three, four children, who

are emotionally gone. It used to be that once someone was married, they were more or less safe. Not anymore."

We need to address this painful phenomenon in our community. I am indebted to Rabbi Leibish Becker and Agudah for allowing this issue to be raised at a special Sunday-morning session at the convention. The Agudah has made the session available online and in the last few weeks since the convention, more than 100 people reached out via e-mail, phone calls, etc. to share their personal perspectives of this issue.

In the mix of these responses are family members of these young men (and women) who are suffering from the fallout, including one world-renowned rosh yeshiva who called about his own family. It is encouraging that some of the calls were from young men who are currently going through this internal struggle and have reached out for help to keep them on track.

This is the issue, and like every previous "crisis" in Klal Yisrael, big or small, there are solutions and ways to address the problem. This issue is no different. In a follow-up article, we will share thoughts and observations from gedolei Yisrael and prominent community activists as to how to provide the tools and support for those who are currently struggling, and suggestions for preventing this from happening in the first place. ❖

This article was written as a zechus l'iluy nishmas Sara Chaya, z'l, bas Rav Aryeh Zev.

HALACHIC MUSINGS

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new £5 banknote contains tallow, which is chemically treated animal fat. The tallow, explained the spokesperson, is used to reduce static cling.

The news had reverberations. A petition to the Bank of England to remove the tallow from the new notes has now gathered more than 120,000 signatures.

The Bank of England responded

following questions, exploring any possible chumrah, stringency.

If a hot pot of cholent were to be placed upon the British banknote and there is liquid in between, does the pot become treif? Or, if some cholent fell on the note, may one eat the cholent? Is the amount of tallow considered batel, halachically insignificant, in the eyes of Jewish law?

The Five Towns Jewish Times spoke to the manufacturers of the British pound note. Patricia Potts, a spokeswoman at Innovia Films, confirmed

If some *cholent* fell on the banknote, may one eat the *cholent*?

that its supplier was now "working intensively" to find a possible solution to the issue, adding that the issue "has only just come to light."

Some religious leaders are up in arms. Animal activists and vegans are aghast at the announcement. "The new British note is non-kosher," ran some headlines in Jewish papers last

Is It Really Non-Kosher?

No one would really contemplate the possibility that there is a kashrus problem. However, the discussion will help educate us in terms of some fascinating principles in the world of kashrus. And so we will deal with the to the paper that there are "minute" traces of tallow in the company's polymer. She estimated that it is less than .0005 percent of the total weight of the note. She also said that the supplier had used tallow to help make the material more "anti-static." She declined to name the supplier.

"They are looking to eliminate that, but obviously that will take time," Potts said. "It's a very difficult

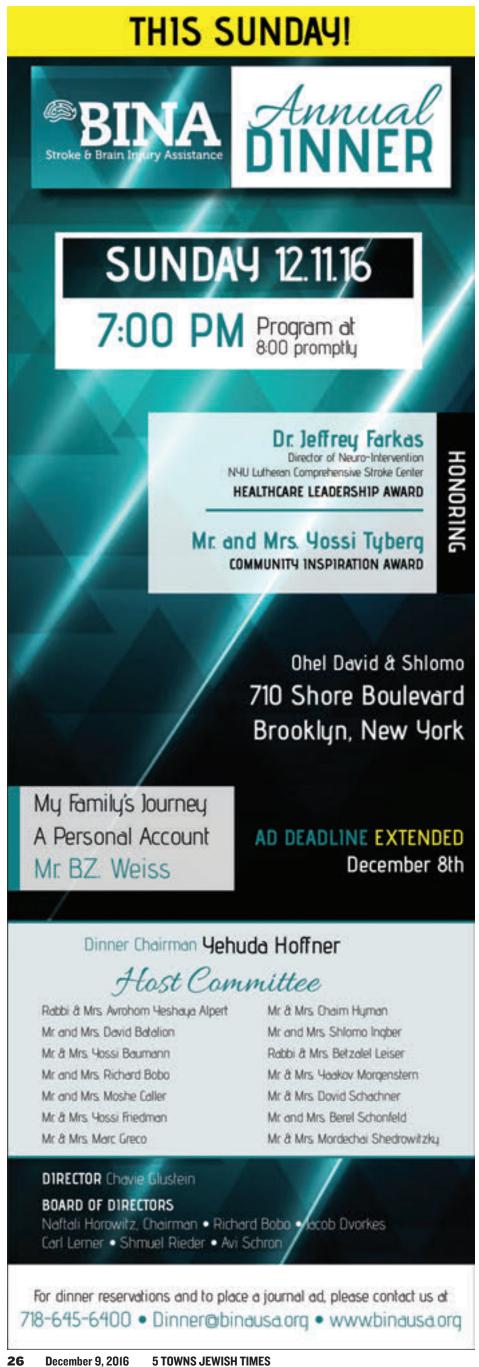
Potts said that Innovia Films did not know until recently that animal fats were being used. She said the company has a policy to never

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"knowingly add any animal ingredients into our products."

Innovia Films supplies polymer to 23 other countries, including Australia, Canada, Mexico, and New Zealand, for use in currency. Potts was unable to say whether polymers used in the other countries also contain animal fats.

(MT YD Siman 56) rules that the meat that they place in whiskey to remove the sharpness is also not considered a davar ha'maamid. Certainly that would apply here as well.

Ikkur Tikkuno Bekach

There is another fascinating issue as well, which is a debate between the Rashba (Vol. III #214) and the Noda BiYehudah (MT YD siman 56). The Rashba writes that we do not



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Davar HaMaamid

Although we can assume that there is not that much tallow in the polymer, perhaps it is not considered halachically batel because it may be a davar ha'maamid (see end of YD siman 87). A davar ha'maamid is something that gives form or structure to the underlying food. Rennet, for example, is used to form the cheese. This is the rationale why we do not say that the rennet, an animal product used in the production of cheese, is batel.

Nonetheless, an anti-static agent would not be considered a davar ha'maamid. The Nodah BiYehudah say bitul when that is the standard method in which the item is made. The issue is discussed in the Beis Yoseph at the end of Siman 134. The Magen Avraham also rules like the Rashba (OC 442).

The Responsa Melamed L'Ho'il concludes that when Jews settle a new place, they may rely upon the Noda BiYehudah, but after an infrastructure has been developed, they should be stringent like the Rashba's opinion. This seems to be the rationale why people consume whiskeys with no supervision, because they believe that whiskey consumption is still likened to an area where there is no infrastructure and they rely on the Noda BiYehudah's opinion.

Chemical Changes

Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzinsky (Achiezer Vol. III #31) discusses whether chemical changes in the animal product would render it inedible and thus would remove it from the status of unkosher. Here, however, the nature of the tallow remains unchanged. The cases which the Achiezer referred to involved fundamental changes in the nature of



non-kosher. Its use here as an antistatic shows that the tallow remains intact. It could be, however, that the combination of the tallow with the other chemicals and products in the banknote have caused a chemical change in the end product. We must also weigh in, however, with the writing of Dayan Yitzchok Weiss, zt'l, who in his Minchas Yitzchak (Vol. I #52) states that the poskim have, in general, rejected the approach that chemical changes bring about halachically significant rulings as to the status of the non-kosher item.

Transfer Of Taste

It should be noted that there is transfer of taste, from a halachic perspective, from the outside of a pot to the inside. For example, if milk spills on the outside of a cholent pot, its taste can possibly transfer through the pot. There are actually

three opinions on this. This is called "Bliyah mi'toch ha'dofen" and we are stringent. Taste only travels, however, through a liquid medium. Thus if there was no liquid in between the British pound note and the cholent pot, it would not become treif.

Conclusions

Notwithstanding all of the above, the *Rashba*'s logic is only in regard to food items. They were never stated and just would not apply in the case of a nonfood item. These bills are non-food items. Also, the rationale of the *Rashba* is that *bitul b'shishim* is only ineffective when it is the normal method of manufacturing. Here, no one purposefully puts money next to their food. Thus even the *Rashba* would say that the tallow is insignificant. ❖

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And he slept over the night there because the sun had set

(Bereishis 28:11)

G-d caused the sun to set prematurely, so that Yaakov should sleep over ... For G-d said: "Should this righteous man enter My home, and depart without staying the night?" (Talmud; Rashi)

And he lay down in that place (Bereishis 28:11)

Here he lay down to sleep, but during the fourteen years of his seclusion in the Holy Land when he studied under Eiver he did not lie down ... Here he lay down to sleep, but during the entire twenty years he spent in Lavan's house he did not lie down.

(Midrash Rabbah)



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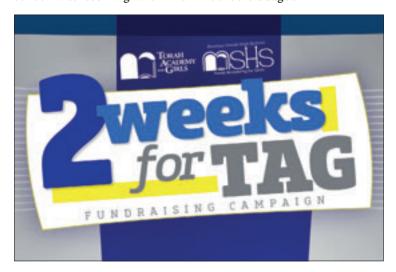
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Despite these challenges, the school was running smoothly with Rabbi Weitman and the entire administration at the helm.

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5 Towns Foodies

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tuna and Bisquick waffles. But those are pretty much Dovid's favorite foods, so what else can I expect?

My kids' food tastes vary. But they all share this common food phenomenon called "social eating."

Nison and Yosef have always loved trying new things, so I wasn't surprised when they wanted me to sign them up for school lunch. I'm more than happy to, as it's one less thing to take care of on a busy morning. But when Dovid asked midyear last year to try school lunch, I laughed. The kid eats tuna and frozen nuggets. I figured that he'd try it and see that they didn't have "Dovid approved" foods on most days.

But something crazy happened. He started trying new foods! But only in school. For example, today when he came home, I asked him what the school had served for lunch. He responded, "Hero sandwiches—I didn't love it, but that's what they had."

Then it occurred to memaybe I'm too accommodating to my kids and their odd taste in food. Maybe I should just serve the dinner I make-the one dinner I make—and whoever wants it, eats it. School-lunch menu doesn't mind if Dovid Hirsch doesn't love Hawaiian chicken! It's still lunch on Wednesday, whether he likes it or not. (As a side note, he actually loves Hawaiian chicken.) Kudos to you school-lunch peeps; you're expanding Dovid's food horizons, and I thank you!

In other news, holiday time is here, and with that comes appliance sales. This year I was determined to finally buy a KitchenAid mixer. I'm proud to report that my amazing mother-in-law was instrumental in the purchase of said KitchenAid. The conversation went something like this:

Mom-in-law: "Malkie, the Black Friday sale on the KitchenAid is really great! Let's order it for you!"

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Malkie: "I'd really love to, but I don't know what color I want."

Mom-in-law: "I'm gonna get rid of your hand mixer in the middle of the night and then you're gonna have to order this mixer, Malkie. You can do this! Tell me which one you want, and it's yours!"







Malkie: "Don't. Touch. My. Hand blender." And finally, "Five-quart glass bowl in Blueberry. Whew."

Mom-in-law: "Good girl! Done!"

She patiently waited as I went back and forth between the many color options; whether to get a glass or stainless-steel bowl; fretting about where I'd keep my mixer (putting it away vs. keeping it on my countertop); and many other things that had previously prevented me from buying a mixer.

It has arrived and I've toveled the parts. I'll report back on how much worse my baking addiction becomes with my new mixer. I don't want to make her feel bad, but my mother-in-law, Rita Hirsch, might have created a baking monster. If you think I had a problem before, I think it's about to get way worse.

Speaking of baking, Chanukah is coming! The holiday during which the basic food groups are fried foods, doughnuts, and chocolate *gelt*.

Chanukah bake sales will be popping up all over the neighborhood. I know that my shul, Island Shul (Congregation Bais Ephraim Yitzchok), is gearing up for our annual bake sale and it's going to be amazing. We're having an assortment of baked goods and vendors on **December 22**. Look out for the Facebook posts as the sale date approaches. Another worthy event happening this motzaei Shabbos, December 10, at 8:30 p.m., is an auction to benefit RCCS, hosted by Binyomin and Shonie Schwartz in Woodmere. There will be great speakers as well as an impressive array of dairy dishes and desserts for your pleasure.

On the menu: Kit-Kat cake and cheese-cake. Does there really need to be anything more?

Hope to see you there!

For your viewing pleasure, some pics of my latest baking addiction appear near this article. •

Malkie Hirsch loves to cook and shares her ideas freely on her Facebook group, Kiss The Kosher Cook. What's sweeter than sugar and with fewer calories? Hearing from her readers. Feel free to write with questions, comments, and suggestions to koshercook@5tjt.com.



The Interview: Revisiting The Grocery In The 1950s

BY P. SAMUELS

While my mother, *a'h*, was alive, she was the one her progeny approached when they had an assignment to interview someone from a previous generation. Now that she is not here anymore, I suddenly found myself playing the role of the grandmother interviewee.

To some of the grandchildren I probably seem ancient. I have to reassure them that, no, I did not trek through the snow for two miles, carrying a metal lunch pail, to learn in a one-room schoolhouse. Nor did I have the trials and tribulations of my mother's genera-

tion in Europe, where they went to public school most of the day and just had Bais Yaakov type of instruction for a few hours in the afternoon.

Recently, I was asked a series of questions by my seventh-grade grand-daughter. Her teacher had a creative approach. She actually gave the girls two series of questions. One was for the grandmothers who grew up in pre-war Europe—in "der alte heim"—and the other questions were for grandmothers

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like me, postwar children who grew up here in America.

Yes, my dear child, we went to school riding in school buses. Our school was in a real brick building, though air-conditioning in a classroom was unheard of. The heating system went down an average of once or twice a month. When that happened, sometimes the administration decided to send us home for the day, and sometimes they opted to have us sit in our coats. We learned, played, and even ate lunch in our coats-and that was before washable coats were the norm.

The question that threw me for a loop was about foods and food shopping in my "olden days." "Bubby, what was different about what was available in the grocery in your childhood?" My first response was that if you wanted egg salad or tuna salad when I was a child, you had to actually prepare it in your own kitchen. Further contemplation led me right down memory lane. If there had been a Kosherfest in the 1950s it would have fit a space 10 feet by 10 feet, with plenty of room to spare. There were supermarkets in America, most notably the A&P, but the kosher consumer had nothing like today's Gourmet Glatt or Pomegranate.

A grocery sold groceries—certain foods, some basic cleaning supplies, and if it was near a school, it had a little glass cleaning products like silver polish. The butcher prepared cuts of meat to order. Except for whole salamis, nothing, not even chicken, was prepacked. A newsstand belonged to the corner candy store, which also had a soda fountain and a tantalizing display of penny candy, most of which were of dubious kashrus. Paper cups were a luxury item.

If you wanted summer fruits during the winter, you opened a can.

case with a few pastries. Aspirin (Tylenol and Advil were still unknown) was bought in the local pharmacy, and while you were there you picked up any shampoo or hand cream that you needed.

You bought shoe polish at the shoemaker, or sometimes in a more fully supplied hardware store, where you also went if you needed any specialty

The toy store had them in the party section. We bought it only for rare special occasions, because, as I recall, 100 cups cost the astronomical sum of a whole dollar, the equivalent of at least \$12-\$15 in today's money.

On Wednesday or Thursday, every balabuste found her way to the local fish store. Most households had a hand grinder, and if the fish man was accommodating, he filleted the fish—saving her quite a messy job. A bit later, probably due to competition, the fish stores hit on the brilliant idea of offering to actually grind the fish, and some even included a packet of ground onion, making mixing gefilte fish a breeze. No self-respecting housewife of that era would have deigned to use ready frozen gefilte-fish rolls.

Fruits and vegetables were sold by the fruit man, either in a little hole-in-thewall shop, or from a horse-drawn cart. Fruit was only available "in season." Though peaches and apricots grew in Chile in February, they stayed in Chile. If you wanted summer fruits during the winter, you opened a can. There wasn't the variety that we have today. Mango, papaya, and pomegranate (which we called Chinese apples) were Shehecheyanu fruits. Kiwis and star fruit were still growing somewhere in an experimental agricultural lab.

A relic from the pushcart days of the 1920s and '30s, the appetizing store was where you went for a good piece of schmaltz herring. (The grocery only carried the jarred pickled kind.) There were also barrels of pickles of various degrees of sourness, some sacks of nuts, and a few boxes of chocolate sold by weight. The strips of herring were wrapped in old newspaper. The lox (smoked salmon in today's vernacular) was considered a luxury item, sold in eighths (2 ounces), and as such it merited being wrapped in clean wax paper. Some appetizing stores also had a milchige counter where they sold sliced cheese.

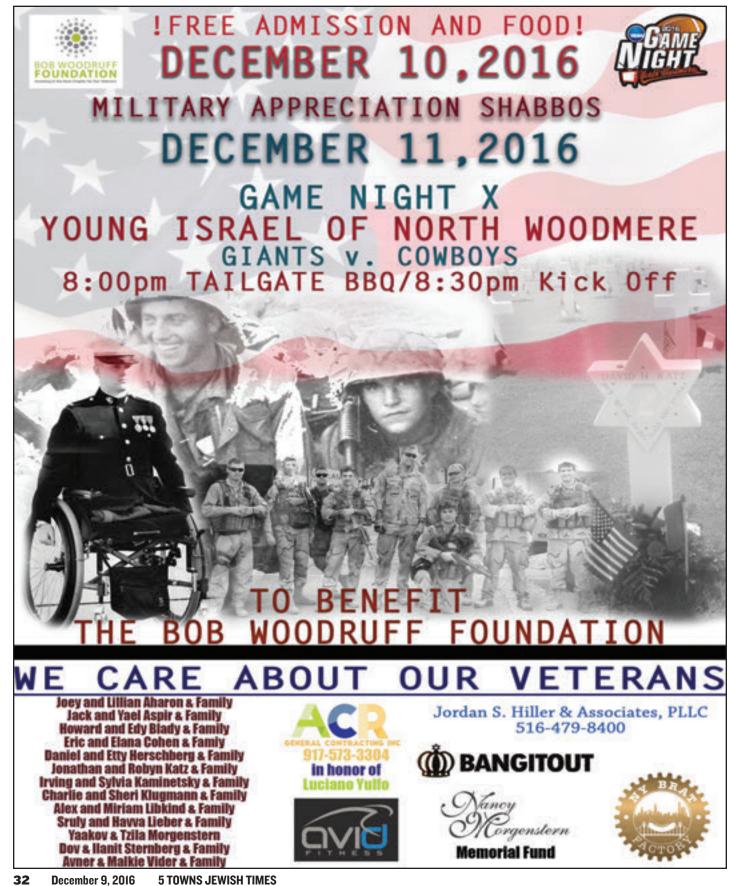
Every grocery had a bread-slicing machine, and offered seeded (caraway) or unseeded rye. For pumpernickel, white bread, challahs, and cake, you made a stop in the bakery. Egg kichel, both plain and sugared bow ties, was also sold by the pound.

Milk was sold in wax-covered quart containers. If a sliver of wax was found floating in my cup, the whole cup went down the drain. No matter how much my mother tried to convince me that once she took it out with a spoon, the milk was fine, to me the milk was tainted. Only on Pesach did we have milk, cheese, and cream packed in glass. The mashgichim did not take chances, and couldn't determine if the wax has a problem of chametz.

There was no chalav Yisrael yogurt, and leben was just something we heard about from our Israeli cousins. Once in a while the grocery would get a shipment of imported Swiss cheese with a reliable hechsher.

In the 1950s, beans and barley were already sold in bags. So were noodles, but definitely not the variety and shapes available today. Quinoa, as well as spelt and gluten, were words on a Scrabble board or an answer to a crossword-puzzle clue. Multi-grain, trans-fat-free, and organic were not everyday words either.

Surely you get the picture of a simpler time, with fewer choices. Yet we were satisfied with what we had. While perusing the variety of products available today, don't forget to thank Hashem for His bounty and to utter a prayer that we use what we buy in the best of health and that it come "gringerheit" (easily), along with a healthy helping of Yiddishe nachas. ❖





The Dress With The Silver Lining

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining. That always seemed a bit hokey to me, but because my mother used to say it, I try to believe it. Mom has been gone for more than 50 years, yet it's only recently that I see evidence that this saying is a fact!

My cloud, if I had one, and if it can be called a cloud, has just such a lining. And it involves having a less-than-high-end wardrobe.

It has not ceased to amaze a great many people in this country that the losers in the recent presidential election are a bunch of overgrown crybabies. One of the more amusing aspects of the liberal left's campaign was when Michelle Obama, while stumping for Clinton—a woman she has never liked—made the following admonition: "When they (the Republicans) go low, we go high!"

And then, as we all saw, the Democrats went about as low as they possibly could. It is not necessary to rely on memory because they continue to go low even now that the election is over. At the third and final debate between Clinton and Trump, Trump was asked if he would accept the election results. He gave a measured response to the question and said that he would not answer it just then but would address it at the time because he might want to evaluate if the results were fair before committing to accepting them. Hillary's response was scorn and outrage. She said that this is not how our democracy works and that she, for one, was horrified by his

Fast-forward three short weeks, and now that she has lost the election, she has joined forces with Jill Stein and is insisting on recounts in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Stein, the scrawny lady who was in fact responsible for taking votes away from Hillary, is the Ralph Nader of 2016. (Author's note: I never did trust a thin woman!) For her part, Hillary has shown zero gratitude to Trump for having said that he does not want to prosecute her.

Thanks to the crybabies,

we do not need to rely on memory to recall any past tricks or that low and obnoxious behavior. It continues even now, post-election. In addition to the kvetching and whining by campaign insiders, many voters have climbed on the "let's make Trump misera-

ble" bandwagon. These folks

seem impervious to the fact that making him miserable is something they cannot do!

As of this writing, in an effort to protest the election's outcome, three designers, who have dressed Michelle Obama for the past eight years, have vowed not to dress Melania Trump. How hilarious is that? The silver lining in that very small cloud is that Melania does not need them. Other designers will be sure to step up to the plate and would be only too happy to have the new First Lady wear their designs.

My own personal cloud is an imaginary one that occurred to me when I heard about those designers who will not dress Melania. Not having been married to a man who was elected president, I never gave it any thought; taking up residence in the White House was never part of my game plan. But had that been the case, and had certain designers refused to dress me, that cloud would have a silver lining, because I do not have designers. What I do have are favorite go-to stores and, regardless of how much they might hate my fictional soon-to-be-president husband, it is doubtful that any of them would decline to dress me.

The managers of the ladies' department at Macy's and at T.J. Maxx do not know my name, so nobody would be likely to prohibit me from

shopping there. And the producers at QVC, the television home-shopping network from which I often order clothes, would not be a problem either. In short, no designer ever dressed me, so I would not miss a thing if a handful of the famous ones rebuffed me. If not even a single designer would dress me, that might be a problem, something of a cloud. But the silver lining would be that I would not care.

Mom was right about those silver linings. That's just the way it is. ❖

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Dear Esther,

I live here in New York but grew up out of town. People are often surprised that I moved away from my parents when I got married, but being that I'm an only child, my parents no longer had children at home to take care of and were living busy, exciting lives at that time. They both had important careers, many friends, great standing in their community, and full lives. My mother was never the type of woman who created her life around me. I had to always fit into her life, her schedule, her goings-on. So when I fell in love with a New Yorker, it wasn't a big deal for me to agree to move to New York.

I am now in my sixties. Eight years ago, my father passed away. My parents were so close and I think my mother started changing a little after his death. She was still busy with her friends and groups, but definitely slowing down. Last year, some of her friends started calling me to say they were noticing differences in my mother and were concerned that she was starting to lose it a bit. They thought maybe it was time for her to move to New York and be closer

I've always consistently visited my mother three or four times a year. During a visit last year, I tried to objectively discern whether she was in fact losing it. Though she was still driving, playing canasta twice a week, attending shiurim, and packing her week with everything she loves, I had to admit that she wasn't quite as sharp as she used to be.

she seems to be repeating herself a lot and forgetting so much. Her friends are constantly calling and making me feel very guilty that she is living there alone and that she isn't here with me. I try to explain to them that she refuses to leave her house, her community, her friends. I think they're concerned that too much responsibility will fall on them. So now their pitch is that I should move out there to be with her! Can you imagine?

The fact is that my husband and I both retired last year and we are free to live wherever we want. However, I have my life here and don't want to suddenly pick myself up and leave my family, my

It's so hard to see a vibrant, independent woman suddenly become needy.

I decided to suggest to her that she consider moving closer to me and my family. She almost seemed offended that I should suggest such a thing and told me in no uncertain terms that her very full and wonderful life was in Los Angeles and it would always be there. We went back and forth a little bit, and I relented, deciding that I needed to respect her desires.

During the past few months, she has been deteriorating significantly. She finally stopped driving (thank G-d), and when we speak on the phone daily,

friends, my everything! I keep trying to convince my mother to move, but she refuses.

So now what? The guilt I'm feeling is enormous. I feel like I'm abandoning my mother at this turbulent stage of her life. Her friends are relentless in adding to my feelings of guilt. Should a 66-yearold woman and her husband feel compelled to move cross-country to take care of a declining mother? I really don't know what to do at this point and wonder what your thoughts are.

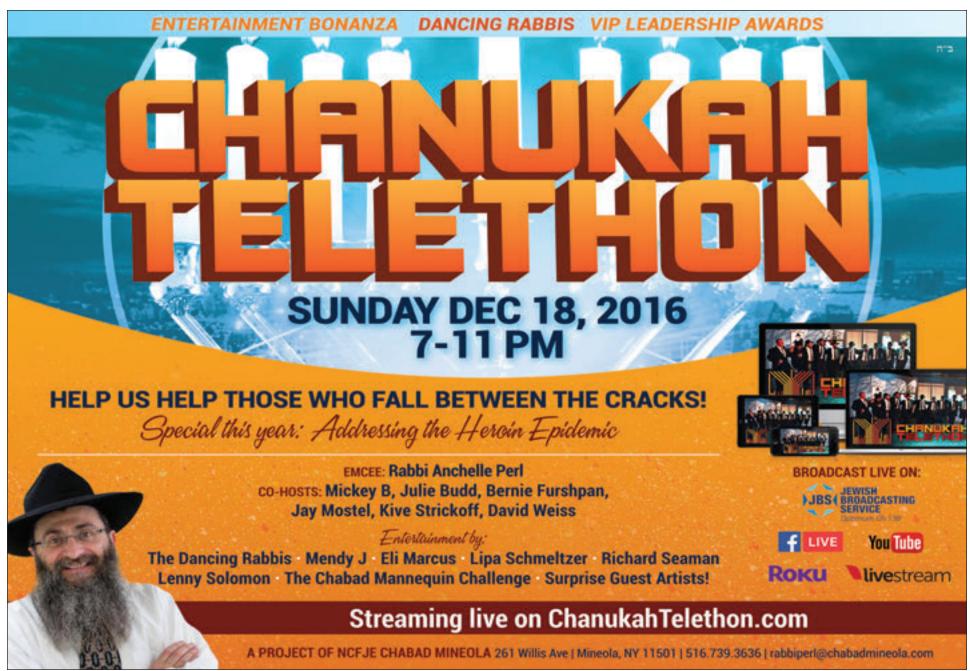
Dear Unsure,

You are finding yourself in a position that so many other people of your age are in: having to deal with the care of an elderly parent. It's a challenging, stressful, often guilt-ridden stage of life. What makes it so much harder on you is the fact that it's all on you—you don't have any siblings, and your mother is not willing to move here and live nearby, which would enable you to be there for her without completely uprooting your own life. So your responsibilities are

I can understand your mother's attachment to her home, community, friends, and the source of all of her memories. And I can certainly understand why you would also be reluctant to leave everything you know and love. So it seems you're at an impasse, with your mother's friends breathing down your neck, wanting to know that your mother is safe and well attended to.

Though we've all heard stories of children who martyr themselves for an aging parent or parents, we've also heard stories of children being negligent and uninvolved. Everyone decides for themselves where they fall on the spectrum of caring or even sacrifice. But like most things in life, it doesn't have to be all or nothing.

I don't know what systems you've already put in place, but the first thing you have to do, if you haven't already done so, is to get your mother a fulltime caregiver. Take a trip out to L.A., do the interviewing, and hire someone



you feel is trustworthy, kind, smart, and experienced. A big plus—probably a necessity—is someone who can drive, as I'm sure your mother will want to continue with some of her activities and there are always plenty of doctor's appointments to deal with, which I'm sensing her friends don't want to feel responsible for anymore.

Next, you have to increase your visits to your mother so that you can see firsthand how she is doing and what changes need to be made, and also show her that you're there for her in a big way. You'll probably have to go at least once a month for long weekends or more. Since you're retired, this shouldn't be a problem. Also, see if you can get your mother to come out to visit you in New York for nice long visits. While she's staying with you, look into canasta games she can join, shiurim she would enjoy, or other activities that will make her feel happy, busy, and connected. Check out your local JCC and find out if there are activities that might interest her. Who knowsshe may actually come to like it out here and decide on her own that it makes more sense for her to find a small house or apartment of her own, near you, to settle into.

Of course, daily phone calls to your mother are a must, and if you haven't already done so, try to create a nice, non-antagonistic relationship with some of your mother's good friends, so that you can check in with them often and get their take on how things are working out.

Hopefully, by implementing these suggestions, you'll feel like you are there for your mother much more so than in the past, and behaving as any devoted daughter should. But be aware that change can happen swiftly and you'll always have to be alert and prepared, should your mother's needs shift.

Good luck maneuvering though this new stage of your life and your mother's. It's so hard to see a once-vibrant, independent woman suddenly become needy. I would imagine that in addition to the practical considerations you need to consider, there are emotional issues that you are dealing with as well. But you'll do your best, I'm sure. What more can anyone ask?

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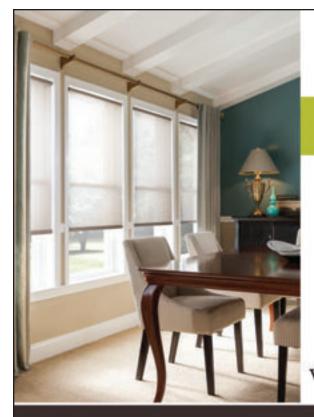
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The Art Of Gifting

Giving gifts is fun, but not always easy.

When I was little, I received my first journal, a little yellow book with a miniature lock and key. I was delighted. And although I was completely unaware of it at the time, that diary changed my life.

Starting from that day, my 6th birthday, I've written in a diary almost every day, if not multiple times a day, through elementary school, high school, college, and beyond. As I got older, the diaries turned into notebooks, given the amount I had to express.

So even a small gift can make a huge impact on someone's life. To me, this diary was the best gift ever.

Other years I received Trixie Belden books, and I was in love with that girl-detective series. Getting a book then wasn't like today. Now, when a child wants a book, the parents order from Amazon and it's at their door two days later. Receiving a book as a gift was super-special to me. I loved the feel of a book in my hands and I still do. I'm probably the last of the Barnes and Noble lovers, and I hope physical bookstores stay around through my lifetime.

In today's society, kids and adults have more "things." I was sitting in a waiting room recently and there were three little boys sprawled on chairs across from me. Clearly brothers, they each had a game console. If this had been my three brothers as youngsters, there would have been no consoles (too expensive), or perhaps one to be shared by all.

My mom and I were walking to the supermarket yesterday and talking about our lack of gift ideas this year. I begged her for an idea for a Chanukah gift for my dad. She was clueless. She was also clueless as to what to get me. And then she said something that made total sense to me. She explained that when I want or need something, she generally gets it for me then, which is at any point during the year; so what's left for Chanukah? I told my mom that she was right, and that I do not need a gift. I'm like my mom that way-I buy gifts when the urge hits me or when I see something great for a specific person. I don't need to wait for the "right" time.

The *Post* mentioned that the average person this year will be spend-



ing \$750 on gifts. It may sound like a lot, but think about families—your own or other families. If, for example, I gave to everyone in my family, that would mean giving to three brothers, three sisters-in-law, eleven nieces and nephews (some with spouses too), seven great-nieces and nephews, and, of course, my parents and best friend. Unless I spend less than \$10 a gift, \$750 doesn't sound like an astronomical number anymore.

What about re-gifting? Does every gift have to be bought brand-new from the store? And even if new, does every gift have to be from the most expensive stores? Suppose someone sends a brand-new gift for your child but you feel that it's not age-appropriate. Is

a little extra for those you care deeply about for a gift you know they'll love.

Most of you know I've become an avid jigsaw-puzzle doer. That's a great gift and it also helps kids focus (adults too). I find myself winding down and de-stressing while "puzzling," while others de-stress by knitting or playing mah-jongg or coloring in a coloring book

Giving gifts is fun. It's not like when I was little and I'd receive three of my favorite books in a series and a pair of PJs (love PJs!) and I'd be on cloud nine for weeks. Those days were simpler, and now, at least for me, giving is more fun than getting: Watching someone's face as they open something

Giving is more fun than getting.

there any reason this gift shouldn't be given to another child? Absolutely not!

But there are caveats. Don't re-gift if you don't like the gift and are just passing it along to get out of buying a gift. Don't re-gift when you think it's something entirely inappropriate that you wouldn't want your own child to have. And don't re-gift if it's not in perfect condition.

Gifts don't have to be expensive. Our society seems to feel that the more you spend, the better the gift. So here is an anecdote that made me laugh. I was buying gifts for my great-nieces and nephews in Israel. I went into Amazing Savings just to see what they had there. I had to get two of everything because two of my nieces have kids.

My cart ended up with Slinkys, Hebrew stickers, small footballs, art projects, and bubbles. I put back the Barbie dolls, sidewalk chalk, and more, not because I couldn't afford it, but because there should be some limit on how many gifts I send, and I needed to save some gifts for the next time.

I found out that the football was a huge hit. The kids loved it! For less than \$2, I had made the kids ecstatic. Did I need to go to Toys "R" Us to buy only one gift when I could buy eight gifts at Amazing Savings?

I'm not preaching to buy inexpensive gifts. But there are all kinds of creative ways to give gifts: re-gifting, bargain stores, getting decent deals on Amazon or eBay, or spending you know they wanted. Surprising someone with an unexpected gift. Giving someone a moment of happiness.

Gifts are really about how much thought you put into it—the care, time, and effort that go into finding the "perfect" gift.

The monetary value doesn't matter, and where you buy it also has no meaning. It's what's in your heart when you find the best gift ever, bring it home, and do the best job you can of wrapping it as prettily as possible. (I'm a horrible wrapper, but my love is in my gifts!)

Creativity, imagination, thoughtfulness, love, and effort—these are what make gift-giving the truly special process it is, and the passing of love from one person to another through the art of giving gifts.

As an aside, I'd like to "present" ten gifts to various children in need. If anyone wants to be involved in this with me, please e-mail me. And if there is a charity where we can give these gifts to the children and see their (hopefully) delighted faces, please e-mail me as well. This is the true giving of love. Not the expense, not the time, just the purely generous giving of gifts to children we don't know. It's priceless.

As a child, I experienced the glorious sweetness of getting gifts that were given with pure love. The next step is learning to give the same way. ❖

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And Yaakov went out from Be'er Sheva, and he went to Charan (Bereishis 28:10)

The story of Yaakov's journey to Charan is the story of every soul's descent to the physical world.

The soul, too, leaves behind the spiritual idyll of *Be'er Sheva* (literally, "Well of the Seven"—a reference to the supernal source of the seven divine attributes or *sefiros* from which the soul derives) and journeys to Charan (literally, "Wrath"): a place of lies, deceptions, struggle and hardship; a place in which material concerns consume one's days and nights, sapping one's energy, confusing one's priorities, and all but obscuring the purpose for which one has come there in the first place.

Yet it is in Charan, in the employ of Lavan the Deceiver, not in the Holy Land and its "tents of learning," that Yaakov founds the nation of Israel. It is here that he marries and fathers eleven of the twelve sons who will become the twelve tribes of Israel. Had Yaakov remained in the Holy Land, the life of this pious scholar who lived 3,500 years ago would have been of no significance to us today.

The soul, too, achieves its enduring significance only upon its descent into "Charan." Only as a physical being, invested within a physical body and inhabiting a physical environment, can it fulfill the purpose of its creation, which is to build "a dwelling for G-d in the physical world."

(From the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe)



Advice From YidParenting **Staying Together For The Kids**

BY RABBI YITZIE ROSS

Q. After 13 years of marriage, my husband and I are throwing in the towel. We've been to therapy session after session, and it's no use. To make a long story short, we fell out of love. In any case, we have four children—two sons, ages 11 and 8, and two girls, ages 6 and 4—whom we love very much, and we want to do what's best for them. Should we lead a fake marriage to keep the kids stable? Is divorce a better option? We have been reading your articles for quite a while and are both impressed with your understanding of children. We would love to hear your opinion.

A. I have deliberately abstained from discussing shalom bayis issues in these articles, unless they actively pertain to a question regarding chinuch. Your question is complicated, and I would strongly suggest that you and your husband speak to a competent therapist. Nonetheless, in the interest of chinuch, I will attempt to break down the pertinent issues.

One of the most important ingredients in raising an emotionally healthy child is a stable, if not loving, marriage. But if you're missing this component, your child can still have a wonderful and healthy childhood; it just requires a bit more effort and work.

I remember hearing of a couple that pretended to have a happy marriage for

their children. Legend has it that they divorced the day after their last child got married. I can't guarantee the accuracy of that story, but it seems odd.

Fooling kids for an extended period of time isn't as simple as you might think. They can pick up on little nuances easily. At best, you might child's emotional well-being as living with married but bitter parents.

Since we're on the subject of divorce, I would like to share some comments I've heard from kids over the past few years about the divorce of their parents. I have included the approximate ages of the children who related these to me. There is a tremendous amount of insight and guidance you can gather from these poignant comments. Please be aware, if you are a product of a divorced home, these might trigger unpleasant memories.

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be able to trick them when they're younger. On the other hand, they might grow up thinking it's OK to be married and not treat their spouses with love and respect.

Again, I strongly suggest speaking to a qualified therapist and/or a rav. If it is truly impossible to make the marriage work and be successful, then it would seem that an amicable divorce might be a better option than a bitter home. You should let your kids know that you both love them and will always continue to work together for them. Keep in mind that a bitter divorce can be just as detrimental to a

"When I get bored of my wife, I guess I'll divorce her like my dad did to my mom."

"The worst part of having divorced parents is that they each try and turn me against the other. It just makes me respect them less!"

—Age 13

"My parents always told me to talk out my issues, but they had no problem getting divorced. Hypocrites!"

"I never knew they didn't get along, but I knew that they didn't love me."

"Yes, I know Dad doesn't pay child support! Reminding me doesn't make me a happier child or love you

"Even though my parents are happily divorced, they still come to all my parties and get along with each other. It makes me feel normal."

—Age 11

"My parents didn't think I heard them arguing and fighting when they were in their room. They were wrong."

"The best Shabbos is when I'm at a friend's house. It's stress-free."

"Thinking back, I wish my parents didn't have those horrible custody battles. I hated my life! Why couldn't

they have asked me how I felt or what

I wanted?"

"My parents got divorced when I was 3. If they knew they hated each other, why would they have had more

—Age 14

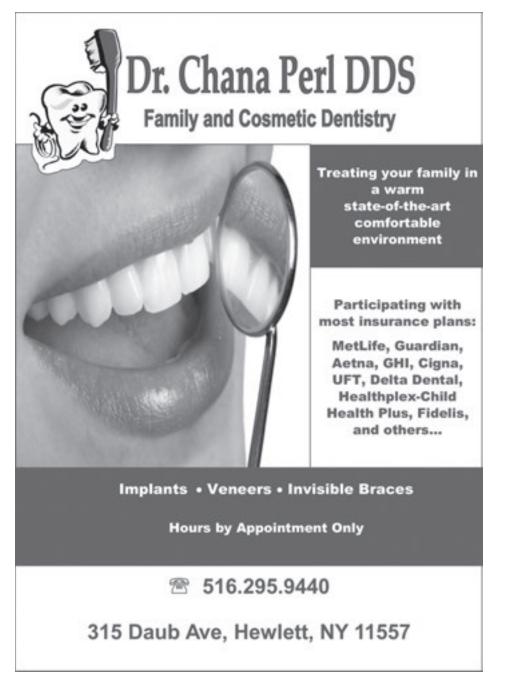
"Having divorced parents is awesome! I never get in trouble, since my mother is scared I'll run to my dad!"

"The divorce was the best part. The screaming and arguing from when they were married still echoes in my ears at night."

—Age 15

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Not So Phoney

BY MORDECHAI SCHMUTTER

Most of my readers picture me as a happy-go-lucky guy who for some reason has recently become obsessed with his back. But beneath it all, I have *tzoriss*. Most of these come over the phone.

Like I got a call from the IRS that said that this is a final notice: They've been trying to call, and they want to let me know that they're suing me. It wasn't even someone from the IRS who said this. It was a robot.

The IRS is suing me? Why? They know I have no money.

And it must have been them, because they knew it was me right when I picked up. They didn't even ask who I was. They could have gotten a wrong number, they could have gotten a babysitter—they didn't care. Whoever picked up was getting sued. This is why I generally make my wife answer the phone.

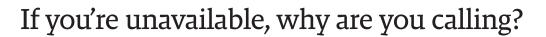
I don't understand what I did that would cause them to sue me—the robot wasn't specific. But it did give me a callback number that I could call for more information, that is for some reason not the number they called from.

right? The IRS isn't makpid on every last \$. Are they? Maybe they leave off the last \$ for savings. Or maybe I've been paying taxes to the wrong organization all these years.

But if the Internal Revenue Services should sue anyone, it's the Internal Revenue Service, for stealing most of their name. They could be a victim of identity theft, which is serious. You have to straighten everything out, and it takes forever. Especially if you're the IRS, and you're involved with the money of everyone in the country.

And the Caller ID didn't say "IRS" either. You'd think if they're IRS, they'd want to let you know, right off the bat. But they didn't. So they probably called from someone's house or something. The Caller ID just said they were calling from Washington. The state—not even the capital. Benton City, Washington. Which I looked up. The entire city is 2½ square miles, and it shares a school district with adjacent towns.

So I consulted with other people who were getting sued, and I heard that when people call back, they tell them to pay with a debit



Because this is how the IRS does things. They don't just fine you for not paying taxes. They sue you, like you hit their car on the highway. Like the whole IRS is going to walk into court in neck braces. This is how they do it. They call you with an automated phone system, and they don't ask if it's you, they say nothing that involves any name, but it doesn't matter. Whoever you are, it's urgent that you call back.

If it's so urgent, why do I have to call back? Why not just call me with a person in the first place?

I mean, if they wanted to sue me for writing humor columns that suggest that they're evil, that would be a reason. I actually do that. Maybe the IRS is suing me, and this is how they're doing it. I don't have more information yet. My priority was to write an article about it.

Usually, if the IRS wants money from us—which they do on a regular basis, for some reason—they send a letter. But maybe they decided to mix it up a little. For fun.

But for some reason, if the IRS wants to sue you, they apparently don't like send you certified mail, or have someone come to the door and say, "You've been served!" They don't send an auditor either. They call you with a robot voice. That's how they show it's urgent. They sic their robots on you. So what I'm saying is, I'm in trouble.

Never mind that the robot voice is the kind of thing you use when you have a million phone calls to make. It kind of feels like they're suing millions of people, and they want to do it efficiently. And have everyone call back at once, in a panic.

Anyway, the call said this was my final notice. I know that's what it said, because I got the same call three days later.

The funny thing is that I noticed—because they called me twice—that they said they were from "Internal Revenue Services." Whereas I generally pay my taxes to the "Internal Revenue Service." That's the same,

card or else the cops will throw them in jail. Because that's how cops arrest people nowadays. By phone.

"We're coming to get you. Stand outside."

Some of the people are saying it's a scam, though. They're saying they got that call, and it's not real. But what if it is? Maybe I should pay them what they want. Better safe than sorry, I always say. Though if it's a scam, I'll be sorry. So I guess it's "Better safe and sorry than just sorry."

And on top of that, I heard that the IRS has issued warnings about scam calls pretending to be the IRS. But how do I know that they're the IRS?

We get a lot of these calls. I used to get this call from "Unavailable" ten times a day, and I'm like, "Hey, I'm unavailable too! Wait. If you're unavailable, why are you calling?" And they want to sell me phone service. Over the phone. And I'm like, "I have phone service. Through your company. But they don't know that, apparently. So it's probably really them. And then they hang up and call again a little while later, like I'll forget I have phone service

I also get calls from someone named "Private Caller." The Private wants all kinds of things. One time he wanted to lower my credit-card interest rate. Awesome! All he needed was my credit card number so he could get to work on it.

Wait, why are you doing this for me? Shouldn't you be defending the country?

Then there's a number that calls, and when I say, "Hello?" like three times, a robot voice comes on and says, "Goodbye," and hangs up. They called to say goodbye? I always think my house is about to get bombed.

It's kind of like when you call someone and they say, "Hello?" and you're like, "Oh. I was hoping to get a machine. Um . . . goodbye."

How many people are you calling to tell

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goodbye that you needed a robot voice?

And then there was the time I got a call from myself. The Caller ID actually said my phone number.

How could I be calling myself? I'm the only one home! And if I'm calling, how's my phone ringing?

So I picked up the phone and it was me, trying to get money. Why would I not give him my credit card number? It's me, after all. Why would I be scamming myself? I'm not dumb enough to fall for that.

OK, so I didn't send me money. I was too freaked out. Is this some kind of time paradox? Is this me from the future?

It's a good thing I have Caller ID. In the old days, I would have just picked up and started talking to myself. Which isn't so weird nowadays, but on the phone it still is. I'm making a long-distance call to talk to myself on the phone?

OK, so it didn't sound like me. It was someone else. Was this person inside my house? Should I call the

No, I can't. He's tying up the phone line.

But it's not all bad news on the phone. I also win a lot of vacations. A serious amount of vacations. Like I have to quit my job. They call me up and say, "You've just won our sweepstakes!" I'm like, "I don't even remember entering a sweepstakes."

But the robot doesn't care. Yes, it's a robot voice. Like millions of people are winning this sweepstakes. They're going through the phone book and they're entering random people, and every single person is winning, and they're sending me on a vacation, all expenses paid. By who? I don't know, maybe by me.

I haven't called them back. I don't have a chance. But maybe someday when I'm retired, I'll just go on all these vacations.

It's not fraud, right? How could it be? I'm just going to show up with suitcases, and they're going to be like, "Sorry, no vacation."

"But I'm already here!"

"Ha ha, you should see the look on your face! Go home."

But I'm afraid to go on these vacations, because what if while I'm on vacation I get another one of these calls from the IRS and they don't realize that my voicemail isn't actually me, and my voicemail picks up and then their robot starts talking while my robot is talking, and I can only hear the tail end of the message?

Maybe the IRS is suing me because I'm winning all these vacations and not paying taxes on them.

The point is that if you suddenly stop seeing my articles, it's because I'm either on vacation or in jail. ❖

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BUSINESS By Rabbi Meir Orlian

Chartered Bus

Yosef was getting married in another city and invited the bachurim from his yeshiva to come. After some discussion, the friends decided to charter a bus. David posted a signup sheet for the bus; 50 friends put their names down.

David spoke with a bus company he knew of. "A bus holds 55," he was told. "We have smaller buses of 28 seats, but the next size bus is for 55."

"How much does such a bus cost?" asked David.

"It will be \$1,600," said the dispatcher. David ordered a bus. He divided the cost among the 50 friends and wrote on the sign that each person would have to pay \$32.

On the wedding day, the driver arrived at the yeshiva, and 40 friends got on the bus. After waiting a few minutes, David called the other ten who had signed up. Each one said that he was unable to come for some reason or had gotten a ride.

David told the driver that everyone who was coming had arrived, and that he could start. He made a quick calculation that with 40 people, each would have to pay \$40 instead of \$32. "It's

going to cost an extra \$8 a person," David said to the friend sitting next to

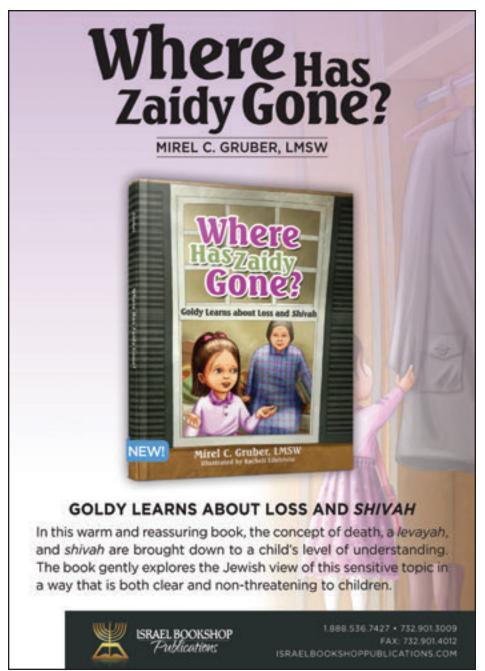
"Why should we have to pay anything extra?" said his friend. "The bachurim who signed up have to pay their share, whether or not they chose to come. They were all partners in ordering the bus."

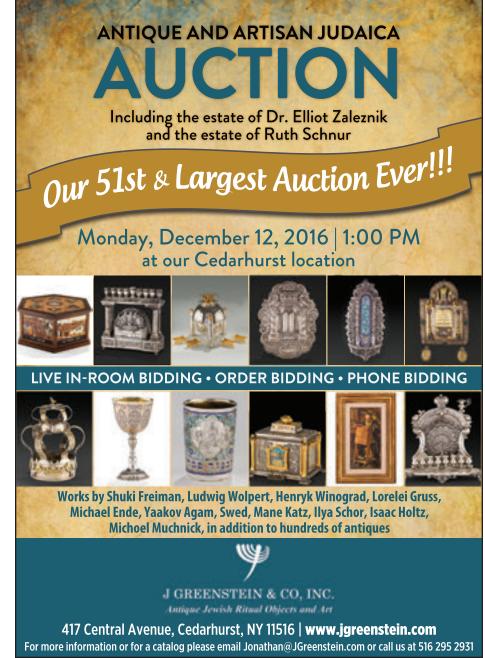
"I was wondering about that," said David. "On the other hand, I would have had to order the same bus for 40 people, so that the ten bachurim who didn't come did not cause any loss or extra expenditure to the rest."

"I heard that Rabbi Dayan is coming to the wedding," said the friend. "We can ask him!"

At the wedding, David went over to Rabbi Dayan and related what happened. "Do the bachurim who didn't come on the bus have to pay their share?" he asked.

"This is a fascinating question," replied Rabbi Dayan. "When a person hires a worker and subsequently wants to cancel the job, the halacha depends on a number of factors. If the worker already began working, the employer cannot retract; if he retracts, he is lia-





ble for the worker's loss. Even if the worker did not yet begin but could have taken another job, but now is no longer able to, the employer is liable for his loss. However, if the worker can procure a comparable job instead, the employer who retracted is not liable, since the worker suffered no loss and the other job stands in place of the one he lost" (C.M. 333:2; Pischei Choshen, Sechirus 10:2).

"In this case, the driver already arrived at the yeshiva when the ten *bachurim* canceled," continued Rabbi Dayan. "Many consider this as having started the job, which limits one's ability to retract. On the other hand, the driver remained on the job for the other 40, who needed him in any case. Thus, he did not suffer any loss through their backing out and the job remained the same, so he does not have a claim against them" (*Pischei Choshen* 7:[9]).

"What about the *bachurim* themselves?" asked David. "We never agreed to pay \$40 each!"

"That is a valid argument" replied Rabbi

"That is a valid argument," replied Rabbi Dayan. "The 50 bachurim were all partners in ordering the bus, and you were the agent of

book in their building (see *C.M.* 268:3). A number of reasons are suggested to explain why this is so:

Property (chatzer) can acquire items for the owner only when it is properly guarded (chatzer mishtameres). If it is not guarded due to the fact that the public has free access to the premises, the owner of the premises does not acquire objects that are found there since those items cannot be properly guarded by the owner of the property (Shach, C.M. 260:18).

Another reason is that one's property can only acquire those items that would likely be found by the owner of the property. Since the library would likely not find the lost money, the property cannot make a proprietary act on the owner's behalf (Nesivos 268:3; Ketzos 200:1; Pischei Choshen, Aveidah 9:[17]).

Another factor is that one's yard does not acquire objects that his yard does not typically acquire. Therefore, since lost objects are not commonly found in one's yard, the yard owner does not acquire them (C.M. 268:3; Sema 7; cf. Nesivos).

If the worker already began working, the employer cannot retract.

them all in the arrangement. Once the driver came, and there was no longer any possibility of canceling the arrangement entirely, they are liable for their share of the partnership and cannot back out at the expense of the other partners. Thus, those who canceled must also chip in the \$32 that they had agreed to."

From The BHI Hotline: Money Found In A Library Book

Q. I borrowed a book from the library and found an envelope with money inside. What am I obligated to do with that money?

A. Even if it is evident that the money was lost by a Jew—e.g., the envelope has Hebrew writing on it—if most of the patrons of the library are gentiles, one may assume that the owner realized that he lost the money and despaired of recovering it (*yei'ush*), since people regularly check the money that is in their pocket (*C.M.* 262:6) and assume that since it was likely found by a gentile, they will not be able to recover their money (see *C.M.* 259:3; *Sema 6*, 9; *Taz*).

If, however, the envelope was lost in a place where most of the users are Jewish, e.g., a Jewish library, the owner would likely not despair from recovering his money since he assumes that the finder would announce that he found money. This assumes that the envelope (or the order of the bills) contains <code>simanim</code>—identifying marks—so that the owner could prove that the money is his, and as a result he does not despair.

Therefore, if it is possible to determine who used the book last, the money should be returned to that person. This is based on the *halacha* that states that when a lost object is found in a hotel room, it is assumed to have been lost by the most recent tenant (see details in *C.M.* 260:3 and *Nesivos* 7 with *Pischei Choshen Aveidah* 3:[18]).

If it cannot be determined who the previous borrower was, the finder must make an announcement. Assuming that the envelope has *simanim*, the owner would not have despaired.

If, however, it is clear that the book had been in the library for an extended period of time so that it is likely that the owner already despaired, the finder may keep the money (*C.M.* 262:5). The library does not become the owner of the money even though it was found in their

An additional factor to consider is that if the *chatzer* acquires objects for the property owner, the property acquired it before the object's owner realized it was lost (before *yei'ush*) and one's yard cannot acquire objects that came into its property while still in the state that it needs to be returned (*b'issura asa l'yadei*) (see *Shach*, *C.M.* 268:2, 262:1; *Nesivos*; *Ketzos* 200:1; cf. *Chazon Ish*, *B.K.* 18:4).

Money Matters: Whose Jurisdiction?

Based on the writings of Rav Chaim Kohn, shlita

Q. A shadchan made a shidduch for a couple, one of whom was from Eretz Yisrael and the other from America. According to which local common practice should he be paid?

A. The *Rema* (*C.M.* 331:1) rules that if the employer and employee are from different places, the binding terms are those where the employee was hired.

Panim Meiros (2:63), cited by Pischei Teshuvah (E.H. 57:16), understands this to mean that this holds true even if the work itself is done elsewhere. Thus, the determining factor is usually the location of the shadchan.

Igros Moshe (C.M. 2:57), however, maintains that the binding practice is determined by the place where the work is done. Thus, the *kallah* pays according to the *chassan*'s place and the *chassan* according to the *kallah*'s place. He acknowledges, though, that if the *shidduch* arrangements were done by phone or mail, so that all the work was done from the *shadchan*'s place, the binding practice is determined by that place.

Beyond these guidelines, each case needs to be judged individually in case there were clear assumptions and understandings. •

This article is intended for learning purposes and not to be relied upon halacha l'maaseh. There are also issues of dina d'malchusa to consider in actual cases.

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Vayeitzei: The Ladder

From Where I Stand

BY RABBI YOSSY GOLDMAN

והנה מלאכי אלקים עולים ויורדים בו And behold the angels of G-d were ascending and descending on it

—Bereishis (28:12)

So what's the best way to get to heaven? Walk across a busy highway? Perform some amazing act of faith? Save a thousand lives? Well, a pretty good answer may be found in this week's parashah.

We read the story of Yaakov's dream and the famous ladder with its foot on the ground and head in the heavens. "And behold the angels of G-d were ascending and descending on it."

Let me ask you what they might call in Yiddish a klotz kashe (a simplistic question). Do angels need a ladder? Everyone knows angels have wings. So, if you have wings, why would you need a ladder?

There is a beautiful message here.

In climbing heavenward, one does not necessarily need wings. Dispense with the dramatic. Forget about fancy leaps and bounds. There is a ladder, a spiritual route clearly mapped out for us; a route that needs to be traversed step-by-step, one rung at a time. The pathway to Heaven is gradual, methodical, and eminently manageable.

Many people are discouraged from even beginning a spiritual journey because they think it needs that huge leap of faith. They cannot see themselves reaching a degree of religious commitment which to them seems otherworldly. And yet, with the gradual step-by-step approach, one finds that the journey can be embarked upon and that the destination aspired to is actually not in outer space.

When I was growing up in Brooklyn, I would pass a very big building on my way to school every morning. It was the Kings County Savings Bank. All these years later I still remember the Chinese proverb that was engraved over the large portals at the entrance to the bank. "A journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step." Now that's not only Chinese wisdom;

we Jews agree. And it's not limited to starting a savings plan. It is a simple yet powerful idea that it need not be "all or nothing."

Rabbis today are encouraging Jewish families to take one small step and then another and then a third so that eventually positive change is achieved.

What do you think a rabbi's fantasy is? A guy walking into my office and saying, "Rabbi, I want to become frum; now tell me what I must do."? Is that what I lie awake dreaming of? And if teacher once asked the following question: "If two people are on a ladder, one at the top and one on the bottom, who is higher?" The class thought it was a pretty dumb question—until the wise teacher explained that they were not really capable of judging who was higher or lower, until they first ascertained in which direction each was headed.

If the fellow on top was going down, but the guy on the bottom was going up, then conceptually, the one on the bottom was actually higher.

In climbing heavenward, one does not necessarily need wings.

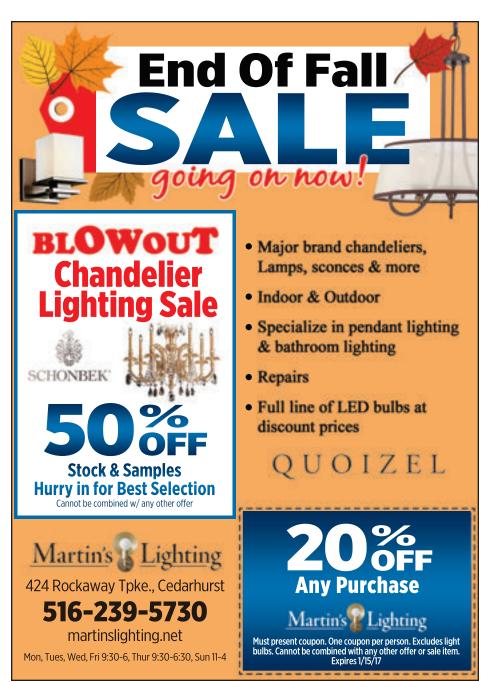
it did happen, do you think I would throw the book at him and insist he do every single *mitzvah* from that moment on? Never! Why not? Because "easy come, easy go." Here today, gone tomorrow. The correct and most successful method of achieving our Jewish objectives is the slow and steady approach. Gradual, yet consistent. As soon as one has become comfortable with one mitzvah, it is time to start the next, and so on and so forth. Then, through constant growth, slowly but surely we become knowledgeable, committed, fulfilled, and happy in our faith. I'm afraid I haven't had such wonderful experiences with the "instant Jew" types.

When my father was in yeshiva, his

And so, my friends, it doesn't really matter what your starting point is or where you are on the ladder of religious life. As long as you are moving in the right direction, as long as you are going up, you will, please G-d, succeed in climbing to heavenly heights.

Wishing you a safe and successful journey. ❖

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Halachic Musings by Rabbi Yair Hoffman

A Shot At A Mitzvah

During the winter months there are fewer Jewish holidays, but there are still mitzvos to perform. These mitzvos are predicated upon the verse "V"nishmartem me'od l'nafshoseichem—And you shall be very careful regarding yourselves" (Devarim 4:15).

Specifically, we can make sure to be up to date on the recommended vaccines. Vaccines are not just for children—they are for adults too. Many people are unaware that the medical experts have a schedule of recommendations for adults too. It is a *mitzvah*, according to the *gedolei ha'poskim* in *Eretz Yisrael*, to get vaccinated.

The *mitzvah* of taking this precaution is not just limited to "V'nishmartem." The verse of "Rak hishamer lecha" (Devarim 4:9) is understood by most poskim to comprise a second *mitzvah* (see Rav Chaim Kanievsky, shlita, Shaar HaTeshuvos #25). There is also a third *mitzvah*, "va'chai ba'hem—And you shall live by them" (Vayikra 18:5).

The Ben Ish Chai writes that a person should make every effort to ensure the general safety of both himself and those around him (Parashas Pinchas year cycle #2). The Turei Zahav in his commentary to Choshen Mishpat (427:10) cites a Midrash on Shir HaShirim that when one does this and protects himself from dangers and damage, not only is he protected, but he receives extraordinary credit for the mitzvah too.

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, vaccines are recommended for all adults to help prevent getting and spreading diseases. Vaccines are especially important for those with chronic conditions, who are more likely to develop complications from certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines are an important step in protecting adults against serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. Even if you were vaccinated at a younger age, the protection from some vaccines can wear off or the viruses that the vaccines protect against change so your resistance is not as strong. As you get older, you may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases due to your age, job, hobbies, travel, or health conditions.

The CDC recommends that all adults get the following vaccines:

- Influenza vaccine every year to protect against seasonal flu
- Td (tetanus/diphtheria) vaccine every 10 years, plus Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis) vaccine once, and during each pregnancy for women, instead of Td vaccine to also protect against whooping cough

Other vaccines you need as an adult are determined by factors such as age, lifestyle, job, health condition, and vaccines you have had in the past. Vaccines you need may include those that protect against shingles, human papillomavirus (which can cause certain cancers), pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, hepatitis A and B, chickenpox (varicella), measles, mumps, and rubella.

Adults with chronic conditions are more likely to develop complications, includ-

ing long-term illness, hospitalization, and even death, from certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Talk to your doctor to make sure you are up to date on the vaccines that are recommended for you.

Heart Disease

People with heart disease, or those who have had a stroke, have a higher risk of serious medical complications from the flu, including worsening of their heart disease. People with heart disease are at almost three times higher risk of being hospitalized with flu than those without heart disease.

The CDC recommends that people with heart disease get a yearly influenza (flu) vaccine. They should also get pneumococcal vaccines, once as an adult before 65 years of age and then two more doses at 65 years or older.

Lung Disease

People with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other conditions that affect the lungs have a higher risk of complication from the flu even if the condition is mild and symptoms are controlled. Since people with asthma and COPD have sensitive airways, inflammation from the flu can cause asthma attacks or make asthma and COPD symptoms worse. Those with asthma, COPD, or other conditions that affect the lungs are more likely to develop pneumonia and other respiratory diseases after getting sick with the flu than those without these conditions.

The CDC recommends that people with asthma, COPD, or other conditions that affect the lungs get a yearly flu vaccine. If you have a lung condition, you should also get pneumococcal vaccines—once as an adult before 65 years of age, and then two more doses at 65 years or older. Your doctor may recommend additional vaccines based on your lifestyle, travel habits, and other factors.

Diabetes

People with type 1 or type 2 diabetes have a higher risk of hepatitis B virus infection. Hepatitis B can be spread through sharing of blood glucose meters, finger stick devices, or other diabetes care equipment such as insulin pens. Diabetes, either type 1 or type 2, can also weaken the immune system's ability to fight the flu. People with diabetes, even if well managed, are more likely than those without diabetes to have complications from the flu such as pneumonia, which can lead to hospitalization.

CDC recommends that people with diabetes get pneumococcal vaccines, once as an adult before 65 years of age and then two more doses at 65 years or older, a yearly flu vaccine, and a hepatitis B vaccine series if they're between the ages of 19 and 59. If you are 60 years or older, talk to your doctor to see if you should get a hepatitis B vaccine. •

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Acheinu Talmidim To Be Tested On Entire Masechta

BY YOSEF SOSNOW

"These talmidim did not even know what a Gemara was two years ago and now they have learned all 113 blatt of Masechta Kesubos and are ready to be tested on the entire masechta from cover to cover. If this isn't a miraculous manifestation of the fulfillment of the pasuk 'v'heishiv lev avos al banim,' I am not sure what is!"

"The yeshiva caters to 60 bachurim who were completely non-observant until two years ago. Through Acheinu's network of battei chizuk, these teenagers have not only become Torah observant ba'alei teshuvah, they are on their way to becoming talmidei chachamim," Rav Elbaz said.

"He brings the light of Torah. It was missing from our home."

Those were the words of Rav Ariel Elbaz, *rosh mesivta* at Acheinu's *Yeshiva Hakedosha* in Yerushalayim, describing the upcoming test that will be taken by more than 45 *bachurim* in the yeshiva next week.

The test will be held at Acheinu's Yeshiva Hakedosha in Yerushalayim, and the special guests who are scheduled to conduct the test will be Rav Avrohom Yitzchok HaKohen Kook, shlita, rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva Me'or Hatal-



Acheinu talmidim learning with an avreich

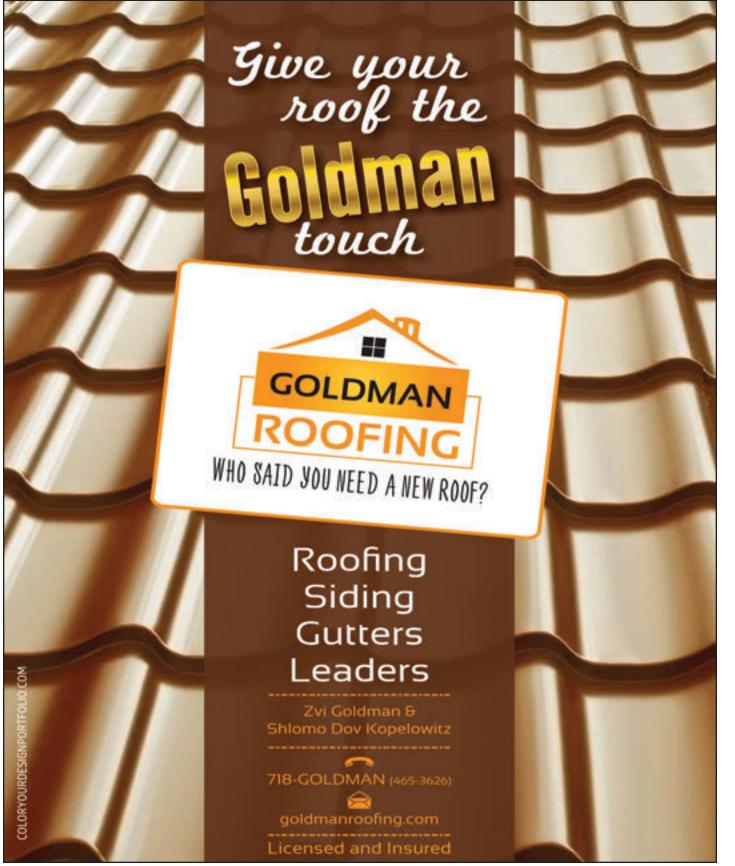
mud in Rechovot; Rav Dovid Hofstedter, nasi of Dirshu (the umbrella organization of which Acheinu is the kiruv arm); and Rav Zev Hofstedter, rosh yeshiva of Acheinu's Yeshiva Hakedosha.

All of the parents of the *talmidim* will be in attendance at the grand test. Rav Elbaz explains that the parents who are not observant often do not realize what their children are accomplishing in yeshiva. This grand farher where the bachurim are tested publicly on over 100 blatt Gemara provides the families with a tremendous feeling of nachas and accomplishment as they see that their children have accomplished a tremendous amount—and great rabbanim have even come to hail their accomplishments.

Two years ago, a similar siyum was made by the talmidim on Masechta Sukkah. At the siyum, one of the most powerful speeches was given by Shaul Maimon, president of the Chevel Ha'aretz Company. Mr. Maimon is a successful businessman. His son learned in the yeshiva at the time and was one of the bachurim who made a siyum. Mr. Maimon spoke openly about how it was initially difficult for him when his son became religious. But now, he explained, "I cannot tell you how happy we are and how proud we are of him. He illuminates our entire home. The light that he brings is the light of Torah. It was missing from our home. If I had known before what the yeshiva does, I would have sent all of my children here!"

"The bachurim in Acheinu's Yeshiva Hakedosha are true heroes," exclaimed Rav Elbaz. "Every Shabbos, every yom tov, they are faced with nisyonos as they go home to their parents. They are taught to have the utmost derech eretz for their parents, while they must at the same time observe Shabbos and kashrus in an environment where these things cannot be taken for granted."

"There is no way to depict the degree of progress made by these bachurim over such a short period other than to realize that it is a Divine smile, a tremendous manifestation of siyatta d'Shmaya that defies description," said Rabbi Yisrael Layush of Acheinu. "Certainly our staff is amazingly devoted. In addition to the 12 maggidei shiur and mashgichim, we have tens of avreichim who learn with the bachurim and are devoted to them with their hearts and souls. The hallmark of Acheinu is constant accompaniment and monitoring. Dealing with problems when they are still small before they become large. Nevertheless, for these boys to finish the entire Masechta Kesubos in one year to the extent that they can be tested on the entire masechta is nothing short of a miracle!" ❖



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Segulos Of The Chasam Sofer

SEFER REVIEW BY RABBI YAIR HOFFMAN

It is called Segulos HaSofer and it is published by a machon associated with London's Etz Chaim Yeshiva. It lists 12 chapters of segulos culled from the writings of the Chasam Sofer and his students.

Rav Moshe Sofer, zt'l, also known as the Chasam Sofer (1762-1839), was a leading gadol in his generation, the rav of the city of Pressburg, a teacher to tens of thousands, and a staunch opponent of the Reform movement. He also established a yeshiva that still continues to this day, although it has been relocated to Yerushalayim. The Chasam Sofer was also a remarkably prolific writer, whose responsa and commentary on Shas and Chumash are still used to

His derashos and insights on Chumash are filled with segulos as well. Each of the segulos mentioned below are sourced at the bottom of the sefer. They are mentioned here both to educate and to spark interest in the sefer.

Illness

Was someone ill and saved from a great danger? He should immerse himself completely in tractate *Krisus* and *Temurah* (p. 48). Another possible *segulah* for someone to receive a *refuah* is to be careful in the recitation of *Kiddush Levanah* (p. 39).

Is someone ill and you want your tefillos to be more effective? Daven for him in front of him, but do not mention his name (p. 44).

Is someone having a difficult labor? On page 30 there is a segulah that if the person who received Maftir on the first day of Rosh Hashanah visits the house, it will lead to an easier labor. It is my understanding that in the Five Towns/Far Rockaway area, Reb Y. Krasnow had that aliyah this year.

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Growing

Want to grow in Yiras Shamayim? From the Maharam Bennet, zt'l, one should look at the handwritten Torah

Do you need to ensure that you are constantly in a state of *simcha*, joy? Learning *halachos* every day is a *segulah* for just that (p. 19).

bim—bringing merit to the masses of people (p. 15).

Parnassah

In need of a segulah for parnassah? The Chasam Sofer recommends a simple one—making minyan (p. 36). Also, do not eat until you

best days to pursue parnassah? Tuesdays and Wednesdays (p. 35). Oh, and the mitzvah of sukkah prepares one for success in all food-related ventures (p. 34).

How about help in avoiding strange and apikorsus thoughts? The Avnei Nezer says to learn the response of the Chasam Sofer (p. 65). The Belzer Rebbe says that each line that one learns in the Chasam Sofer assists in bringing one toward teshuvah and Yiras Shamayim (p. 66).

Want a general segulah for success? Recite *Tehillim kapitlach* 36, 121, and 144 (p. 55). ❖

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The *Chasam Sofer* recommends a simple *segulah*—making *minyan*.

writings of the Chasam Sofer (p. 68). According to Rav Yaakov Landau it is effective to increase one's ruach ha'kodesh (p. 70).

Need a segulah that your tefillos be answered? Daven next to a great tzaddik (p. 12). More effective, perhaps, is to be from the mezakei ha'rab-

have learned Torah that day (p. 33). Need a constant flow of abundance? Learn *Hilchos Shabbos* in depth (p. 34) and daven in a shul (p. 16). The

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Crossword: Apt Anagrams

BY YONI GLATT

Across

- 1. Father-in-law of (Jared) Kushner
- 6. You can win a lot of shekels from it
- 11. Org. that might have a pool, Torah classes, basketball, etc.
- 14. Have it __
- 15. Daniel of Munich
- 16. 51-Across, for short
- 17. HARMONISE ME
- 19. Seder utensil for Elijah
- 20. Book before Nehemiah
- 21. One ending a fast
- 23. Vereen on the Giants (and others)
- 26. "Send help!"
- 27. "Viva La ____
- 28. Skin protuberances
- 29. It's light
- 30. Unwelcome *sukkah* guest
- 31. Manning and Roth
- 32. Swine woe that briefly broke out in Israel in 2015
- 33. Israeli mount or winery
- 36. First grandmother
- 37. ENDEARS
- 39. Bush spokesman Fleischer
- 40. Rabbi Hanoch known for stories
- 42. Clamor
- 43. Decision by a rabbi
- 44. Mineo of Exodus
- 45. See 47-Down
- 46. Make like nearly every Block-
- 47. Chicago Mayor Emanuel
- 49. ___ Center (skyscraper in Chicago)
- 50. Cellcom items
- 51. Most of this state's Jews are in Birmingham
- 53. Symbolic food option on Rosh Hashanah
- 54. Israeli name that sounds like a request for seconds
- 55. TRASH WONDER
- __ win situation
- 61. Stem held with a lulav
- 62. Like much R.L. Stine work
- 63. Number of Commandments

- 64. Shalom
- 65. Piece of work from Aaron Sorkin

- 1. ___ Men (1987 Barry Levinson film)
- 2. Letters of link between many kohanim
- 3. E.T. carrier
- 4. Precious times
- 5. Nobel and Israel
- 7. Output from a mine
- 8. Jeffrey of Arrested Development
- 9. Layers
- 10. Shrek is one
- 11. MANIAC JOKES
- 12. Like each answer of this puzzle
- 13. Classics director Frank
- 18. Those who may spend next year in Isr.
- 22. Affirm
- 23. Like honey
- 24. Split a challah into two
- 25. A RASHER LION
- 26. ___ Purim
- 29. Motor or schnozz suffix
- 30. Start of a *mitzvah*?
- 32. WWII pres.
- 33. Adam Levine's former co-judge ____-Lo Green
- 34. Clear the boards
- 35. Zuckerberg is responsible for billions and billions of them
- 37. Treif sushi option
- 38. Letter equal to 50
- 41. Passover sacrifice
- 43. Haman, for one
- 45. "Lech mipoh!"
- 46. Jewish kindness
- 47. With 45-Across, city east of Tel-Aviv
- 48. Like Moses when he first left Egypt
- 49. Jewish scholar 1,800 years ago
- 50. What (unethically) made Bonds better: abbr.
- 52. Melville captain or Israeli king
- 53. Like young Ishmael, perhaps
- 56. "My dad"
- 57. Koufax stat
- 58. Acronym for Rabbi Isaac al-Fasi
- 59. Casspi makes it go swish

CRYPTOGRAM

Each letter in the quote below stands for another letter. Decode each letter to reveal the quote. (Ex. The coded phrase "Xpaay, gybaq!" can be translated to "Hello, world!" by changing the x to h, p to e, etc.)

> "Ihq fgp'n vngi mp ihqc fhcprc hy nwr Yhcrvn ogmnmpu yhc hnwrcv nh fhjr nh ihq. Ihq wgar nh uh nh nwrj vhjrnmjrv."

> > - G.G. Jmdpr

Last week's solution:

"Books are like flypaper—memories cling to the printed page better than anything else." - Cornelia Funke

See the solution in next week's paper.

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Solution To Previous Crossword: עד מאה ועשרים

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Puzzle appeared on Page 62 of the December 2 issue.

TORAH FUN - WAYETZEI 5777

Yaacov left Be'er Sheva and went towards Lavan's house in Charan. On the way he stopped to daven at Mount Moriah. There, he dreamt that a ladder was extended to the heavens and HaShem appeared to him. HaShem told him the land will be given to his descendants and He will guard Yaacov wherever he goes. Yaacov met Rachel at a well and agreed to work 7 years for Lavan in order to marry her. On their wedding day, Lavan tricked Yaacov into marrying Leah, Rachel's older sister. The next week Yaacov married Rachel after agreeing to work for Lavan for 7 more years. Leah had 6 sons and a girl before Rachel gave birth to her first child, Joseph. Yaacov wished to leave Lavan, but instead made a deal about whose flock would belong to whom. HaShem told Yaacov to leave Lavan's house with his whole family. After Yaacov left, Lavan caught up to him and accused him of stealing his idols but searched and didn't find them. Lavan and Yaacov made a treaty.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Which one is different? Hint: Dinah's half brothers

GAD

ASHER

DAN

YOSEF

NAPHTALI

LEVI

CROSS WCRD Complete the crossword by translating each Hebrew word into English. Use the parsha reference for help. ACROSS 2. אוד (29:2) 5. שמש (28:11) 6. אוד (31:28) 7. אוד (31:33) DOWN 1. אוד (31:7) 2. יובר (30:2) 3. אוד (28:14) 4. אוד (28:13)

WORD FIND

Can you discover the Secret Message? Find and circle the bold, italicized words from the Torah summary in the Word Find. Write the unused Word Find letters in the spaces below to spell the Secret Message.

Have Fun!

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SECRET MESSAGE

GEMATRIA

Hint: The week after a wedding is called "Sheva (7)



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Hint: Leah's Children

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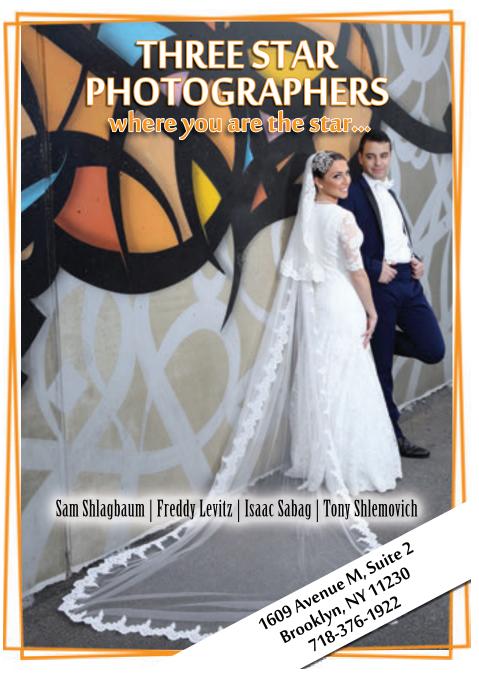


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Question

My son was briefly married a long time ago. He and his wife got divorced because she and her family were angry that he had issues with depression.

My son is a very normal guy from a great family. He is the ideal real learner/ earner. His condition is very mild, and he takes his medication regularly. He also keeps all his appointments with his psychiatrist. There is really nothing wrong with him. If you would see him, you would agree with me. And we were told that we don't have to say anything before the wedding.

As soon as his wife found out, she wanted a divorce. Years ago, nobody got divorced for such reasons. After the divorce, she made his life miserable by telling everyone horrible things about him and us, and he suffered terribly because of it. Even our friends and people who have known us for a long time believed all the rumors. But, baruch *Hashem*, he got married again anyway.

We now have another son in shidduchim. He also has an issue, different from my older son. I don't want to say what it is, but we were advised not to say anything to shadchanim. Also, we were told that the girl does not have to know right away. Instead, we could wait for a few dates to see if they like each other. But our main problem is that people think that he has the same issue as his brother, and we can't get him a shidduch.

I should mention that my son's ex-wife is still single, and her family is still spreading rumors about us. When that family finds out that a shidduch was redd to my younger son, they immediately contact that person or her family to say terrible things about us. What can we do to get him married?

Response

It appears that you are dealing with two issues. The first is a family unwavering in its desire for revenge and destruction—your son's former in-laws. The second issue is that you are being given similar advice that got your older son into trouble.

It is true that many advisers, including those of certain authority, sometimes advise that particular issues not be made public knowledge when it comes to shidduchim. Though I can't speak for each adviser, in most of these situations it is because they think they are being helpful. But who are they helping?

When a person is out on the shidduch market, every iota about them and their family is scrutinized. If any blemish,





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real or suspected, is found, they may be immediately nixed as a prospect for marriage. There are times that even those who have no flaw have been assumed to have one. So when it does happen that a single person has or is prone to a physical or mental condition, they are very often advised to keep it quiet.

One can be very sympathetic to the person who has the issue and try to keep it under wraps. But how about the person who was deceived? Where is the pity? Where are the do-gooders then?

From what you are saying, your older son did not wait until a certain number of dates had passed and then reveal his condition. He got married, while his wife assumed that he was as she thought health-wise. Upon finding out otherwise, even though he functions like any healthy person, she surely felt betrayed and shattered. And who can blame her?

I agree with your statement that years ago people did not get divorced for such reasons. In fact I am familiar with a case involving now-elderly people, where on the wedding night the young *kallah* emptied a valise filled with vials of pills. When the *chassan* inquired what those pills were for, she told him, "It's nothing; it's just for my nerves." This young man suffered greatly in the many years of their marriage when his wife was not on her meds for whatever reason. Consequently, he divorced his wife in his later years.

Dishonesty will usually be exposed eventually. People have the right to know about the person with whom they are vowing to spend the rest of their lives and produce future generations.

Whether your older son's wife divorced him because she was deceived or perhaps she saw something that she could not deal with, the marriage ended. That she and her family are still causing you trouble, especially where it hurts your younger son, is wrong on all accounts. He has nothing to do with the matter of his older brother and should not have to suffer any penalties. And I agree that perhaps your former daughter-in-law's still-single status is contributing to this vitriolic behavior. Please reach out to halachic authorities and arrange to have those people taken to task.

Where do we go from here? Your older son is married now, baruch Hashem. His dilemma is a thing of the past. Your other son is now in line for a shidduch. Regardless of what his issues are, please do not repeat the same mistake! You and your spouse both need to accept that honesty really is the best policy—not just in other areas of life, but especially where a future marriage is concerned.

There is no need to publicize his issues. I see no reason why everybody should have knowledge of whatever he is dealing with. The last thing you need is to be the subject of gossip. However, there are *shadchanim* who specialize in dealing with those who have issues outside the mainstream.

You need to find and contact those shadchanim. I can understand that you are worried that this may become public information. However, I have found that the shadchanim who specifically deal with issues are typically sensitive and confidential. Your son might be best matched with a girl who may also be dealing with something. Shidduchim with people who have compat-

ible issues have the tendency to work out beautifully.

Since you do not disclose what the issue is, I will venture to say there might not be anyone who specifically deals with it, or if they do, perhaps not in accordance with your *hashkafah*. If that is the case, then you might still need to reach

issue you feel your son would be compatible with, and not say more than you need to? Meaning, you can indicate that you are looking for a girl with such-and-such issue, and leave it at that. It doesn't have to be the exact same thing, but one that is realistically suitable for your son.

If your son and family are not amena-

tricked. And somehow or some way, it usually comes back to haunt.

When someone is in the midst of a relationship and feelings naturally start developing, they may agree to marry the person regardless of hearing the truth. That is exactly the concept behind this theory of advisers. And that is not fair.

Perhaps you might consider a happy medium. Instead of waiting until a relationship progresses, why not have your son delicately bring it up after the first date? I am not such a big fan of that either, but it is something to consider.

There are rarely winners in cases of deception. Together with your son, please assess the important factors that are necessary for him in the search for a wife. Try to focus on those dynamics. At the same time, recognize the magnitude of negative consequences should you choose to hold back from divulging the truth. ❖

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Honesty is the best policy— especially where a future marriage is concerned.

out to the *shadchanim* you are familiar with, or those you have not yet met. I would recommend the latter option, as it is best to start fresh.

You might be taking a chance that a mainstream *shadchan* will reveal the issue while doing a search, and especially if he or she networks on your son's behalf. Why not specifically ask the *shadchan* to recommend a girl with whatever

ble to that suggestion, then I am afraid you may run into similar issues as you did with your older son should you continue searching for someone who will have no clue what she is getting into.

While it has worked for some to withhold pertinent information until the relationship progressed to whatever level they were advised, when all is said and done, the person on the other end feels



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Juggling Events

BY P. SAMUELS

I spent one evening last week apologizing. I had to go to three different events, and at each one I had to apologize for my short stay.

My sister hosted a casual evening tea to benefit a well-known tzedakah organization. I was the first one there, but I had to leave just as the socializing got started. My mechutanim were hosting a sheva berachos for their newly married son, and my husband came to pick me up. As soon as I got to the hall where the sheva berachos was taking place, I apologized to my son's mother-inlaw that I couldn't stay until bentching, because I still had a wedding to attend.

My close friend's grandson was getting married in a hall a half-hour's drive from my house. My husband did not want to set out at 11 p.m., so we left the *sheva berachos* at 10:15. At the *sheva berachos* I happened to be sitting

with great company, and I was reluctant to leave in the middle of a heated discussion, but duty called.

I was out all evening, but I cannot say that I was able to enjoy myself much in any one place. Before I left the house, I was also faced with a quandary, which only another woman would understand. What does one wear on such an evening: too dressy for a tea, or too casual for a sheva berachos?

My first major juggling event occurred many years ago, when my daughter's high-school graduation took place at the exact same time as my youngest son's *Chumash seudah*. Luckily for me, they took place two blocks apart. The graduation was a women-only event, so my husband was excused. I found myself shuttling between the two venues, and I probably did miss a (boring) speech or two.

Now that I am b'H a grand-mother, I find that juggling events is more complicated. I have a few little granddaughters finishing pre-1A this year, and two eighth-graders, all in different schools. When June comes around iy'H, I'll find myself juggling other obligations with attending their graduations. I'd rather be out more mornings, and

the picture, we get invited to their simchos as well as to our family's and friends' affairs. Those among us who are organized enough to keep an event calendar will note right away when two invitations cause some sort of conflict. The rest of us are subject to occasional surprises, not all of them pleasant. "What? Your sister Chana's daughter is get-

luncheons the same afternoon. One is honoring your landlady, one organization was founded by your son-inlaw's grandmother, and the third one, in a hall all the way across town, is the pet tzedakah of your husband's boss. Throw a PTA meeting in your daughter's school into the mix, and you have your day all "planned" for you.

"What? Your sister's daughter is getting married on the same night as my nephew's bar mitzvah?"

give each einikel the attention she merits than have to decide which of the girls to disappoint.

Many of you, dear readers, can identify with this dilemma. B'H our families are growing, and so are our social obligations. As we marry off our children and new mechutanim come into

ting married on the same night as my nephew Yossi's bar mitzvah?" If both affairs are in the same town, it's still manageable, though be prepared not to enjoy either one. When one is in Monsey and the other in Williamsburg, the "fun" really begins.

There is no one correct way to deal with this juggling. Each case is unique, and family dynamics play a big role in how you decide which simcha to attend and which you will reluctantly have to miss. If the bar mitzvah boy is an only child and the girl getting married has two younger sisters, your decision is probably clearcut. Also consider whether there is another venue where you can wish the family mazel tov, such as a Kiddush in the case of the bar mitzvah, or perhaps a sheva berachos for the kallah.

Many years ago, when my sister was getting married and our first cousin was a chassan, our grandmother, a'h, did not want two cousins to get married in the same month. Now, with bli ayin ha'ra so many more simchos, it's almost inevitable that someone close will have a conflict. My friend's brother is marrying off a child in Monsey the same night as her husband's sister is marrying off in Boro Park. I asked her what she's planning to do. She will probably go to the wedding in Monsey, and her husband will travel to Boro Park. Her children, who are cousins to both wedding parties, will either decide among themselves who will attend which wedding, or they will share a car and spend half the night on the road.

Simchos are not the only times we find ourselves doing the juggling act. Sometimes we are obligated to attend several tzedakah

Like everything in life, you could look at the juggling dilemma positively or in a negative light. One relative has her own original solution to two simchos in one night. She'll go to one early, way before the chuppah, and explain that she has to leave to attend another wedding. She'll then go to the other wedding and make sure to say that her cousin is also getting married that night, implying that she still has to go there. She then goes home and gets into bed with a good book, which is her idea of the best way to spend the night.

Most of us, though, do enjoy a night out, getting dressed up, and meeting relatives and friends. Having more than one obligation a night can get complicated. On the other hand, it has its advantages. If you need to hire a babysitter, having one night out, instead of two or three, cuts the expense and the hassle of finding that perfect someone to watch your children. It also means that the other nights you are available to give your children the quality time they need and to catch up on whatever work you neglected when you had to be out of the house.

Don't ever complain about having to go to a simcha. Think of your neighbor who is laid up at home, or your cousin who nebach spent the last three months in and out of the hospital. They would love to have your "problem" of deciding if you can manage to be in more than one place in one evening, or if you should skip one affair. Thank Hashem for enabling vou to attend simchos in good health and for orchestrating the events that you are celebrating.

Im yirtzah Hashem by eich alle oif simchos gezunterheit. ❖



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real estate & mortgage financing By Anessa V. Cohen

Shabbos In The Park

It is not unusual for prospective buyers to discuss with each other and their friends the various attributes of houses they have seen on the market. groups of would-be buyers all looking to buy at the same time, in the same neighborhood, near the same shuls and schools—and all comparing the houses they are looking at for

park have bought homes and probably have been living here for a long time. Now they're watching the new young couples coming into the Five Towns looking for the perfect house, and they nostalgically think back to the days when they were looking for their first house and wish them all well.

Today there are other groups of young couples who meet in the parks on Shabbos, wherever they live, and still discuss the different houses available for sale in the Five Towns. Alas, for them the inventory today is much smaller than it was years ago,

thing new will come on the market soon, or else there will not be enough houses for their friends to find and move here as well—and maybe they will be right.

Although, somehow, no matter how many new buyers come looking each year for that perfect house for themselves, eventually everyone finds a house that works for them, even if it takes more time—and definitely more money—than in years

Maybe that will be the new Shabbos discussion in the parks—this time in the Five Towns parks—where all the couples will sit and discuss who had the most difficult time finding a house in the Five Towns! ❖

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They're all looking to buy at the same time, in the same neighborhood.

I remember, years ago, large groups of couples from Forest Hills started looking for homes in the Five Towns. Every Sunday, when I would take buyers to show them houses, I would hear variations of "My friends told me all about this house yesterday during Shabbos in the park; I knew it sounded like just what I was looking for!" Or, "My friends were discussing this house yesterday and they said it was awful and we shouldn't even look at it!"

It got to a point that each week when I would meet prospective buyers from Forest Hills, I would first have to take a deep breath. Then, before I could go any further, I'd try to get a handle on which houses were discussed that Shabbos in the park, and what the Shabbos-in-thepark reviews were on those particular houses

Needless to say, this became daunting when I was trying to sell houses to couples with a variety of tastes and budgets, since if they heard the house bashed in the park on Shabbos, they did not want to see it for themselves, because their friends already said they did not like it. On the other hand, when their friends said a house was nice, all of them wanted to see the house discussed in the park that week—even if they could not afford the house that was the topic of conversation.

This also became very interesting when I would unknowingly show a couple a specific house that their friends might have seen with another broker and liked, and I would then hear: "This house is great, but I think my friend so-and-so is interested in this house and I cannot bid against her. Can you find out if she actually bid on this house so I am not bidding against her?"

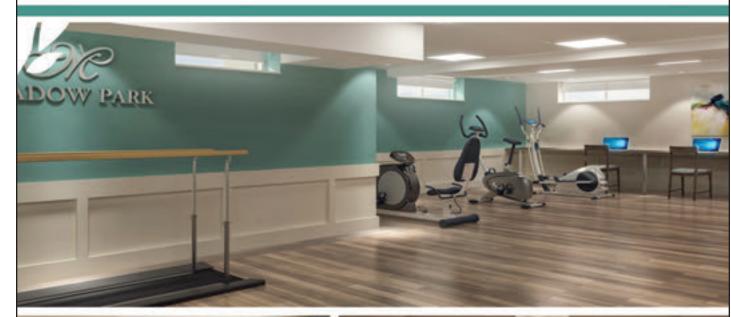
Go explain to this girl that there is no public running list itemizing who has bid for which house for the convenience of those inclined to go through the list of bidders to check if any friends of theirs are interested in any of the houses they are interested in!

I have come to believe that this is a conundrum unique to an Orthodox area; where else would you have purchase with each other in the park on Shabbos?

The years have passed, and most, if not all, of those couples in the

so rather than comparing the houses and which one is better, I guess they simply discuss which houses are available for sale. They hope some-









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Ohel Breaks New Ground In Confronting Stigma

1,100 Guests Inspired at 47th Annual Gala. A capacity crowd of 1,100 Ohel friends, supporters, and family members packed the grand ballroom of New

York's Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square on Sunday, November 20, to mark Ohel's 47th annual gala, themed "If Ohel's Walls Could Talk."



Ohel gala honoree Jack Jaffa (center) receiving his award from (L–R) Councilman David Greenfield and Ohel presidium members Elly Kleinman, Irving Langer, Moishe Hellman, Mel Zachter, Jay Kestenbaum, David Brecher, and Sonny Ganger



Charles Schwartzapfel, Moishe Hellman, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Ari Jungreis, NYS Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz, NYC Councilman Rory Lancman, and David Mandel

Ohel's new feature film, A Life Worth Living, addressed a vital issue that until recently has been cloaked in stigma—suicide in the community. This moving film of the Roth family's personal struggle to help their son Jonathan, and their courage in speaking publicly in order to



L-R: Ohel gala honorees Joe Rubin of RDC and architect Charles Schwartzapfel

help others, drew a standing ovation. Mayor Bill de Blasio, who attended and viewed the film along with the guests, commended Dr. and Mrs. Roth and Ohel for confronting this important community issue.

Ohel also celebrated the steady progress on its new 100,000-square-foot Jaffa Family Campus, scheduled to open in 2017. This new building

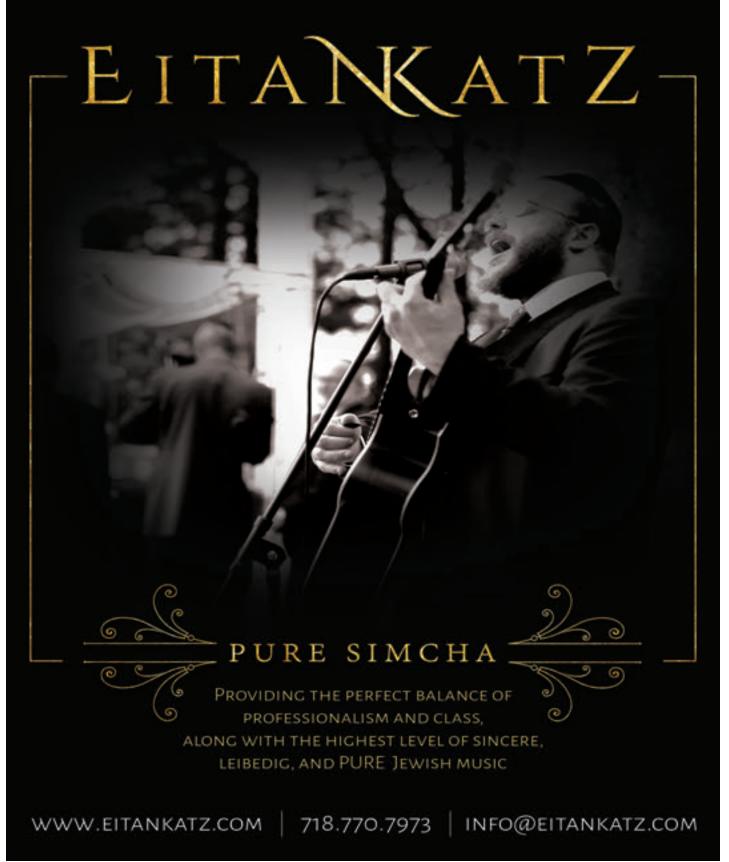
Harvey Kaylie established a \$1 million match.

in the heart of Flatbush will enable Ohel to meet the ever-increasing diversity of needs in the community.

Ohel's co-presidents, Moishe Hellman and Mel Zachter, thanked the Jaffa Family Campus builders, including the Jaffa family, Rubin Development and Construction (RDC), registered architect Charles Schwartzapfel, and Chani and Mendy Schreiber of AirMark. Representing the Jaffa Family Foundation, Jack Jaffa spoke movingly about his passion in "investing not just in a building but in the community."

Harvey Kaylie, an esteemed friend and Ohel benefactor, felt investing in community is so important that he established the Harvey Kaylie \$1 million match. Mr. Kaylie will match all contributions, up to \$1 million, toward the Jaffa Family Campus.

The gala provided a wonderful opportunity to fondly remember Rabbi Harry and Dr. Elizabeth Rieder, Ohel vice-president and longtime board member. In their memory, their daughters Annette





Rubin and Julie Pinczower dedicated the Rieder Mental Health Services Center. The Rieders were visionary advocates for members of our community with psychiatric and mental-health challenges who believed that every voice deserves to be heard. The Rieder Center will have a prominent place in Ohel's new Jaffa Family Campus.

Mr. Bert and Mrs. Renee Gross and Mrs. Rose Pollak received the Parents Lifetime Advocacy Award for their four decades of tireless efforts on behalf of individuals with psychiatric disabilities. Together with Ohel, they helped develop Ohel's first residential facility for adults with psychiatric disabilities, creating a unique home of warmth and care. They broke barriers of stigma, forging a more inclusive community where people of all abilities can thrive.

Ohel extends profound thanks to all who attended the gala and contributed to the evening's success. While Ohel serves the community, it is the community that supports Ohel, and in working together, the community is strengthened.

Video presentations shown at the gala, as well as videos of the event, can be viewed at *ohelfamily.org/galavideos*. To support Ohel's important work transforming the lives of children and families, please visit www.ohelfamily.org/donate or call 718-972-9338.

Team Ohel Keeps on Running at TCS NYC Marathon. Sunday, November 6, was a bright, brisk fall day that presented people with two choices: to cozy up with hot chocolate and warm sweaters or try and conquer the TCS New York City Marathon. Among those intrepid enough to opt for the latter were a dozen dedicated and inspirational runners of Team Ohel. They run not for glory, but to help raise funds and awareness for Ohel Children's Home and Family Services.

The race began on Staten Island and weaved through all five boroughs of New York, ending in Central Park. Throughout the race, New Yorkers cheered more than 51,000 runners as they made their way around the city, with music and with signs exhorting the runners to finish the world's largest mar-

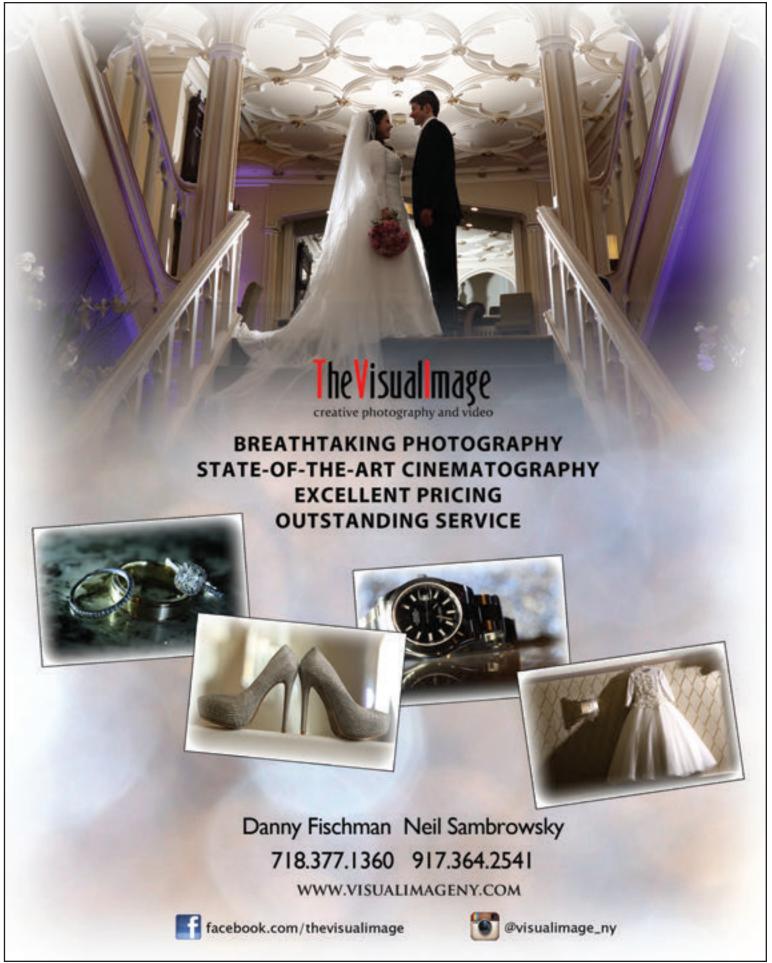
athon. Team Ohel had some especially talented runners this year, including Solly Ellman (3:27), Yoni Hook (3:43), and Alan Klein (4:07), running impressive times.

Team Ohel had a special cheering section near mile 6 in Brooklyn, waving flags, high-fiving the runners, and giving them a boost of energy as they made their way to the finish line. Ohel runners

come from all over—New Jersey, New York, Long Island, and Canada—and they all have personal stories inspiring them to run, whether it is for health, social, or charitable reasons. Special thanks to Coach David Roher, the Team Ohel trainer and real-life Iron Man. Says Roher, "Running the full 26.2 miles in my full Iron

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Man costume allowed me to interact with all kinds of people, especially children. Seeing their happiness reminded every step why I support Ohel."

Team Ohel would just be a brand name without the continued help of its many supporters. "We are very appreciative of all of our runners' significant fundraising efforts that benefit children and adults with disabilities, foster children, and [those] in domestic-violence shelters," said Meital Cafri, event coordinator for Ohel. Cafri adds, "The continued support for Team Ohel is essential to providing life-changing services to those in need." Ohel's generous fundraisers were led by Alan Klein, Jeremy Lavitt, and Yoni Hook.

Ohel has collaborated with the TCS New York City Marathon since 2009 and started running with the United Airlines New York City Half-Marathon last year. Up next for Team Ohel are the New York Five Boro Bike Tour on May 1, the Ohel Xtreme Challenge on May 15, and the NYC Triathlon on July 16. If you're interested in joining Team Ohel as a runner, biker, or fundraising supporter, please contact Meital Cafri at 718-686-3217 or meital_cafri@ohelfamily.org. Can't wait for you to join the

Shabbos Hatzolah: Showing Hakaras HaTov To Hatzolah Of Queens

BY LOREY FRIEDMAN & THE QUEENS JEWISH LINK

The area is vast, and stretches miles upon miles; the job is enormous. Whether it's in Astoria, Briarwood, Flushing, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Jamaica Estates, Hillcrest, Holliswood, Great Neck, Rego Park, or Richmond Hills, Hatzolah of Queens is there for you. No call is deemed too big or too small. Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, working or non-working, educated or not educated, Hatzolah can be counted on.

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who are there for us 24/7, 365 days a year, ready to drop everything they are doing in order to save our lives.

Just as we can't take life for granted, we can't take Hatzolah for granted.

shuls in Queens, to remember and show gratitude to the organization composed of our neighbors and friends

The average response rate to a Hatzolah call is less than 2-3 minutes, with most calls being answered in just 60 seconds. They are unfailing. Now is our chance, opportunity not to mention responsibility—to be there for them by making a donation so that they can continue to serve our communities with the utmost of care.

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newest, best medical equipment possible. Each ambulance is also filled with the best, most current medications and supplies. All this is prohibitively expensive: The operating budget

for a year alone for Hatzolah is over \$1 million. The difference between the best supplies and mediocre or "OK" supplies is the difference between life and death. Hatzolah averages between 20 and 30 calls a day—well over 7,000 calls a year-and this is a low estimate! They don't waste a second. They





don't waste a dollar. Hatzolah also doesn't spare anything to bring us the best equipment possible. But our Hatzolah can't do it alone. They need our help. We need to partner with them so that they can continue to be there for us with quality care. They need you!

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What Hatzolah has achieved is nothing short of a miracle. Just as we can't take life for granted, we can't take Hatzolah of Queens for granted either. We must give them what they need because it's what we need. We are so grateful for their devotion.

The community thanks Queens Hatzolah and all those involved. They serve us; they are here for us. Now they need our support. ❖

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The United Nations Salutes ZAKA

In a festive ceremony hosted by RabbiArthurSchneierand the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan on Thursday, December 1, that was held to mark the consultative status recently awarded to ZAKA by the United Nations, outgoing United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Samantha Power, and Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon saluted the Israel-based international volunteer humanitarian organization for its search-and-rescue missions at mass-casualty incidents around the world.

ZAKA chairman and founder Yehuda Meshi-Zahav presented ZAKA Shield of Humanity awards to the Secretary-General Ban, Ambassador Power, and Ambassador Danon in recognition and gratitude for their tireless efforts in helping ZAKA receive consultative status as an official body at the UN. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Rabbi Schneier, senior rabbi of the Park East Synagogue and president and founder of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, who hosted the evening in his Manhattan synagogue.

In January 2016, ZAKA was granted consultative status as an official body at the UN, one of only three Israeli NGOs to receive this status. This status came after a four-year diplomatic struggle spearheaded by Ambassador



Power and Ambassador Danon, when committee finally acknowledged that ZAKA operates wherever and whenever help is needed, regardless of religion, race, creed, or gender. In 2005, ZAKA was recognized by the UN as an international humanitarian volunteer organization.

Secretary-General Ban stated, "ZAKA has shown through partnerships with Palestinians the great value of people-to-people activities in bringing people together even at times of sharp disagreements." The secretary-general noted that ZAKA's "commitment to treating all victims, regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity, also sends a powerful message. The United Nations is pleased to have you as a partner in our humanitarian operations and in

our wider efforts to reduce disaster risk and improve disaster preparedness."

In an emotional speech that referred to the anti-Israel bias at the UN, Ambassador Power recounted how ZAKA was denied accreditation "for one reason, and that is because ZAKA is an Israeli organization. . . . We resolved we were going to fight for ZAKA, together with our partners at the Israeli mission. . . . And we just said to folks: 'Look at the facts. Look at what ZAKA does. Tell us what there is to oppose.' What was amazing is almost nobody who opposed ZAKA's membership was even a little bit familiar with what ZAKA did. It was

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just reflexive. And after all of that, in January of this year, ZAKA was finally accredited—as it should have been long ago."

The ambassador concluded her remarks with a reflection on a previous conversation with Yehuda Meshi-Zahav: "He said, 'Everyone is made in the image of G-d. So it does not matter to us someone's religion or gender or race when they need help. We save anyone who needs to be saved, and honor all people equally.' I can think of few more profound ways to define the mission not only of humanitarians, but of anyone who believes in the principles of equality, human rights, and dignity that the UN was created to uphold."

Ambassador Danny Danon said, "No organization better represents the ideals of the UN than ZAKA, but time after time ZAKA was rejected at the UN. There was one reason, and one reason only. ZAKA was rejected because this

dedicated group of life-saving searchand-rescue professionals is from the Jewish state, operating in the name of Jewish values. . . . We told them this is not about politics; this is about saving lives. We won by standing up for the truth and staying strong to our values."

Rabbi Schneier said, "It is such an honor for me to host ZAKA and the UN representatives and to receive the ZAKA Shield of Humanity."

Mr. Meshi-Zahav said, "For ZAKA to receive consultative status as an official body at the UN leverages our ability to operate in humanitarian search-and-rescue missions around the world. To date, we have trained 34 ZAKA International rescue units in communities around the world, and we will continue to offer assistance in mass-casualty incidents and terror attacks, whenever and wherever we are needed. We are indebted to the tireless efforts of Ambassador Power and Ambassador Danon in ensuring this recognition. They are truly partners with ZAKA in this holy work."

Also attending the event, which attracted over 300 invited guests, were Rabbi Tzvi Gluck, head of ZAKA America; ZAKA International Rescue Unit COO Mati Goldstein; and ZAKA International director David Rose.

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Founded in 1995 by Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, ZAKA is Israel's premier non-governmental search, rescue, and recovery organization, with nearly "disaster victim identification") has expanded to offer a wide range of specialized lifesaving, search-and-rescue, and recovery units.

The Jerusalem-based ZAKA International Rescue Unit operates hundreds of specially trained paramedics and search-and-rescue volunteers around the world, ready to respond swiftly and professionally to major international mass-casualty incidents. Under

"This is not about politics; this is about saving lives."

4,000 volunteers deployed around the country, on call 24/7 to respond to any terror attack, disaster, or accident immediately, professionally, and with the necessary equipment. The organization, which began primarily to deal with matters related to honoring the dead (ZAKA is a Hebrew acronym for

the direction of chief operations officer Mati Goldstein, the ZAKA International Rescue Unit works in close cooperation with Israel's Foreign Ministry, the IDF, and other government bodies, as well as the relevant emergency forces overseas.

Recent missions for the ZAKA International Rescue Unit include the Chabad House terror attack in Mumbai, India, in 2008; the 2010 earthquake in Haiti; floods in Thailand and the tsunami and earthquake in Japan in 2011; Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; Paris terror attacks, the Germanwings plane crash, and France and Nepal earthquakes; and a terror attack in Istanbul.

In addition to receiving consultative status as an official body at the UN in January 2016, ZAKA also received recognition in September 2016 from INSARAG, under the UN umbrella, for the content of the weeklong ZAKA light-search-and-rescue training course. This was the first time that INSARAG recognized a volunteer organization that is not restricted to one member state. Training under the INSARAG umbrella recently took place in Mexico City, with 45 volunteers from all sectors of Mexican Jewish life. And last month, ZAKA participated in a NATO international search, rescue, and recovery exercise in Montenegro with participants from 27

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שפה משותפת Our Common Language

BY GAVRIEL ARYEH SANDERS

Three R's For Hebrew Learning

The "three R's" refers to the most fundamental skills to be acquired in a basic education: *Reading, wRiting,* and *aRithmetic.* For the linguistic archaeologists among our readers, the origin of the phrase has been attributed to a speech given in England in 1795 by Parliament member Sir William Curtis at a Board of Education dinner.

More recently, the 3 R's have been applied to differing subjects, such as the hot topic of sustainability (reduce, reuse, recycle). Advocates for ethical treatment of animals in product and medical testing speak of "replacement, reduction, and refinement."

When it comes to acquiring Hebrew as a meaningful second language, I have my own set of three R's: Repetition, Relevance, and Recreation. We spoke of *repetition* in the previous column, specifically about building your own system of guided review. (If you missed it, it's available in the archives at 5TJT.com.) The new digital tools available to today's language learners render traditional (i.e., boring, painful) rote repetition unnecessary.

On a personal note, I'm using a new app I recently purchased for 99 cents to master a list of 1,000 high-frequency Spanish words. I review through several grouping options, including putting a digital

star on just the ones I wish to focus on presently. The Quizlet.com review tool we described in the last column lets you build your own custom lists. (Quizlet supports dozens of languages, including American Sign Language.)

Repetition implies that you have sufficient recurring exposures for the target or subject-specific vocabulary takes on increased relevance. Parenthetically, those two categories of language competency are set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Whether you are a language teacher or language learner, it's worthwhile to examine specifically how the ACTFL guidelines can help you "find yourself" or your students in relation to the fourfold skillset of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Those four arenas are rarely evenly distributed in a language learner's aptitude. One person may understand much of what is spoken, but not be able to sus-

off your eardrums. That's an indication of a need for relevant subject-specific study.

OK. Problem noted. What's the solution? A painstaking crawl through the Alcalay, Even-Shoshan, or Megiddo Hebrew dictionaries? Not at all.

Part of my role as a מדריך לרכישת השפה (guide to acquiring Hebrew) is to identify and showcase pertinent resources. So here's your next language-learning purchase: English Hebrew by Subject: Topic Dictionary for Learning and Reference, compiled by Hanna G. Peretz and published in Israel by Joel Yaron Publishing (2009).

I've not seen anything comparable to this unique bilingual dictionary. It features over 10,000 terms categorized by 41 highly useful subject chapters, including Tourism & Transport, Computing, Sport, Education, Clothing, Food, Health, Art, Environment, Family & Identity, Economy, House & Real Estate, Universe (Environment, Sky & Space, Earth-related), Weather, Animals, Music, Politics, Army, Sciences, Literature, Life Cycle, Math, and more. It comes with a 12-hour audio CD to help you pronounce the terms correctly. The audio content alone is invaluable. The website offers several other noteworthy features, including a sample chapter of the dictionary, sample audio, and the complete table of contents, which you can explore for yourself at engheb.com.

Teaching Ivrit? Learning Ivrit? Thinking aliyah? Communicating with Israeli family, friends, colleagues, or customers b'Ivrit? When you perceive the worth of this dictionary, you'll wonder how you've

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Hebrew was the channel through which I experienced the emergence of my Jewish soul.

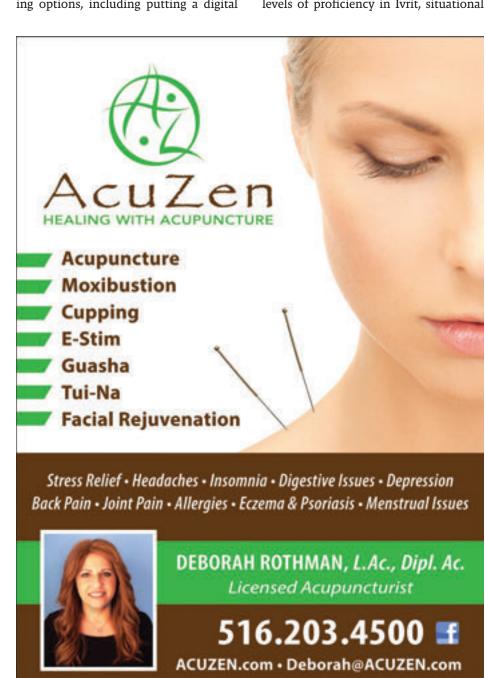
language to become increasingly familiar to your ear and more easily recognizable to your memory.

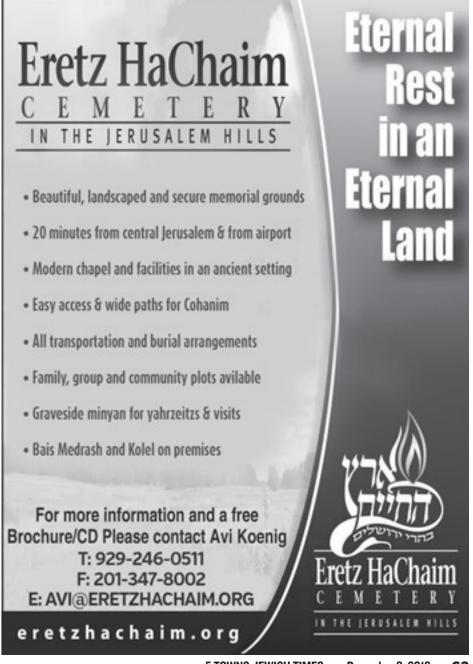
Relevance means that the language you are learning has present and future value. One dictionary defines relevance as "important to the matter at hand." If your interests are in being able to read and enjoy the work of a particular author or songwriter, why would you expend time learning vocabulary relating to auto repair or shopping for knitting supplies?

However, as a person moves into high-intermediate and low-advanced levels of proficiency in Ivrit, situational

tain a conversation. Another person may show propensity for reading over listening comprehension. When it comes to writing, non-native Hebrew speakers are challenged when it comes to accuracy in spelling and precision in syntax and cohesion.

Let's suppose, then, that you can hold your own in everyday conversations in Ivrit, but if you listen to the news from Kol Yisrael, government, political, finance, and journalistic topics—even the commercials—are lost on you. Maybe you can sort out the weather report at the end of the news, but the main items slide





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managed without it. I signed up for occasional updates from the website. Upon registration, they sent me two very beneficial vocabulary sheets on the subject of debating.

These are no mere word lists. They are highly relevant and organized for retention. For example, nestled among the adjectives, I noted a number of easy-to-remember loan words that have crept into Hebrew from English: רציונלי, אירציונלי, אירציונלי, אובייקטיבי, סובייקטיבי, אבסירד אמוציונלי, אובייקטיבי, סובייקטיבי, אבסירד (rational, irrational, emotional, objective, subjective, absurd).

Among the Hebrew learning resources showcased in this column, the English Hebrew by Subject dictionary is at the top of my list for intermediate and advancedlevel speakers. It opens up so much vital vocabulary and puts the learner on a definitive trajectory towards functional fluency. The absorption of the new content items won't happen overnight. But even a modicum of structured review will reinforce internalization and preservation over time. (Reviewing the 12-hour audio CD for 10 minutes a day, six days a week will produce superior results over listening once a week or once a month to a larger block of content.)

My final "R" in Hebrew learning is *recreation*. I use the term in two senses. First, language learning should be fun. When we love learning something, it's easy and we desire more. If we dislike learning something, it's distasteful and the effort to engage in it provokes our flight response. Today there is a profu-

sion of online and real-time options for learning Hebrew "for fun and prophet" (as my webcast sessions are called). While many Hebrew learning sites and videos are free, it can be well worth your time to invest in an online tutor from Israel (I like to recommend *UlpanOr.com* since I use their media-rich content in my high-school classes.)

The second sense of recreation requires a hyphen: *re-creation*. A second language, particularly Ivrit, contributes to us becoming more than we were without it, which is so vital to accessing spiritual portals of insight leading to character renovation. The *Gemara* informs us that Hashem created the universe from the Hebrew letters (*Berachot* 55a commenting on *Sh'mot* 35:31). Rabbi Mordechai Kraft describes the אותיות (letters) as the DNA of creation.

Hebrew was the intellectual, linguistic, and affective channel through which I experienced the emergence of my Jewish soul. In pursuing higher levels of understanding and fluency in Ivrit, the three strands of repetition, relevance, and recreation/re-creation energize and inspire my daily efforts. It's my deepest hope that your own Hebrew-language journey will be enriched through the resources and concepts we explore in this column.

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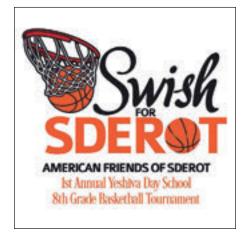
Swish For Sderot 2016: A Win-Win For All

The mega grand finale of the 2016 Swish for Sderot Yeshiva Day School Basketball Tournament took place on Sunday, December 4, at SAR Academy in Riverdale. The event—an exciting boys' basketball tournament that 16 yeshiva day schools played in—was the culmination of a month-long program to raise awareness and funds for the community and hesder yeshiva of Sderot.

Games were played at school gyms in New York and New Jersey, from Long Beach to New City, Brooklyn to Edison, Great Neck to Deal, Kew Gardens Hills to Mamaroneck; over 200 players participated in what is expected to become an annual event. Twenty-four games were played throughout the five weeks of the tournament, and there was great basketball as well as successful fundraising campaigns by all the schools.

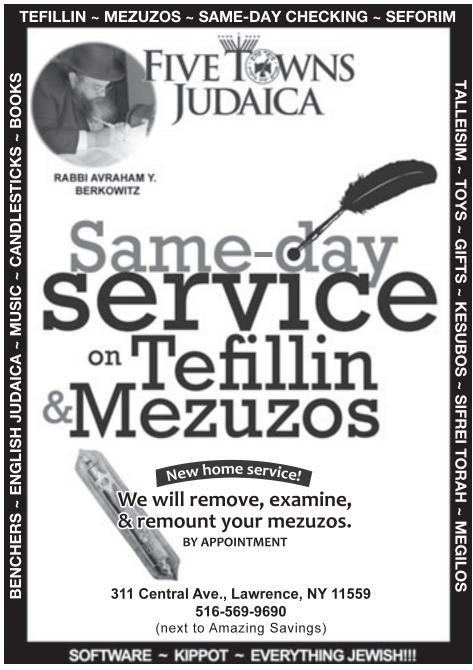
Participating schools included ASHAR (New City); HAFTR (Lawrence); HALB (Long Beach); HANC (Uniondale); Hillel Yeshiva (Deal); JEC (Elizabeth); Magen David Yeshivah (Brooklyn); Manhattan Day School; North Shore Hebrew Academy (Great Neck); RPRY (Edison); SAR Academy (Riverdale); Westchester Day School (Mamaroneck); YCQ (Flushing); Yeshivah of Flatbush (Brooklyn); Yeshiva Derech HaTorah (Brooklyn); and Yeshiva Har Torah (Queens).

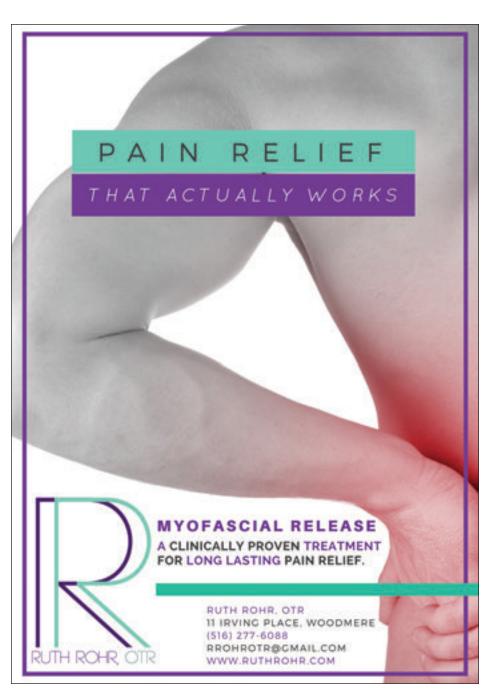
During the weeks of the tournament, students, parents, and the administrations of each of the partic-



ipating schools had the opportunity to learn about Sderot, a city in southern Israel one mile from the Gaza border. Materials and a video were provided to the schools to help educate everyone. Each of the participating schools was presented with a Sderot mezuzah cover made of fragments of rockets shot down by the Iron Dome missile-defense system as a gift for their participation in the Swish for Sderot tournament.

Judah Rhine, director of American Friends of Sderot, visited several schools and spoke to the students about Sderot. In addition, during halftime of all the tournament games, Mr. Rhine gave an overview of the goals of the tournament—to combine raising awareness and funds for Sderot with playing in a basketball tournament.







SAR v. North Shore

He explained: "Sderot is under constant threat of attacks, 24/7. Sderot's brave determination in the face of continuous terror reveals to the world a model of outstanding courage. Despite this enormous challenge, Sderot is thriving, with a state-of-the-art train station connecting them to the rest of the country, as well as malls, restaurants, and real estate which is booming. Under the courageous leadership of its founder and rosh yeshiva, Rabbi Dov Fendel, the hesder yeshiva in Sderot is the largest in Israel, with over 500 students. With its rocket-proof dormitories, dining hall, and beautiful beit midrash, the yeshiva

provides a secure environment for its population. The yeshiva has a huge impact on the community of Sderot and provides *chizuk* and various programs for all the residents and neighbors. New construction and exciting building initiatives are under way to grow and expand the city of Sderot."

On Sunday of the grand finale, the hallways of SAR leading to the gyms were decorated with beautiful posters from Sderot depicting scenes from the hesder yeshiva, the campus, beit midrash, the city, and the chayalim who were stationed there during the recent war in Gaza. On the screen in the lobby,



SAR principal Rabbi Bini Krauss presented with a Sderot mezuzah cover by AFS director Judah Rhine

a video played throughout the day, giving a flavor of life in Sderot. This set the stage to create an atmosphere of *achdus* between our communities and the community of Sderot.

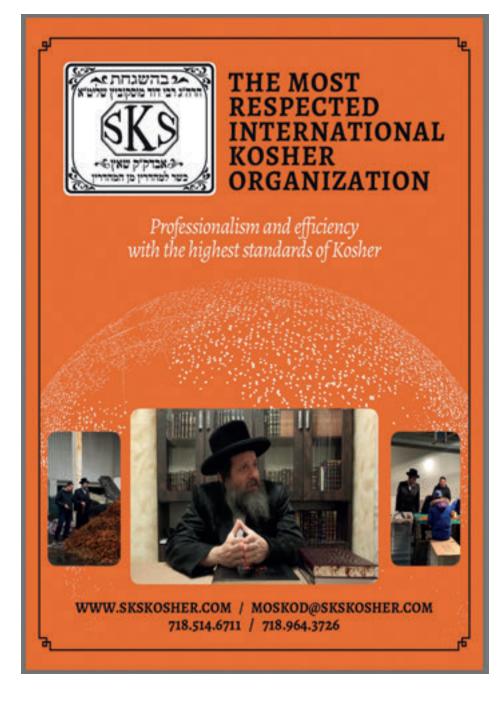
At the grand finale, a tabletop Sderot menorah (valued at \$1,800) made from Kassam rockets was raffled off at half-time of the championship game. This menorah is a replica of the menorah that stands on the rooftop of the hesder yeshiva in Sderot. On Chanukah, the flames of the menorah atop the yeshiva shine brightly from its high vantage point and can be seen for miles. The Warshaw family from Queens was the lucky raffle winner. In addition, a large

Sderot *mezuzah* cover made from fragments of the Iron Dome (valued at \$360) was also raffled off; the winner was the Hirsh family from Woodmere.

The grand finale provided an opportunity for all the participating teams to join forces for this important cause. All the players received Swish for Sderot *kippot*, which they wore proudly throughout the day.

The matchups for the grand finale were based primarily on the results of the first two rounds of the tournament. Special attention was also given to allow teams to play games against

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other teams that they would not normally play during their regular season.

Throughout the day, hundreds of fans came to cheer on their sons, grandsons, nephews, brothers, friends, and students, while offering support for the American Friends of Sderot and its mis-

Game Summary

Game 1 of the grand finale featured the Yeshiva Derech HaTorah Hornets vs. the YCO Wildcats. This was a backand-forth battle for most of the game, with YDH seizing control in the middle of the fourth quarter. In the end, YDH held on for a thrilling 49-47 victory.

Game 2 featured the Magen David Yeshiva Warriors vs. the ASHAR Sharks. MDY took control of the game from the outset and cruised to a 69-48 victory.

Game 3 featured the HALB Lions vs. the RPRY Raiders. This game had many lead changes throughout, but ultimately HALB prevailed by 48-40.



SAR Sting, the Swish for Sderot champions

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Torah Hornets vs. the Westchester Wildcats. The game was tight throughout the first half, and at halftime the score was tied at 24. YHT pulled away in the second half and held on for a 51-42

Game 5 featured the battle of two

and the JEC Thunder. JEC raced out to an early lead and had an 11-point advantage at halftime. In the second half, HAFTR stormed back, took the lead, and prevailed with a 49-39 victory.

Game 6 featured Manhattan Day School taking on the Hebrew Academy broke out to an early lead. The HANC Hurricanes tried to make a run, but MDS secured the victory, 65-46.

Prior to Game 7, Judah Rhine took the opportunity to express hakarat ha'tov and deep appreciation to all the participating schools, including their administrators, principals, athletic directors, players, students, parents, relatives, and friends. He welcomed them as new American Friends of Sderot and thanked them all for their cooperation and support and for their continued chizuk for this worthy cause.

Game 7 of the championship featured the undefeated North Shore Hebrew Academy Lions vs. the host school, the undefeated SAR Sting. This was a classic battle between two top teams in their leagues vying for the Swish for Sderot Championship. This much-anticipated matchup was a seesaw game that produced many lead changes. North Shore took a 15-13 lead after one quarter, while SAR battled back and secured a 25-21 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, North Shore got back their game and held a 38-30 advantage after three. SAR made a furious comeback and, cheered on by their fans, defeated North Shore by the score of 48-43 and claimed the champion-

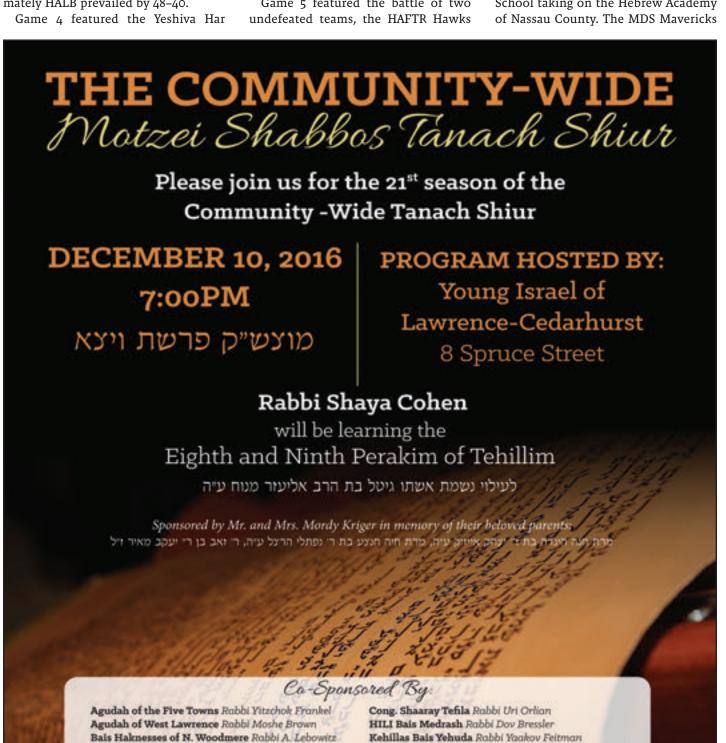
The flames of the menorah atop the yeshiva can be seen for miles.

Each participating team selected an all-star player for the tournament: Yeshiva Derech HaTorah, Menachem Shtaynberger; YCQ, Ravid Levy; ASHAR, Zevi Samet; MDY, Elliot Dweck; HALB, Jojo Vilensky; RPRY, Yehuda Reinitz; Westchester Day School, Nadiv Siegel; Yeshiva Har Torah, Jacob Ellman; HAFTR, Jamie Berger; JEC, Elazar Milstein; Manhattan Day School, Shalom Hazan; HANC, Baruch Kutner; SAR, Ely Neuwirth; and North Shore, Steven

SAR received a championship team trophy, and each member of the winning team received a trophy as well. North Shore Hebrew Academy received a second-place team trophy. The MVP trophy was awarded to Henry Mann of

In summing up this mega event, Mr. Rhine said, "This was far more than just a great basketball tournament. It also raised awareness and much-needed funds for the community and hesder yeshiva of Sderot. Plans are already under way for next season's second annual Swish for Sderot 8th-grade boys' basketball tournament, which promises to be even bigger and better."

Please continue to visit www.sderot. org/basketball for pictures and updates on all the games. For more information, contact Judah Rhine at Judah@ sderot.org or 718-650-6091. *



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YU Inaugurates Maccabees Hall Of Fame

Legendary basketball coach Bernard "Red" Sarachek, fencing coach Arthur Tauber, and wrestling coach Henry Wittenberg, along with the all-time leading women's and men's basketball scorers, are among the inaugural inductees into the Maccabees Hall of Fame, honoring Yeshiva University alumni and other individuals who have distinguished themselves in National Collegiate Athletic Association competition and who best exemplify the university's highest ideals and mission. The inaugural class induction ceremony is scheduled for May 2017.

"The establishment of the Hall of Fame is a testament to the contributions Yeshiva athletes, coaches, and others have made to the world of sports over more than a century and the reflection of Yeshiva's long and illustrious athletic history," said Joe Bednarsh, YU's athletic director. "We look forward to adding to the inductee list in years to come with individuals who best exemplify the exceptional athletic ability, personal integrity, high standards of character, and ideals and philosophy of Yeshiva University."

The honorees include the following.

Heidi Nathan Baker led the women's tennis team to a Skyline Conference championship in 1999. She went undefeated in singles for all four years that she played, 1996–99, and she was named the conference's no. 1 singles player in 1999. She also coached the women's tennis team for two years, after graduation.

Irwin Blumenreich played on the basketball team from 1954 to 1957 and served as captain in both the 1955–56 and 1956–57 seasons. He scored 513 points in one season, which stood as the most points scored in a season for decades. Other longstanding marks were for the most field goals in one season (211) and the most points in a single game (44), and he was the first Yeshiva basketball player to be elected to the All-Metropolitan team.

Daniela Epstein played on the Lady Macs YU women's basketball team from 1999 to 2003. She is the all-time leading scorer, with 1,134 career points, and is the only woman in YU history to score over 1,000 points in her career.

Yossy Gev is the all-time YU men's basketball points leader, with 1,871 points. He played on the men's basket-



ball team from 1998 to 2002, serving as captain for three years. He was also the assistant coach from 2002 to 2005. He has earned many awards, including being named a New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Division III All-Star (four times), National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III Atlantic All-District All-Star, and East Coast Athletic Conference Division III Men's Metro Basketball All-Star.

Marvin Hershkowitz was the first basketball player in YU history to score 1,000 points. In the 1949–1950 season, he led Yeshiva's scorers, with a total of 269 points. From 1954 to 1956, he served as assistant coach, and from 1956 to

1957 he was assistant athletic director. Six decades later, Hershkowitz is still ranked 23rd in team history in total points scored.

Sheldon Rokach played on the YU men's basketball team from 1962 to 1966. Accomplishments include the following: third all-time YU rebounder, with 1,020 rebounds; fifth player in YU history to score more than 1,000 points, with a total of 1,223 points; most points in one game (48); and most rebounds in one game (33).

Bernard "Red" Sarachek served as coach of the YU men's basketball team in 1942-43 and 1945-68. He coached the 1954-55 YU men's basketball team that broke every individual and team scoring record, including most wins (13), most points, most field goals, and the highest average score per game. He is credited with putting YU basketball "on the map." He also coached and mentored legendary players and coaches such as Red Holzman of the NY Knicks, Lou Carnesecca of St. John's and the Nets, and YU's own Johnny Halpert. During World War II, he coached in the military at Pearl Harbor, where his Schofield Barracks team won an armed-forces title.

Herbert Schlussel was a member of the YU basketball team during 1953–57, and he played alongside Blumenreich and Sodden. He served as captain in the 1956–1957 season. Over his four-year career, Yeshiva basketball posted an impressive 51–29 record.

Abe Sodden ranks 16th all-time in YU basketball scoring history. He played from 1952 to 1956, serving as captain during the 1955–56 season. Sodden broke the record at the time for most points in a season, with 384 points, by averaging the highest individual average per game, with 20.21 points.

Arthur Tauber served as the men's fencing coach at YU from 1949 to 1985 and athletic director from 1979 to 1985. He spent 37 years at YU, where he was a professor of health and physical education and director of health. He also coached the baseball, soccer, tennis, and cross-country teams. He earned fencing All-American status in 1941 and was inducted into NYU's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001. He received the Bronze

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Star for his U.S. military service in World War II.

Henry Wittenberg coached wrestling at YU from 1957 to 1967. Wittenberg was a two-time Olympic medalist (winning gold in 1948 in London and silver in 1952 in Helsinki, where he served as captain), and his personal wrestling career consisted of over 400 wins and only four losses. He was a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (inducted 1977), the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the CCNY Hall of Fame.

For more information, please visit *yu.edu/HOF*.

USA Karate Team Selected For World Maccabiah Games

The 2017 World Maccabiah Games USA karate team selection took place Sunday, November 20, at the HAFTR HS gym. Hosted by Dr. Alex Sternberg, co-chair of the 2017 karate effort, along with co-chair Ms. Caren Lesser of Florida, the event brought together participants from New York (including many local champions from our Five Town community), Florida, Chicago, Seattle, and Indiana, all hoping to represent the U.S. Jewish communities in the quadrennial World Maccabiah Games in Israel in July 2017.

Karate, a hotly contested sport, has been part of the games since its debut in 1977 at the 10th Maccabiah Games. The U.S. has been fielding teams ever since, with many medal winners com-



Dr. Dennis Feierman with his son Menachem

ing from our own community. As in years past, athletes were members of the local karate schools and community yeshivas.

Although the event had a local flavor being held in HAFTR HS, referees came from California, Florida, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic to officiate and guarantee that the highest international level in the sport of karate would be maintained. Gathering to help select the team were former World Karate champions and current medal winners, as well as the chief referee of the US Olympic karate organization.

With karate finally included in the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, the sport has taken on added importance. The upcoming Maccabiah Games are guaranteed to have more karate athletes for a final international event before the Olympics in 2020.

The history of the Maccabiah movement mirrors the history of anti-Semitism and discrimination faced by Jews

in 1930s Europe. Although the concept of the Games was the brainchild of Russian-born Israeli Yosef Yekitieli, who was inspired by the 1912 Olympic Games, the Jewish movement gained added urgency with the rise of anti-Jewish laws enacted by hostile governments that excluded Jews from participating in professional organizations, and Jewish athletes from participation in sport events.

To maintain a competitive edge, Jewish athletes organized events of their own. The Maccabiah became an organized Jewish sport event with the first Games held in Tel Aviv in 1932. That initial event saw 390 athletes traveling from 18 countries. Skipping rapidly ahead to the 2013 19th Games, the number of participants rose to 9,000 athletes from over 50 countries. All indications are that the 20th Games in 2017 will have even greater participation. The U.S. team alone is expected to reach over 1,200 athletes, coaches, doctors, and managers.

The Games are organized by the Maccabi World Union and are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and World Federation of Sports. The Maccabiah Games, ranking among the five largest sports gatherings in the world (in number of participants), are considered regional games by the International Olympic Committee. In the United States, the Maccabiah team has grown to the largest multisport delegation, second only to the U.S. Olympic team.

Far more than only a sporting event, the Maccabiah Games are designed to encourage Jewish youngsters to discover their ethnic heritage and to familiarize themselves with the State of Israel. For each participant, the Maccabiah Games are "two weeks to experience and a lifetime to remember." For many athletes, the Maccabiah is the first significant connection to the State of Israel and Judaism itself. For the young Open Division athlete, generally 16 to 23 years old and immersed in the machinations of high-level competition, connection with Jewish contemporaries from the far reaches of the world in the land of Jewish roots inspires an awakening of heritage.

Despite the inspirational atmosphere of fellowship and community, the sports events in Israel are vigorously contested in accordance with elite international rules of competition.

Alex Sternberg began to organize the inclusion of karate into the Games over 40 years ago. As the coach of the USA National Karate Team and later as a referee and chief referee of the USA Olympic karate effort, he participated in each national championship, held every year in some part of the U.S. This naturally gave him the opportunity to meet and see the elite Jewish karate athletes who participated at the highest levels of this sport.

Over the years traveling with the teams to Israel, Sternberg personally saw the impact of being in Israel at the Games on the Jewish identity of many young athletes who came from a diverse background often devoid of

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Jewish identification. Sternberg saw the importance of being involved in this endeavor, which is far more than just bringing athletes to a competition. Just as better-known programs such as "Birthright," the Maccabiah movement is unique for bringing many Jewish athletes to Israel and to a closer identification with Judaism. It is a worthy tzedakah deserving of support in the Orthodox community and should not be dismissed as "just taking athletes to compete."

The recent team trial held at HAFTR boasted perhaps the greatest number of Orthodox youngsters vying to get a berth on the team. Unique to this team will be the presence of Dr. Dennis Feierman, a local physician who made the team along with his son Menachem. While Dr. Feierman will compete in the master's division, Menachem will be a member of the junior team. This may be the first time in Maccabiah history that a father and son were on the same sport team at the same time.

The team will now have seven months to train and get ready for what promises to be a spirited, high-level competition against the best Jewish karate athletes in the world.

The team trials were sponsored by Maidenbaum and Sternberg, LLP.

The recommended Maccabi USA Karate Team for junior girls is Emalie Belokon, Eliana Zieserl, Arielle Bledsoe, Rachel Ginsberg, and Rina Poran. Junior boys recommendations are Coby Madenberg, Jason Upcroft, Menachem Feierman, Evan Fink, Matthew Odinsky, and Dylan Saltzman. Women's open recommendations are Danielle Azoulay, Aliza Abramson, Rebecca Obstfeld, and Meira Shapiro. Men's open recommendations are James Stahl, Yakubmier Boruhkov, Amit Ziv, and Yonatan Schultz. Master's recommendations are Warren Levi, Daniel Sobelman, Dennis Feierman, and Jack Pressman.

Game Night X, December 11

Game Night @ YINW (Giants vs. Cowboys) is gearing up for its 10th annual event. After nine years of unbe-



At halftime, the TV goes dark and someone speaks about Game Night's chosen cause

lievable growth and memories, Game Night X is poised to be an emotional night. "What people don't know," Jordan Hiller, Game Night's founder and organizer, said, "is that we didn't add a charity element until our second go-round." The original plan was to just have people come together to watch football and hear an inspirational message at halftime. The sports memorabilia raffle for a cause was thrown in as an afterthought to add some substance. Then it became the essence."

And what began as a five-item raffle raising \$1,200 for Kulanu in 2008 has grown into a 30-item behemoth of incredible prizes. Over the past nine events, Game Night has raised over \$85,000 for charities including Tomchei Shabbos, Gift of Life, the JCC food pantry, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, and many more. The halftime speakers have also been varied and eclectic. While there have been noted personalities such as Charlie Harary and Ben Brafman addressing the crowd, most years the speakers are people from the community who have been assisted by the charities. "When someone personally affected by a disease or condition speaks from the heart to the crowd about their experience, you don't forget it," Yossi Tabak, father of last year's speaker, said. "I never miss a Game Night."

"Every year, we select a different charity," Jordan explained. "There are so many worthy causes, but most of the time there is one cause that seems to stand out based on something going on in the community. Unfortunately, there is always something."

This year, the speaker is Samuel Holmes, a Jewish former U.S. Marine sergeant who recently served in Somalia and Iraq, and the charity is the Bob Woodruff Foundation. Bob Woodruff, an ABC News anchor, was badly injured by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq. He started the foundation because he saw firsthand the incredible sacrifices American soldiers make to ensure our freedoms. BWF's stated mission is to "find, fund, and shape innovative programs that help injured veterans, service members, and their families thrive."

"I'm really proud of our beneficiary choice this year," Jordan said. "It's been many, many years since our charity was not related to children's health. But this is such an important cause, and I think a somewhat overlooked one in our community. I've worked on many events and fundraisers for Israel and the IDF, but I never had the opportunity to give back to the veterans of my own country, until now. I'm hoping our community

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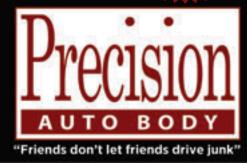
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Game Night sports memorabilia raffle

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Game Night is a free, family-friendly event and raises funds only through sponsorships and optional participation in the sports memorabilia raffle. The event features a free tailgate

Shulamith Mustangs Win First Game Of The Season

The Shulamith Mustangs emerged victorious in their first basketball game of the season against Bruriah! They beat their rivals by a close score of 17–15. Coach Temima Miller



The Shulamith Mustangs won their first game of the season

BBQ, catering by the NY Brat Factory, drinks, snacks, and sometimes special guests who drop in (last year, former Jets and Giants player Steve Weatherford came by). The tailgate starts at 8:00 p.m. and the featured game starts at 8:30 p.m. as the New York Giants take on the Dallas Cowboys in what is sure to be a phenomenal matchup. This year's raffle includes items signed by Odell Beckham Jr., World Series MVP Ben Zobrist, and Mets aces Jacob deGrom and Noah Syndergaard, among many other unique pieces. Learn more at www.yinw.org/ gamenight.

expressed pride in her team of Middle Division athletes. "All our players played very well. We played as a team; we played hard; we supported one another throughout the entire night," Coach T. said.

The Mustangs appreciate all those who traveled all the way to New Jersey to cheer them on, and hope to please their fans with another win next week against Barkai.

Yeshiva League Roundup

The Heschel Heat overcame a 4-point halftime deficit (29–25) to take a 7-point lead late into the game, and then had

to withstand a vain SAR effort at the end to hold on to a 58–55 win, their 12th straight to start the season, upping their league-leading record to 3–0. The Heat were led by their three-year starting guards, Jeremy Spiera and Michael Gatan, who had 18 and 15 points, respectively. Gatan also did a remarkable job defensively holding SAR's Dovie Marcus to 9 points before he fouled out. But the Sting's Wisotsky, after not scoring in the first quarter, could not be stopped and finished with 26.

Frisch took it to Heschel early, and being down only 3 at the half was a good sign, considering Heschel's lack of intensity and defensive play the first half. Michael Gatan and Jeremy Spiera, three-year starting guards, continue to step up as junior Ilan Orgel has hit a post-MVP slump. But senior Harlan Reiss, after only 2 in the first half, ignited the team in the 3rd quarter, finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Orgel, in a second consecutive quiet performance, had 11, all in the second half.

Senior forward Jonathan Mack had his best game, with 6 big points and 5 rebounds. Sam Fishman was a force all game long for Frisch, finishing with 16 points, and Laifer had 13 points and an excellent floor game. The Heat resume play next Wednesday at home against crosstown rival Ramaz and then go to New Jersey the next night to play Hillel. The final score was 59–50, with Heschel going 11 for 14 from the line in the 4th quarter after taking a 36–32 lead after three and opening a 12-point lead in the fourth

Jewish Sports League Roundup

Week 6 Scores

Grades 1–2:
Lobos 2, Maidenbaum 1
Rita's 3, Gourmet Glatt 1
Grades 3–5:
Rita's 7, Maidenbaum 0
Gourmet Glatt 3, Lobos 2
Grades 6–8:
Lobos 6, Rita's 2
Maidenbaum 7, Gourmet Glatt 3
High School:
Gourmet Glatt 4, Rita's 3
Maidenbaum 14, Lobos 2

To learn more about the Five Towns Jewish Sports League, visit www.5tjsl. com or follow on Facebook at Facebook. com/Jewish-sports-leagues-LLC. ❖











Scenes from JSL week 6

Judah Rhine, who has been coaching youth basketball for more than 35 years, is co-director of MVP Boys Basketball Camp and MVP Girls Basketball Camp and co-commissioner of the National Council of Young Israel basketball league. He can be reached at mvp4boys@gmail.com or mvp4girls@gmail.com.

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News from the Hills by Chanita Teitz

Time flies. Can it be that the summer, and even Sukkos, is a whisper of a memory? It is almost Chanukah. I am thankful that it hasn't snowed yet, but that too shall come.

I remember the Chanukahs of my youth; snow for sure back in Chicago, and latkes and dreidels and Chanukah gelt. We looked forward to simple potato latkes with sour cream or applesauce. Today, even latkes have gone gourmet. There are sweet potato, zucchini, and even caprese-style stacked with mozzarella and tomatoes. I even saw latkes made in a waffle iron. Those should be nice and crispy. What will the food gurus think of next?

I'm trying to plan my menu for Shabbos Chanukah hoping to get the kids together for at least one meal.

It's a good thing Shabbos Chanukah wasn't last week. At around 11:00 a.m. on Friday, my stove went out. So did the lights in the living room and dining room and assorted outlets on the first floor. Upstairs lights were fine but some outlets didn't work there either. My husband checked the circuit breakers and didn't see that any of them

I called the electrician who suggested that I call Con Ed first to determine if it was some kind of power failure. I called and was assured that they would resolve the problem by 4:00 p.m. In the summer months, that wouldn't be a problem, but these Fridays are short; I was doing some of the cooking for my daughter where we were eating Friday night, and on Shabbos day we were having my sister-in-law and brother-in-law, but I couldn't use my Crock-Pot to make

So we did a switch. I called my sisterin-law and explained the situation and we went there for lunch. She made the cholent and I brought the other things that I already prepared. My daughter picked up the chicken and roasted it at her house and picked up the other things I had already made on Thursday night. Both meals were wonderful and the walk home Friday night was not as cold as I thought it would be. It was nice and warm when we arrived home but what I really wanted was a hot cup

Meanwhile, since Con Ed never came on Friday, we called after Shabbos and they finally arrived at 10:15 p.m. The problem was in the circuit-breaker box. Two of the breakers need to be changed, which the electrician is doing tonight. At least they were able to restore the

Problems happen, life's little inconveniences, but take them in stride and just remember it could be worse. Gam zu l'tovah.

School News

STEM Studies at BYQ. In conjunction with their studies of materials engineering, the eighth-grade STEM class began investigating methods of insulation. After a unit covering elemental chemistry and exploring physical and chemical properties of various substances, heat conductivity was explored. Students were given the task of finding which materials are best used as insulators for hot or





cold substances. Groups used newspapers, wood, cotton, aluminum foil, and their own combinations of materials to design the perfect "thermos." Acting like authentic engineers, they brainstormed with their peers and finally each group settled on their optimal design. After carefully planning their experiment and receiving final approval, the students assembled their inventions, filling each with hot water. The temperature of each cup was taken at three-minute intervals to monitor heat loss. The students carefully kept track of their data, graphing it on a set of axes to be able to clearly see which material and design setup worked the best. This gave them the opportunity to build their laboratory skills as well as learn applications for their math lessons.

The activity was followed by an in-depth discussion of how heat may be transferred, including conduction, convection, and radiation. The girls enjoyed the design process and learned a lot along the way.

Rebbetzin Shira Smiles Inspires Shevach High School. On Wednesday morning, November 16, Shevach High School was treated to an inspirational lecture delivered by world renowned mechaneches Rebbetzin Shira Smiles. With the seminary principals in town for recruitment, Shevach took advantage of the opportunity for Rebbetzin Smiles to address the student body.



Rebbetzin Smiles began by equating the dor ha'mabul with our generation from the perspective that our generation prides itself on the fact that anything it wants is available at its fingertips. Likewise, the dor ha'mabul accessed anything it wanted without any accountability or restriction.

Rebbetzin Smiles then posed the following question: What was the middah that Noach possessed which saved him from the mabul? The pasuk from Parashas Noach provides us with the secret—"V'Noach matz'ah chein b'einei Hashem"—And Noach found favor in the eyes of Hashem. Interestingly, the word Noach and the word chein have the same Hebrew letters. What is "chein"? Rebbetzin Smiles referred to Rav Avrohom Schorr from his sefer HaLekach V'Halimud. What was the initial trigger that led the dor ha'mabul down its slippery slope, and what was the middah that saved Noach? During the dor ha'mabul, the people could not trust one another their words meant nothing. This concept was in contrast to Noach. The koach of Noach was that his speech was refined. Dibbur represents the tzelem Elokim in each of us, and the minute that we do not use our speech properly everything begins to deteriorate. For example, when the animals entered the Teivah, they were described as "tahor" and "not tahor." The Torah does not use the word "tamei." HaKadosh Baruch Hu realized that the whole problem with the dor was how it spoke. If one wants to build the world, then one must learn how to speak and express himself or herself properly.

Rebbetzin Smiles insightfully explained that since we are in a "mabul" and need to save ourselves, we have to make sure that our tzelem Elokim stays strong and not to speak without thinking. The message that the girls left with was clear. Our speech defines us and it must be used for the good. Not only will we benefit, but others can as well. We are always in a position to create positive connections with others through our speech and it is incumbent upon us to use this strength to reinforce our relationship with Hashem.

Upcoming Events

"Jerusalem: A New Chapter in the 50-Year Struggle for a United Capital." This Friday night (Parashas Vayeitzei), December 9 at 7:45 p.m. at the Bais Medrash of Kew Gardens Hills, 75-15 137th Street. Arieh King, a member of the Jerusalem City Council and chairman of the Municipal Security and Emergency Committee, will speak. King is also the director and founder of the Israel Land Fund. Refreshments will be served.

Kew Gardens Synagogue Bazaar Sale. Quality artwork, clothing, housewares, and electronics. 83-17 Lefferts Boulevard (near Metropolitan Avenue), Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Saturday nights, **December 10** and **17**, 7:30-10:00 p.m.; Sundays, December 11 and 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Hot coffee and doughnuts available while you shop! Bring a friend and support

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5:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) – Magid Shiur: Rav Shmuel Witkin

@ Kehillas Bais Yehudah Tzvi (the Red Shul)

6:00 am @ Agudah of L.I – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein @Aish Kodesh – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Sholom Fried, Rabbi Daniel Fink

@ Rabbi Blumenkrantz's shul

@ CBEY- Island Ave., Woodmere - Magid Shiur: Rabbi Shalom Rosner

@ Yeshiva Sh'or Yoshuv – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dovid Greenblatt 6:10 am @ Beis Medrash of Cedarhurst - Rabbi Spiegel

6:15 am @ Cong. Beis Avraham – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Henoch Grumet

@ Beis Haknesses of North Woodmere

6:30 am @ Agudah of West Lawrence – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Moshe Brown @ Young Israel of Law./Cedar. Maggid Shiur: Yale Fishman/Yaakov Shalev

@ Y.I. of Oceanside

@ Rabbi Katz's Shul in Far Rockaway – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Pinchas Birnhack

6:40 am @ Y.I. of Woodmere - Magid Shiur: Rabbi Aron Glatt

@ Congregation Beth Shalom - Maggid Shiur: Rabbi Yechiel Weberman

6:45 am @ Shaaray Tefila – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kalish @ The White Shul - Magidei Shiur: Rabbi Kanner

@ Agudah of the Five Towns - Magid Shiur: Rabbi Ephraim Edelstein

@ Agudas Yisroel of Long Island – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum

6:50 am @ Kehillas Bnei HaYeshivas (KBH), 575 Hungry Harbor Road 7:00 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein

@ Congregation Beth Avraham – Sunday ONLY

@ Yeshiva Gedolah of 5 Towns – Magid Shiur: Rav Yitzchok Knobel

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7:09 am @ Far Rockaway LIRR 3rd car from the end – Direct to Penn Station

Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kodesh

7:10 am @ Agudah of Bayswater

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@ Chabad – Maple Avenue, Cedarhurst

7:30 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) In Library – Magidei Shiur: Rabbis S. Kohn, N. Schweid, R. Flegman

@ Congregation Heichal Dovid - Sunday ONLY

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8:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. - Sunday ONLY in library

@ Sunday mornings at Beis Tefilah – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Shava Richmond

10:15 am @ The White Shul – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Matt Cohen

12:50 pm @ Cedarhurst Center – Ground Floor Conf. Room – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Lichtenstein

8:00 pm @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Nochum Katz

@ Aish Kodesh – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Simcha Weingott

@ Y.I. of Far Rockaway – Magid Shiur: R' Daniel Martin and R' Avraham Bachrach

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8:45 pm @ Yeshiva Sh'or Yoshuv – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dovid Metz

@ Rabbi Blumenkrantz - Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yosef Friedler

9:00 pm @ Agudah of L.I. - Magid Shiurim: Rabbi Lichtenstein/Rotating Chaburah

@ Agudah of West Lawrence – Rabbi Brown's Shul

@ Agudah of Bayswater

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Second Annual Yahrzeit Lecture Series in Memory of Rav Joseph Grunblatt, zt'l. The Queens Jewish Center will hold this dinner and lecture Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m., featuring the renowned psychologist and speaker, Dr. David Pelcovitz, speaking on "Psychological and Jewish Insights into Gratitude." Dr. Pelco-

Today, even latkes have gone gourmet.

Shmuel Niman, zt'l, who was the mashgiach for over 50 years. Rabbi Niman was also my daughter-in-law's grandfather. My sincere and heartfelt good wishes to Rebbetzin Niman, my mechutanim Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Shmidman, and the entire Niman family.

Dr. Tamar Perlman Parenting Series for Women. N'shei Chazaq Women's Division and Young Israel of Forest Hills present the series on Mondays, December 12, 19, 26, and January 2. Lectures begin at 8:00 p.m. Beth Gavriel Community Center, 66-35 108th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375. For more information, call 718-285-9132.

"Chanukah: A Celebration of Torah She'ba'al Peh." Special pre-Chanukah shiur to given by noted speaker Dr. Michelle Levine. The shiur will be held iy'H on Shabbos afternoon, Parashas Vayishlach, December 17, 3:00 p.m. at 72-23 139th St, side entrance.

vitz is chair in psychology and Jewish education at Yeshiva University's Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education & Administration. Dinner reservations are \$30 for QJC members and \$35 for not-yet-members. Kids under 12 half price. RSVP by phone (718-459-8432) or at www.MyQJC.org/event/sir--dr.-david-pelcovitz.html. Sponsorships are welcome. Recommended sponsorships: \$250 (includes two dinner reservations); \$125 (includes one dinner

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A Sad Time For Liberals **Tidbits From Israel**

BY RON JAGER

For most American Jewish liberals, November 8 was not only a watershed election, but a day when the music died. They have been left speechless and silent, unwilling to fathom the implications. These liberal Jews have become disoriented and unsure about what to do and what to say; they seem to be suffering from a bad case of PTSD (post-Trump stress disorder). Many of these liberal Jews are slowly waking up to a new reality of losing their political clout, being left puses, poisoning the minds of America's future political and business leaders. And it is real anti-Semitism—not the made-up anti-Semitism associated with the emerging Trump administration. In recent years, Jews have been attacked and vilified at levels not seen in recent history. All this didn't matter; the Democratic Party was a sure bet as far as they were concerned.

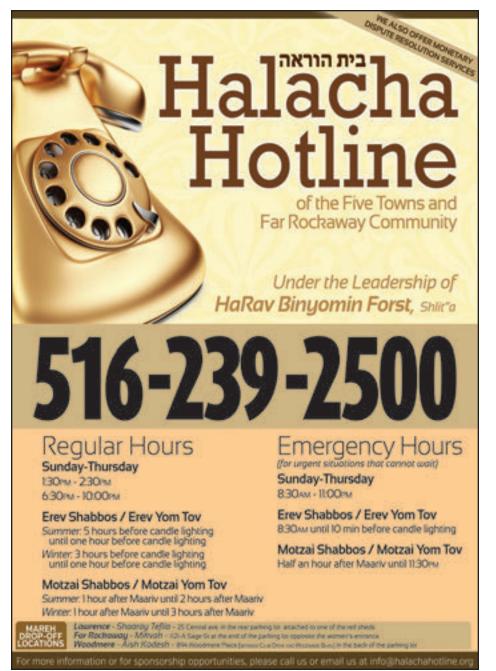
Jewish liberals became drunk with Jewish power. In a wide variety of spheres—immigration

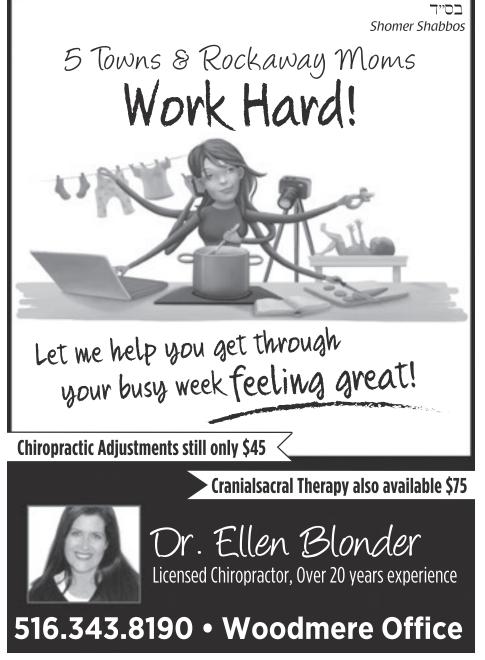
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out of the loop of power and access to the White House; they have been demoted to the rank of irrelevancy.

Betting on the wrong horse is always a wrenching experience. Over the past eight years, liberal Jews supported and abetted a president and a Democratic Party that was overtly anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian. During this period, Islamic terror attacks have spread throughout America; anti-Semitism has blossomed in America's universities and camand refugee policy, civil rights and affirmative action, abortion rights, church-state separation issues—Jewish liberals became major players helping to make the rules and call the shots on matters from healthcare to zoning. During these eight years, Jewish liberals felt free to publicly preach and moralize to us Israelis about how Israel conducts itself nationally and internationally.

Many Jewish liberals freely accused Israel of being non-democratic,





verging on apartheid; they demanded of Israel to agree to political concessions that clearly endangered Israel's national security; they funded and led many of the organizations that spread the poisonous message of Jew-hatred by the BDS movement

It is easy to see why a Jewish liberal never saw it coming, actually believing that the invented narrative of Black Lives Matter / transgenderism / Obamacare / unrestricted immigration is actually good for America. Donald Trump's election might signal the beginning of an era in which Jewish liberals refrain from preaching and moralizing to us as if they have a monopoly on social justice and truth.

The interesting parallel of how Jewish liberals have distanced themselves from mainstream America and from Israel is also the key to undoing the trauma of the election. For years, they engaged in dismissive rhetoric and held Israel to a double standard, never demanding a similar standard from Israel's enemies. That attitude spilled over to Jewish liberals' support for movements and policies that have been rejected by the majority of the American public. Now that the liberal ideology in America has lost its grip on the White House, and with right-wing governments being voted in throughout the Western world, including the continued reelection of right-wing coalitions in Israel led by Benjamin Netanyahu, now is the time for Jewish liberals to take one step back and question many of their givens.

For many years, Jewish liberals have blamed Israel for the daylight between themselves and the State of Israel. It never occurs to them to question their own values and behaviors, such as their decision not to engage with organized Jewish communal life, belong to a synagogue, visit Israel, or even marry within the Jewish religion, as reasons they might feel less attachment towards Israel and the Jewish nation.

A similar blind spot surfaces when Jewish liberals deny the election results and embrace leftist progressive movements in the United States. The delegitimization of the results of democratic elections and the arrogant use of arguments about "saving" America from itself and about organizing "sane liberal forces" to fight the "darkness" that is creeping into America's "soul" are all essen-

tially two sides of the same liberal coin.

Jews rise or fall together. For Jewish liberals, the quickest path to overcoming their collective PTSD as a result of the election of Donald Trump might be defined by their attitude and affiliation to the State of Israel. With the Democratic Party moving left and expected to be led by a known anti-Semite and supporter of the Hamas terror group, maybe this is the needed signal to question if the Democratic liberal path is still the best path to be taken by Jewish liberals in America.

So, rather than engaging in rhetoric that gave American Jews an excuse to distance themselves from Israel, now is the time to embrace Israel and reaffirm their affiliation and sense of belonging to the Jewish nation. Embracing America, the Democratic process, and American exceptionalism is just one step away. ❖

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Yaakov...took the stone... and set it as a monument; and he poured oil on its head (Bereishis 28:18)

Monuments are built of stone. For a more monumental monument, one takes bigger and more substantial stones. What is the oil all about?

But in order for the monument to be a house of G-d (as Yaakov proclaimed, And this stone which I have set as a monument shall be the house of G-d), one requires oil.

Oil is extracted from the olive only when it is trod upon and crushed. Oil thus represents a persons self-abnegation and submission to G-d.

To walk away from Eiver's house—to walk away from fourteen years of in-depth Torah study to begin dealing with the material world, as Yaakov did with his move to Charan, requires a great deal of oil. Only one who has totally abnegated his own will to that of G-d's is capable of such sacrifice.

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The YUHSG School-Wide Shabbaton

The Central family began the week with a high after a phenomenally successful school-wide Shabbaton. In record-breaking numbers, students, faculty, and their families spent Shabbat Parashat Toldot together at the DoubleTree Tarrytown Hilton for a weekend of Torah, fun, and Central spirit. The program kicked off in school on Friday morning with the first of three learning sessions, centered around the theme "Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose," inspired by the popular television series Friday Night Lights. Students and teachers discussed the roles of open-mindedness and intention in order to achieve goals. The "Clear Eyes" session on Friday morning was interactive, discussion-based, and thought-provoking. The seniors led the session with enthusiasm, infusing meaning into each component of the session. Students considered their personal insecurities and discussed how to rid them from our minds in order to "clear our eves" for success.

The girls welcomed in Shabbat with inspiring and musical communal tefillot and words of Torah from Head of School CB Neugroschl. Students joined faculty families for dinner, seizing the opportunity to get to know their teachers in a new context. Benching was followed by a beautiful performance from the choir, and then the faculty enjoyed showing



their more theatrical flair in a *shpiel* about life at Central. Brave faculty members continued to be in the spotlight during a special rendition of musical chairs. The Friday-night activities highlighted that the spirit and warmth of the faculty is second to none.

After the skit, session series continued on the topic of "Full Hearts." This session, run by faculty, focused on the meaning of "B'chol Levavcha," living life with a full heart. The faculty engaged the students in meaningful discussions about Avraham





Scenes from the Central HS school-wide Shabbaton





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Avinu, Rabbi Akiva, and many modern-day heroes. The session opened and closed with a personal interactive activity during which students considered how mundane actions and mitzvot can be completed with a fuller heart. The annual senior panel proved once again how unique the faculty is, as they shared personal stories from their lives and answered seniors' questions about themselves and about the road students have ahead of them.

The ruach continued on Shabbat day with a lively davening and an even livelier seudat Shabbat. Meals were replete with cheering and laughter. The third and final session, centered around "Can't Lose," was a "Choose Your Own" session, for which faculty members shared their personal stories about times when they could have "lost" but learned lessons from their experiences instead. After a much-needed menuchah, everyone came back together for seudat shlishit and an inspiring kumzitz.

After Ma'ariv and Havdallah, everyone scurried back to their rooms to prepare for the melaveh malkah . . . and a fantastically energetic concert by Mordechai Shapiro. Each grade came outfitted in accordance with a wacky theme: Freshmen were "fresh" out of middle school, attired in their respective middle-school gear; the Sophomore Soldiers looked great in camouflage; the Ju-nerds rocked suspenders and knee socks; and the Sporty Seniors showed off their jerseys. The Flashy Faculty looked great in neon as well!

Said director of student life Shani Malitzky, "The melaveh malkah concert with Mordechai Shapiro was non-stop energy and excitement. The ruach was palpable. Watching students and faculty sing and dance together at the culmination of a beautiful, meaningful Shabbat struck me with the strength and spirit of the Central community."

A scrumptious gala breakfast on Sunday morning provided the perfect end to a wonderful Shabbaton. Says student-activities coordinator Leah Moskovich: "I left this year's Shabbaton inspired and motivated to clear my eyes, regain my passion, and push myself to succeed in my goals. Hearing my students open up about their own struggles, dreams, and aspirations enriched each session, Shabbos-table discussion, and Shabbos schmooze. We ended the Shabbaton by writing down our new goals, making a time to check in with ourselves to make sure we are succeeding, and to turn to our Central friends and teachers for help and guidance in order to succeed in our goals. We all left on a high—with clear eyes, full hearts, and a big win."

According to Mrs. CB Neugroschl, the Shabbaton proved how special Central is: "Our theme . . . was explored throughout Shabbat as we discussed the truly important things in life, setting positive goals and striving to reach our potential. The emphasis was on what a special community Central is and how important it is to support each other as we each keep growing towards our potential." *



A Matter Of Great Interest

In Pozen, the hometown of the great and revered sage Rabbi Akiva Eiger, zt'l, lived a wealthy Jew. Unfortunately, this Jew had built his fortune largely by lending money to other Jews with interest. He was also miserly when asked to contribute to tzedakah.

At his death, no one felt any great sorrow. When his family approached the *chevra kadisha* (burial society) to make funeral and burial arrangements, they were rebuffed. The society would not allow the man to receive Jewish burial unless his family paid the exorbitant sum of 2,000 rubles for his plot in the Jewish cemetery.

His children were incensed. There was no doubt in their minds that this was extortion and revenge due to the community's hatred of their father.

The matter was brought to the attention of Rabbi Akiva Eiger.

"With all due respect," the sage began, "I will explain the ruling of the burial society, and you will see that their demand is in fact most reasonable, perhaps even charitable!"

Rabbi Eiger continued:

"According to our Sages of blessed memory, all Jews—with one exception—will one day be resurrected from their graves and be returned to the Land of Israel; this will occur after the coming of Mashiach. The only Jews who won't be resurrected are those who lent money for interest.

"So you see, for all normal Jews, we are forced to charge a very reasonable price for their cemetery plot. It is our hope that Mashiach will arrive speedily in our days, and this being the case, their plot is not being sold to them but merely rented. And how much can we charge for a rental—especially when we hope it will be short-lived?

"But this Jew, since he built his fortune by lending money to other Jews with interest, will not be resurrected. His body is destined to remain in his plot for the rest of time. For him, his burial site is not a rental but rather an eternal sale, and as such it is only logical to charge him an appropriate price for it. In fact, for what he's

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getting, I think it's rather a bargain!" (A variant of this story is found on *Torah.org.*)

Of course, when stories are transmitted, details inevitably change. Yet if this story was correctly transmitted, what was Rebbe Akiva Eiger's source that someone who violated the laws of *ribbis* deserves such a harsh punishment that he will not be resurrected in the times of Mashiach? Perhaps his source was a *Targum Yerushalmi*.

A little preface is in order.

The 37th chapter of Yechezkel details the incident where Hashem resurrected many individuals who had died long before. The short-lived resurrection was meant to demonstrate to Yechezkel HaNavi that if even dried bones can be resurrected, Klal Yisrael can never be too far from redemption. (According to one opinion, it was a short-lived resurrection. Another opinion posits that they

lived a second life; Sanhedrin 92b.)

Targum Yonasan ben Uziel, on the first pasuk of Beshalach, explains that men from the tribe of Ephraim attempted to leave Egypt 30 years before the redemption. Since they transgressed Hashem's decree, Hashem allowed the Philistines to have dominion over them. Their bodies remained in the land of the Philistines

The Torah tells us that Hashem did not want to take the Bnei Yisrael through the land of the Philistines when they were leaving Mitzrayim. The Targum explains that Hashem knew that the Bnei Yisrael, upon encountering the bodies of their brethren who had perished 30 years earlier, would lose heart and desire to return to Mitzrayim. Therefore, Hashem led Bnei Yisrael through a different route. The Targum ends off his commentary by noting that it was these individuals from the tribe of Ephraim who merited a short-lived resurrection in the time of Yechezkel HaNavi.

Tosfos (70b) quote a fascinating Targum Yerushalmi, also on Parashas Beshalach, that adds one point. (This quote from the Targum Yerushalmi is not printed in our editions of the Mikraos Gedolos.) The Targum Yerushalmi says that there was one member of the tribe of Ephraim who

Tosfos explain that the time for the real resurrection has not yet arrived. The miracle that Hashem performed was limited to those individuals who left Mitzrayim early. The individual who lent money with interest before the Torah was given was not punished for doing so. Yet he could not

Klal Yisrael can never be too far from redemption.

left Egypt early but did not merit that brief resurrection. This was because he lent money with interest. *Tosfos* raise an interesting problem. The individual obviously lent money with interest before the Torah was given. At that time, there was no prohibition against lending money with interest. Why, then, should the individual receive such a severe punishment to not merit resurrection?

merit that exclusive, limited-time offer for those who were more righteous than he. They merited the resurrection because they kept the *mitz-vos* even before the Torah was given. Tosfos compare this to our forefathers, who kept the Torah even before it was given. So this individual, while not punished for not going beyond the letter of the law, did not merit the extra reward.

However, according to this particular answer of *Tosfos*, there is no proof that someone who lends money with interest will suffer an extremely harsh punishment and not merit the ultimate *techiyas ha'meisim*. The *techiyas ha'meisim* referred to in the Targum was just a "bonus."

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned here. Someone may determine that a certain plan of action is permitted according to the letter of the law. Yet he knows that it really is inappropriate. He should keep in mind that though he will not suffer, he may lose out on a tremendous reward.

I hope you found this article on *ribbis* to be of interest. ❖

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Community News from Around the World

A Week At Yeshiva Of Central Queens

The students at YCQ have been busy with their fall projects, afterschool activities, and athletic programs. To learn about appreciation, the grade 5 students created a tree with an individual leaf from each student stating something they are thankful for. The faculty was also invited to place a leaf on the tree.

Grade 4 students enjoyed their annual powwow that coincides with their

study of Native Americans and their creative research projects. The students loved watching real Native Americans dance as well as talk about their culture.

In science lab, grade 2 students began their unit on weather and natural disasters. They each made their own tornado in a bottle using bottles they've been recycling since the beginning of the year.

The boys' hockey team began the season with a big 9–1 win; boys' varsity basketball team beat Brandeis 55–14; boys'





Annual student powwow at YCQ

JV and girls' basketball teams began their season as well. The Torah Bowl team participated in their first meet of the season, with the boys' and girls' teams each winning two games.

When walking through the halls after school, the sounds of music are penetrating the halls with band practice, and the *mishmar* groups are enjoying Torah learning through activities and skits. E2K participants are working on coding in order to build their robots, and the STEM club (SET3) has been learning about pollution through experiments on how certain items that can only be broken down using harsh chemicals instead sit in landfills taking up space and damaging the land.

Students on the debate team had their first match against other area yeshivot,

debating on the topic of whether or not the United States should build a wall along the Mexican border, with Rachelle Winokur and Shira Schwartz winning first-place partnership, as well as awards in individual categories. ❖

Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology Opens New Huntington Location

On December 2, Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, the largest private radiology practice on Long Island, opened its newest location, at 326 Walt Whitman Road in Huntington, immediately south of the Walt Whitman Mall and one mile north of the Northern State Parkway.

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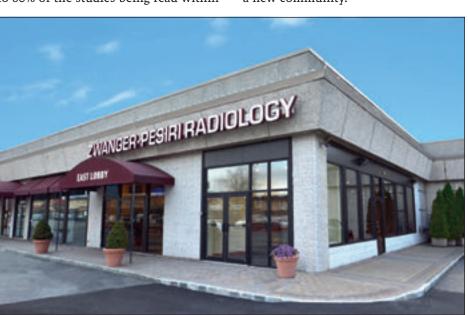
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This is Zwanger-Pesiri's 14th office in Suffolk County and 22nd overall. This office brings the latest diagnostic technology, including 3T MRI, CT, ultrasound, X-ray, 3-D mammography, and bone-density (DEXA) scans to the town, which is well known for being Walt Whitman's birthplace.

Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology is a patient-centric practice and has become well known for their fast turnaround time of results. They employ over 50 subspecialty-trained radiologists who only read studies within their field of expertise. According to Dr. Steven L. Mendelsohn, chief executive officer, this leads to 80% of the studies being read within

one hour. The reports and images from exams performed at any Zwanger-Pesiri facility are posted on the patient portal for the patient to access at his or her convenience. Patients can then securely fax or e-mail their information to additional physicians with just a few clicks.

"We are proud and delighted to be opening an office with such a convenient location for many people. We are always striving to make the best imaging easily accessible because we understand how important time is to our patients. Our 3T MRI system is considered the best imaging tool available and allows for MRI scans to be completed in less than ten minutes," said Dr. Mendelsohn. "It is always exciting to open a new office and offer the best services to a new community."



Zwanger-Pesiri in Huntington

Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, the largest and most respected practice on Long Island, has been serving the community for over 60 years. With over 50 board-certified radiologists that have multiple subspecialties, and offering twenty-two 3T MRI units, seven 1.5T MRI units, three 1.2T open-sided MRI machines, twenty-five 3-D mammography units, five PET/CT scanners, and the first clinical outpatient MRI/PET system in the country, Zwanger-Pesiri continues to provide the highest quality of care and excellence to all of its patients.

Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology strives to provide the most advanced technology available today, with a strong focus on delivering a quality of care unmatched in the industry. Visit www.zprad.com for further information. ❖

Zman Magazine Goes Live At NJPAC With 'Züsman'

After seven successful years of publication in three languages, *Zman Magazine* has undertaken a novel project—presenting a professionally produced live stage play, *Züsman*, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Your entire family will be spellbound by this gripping tale of a father torn from his children and his unwilling entry into the shadow-world of international espionage. Carried along by a tide of events far beyond his control, Züsman is called upon to make decisions of tremendous courage in a time of utter terror. Threatened with his own death and that of his son unless he accepts a mission on behalf of the forces of evil, Züsman's strong faith is



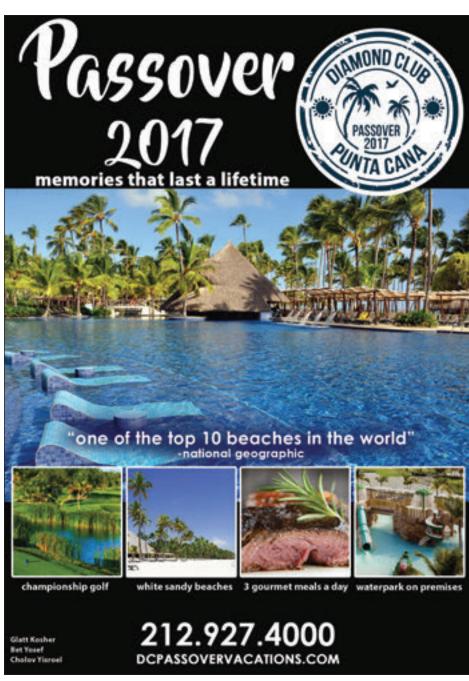
Yisroel Lamm



Eli Gerstner

the only thing that can give him the strength to continue until the bitter end in a desperate attempt to save his family.

This Chanukah there is one clear pick for a show to attend—and it's not on Broadway! Imagine a suspenseful spy drama interlaced with Jewish themes of faith and hope in the direst circumstances, performed by a talented cast worthy of the grand stage at NJPAC.







Yossi Green

The play's poignant story is punctuated by moving songs and lively dance numbers. A team of true legends in the Jewish music industry with over 130 years of combined experience has assembled to make this an unforgettable performance. Yossi Green is the composer and Miriam Handler is the lyricist; Yisroel Lamm is arranging the music, and Eli Gerstner is the producer.

A host of theater professionals is collaborating with outstanding, premier actors to bring this gripping tale to life. The audience will experience actionpacked scenes and special effects that they wouldn't have believed possible. When asked what challenged him most in the production, Züsman's lighting engineer, Burke Wilmore, replied, "[Creating] new types of special effects that haven't been done before on stage, for instance, creating the effect of a military chopper."

Ray Rodriguez, the battle-scene choreographer, said he was working hard to bring a battle scene to life that "reads more like something you would find in a film sequence."

Tickets are on sale now at www.zmanplay.com or by calling 1-844-ZUSMAN-1. Order by December 18 and get tickets shipped straight to your door. Optional deluxe gift box available, shipped separately. Give a Chanukah gift the whole family can enjoy! Recommended for children ages 10 and above. Separate

(Tickets sold after December 18 will be available for pickup.)

Shows: Monday-Thursday, December 26-28, at 8:00 p.m. and December 29 at 1:30 p.m. at NJPAC's Prudential Hall, One Center Street, Newark, NJ.

Zman Magazine is a premier monthly Jewish family magazine with lively stories and in-depth research for the whole family to enjoy, available via subscription and in your local kosher grocery and bookstore. Just as the Zman name has become synonymous with superior quality in magazine publishing, Zman is putting its seal of quality on this production. Don't miss it! To learn more, visit www.ZmanMagazine.com. &

OU Day Of Torah At Citi Field Convention Center, January 15

The Orthodox Union, the umbrella organization for American Orthodox Jewry, will iy'H present an unprecedented day of Torah, learning, inspiration, and more, discussing the future of Orthodox Jewry with contemporary, thought-provoking topics.

The full-day program, 8:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m., will feature representatives from all walks of Orthodox Jewish life for a meaningful conversation about halachah, Tanach, hashkafah, and Israel.

A key component of this effort is introducing dimensions of Torah study that speak to each individual. Areas relating to kashrut, women, and Torah, conversion, Judaism in the White House, and many others will be part of the dialogue for people to engage in and learn about.

Among the speakers are Rabbi David Lau, Rav Yonason Sacks, Mina Glick, Rabbi Shalom Rosner, Rabbi Menachem Genack.

This program is a milestone step for the OU, as the OU begins to expand its focus to include providing opportunities for Orthodox Jews to expand their knowledge and inspiration behind their religious observance.

Since 1898, the OU has provided countless services: facilitating halachic observance through its ubiquitous kashrus certification; serving as the Orthodox community's representative on both federal and state-government levels; offering educational outreach for thousands; and providing services for the disabled.

Both women and men are welcome to attend any part or all of the event.

Admission is \$18, and there will be kosher food and free parking. The event is to be held indoors at the Citi Field Convention Center in Queens on Sunday, January 15. Register at ou.org/citi. ❖

Gurwin Rehab Dedicates Unit To Memory Care

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center has announced the opening of its Memory Care Unit, a secured, 60-bed first-floor unit located in the facility's Schachne Pavilion. Herbert H. Friedman, executive vice president/CEO, says, "We have created a designated Memory Care Unit at Gurwin to further enhance the care provided to our residents with memory loss. It is a secured unit, with staff that has been specially trained to care for this population."

Friedman said the unit was created in response to a growing need in both the community and also among current residents at the center: "We receive requests daily in admissions for patients who need a secured unit, and now we have an opportunity to accommodate that need. In addition, we have residents already in our care who will benefit from the secure environment as well as the structured setting on the unit, which caters to their specialized needs, making them feel safe, secure, and oriented in their environment. He noted that although the unit only officially opened in late summer, it is already full, with a waiting list."

The Memory Care Unit at Gurwin boasts an enclosed outdoor garden courtyard, perfect for guided activities as well as wandering tendencies. In addition, two dedicated recreation leaders are on the unit, providing direction for small-group or individual activities designed to keep the residents active and engaged. Dietary needs are addressed appropriately, offering finger foods and access to food throughout the day, rather than expecting participation in a traditional meal setting.

"We are pleased with the response to the unit so far," said Dorian Froelich, LMSW, director of social work and admissions. "With enhanced staffing, innovative programming, and a com-

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prehensive security system, our specialized unit accommodates the needs of our residents with dementia and Alzheimer's disease in a way that manages their cognitive impairments while also offering a better quality of life."

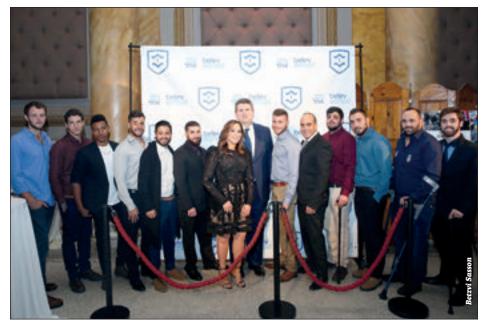
Founded in 1988 in Commack, NY, as a skilled-nursing care facility, Gurwin has expanded to include a full range of available care options, such as long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, ventilator-dependent care, hospice and palliative care, memory care, on-site dialysis, an adult day health program, two homecare programs, an assisted-living community, and a proposed independent-living community. For more information, visit www.gurwin.org. .*

Wounded Israeli Veterans Honored At NYC Gala

Some 400 New Yorkers gathered on Sunday, December 4, at Capitale for the Belev Echad Gala Dinner to honor 11 Israel Defense Forces soldiers and veterans who were wounded in Operation Protective Edge and by terrorist attacks.



Yaakov Morgenstern helped coordinate local Belev Echad activities including gathering flag holders Elchanan Adamker, Sam Travis, and HALB students on the Long Beach boardwalk for a flyover



The eleven wounded IDF soldiers with Jonathan and Jennifer Harris (center) and Belev Echad volunteer Assaf Halevi (fifth from right)

The gala was part of a 10-day tour of New York City for the wounded warriors organized by Belev Echad, which was founded by Rabbi Uriel Vigler and a host of supporters from the New York area. Belev Echad aims to show the Jewish people's gratitude to IDF veterans for putting their lives on the line to protect and defend the Jewish State.

During their visit to New York, the Israeli veterans saw New York land-marks including Times Square and the Statue of Liberty, visited the 9/11 Memorial, and got an aerial view of the city from the seats of private Cessna aircraft.

"These brave IDF soldiers have risked—and nearly lost—their lives to protect the people and the sacred land of Israel," said Vigler. "The New York community is immensely grateful for the commitment and sacrifices they have made. It has been my pleasure to introduce these heroes to our supporters, and to help them realize just how much we appreciate their service."

The gala, chaired by Gabriel Plotkin and Yaara Bank-Plotkin, also honored Jonathan and Jennifer Harris and Eli and Yael Weiss for their leadership in supporting Israel and its brave soldiers.

"Belev Echad is an incredible project because it deepens the bonds between the American Jewish community and Israelis—living in Israel and here in the U.S.—through their support for wounded IDF soldiers," said Shimon

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Shkury, a Belev Echad supporter and founder and president of Ariel Property Advisors. "As an Israeli American, I feel that it is our responsibility to strengthen our ties with Israel and to support the Jewish homeland in any way we can. There is no better way to support Israel than by investing in the wellbeing of its soldiers and veterans."

The brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces carry the sacred duty of protecting the Jewish homeland. Founded in New York City in 2009, Belev Echad established a global initiative to honor these brave warriors and their families, residing both in Israel and the United States, through a system of love, support, and education. Through programs for wounded warriors, career counseling, scholarship funds, and social and educational events, Belev Echad makes a small, but meaningful, contribution towards repaying them for their service. For additional information, please visit http://belevechad.nyc/. *

YU Lecture Explores History Of Jews In Arab Lands

Commemorating the 1948 forced exodus of nearly a million Jews from Arab countries, Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and Sephardic Community Program partnered with the consul-general of Israel in New York to pay tribute



Belev Echad founder Rabbi Uriel Vigler and dinner chairman Gabriel Plotkin



Dr. Daniel Tsadik

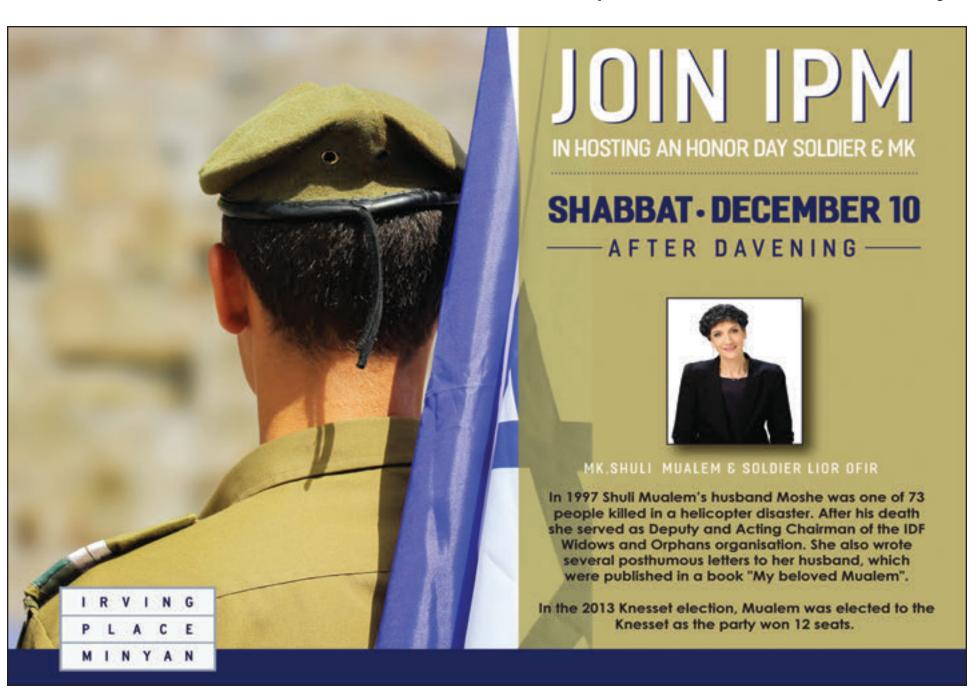
to the rich cultural heritage of modern Jewry in Arab lands. Held on December 5, the event featured an address by Dani Dayan, consul-general of Israel, and a lecture by Dr. Daniel Tsadik, associate professor of Sephardic and Iranian studies at YU.

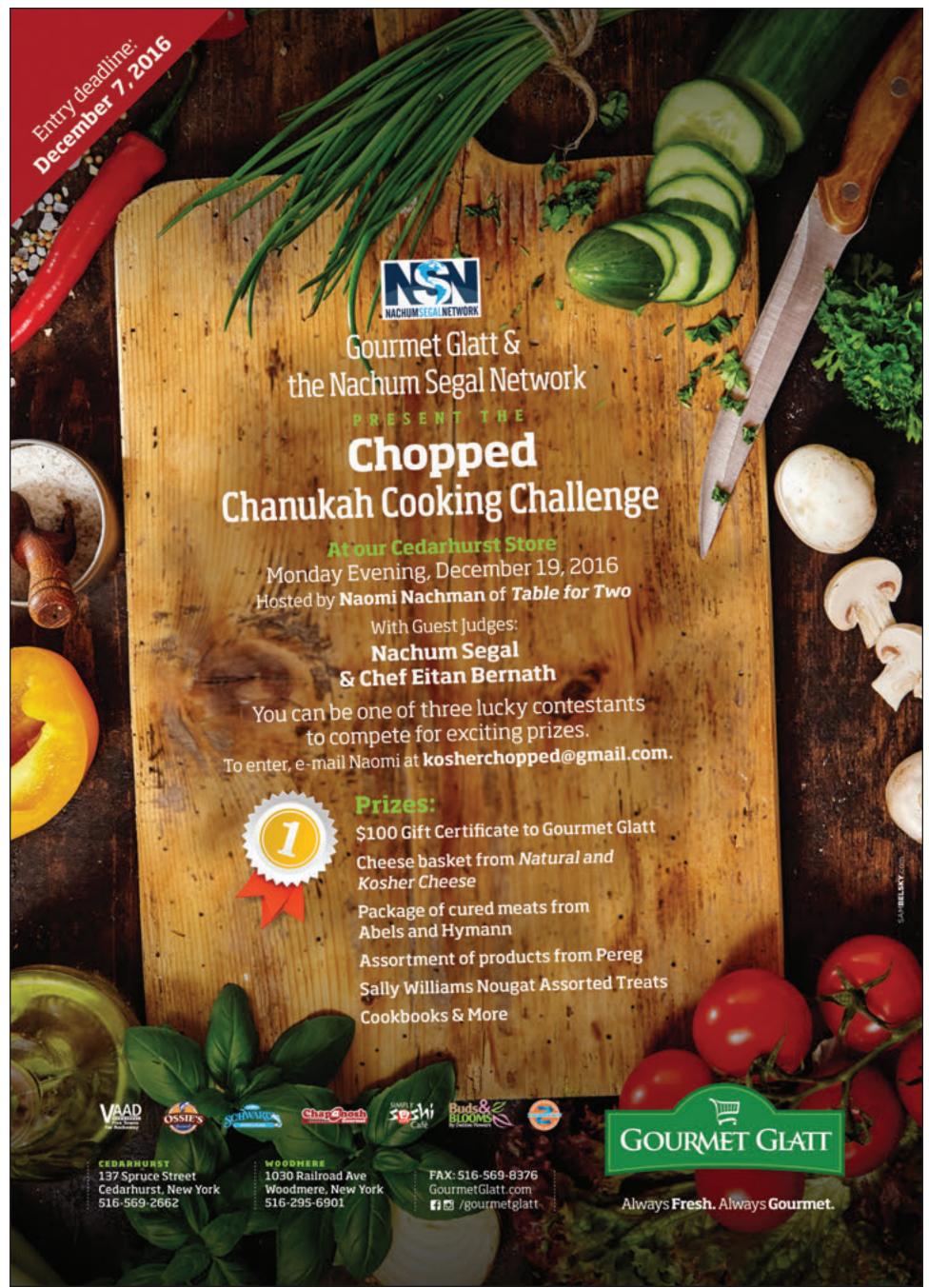
They spoke to a packed house at Yeshiva University's Koch Auditorium on YU's Israel Henry Beren Campus. "There have been Jewish refugees throughout history," noted Dayan in his introduction to the evening, adding that he himself is the son of refugees from Europe and the pogroms of Ukraine who escaped to the safety of Argentina and then Israel. The persecution and expulsion of the Jews in Arab countries and Iran, he said, has been overshadowed by other stories and events, but these Jews and their stories need to be remembered and honored.

Dr. Tsadik discussed the life and exodus of Jews in Arab lands throughout the ages. Noting the importance of remembering these Jews and the many aspects of their unique cultures, he highlighted their activities in literature, theater, cinema, and sports. "There were once impressive, multifaceted, lively, and creative individuals and communities that lived in Arab lands," said Dr. Tsadik, whose research focuses on the modern history of Iran, Shi'ah Islam, and Iran's religious minorities.

Beginning from the middle of the 19th century, many of the Jewish communities of the Middle East were

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granted equality and access to education beyond religious subjects, which helped them integrate into their host society. In Egypt, for example, Jews became bankers, merchants, and government officials. They published dozens of newspapers in many languages, some of which were intended for Egyptian society at large. Jews were prominent musicians, composers, singers, actors, and athletes who competed on national and international levels, even winning gold medals for Egypt at the Olympics. But when the 1948 war broke out, Jews were suddenly seen as the country's enemy; the government confiscated Jewish property, and bombs were thrown at Jewish homes and businesses-thousands of Jews were forced to flee for their lives.

Tsadik noted that the Egyptian story is not unique. In Iraq, before they were expelled, Jews contributed significantly to Arabic literature and poetry. In Tunisia, Jews were at the forefront of music, the record industry, and theater. Legendary Habiba Msika, a Jewish performer, became a star beloved by both Jews and Muslims.

"The Jews influenced the indigenous culture, and were influenced by it," said Dr. Tsadik. "They were part of the society, which made the departure from their homeland even more painful. On one level their cultures have disappeared. But on another level, many elements have persisted over time and space, and have been successfully introduced and transplanted to other countries in the region, and way, way beyond." ❖

Calvary Cares

Press Ganey Honors. For the 11th straight year, each year since the introduction of an awards program, Press Ganey Associates, Inc. has recognized Calvary for the hospital's consistent highest level of customer satisfaction for three or more consecutive years. The Press Ganey Summit Award was first given in 2006. Calvary received this award every year that it was given. In 2013, Press Ganey retired the Summit award and debuted two new awards, the Beacon of Excellence and Guardian of Excellence awards.

The Guardian of Excellence Award honors clients who have reached the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction and is awarded annually based on one year of data. The Beacon of Excellence Award is given to the top-performing organizations on the basis of extraordinary achievement. This award recognizes clients who have maintained consistently high levels of excellence over three years in patient satisfaction. Calvary is the only hospital in New York to achieve a Pinnacle Award. Calvary Hospital has again been awarded both the Beacon of Excellence and Guardian of Excellence Awards!

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At a ribbon-cutting on November 30 for four recently renovated nurses' lounges at Calvary Hospital Bronx Campus made possible by a gift from the Pat Cairo Family Foundation (L-R): Frank Calamari, CEO of Calvary, with Cairo family members Lisa Cairo, Joe Cairo, Audrey Esposito, Michael Cairo, and Shane O'Neil

databases are the largest in the industry, and allow facilities nationwide to benchmark their results against peer organizations. To date, Calvary's many accolades include an unbroken track record of accreditation from the Joint Commission for Calvary Hospital and Calvary@Home (Home Care and Hospice); 2012 Circle of Life Award; eleven consecutive Press Ganey Summit or Beacon Awards; being designated by the National Cancer Institute in 2005 as an "international center for training in palliative care"; and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization places Calvary@Home above state and national averages in important patient issues such as relief of pain and patient education.

Ribbon-Cutting for Renovated Nurses' Lounges. Calvary Hospital hosted a dedication and ribbon-cutting for the four nurses' lounges that they recently renovated at their 200-bed Bronx campus. On hand were Joe Cairo, members of his extended family, and board members of the Pat Cairo Family Foundation.

Mr. Cairo's wife, Pat, was a patient at Calvary in 1995 for nearly three months. After she passed away, Mr. Cairo was instrumental in getting the End-of-Life law passed in the New York State legis-

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Motzei Shabbos appointments welcome!

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10 WAYS TO INSPIRE BITACHON DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

- Recognize our helplessness.
- 2. Surrender to Hashem.
- Constantly review and stay focused on Hashem's kindness and mercy throughout our lives even in the face of adversity.
- Recognize that we have always been less than deserving of His kindness and mercy, and yet it remains constant.
- 5. Focus on His consistency He has always helped us in the past and His consistency assures that He will continue to do so now and in the future.
- 6. Review daily His Hashgacha Pratis (personal "small" miracles) that have occurred to us or that we know firsthand. Imagine these things happening again.
- Remember Hashem is the Master of all, in total control of everything. That is what His name means: "Master of All."
- 8. He is also the forever-overflowing source of all blessing.
- Think of Him as the Source of all blessing and the Master of everything whenever you say: "Baruch Ata Hashem."
- 10. Study the meaning of critical parts of Davening, like Adon Olam, Ashrei and Modim, and say them with focus and feeling.

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lature to ensure that terminally ill people who wanted Calvary's signature care could get it; he also founded a foundation in honor of his wife's memory. In the 20 years since it was formed, the foundation has raised more than \$1.9 million for Calvary. In March 2016, the foundation donated \$75,000 specifically to renovate the four staff/nurses' lounges at the Bronx campus. This amount was in addition to their annual \$100,000 gift for the hospital's general support.

For more than a century, Calvary Hospital has been the nation's only fully accredited acute-care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care to adult patients with advanced cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. More than 6,000 patients are cared for annually by Calvary's inpatient, home care, and hospice services. Inpatient care is offered at a 200-bed facility in the Bronx and the 25-bed Brooklyn satellite at NYU Lutheran. Calvary Hospice provides short-term inpatient care at the

Dawn Greene Hospice, located at Mary Manning Walsh Home in Manhattan. To learn more or sign up for the e-newsletter, Calvary Life, visit www.calvaryhospital.org. *

16 For 2016 Sweepstakes: Win A 'Roadmap To Success' Library

On **December 20**, WABC's *Mind Your Business* radio show, hosted by marketing mastermind Yitzchok Saftlas, will be giving away a free roadmap to business success to one lucky winner, in the form of 16 transformational business guidebooks. What you know truly makes a difference in advancing your career, building your business, connecting with your customer base, and learning how to successfully promote your company.

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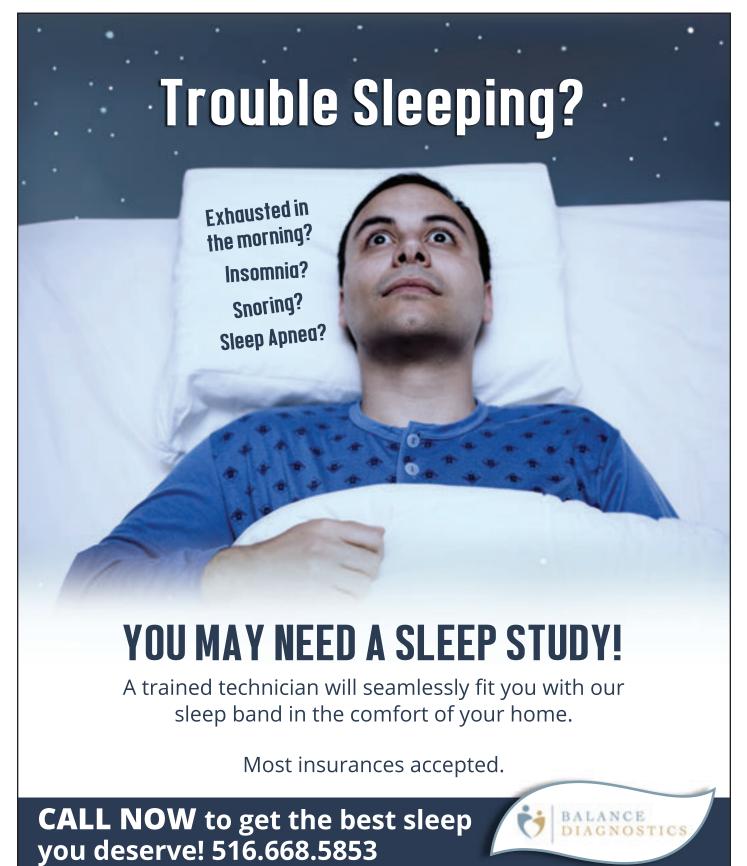
All of your reading and education will pay off with Rising to Power (by Ron A. Carucci and Eric C. Hansen), as you learn what is required of exceptional leaders. Ironically, after all this intense work, it appears that You Already Know How to be Great (by Alan Fine), which teaches you how to reduce interferences that are blocking you from reaching your potential. Wrapping up this special 16-book entourage is a savvy publication with the knowledge we all seek, So, What's the Bottom Line? (by Yitzchok Saftlas), offering key fundamentals and practical insights.

This entire executive collection of business knowledge and strategies (valued at \$350) is only an entry away. Visit www.WABCBizRadio.com/Giveaway or text MYB to 22828. You can also follow @ysaftlas on twitter, subscribe to the YouTube channel, or like the Mind Your Business Facebook page for more entry opportunities. Be sure to enter the drawing by December 20 at 5:00 p.m. for your chance to map your way to 2017 success with a powerful foundation of 16! ❖

PSEG LI's New Outage Map Lights Up With Information

PSEG Long Island has announced the launch of its updated and mobile-friendly outage map. With people always on the move, the utility's new outage map provides customers with the most up-to-date information regardless of the device they use.

PSEG Long Island's upgraded and interactive outage map makes viewing and reporting outages easier for customers. The new map makes it easier to locate outages by location, town, or village and provides the number of customers served in the service territory and a selected area,



the number affected by an outage, as well as the estimated restoration time.

"Nobody wants to be without power, but when the unexpected happens, we know that providing our customers with information quickly and efficiently will help keep them updated with actionable data to make the decisions that are best for their families and businesses," said Dan Eichhorn, vice president of customer services at PSEG Long Island. "Our new outage map is a quick, easy way for customers to access important information, regardless of the device they're using."

Customers will now have access to more information on the map, including the type of crew assigned to a job and the cause of the outage, if available. During severe storms, the utility can update the map with icons indicating where shelters, command centers, and additional resources, such as ice and water, are located across the service territory.

A new feature of the outage map is the "One-click Text OUT" button, available to customers who visit the map from a mobile device and that have already registered for My Alerts. With one click, a customer can create a text message that reads OUT to 773454 (PSEGLI) in their default SMS application. All the customer will need to do is click SEND on their device to report their outage.

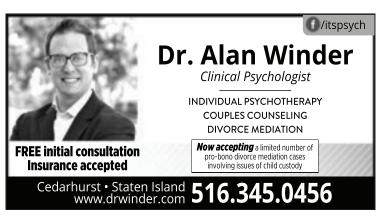
The new outage map can be found at www.psegliny. com/stormcenter or directly by visiting outagemap.psegliny.com/.

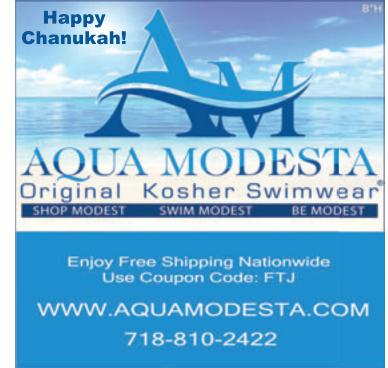
PSEG Long Island's mobile-friendly outage map is one of several new program enhancements. All of the recent upgrades and developments are designed to make it easier and more convenient for its customers to do business with the utility. ❖

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Camp HASC Hits The Road

Boca Raton Respite Shabbaton And Adventure

Close to 40 special campers and staff members from Camp HASC spent last Shabbos at Boca Raton Synagogue as guests of the community.

Before the sun had even risen on Friday morning, the excitement and anticipation was palpable as the children and staff gathered at Newark Airport. Accompanied by oneon-one counselors, as well as by additional staff mem-

bers and medical personnel, the special campers enjoyed a fun-filled beautiful day in Florida, and an uplifting Shabbos at the Boca Raton Synagogue. Joined by local yeshiva highschool students, camp alumni spanning the past 30 years, as well as supporters and community members, the Shabbos meals were filled with ruach, divrei Torah, and sharing amazing memories.



Rabbi Efrem Goldberg, rav of BRS, shared inspiring words regarding his visit to camp this summer. "Visit Camp HASC and you see young men and women spontaneously displaying hugs, kisses, and affection to campers they only met a short time ago but have come to love as their own children . . . Those fortunate enough to spend a summer there are blessed to come close with some holy neshamos and develop relationships with some truly special people. HASC alumni are among the most selfless community leaders everywhere, and undoubtedly, the experiences they gain there contribute to learning the skills necessary to be a devoted and giving spouse, parent, and friend."

Rebbetzin Yocheved Goldberg reflected on how impactful her experiences were as a Camp HASC staff member, and now as a parent of a staff member.

Addressing the main shul at BRS, medical director Alyssa Sacks spoke movingly about her personal feelings and experiences as a parent



Boca buddies at Camp HASC

of a child with special needs, and how Camp HASC plays such a central role in her family's day-to-day life.

Motzaei Shabbos, everyone enjoyed a fun night of music, dancing, pizza, and a chesed project/art activity together with members of NCSY JOLT. The campers got a chance

to interact with the community in the true spirit of Camp HASC—through music, dance, and fun.

"So many community members expressed interest in learning more about the unique summer program and year-round services that Camp HASC provides,





Camp HASC Boca Shabbaton



Camp HASC participants include Orel Hadad, North Woodmere; Ryan Shore, Lawrence; Sarah Simon, Merrick; Alyssa Sacks, North Woodmere; Adam Stieglitz, Lawrence; and Gavi Sacks, North Woodmere

so spending Shabbos with the community was also a form of pirsumei nisa—a great way to begin Chodesh Kislev by educating the amazing BRS community through firsthand exposure and involvement in what we do," said Rav Judah Mischel, executive director.

Shabbaton, it would have been nothing without the incredible enthusiasm and care each one of the counselors brought to this weekend," said Jenny Konigsberg, one of the coordinators of the Shabbaton.

Thank you so much to all the people who worked tirelessly in mak-

Miracles happen in Boca Raton, too.

As Nina Butler, director of special projects, explained, "We were thrilled when Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberg extended the invitation for us to join their wonderful BRS community for Shabbos . . . With so many alumni and families that share a connection to Camp HASC there, joining BRS was a natural fit for us."

"It was phenomenal to see the magic of Camp HASC outside the confinements of a summer in Parksville, NY. Those unfamiliar with Camp HASC's rep were able to witness firsthand the love and care with which our counselors treat their campers. With as much time and effort that was put into this

ing this Shabbaton a success: Camp HASC's Dr. Nina Butler, Michael Adler, Jenny Konigsberg, Alyssa Sacks, and Baila Mandelbaum, as well as Boca Raton's own Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberg, Rabbi Steve Moskowitz, Dr. Liora Adler, and Donna and Kelly

Throughout the year and all summer long, Camp HASC is committed to providing meaningful care and support services for individuals with special needs and their families.

To see more of the magic that happens in Camp HASC and to get involved in miracles that happen daily, visit CampHASC.org. .



Miracle Workers: The Jerusalem Institute For The Blind

BY ROCHELLE MARUCH MILLER

The first institute of its kind in the Jewish world, the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind still adheres to its original mission "to help raise a student's self-esteem so that the blind, the JIB has always been an exemplar of providing special education to the exceptional child. Presently, the institute provides a wealth of programs and serneighborhood, JIB serves as a home, school, social outlet, sports center, respite provider, confidence builder, and networking enabler for the many blind and visu-

Sometimes to truly open your eyes, you must close them.

he will not depend on others for help, but will himself become a helpful member of society."

Since its inception over 100 years ago, the JIB has served the blind and partially sighted children of Israel with distinction. Established in the Old City of Jerusalem in 1902, it has evolved into an acclaimed Jerusalem landmark. As the first institute in Israel dedicated to caring for vices to suit the needs, interests, and capabilities of children and adults in the blind and visually impaired com-

For 114 years, the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind has been the fountain of hope and support for the many children in Israel who must find a way to compensate for their lack of sight. From its state-of-the art campus in Jerusalem's Kiryat Moshe

ally impaired individuals throughout Israel—as well as for those who care for them.

"Our goal is to ease the suffering of the blind and partially sighted of Israel in every way we can," said Leo Brandstatter, executive director of the Jewish Institute for the Blind. "Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff works tirelessly on behalf of visually challenged children, promoting and facilitating their



education, social growth, psychological health, and all else they need in order to become independent, contributing, successful adults. In short, JIB creates windows for the blind. Windows of confidence. Windows of companionship. Windows of compensatory mechanisms and vocational skills. Windows of love and support."

Within the past year, the following new projects have been completed:

State-of-the-Art Recording **Studio.** This facility records books and articles in Chumash, literature, science, and reference materials and makes them available to members of Israel's blind and partially sighted community. The studio also serves JIB students as a home base from which to learn audio engineering and to master radio and sound technologies.

Snoezelen Room. This is a therapeutic environment created to deliver high levels of stimulation to those suffering from loss of vision, dementia, or hearing loss. It creates optical illusions, with combined lighting effects, aromas, colors, textures, and sounds to offer unparalleled levels of positive stimulation. This type of therapy, founded in Holland for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities, has been found to improve behavior and mood, increase knowledge and understanding of the environment, enhance communication, and increase self-esteem among many disabled populations.

You are cordially invited to attend a not-to-be-missed

event to benefit the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind. Unique in concept, Blind Date will afford guests a firsthand glimpse into the lives of those who are blind or visually impaired and will take them on an incredible journey in the dark, safely and securely. Hosted by JIB, Blind Date will take place on motzaei Shabbos, December 17 at the Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, at 7:00 p.m.

Arriving guests will be given featherweight blindfolds and be guided to their seats, where they will dine on the world-class cuisine of the Genadeen Caterers, relying on their nonvisual senses to savor the culinary delights, explore their environs, and socialize.

"Sometimes open your eyes, you must close them," Mr. Brandstatter told this author. "Blind Date and our previous dining event, Blackout Brunch, were designed to experience the sensory world that lies just beyond our vision. Our guests will participate in a powerful presentation, where sensing is perceiving. We utilize the power of darkness to clear away the expectations created by sight."

For sponsorship opportunities or reservations, please call 212-532-4155 or visit JIB-Blind-Date.org. *

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This gift from Dad is what has enabled me to live the life I always dreamed of. It allowed me to live a "normal" life. That was nearly 24 years ago. Sometimes it feels like yesterday. Sometimes it feels like another lifetime.

I am now in need of a new kidney. The first transplant has served me incredibly well, but it appears to be nearing the end of its lifespan. I am looking for a living donor. I am currently on the waiting list for a cadaver kidney, and the expected wait is many, many years. Without a donated kidney, I will need to go on dialysis and the quality of life as I know it will diminish significantly.

Here is the good news: People only need one kidney to survive and live a normal life. It is a relatively low-risk endeavor for the donor. Donors go on to live completely normal lives after donation (like my dad, who resumed a completely normal life after donation, and is currently spending four hours a week on the tennis court as he nears age 70!).

I am currently being seen by the renowned transplant team at the NYU

Langone Medical Center. In addition, I have teamed with an organization called Renewal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those with kidney failure find a compatible live kidney donor. Their experience is that there are many altruistic, spiritual, and charitable people out there who would consider helping spread the word—or donating a kidney themselves. Renewal "holds the hand" of kidney donors throughout the entire process and offers guidance and support without any pressure. They also can put you in touch with many others who have become involved or donated themselves and are willing to share the experience. It is truly the gift of life.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more, please contact Renewal directly at *R2179@renewal.org* (my personal reference number) or call them at 718-431-9831 and refer to R2179. All calls are strictly confidential and all medical costs are covered by the recipient's insurance. Ancillary costs may be covered by Renewal. I encourage you to reach out discover for yourself the amazing work they do.

Please help me spread the word. That's all I can ask, and it is that important! With your help, I know I will come through this process better, stronger, faster. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Political Roundup

Keith Ellison And The Democrats

By Joseph Frager, MD

Despite having lost the presidential election to Donald Trump, the Democratic Party has decided to move in the opposite direction of what most rational thinkers would advise. The reasons the Democrats lost is subject to some debate. One could blame it all on Hillary Clinton as a flawed candidate but that would be overly simplistic. The same people who blame it all on Hillary are the ones who maintain incorrectly that Bernie Sanders would have won. Both approaches are delusional. It misses so much of what Americans care about. It underestimates the intelligence of the American voter.

Americans are most concerned about jobs. Yes, the election was a rejection to some extent of establishment Washington political correctness, but it had a lot to do with the economy and the assault upon the middle class this past eight years. Obamacare, which has influenced every election in favor of the Republicans since its inception in 2010, played a larger role than the

media let on. Skyrocketing insurance premiums with less and less coverage has hurt the middle class tremendously. The terrible Iran Deal and ever-increasing radical Islamic terrorism also played a larger role than the media would admit.

Americans no longer felt safe and secure with a Democratic president. Republicans always do better on security with the American voter. The Democratic Party seems to have rejected most of these notions or analyses by pushing Representative Keith Ellison (also known formerly as Keith E. Hakim and Keith Mohammed while in Law School at the University of Minnesota) to be the next chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Although Mr. Ellison, in his candidacy to become the first Muslim Congressman in American History in 2006, while speaking in a synagogue, said, "I wasn't proud of my work with the Nation of Islam," his statements prior were most shocking and disturbing to say the least. In defending Kwame Ture (a.k.a. Stokely Carmichael) in 1990, Ellison

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accused the university's president of chilling free expression of black students. Stokely Carmichael had said on the University of Minnesota campus that Zionists had collaborated with Nazis in WWII and "Zionism must be destroyed." Ellison wrote in response, "concerning Zionism and Ture's speech, the ASCC's [African Student Cultural Center's] position is simply this: Whether one supports or opposes the establishment of Israel in Palestine and Israel's present policies, Zionism, the ideological undergirding of Israel, is a debatable political philosophy." Ture said in his speech on UM's campus that the "Zionists joined the Nazis in murdering Jews, so they would flee to Palestine." A clear disavowal of these statements never came from Ellison.

Even the ADL, which has moved considerably leftward since Abe Foxman retired, came out in opposition

to Mr. Ellison's candidacy, citing remarks he made in 2010. At a fundraiser for his reelection to Congress in 2010, Mr. Ellison asserted that the "United States foreign policy in the Middle East is governed by what is good or bad through a country of seven million people," referring to Israel. The Democratic Party for its own good and the good of America should think long and hard before they choose Mr. Ellison to lead them back from the jaws of defeat. ❖

The 21st Century Cures Act: A Better Way To Save Lives

By Congressman Lee Zeldin

One of my highest priorities in Congress has been advancing legislation to improve healthcare in our nation. One of the bills for which I have been advocating passage since it was first introduced in Congress is the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 34), bipartisan legislation that just recently passed the House, which I cosponsor, because it will save lives

of Americans.

Paving the way for healthcare innovation, the 21st Century Cures Act accelerates the process for scientific advancement by removing barriers that prevent research collaboration, and encouraging researchers to share essential data from prior research and clinical studies, to create the next generation of cures and deliver hope to those suffering from various diseases. Specifically, this bill provides \$4.8 billion in new funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including necessary funding to carry out the President's Cancer Moonshot Initiative, a program dedicated to accelerating cancer research.

The 21st Century Cures Act also provides \$500 million to the Federal Drug Administration, which will be used to help speed up the drug-approval process and modernize clinical trials, to bring new and improved medical devices and medications to patients more quickly. The legislation would also provide for individ-

ual treatment plans, boosting the field of personalized medicine and tailoring treatment to patients suffering various illnesses, including tick-borne diseases, which are rampant on Long Island. This funding will also provide critical research and development resources for facilities in the First Congressional District, including Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Laboratory, as well as other research laboratories on Long Island and across the nation. Not only does this legislation provide critical research funds, it also provides \$1 billion in grant funding to be allocated to the states, to help fight the opioid and prescription-drug-abuse crisis, which has been skyrocketing across all demographics on Long Island and across the country.

In addition to providing funding to ensure our nation remains a leader in the medical industry field, and providing our local community with high-paying research and private-sector jobs, the 21st Century Cures Act also makes important reforms to our mental-health system. Included in this legislation is the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (H.R. 2646), bipartisan legislation that I also cosponsor. Ten million Americans are currently stricken with serious mental illnesses, and unfortunately, our outdated mental-health system is out of sync with patient's needs. Mental-health initiatives and research have helped more people than ever before, but the effort to treat all Americans affected is still falling short in many areas. The 21st Century Cures Act will elevate the importance of mental health in our healthcare system. By removing federal barriers to care, advancing early-intervention programs, adding alternatives to institutionalization, and improving the transition from one level of care to another, this bill will help to fix our nation's broken mental-health system, and help bring better care to those suffering.

With House passage of this bill, the 21st Century Cures Act will now be sent to the Senate for a final vote. I will continue advocating for the Senate to pass this legislation, so that we can send this critically important bill to the president to be signed into law before the end of the year. The 21st Century Cures Act is a huge win for Long Island and the rest of the country, but there is still so much more we can do to develop effective treatments and cures to combat devastating diseases and illnesses. I will continue working in Congress to provide the resources necessary to advance research technology, education, and medical innovation.

Congressman Lee Zeldin represents the 1st Congressional District of New York. Zeldin serves on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee, and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He is also a member of the House Cancer Caucus and Congressional Diabetes Caucus, which both support increased funding for research and development to cure diseases. ❖



Racheli Frenkel Sues Iran **And Syria**

Racheli Frenkel, mother of the kidnapped and murdered 16-year-old Naftali Frenkel, will take the witness stand in an American court and testify regarding the string of events that led to her son's death.

Frenkel was kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists in June 2014, along with his friends Gilad Sha'ar, 16, and Eyal Yifrah, 18, after Arabs posing as religious Jews picked the boys up at a bus stop in Gush Etzion. The teenagers were on their way home from school. The entire country prayed for the safe return of the boys for three weeks, but it was later determined they had been killed almost immediately.

After the murder, Frenkel took Iran and Syria to court, claiming the two countries had funded Hamas's terror activities, including the kidnap and murder of her son.

The plaintiffs demand that the court fine Iran and Syria for a total of \$340 million in damages, in compensation for the money they have in the past given to terror organizations such as Hamas.

Frenkel was an American citizen, a fact that allows his family to sue both Iran and Syria in an American court.

Racheli Frenkel wrote in her complaint, "I get nightmares just from thinking about how scared Naftali must have been when he realized he had been kidnapped, and how he must have

felt, and what he must have thought, at the moment he was shot. It's so hard for me to think about how Naftali's friends are living and experiencing life when I know Naftali will never experience those things."

In addition to Racheli's testimony, newly revealed documentation will be presented to the federal court showing that Iran and Syria directly funded the youths' kidnap and murder.

Two intelligence agents will also testify against Iran and Syria in Washington. One is an IDF intelligence agent, and the other is a former CIA agent.

The terrorist cell that carried out the attack against Frenkel, Sha'ar, and Yifrah received NIS 220,000, which was transferred through the Gaza "charity" organization of A-nur. (Arutz Sheva) ❖

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Ray Steinsaltz Rushed To Hospital

December 7—Famed scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (Even-Israel) was rushed to the hospital on Wednesday after suffering a

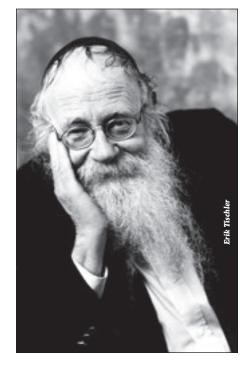
Doctors at Shaare Zedek Hospital Medical Center in Jerusalem were able to operate on him and he is now stable and conscious again and breathing on his own, "but it seems like many health questions remain and the road to recovery may be shaky and long," a student said.

"Rabbi Steinsaltz is in need of all our prayers; we ask that everyone pray for Rabbi Adin ben Rivka Leah," a family member said.

The 79-year-old scholar is renowned for his monumental Hebrew translation and commentary on the Talmud. He completed the last of the 46 volumes in the series in November 2010. His commentary is now being published in English by Koren Publications.

Born in Jerusalem in 1937 to secular parents, Rabbi Steinsaltz studied physics and chemistry at the Hebrew University. He established several experimental schools, and at the age of 24 became Israel's youngest school principal.

The rabbi's classic work of Kabbalah, The Thirteen Petalled Rose, was first published in 1980 and now appears in eight languages. In all,



Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

Rabbi Steinsaltz has authored some 60 books and hundreds of articles on subjects ranging from zoology to theology to social commentary.

Continuing his work as a teacher and spiritual mentor, Rabbi Steinsaltz established a network of schools and educational institutions in Israel and the former Soviet Union.

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HANC Happenings

Special Weekend in West Hempstead.

HANC 609 welcomed Rabbi Yaakov Sadigh to West Hempstead for Shabbat. This special Shabbat began with a meaningful derashah that Rabbi Sadigh gave during davening at Congregation

decisions that will make their children proud of their parents.

The celebration continued at the Friday-night oneg at the Young Israel of West Hempstead. Over 200 people came to enjoy an evening full of fun, friendship, Shabbat zemirot, and lots of deli-



Shabbos in West Hempstead with HANC

Eitz Chaim of Dogwood Park. He shared the values that his parents instilled in him and the important lesson that they taught him. When you go through your day, and you make decisions, choose to act in a way that will make your parents proud of you, and parents should make cious treats, thanks to David Yitzhaky and his staff from I & D. As each family arrived, it was a wonderful sight to see the classmates of those children rush to the door to greet them and invite them to sit with their classmates at their table! The HANC community was also

graced with the presence of Rabbi Kelemer from the Young Israel, Rabbi Soniker of Anshei Sholom, and Rabbi and Rebbetzin Greer of Eitz Chayim.

On Shabbat morning, Rabbi Sadigh gave the morning derashah at Anshei Sholom, followed by a festive Kiddush. As Shabbat drew to a close, Rabbi Sadigh spoke again during Minchah-Ma'ariv at the Young Israel of West Hempstead.

children had a great time and everyone went home happy. If you have never seen Nachum in action, you won't want to miss this program next year.

It was truly an inspiring Shabbat, demonstrating achdut in every way. Thank you to Rabbi Sadigh for inspiring throughout Shabbat and to the families who participated in programs throughout the day.



Rosh Chodesh Kislev at HANC High

The celebration continued at the melaveh malkah for the nursery bet and kindergarten students and their families, which took place at Anshei Sholom. Nachum the Clown performed an entertaining program full of magic tricks, juggling, and funny humor that was enjoyed by the crowd of 200 people! Following the performance, the children were treated to pizza from Hunki's and ice-cream sandwiches. The

Awesome Breakfast and Exciting Game Show for Rosh Chodesh Kislev at HANC HS.

By Adena Cohen (sophomore)

On Thursday, December 1, Rosh Chodesh Kislev, students enjoyed an elaborate breakfast set up by the student senate and the student-life depart-

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The morning began with a beautiful davening and continued with a lavish breakfast followed by a school-wide game show. During the breakfast, senior Leora Schwadron delivered an inspiring d'var Torah which reflected on the theme of Chodesh Kislev.

The game show was a huge hit. During the show, each grade volunteered one student to hum the tunes of different songs. Four additional classmates were

victorious and rewarded doughnuts.

The achdut and school spirit were palpable throughout the event and is sure to linger into Chanukah.

Thank you to the student-life department for organizing an amazing Rosh Chodesh event. HANC High School looks forward to upcoming Chanukah celebrations. ❖

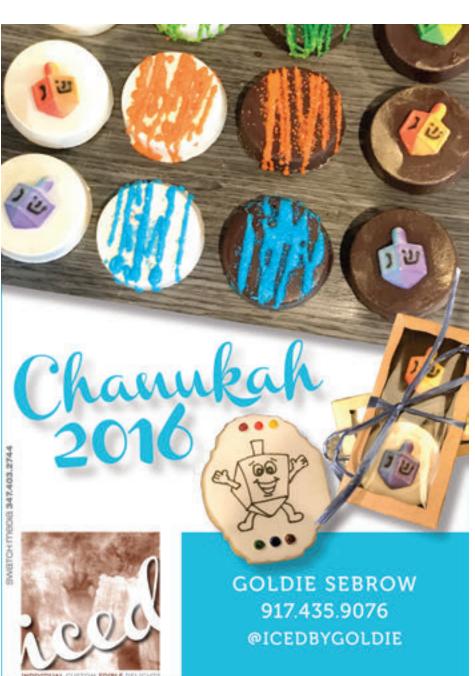
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called upon to guess the title of the song hummed. There even was a faculty round! At the end, the seniors came out

Library, at the home of Ian and Sophie Glastein in Woodmere. Prior to the concert, there will be a brunch where you



and your family will have a chance to meet the Maccabeats and learn about all that the library has to offer. The event is to begin at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Lisa at 917-991-0023 or Chanie at 516-698-1564, or e-mail lisa@ lylibrary.org. �

Midreshet Shalhevet Gives Back

"Olam chesed yibaneh." Chazal tell us that the world was built through chesed. Midreshet Shalhevet strongly believes that it is important to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. The chesed program includes trips to local nursing homes, toy drives, tzedakah fundraisers, Tomchei Shabbos activities, pairing with special-needs children, and much business of giving out handouts; they are in the business of making people feel like the people they are, despite their economic status. The girls really took this message home with them. Nava Yastrab of Woodmere shared, "It was so moving to be able to do this chesed for these people."

The 11th and 12th grades traveled to the historic Silver Lake Cemetery in Staten Island, where they performed chesed shel emet by helping to restore the cemetery. While in poor condition both physically and financially, Silver Lake Cemetery is rich in history. It tells the tale of Jewish immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Walking among the headstones, the girls could learn about these people's lives. Miri Dubrow of Brooklyn and Rebecca Wein



Shalhevet students doing chesed shel emet

In honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev, and with Chanukah upon us, Midreshet Shalhevet dedicated some class time to spend a little bit of time giving back. A school-wide chesed trip took place, not only to emphasize the school's commitment to chesed, but also to serve as an opportunity to further grade bonding.

The ninth grade volunteered at Masbia, a nonprofit soup kitchen and food pantry that provides meals for hundreds of people in desperate need of food. They also give out bags of much needed groceries every week to those with not enough at home. Masbia serves free, delicious meals for these people in a "restaurant," with volunteer waiters respectfully serving each person. The Midreshet Shalhevet girls learned about all the programs Masbia provides and helped package the weekly grocery bags. Freshman Arielle Saffran of West Hempstead shared, "It was such a good feeling to know we helped out, and that so many people would get food because of it."

The sophomores assisted the amazing staff at Bobbie's Place, a store unlike any other. They have selection and assortment, customer service, and a smile, but there is one key difference. At Bobbie's Place, even those facing economic stress can shop stress-free because Bobbie's Place is free. The Midreshet Shalhevet girls sorted, organized, and labeled the clothing to make the shopping experience more enjoyable. Maayan Sandowski of Woodmere said, "It was so eye-opening." Eliana Hirsch of West Hempstead reflected, "There are so many ways of doing chesed. It was really inspirational to see this one." Bobbie's Place is a charity, but they aren't in the

of West Hempstead shared that they felt they were doing a true chesed that could never be repaid, and got a much greater understanding of why it is termed "chesed shel emet." The cemetery was a busy place from when it opened in 1893 until it was filled by 1909, with about 1,000 burials per year, at least half of them for infants and children. Now, the cemetery is not active and the graves are so old that few people visit. The grounds are only requested to be opened to family around 10 times per year. The Midreshet Shalhevet juniors and seniors volunteered a few hours of time and bagged over 50 bags of leaves and debris from the floor, helping the effort to keep the cemetery respectful to the 13,000 neshamot resting there. ❖

Rambam Inspires National **Educators' Conference** With Torah Values

This year's gathering of Blue Ribbon schools from across the country heard something they never heard before. Among the 400 representatives from across the nation was the one yeshiva high school that was chosen by the Department of Education to be awarded the coveted Blue Ribbon status: Rambam Mesivta.

Every year, out of 37,000 high schools in the United States, only 0.14%—less than 2 in 1,000—qualify to be named as Blue Ribbon schools.

The application process is lengthy and the standards are rigorous. Ultimately, to qualify, Blue Ribbons Schools must have average SAT scores which rank in the top tier nationally. Rambam Mesivta of Lawrence was the only yeshiva in the country to thus qualify.

Blue Ribbon Schools were then asked to submit a topic to discuss and review at an educators' conference. Rambam's topic, "Teaching Values in a Challenging World," was chosen by the Blue Ribbon School committee, and Rabbi Zev Meir Friedman, Rambam's rosh mesivta, made the presentation.

"I thought it would be important to share some of the insights that *Chazal* taught us and demonstrate to those assembled the universal value of those lessons," said Rabbi Friedman.

Among other references to Biblical and classical Jewish sources, Rabbi Friedman repeatedly cited *Pirkei Avos* in terms of the proper attitude and shared that it is the prerequisite for a successful education. "Two thousand years ago, Hillel the Sage instructed teachers to encourage students to ask questions and not be bashful, and concomitantly told them not to be short-tempered or frustrated students, lest it discourage them from learning and asking," said Friedman.

Other topics covered dealt with the importance of introspection, recognizing one's own shortcomings, and developing effective strategies to correct them. "While we understand the ongoing nature of *teshuvah* and the growth it affords us, so many others in attendance viewed this as a 'novel' idea, which they appreciated hearing about," said Rabbi Friedman.

After the lecture concluded, the room was filled with applause and admiration for the "ancient" values of Torah which remain relevant in every generation. •

Bikur Cholim Brunch, December 18

Driving home from work, an overworked father worries about how he will pay \$1,500 for the dental work his daughter desperately needs. Watching her three young children get on the yellow school bus, a single mother wells up as she realizes that she cannot afford the hundreds of dollars she needs to cover the therapy for her children of divorce. Sitting with the school social worker, the young parents wonder how they will afford the \$3,000 for the psychological evaluation that the school requires. A young widow who has not met her deductible agonizes about how she can afford life-giving insulin for her diabetic son.

The Bikur Cholim of Far Rockaway and the Five Towns helps with these and so many other medical burdens. In addition to fixing complex problems by providing funds for those in need, volunteers of the Bikur Cholim prepare meals for families in crisis, offer smiles and conversation to shut-ins, and provide wheelchairs and other medical equipment for people who require them for short term use.

Over several decades, Bikur Cholim of Far Rockaway and the Five Towns has evolved into much more than the organization's name implies. To raise the funds to sustain the great work that Bikur Cholim accomplishes, the organization will be holding their annual community-wide breakfast that will take place *iy'H* at Congregation Kneseth Israel, The White Shul,

on Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

This year, Bikur Cholim will honor dedicated volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Sidney and Chaya Lipstein and their daughter Elanit. The brunch is chaired by Marilyn Wolowitz, Tzippy David, and Esther Feigenbaum. Lori Palatnik, founding director of the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project, is the featured speaker. Hundreds of women from Far Rockaway, Inwood, Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Woodmere, and Hewlett will attend.

The annual brunch is an opportunity to show gratitude to the dedicated volunteers. The event is Bikur Cholim's only opportunity to raise funds that are crucial to the proper functioning of the organization. The brunch is a catalyst to recruit new volunteers to join in the vital mitzvah of bikur cholim, to assist in areas such as meal preparation and transportation.

Donations pay for doctor and lab fees, surgical and natal home care, prescriptions, dental and optometry visits, mental-health practitioners, and therapies.

Join an enjoyable and inspiring morning in support of a vital community organization. Even a minimal investment in time, effort, and money can make a tremendous difference to those in need of bikur cholim services.

The rewards are out of this world. ❖

Rabbi Yaakov Reisman At Beth Sholom, December 10

Rabbi Yaakov Reisman, rabbi emeritus of Agudath Israel of Long Island, is scheduled to speak at Beth Sho-

lom this Shabbat morning, 9:45 a.m. in the Joel H. Shiff *beit midrash*, and 10:45 a.m. in the main sanctuary. His topic will be "What's in a Name?"

Rabbi Reisman was raised in Brooklyn and studied at the Telz yeshiva in Ohio. He is married to Chaya Gifter and began serving as rabbi of the Agudath Israel of Long Island in 1987. He has been at the forefront of many important causes, particularly for all Jewish children and their education.

His dynamic oratory and teaching have had an enormous impact on his congregants and Jews throughout the Five Towns and beyond. Rabbi Reisman's advocacy on behalf of foundational pillars of Jewish life, kashrut, mikveh, and eiruv, has been instrumental in securing these services. Beyond that, during his remarkable 30-year tenure, he has developed warm and close relationships with his congregants and so many members of the Five Towns community.

Through Rav Reisman's efforts, the Agudath Israel of Long Island has been firmly established to go forward with the highest level of commitment to Torah, avodah, and chesed

In commenting on Rav Reisman's upcoming visit, Rabbi Kenneth Hain said, "We are honored to welcome this remarkable rav and mensch to our shul, and to enable our congregation to have the opportunity to connect with his persona and learn from his wisdom."

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YOSS 5th-Graders Begin **Studying Gemara**

The fifth grade of Yeshiva of South Shore recently celebrated a milestone, a special simcha they will remember fondly for years to come. The occasion was a seudas haschalas Gemara, celebrating their first steps in their journey of Gemara learning. This event was extra-special because this year's fifth grade is the largest in the yeshiva's history. The fifth-grade rebbeim, Rabbi Scharhon, Rabbi Steinharter, Rabbi Burger, and Rabbi Jacobs, have the z'chus of ushering the talmidim into the world of Gemara by imparting not only the necessary skills, but also the ahavas Torah she'ba'al peh required for a lifelong yearning to learn and grow.

To mark the occasion, the yeshiva held a gala three-generational breakfast for the boys, their fathers, and grandfathers, and an inspiring program that included a festive meal, learning



Haschalas Gemara celebration at YOSS

by the roshei yeshiva and guest speaker Rav Yaakov Reisman. In addition, four talmidim, one representative of each class, Avi Burns, Jack Wisefeld, Pinny Schwerd, and Dovid Halpert, told over

boys learning melodiously with their grandparents and even great-grandparents, some of whom had once learned at that age in the citadels of Torah destroyed in Europe.

explained to the large audience the fascinating diversity of the streams of Torah, pointing out the wide range of geographic locations where the meforshim who expound upon the Gemara lived. Even the Gemara itself has two streams, the Talmud Bavli in Iraq and the Talmud Yerushalmi in Eretz Yisrael. He told the boys about the purity of learning of young children and stressed the great potential that each of them have. He concluded with a beautiful story about the Gerrer Rebbe's insight into the simcha of Torah learning. He spoke inspiringly and undoubtedly left an indelible mark on each talmid.

During the seudah, the boys performed a stirring musical rendition of Abie Rottenberg's famous song "Lulei Sorascha." The boys sang beautifully, accompanied by Rabbi Shlomo Drebin, the program coordinator. Soloists included Yisroel Ackerman, Betzalel Englard, Dovid Fridman, Yaakov Meisner, and Zalmen Twersky. Mordechai Ross also performed a beautiful trum-

In conclusion, each talmid was called up, and the rosh ha'yeshiva, Rav Binyomin Kamenetzky, shlita, who along with his son Rav Mordechai Kamenetzky, the menahel, and the rebbeim presented each talmid with a personalized shtender and a photo memento of the event. It is a meaningful gift each boy will undoubtedly cherish.

To top off the excitement, raffle prizes were given to five winners including the grand prize, a Shas, which was won by Eliyahu Oami.

The *talmidim* of the fifth grade will iy'H be matzliach in their learning as they begin to swim in the vast yam shel Torah. Mazal tov to all of them. ❖

MAY Blood Drive Is A Huge Success

On Wednesday, November 30, Mesivta Ateres Yaakov once again hosted an incredibly successful blood drive on its premises. The drive, benefiting Bikur Cholim of Maimonides Hospital, was organized by seniors Tzvi Messinger and Dovid Schiffer, whose outstanding efforts to encourage donations made the event a success.

In addition to the staff and talmidim from the mesivta and yeshiva gedolah, the drive drew throngs of people from the community excited to donate and assist in this worthy cause. When the pints were finally tallied, the clos-



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Chesed is in the blood at MAY

ing count was just under 75 pints. The mesivta thanks its student organizers, Bikur Cholim, and all those who participated. This blood drive brings the total blood contributed in the past four years to over 800 pints. Yasher ko'ach! ❖

17th Annual Parent-Son **Melaveh Malkah At DRS**

The sounds of lively music and dancing filled the air at DRS Yeshiva High School's 17th annual parentson melaveh malkah. In an e-mail to the DRS family, Menahel Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetsky remarked that the goal of the melaveh malkah is to celebrate "the joy, fulfillment, and meaning that there is in being a Jew," as well as to highlight the "positive Jewish energy that [the yeshiva] strives to inculcate in its

talmidim with song, divrei Torah, food, and dancing." This annual event is the one night that the entire yeshiva family, rebbeim, parents, and talmidim, get together to honor these aspects of the positive spirit of being Jewish.

The evening commenced with a kumzits in the beit midrash led by members of the DRS student band, and DRS faculty. The atmosphere was lively and incredible with so much achdut and ruach. The parents and sons sang in unison during a variety of songs. Videos, highlighting the events from the year, were shown as the singing and music rang through the beit midrash. Students were also honored with the student-voted middot and Torahgrowth awards for each grade and



DRS melaveh malkah festivities

"The melaveh malkah shows what DRS is all about, and it was truly a great experience" said Harrison Chwat (19). This year, Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz, a longtime DRS rebbe, was honored for his 18 years of dedication and commitment to the yeshiva. Rabbi Lebowitz has inspired hundreds of students throughout his years in DRS, turning on countless talmidim to the joy of talmud Torah. A video tribute was played in honor of Rabbi Lebowitz and he was also was presented with a plaque and an award for his dedication to DRS.

The melaveh malkah continued in the gym where the parents and students enjoyed a delicious dairy buffet together. Students, parents, and faculty then danced together for hours.

"It was really great to see everyone sing and dance together and the atmosphere was incredible!" said Jakey Friedman ('18). ❖

Chagigat HaChumash For The Cahal Class At HAFTR

Sunday, December 4, was a special day for the boys in Rabbi Waxman's HAFTR Cahal class. It was the day of kabbalat haTorah for them; the day they got to receive and hold their Chumashim. For weeks, they have been learning the songs and motions for their chagigat ha'Chumash. What was so special and wonderful was the way the boys blended into the mainstream second grade in every step of the process,

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from making their own wooden picture frames to creating a *Chumash* book cover and performing in the final production. Preparing the songs and performance was lots of fun, but being able to find and recognize the *pesukim* that they have been learning in their brand new *Chumashim* was truly fantastic!





Chagigat Chumash at HAFTR

The mainstream teachers, administration, and specialty staff at HAFTR included the boys as one with their classes, enabling them to truly feel part of the whole wonderful celebration. Just as at Matan Torah it was "k'ish echad b'lev echad," so too, when the boys learn Chumash this year, they know they are part of the yeshiva, neighborhood, and Klal Yisrael. The boys took their Chumashim home to share with their families and friends, but come early Monday morning, those Chumashim will make their way back into their classroom and their hearts. We look forward to the successes of the newest b'nei Torah.

Special thanks to Cahal longtime rebbe Rabbi Moishe Waxman and his assistant Mrs. Adina Salamon for their dedication and tireless effort. The ongoing dedication of the Cahal staff enables the students to accomplish and succeed.

Cahal, the local yeshiva-based and sponsored community program for children with learning challenges, now in its 24th year, provides smaller, more individualized classes in the local yeshivas catering to children's learning styles, where all the students attend mainstream activities daily, including lunch, recess, specials, assemblies, trips,

and more. When ready, children attend academic classes as well, with support from Cahal to ensure success. The experienced and caring Cahal teachers make it all happen.

Cahal is currently accepting applicants. For more information about the Cahal program and to donate to this great community organization, contact Cahal at *cahal@cahal.org* or 516-295-3666. ❖

Shalom Task Force Holds Annual Brunch In Lawrence

On Sunday morning, December 4, Shalom Task Force celebrated its annual brunch at the Sephardic Temple. After enjoying an elaborate breakfast, those in attendance watched a program which opened with a vignette portraying a powerful, yet typical, call to the Shalom Task Force Hotline.

abuse and to work toward prevention of such situations.

Esther Williams presented a beautiful tribute to the memory of Mr. Gustave Jacobs, z'l, with the Shalom Task Force Legacy Award. Esther, who worked with Mr. Jacobs on many community projects, spoke movingly about their shared passion for helping others. Mr. Jacobs's daughter, Judy Frankel, gratefully accepted the tribute and thanked the organization's many dedicated volunteers

Lois Raff Bieler was then presented with the Legal Services Award. Lois, who just recently retired from a sterling career as an attorney and liaison to the Jewish community in the office of the District Attorney of Queens, has been a supporter of the organization for many years. Her fervent remarks and appeal to the community were certainly impactful.



Supervisor Anthony J. Santino, Councilman Bruce Blakeman, Legislator Howard J. Kopel, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, Audrey Pheffer, and Pesach Osina joined the Shalom Task Force brunch



Esther Williams presenting the Community Leadership Award to Rabbi Aryeh and Mrs. Elana Lebowitz

Following introductory remarks by Esther Williams, president of Shalom Task Force, the Community Leadership Award was presented to Rabbi Aryeh and Mrs. Elana Lebowitz. Rabbi Lebowitz, in his eloquent words, expressed his appreciation and admiration for the important work of Shalom Task Force. He drew a startling connection between the recent fires in Israel and unrest in a home. Rabbi Lebowitz called for those in attendance, and for *Klal Yisrael* in general, to act with great resolve toward supporting victims and survivors of

The Mental Health Services Award was accepted by Tina Machnikoff. Tina spoke of her commitment to helping members of our community, and how Shalom Task Force was an example of an organization which is actively fulfilling its mission.

Finally, Sharon Fogel accepted the Dedicated Service Award. Sharon embodies the knowledge and compassion shared by all of the Shalom Task Force advocates and volunteers.

The program closed with the stirring words of Rachel Marks, a board mem-

ber. She spoke of the broad range of programs, geared both to helping victims and to creating and strengthening healthy relationships.

The individuals honored this year drew beautiful and poignant parallels to the services offered by Shalom Task Force. By honoring community leaders, a mental-health professional, an attorney, and a dedicated volunteer, the organization was able to highlight many of its unique programs. Shalom Task Force prides itself on a two-pronged approach, providing crisis support through the confidential Hotline and Sarah's Voice, the legal department, as well as preventative education for students, young adults, community members, leaders and professionals.

Shalom Task Force was grateful for the overwhelming turnout by *rabbanim*, political representatives, and community members. Shalom Task Force is devoted to helping our community—but they can't do it without you. Shalom Task Force is always there to answer the call. Please answer *their* call!

For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.shalomtask-force.org. �

SKA Gives On 'Giving Tuesday'

The Tuesday that comes after Thanksgiving—and after Black Friday and Cyber Monday—is known as "Giving Tuesday," which has become a global day of philanthropy. Members of the Israel Action Committee at the Stella K. Abraham High School for Girls used the opportunity to collect funds for the Neve Tzuf community in Israel, which was devastated by fire.



SKA 10th-graders Emma Greenbaum, Mimi Leifer, Talia Wein, and Leora Fenster

In addition to selling delicious hot potato kugel, the committee members set up computers at the two parent conference evenings so that contributions could be made directly to the fund. Over \$2,000 has been raised so far!

Yasher koach to SKA sophomores Leora Fenster, Emma Greenbaum, Mimi Leifer, and Talia Wein for their work on this special project. Israel action and advocacy continue to be important parts of the SKA school day, and thanks go to Mrs. Helen Spirn, head of school, and Ms. Raizi Chechik, principal of grades 10−11, for their guidance and support. ❖





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