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ISRAEL FOILS TERRORIST ATTACKS



Israel's Shin Bet security service prevented a suicide bombing in Jerusalem last month when it seized an explosive belt only 24 hours before the planned attack. The success stemmed from a large-scale operation by the Shin Bet, the IDF, and the police in which dozens of Hamas terrorists were arrested. Above, IDF soldiers on duty in the West Bank last week. See Page 74.

FROM THE EDITOR

BY LARRY GORDON

Election Choices

Sometimes races for public office are easy to assess and other times they are exactly the opposite. This year's September 13 special election is one of those situations where backing candidates is at the same time simple and challenging. We are dealing here

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The Special Election Heard 'Round The World

BY CHASKEL BENNETT

The headlines have taken dead aim. Unless you have been stuck underground or sleeping, you know that the Orthodox Jewish community is under attack in the media, online, and in other arenas as well.

Despite the tireless efforts

of community activists in protecting our interests, they would be the first to acknowledge that our Torah way of life is being challenged on many fronts. From the redefinition of traditional marriage to attacks on shechitah, kapparos, b'ris milah, and end of life is-

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TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE



Polls indicate that Phil Goldfeder, Democratic Candidate for NYS Assembly, is locked in a tight race to succeed Audrey Pheffer, who was appointed Queens County Clerk. Every vote will count in the special election to be held this Tuesday, September 13. See Page 91

HEARD IN THE BAGEL STORE

BY LARRY GORDON

Israel Odds And Ends

Someone commented to me the other night that based on these essays that have appeared here over the last few weeks regarding my summer experiences in Israel, it seems as if I had spent an extended period of time there. While it was only two weeks, I have to say that we did cover quite a bit of ground. Frankly, there

were many more things I would have liked to do but just could not find the time for.

Here are a few observations that make trips like these so meaningful, enjoyable, and more than anything else, memorable. Of late, when

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BY RABBI YAIR HOFFMAN

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BY RON JAGER

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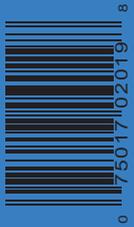
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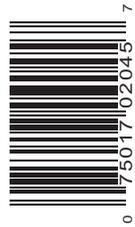
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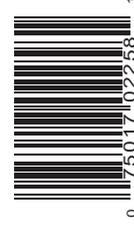
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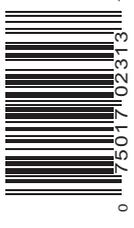
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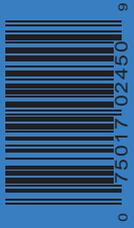
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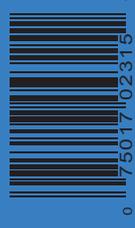
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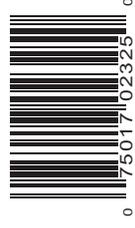
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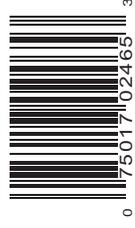
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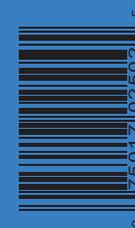
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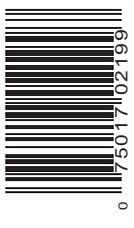
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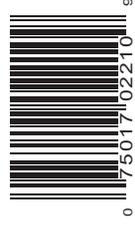
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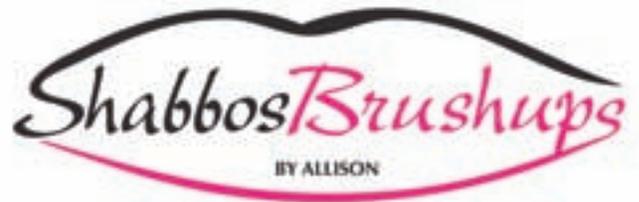
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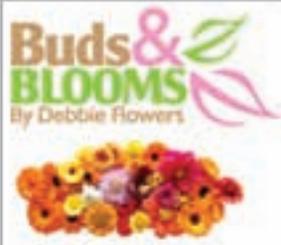
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with two special elections, one to fill a New York State Assembly seat and the other a coveted seat in the U.S. Congress. Both winners will enhance the representation of the communities in their districts in the halls of power and influence in Washington and Albany. One race is uncomplicated and the other quite the opposite.

First, on the matter of the easy and uncomplicated endorsement at hand. Far Rockaway-born-and-bred Phil Goldfeder has been groomed and indeed been training for his role as his district's next New York State Assemblyman since he was a teenager. Goldfeder, 30, has served with distinction both New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and over the last several years New York's senior senator, Charles Schumer.

Goldfeder is young, energetic, and full of enthusiasm for his first opportunity to serve as an elected public official. He is in touch with every facet of the district, understands each community's

unique needs, and is familiar enough and comfortable with the system to be able to deliver much-needed services to his diverse constituency.

His opponent, Jane Deacy, is a former New York City police officer who, if elected, would be part of the political minority and unfortunately unable

route voters will be taking. To that end, even though it is looking good for a Goldfeder victory, it is important that nothing be taken for granted and that district residents make it their business to go out and vote on September 13.

The matter of David Weprin is a little more complicated, for a variety of

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to get things effectively done in these difficult times. She is well-spoken and impressive but also realizes that if elected she would, for now anyway, be unable to deliver to the district on the level of Mr. Goldfeder.

These are unpredictable political times and not even the experts in the field are comfortable forecasting what

reasons. Despite these complications, it seems that after all is said, done, and analyzed, the district—and our community specifically—would be best off with Mr. Weprin in Congress. Selecting candidates to represent us in legislatures and other governing bodies is largely an exercise in imperfection. In other words, the perfect, tailor-made candidate is a

nonexistent phenomenon. Also, it is important to consider that while an endorsement like this, once published, is etched in an element of permanence, politics and political positions are fluid and changeable.

We spoke with Mr. Weprin earlier this week on his troubling vote in support of same-sex marriage in the Assembly. He reiterated and clarified his view by saying, "*Chas v'shalom* I would never do anything that would undermine Torah values or *halachah*. The legislation that was passed is strictly a civil-rights issue, nothing more and nothing less."

Bob Turner, Mr. Weprin's Republican opponent, if elected would be a genuine novice in the dizzying arena of politics in Washington at a pivotal time in our nation's history. On the other hand, there is a Republican momentum in Washington that, as we vote on Tuesday, is gathering strength. Placing a Republican in office to represent such a heretofore solidly Democratic district would be considered a colossal repudiation of not just the president's policies but in essence the entire Obama presidency. While the temptation is great, it is also important to think level-headedly and beyond next week's election.

While we disagree wholeheartedly and were disappointed in Mr. Weprin's vote on gay marriage, the reality is that the issue is not one that is handled at the federal level. In other words, the U.S. Congress is not a forum to legislate the definition of marriage. Additionally, Mr. Weprin's vote on the issue had absolutely no impact on its passage into law. The marriage law had been passed four times previously by the Assembly, and it was only the State Senate Republicans this time around that made it possible for it to become law. And aside from that, Mr. Weprin's opponent, Mr. Turner, is on record as supporting civil unions, which is just another name for same-sex marriage. So let's not delude ourselves.

And yes, it would be a good thing for the Orthodox Jewish community to have a representative in the Congress. Countless times over his years in office, Mr. Weprin has stood up and spoken out in support of Israel. Now, as he moves up to the next level as a member of the House of Representatives, those pronouncements in support of the Jewish State will mean more than they ever have in the past.

Even more troubling than any other issue is, if elected, what Mr. Weprin's stance will be on the re-election of Barack Obama as president. The question is not relevant at the moment, but will become so over the near term as the presidential election season kicks into high gear. Jewish leaders and even rabbinical figures who support Weprin contend that electing David Weprin to Congress with his very proud and forceful pro-Israel stance can be an even greater repudiation of Obama's policies on Israel than if the Republican were elected. It is somewhat disconcerting, however, but on Tuesday at a debate with his opponent, Mr. Weprin stated unequivocally that he would support Obama's re-election.

Bob Turner is a businessman who would bring a refreshing approach to public service in the Congress. He's intelligent and level-headed, and if elect-

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David Weprin has represented his constituents well throughout his career in public service. He has shepherded through the bureaucratic political system million of dollars in state aid for organizations like Ohel, Chai Lifeline, the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, many yeshivas, and other organizations.

It is a somewhat difficult dilemma, but important and hard decisions are not always easy to arrive at. We know that either man, once in office, would be a dedicated public servant with excellent ties to the New York Jewish community. It's important to note that whoever wins will be completing the unfinished term of former congressman Anthony Weiner. That means that the winner will be running for office again next year.

But let's not step too far ahead of ourselves. For now, it is important to vote on September 13 and to elect Phil Goldfeder to the New York State Assembly. In the race for Congress, the latest mainstream polls show Mr. Weprin ahead by as much as 9%. On the other hand, Bob Turner has been endorsed by former mayors Ed Koch and Rudy Giuliani, former governor George Pataki, and, just yesterday, by New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind. The race might be close, but the fact is that, whichever candidate is elected, the result will be that the residents of District 9 are the real winners. ❖

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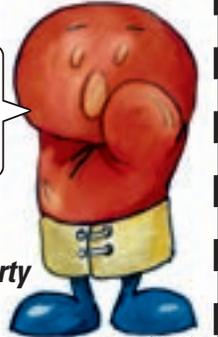
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putting the schedule together, I have begun to consider what the *davening* situation will be on board the flight to Israel. You know how it is when you become part of a spontaneous ragtag *minyan* that is assembled in some unusual location like a wedding hall, a highway rest stop, or someplace along those lines. Usually the first order of business for these *minyanim* is to ascertain which way to face when *davening*. It is customary, of course, to face Jerusalem, regardless of where in the world the *minyan* is assembled.

At other locations where these *minyanim* are put together, there is often a brief discussion about which wall in any of these rooms or hallways faces toward Jerusalem. When flying to Israel, I am always struck and even emotionally moved by the fact that no such discussion or guesswork has to take place. All one need do is face in the direction that the plane is flying.

Oddly enough, on this journey the thoughts about praying on board the

plane struck while I was still in JFK the afternoon that we were scheduled to depart. On the way into the lounge where you wait for the flight to board, I noticed a man on his knees facing the adjacent wall to the lounge.

in front of him according to the tradition of Islamic prayer.

My next thought was why in this vast terminal he selected the wall right outside the El Al terminal for his moment of afternoon prayer. I thought

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over 2,000 years for the destruction
of their Temple will certainly see
that Temple rebuilt.”**

It took a few seconds to realize that no, he wasn't with maintenance and he wasn't doing any repairs at this end of Terminal 4. I pretty much immediately spotted that there was a prayer rug beneath his knees just as I saw him touch his forehead to the floor

Muslims pray in the direction of Mecca, which is in Saudi Arabia. Well, that is the Middle East and I suppose in the same direction as Israel, so maybe he felt that the El Al King David Lounge was the closest he could get to deliver his prayers.

Tishah B'Av was both tough and rewarding in *Eretz Yisrael*. As I've written previously, I was determined after all these years to sit on the ground and mourn the loss of our Holy Temples right there on the scene, exactly where all the action took place. I was warned by some that Tishah B'Av night at the Kotel was more of a social scene than anything else, but I really did not find that to be the case.

As I sat on the floor that night, scant yards away from where it all began, the experience was both humbling and awe-inspiring. Aside from the poignant liturgy of the Book of Lamentations, *Eichah*, and its sorrowful characterization of a ravaged city of Jerusalem and a beaten and desperate Jewish people, there were other, more contemporary, ideas that flashed before me. One not-so-recent one was the story of French leader Napoleon Bonaparte in the late 1700s passing a grand synagogue somewhere in Europe. The shul was filled with Jews sitting on the floor reciting prayers by candlelight.

Napoleon asked one of his officers what it was that the Jews were mourning. He was told the story of the two

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11 Elul - Shabbos	
Saturday, September 10	
Parashas Ki Seitzei	
Avos: Ch. 2	
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72 min.	8:25 pm
17 Elul	
Friday, September 16	
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Sunrise:	6:37 am
Latest Shema:	
M. Av.	9:06 am
Gr'a	9:42 am
P'l'ag ha'minchah:	5:44 pm
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majestic Holy Temples that once stood in Jerusalem and how once a year the Jews gather to remember and mourn the loss of a holy place that housed the very presence of G-d here on Earth. Napoleon is said to have inquired of the officer how recently the destruction had taken place and was told that it was over 2,000 years before then. Upon hearing that, it is said that Napoleon was moved to remark: "A nation that cries and mourns for over 2,000 years for the destruction of their Temple will certainly see that Temple rebuilt."

And then there were lines from a song by the then Diaspora Yeshiva Band and Avraham Rosenblum from 1979 about the experience of interfacing with the giant image of the remnant of the *Beis HaMikdash* on a Tishah B'Av night. "There is a wall of sorrow standing in Jerusalem . . . repentance, joy, and knowledge are her adornment, her refrain . . . I feel so small beside her, though she's all that does remain." And then, "I've been to her amidst darkness and I almost passed her by . . . She's only waiting for her Master to come home . . . Her silence is her beauty and her sorrow is our own."

I had learned from my father's apt descriptions of what it was like to spend Tishah B'Av night at the Western Wall, not just *davening* but waiting—as we have been doing for these thousands of years—for something

to happen. Of all the summers that he and my mom spent in Jerusalem over a series of three decades, the experience of the 9th of Av at the Kotel left the most profound impression on him. He recalled for me that on one occasion as he was sitting on the floor at the Wall at around midnight, a young man approached the Wall and, raising his fists to the heavens, wailed at maximum volume with a burst of tears: "*Shema Yisrael Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echad.*"

I thought that perhaps if I hung back and waited, all these years later, I might hear the same thing. I was just slightly disappointed, because it did not happen. Still, there was little doubt that the hordes and indeed thousands of people that gathered at the Kotel that night far outnumbered those who visited this holy site back in the '60s, '70s, and '80s, when my parents did. Both those moments that I experienced and those that I was only imagining are now etched in my memory.

A few years ago, we met a couple in the Old City of Jerusalem. Tamar works part time in one of the Jewish Quarter shops, and that's where we met her. At the time, her relatively new husband, Dovid, was waiting for her outside the shop as it was near closing time. She was born and raised in Tunisia and he was from Texas. He was a doctor who did his residency years back here on the South Shore of Long Island and at the time rented an apartment in Ce-

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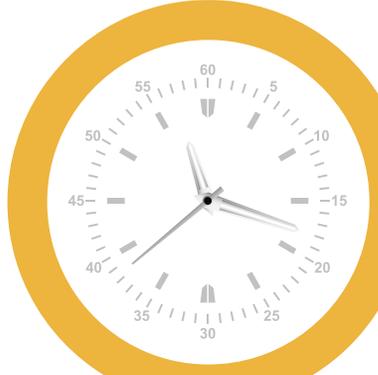
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This was the beginning of a friendship that resulted with David hosting me in his home as we raised much needed funds for the Beitar Emergency Medical Center. Indeed, I have been privileged to host David Weprin in my home in the "Old City" and I have always been amazed at how passionate David's support has been for the residents of YESHA and Jerusalem and indeed the State of Israel.

From my perspective, David Weprin would be an advocate in the U.S. Congress for a strong U.S.- Israel relationship and will be a reliable friend who doesn't need to be educated about the danger that Israel faces both on the front lines and when coming under pressure from the Obama Administration. David has never been afraid to speak in our defense and has always displayed courage when Israel needs to be defended.

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darhurst. He was no longer practicing his craft but was instead studying full time in an Old City yeshiva.

We slowly became friends, but only very rarely speak on the phone. Our social interactions are limited usually to our now twice-annual excursions to Eretz Yisrael. For their part, they make it their business not to leave the Rova—that is the Jewish Quarter—unless it is absolutely essential. Over the last few years, the shop where Tamar works has become one of our first stops in the Old City.

She was already in her upper forties and Dovid was about the same age. He has a family back in the States but was divorced and rarely saw his kids. She was an only child and her parents had passed away since the family came to Israel some years ago. On a Shabbos afternoon a few years ago while at their quaint home in the Rova, the subject shifted in the direction of children. She didn't have any and he hardly ever saw his. In fact, she took to referring to Dovid as her baby and she said she was resigned and content with that as her fate.

About a year and a half ago, Tamar confided to my wife that she was expecting. I am often oblivious to these things and I hadn't noticed, so when I heard the news I was both pleased and surprised. The months passed and we didn't hear anything. It kind of floated back into the vast recesses of our minds. We figured that if we didn't hear, then there was nothing to hear.

Last year, I guess it was February, we went to visit the shop but Tamar wasn't there. Instead the shop's owner was behind the display case that featured little tchotchkes and gifts for tourists. We apprehensively asked how Tamar was doing and what, if any, the news was. Her co-worker said, "Oh, didn't you hear? Tamar gave birth to twin boys." We were bowled over and giddy with joy.

Tamar gave birth at the age of 49. She cannot stop talking about the goodness and kindness of G-d and the joy she is experiencing as a new mother. A few weeks ago, we had Friday-night dinner with them in their home in the Rova. As I made kiddush, I held one of the boys in my arms. The other sat on a nearby couch, bouncing off his mother's lap. It was a beautiful evening. ❖

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DANNY LEWIN

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not yet being 15, he came armed with a series of questions about Jerusalem's legendary fitness facility, the first of its kind in Israel, and the much-talked-about new attraction in Israel's capital. After asking about the equipment, the rates, the hours, and the type of workout program that he had hoped to get from one of the muscular instructors who seemed to epitomize the gym's name, Danny asked a question that would seem haunting a decade and a half later. "Why are there no Arabs here, and what are you afraid of?" His question seemed more a comment that stood to support the argument that would soon follow when his close friend brazenly challenged the gym's unspoken policy.

The gym owner's responded in his typically blunt manner: "Because we don't want any trouble—"; yet, before he could further clarify, Danny Lewin boldly asked again: "What about the good Arabs?!"

Less than a month into their initial three-month membership, Aviad dropped out. The sport was simply too demanding. Danny, on the other hand, became more and more committed, visiting Samson's Gym even on the days he didn't train. He saw it as his home away from home, convinced that it would serve as the vehicle by which he would transform his life, helping to develop a fine-tuned body that would complement his noticeably gifted mind. His friends mar-

veled, and the mirror reflected evidence of the rapid development of a determined, motivated, and aspiring muscle man.

There was something special about Danny; he radiated a sense of independence more fitting of someone twice his age. Only weeks into his membership, he asked if he could get a job at the gym and join the small team of instructors who were already well recognized as they walked the streets of Jerusalem wearing the coveted Samson's Gym trainer tee shirt. Not taking no for an answer, he asked again a few weeks later. And yet again, a few weeks later, offering to "do anything" to become part of the team.

Anything! And so it was. Still new to the iron game, 15-year-old Danny Lewin rushed to Samson's Gym from school every day—to sweep the floors, mop the showers, and, yes, to clean the toilets. He could finally call himself part of the Samson's team. A year and a half later, the now-muscular Lewin was ready to be an instructor—training a cadre of Jews, young and old, to believe in themselves and the inner strength that they possess.

After breezing through high school and matriculation exams, Danny volunteered and served in Sayeret Matkal, the IDF's most elite commando unit. He married at 21 and raised two little boys with his wife. He received his B.S. from the Technion, working long hours as a teaching assistant there and as a researcher for IBM in Haifa. In 1996, Danny accepted a scholarship to study computer science and mathematics at MIT.

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On the morning of September 11, 2001, Danny Lewin boarded American Airlines Flight No. 11 in Boston, expecting to reach Los Angeles. Instead, the flight was hijacked and commandeered by Arab terrorists, crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. On that fateful flight, Danny Lewin became the very first victim of the largest terrorist attack in history in which almost 3,000 Americans died. An internal memorandum of the Federal Aviation Administration says "that in the course

of a struggle that took place between Lewin, a graduate of Israel's elite commando unit, Sayeret Matkal, and the four hijackers who were assaulting that cockpit, Lewin was murdered by Satam Al Suqami, a 25-year-old Saudi."

Sometime after the attack, the Lewin family in Jerusalem received a telephone call from the FBI offices in New York. On the line was the agent responsible for the investigation of the attack on Flight 11. He told Danny's parents that there is a high degree of certainty that Danny tried to prevent the hijacking. The FBI relied, among other things, on the testimony of the stewardess Amy Sweeney.

Sweeney succeeded in clandestinely getting a call out during the flight to a flight services supervisor in Boston, from the rear of the plane: "A hijacker slit the throat of a passenger in business class and the passenger appears to me to be dead." To this day the American investigators are not convinced that Danny Lewin was murdered on the spot. An additional stewardess, Betty Ong, who succeeded in calling from a telephone

by one of the passenger seats, said that the passenger who was attacked from business class seat 10B was seriously wounded. It turned out that 10B was the seat of Danny Lewin.

The Lewin family, Danny's parents and brothers, have no doubt that Danny battled the hijackers. And it is for them a tremendous consolation. "I wasn't surprised to hear from the FBI that Danny fought. I was sure that this is what he would do," Yonatan, his younger brother, said. "Danny didn't sit quietly. From what we heard from the Americans, the hijackers attacked one of the stewardesses and Danny rose to protect her and prevent them from entering the cockpit. It is a consolation to us that Danny fought. We see it as an act of heroism that a person sacrifices his life in order to save others. That battle in the business section ended quickly. Lewin was overcome and bled to death on the floor. Two additional flight attendants were knifed and the captain was murdered. The hijackers were already inside the cockpit. They announced to the passengers to remain quiet in their seats.

As we fathom the tragic details of the incredible life journey of Danny Lewin, *Hy'd*, from mopping up the locker rooms of Samson's Gym in Jerusalem to the pinnacle of the high tech industry in America, I am reminded of Danny's question back in 1985, "What about the good Arabs?" Indeed, as we grasp the dimensions of 9/11 from a 10-year perspective, where were these "good Arabs" who rejected this compulsive need to murder one's way to Islamic glory? Where are they today? ❖

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Shulchan Aruch. In this review we will touch upon some interesting revelations contained in the work. This is not an exhaustive listing of all the responsa, of course. The volume has received the approbations of both of Rav Feinstein's sons, *yiblc'tv'a*, Rav Dovid Feinstein, *shlita*, and his brother Rav Reuvain, *shlita*.

It still must be understood that this volume was put together posthumously, and some of the material does, in fact, reflect that. Some of the material does not include the *lamdus* that has characterized Rav Feinstein's responsa in the past. Yet the previous volumes also did include a substantial amount of what can be termed "apodictic" responsa that just discussed Rav Feinstein's opinions without the *lamdus*. Some people have questioned whether some of the material should actually have been included. Information told to this author by some insiders also revealed that there was material that was not included too. Nonetheless, it is a very important work that contributes significantly to Rav Feinstein's *halachic oeuvre*.

The *Orech Chaim* section contains 50 responsa. In the first, he recommends that all shuls follow the timing of the *Magen Avraham* for the recitation of *K'riyas Shema*. This is interesting as it seems to be in contrast with his earlier position in Volume I #24 to Rabbi Shalom HaLevi Kugelman. How do we understand or resolve this appar-



ent contradiction? One may view it as a realization by Rav Moshe Feinstein that the pendulum has swung too much in the wrong direction after the publication of Volume I of the *Igros Moshe* (and not necessarily because of that). Especially, if one views the purported intent of the publication of the *Igros Moshe* in the first place. Not everyone is in agreement that Rav Moshe meant his *Igros Moshe* to play the role of say, the *Mishnah Berurah* in *halacha*. Some would have it that the authorial intent of his *halachic magnum opus* was to be a running dialogue, a discourse with Torah scholars immersed in a *sugyah*. If this is the case, then the contradiction is readily resolved utilizing the "pendulum has swung too far" model.

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Orech Chaim section, Rav Feinstein, *zt'l*, presents a new understanding of Chazal's enactment in *chazaras hashatz*, the repetition of the *Shemoneh Esreih* by the reader, that answers a number of questions. It explains how the *am ha'aretz* can have his obligation fulfilled with the repetition, while the knowledgeable one cannot fulfill his obligation through it. Up until now, this remained a difficulty in the *halachic* literature. In the fifth responsa he rules that one may call out to a friend in the restroom even if his name is "Shalom." In the seventh response, he rules that a resident of a community who does not pay membership to a shul, but could afford it, is considered like a non-resident in terms of *yahrzeits*. In the eighth, he rules that a *moser* may and must still recite *birchas Kohanim*. In number 49 he discusses ten Chanukah-related issues. In the last *Orech Chaim* chapter we find a *shiur* in note form on the topic of one who is involved in a *mitzvah* is exempt from other *mitzvos*. A footnote is attached that states that this was Rav Moshe *zt'l's* method of delivering *shirim*.

The *Yoreh Deah* section contains 55 responsa. In responsa #12 he rules that a bust of an individual should not be placed in a synagogue building—even though there may have been some room for a theoretical leniency. In responsa #18 Rav Feinstein allows a synagogue that fell into disuse to be sold for use as a museum—on condition that the sale include legal remedies ensuring that the synagogue not be sold for use as a church or temple for another religion. In responsa #31 Rav Feinstein rules that in a case where the son prefers learning in Yeshiva X and the father says that Yeshiva Y is better, the son must listen to the father. In the 34th responsa he applauds the practice of a community putting a price limit on *esrogim* and recommends its implementation in other communities.

The *Even HaEzer* section has 43 responsa. In the first responsa he rules that Ethiopian Jews have a status of *safek* Jews and although must certainly be rescued, should undergo ritual immersion before marrying. He ruled in the same manner for the Benei Israel Jews from India. In responsa #12, Rav Feinstein states that it is almost certainly clear to him that there would never be kosher witnesses at a wedding performed by a Reform rabbi. In responsa #16 in a letter to his son, Rabbi Reuvain Feinstein, he recommends that an engaged *chassan* limit his letter writing to his fiancé on account of a possible prohibition found in a *Beis Shmuel* on *Even HaEzer* (12:13). Responsa #17 is a letter explaining the importance of modesty. In responsa #26 Rav Feinstein permits a specific *get* notwithstanding the fact that it contained a series of errors.

The *Choshen Mishpat* section has 30 responsa. In the first responsa, he rules that *mechutanim* should not sit together on a *beis din* for a *get* because some authorities consider it problematic as cited in the *Ramah* in *Choshen Mishpat* Chapter 33. In the second responsa he deals with a judge who suspects that the witnesses are lying, yet cannot prove it. Rav Feinstein rules that if he

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cannot recuse himself, he would be obligated to accept their testimony after subjecting them to a strong cross examination. In the third responsa he deals with a *siruv* issued by one individual who did not bother to verify the facts, and states that the *siruv* is entirely invalid. In the last responsa he provides a number of different *nuschaos* for *Tefilas HaDerech*, selling of *chametz*, rabbini-

holiness for the flooring of the Temple.

There is a section on *hashkafah* with nine responsa. In the first of these responses, Rav Feinstein, *zt'l*, expresses his shock that observant Jews spend their vacations at hotels where there is Shabbos violation—even though there is a reliable *kashrus* supervision on the food. He laments this situation and states that if hotels are visited during these times, they should be *Shomer Shabbos* hotels. The second letter encourages the study of *Mish-*

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cal ordination, *pruzbul*, legal authorization, and other issues such as *chalitzah* proof documents, *t'naim*, and *halachic* wills.

There is another section on *taharos* and *kodshim* with 14 responsa. In a section on the *Beis HaMikdash* (5:2) Rav Feinstein deals with whether the floor of the *Beis HaMikdash* had its own holiness aside from that which emanated from the ground below. He concludes that there were in fact two sources of

nayos by young boys, while the third one provides a stirring encouragement to those who dedicate themselves to teaching Jewish youth. The fourth responsa states that even a *gadol* in Torah should not encourage someone to die earlier and that it is not an issue in which the state or federal government should weigh in. It is a personal and individual matter. The fifth responsa applauds educating young girls and women in Torah institutions

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Hot button social issues like same-gender marriage and abortion are being forced upon our society by an energized and well-organized tyrannical minority, with little reprieve in sight. Where are we? Not energized and most certainly not organized.

Internationally, Israel faces unrelenting pressure from the Obama Administration and at the UN. It is no secret that the relationship between the Administration and Israel is deteriorating and the safety and security of our

brethren remains front and center now more than ever. As many American families send their own sons and daughters to seminary and yeshivas in the Holy Land, the harsh reality and fear of terror

egy. We must vote. Without a doubt, the weak voter turnout of the Orthodox community, mostly out of indifference and apathy, sorely undercuts the full potential of our political clout. This

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lack of civic duty is inexcusable in the best of times, and, in the present tenuous state of local, national, and international affairs, is unforgivable. Why are we voluntarily silencing our own voice?

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which has now replaced the system in Europe where the mothers inculcated fear of Heaven within the souls of their daughters. The sixth and seventh responsa deal with *Kavod HaTorah* and the encouragement of Torah and *daf yomi*. The eighth one deals with various topics such as guarding cemeteries in Poland, forced draft of women, *Sheirut Leumi*, and the obligation to vote in Israel. The ninth responsa deals with Touro College's training program for women where they can become teachers for the "Head Start" program. Rav Moshe writes that there is no prohibition in this because there is not even a shred of heresy in the program, the women are not in mixed classes, and thirdly, that Rabbi Dov Berish Lander (z'l) and Rabbi Shmuel Boylan (Dean Boylan) are known as *Mokirei Torah*. At the end of the response, he mentions that the teachers and students are G-d fearing individuals and there is no room to prohibit it. The inclusion of this responsa will surely be an issue of controversy—especially since a leading rabbi of the previous generation had authored letters against it at the time. Some will undoubtedly declare the letter as not having emanated from the pen of Rav Feinstein, z'l. Others will vehemently disagree. To others, it will remain unresolved.

The ninth volume also includes 10 responsa from Rav Moshe's saintly brother Mordechai, z'l.

There are 211 responsa in total. The section on *kodshim* is also fascinating and, since Brisk is the popular choice among yeshiva students these days, will see more usage than previous *kodshim* novella. It is a captivating volume, and the reader of this column is encouraged to purchase it. There are still letters out there, however, that have not been published or included in the *Igros Moshe* volumes. This author, in fact, is aware of a fascinating one regarding neo-Nazis. ❖

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choice, reversal of Obamacare, clemency for Jonathon Pollard, and many of our issues and concerns, Turner strongly and unapologetically stands with our community. Indeed, Mr. Weprin is pro-Israel and has an admirable record of delivering funding for important Jewish causes, however, his "proud" vote to re-define marriage sadly calls his judgment and commitment into question. The times we live in demand a real change from politics as usual. A vote for Bob Turner will certainly represent a dramatic departure from business as usual. A vote for David Weprin will give us more of the same.

Electing Bob Turner will deliver a clear and unequivocal message to the White House that the direction of our country is off course. As Mayor Ed Koch now famously declared, a vote for Bob Turner will send a powerful message to the President that administration policy and their undue pressure on Israel is wrong and must be altered. A vote for Bob Turner will remind those who seek to trample on traditional family values not to ignore our deeply held sensitivities and to stop taking our votes for granted. Let's stand up and send these important messages this Tuesday September 13.

Political odds-makers predict that a few thousand votes will swing this election either way. Is the ranting and raving against the political establishment confined to the blogosphere alone? Voters must ask themselves, "Am I satisfied

with the status quo?" There has to be more to the democratic process than anonymously screaming at your computer screen in frustration or turning the pages of your newspaper in disgust.

Rest assured, the unions, the Obama reelection team, and vocal Weprin supporters will do everything they can to get their voters out on behalf of their candidate. We must stand tall in our own backyard and go to the polls on Tuesday. Strong voting numbers will send a much-needed message to the political establishment that the Orthodox Jewish vote is to be reckoned with. The numbers don't lie. The experts will absolutely know who showed up and who stayed home. Additionally, because of redistricting, the very future of the ninth Congressional seat is in doubt, and if we don't send a resounding message that we care about our issues, there is a real possibility of losing this seat altogether.

Ever since we came to this country, Torah giants have been instructing that we are obligated to vote. The stakes are very high. There is no excuse to stay on the sidelines, especially now in these very tough times.

Other communities have organized. What are you waiting for? If you feel that our community is being underserved and in many cases simply ignored, you must vote. And, if the issues and positions expressed above are important to you, then make your vote count by voting for Bob Turner. ❖

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We need to send a clear and unequivocal message to Washington and to our local elected officials in support of Israel and traditional family values.

Democratic Mayor Ed Koch declared: "Electing Bob Turner will send a message to Washington that will affect the position of President Obama on Israel."

The upcoming special election in the ninth congressional district is being watched on the national level by both Democrats and Republicans. In a sign of the importance of this race, President Obama's re-election team is orchestrating ground operations for the campaign of David Weprin in an effort to avoid a humiliating defeat for the liberal Obama Agenda.

Electing Bob Turner over a career politician like David Weprin will shock the political system and send a clear, direct message to Washington that we are unhappy with President Obama's policies on Israel.

There is another very important reason to come out and vote this coming Tuesday, September 13th. Just two months ago, our entire community was shocked and dismayed when State Assemblyman David Weprin voted in favor of same-gender marriage in New York.

Weprin, who identifies himself as an Orthodox Jew, announced to the world, "My religion is very important to me personally, but...I recommend everyone vote for this [marriage equality] bill and I will proudly vote for this bill."

Bob Turner said: "Had I been in the state legislature, I would have voted against it."

MR. WEPRIN'S VOTE RUNS CONTRARY TO THE VALUES OF OUR COMMUNITY.

For the sake of the security of Israel and to make a statement that Torah values are important, we feel compelled to speak out and urge you to vote for Bob Turner this Tuesday, September 13th.



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If you care about Israel and about who is representing you in Washington, you must come out and vote. If we do not vote, elected officials will see that our values do not matter, our needs are not a concern and Israel's security can continue to be compromised. Send a clear unmistakable message that will not be ignored.

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Why I Am The Right Choice For Congress

BY ASSEMBLYMAN
DAVID WEPRIN

Living in New York is getting tougher and tougher. No matter how carefully some of us planned, much of our retirement savings and investments have been dwindling away. Additionally, many of my neighbors are scared that the benefits they have paid into for years—Social Security and Medicare—may be taken away. Unfortunately, they are right to be nervous. These concerns cannot go unaddressed. We also need a national jobs bill now that will provide training and job placement for all Americans.

My name is David Weprin and I am running for United States Congress to represent the people of the Ninth Congressional District in New York.

I was born and raised in Queens. I attended local yeshivas for elementary and high school, as did all my

children. I am a member of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates and the Young Isra-

ber of the New York City Council for eight years and served as chair of the fi-

nization that exemplifies this feeling. No matter what time, day or night, they are

Senator Joseph Lieberman, when he endorsed my candidacy for Congress a few weeks ago, stated clearly and unequivocally that the best way to send a message to President Obama in disagreement with his Mideast policies is through me—not a new member of the Republican majority, whose criticism would be dismissed as partisan politics.

el of Holliswood. My wife, Ronni, and I are the proud parents of five children and one grandchild.

I was an elected mem-

nance committee the entire length of my service. Currently, I serve in the New York State Assembly.

Growing up in Queens as a

religious teenager and raising a *frum* family prepared me to uniquely understand the needs of many of my constituents and of the broader Jewish community. I am also able to advise my colleagues in government on how to best serve the Jewish community.

For example, when I served in the City Council, Agudath Israel of America expressed to me the feeling that Department of Education funding that was designated for books should be extended to computers as well. I lobbied hard in the City Council to allow for this computer funding that is extended to public schools to be provided for parochial schools as well.

There were several periods where Mayor Bloomberg was intent on cutting Priority 7 vouchers. These vouchers subsidize after-school care that is vital for many families in our community. I was front and center in the battle to combat this cut that would have hurt so many of my neighbors.

Part of what makes our Jewish community so special is the sense of responsibility we feel towards each other. Hatzolah is an orga-

a phone call away. I am very proud of the fact that I have been able to secure two capital grants to assist Hatzolah in their vital work.

A few years ago, I received a frantic phone call from a group of concerned rabbis. They were notified that the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Health was going to ban *metzitzah b'peh*, an important part of the *bris milah* ritual for many religious Jews. I immediately notified the Commissioner of this fact. I impressed upon him the significance this change would have on the overall tradition of circumcision and its importance to our community. I, in conjunction with other leaders in the community, successfully got the city to back off.

As I mentioned above, times are tough for all of us. As somebody who sent his children to yeshivas, I understand the added cost of yeshiva tuition and all it comes with.

In fact, I had the opportunity this year in Albany to help pass TAP, or Tuition Assistance Program, legislation. This historic bill will provide up to \$5,000 in tuition assistance for yeshiva students learning in post-high school yeshivas.

I have constantly fought for all members of our community. I have been a strong supporter of various organizations including the Met Council on Jewish Poverty, Ohel, Chai Lifeline, Coalition of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush, and many other Jewish Community Councils.

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In dealing with social service agencies for over a decade, I understand the importance they have for many in our communities. My opponent wants to cut 35% of all federal agencies. He wants to abolish the Department of Education that helps educate our special needs children. He wants to end the US Department of Agriculture that provides food stamps for the neediest among us, and provides funding for the enforcement of *kashrus* laws.

Yes, there is fat in the federal government that needs to be cut. There are tax loopholes for giant corporations who pay a lower tax rate than teachers and small business owners. But there are ways to lower our unsustainable deficit that don't involve turning our backs on our seniors and the neediest among us. Our social safety nets, like Medicare and Social Security, need to be preserved.

In addition to these values I would use when making laws domestically, an issue that is especially close to my heart is Israel. To me, Israel is more than just an important political ally. I have been privileged to travel to Israel eight times. I have led a number of missions there and also traveled as part of a delegation to the North during the Lebanon War in 2006 to help raise morale with the soldiers and to help transfer food and clothes to shelters from the constant rocket barrage from Hezbollah. We actually briefly came under rocket attack ourselves while helping out.

As a Democrat, I have been very outspoken against President Obama when he suggested that Israel use pre-1967 borders to come to an agreement with Palestinian negotiators. I actually led another mission to Beitar Illit, a city whose population has almost doubled since I have seen it, to over 40,000 people. I have seen firsthand the communities that would be displaced if Israel would return to borders that existed before Israel came under attack from almost all of her neighbors in 1967.

Senator Joseph Lieberman, when he endorsed my candidacy for Congress a few weeks ago, stated clearly and unequivocally that the best way to send a message to President Obama in disagreement with his Mideast policies is through me, not a new member of the Republican majority, whose criticism would be dismissed as partisan politics.

I believe that Jerusalem is and will always be the capital of Israel.

I believe that Israelis want peace and tranquility and are ready now, as they have been for years, to negotiate with a ready and willing partner in peace, but I am wary about deciding that such a partner exists.

It is in the interest of the United States to have Israel as a secure ally in the region, and I will be passionate about explaining that to those in Washington who are uninformed or who have unfortunately been fed many lies by Israel's many enemies.

I will be a hard-working and strong representative for my community in Congress.

Our nation's finances are in bad shape and our future is clouded in uncertainty. We need to correct that. But along the way, we need to make sure that we don't renege on our obligations—to our seniors, to the middle class, to our allies, and to our children. ❖

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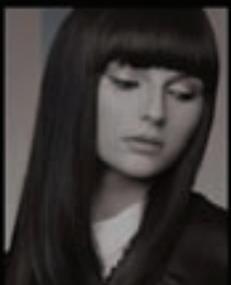
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News From The Hills

BY CHANITA TEITZ

I love legal holidays! And snow days, hurricane days, and other “off days.” Even though they shorten the official workweek, I work on most legal holidays catching up on things that I procrastinate over or can’t get done when the phones are ringing and everyone else is working. Then it’s just too busy; but the laid-back atmosphere of a so-called “day off” is great for doing the bookkeeping, paperwork, or just organizing my files.

So here it is, Labor Day, and I’m working, but at a relaxed pace. I love the quiet in the office, and hopefully I will get things done.

I started the day with a great meeting with one of the members of our networking group, CNG, Lala Bessler, who is a certified professional life coach specializing in business coaching, but she has extensive experience in many areas. If you know anyone who would benefit from her services, you can reach her at Lala@LalaBessler.com. We discovered that we’re “family,” Jewish Geography at its best. I finally strolled into the office at 11:30 and worked on some “deals,” communicating with buyers and sellers by e-mail. What a day and age this is! Even when people are off, we can be in touch.

Schools are starting this week and the kids have mixed emotions. Although they complain that they’re bored and getting back will give them structure, they still like the freedom of summer.

And for first timers it’s a little scary. Whether they’re starting nursery or 1st grade, junior high or high school, it’s a milestone that’s scary and exciting at the same time.

The kids all think that the teachers are thrilled to be back at school making life hard for them. But truth be told, teachers also have mixed feelings. It can be overwhelming to get your kids ready for the new school year while you’re trying to get yourself organized and ready, too, and with a whole month of *Yomim Tovim* to plan and cook for. But soon everyone will be back in the routine. Summer will be a memory and “real life” will be back.

Upcoming Events

Shabbos of Unity in Kew Gardens Hills. Project Inspire, in cooperation with the *rabbanim* and *kiruv* organizations of Kew Gardens Hills, is organizing a community-wide *Kiruv Shabbaton* over *Shabbos Parashas Ki Savo*, **September 16-17**. *Ba’alei batim* throughout the neighborhood will be inviting less-affiliated neighbors, relatives, co-workers, and acquaintances, including families, or singles age 18 and up, to join our community for “A Shabbos of Unity: Ushering in the New Year.” Accommodations will be made available for those who cannot host their guests in their own homes. The communal events will be held at different shuls around the neighborhood.

Hosts and their guests (and the entire community) will gather for *Kabbalas*

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After the *seudah*, we will reconvene for an *Oneg Shabbos tish* with the Traveling Chassidim, and a talk by Rabbi Yerschmiel Milstein.

On Shabbos morning, guests are welcome to join their hosts at their respective shuls, or take part in a beginners’ service run by the Jewish Heritage Center.

Hosts and guests will then gather for *Kiddush*, a brief one-on-one learning program, and a communal *seudas Shabbos*.

Following a rest period, we will gather for an “Ask the Rabbi” panel discussion featuring leading *kiruv* professionals, followed by *seudah shlishis* (again, the entire community will be invited).

The Shabbos will culminate with an inspiring *Havdalah* ceremony and *kumzitz*.

Experience has shown that these *Shabbatonim* create an incredible feeling of accomplishment, and a spirit of *achdus* that remains in the community long after the guests have gone. Many long-term friendships have been kindled, with relationships often continuing through telephone learning and follow-up invitations. A successful *Shabbaton* can have a lifelong impact—on the guests and hosts alike.

For more information, visit Kiruv.com. To invite a guest, you can refer them to ShabbatOfUnity.com. You can register a guest, offer to host, or contact the organizers at ShabbosOfUnity@gmail.com.

New Kollel for Baalei Batim. Begin-

ning on Monday morning, **September 12**, *Agra D’Pirka* Phase III will be open in Kew Gardens Hills, meeting at Khal Nachlas Yitzchok, Rabbi Oelbaum’s shul, 141-39 73rd Avenue. The *kollel* is open to anyone who has some spare time in the morning, including professionals, store and business owners, retirees, and college students. Participants will have the option of learning *b’chavrusa* or joining any of the *shiurim* that will be given by Rav Henschel Savitsky, Rav Shmuel Moskowitz, and Rav Noach Isaac Oelbaum. Breakfast will be served. The *kollel* will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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Mazal tov to BZ and Gittit Levovitz on the engagement of their daughter. *Mazal tov* to the grandparents, Moshe and Malka Krausz.

Nachas Corner

For those of you who recognize the names of my grandchildren who get mentioned in this column, I’d be delighted to post your *nachas* from your children or grandchildren’s accomplishments, birthdays, and milestones. They can get the thrill of getting their names in the paper, too. Send your announcements to my e-mail address listed below. ❖

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Why I Hate Hurricanes

Why do I hate hurricanes? ...

The media has a whole week before the hurricane arrives to play havoc with my mind and terrorize my thoughts. If I ever find that little guy from the Weather Channel who went from state to state standing in two feet of water at the beach measuring the winds while sometimes holding on to a fence which happened to conveniently be alongside . . . (My husband insists the guy travels with this fence.)

In preparation for this hurricane, I had to go out and clear the possible "projectiles" that the 100-mile-an-hour Irene winds would blow away. Clearing them away meant volunteering my husband for this project. Of course, he does not like to actually do the work and would rather delegate. According to him, everything on

our property could resist 100-mile-per-hour winds, so why should we move things?

It took two days to clear everything out to the garage—including our tables and chairs, chaises, barbecue, flowerpots, pool toys, and storage sheds. Ten days later, all of these items are still in the garage.

I spent an entire day on Friday running from store to store to find batteries and a transistor radio. I don't think I have used a transistor radio since I was 12 and they were all the rage. One stop I made was at Lowe's, where you needed a traffic light to get through the lines of people wheeling out plywood to their cars and trucks to screw over their windows and doors. Lowe's had no radios.

There is so much bottled water piled in my house that all of my fu-

ture guests will be drinking water till it is gone.

I taped my windows, secured my garbage shed, and even took down my American flag. Food was fully stocked in three locations. Batteries, flashlights, *yahrzeit* candles, analog phone, and emergency kit all ready on the table. Window shades lowered in case of broken glass. I even got out my father's World War II helmet.

Once I was ready for the storm to come, the phone rings with a message from County Executive Ed Mangano telling me I've got to evacuate after all this preparation. Now, Mangano being the one who cost us \$2 million for a special "emergency" election this year, I really do not know what to do. Since it is *erev Shabbos*, I open up the map and say to myself, "Where is it safe to evacuate to? Irene is supposed to be everywhere!" I had already extended an invitation to my mother and my daughter and her six children, since my house is 15 feet above sea level (according to a reliable source).

My mother suddenly decided to tell me about the flood in Louisville that she went through as a child and how it reached the second floor

of the house and how vivid a memory it was for her up till today. She could have been an opening act for that little guy with the fence from the Weather Channel.

When we got the phone call that our satellite *minyán* was still on, I knew this was the sign to stay home.

So before I sign off, here are some memorable quotes from officials "helping" us deal with Irene:

1. "Get off the beach! You are done! You are tan enough!"

2. "If you haven't evacuated already, it is too late and it is too bad. You will just have to sit it out in your house. Just don't expect any help from us."

3. "If your neighbor has electricity and you don't, call us. If your neighbors have no electricity, we know about it, don't call us, just wait."

Boy, do I hate hurricanes! ❖

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Cheap Redemption

BY RABBI MEIR ORLIAN
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"Mazal Tov," Sol said to his friend Yisrael. "I heard you had a boy recently!"

"Thank you," said Yisrael. "The *pidyon ha'ben* [redemption of the firstborn son] will take place next week."

"Who will be the *kohein*?" asked Sol.

"Mr. Kahn," replied Yisrael. "He has five silver coins with the proper weight of 3.4 ounces, and he offers to sell the coins to the father to use for the *pidyon*."

"That's great!" said Sol.

"Do you know how much the coins should cost?" asked Yisrael.

"At my son's *pidyon ha'ben* three years ago, the value was about \$50," said Sol. "Silver went up, though; ask Mr. Kahn."

Yisrael contacted Mr. Kahn and arranged with him to serve as the officiating *kohein* at the *pidyon*. "I'd like to buy the silver coins from you," he added.

"Sure," said Mr. Kahn. "They're worth \$100 now."

On the day of the *pidyon*, Yisrael paid Mr. Kahn \$100 for the coins. He then gave them back to him in the *pidyon ha'ben* ceremony.

In the evening, Yisrael was talking to Sol. "How much were the coins?" Sol asked.

"Mr. Kahn asked for \$100," Yisrael said.

"That's all?" said Sol. "I checked yesterday and saw that silver prices have rocketed in the past two years. The 3.4 ounces for *pidyon ha'ben* are now worth \$140."

"You're kidding," said Yisrael with dismay. "That's not good!"

"What's the problem?" said Sol. "You saved yourself \$40!"

"That's true," said Yisrael, "but maybe the whole *pidyon ha'ben* is invalid!"

"Why?" asked Sol.

"There is a concept of *ona'ah*, either overcharging or underpaying," answered Yisrael. "If the discrepancy between the price paid and the item's value is more than one-sixth, the sale is annulled. I underpaid by almost 30 percent, so the coins may not have been mine at all!"

"But Mr. Kahn asked for only \$100," said Sol. "You didn't try to cheat him."

"Yes, but he erroneously thought that was the value," said Yisrael. "He wasn't trying to give me a discount."

"I don't know," said Sol with a shrug. "But I have Rabbi Tzedek's phone number if you want to give him a call."

"That would be great," said Yisrael.

Sol gave Yisrael the number, and he called Rabbi Tzedek. "I bought coins from Mr. Kahn for *pidyon ha'ben*, but he greatly undervalued the coins," he said. "Is this *ona'ah*? Is there a problem with the *pidyon*?"

"This is definitely a case of *ona'ah*, mispricing, and Mr. Kahn can annul the sale of the coins," said Rabbi Tzedek (C.M. 227:4; see also *Aruch HaShulchan* 227:2). "However, there is no problem with the *pidyon ha'ben*."

"Why not?" asked Yisrael.

"There is an important difference between a mistaken sale, where the wrong object was sold, and a mispriced sale, where there is *ona'ah*," explained Rabbi Tzedek. "When the wrong object was sold, the sale is inherently null and void (233:1). However, in cases of *ona'ah*, the sale remains valid unless the aggrieved

party annuls it due to the mistaken price. Therefore, since Mr. Kahn does not care to annul the sale of the silver coins, it remains valid. The coins were yours and

expire, since he does not hold the item to have it evaluated. However, the value of silver is readily available, without need to show the coins, so that his rights would also expire" (227:7-8).

"Can the aggrieving party also annul the sale?" asked Yisrael. "Actually, he

"If the discrepancy between the price paid and the item's value is more than one-sixth, the sale is annulled."

your son is properly redeemed."

"What if he should want to annul the sale later?" asked Yisrael.

"There is a time limit on *ona'ah* claims," said Rabbi Tzedek. "Once the person had time to check the proper price and didn't, he can no longer claim *ona'ah*. Usually the seller's right does not

wouldn't want to do that; he gained."

"He might want to," said Rabbi Tzedek. "Let's say that you bought something and underpaid by 25% and then the market crashed and prices dropped by 50%. You thought you got a bargain, but would be happy now to annul the sale and buy the item at the new, very

low price. Conversely, let's say that you sold an item and overcharged by 25% and then the market soared by 50%. You thought you made a killing, but would be happy now to annul the sale and sell the item at the current, very high price."

"OK, so can he annul the sale?" asked Yisrael.

"In general, there is a dispute whether the aggrieving party can annul the sale," answered Rabbi Tzedek. "The *Rambam* maintains that he cannot, whereas the *Rosh* maintains that he also can annul it. However, in the examples mentioned he cannot annul the sale, so that he should not cheat and also benefit" (227:10-11). ❖

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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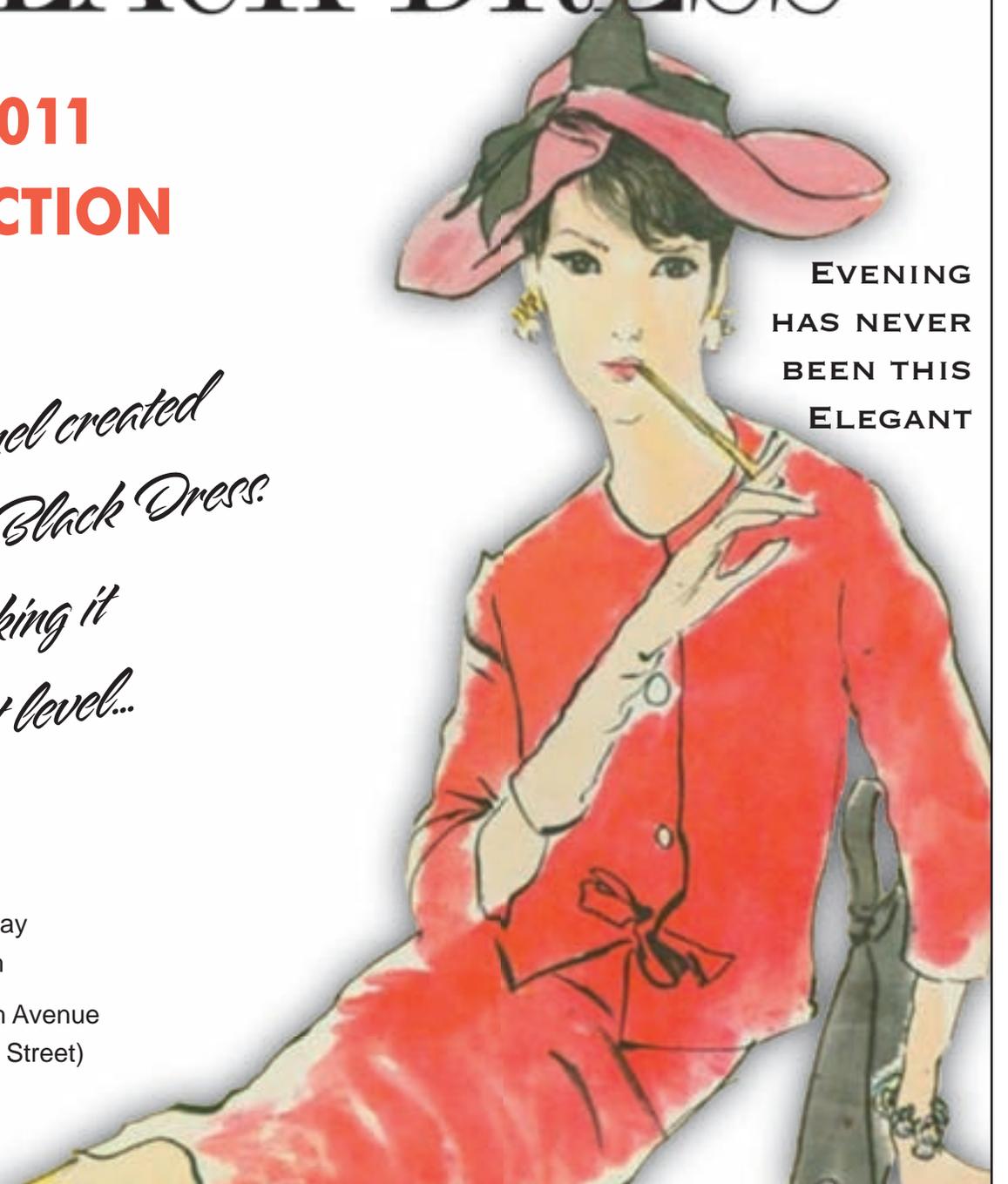
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THE DISH

By Elke Probkevit

The Miracle Fruit

If you've traveled anywhere outside the United States, you may have come across unusual produce that you've never tasted or seen before. I guarantee you've never come across a fruit like this. Dubbed the "miracle fruit," *Synsepalum dulcificum* (its technical term) is a miraculous berry native to West Africa that blocks the sour and bitter senses and makes foods taste exceptionally sweet. Can you imagine? I've read articles about this miraculous fruit and had to experience it for myself.

The fruit is sold online by various distributors as a natural berry or in a tablet form. It is highly perishable so it is expensive (from \$1 to \$3 a berry, depending on the supplier and how much you purchase) and it is shipped to you frozen in

dry ice to make sure it does not spoil. The miracle berry is totally unassuming; you would never believe the powers it possesses. The fruit is a small, deeply red-colored berry about the size of a cranberry but not as round. The berry has a mild, slightly sweet flavor, although most of it is a seed with a thin layer of surrounding flesh. You are instructed to place the frozen berry in your mouth and scrape off the pulp from the seed. Then swirl the pulp around your mouth in order to coat the tongue completely and reach all your taste buds. The effects are immediate and last for about an hour.

The most interesting foods to try are the ones with acidic or sour characteristics. Citrus fruits such as limes, grape-

fruits, and lemons taste like lemonade or candied fruits. Vinegar can taste like apple juice, and balsamic vinegar in particular has a sweet, smooth flavor that can be sipped straight up. Fruits that are naturally less sweet shine under the berry's influence, like strawberries that taste like the sweetest berry you've ever had. Other foods that are interesting under the berry's influence are goat cheese, which can taste like cheesecake, and hot sauce, which tastes more like sweet-and-spicy barbecue sauce.

Besides being a wild flavor experience, the miracle berry can be interesting for dieters or diabetics who are trying to cut down on sugar but want to indulge in a sweet treat. Studies are being conducted on whether cancer patients can benefit from the miracle fruit to increase appetite and help foods have flavor again. Restaurateurs are experimenting with dishes that incorporate the berry to create an innovative dining experience. If you decide to try the miracle berry, a great time would be on Rosh Hashanah when you can say *She'hecheyanu*, the blessing for a new fruit, and start your year off on an extraordinarily sweet note. ❖

Lemon Meringue Cupcakes

Ingredients:

1 cup butter or butter substitute
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 large eggs plus 3 egg yolks
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. lemon zest
1 cup buttermilk (or almond milk for pareve)

For curd:

1/2 cup + 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 1/2 cup superfine sugar
4 eggs plus 4 egg yolks



2 Tbsp. grated lemon zest
8 Tbsp. butter

For meringue:

2 large egg whites
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two cupcake pans with liners.

In stand mixer or using a hand mixer, blend butter and sugar till smooth. Beat in eggs, one at a time, on low and then add yolks and lemon juice.

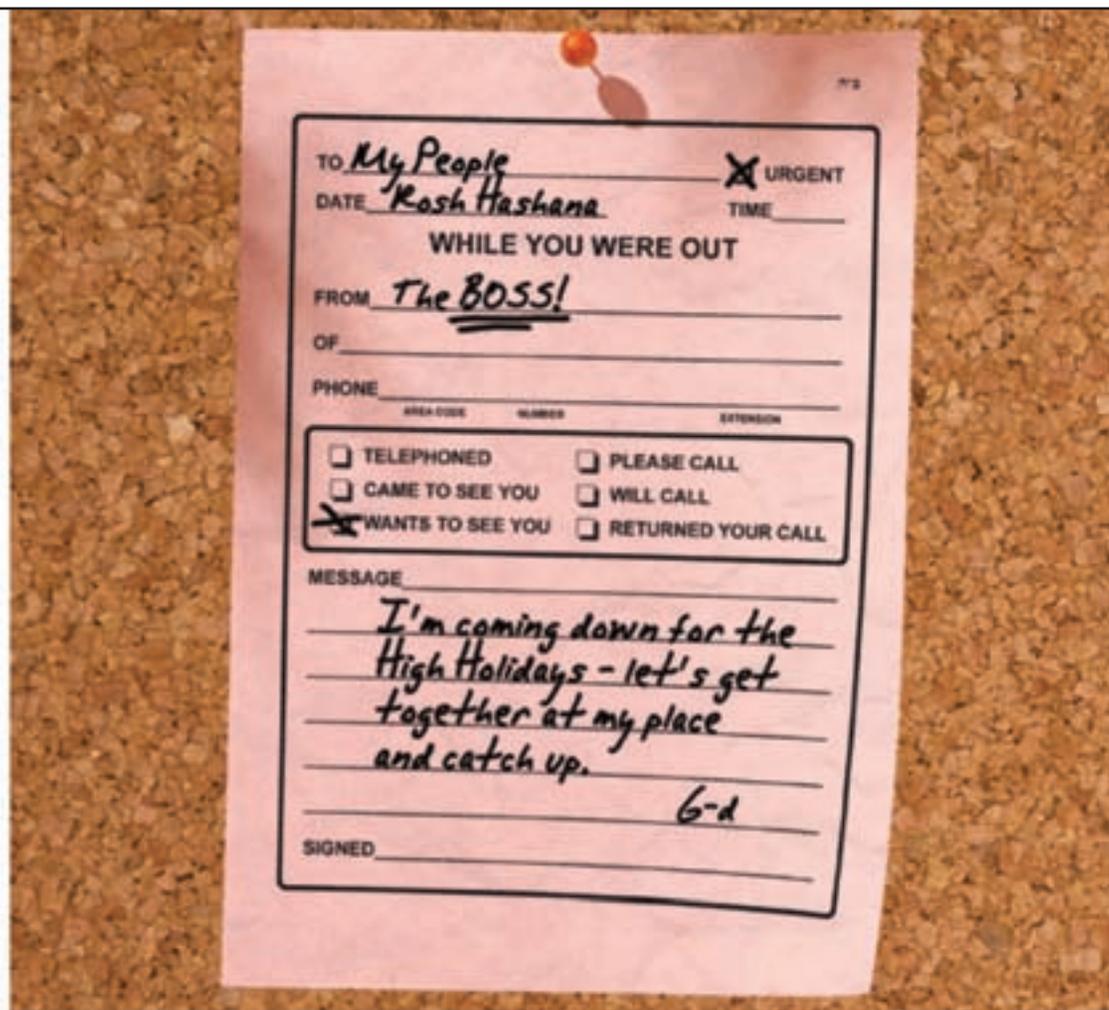
Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and lemon zest in a medium bowl. Add this flour mixture and the buttermilk (or almond milk) to the egg/butter mixture alternately, half a cup at a time, mixing until just combined. Fill each cupcake liner three-quarters full. Bake 22-25 minutes, until toothpick inserted comes out clean.

While cupcakes cool, whisk together fresh lemon juice, superfine sugar, eggs, egg yolks, and lemon zest in heat-proof bowl. Place over a pot of simmering water and thicken until it coats the back of a wooden spoon, about 10 minutes. Remove bowl from pot and add butter. Transfer curd to container and refrigerate to set.

For the meringue, combine egg whites, sugar, and cream of tartar in a bowl. Place over a pot of simmering water and warm till sugar dissolves. Add vanilla and beat until stiff peaks form, about 5 minutes.

Make sure cupcakes are completely cooled. Cut a cone shape out of center of cupcakes with a small knife. Fill with lemon curd and top with meringue (either spoon a dollop or pipe the meringue from a Ziploc or pastry bag). Place cupcakes on baking sheet and place them in oven set to broil for 2-3 minutes until golden, being careful not to burn. Let cool and serve.

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MINDBIZ

By Esther Mann, LCSW

Dear Esther,

My daughter Nicole was always a tomboy. She resembles my husband and the women in his family. Growing up, she would always rather be outdoors, riding her bike, going on her skateboard, or even playing basketball with her brothers. Physically, she is tall and broad and no one would call her thin.

The other women in my family, including me, are very feminine "girly-girly" types. We are all more or less petite and we love pretty, feminine things. We love to go shopping, wear makeup, and admire anything beautiful.

Nicole loves to discuss the Mets, Jets, or who knows what. When I overhear anyone discussing such things, I imme-

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whether I should say something meaningful in this regard before she leaves. Do I express my fears to her? Of course what I want to hear is that she'll figure it all out on her own. I don't remember anyone telling me how "to be" when I started dating. But I was such a different type of person. Or do I wait until she comes home and then begin some kind of boot-camp program with her, in order to prepare her for what lies ahead?

You deserve a great deal of credit for allowing Nicole to flourish and be herself while she was growing up, without trying to mold her into something she wasn't.

I know that what's done is done and I can't rewrite history. But I'm wondering if I have set the stage for something terrible that we will all regret some day. Am I worrying too much or not enough? I speak to mothers of daughters that look like they've got it all together who are struggling to find dates

diately zone out. Just like Nicole zones out when my other daughter and I discuss the new fall fashions.

Nicole is turning 18 and leaving for Israel tomorrow. I'm suddenly finding myself struck with a feeling of panic about what will be with her when she returns and has to start dating eventually. Maybe I should have addressed this issue with her many years ago, but now I find myself wondering what kind of young man will want to marry her. I look around at the other young women on the dating scene who are so primed and dressed like fashion models, and it's hitting me like a bolt of lightning that she will be totally ill equipped to be on the same playing field.

I am suddenly feeling very guilty that I haven't been "working on her" from an early age. Maybe I should have dragged her off the basketball court and forced her to go shopping with me. Maybe I should have insisted that she start wearing a little lipstick or something. Maybe I should have forced her to go on a diet.

It's not that I neglected her. In every other way, I believe I was and am a very involved mother. But she was just always such a good kid—easygoing, happy, and never whiny or difficult like some of my friend's daughters. I just never thought there was a problem. But now it's like I suddenly woke up from a coma and wonder whether I have failed her as a mother.

Now she's going away and I wonder

for their daughters. If that's the case, what's going to be with Nicole?

Nervous

Dear Nervous,

What strikes me most about your letter is your belief that you are in control. That if you follow rules 1 through 5, your daughter will look the part, act the part, and be married within six months of returning home from Israel. If only life were so easy and predictable. Yes, we need to be on top of certain things. But ultimately we don't have the kind of control you seem to believe you abdicated while Nicole was growing up and now wish to reacquire.

You started your letter by saying that Nicole is a tomboy. She is sporty and enjoys outdoorsy activities and spectator sports as opposed to shopping and fussing over her looks and worrying about the latest trends. What makes you think that a woman like that can't find a husband? There are many men who would love to settle down with someone with whom they can share such activities: Men who don't really care for or appreciate the "all made-up" type of woman who is afraid to get her hands dirty or be seen without a full face of makeup.

It's important for you to understand that we are not all cookie-cutter individuals desiring the very same thing. If we were, every man would want to marry the same woman. You mentioned that Nicole is an easygoing, great kid who never caused you much

trouble. That's saying a lot. So in answer to your fear that you neglected a crucial part of your mothering role with Nicole, I wouldn't go there quite so fast.

You deserve a great deal of credit for allowing Nicole to flourish and be herself while she was growing up, without trying to mold her into something she wasn't—a clone of you and the other females in your family. Who knows what you might have done to her spirit had you tried to redefine and re-create her into something she is not. So enough beating yourself up over what you should have done. It could have been a disaster.

She's leaving for what will hopefully be a great year in Israel. I don't think now is the time for any powerful speeches about working on her femininity while she's away. She'll be dorming with a bunch of women who may possibly have some influence over her in this way. Advice originating from peers rather than her mother may appear more meaningful to Nicole, and she may decide to emulate them. So you never quite know how she will return from her stay in Israel. But even if she returns exactly the same as she left, as I previously said, that doesn't mean that she isn't ex-

actly right, just the way she is, for some wonderful man.

However—and you have time to worry about this—when she does return from Israel, I'm sure you'll want to help her prepare for the dating scene as any other mother would. The right wardrobe is important, as is a visit to a makeup professional, who can give her a few tips for accentuating her best features for that important date. It doesn't mean you're trying to change her essence in any way. It just

means that people need to be prepared for opportunities that come their way.

Just as one wouldn't go on a job interview without dressing for the part appropriately, so too should a woman understand that there is a way to dress for a date. But don't try to knock the lifeblood out of Nicole. I'm sure she's perfect just the way she is, but like most people can use a little tweaking here and there.

Regarding her size, it sounds as though she is probably big-

boned rather than heavy. However, if you think just because you haven't discussed dieting with her, she doesn't know what a calorie is, don't kid yourself. Again, among her friends in Israel, I'm sure it will be one of the top discussions going on at all times within her dorm. Nicole will learn about and witness dieting at its best and worst. And don't forget, you figured things out for yourself by observing life going on around you, and so do most young

people.
So relax. Don't beat yourself up. Send Nicole off with messages of love and encouragement. And at the end of the day, Whoever is ultimately in control of things will work everything out in the way in which they are meant to be worked out.

Esther

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BY MORDECHAI SCHMUTTER

I don't know why kids dread the first day of school. It's not like they have to do any work. Basically, they're going to sit around for class after class as each teacher drones on about the rules. Most of the time, the rules will take up the entire first day of class, and then the teacher will spend the whole rest of the year behind schedule. If only there were no rules.

On my very first day teaching language arts at my local *mesivta*, I had exactly one rule. I got up and said, "You know all those rules the other teachers give you? They apply to me too." The kids loved that rule, because they realized that while they were in the other teachers' classes, I was not. So they spent the entire year trying to convince me that the other teachers weren't particular about people handing in assignments or showing up

to class or actually filling out their own test papers.

So every year since then, I've been adding rules. For example, I had one class that really liked to sing. Sometimes I'd be in middle of a lesson, and all of a sudden the entire room would break into song. And, of course, they would sing way louder than I could tell them to stop, so I'd have to wait for a break in the lyrics, and then quickly yell, "Stop singing!"

So now I have a rule: No singing. And every year, I tell this rule to my incoming class right up front. I'm actually not sure this is a great move with some of the classes, because I feel like I'm putting ideas in their heads. It's like when you sit your kids down and say, "This is your new baby brother. You're not allowed to draw on him." And they look at you, and they're clearly thinking, "We can draw on the baby?"

So basically, every year's class is getting rules based on

what the previous years' classes liked to do. It's kind of like all of those weird warning labels that they have on products nowadays of things that otherwise never even would cross our minds, such as "Do not iron clothes directly on

your body." The first time that company made an iron, there was no way they had that rule, but your iron has it, because somebody, at some point before you came along, said, "I'm running late, I don't have an ironing board, and how else am I going to get it to conform to my shape?"

So here are the rules. Don't go getting any ideas:

1. Yes, I'm that Mordechai Schmutter.
2. Yes, that's my real name! Are you really the . . . What was your name again?
3. No, you can't have my license. Can we all sit down now?
4. No, I meant you should sit down. I have to stand here and go over the rules.

8. The hardest part of being a teacher is writing on the board and staring at you at the same time.
9. After the teacher writes on the board, he's going to stand directly in front of what he wrote and talk about it, and as soon as he's done talking, he's going to erase it and write something else. So you'd bet-

Mozart wrote his first sonata when he was four years old. You can remember to write your name on your assignments.

5. Please show up every day with something to write with, something to write on, and something to keep it in. I don't care if it's a highlighter, the back of a tissue box, and a 1987 Buick.

6. According to our contracts, all teachers have to say the following at least a few times per year, or we don't get paid:

- "I can stand here all day."
- "Would you do that in your house?"
- "I feel like I'm talking to the walls."

7. Some teachers will assign seats based on the alphabet, so they can figure out who they're talking to based on where the person is sitting. So if your name is Zylenberg, you're going to end up in the corner near the radiator.

10. You don't have the right to tell a completely unrelated personal story just because you raised your hand.

11. There are several rules about where students may or may not put their feet.

12. You know what's really funny? Turning the lights off in the middle of class, and then going WooooooOOOoooooo! It's so funny, I should put it in an article.

13. By the way, if I can write on the board while looking at you, I can also write in complete darkness. It's you who can't take notes in the dark.

14. Official school policy is not to eat in class. Sometimes I'll look the other way because, seriously, I have bigger things to worry about. But at least don't put together a *mezuman*.

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15. You're also not allowed to chew gum in class. Yes, I know there are 15 pieces of hardened gum stuck to the bottom of your desk, and no, that doesn't mean I let last year's class chew gum. I think they stick those on at the factory.

16. Yes, this will be on the test. I know you don't want to be here, so the last thing I'm going to do is waste your time teaching you things I'm not going to test you on. Also, I wrote the test like five years ago, and there's no way I'm going to change it so you can go play basketball.

17. Mozart wrote his first sonata when he was four years

old. You can remember to write your name on your assignments.

18. What do you mean, "What's on the test?" I just spent the last three weeks telling you what's on the test!

19. Most kids who let you copy from them are not worth copying from. In fact, they probably think they're copying from you.

20. In a true/false test, you can't assume the answer is "false" just because the last three answers were "true." You know why? Because I don't write the questions in order.

21. I refuse to believe that six of your siblings got married this year. You had a whole

day off, you could have at least come up with some new excuses.

22. Yes, we did something in class yesterday. We saw that you were absent, but after a few minutes we regained our composure and somehow managed to move on.

23. Sometimes you don't hand in an assignment, and you think I'll forget about it. And you're right; I will. But there's still going to be a blank space in my grade book that I won't see until I'm filling out report cards.

24. I didn't lose your assignment; you forgot to hand it in. Look around you. You have a cubby, a locker, a hook, a

dorm room, and a desk (the location of which keeps changing every day); you keep most of your papers inside your text books; and you keep your text books on the floor. When I come in, I have about half the surface of one desk, and I have to clear it off completely before the next teacher comes in. Also, I've been teaching for a while, and I know how to use paper clips.

26. I'm here to teach. That's my job. I have a boss and a salary and a limited number of vacation days, so don't ask me every single day if I can give you a free period. That's like if you were a doctor, and a patient would come in and say,

"Can you not give me a check-up today? You don't need the extra work, and I don't want to get undressed. Just give me a positive medical report, and let me go play in the parking lot."

27. Okay, so if I have to explain this to you, you'll never be a doctor. At best, you'll wind up working at a desk factory. But at least you'll be allowed to chew gum. ❖

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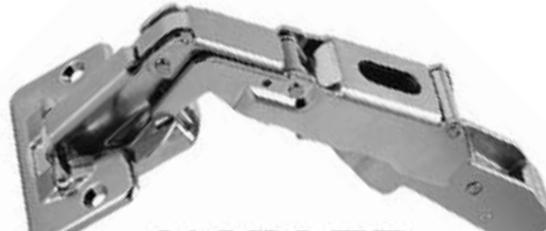
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by R' Ben Tzion Shafier
TheShmuz
on the Parsha

I'd Be The First To Thank Hashem, If ...

You shall not reject an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not reject an Egyptian, for you were a sojourner in his land.

—Devarim 23:8

Our attitude toward the Mitzrim. The Torah lays out our attitude and approach to the different nations and tells us, "The Mitzrim cannot be totally rejected because you lived in their country." Rashi is bothered by this mixed expression. If we are supposed to be grateful for the good that the Mitzrim did for us, why use the expression "don't reject them?" This doesn't sound very appreciative.

Rashi answers that the Torah is teaching us precisely that point. Our attitude towards the Mitzrim should be mixed. On the one hand, we don't forget that they threw our infant boys into the Nile. On the other hand, they did provide a home for us. So we have ambivalent feelings. We don't completely accept them, but we can't reject them either.

When we think about the background, this Rashi is very difficult to understand. Our stay in Mitzrayim was not pleasant. Tortured and bled, oppressed and hounded, the Jew was treated far worse than a beast of burden. We had no rights. We had no life. We couldn't choose our destiny or protect our children. What possi-

ble debt do we owe to them?

But even more telling is that the Mitzrim weren't doing us a favor by allowing us to stay in their land. We were the backbone of their economy. Their entire production was based on slave labor, and we were the slaves. They didn't feed us for our good; they did it so that we could produce for them. They didn't give us a place to sleep for our comfort; they did it so that we could be awakened at dawn, to the crack of the whip, to slave away in the sweltering heat. In plain language, we were property—owned by the Mitzrim, kept for their profit. Any good that they did for us was only for their selfish interests. Do we owe such people *hakaras hatov*?

This question can best be answered with a *mashal* brought by the Chovos HaLevovos.

The ungrateful teenager. Two teenage brothers living in a grand estate are having a conversation. One says to the other, "Father is such a wonderful man! He is so generous with us, and so concerned for our good. Look at the entire program he has created for us—private teachers and tutors—all to benefit us. Everything that he does is focused on our betterment. I feel so grateful to him."

His brother looks over and says, "Oh, I don't know about that. First off, this getting up at 6:30 in the morning bit is a huge drag. And this whole 'get an education routine' is pretty lame. Not to mention five miles of running every morning! It's just plain dumb! To tell you the truth, I'm not so sure he really has our good in mind at all. I think the old timer just wants to keep us out of his hair."

What is the difference between the two teenagers? One is adopted; the other isn't. You see, the adopted son grew up without. He knows what it means to suffer. Having lived in an orphanage for two years, he knows what it is like to go to bed hungry, to sleep in a cold, dank cellar. When his adopted father took him in, everything was a vast improvement, so he has an unending sense of appreciation for what he now has. His brother, on the other hand, grew up in the lap of luxury. Since he first opened his eyes, all that he has ever known is comfort and abundance, and so none of it means anything to him. He is a spoiled brat.

I would be the first to thank G-d, if ...

The expression *hakaras hatov* is highly illustrative of this concept. The word *hakarah* means to recognize, to discern. Chazal were teaching us that this issue pivots on perception. By nature a person is grateful; the difficulty lies in recognizing what we have to be grateful for.

This seems to be the answer to this Rashi. There is no question that the Mitzrim's motivation when they were playing host to the Jewish nation was not for the Jews' benefit but for their own. However, the Jews did benefit. For 210 years they had a land in which to live, food to eat,

and a place to sleep. In that sense, their very existence is attributed to the Mitzrim. Granted the Mitzrim didn't intend for the good of the Jews, but the Jews were the recipients of it. For that we owe a debt of gratitude—albeit mixed—but a debt nevertheless.

The Torah is teaching us that if I have received something, I must recognize that, even if it is a mixed blessing. Therefore, while we don't completely welcome the Mitzrim into our midst, we can't reject them either.

One of the most motivating forces in our *avodas Hashem* is a sense of "I need to pay back." How can I not do everything in my power to pay back the huge debt that I have to Hashem? However, this is based on my understanding of the sheer amount of good that I receive. Unfortunately, we are a bit like the spoiled teenager who has everything and therefore has nothing. It is difficult for us to thank Hashem. It isn't that we don't have; it is that we don't perceive it.

When I train myself to appreciate the great wealth that I enjoy, I gain an automatic sense of wanting to pay back. By doing this, I enjoy my stay in this world to a much greater extent, I am grateful for what others do for me, and I have an unending sense of appreciation for all the blessings I have received from Hashem. ❖

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Beware The Bear Market

BY RABBI AVI SHAFRAN

"You lost," my 18-year-old son somberly informed me in shul the other day, and we both laughed.

Davening had just ended. I recite *Kaddish* these days at the end of each service in the merit of a distant relative. At this particular *Minchah*, a visitor was saying *Kaddish* too, and he did so very quickly. I'm no slouch, though; while I prefer to recite holy words at a slower pace, I can speed-daven with the best of them. So, in an attempt to not confuse the congregation with out-of-sync recitations, I switched to third gear. Approaching warp speed to reach *Yehei shmei rabba* alongside my fellow *Kaddish*-sayer, I came close but didn't quite make it. Rounding the bend of *Oseh shalom* on the equivalent of two squealing wheels, I hoped to at least conclude in coordination with my partner. Alas, as my son observed, I came in

only a close second.

I've always been struck, over years and in many cities, at how the most important words most of us say each day, those bonds that tie us to our

I read all the words of *Aleinu* from a *siddur* as quickly as I possibly could. I don't think it can be done in less than 45 seconds. Yet I suspect that I have often clocked in at less than that.

Some other speed records I've compiled:

Ashrei: not less than 50 seconds.

Basically we're talking about pronouncing the word so four prayers like the word soft his sentence.

Creator, are so often spoken auctioneer-style, with nary a pause for breath (and sometimes with the text heavily edited).

An experiment I ran (which you can try at home): Using a stopwatch,

Krias Shema: not less than 1 minute, 30 seconds.

Shemoneh Esrei: not less than 3 minutes, 30 seconds.

And those times are for a bare minimum of enunciation (and no time at

all allotted for pausing to better concentrate, or, in the case of *Shemoneh Esrei*, to add any personal prayer).

Basically we're talking about pronouncing the words of four prayers like the words of this sentence.

Call it an occupational hazard of observance. The quality of things we do regularly can naturally become degraded with time. But natural needn't mean acceptable.

A funny-sad story (considerably less humorous in writing than when it was told by my father, may he be well, at the Shabbos table when I was a child) concerns a *shtetl Yid* who owes a powerful landowner, or *poritz*, a good sum of money. Yankel somehow convinces the *poritz* to forgive the debt if he, the Jew, can teach a bear how to pray.

Faced with the need to produce results, Yankel obtains a cub and hands him a *siddur* with a drop of honey on its cover and on each of the book's pages. The bear wipes up the first drop of honey with its paw and puts it on his tongue. Bright bear that he is, he opens the book and locates and eats the other drops of honey too.

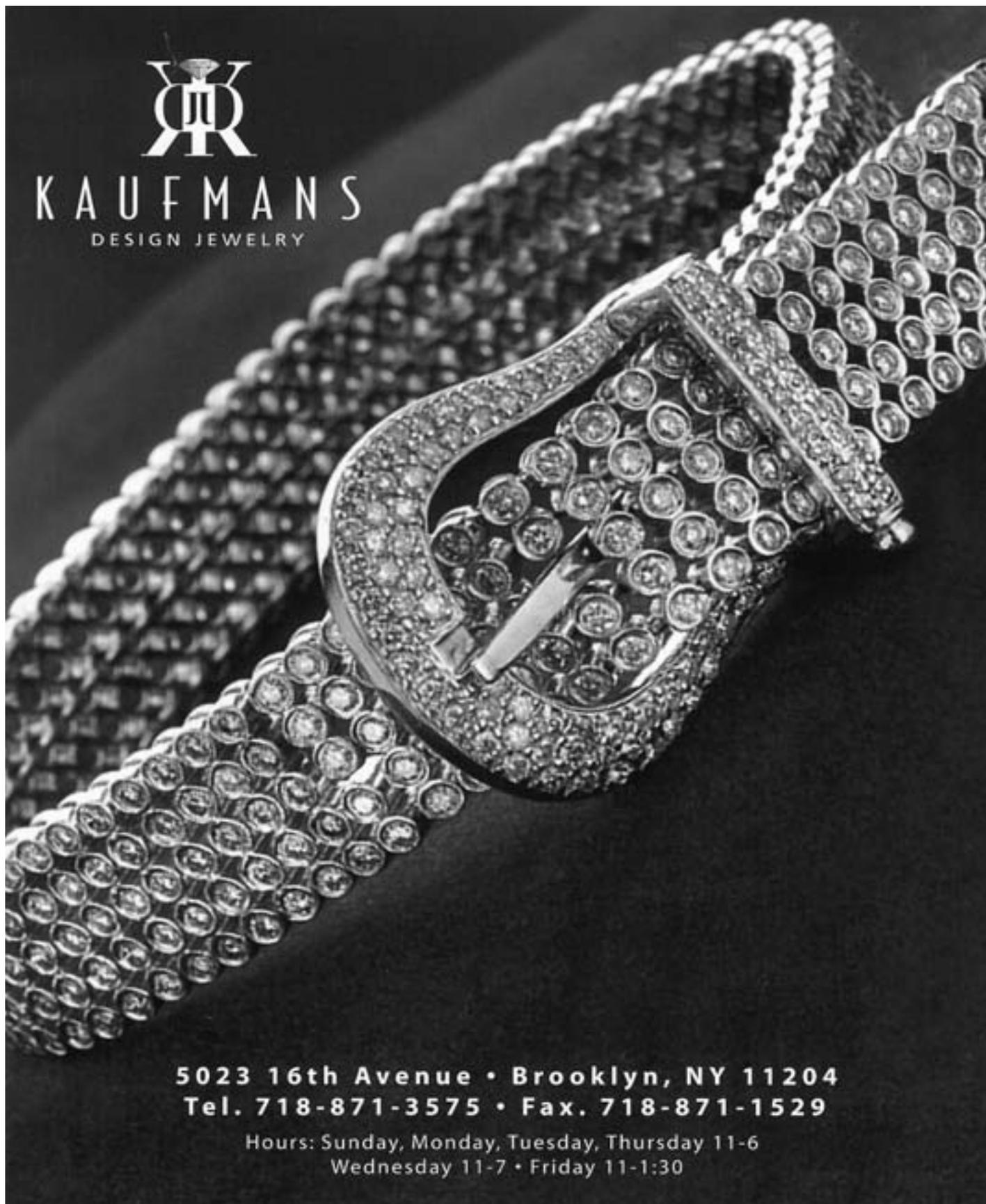
The next day, Yankel gives Smokey the same *siddur*, this time with a drop of honey only on every other page. The bear, with a murmur of disappointment at each page bearing only words, still manages to service his sweet tooth from the others. The following day the honey is only on random pages. The bear goes through the *sefer*, wiping up what drops of sweetness he finds and licking his paw, murmuring all the rest of the time.

The Jew is now ready. Presenting the cub to the *poritz*, he declares the animal shul-worthy and hands him the here-and-there-honeyed *siddur*. The bear opens it, turns a few pages, murmuring all the while, stops a minute to lick his finger, then resumes page-turning and murmuring. The *poritz* is not impressed. "That's not praying," he says.

"Come with me," says the Jew, leading the *poritz* to the local shul. Yankel opens the door. Lo and behold, the *poritz* sees an entire congregation of supplicants doing pretty good imitations of the bear. He has no choice but to forgive the debt.

And everyone lived happily ever after. Well, other than those of us listening to the story, left to wonder whether our own prayers are something more than page-turning and mumbles. ❖

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He also chose to ignore the eternal moral values of our tradition, justifying his action by pronouncing a distorted morality of his own creation.

Mr. Weprin is now seeking to be elected to Congress to represent the same community whose values and views he so cavalierly disregarded. It would be wrong for Orthodox Jews to vote for Mr. Weprin, and we call upon the community to actively support his opponent, Robert Turner.

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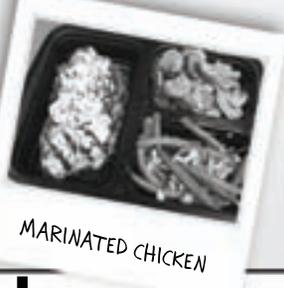
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Dealing With Issues

The time has come. It can't be put off any longer. I need to be thinking about the *Yamim Nora'im*. To be candid, I started thinking about the *chagim* on the first day of August. That's because I generally tend to worry in advance. Many years ago, it wasn't just the holidays that gave me anxiety. It was also the prospect of buying school supplies for my children and shopping for clothing and shoes for them and for myself.

With the passage of time, I am no longer responsible for my youngsters, and my kids have been doing all those things for their own children for many years now. But did I relax? Absolutely not! Absolved of that responsibility, I refocused. The transition was easy because I can always find something to worry about. I began placing all of my mental energy on meal planning and grocery shopping. That continued for a few years until eventually that too was no longer my responsibility because my girls took over the task of hosting *yom tov* meals. So, once again, I refocused.

With more time on my hands, I began to take extra care with my clothing

selection. Unfortunately, overall, that made little difference in my appearance, because I dress the way I dress and I look the way I look. And, with the exception of my son, who always thinks I look fine, none of my children ever wholeheartedly approves of my choices. But I'm okay with that, because I'm used to it. Why wouldn't I be? I've had years of practice.

One time, when my children were teenagers, I dressed for shul and paraded in front of two of my girls, looking for their approval. It was Shavuot and I had bought a lovely gray linen suit, a blouse, matching shoes, and what I thought was a lovely straw hat. I remember thinking that I looked like a million bucks, so I called my three daughters downstairs in a foolish attempt to get a compliment. Only two of the girls came down to see what I was so psyched about. The third was too sleepy to get out of bed. "I'll see you when I get to shul," she called down. Little did I know I'd have been better off if they had all wanted to stay in bed a little longer.

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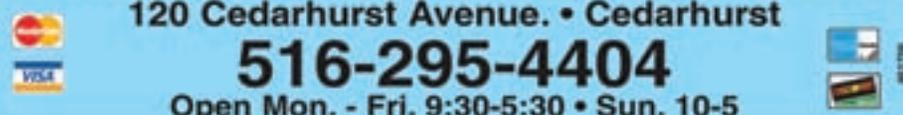
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THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!

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The minute the two beauties clapped eyes on me, I knew I'd made a mistake. I waited, but they just stared, and I knew the verdict wasn't going to be good. What made me think I was going to impress my fashionable daughters, I don't know, because I should have known better. One of

ological offspring, They're always all about "today" and I consider myself a success if I can keep up with yesterday. After the disastrous review I was speechless. Let's face it, what was there to say?

Disappointed, but refusing to show it, I pooh-poohed the remarks and pretended that I was thoroughly satisfied with my look. Then I left the house. For the first minute or two I was still

And never, ever do they like my shoes. But that's no surprise, because I don't like my shoes either.

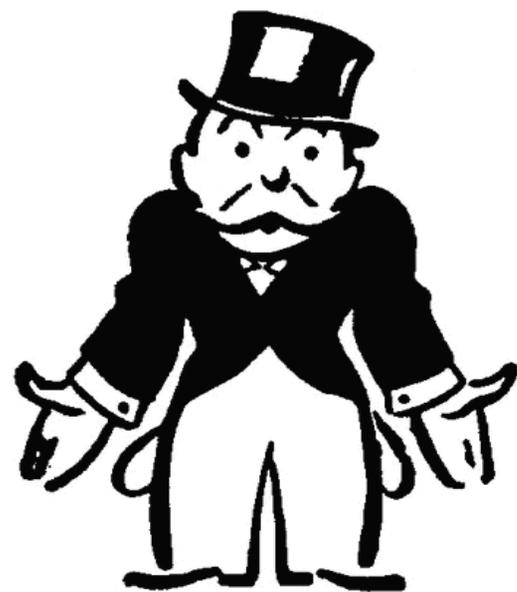
them rolled her eyes but kept quiet and made a hand motion that indicated her decision to let her sister speak for them both. And that's exactly what happened. The newly appointed spokesperson took a deep breath and said, "Ma, the color of your hat is okay, but the style of it doesn't work with the style of the suit. And speaking of the suit, they're not wearing that kind of a collar today, or that kind of sleeve either. Your shoes aren't terrible but they're not 'today' because they're a little too pointy."

I don't remember adopting these kids, but I must have, because I'm not sure how any of them could be my bi-

feeling pretty good—probably because I was in shock. But shock has a way of wearing off, so, with every step I took, I felt less confident. And by the time I walked through the front door of the shul, I was wishing that I was a snake so that I could slither in and get to a seat as quickly as possible to hunch down so that no one would notice me.

Once in my seat, the gal to my right said, "Wow, you look great! I love your outfit." My heart lifted slightly because she was a nice dresser and I recognized that she was sincere. So I decided to confide in her. Without going into the gory details, I told her that my daughters didn't approve of my look.

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She chuckled and said that she usually got the same thing from her daughter. "But," she said, "I have it easier because I have only one daughter." At that point my spirits lifted even more, and we both laughed.

Not wanting to be left out, the gal to my left wanted to know what was so funny. So I repeated the conversation. I was glad that I did because she made us laugh even harder. "If you think that's bad, you should hear how my daughter gives an appraisal." When we asked her to explain, she continued, "My daughter usually looks at me and, unless she thinks I've made a hideous choice, she says, 'Ma, it's okay for you. You can get away with wearing that.' How's that for a left-handed compliment?"

Many years have passed since then, but things haven't changed all that much. Of course now that I'm older I don't get quite the same level of criticism. And since I shop alone and don't bring my clothing selections to my daughters for approval, I don't get their Rashi commentary until I'm actually in shul. Now and then one or two of my girls might like my suit or approve of my hat, but it's always one or the other. No one ever likes both. And never, ever do they like my shoes. But that's no surprise, because I don't like my shoes either. I long ago made up my mind to sacrifice style for comfort, and I've never been sorry.

As for my total look, if I get one good review, I'm satisfied—and if I get two good reviews, I'm thrilled. I have no idea how I would feel if all three of my girls gave a positive review, because that has yet to happen.

These days, what I often hear from my kids is exactly what that daughter said to her mother so long ago. "Ma, it's okay for you." I take that to mean that what I'm wearing is good enough for me because of my age. And I understand that it also means that they're thinking about how they wouldn't be caught dead in my outfit. I could ask them to explain the comment but I never do. With age has come wisdom, and I'm old enough and wise enough to know that I don't want to hear the explanation. I already know that it won't make me happy.

Clothing isn't the only issue I deal with. The timing of the holidays is rarely to my liking. I'm unhappy when Rosh Hashanah is in early September because it's too hot. But I'm also not happy when Rosh Hashanah arrives in late September, because, while that means that I won't be *shvitzing* under my hat by the time I get into shul, it also means that Sukkos will arrive at the end of October. And I'm not crazy about that either, because I don't like eating in the *sukkah* while wearing a heavy jacket. There was once a time when I assumed that a late Sukkos meant there would be no bees in the *sukkah*. But I was wrong about that. Bees don't have calendars. So, whenever we celebrate Sukkos, they will be likely to join us.

It's tough having so many issues! ❖

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From The Other Side Of The Bench

BY DAVID J. SEIDEMANN, ESQ.

It's very popular in Spain. It's called the running of the bulls. Wild bulls are let loose and they chase participants through the streets. The objective? To arrive home for dinner as opposed to being eaten for dinner. I believe it's either Arizona or Oklahoma which will imitate Spain in a few weeks' time and let wild bulls run the streets of the town that heretofore reserved such space for automobiles.

For those of you that can't wait, turn on the television this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Trust me, the bull will be running fast and furious. No, I haven't seen an advance copy of Mr. Obama's speech. I don't have to. I know what he is going to say. Mark my word. He will begin by saying that he inherited this mess; that it was worse than he expected; that his plan is the only plan that

works (it hasn't); and that he is calling upon the Republicans to put country ahead of politics and "put Americans back to work."

There, now you don't have to watch it either. The president originally scheduled the speech for Wednesday night, but it conflicted with the Republican

debate. He knew the debate was that night and if he expects us to believe that he didn't know, then he really is clueless. How can he solve the economic crisis if he can't read *TV Guide*?

So, after pressure from the Republicans, Obama moved his speech to Thursday night. Now follow me on this one. He didn't know that the Republicans were having their presidential de-

bate on Wednesday night but he knew that the NFL was kicking off its 2011 season on Thursday night? You see he claims that he scheduled his speech for 7:00 on Thursday so that the nation could watch the game, which kicks off at 8:30.

Conclusion? Obama believes more

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people should be watching football than become involved in the political process.

So here is my schedule: On Wednesday evening, I will watch the Republicans debate. Thursday at 7:00 p.m., I will barbecue some hot dogs, put up some french fries, and prepare for the game, which should end around midnight. At midnight, I will check my e-mails and

respond to the hundreds of posts that say, "How did Seidemann know what Obama was going to say?"

The Talmud, in the tractate of *Sanhedrin*, states that while every Jew has a *mitzvah* to write a *sefer Torah* to be kept in his home, a king must write two such scrolls. One is to remain in his home and the other is to accompany the king wherever he goes. The commentaries explain that being the leader can cause one's head to swell to the point where all reason and rationality is lost. To combat this, to bring a leader back to earth, the king must always have a Torah scroll within arm's reach so that he can be humbled by its contents.

It is that lack of arrogance, that degree of humility, which allows a leader to correct course when he sees that "plan A" is not working. It is that lack of arrogance, that degree of humility, that allows a leader, or anyone for that matter, to leave a legacy that he or she can be proud of.

When we speak of legacy, we can't help but think of the great Soloveitchik dynasty beginning with the *Beis HaLevi*, Rabbi Yosef Dov of Brisk. He was followed by his son Reb Chaim of Brisk, born in Volozhin in 1853. Reb Chaim begot Reb Moshe, who was the father of "The Rav," Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, who headed Yeshiva University for so many glorious years and whose profound impact is felt worldwide. And Reb Chaim Brisker, as he was known, also fathered Rav Yitzchok, who was known as the *Griz*, the Brisker Rav.

Once, when the Brisker Rav was in Switzerland for medical treatments, his companion noticed that a certain individual would stare at the Brisker Rav whenever the Rav would be in the neighborhood. The "observer" would attempt to remain hidden himself, satisfied just to gain a glimpse of the great *gaon*. After a few days, the observer approached the Rav's companion and asked if he could take a picture of the Brisker Rav. The observer was asked if he knew who the man was that he wanted to photograph. "No," replied the would-be-photographer, who happened not even to be Jewish. "But I can tell by the way he looks and carries himself that he must be a leader, and I want a photo of him."

The Brisker Rav and all those that preceded him and followed him in the Brisker dynasty knew what it meant to be a leader. More important, they knew how to create greatness in others.

The Brisker Rav was once asked by a young man to give a blessing to his son on the boy's third birthday. "Undoubtedly you want a blessing that your son will become a Torah scholar and one who fears heaven. Know that it is not my blessing that will accomplish either of those. To the extent that you, the father, learn with your son, that will determine how much of a scholar he will become. And as for one who fears heaven, that will depend on how many tears his mother spills in his behalf."

Whom should our children emulate? You don't have to watch the speech to find out. ❖

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Another Mother's Musings

By Phyllis J. Lubin

A Vacation From Vacation

"Why school tomorrow?" Yussie asked for the 15th time yesterday.

"Because your school starts on Tuesday. Remember, you are starting a new school. You are now 11 and you will be in middle school!"

"Lockers?"

For some reason, Yosef connects middle school with lockers. I don't know why. I hope that if he doesn't have one at this new school, he won't be disappointed.

It seems like we have been on vacation for quite some time now. Yosef's last day of camp was August 24, and we have been on the go ever since. On that last day of camp, Yussie, Lenny, Rochel, and I left to escort our eldest daughter back to Binghamton University.

Last year we discovered a lovely place in the Poconos—Fernwood Resort—that is at the midpoint between here and Binghamton, which makes the trip home more palatable. Last year we just stayed for one night, on the way home. This year we decided to stay for two nights. This way we didn't have to travel too long in either direction, and our eldest daughter was able to enjoy the hotel amenities with us for the first night of our trip.

Our accommodations served us well. Fernwood has hotel rooms and little villas available. We were housed in a two-bedroom villa that had three bathrooms, a full kitchen, and a living room and dining room—a lovely way to get away from home! There are pools in every "community," and the pool in ours was a walking distance from our villa. In addition, there was a full arcade in the hotel. As long as there is a pool and an arcade, Yussie is truly happy!

After depositing our college senior (I still can't believe that) in her dorm/apartment, we were happy to return to our Fernwood home-away-from-home. On the actual "home front" we were assured that Naftali, Rivka, and Lea were keeping the house safe and sound. We have gotten so spoiled by our in-house babysitters, and with Naftali getting married soon and Rivka going away to college, we will have to learn a whole new way of living. Rochel pointed out that she will be the only in-house babysitter available!

Thanks to Rivka, we returned home Friday afternoon to the smell of fresh-baked *challah* and a house that was all prepared for Shabbos. Of course we didn't have too much time to be at ease,

since we were being warned that a hurricane was coming. On Friday night we heard Ed Mangelo's voice on the answering machine telling us all that he was announcing a "mandatory evacuation" of all homes south of Sunrise Highway. That included us! But it was Shabbos and we weren't going anywhere. My brother and his family were in for a couple of weeks from Israel, so I was assured that my folks had company through the storm. What an interesting time for them to visit!

And so we braced ourselves for the storm. Before Shabbos we made sure that we filled a pail with water and that we had enough bottled water just in case. Flashlights were available throughout the house if needed. On Shabbos afternoon, at an early *Minchah minyan* (organized for this very special pre-hurricane time period), the rabbi reassured everyone that with Hashem's help we would be okay and reported that the mayor of Cedarhurst himself was not leaving his house.

The winds howled and we feared that we would lose power. More importantly, we were worried about the big tree in our backyard that swayed ominously in the wind. Thank G-d, Sunday morning came, and at least in our own backyard only a few downed branches and leaves were left by Irene. The electricity was still on and all our family members in the metropolitan area were fine. Rivka's move-in to Stern College was delayed from Sunday to Monday, which gave us all an extra day of assisting Rivka with packing and, more importantly, bonding time before her official

move out of the house. Another bonus of Irene was the extra time it afforded us with my brother and his family (their flight back to Israel that Sunday was obviously delayed). Sunday was spent together bowling at Woodmere Lanes, enjoying each other's company.

Monday's move into Stern went smoothly, although the delay in the date required me to drive into the city myself. As my readers know, I have expanded my driving ability over the past few years with my solo driving trips to Binghamton, etc. But a drive into Manhattan is not on the top of my wish list. Somehow, with Rivka as my navigator, I got us to Stern in one piece!

Tuesday morning, we were already gearing up to go on the road yet again, this time with Lenny, Rochel, Lea, and Yussie to Lake George. We had planned this trip all summer, and we were ready. We had made reservations at the Country Inn and Suites in Queensbury, New York—right next door to The Great Escape amusement park. For the past two summers we have visited Dorney Park and this summer we were ready for a change. In addition, this summer Lenny was available to join us on our trip.

Fortunately we were going to the area on Tuesday—after the bulk of the effects of Irene were behind us. This particular hotel and most of the Lake George area had no power from Sunday until Monday afternoon. A Tuesday arrival was perfect.

The website for the Country Inn and Suites did not do it justice. Our one-

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bedroom suite was beautiful. There was enough space for all of us, and a beautiful indoor and outdoor pool. Breakfast comes with every reservation and there was more than enough fresh fruit and Kellogg's cereals to satisfy our morning needs.

Being right next door to The Great Escape was terrific since we saved on the parking fee at the park, while getting a little exercise in at the same time. We were able to see both the beautiful outdoor pool and the excitement of the rides at the park right from our hotel window.

We arrived at the hotel on Tuesday afternoon and immediately were able to jump into the warm indoor pool. My back had been bothering me that morning, so a dip in the hot tub was just what the doctor ordered! The big news of our foray into Lake George was that Yussie has demonstrated that he actually knows how to swim independently.

Last summer he mastered becoming more comfortable in the water, and would even swim down to the bottom of nine feet of water as long as someone was holding his hand in the process. This summer we were trying to get him to explore the water on his own. This is something he had been seriously working on this past summer with his amazing swim instructor, Donny Aharon, at Hillel Day Camp. When I came a couple of days before the end of the summer to visit the Hillel waterfront, I witnessed him swimming inde-

pendently when Donny Aharon would let go of him in the water. This adventure at the Country Inn and Suites was just the venue for him to have the confidence to swim totally on his own with almost no prompting. The indoor pool was only three feet at the shallow end and only went to a total depth of four feet at the deep end. The warmth of the pool, added to the fact that the pool was not overly huge, finally gave Yussie the confidence to swim away from the wall all on his own. Hurray for Yussie!

Wednesday morning, after our nutritious breakfast of Cheerios and milk and fresh fruit, we ventured over to the amusement park. We were so happy that at this park there was a pass available to those riding with Yosef (or any child with a disability) to "go to the head of the line." Waiting for anything continues to be a difficult thing for Yussie. We are trying to teach him good waiting skills, but when it comes to enjoying an amusement park, not waiting is always better than waiting! In addition, we felt more confident when the park provided us with identity bracelets for both Yussie and Lea in the unlikely event that they would wander off and be found by the park security. Fortunately this is not a safety feature that we needed on this trip—but better safe than sorry.

We all had fun on the various rides (I must admit that I am more of an observer when it comes to amusement park rides, but even I managed to go on a few)



and getting refreshed in the water park, which is included with the park admission. Upon our return from The Great Escape we again enjoyed some fun in both the indoor pool and the outdoor pool at our hotel. That night Rochel and I managed to get some outlet shopping in, and Rochel, Lea, and Yussie all have a cozy Gap sweatshirt to brave the cool fall evenings coming up!

Thursday morning, after another satisfying breakfast, we ventured into the town of Lake George and had a relaxing voyage on the steamboat called the *Minne-Ha-Ha*. After our boat excursion, we enjoyed our breakfast in a beautiful park overlooking the lake. Of course no vacation would be complete without a trip to some souvenir shops as well as an arcade. With our Lake George T-shirts in hand, we returned to our hotel to enjoy our dinner of Wok Tov Chinese food conveniently double wrapped to heat up in our in-room microwave. After our fun-filled few days in Lake George we opted to relax and take in some much

needed TV-watching on our last evening away.

Friday morning I gave in our Shabbos "food order" to my mom, Esther Davidson, who promptly satisfied our culinary requests, and we were assured that no matter what time we returned, it would be ready for Shabbos. Throughout our entire stay in the Lake George area, Lenny managed to join the Lake George *minyán* run by the Saratoga Chabad on Bloody Pond Road. He had the honor of *pesichah* one morning, and even blew the *shofar* on Friday morning.

It was surely comforting for him not to miss his morning *minyán* experience even while out in Lake George.

And so Yosef started school today. He has started a new school (South Side Middle School in Rockville Centre) and we hope that he has great success in his new locale. It's surely an exciting year: our eldest daughter has started her senior year of college; Rivka has started her first year of college and is meeting many nice young ladies from all over the country; Rochel is due to start eleventh grade and Lea fourth grade on Thursday; and Naftali and Nina are due to be wedded on November 23. Today, I am getting over to the office for a bit. It's time to get back to the "real world" which actually, with the kids all back in school, will be a bit of a vacation from my vacation! ❖

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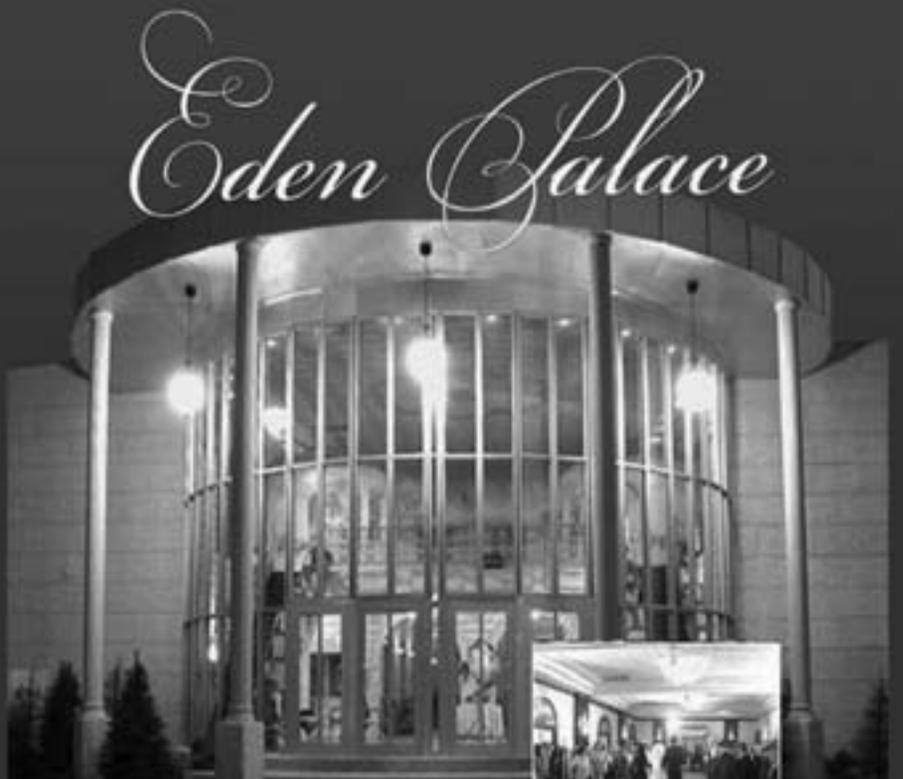
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Arthur M. Katz
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R.M.M.: What inspired you to become involved with JINSA? Why is it vital to our community? [In August 2001, Mr. Katz was appointed vice-chairman of Long Island Division for the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs.]

A.K.: I became involved in JINSA in early 2001. JINSA is the only Jewish organization that interfaces with the United States military. JINSA educates former military officers and cadets on the importance of the relationship between the United States and Israel. JINSA's trips to Israel do much of the same as UJA missions in education from a personal experience.

R.M.M.: What is the Jewish day school's role in ensuring the future of the Jewish community?

A.K.: The Communal Jewish Day School (the Jewish Academy) provides our children with a complete immersion into Jewish life in a way that would be impossible any other way. Many of our students come from families that are non-observant and therefore have no other way of learning Jewish values or Torah.

R.M.M.: What are the major problems facing the Jewish community?

A.K.: Jews have a false sense of security living in the United States. In virtually every other country of the world with the exception of Israel, Jews are at best not welcome. At its worst is the threat from Iran that calls for Jewish destruction.

R.M.M.: What is the most rewarding

aspect of your communal involvement?
A.K.: My family has been blessed with the resources to be able to help others, and in sharing those resources, having the knowledge that we have had a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

R.M.M.: What challenges have you faced as a community leader?

A.K.: I have grown up in the "me" generation. I would like to see those who could take a leadership role step up to the plate and do and give what they can. But, do something for the community.

R.M.M.: With Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fast approaching, what message would you like to convey to our readers?

A.K.: Someone once asked me how would I like to be remembered by my grandchildren. I would like each person to act each day as if it was their last. Tell your family members how you feel about them and do an act of kindness for someone you do not know. ❖

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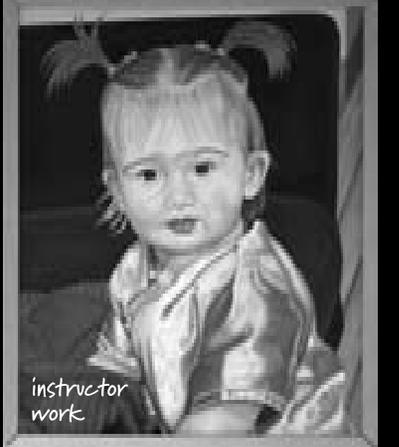
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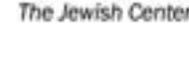
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Olam Chesed Yibaneh

"Ki amarti olam chesed yibaneh . . ." (Tehillim 89:3). Chazal tell us that the Ribbano shel Olam created the world with His middah of chesed. What is the meaning of chesed? What is the significance of this Divine attribute of Hashem as it relates to human beings throughout the world? The answer to this is found in many *midrashei Chazal* that have been explained and interpreted by the Chofetz Chaim and other *gedolei ba'alei mussar* throughout the ages.

They point out that when Hashem created mankind, he gave them a "tzelem Elokim." This *tzelem Elokim* represents the essence of Hashem contained in every human being. It is this *tzelem Elokim* that separates mankind from the rest of creation. Chazal tell us that the attribute of *chesed*—kindness is the vehicle through which a human being expresses the Divine essence of Hashem in this world. When a human being performs an act of *chesed*, he is not just being nice; he is in fact fulfilling the purpose for which he was created.

The Torah commands us to emulate Hashem, in the *pasuk* of "Halachta B'drachav." When we consider Hashem's constant, limitless, perpetual acts of *chesed*, we come to understand why doing *chesed* is a fulfillment of this Torah directive.

Hashem's existence is expressed

through the constant care he lavishes upon his creations. That is how we discern Hashem's Divine nature. When we emulate Hashem's ways by lavishing care upon our fellow man, we walk in the footprints of Hashem that have been cast upon this world.

Hashem created a world that is full of opportunities to do *chesed*. The fact of

ous gaps and deficiencies in our abilities. Why did he do so? To ensure that mankind would be woven together in a fabric of *chesed*, formed by countless interlocking threads of human need and generosity. To this Divine design, every day of life presents a vast array of opportunities to use the G-dliness within ourselves.

Mankind requires *chesed* to keep us all vital and expressive of G-d's Divine will. The *ba'alei mussar* point out that when a wealthy person encounters a poor man who needs his help, his perception is that

Opening the door for a person encumbered by bundles is a *chesed*. Lending a neighbor a few dollars is a *chesed*. Lending a lawn mower, giving a ride, or offering advice or a few encouraging words to an individual who needs them are everyday acts of *chesed* that can help raise us to the level of G-dliness.

Our Chazal teach us that acts of *chesed* are, in fact, the physical manifestation of the *mitzvah* of *ahavas Yisrael*—loving our fellow man. These acts are what transform lip service concern for others' welfare into real, tangible concern. When one analyzes the Torah's *mitzvah* of loving a fellow like you love yourself, it may initially seem like an impossible demand. Every human being knows that it is almost impossible to force yourself to feel love for other human beings. Rav Dessler, however, explains that giving to others is, in fact, the very basis of love. Therefore, performing acts of *chesed* allow us to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *ahavas Yisrael* and *ahavas haberiyos*. The more one invests one's self in another person, the more he comes to love that person. The ultimate example of this is the parent/child relationship. No relationship calls for a higher level of giving and no love is purer than that of a parent to a child.

As a person continues to perform acts of *chesed*, he gradually strengthens his capacity for love. He learns to look outward towards the rest of the world, rather than inward in self-absorption. He becomes more aware and seeks ways to respond through love to the needs and necessities of others.

In summary, we therefore see that acts of *chesed* express true *ahavas Yisrael* and

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the matter is that each human being has needs that cannot be fulfilled without the help of others. Even the richest person must depend upon others for his basic necessities. Without the farmer, without a trucker, without a grocer, without a butcher, we would not be able to eat. Without doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other health professionals, we would not be able to recover from illness. Without the plumber, the electrician, and the carpenter, one's home would fall into disrepair. If you think about it for a minute, Hashem could have easily created a world of self-sufficient people. Instead, however, he created each of us with vari-

ous gaps and deficiencies in our abilities. Why did he do so? To ensure that mankind would be woven together in a fabric of *chesed*, formed by countless interlocking threads of human need and generosity. To this Divine design, every day of life presents a vast array of opportunities to use the G-dliness within ourselves.

the poor man is the taker and that he is the giver. He really feels and believes that the poor man needs him. The fact of the matter is that the real beneficiary is the wealthy man, for he has been given an opportunity to live up to his potential as a G-dly being. In reality, the poor man is the giver and the wealthy man is the taker.



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ahavas haberiyo and strengthens these emotions in one's entire being and in one's heart.

To emphasize the importance of *chesed*, Chazal tell us that Avraham and Sarah were chosen to become the progenitors of the Jewish people because of their performance and perfection in the daily practice of *chesed*. During their lifetime, they sanctified the name of Hashem every day with their *ohel of chesed*, helping the other members of society with acts of *chesed*. Because of this they were chosen by Hashem to become the spiritual leaders of the entire world.

K'lal Yisrael are mandated to emulate the deeds of our forefathers; "*Ma'asei avos siman l'banim*." The Rambam emphasizes that one of the most important attributes of our forefathers that we, the Jews, have to emulate is the attribute of *tzedakah* and *chesed*. There is a *midrash* that records a famous discussion that took place between Hashem and Avraham concerning the end of days. Hashem pointed out to Avraham that there will be many upheavals taking place in the world that will potentially jeopardize the continued existence of the Jewish people. Hashem said to Avraham that the way to guarantee the eternity of the Jewish people and to maintain the spiritual leadership of *K'lal Yisrael*, is to intensify our acts of *chesed* and charity and likewise intensify our study of Torah. He also tells Avraham that the eternal signature of *K'lal Yisrael* is the Divine attribute of *chesed*, and in fact, this Divine attribute, when performed properly, with the proper *kavanah*, doing it *l'sheim Shamayim*, will give us spiritual strength and stamina to be

able to continue our spiritual mission as the *Am HaNivchar*—the chosen people until the ultimate redemption of *Yemos HaMashiach*.

We therefore see that just as the world was created with *chesed*, the ultimate redemption will be realized through the *middah of chesed*.

Baruch Hashem, we, who are *zocheh* to live in the Five Towns community, are able to see the power of *chesed* that is performed by our community every day. There is no question that the *shefa bera'chah* that we see taking place in our community is the result of the dynamism of our Torah, *avodah*, and *gemilus chasadim*.

I would like to take this opportunity, as chairman of the Vaad HaRabbonim of Far Rockaway and Lawrence, to give my total support and *chizuk* to the AOK *chesed* project that has recently been initiated in our community in honor of Rosh Chodesh Elul. The *n'shei chayil* of our community, who initiated this project, should be praised for this very thoughtful and spiritually powerful program of activities, whose purpose is to enhance *ahavas Yisrael* by doing kind acts in our community, every day.

Let us hope and pray that the spiritual activities of *K'lal Yisrael*, throughout the world, will create a corporate *z'chus* in *Shamayim* that will allow us to ultimately experience, this coming year, the coming of the *Mashiach*, the ultimate redemption of *Eretz Yisrael*, and the ingathering of *K'lal Yisrael* to our dear, beloved Jewish Homeland.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our whole community a *kesivah* and *chasimah tovah*. ❖

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Today was all about smiling first, and here's my AOK experience:

Mornings are rough for me. I'm usually tired and all I want is my coffee and the paper. This morning I made an effort to greet my kids with a cheerful "good morning" and in turn they responded, looking a bit surprised and even excited, as if something fun is going to happen today.

I often forget to smile at the woman whom I should smile the most to, my housekeeper. She works so hard helping me run my household, and I often take it for granted. I gave her a pleasant "good morning" too, (when I usually just nod and head for my paper) and I honestly felt like she tried extra hard to make me happy today. She even surprised me by folding all my clothes and jumped to loan me cash when I didn't have a tip for the delivery guy.

No better place to test this smile experiment out in public than at Gourmet Glatt, where you are guaranteed to run into everyone you know. For some reason, maybe it was the beautiful weather, maybe it was the AOK effect, everyone seemed especially happy today. It could have been because I made a conscious effort to smile at everyone I knew, but where the smile power really came in handy was when I needed to have my cart delivered and had no time to wait on line. Gourmet has a great service for \$5 where you shop and they check you out. When I approached customer service, the woman behind the counter looked frazzled. I made a conscious effort to give her a big smile, say good morning, and ask her if I could leave my cart. Her reaction was priceless. She went from seeming stressed to doing whatever she could to be more helpful. It felt good to brighten her day, even if it was just for that moment.

The rest of the day I just found that by smiling at people, people suddenly

seemed friendlier, complimentary, and warm. The world felt brighter and in turn my mood was brighter.

So all in all it was a great day! Tomorrow we are supposed to smile at someone we normally do not greet. Till then . . .

MW, Woodmere

My AOK moment of the day: After *Shacharis*, I introduced myself to a guy who I see in shul all the time, but never knew his name. He seemed genuinely happy that I took the initiative to introduce myself. Before hearing about AOK, I probably still wouldn't have done so. However, if we are going to do AOK in the Five Towns/Far Rockaway community, then we need to be proactive in making people feel comfortable and welcome in the community (among other things).

AB, Cedarhurst

The music was audible from the parking lot. I heard the familiar melody and immediately felt the smile spread across my face. This wasn't just another

wedding to attend, this was a wedding we had waited years for. The last of our classmates was finally getting married, a *simcha* shared by our entire grade. I knew many of my former classmates had made every arrangement possible to make it this evening. This was a double *simcha*—a momentous wedding as well as a class reunion. I hadn't seen some of my friends and classmates in over 10 years and my curiosity was piqued. Where had life taken them, how many children did they have, and what were they up to? But back in my mind I was also wondering if Malka would be there. I don't really know why Malka and I didn't get along. There wasn't a single moment or event that caused the friction between us, but somehow it was there and we got through junior high and high school avoiding each other. Most of our friends were aware of the situation and did their best to cautiously navigate between us. We graduated, went to different seminaries, moved to different communities, and stayed out of each other's lives. Walking into the wedding hall I scanned the crowd to see familiar faces, hoping the years hadn't taken their toll and silently praying that I haven't changed a bit since graduation. Answered prayers or an extra layer of makeup, I was quickly embraced by former friends and I was delighted as we caught up about our lives, husbands, and children. The evening was off to a wonderful start.

As I went to find my seating card I noticed Malka's name and felt my pulse race and my body stiffen. I had not forgotten the shared animosity between us. As I found my seat I saw Malka. She looked exactly the same and evoked in me the same feelings so many years later. We ignored each other and went on catching up with other friends. As the first dance was coming to a close I found myself reflecting on my feelings and actions. I try to instill in my children to be "*mekabel kol adam be'seiver panim yafos*" to embrace every man with a kind word and a smile. Would it really be so difficult for me to go and say hello to Malka, to inquire about her life? "She saw you just as well as you saw her," the devil's advocate in me meddled. "If anything, she should come over to you and say hello after all the politics in high school." I tried to push away those thoughts but still they haunted me. I tried to tell myself that it didn't matter whether we greeted each other or not, after tonight we probably wouldn't see each other for another twelve years. But something inside me broke. "*Kol hamerachem al habriyos merachmim alav min Hashamayim.*" Anyone who is kind to others will be rewarded with kindness from the Heavens. This was the start of Chodesh Elul. I plastered a smile on my face and went to greet my former rival. "Malka," I said, "*Mazal tov!* It is so wonderful to see you here." At first I felt Malka give me a quizzical look and her words seemed forced. I continued to smile and ask her about her whereabouts since graduation. Gradually, Malka softened and inquired about my life as well. We stood there talking for several minutes until I felt myself at ease. "It's really wonderful to see you Malka. We should continue meeting at *simchas*," I heard myself say

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AOK Success

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and was astonished to discover that I actually meant it. I drove home from this beautiful moment, confident and secure in the knowledge that from the Heavens Hashem is smiling down on me.

RS, Lawrence

My husband came home from shul this morning and mumbled, "I do not know what his problem is, but he just cannot smile." Having just been to the AOK initiative, I said to my husband, "Why don't you smile to him?" My husband looked at me aghast. "You must be kidding. I should smile to him? That man is so not friendly. I cannot smile to him." I urged my husband and said, "Just try it." I eagerly waited for him to return from *minyan* to hear how well the smile went over.

My husband came in totally dejected. The man blew him off. The next morning, I encouraged my husband again. He said, "I am not smiling at him." I begged and pleaded, "Please, we are working on smiling this week. I am sure you can get this man to smile." So once again, I waited eagerly to hear a success and he came home feeling like it was pointless. We got half of a crack of a smile. But what is the point? "For a crack of a smile I need to feel so silly?"

The next morning, I said, "Let's give it one more try. Three times' a charm." At this point I was not very hopeful, but figured, "Who knows? Maybe that crack will actualize into a full smile." And on this morning, my husband came home and said, "I think we are on to something. It was not a full smile, but I certainly sensed he is warming up to me." And finally, the next day—bingo—a full smile and even a hello. My husband said, "It was worth it! The smile was so rewarding."

Anonymous, Lawrence

The first of September ushered in a new school year and a fresh beginning for a close relationship with my students ranging in age from 12 to 17. For the past number of years I had been teaching in a small community and it was quite conceivable that I could bump into my students on the neighborhood streets a couple of times a day. It had really perturbed me that some of the girls failed to acknowledge my presence as they walked past me without any sign of recognition. It was as if I were the invisible woman. I resolved that I would make my feelings known to them from the beginning and teach them an invaluable lesson in manners.

Approximately a week before the start of school I had received an e-mail about the AOK initiative, a project developed in the Five Towns and Far Rockaway neighborhoods to promote friendship and unity amongst the community through acts of kindness. I was asked to join the program for 40 days, starting on *Rosh Chodesh Elul* and culminating on *Yom Kippur*. Each week, the program would focus on one theme and the first week would concentrate on the act of smiling. Those who signed up to the program were enjoined to smile at a spouse, parents, children, and neighbors, as well as to those one is not accustomed to greeting.

I decided to dedicate the first week of teaching to the theme of smiling. I photocopied the lyrics to the song titled "When you're smiling" and taught it to the youngest class. In another class, I dictated the beginning paragraph of a story about a Mrs. Smiley who lived in a happy land surrounded by happy people. She decided to go for a walk and bumped into a not so happy person. The

were to meet a teacher on the street, they should greet her with a big smile and say hello. I cautioned them not to carry on a major conversation with the teacher as she was likely to be in a rush.

After I concluded one class, I assigned them some homework. A number of girls smiled at me and thanked me. I beamed from ear to ear as their smiles warmed the cockles of my heart. Instead

wards me. Their faces were plastered with wide smiles as they simultaneously greeted me with, "Hello, Mrs. F." A warm feeling embraced me as I told them this was the best homework I could have ever given them. "This lesson stays with you for life," one of the girls responded. I smiled broadly, grateful for the opportunity to teach my students a lesson that would remain with them for years to come.

A few days later, I walked into one class. Smiley faces adorned the blackboard. "Mrs. F.," the girls exclaimed excitedly. "We have something to tell you. This morning, two of our teachers assigned us homework. We burst into wide smiles and thanked the teachers for doing something which benefits us. Both teachers jumped back in shock."

Hopefully, the teachers have recovered from their students' unexpected embrace of homework. Now, for the readers' homework, please give a warm smile to the next person you encounter.

**Alisa Farber
Antwerp, Belgium**

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girls were asked to come up with the next paragraphs. Finally, I spoke to each class about the initiative and requested that when the girls would receive homework during the first week of school, they were to smile at the teacher and thank her for caring that they should succeed with their studies. Furthermore, I instructed my students that if they

of groans, it was a pleasure to be greeted by happy faces and, I must admit, it felt great.

School ended for the day and I walked home, reflecting on what I thought was a successful first day. As I turned the corner, I noticed three students from the oldest class heading in my direction. They looked at each other knowingly and turned to-

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Remembering 9/11

BY ROCHELLE MARUCH MILLER

This year on September 11, our nation will mark the 10th anniversary of the tragic attacks on our country. People across the United States will gather in their homes, schools, shuls, other houses of worship, community centers, and other public places to honor the memory of those who lost their lives and to express their hope for a peaceful future.

For many of us, the approaching anniversary of 9/11 brings with it a sense of uncertainty as well as recollections and the desire to commemorate the lives lost on that tragic day. We may feel anxious, unsure, angry, and confused, or relatively devoid of feeling.

Some responses may be triggered by memories of September 11, 2001, which we refer to as anniversary reactions. Some people may also ex-

perience a broad range of reactions to the death of Osama bin Laden. A person may feel a sense of relief that is quickly followed by fear of retaliation, other terrorist acts, or some more diffuse uncertainty. These reactions are normal and can range from feeling mildly upset for a day or two to a more severe, long-lasting response. Reactions may include feeling as though you are re-experiencing the event in thought, feeling, or bodily sensation; avoidance of people, places, or things that remind you of the event; and arousal, feeling nervous or on-edge, having difficulty sleeping or focusing, or becoming more reactive than usual.

Within a week or two after the anniversary, the symptoms generally lessen and most people will feel better. As we live in a time when we must deal with uncertainty on a daily basis, we should remind ourselves of things that help ground and sooth-

us. Each of us has our own style of dealing with stressors. Remember to engage in positive healthy activities that you enjoy.

Do not become isolated from others; use your support system. Spend time with family and friends.

Rather than verbalizing their feelings, children may report more physiological reactions, such as stomachaches and headaches. They may feel anxious about attending school during this time. Developing family safety plans may help alleviate these feelings and create stability. Exposure to media coverage should be limited. Children should be encouraged to engage in positive, constructive activities, such as commemorations and memorials, to counteract their sense of helplessness and promote expression.

UJA Federation of New York has created an important resource for individuals and institutions in our community who plan to develop commemorative services. Recognizing that each family or agency will

memorialize the tragedy in its own unique way, a panel of Jewish educators has compiled excerpts from Jewish literature, liturgy, religious texts, and songs. All of the materials reflect our experiences as Americans and as Jews.

The section on *Meditations on the 10 Year Anniversary* contains reflections by several communal leaders and a letter by the mother of a victim of 9/11. In addition to materials that can be used at home, UJA Federation of New York provides examples of a communal commemoration, a school commemoration, and a service for individual or group visits to the site of the World Trade Center.

UJA Federation hopes that these materials will enrich people's experiences as they reflect on the last 10 years and provide comfort to those who seek it.

"We had developed a resource similar to this on the first anniversary of 9/11," Lynn Light Geller, executive director of educational resources and organizational development at the Jewish Resource Center UJA/Fed NY told the *Five Towns Jewish Times*. "With the 10th anniversary of 9/11 approaching, we wanted to develop a comprehensive resource once again, so we sat down with a group of colleagues to discuss what is relevant."

Working in tandem, the panel of experts developed an exemplary and comprehensive resource and sent it to day schools and agencies throughout the nation. Spiritually uplifting and sensitive in its approach, it is eliciting enthusiastic feedback from professionals, lay leaders, and individuals from all walks of lives whose lives have been touched and forever changed by 9/11.

"9/11 has impacted my life," says Rabbi Michael Paley, the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar-in-Residence at the Jewish Resource Center of UJA-Federation N.Y. "My daughter Naama was a student at Stuyvesant High School at the time and she experienced it as it was happening. She witnessed both buildings being hit."

Rabbi Paley recalls vividly how, along with so many fellow New Yorkers, his teenage daughter kept on running on that horrific day, barely able to see.

"That night, Naama spoke of the ferocious and cataclysmic destruction she had witnessed and the trauma she had experienced," recalls her father, who in the ensuing days, weeks, and months graced many 9/11 memorial services with his eloquent and heartfelt words, offering comfort to those left behind. Rabbi Paley discussed the Jewish response to 9/11 and implementing the Resource effectively.

"It's important to us as Jews to put 9/11 in a Jewish context. Some of the *Midrash* and the poems featured within the Resource affect us all. We need to look forward to the future with hope. We were all victims on that day; we were all changed by that moment. Thinking about this moment is a Jewish tradition. We are all part of the American community and we are fortunate to be living in this great country." ❖

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By Simcha Brown of Frederick Parker

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(three to four weeks on average) and sharp tailoring. The store features an Old World feel, with wood floors, a tri-fold wooden mirror, a fit mannequin, an antique barber's chair, and music playing in the background. You know the type—the modest upscale store in an alley where the short Italian guy with the thick accent and a tape measure draped around his neck, sleeves rolled up, waits to tell you about his years of experience



Simcha Brown in his office.

and his ancestry in this line of business.

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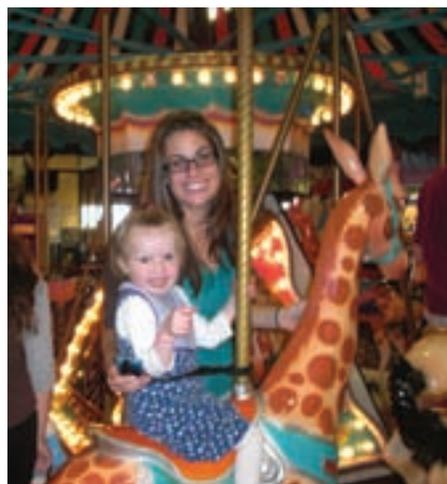
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Friendship Circle End-Of-Summer Camp

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Each day began with a circle time where the children gave *tzedakah*, *davened*, and did their daily exercise. On Monday they were off to "Once Upon a Tree Top," where the campers enjoyed a range of entertaining, educational, and fun exhibits. From the pretend grocery store, the dress up room, and jungle gym, the kids had a ball. The children could not wait to return to camp on Tuesday—excited to see their friends and for an



Abby P. and Tamar R. are all smiles at Fun Station.



Marci S., Chaim S., Reva B. and Tziporah F. having a great time.



Daniel A., Max T., and Moshe S. enjoying the Intrepid.

outing to the Levi Yitzchak Library and the Theresa Academy of Performing Arts. What could be better than a great dance class and doing some arts and crafts? On Wednesday, the fun was taken to a whole new level with a grand trip to the Intrepid Air and Space Museum. It was a perfect day to check out all the fascinat-

ing planes on the flight deck of the Intrepid. The camp was also lucky enough to hear the *shofar* being blown by Rabbi Meir Geisinsky, Chabad's Youth Director. Thursday's trip to Fun Station—an all-time favorite of many—was another great day from start to finish. The rides, games, slides, and arcades only extended the already wide smiles on the camper's faces. To top it all off, they were privileged to make *challah* with the help of Morah Miriam Wolowik and her wonderful kids. The children braided, egg



JJ G. rises to the occasion at Friendship Circle's challah-baking class.

washed, and added seeds of their choice to their *challahs* for Shabbos and then had their very own Shabbos party!

Five Towns Friendship Circle Director Mrs. Batsheva Borenstein says, "Thanks to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, what could have been a week of frustration for a Friendship Circle family has been transformed into a week of relaxation and pleasure. The memories and friendships that were formed certainly have impacted the lives of the entire Friendship Circle family."

The positive feedback from The Friendship Circle parents has been non-stop. A grateful parent, Mrs. R.B., told FC staff, "As always, they had a blast, and my child has not stopped talking about it. With great dedication and care, Friendship Circle has completed another tremendously successful program continuing the legacy of their motto, 'Making a Difference.'"

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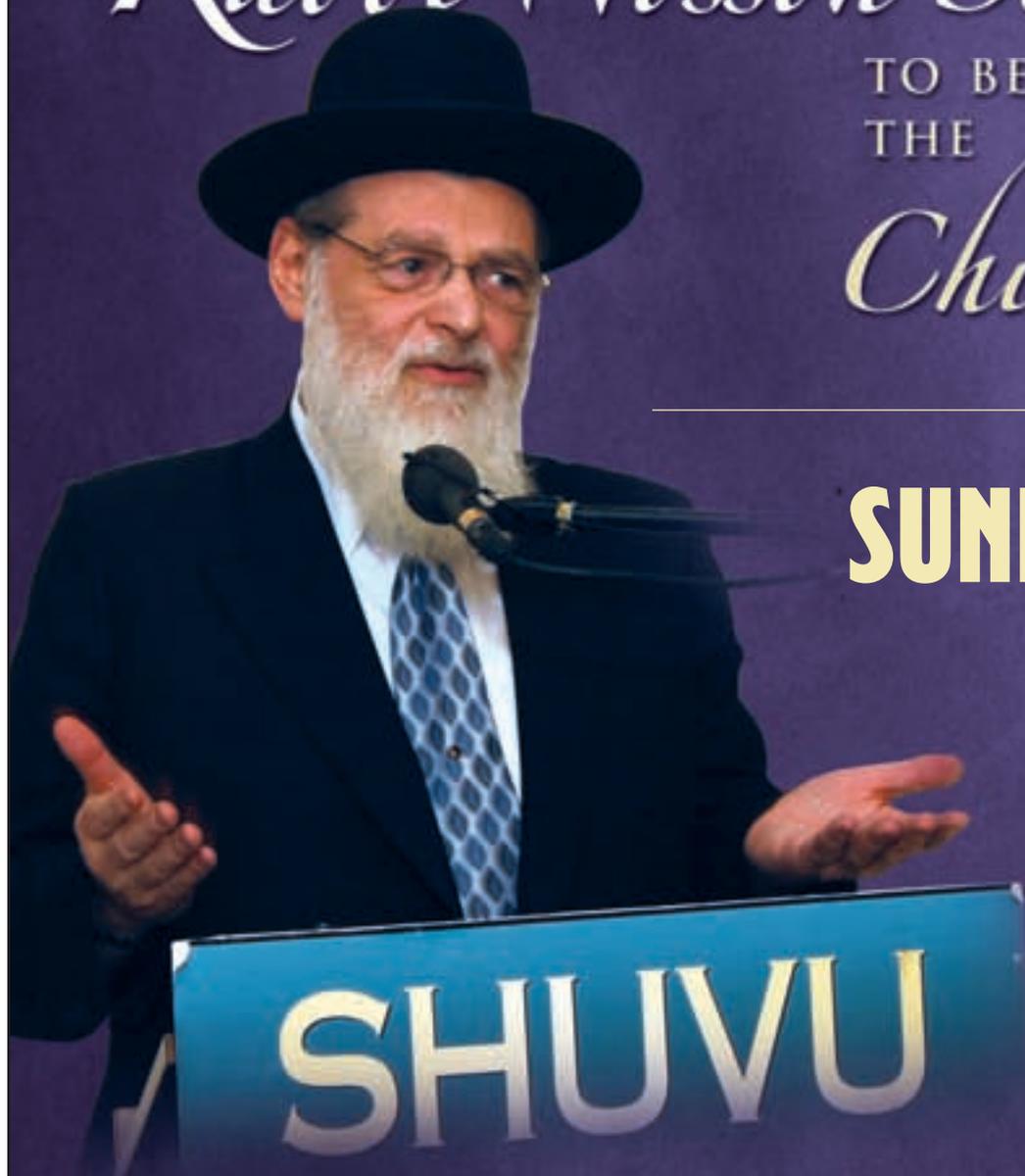
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SKA-DRS-HALB Edtech Boot Camp

Summer vacation ended early for faculty members of the Stella K. Abraham High School for Girls, Davis Renov Stahler High School for Boys, and Hebrew Academy of Long Beach Elementary School! On Wednesday, August 31, teachers from all three schools spent much of the day at SKA attending an "EdTech Boot Camp," learning new technological techniques to enhance classroom time. Workshops on the basic use of Smartboards and the use of Google Docs and Edmodo in the classroom



HALB's EdTech Boot Camp

were given by administrators Rabbi Dr. Jeff Rothman, SKA principal grades 9-10; Rabbi Dov Emerson, DRS assistant principal, general studies; and Dr. Tzvi Pittinsky, director of educational technology at the Frisch School. A working lunch introduced a variety of other technological tools for the teachers to use. Attendees had the opportunity to learn the web tools in a hands-on fashion and left the sessions with a greater ability to integrate the programs in their classrooms.

An EdTech Community of Practice, or CoP, will be open to all faculty members of SKA, DRS, and HALB. These monthly meetings will focus on sharing ideas and best practices of implementing EdTech in the classroom. Together with ongoing training sessions and an e-mail list to share resources, CoP will help ensure advanced classroom applications and ultimately greatly benefit the students! ❖

Rosh Chodesh Elul In Beit Bnei Rachel

By Evelyn Haies, President, Rachel's Children Reclamation Foundation and Beit Bnei Rachel

It used to be every Tuesday that the bus from Efrat came to Kever Rachel and we learned in Beit Bnei Rachel, the RCRF majority-owned property just a few feet past Kever Rachel in the Rachel Tomb Walled Complex, but now it is only on each Rosh Chodesh that the Efrat group learns in the memory of my dear friend Sara Blaustein, H'yd.

This Tuesday Rosh Chodesh Elul, the shiur was given by Sara Jo Ben-Zvi. It

was a talk on *Nechemia* and problems within the walls. This month's trip was sponsored by Bryna and Chaim Astor on the occasion of their 24th wedding anniversary. HaRav Benjamin Levene spoke on "Rachel Imeinu and the Rosh Hashanah Prophecy." The stories of his grandfather and the *tzadikim* of his day relayed a very important message. *Tzadikim* are simple and one should always respect and care for one's fellow man. *Ima Rachel* cries, sacrifices, has empathy and *emunah*. Her *middos* carry her children above the decadence and deceptions and will bring us up from the falls. There was also a visit by HaRav Moshe Wolfson, *shlita*, for a *tish*. About 200 followers of this great rabbi enjoyed a talk in Yiddish. *Yerushalmi kugel*, *rugelach*, and other refreshments were served.

It was such a joy to be with HaRav Levene again whose roots are deep in Jerusalem history and hear stories of his

grandfather's visits to Kever Rachel before it was occupied by the Jordanians and after it was reclaimed in 1967. I presented him with a painting by Malky Grunwald which displayed that unity and *derech erez* are what bring the *geulah*. This painting is on display in the Rachel's Children Reclamation Foundation Museum of Jewish Aliyah that just hosted a Biblical Art Exhibit by Ellen Lapidus Stern. Malky Grunwald, my granddaughter, who now attends SKA, had the first *bas mitzvah* at Beit Bnei Rachel. Recently, she was on the NCSY JOLT program visiting the camps her family survived. She is a third generation Holocaust survivor. She was celebrating her 16th birthday in Beit Bnei Rachel with her contemporaries in rectification of a *bas mitzvah* that was blemished by complications but still most memorable and the inau-



Evelyn Haies presents Rav Benjamin Levene with a painting by her granddaughter Malka Grunwald: Kever Rachel, Unity, and Derech Eretz.

gurator of so many more *simchas* in our beautiful reception center. This birthday was so joyous because it was shared and a surprise. It was also a statement for Jewish steadfastness and survival in the merit of Ima Rachel's tears. ❖

Jeff Leb Joins Otsar

Jeffrey Leb has joined Otsar Family Services, a leader in providing quality programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities, as the director of administration and government relations.

Mr. Leb comes to Otsar from the Sephardic Community Federation (SCF), a public policy organization where he served as executive director. At SCF Jeff was responsible for, among other things, leading a mission to Albany each year to fight cuts to special education programming in New York State. Jeff's advocacy ensured that children with special needs were well represented in Albany and he



Jeffrey Leb

will now bring those skills and that relationship to bear on behalf of Otsar's families.

"I have worked with Jeff on several community projects over the last several years and have been impressed with his understanding of city and state government, and his effectiveness and total dedication to the project," explained Eli Greenberg, a member of Otsar's board of directors. "I am excited to have Jeff on board at Otsar to help us best fulfill our charitable mission to keep our families strong and intact."

Mr. Leb is very involved in communal issues both in Brooklyn and in Long Island where he lives with his wife and four children. Jeff is the co-founder of Project Mazon—a charity that provides food vouchers for needy families. He is also the Secretary of TEACH NYS, a statewide group that advocates on behalf of parents of private school children, and he has recently been elected in a landslide victory as a trustee of the Peninsula Public Library in Long Island.

"Jeff Leb is a visionary and a

dynamic leader. I congratulate Otsar on such an inspired selection. Jeff will only amplify the good work that is being done at Otsar," commented New York City Councilman Lewis Fidler.

Otsar is a grassroots organization that began in 1980 with a small group of parents dedicated to improving their children's quality of life. Over 30 years later, OTSAR serves 400 families with children and adults with developmental disabilities in the New York community.

"We are pleased to have Jeff working with us," said Betty Pollack, Otsar's executive director. "He brings great energy and enthusiasm to the job. He understands our commitment to the families that depend on Otsar to help them care for their

children with special needs. Jeff understands the vital work we do and is here to help us grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our families. We look forward to a long and productive association with him." ❖

Memorial Tribute To Rabbi Amos Bunim, October 5

For 56 years, the Far Rockaway/Lawrence Community has convened in support of Beth Medrash Govoha at an annual parlor meeting hosted by the Bunim family. The tradition was started by Mr. Irving Bunim, *zt'l*, the legendary *askan* who will forever be remembered for saving innumerable lives during the Holocaust through his work on the Vaad Hatzala and the critical

missions that he undertook at the behest of the Vaad's guiding force, Rav Aaron Kotler, *zt'l*. After his father's passing, R' Amos Bunim continued his work and sustained the close *kesher* with *gedolei hador*, devoting himself to *Klal Yisrael's* rebuilding efforts and standing staunchly at the side of three generations of Lakewood *roshei yeshiva*. His own *petirah* this past May sent waves of grief through the entire Torah world.

Characteristically, R' Amos would always open his home during the *Aseres Yimei Teshuvah* giving the whole *kehillah* an opportunity to be *mechazek Torah* and merit its lifegiving *zechus* before the *Yom haDin*. This year, the community and Beth Medrash Govoha will

pay tribute to his inspirational memory at a reception on Wednesday evening, October 5, at Congregation Shaarey Tefila in Lawrence. The program will feature memorials by the *rosh yeshiva*, Rav Aryeh Malkiel Kotler; *divrei hisorerus* by the *rosh yeshiva*, Rav Yeruchim Olshin, the showing of a remembrance video, and the distribution of a memorial scroll of honor. The memorial scroll will chronicle the generosity of all participating friends and neighbors who will dedicate and upgrade their annual contributions to the *yeshiva l'iluy nishmaso*.

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Community News From Around The World

Agudah Steps On The Gas To Get Buses For Schools

Delivery took place last week of the first 4 of 56 brand-new buses to schools in the Greater New York area and the Lower Hudson Valley, as part of a capital grant by the New York State Senate from the NYS Economic Development Assistance Program. The grant provided \$5 million to purchase buses to be used by nonpublic schools whose school day extends past 4:30 p.m. The recipient of the grant was Community Transit Systems LLC (CTS). The sole member of CTS is Agudath Israel of America Community Services, Inc., which in turn is an affiliate of Agudath Israel of America.

School bus recipients included schools affiliated with a wide variety of streams within the Orthodox community, as well as non-Orthodox and non-Jewish schools, as per the terms of the grant. Schools receiving the buses are spread among the five boroughs of New

York City and Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. It is anticipated that the majority of the buses will be delivered before September 15, with the rest of the buses due for delivery before November.

Kudos are due to Shimon Ostreicher, Shiya Ostreicher, and Agudath Israel's Vice President for Community Affairs, Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz, for obtaining this grant and to New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos for sponsoring the grant. ❖

Renovations Funded For Boro Park Playgrounds

Thanks to \$1.4 million in funding secured by City Councilmembers Brad Lander and Sara M. Gonzalez, Boro Park's Brizzi Playground and Dome Playground will get a much-needed facelift.

The two parks are popular among the children of Boro Park. Despite hav-

ing more young children than most areas of the city, Boro Park has very few playgrounds and Brizzi and Dome playgrounds are both in need of refurbishment.

"All children in this city deserve a first-class playground," said Councilmember Lander. "The community here has a vision for what Dome and Brizzi Playgrounds should be and I'm glad that we were able to provide the money to make it happen. It is exciting to see this revitalization bringing people together within and across neighborhoods. Through this volunteerism, we are building a sense of co-ownership of these playgrounds."

"Councilman Lander and I met with the community leaders late last year to seek their input regarding Brizzi Playground improvements. In this tough economy I am delighted we were able to provide the funding necessary to refurbish this facility and we eagerly await further participation from the community to make their vision a reality," said Councilmember Gonzalez.

Brizzi Playground is located by New Utrecht Avenue between 42nd and 43rd

Streets. Councilmember Gonzalez and Councilmember Lander each allocated \$250,000 for the park, for a combined \$500,000.

In addition to his work on behalf of Brizzi Playground, Councilmember Lander has been working to give a facelift to Boro Park's Dome Playground, located on Dahill Road at Cortelyou Road. This year, Lander allocated \$900,000 for the park, in addition to \$1 million provided last year by the councilmember and Borough President Marty Markowitz.

The new funding has inspired community members to take ownership of the parks, putting their own ideas and energy into beautifying and maintaining the playgrounds. Parents and children in northern Boro Park and Kensington founded Friends of Dome Playground, which organized a volunteer clean-up day for the park earlier this month. Friends of Brizzi Playground was recently formed by community members who want to help plan the new Brizzi Playground.

Councilmembers Lander and Gonzalez are creating a community-driven process to decide how to spend the new funds. In March, Councilmember Lander organized a meeting attended by over 50 residents to discuss their visions for Dome Playground. Just last week, parents and children from Boro Park met with Councilmember Lander at Brizzi Playground to discuss improvements for that park. Boro Park's children created paintings of the playground that they wanted the councilmembers to build at Brizzi.

Going forward, the councilmembers will be working with the Parks Department to make the community's dream for Brizzi and Dome Playgrounds a reality.

Volunteer September 11. Friends of Brizzi Playground is organizing a volunteer day this Sunday, September 11, 12:00-3:00 p.m. What an appropriate way to commemorate 9/11. They will be cleaning the park and repainting one of the pieces of play equipment so the playground can get a colorful facelift. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation will provide the cleaning and painting equipment. Refreshments will be available for the volunteers, donated by KRM Kollel Supermarket.

For further information, e-mail FriendsOfBrizziPlayground@gmail.com. ❖

Samaria Representative To Confront Oslo

Eliezer Braun of Samaria will be touring Norway over the next two weeks, promoting an alternate grassroots peace plan for the region known as the "West Bank." His plan calls for education, democratization, and mutual respect. The speaking tour has been arranged as part of an effort to raise international support before the September 20 UN vote on Palestinian statehood. Mr. Braun argues that a vote for the current plan will create more problems than it solves, with its government-imposed change.

Mr. Braun is the director of the Shuva Israel's Interfaith Department, and travels around the world speaking mainly to Christian groups on behalf of Samaria's communities and raising support for the residents of the "disputed"

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Israel Security Forces Foil Multiple Terrorist Attacks In Jerusalem

BY ANSHEL PFEFFER

The Israeli Shin Bet security service foiled a suicide terrorist attack last month in Jerusalem, it emerged Wednesday. An explosive belt was seized only 24 hours before the planned attack, after it was already smuggled into Jerusalem.

The interception of the planned attack was part of a large-scale operation by the Shin Bet, the IDF and the police against the Hamas military infrastructure in the West Bank and Jerusalem. During the operation, dozens of Hamas militants—operating in alleged 13 separate cells—were arrested.

The main cell charged with carrying out the attack was based in Hebron. The cell was in touch with

the Hamas headquarters in Syria, and the date of the attack was set for August 21. The planned attack involved a fire extinguisher which contained six kilograms of explosives. The device was supposed to be carried by a suicide bomber in a bus or a mall in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood in Jerusalem.

The same cell was responsible for the March 23 attack in the central bus station in Jerusalem, where Mary Jean Gardner, a British tourist, was killed, and 47 other people were injured.

The Shin Bet has recently noted significant attempts to restore Hamas' military infrastructure in the West Bank and execute terrorist attacks. The main goal, according to estimates, is kidnapping a

soldier in order to negotiate the release of Palestinian prisoners.

Another terrorist cell exposed by the Shin Bet was operated from within Ketziot prison. The group included about twenty militants, whose prime objective was to kidnap an IDF soldier for bargaining purposes.

Yet another cell that has been arrested recently operated from Hebron under directions from Hamas leadership in Gaza. The cell's objective was also to kidnap an IDF soldier, smuggle him into the Sinai and then back through the tunnels to the Gaza Strip. The head of the cell, Ahmad Madhoun, aged 44 from Hebron, received \$10,000 on a visit to Saudi Arabia to purchase weapons for the operation. (*Haaretz*) ❖

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land. He and his family have been residents of Samaria since moving to Israel from the U.S. in 1983.

Mr. Braun specializes in debunking popular misconceptions about the region and proposes realistic and creative solutions to problems that have plagued the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since its inception. He focuses on the positive impact of the "settlements" on the peace process. On this tour he plans to offer Norwegian citizens clear and abundant reasons to support Israel in the face of worldwide pressure to give up her secure borders to a proven hostile and unreliable "peace partner."

The Shomron Liaison Office acts as the Samaria region's central representative body to the greater international community. ❖

A Summer Chaplaincy Experience: Life (And Death) Lessons

By Yonatan Klayman

This summer I completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). I worked as a chaplain at North Shore University Hospital (near Great Neck). The hospital has over 850 beds and 60% of its population is Catholic and Jewish, with many other faiths completing the figure. My first day was a culture shock, to say the least. I was greeted by six interns who had faiths different from my own. Two of them were Seventh Day Adventists, one from Haiti, the other from Ghana. There were two Episcopalians, one from Denver, the other from Queens. Finally there were two Presbyterians, one from Korea and the other from Jamaica. I've had very little experience with people from other cultures and faiths, being born into the sheltered Orthodox community of N.Y. I spent my entire life in Yeshiva of Flatbush and then went on to yeshiva in Israel and YU. Even if I had participated in YU's other multicultural programs I would not have had the opportunity to learn from and with such a diverse group, or to share and teach about my faith and how it impacts the beliefs and values of hospitalized Jewish patients. My supervisor was also from Korea and her facilitation of our learning was very impressive. Her insights were invaluable and she really guided us in our struggles to become confident and skilled professional chaplains.

A rabbi told me that whatever area I go into in *avodas Hakodesh*, I should do at least one unit of CPE. He said that it would really be an incredible life experience. His claim turned out to be right. I never experienced something like this before and the lessons that I have taken away will last my entire life. We only had two days of orientation and then we had to begin rounds on our assigned units. I was given two units in the hospital; one was a standard medical floor, the other was a medical/HIV floor. We were assigned these units and instructed to offer support to every patient on the floor regardless of faith. I introduced myself as a chaplain and it went from there. My supervisor shadowed me on my first two visits and after that I was on my own. As she always said, "Only

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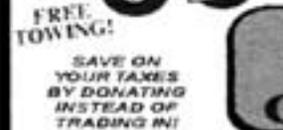
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HELP WANTED

Salesperson wanted for established printing company in Queens. Salary + commission. Make your own hours. Please call Abe **917-652-9679**

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HELP WANTED

Medical assistant needed for local office. Must be able to work on some Sundays and evening hours. Call **516-616-4522**. Fax resume to **516-616-4566**

IT Coordinator — Brooklyn firm seeks on-site IT Specialist to act as primary contact with the company's outside support vendors and consultants, perform basic PC maintenance, manage data backups, coordinate IT procurement, and extract/report data from various tracking and accounting systems. Required skills: Ability to multitask and reliably perform recurring scheduled tasks. Ability to use SAP/Crystal Business Objects Report Writer and Excel to produce data extracts and reports based on non-technical information requests. Windows XP and Windows 7 operation and maintenance. Preferred skills: Experience managing a sales management tool such as Act! or Goldmine. Experience with EDI transactions. Basic knowledge of Windows Server and Exchange user maintenance. Experience provisioning and troubleshooting email-linked handheld devices such as Blackberries, iPads, and Android. Web authoring and graphics editing skills. E-mail resume to **applyfe@gmail.com**. Salary Range \$35-50K depending on experience and skills.

Part-time & Full-time **Paraprofessional (shadow)** positions available for the Fall 2011-2012 School Year in all 5 Boroughs. We have 5 & 6 days a week schedules available to work with children with a variety of developmental and/or health disorders. Positions are available in Private Schools, Charter Schools and Yeshivas. Great wage and timely payment. Please send your High School Diploma, GED or letter from your school stating that you have graduated. (This is a requirement set by the NYCDOE.) Experience a plus, we will train you. Please fax resumes Att: Ms. Levitan at **718-559-4811** or E-mail: **nycshadows@gmail.com**

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5 Towns Area Boys' Yeshiva seeking middle school **General Studies teacher** for '11-'12 school year. M-Th from 2:00- 4:30. Please send your resume to teachersearch11@gmail.com

Physical therapy office looking for **Physical therapy assistant** (PT/FT) in Five Towns. If interested please call **516-650-5756**

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Cedarhurst
445 W. Broadway — 3BR col lg property **\$418K**
336 Westminster Rd. — 3BR ranch with main lvl den. **\$300's**
463 Summit Ave. — 1BR, 1.5bths co-op. **\$125K**
Lawrence
284 Central Ave. — 2BR, 2 bth sale /rent **\$135K.**
1 Rosalind Pl. — Mint 1BR, 1bth, 2nd flr. **\$145K**
Woodmere, Woodsburgh, N. Woodmere by app
9 Hazel Pl. — Charming 3BR ranch on beautiful property **\$469K**
917 Midway Woodmere — Mint 4BR split granite/wd EIK **\$625K**
1023 Hazel Pl. — Totally renovated split, new kitchen and bths tree lined st
Far Rockaway Open House
1056 Neilson St. — New Construction Apts. For Rent
11-14 Heyson Rd. — Renovated 2-family duplex. New kitchen and bths. **\$650K**
608 Seagirt Blvd. — Mint 2-family new kit, bths, hardwood flrs. **\$549K**
12-1 201 B.3rd St. — Charming country home, rights to private beach **\$200's**
Ranch, lg EIK, 3+ BR, den, beautifully fin basement, location! **\$800's**
Co-op 1BR, 1bth, terrace, doorman, elevator bldg. **\$155K**
Legal 2 family homes
3/2 BR fin. attic, basement. **\$469K**
2/2 new EIKs **\$349K**
Milky Forst Properties, Inc. 516-239-0306

Far Rockaway — Empire & Broadway. Great Greek corner col. 10 rooms, 4 bths, basement, high ceilings, wood floors, balcony. **\$950K** neg. Exit Realty Kingdom **212-470-3856**

Far Rockaway — Spacious 7BR, Victorian col. High ceilings, finished bsmt, 4 renovated full bths, large enclosed yard, perfect location near all shuls and schools. **\$850K**
347-236-7259

Woodmere — Waterfront. Magnificent view. Unique Mother/Daughter. Completely redone. 6BR, 5bth **\$899K**
Woodmere — Exp. Ranch. 4BR, 3bth. **\$445K**
Woodmere — **Co-ops:**
Studio **\$59K**
1BR **\$125K**
2BR **\$165K**
Prudential **516-849-2522** Dalia

Open House: Sunday 9/11 12-1:30 PM
Lawrence — 209 Juniper Circle North Nu to market, Renovated 4BR Split, Den, Playroom, New Wood & Granite EIK, Prime Location **\$899K**
Open House By Appt.: Sunday 9/11 Call Irene
Lawrence — Sprawling 5BR, Exp. Ranch on Lg Property, Den, Huge Bsmt, Beautiful Location. Reduced **\$949K**
Back Lawrence — 2.8 Acres on Private Rd. in Eruv! Elegant 7BR Manor Home. Hi Ceilings, Huge Rooms, IGP, Breathtaking Waterviews **\$POR**
Woodmere — Charming 3BR, CH Col. Den (or 4th BR), EIK, Lg Fin. Bsmt, SD #14, Close to All. Reduced **\$469K**
Hewlett — New to Market! Updated 3+BR split, Large Rooms, Cathedral Ceiling LR, Den, Fin. Bsmt, Huge Backyard. **\$569K**
Hewlett Neck — Beautiful Renovated 7BR CH Colonial Set Back on XLg property, Fin. Bsmt, IGP, Cabana. Reduced **\$1.475M**
Co-Ops
Lawrence — 3BR, First floor Apt. Terrace, W/D .. **\$221K**
Lawrence — 3BR, 2nd floor Apt. Lg Formal DR, Lg LR, Terrace, W/D. **\$315K**
Cedarhurst — Renovated 2BR, JR4, First floor Apt., Handicap Accessible, W/D. **\$169K**
Call Irene Steiner Direct **516-652-7099**. E-mail: ISteiner@Pugtach.com Pugatch Realty Corp

Cedarhurst — House for Sale
3BR, 2.5bth, Charming Split, EIK, FLR, FDR, den, attached garage, laundry room, plus finished basement, walk to all. Asking **\$510K**
For more info, call **917-328-5941**

Cedarhurst — **New construction.** First show. Col. 9' ceilings, 5BR, 2.5bths, full basement, on quiet tree-lined street. Call for details. **\$799K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Hewlett — Beautiful 5 BR, 3 bths, split. All updated, in SD#14. Separate entrance can be M/D with proper permits. Owner motivated, reduced. **\$499K**
5 Towns Home Realty 516-569-5710

Lawrence — Ours Alone!! Brick, C/H COL, Stately brick, w/old world charm, Hi ceilings, 6BR, 4.5 bths, K kosher EIK, Lg. FDR, Library, Fin. Bsmt., Lg Prop., walk all.
5 TOWN HOMES 516-569-5710

Woodmere Colonial For Sale
6 BR 3.5 Bath Col. Master suite w/ bath. Fin. Bsmt, BR, bath + more. Granite Kitch, all new appliances, Den with skylt, Fireplace, formal DR, A Gem!
..... **\$649K**
516-569-1684

Woodmere — New Construction Classic 5BR c/h col. Large property. Walk to YI of Woodmere and Aish **\$1M+**
Cedarhurst — **Open House** — **372 Argyle Road**
By appointment
Renovated 3+1BR col. Great yard, must see!
Reduced and ready **\$420K**
Woodmere — **Open House 9 Harvard Road** — 12-2 PM
Newly constructed, 6BR col. Grand 2 story entry foyer, custom kitchen, marble bath, radiant heat, every amenity. Must see! **\$1M+**
Hewlett Neck — New construction located on spectacular 1/2 acre lot. 6BR, 2-story entrance foyer, 9' ceiling **\$1M+**
Hewlett Neck — 1/2 acre, buildable lot, for sale **\$750K**
South Shore Estates 516-569-4980

Woodmere, Woodsburgh, N. Woodmere by appt.
1039 Magnolia Pl. — 4BR split on beautiful cul-de-sac basement den **\$699K**
4:30-5:30
Far Rockaway Open House
1056 Neilson St. — New Construction Apts. For Rent
11-14 Heyson Rd. — Renovated 2 family duplex new kitchen and bths **\$650K**
11-12
608 Seagirt Blvd. — Mint 2 family new kit bths hardwood flrs. **\$549K**
12-1
148 B.3rd St. — Charming country home, rights to private beach **\$539K**
1-2:30
Mint ranch, new EIK and bths, 4BR full fin. Basement. **\$829K**
Legal 2 family homes
3/2BR fin attic, basement **\$469K**
2/2 new EIKs **\$349K**
Milky Forst Properties, Inc. 516-239-0306

North Woodmere — Spacious Updated Woodmere 400. 11 rooms, 5BR, 2.5bth, EIK kosher, FDR, Den, Fireplace, Finished Basement, Office, New Roof, SD#15, 2-Car Garage, All-Sys **\$735,000**
Owner **516-717-8723**

Kew Gardens Hills — Beautiful, spacious 2BR garden apt. Updated kitchen, bth. W/D, c/ac, close to shul and transportation. Many extras. Call **718-309-9320**

Oceanside — Brand new construction. Beautiful CH col. Large 4 BR (1 level), 2.5 bths, granite EIK, FDR, den with fp, full bsmt, in cul-de-sac, walk all, best price **\$675K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

Woodmere/Cedarhurst Oppty! 12,000 sq. ft. approx. 90'x150', Colonial, 17 rooms, full bsmt. with hi ceilings, clean 2 car garage plus storage, 6 space parking, 2 family, professional use, accountant, Esq., medical and/or educational and religious uses. Grand colonial with charm and great possibilities. Available at once. **\$875K**
Negotiable.
Owner **516-322-3555**

Hewlett — Col. MIC, 4br, 2bth, 2fpl, full deck, wood flr, Lg. den. Walk to all. **\$729K**
5 TOWN HOMES 516-322-3555

Far Rockaway — 2 Family. All NU, 3 over 1 Bdrm, 3 full baths. Great Location **\$599K**
Call **516-322-3555**

Howard Beach — Co-op 2BR, 2bth, totally renovated. Maintenance includes gas, electric, heat and parking space. Great buy. Asking **\$150K**
5 Towns Homes 516-569-5710

Cedarhurst — First show. LR, FDR, new EIK, 4BR, 2 new bths, finished basement, cream puff condition, quiet street, walk all, low taxes **\$500's**
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Cedarhurst — 1st show. New exclusive regal 2 family, brick, all new, LR w/ fireplace, FDR, large kosher EIK, 3BR each apt, c/ac, alarm, basement, great location.
Walk all **\$759K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

5 Town Homes 516-569-5712
Cedarhurst: NU 2 Mkt. Lg LR, DR, EIK, Den, 5BR, 3bth, Skilits, Cabana, Lg prop, IGP, Pool, Walk to all. ... **\$659K**

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Inwood — New to market. Charming Victorian on quiet tree-lined street with water view. 7BR, great for large family. A must see! **\$499K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

Far Rockaway: Coop, 3BR, 1Bth Lr/Dr, Walk to All **\$179K** Call **516-322-3555**

Cedarhurst — Co-op. 1st Flr, large LR, FDR, EIK with new appliances, 2BR, 2bths, hw floors, Terrace. Views of Gdns, W/D, Lo maint, Grt. loca'n, Walk all. Asking .. **\$319K** or rent **\$2400**
5 Town Homes 516-569-5710

Five Towns — **Woodmere, Church Avenue**
Completely renovated CH colonial in 2004/05. Hardwood floors throughout. 8BR, 5 full baths, custom kosher EIK, stainless steel appliances, FDR, home office, full finished basement, kids' game room & home gym and so much more. Asking **\$1.5M**
For more information & virtual tour visit www.abcwoodmerehouse.com.
Call **516-640-8646**,
or e-mail moshry@hotmail.com

Lawrence/Far Rockaway — Co-op Freshly painted large 2BR, 2bth, kosher kitchen, LR, FDR, terrace, 24-hour doorman, Shabbos elevator. Walk all. **279K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

North Woodmere — Decorator's Dream. Beautiful bi-level, large granite kosher EIK, FDR, large LR, den, 4BR, w/waterview, all systems, walk all shuls. Owner motivated. Present all offers.
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

North Woodmere — New to market. Custom 6BR (4 on one level), new granite kitchen, LR, FDR, 2 dens, quiet treelined street. Walk all shuls. **\$679K**
Owner. **516-902-8908**

Lawrence/Far Rockaway — 833 Central Ave. Spacious 1 BR, light and bright, doorman/ elevator building, walk all. Price reduced **\$179K**
5 Towns Homes Realty 516-569-5710

Lawrence — Gracious brick c/h col. LR with fireplace, FDR, large EIK, den, 4BR (1 level), 3bth, finished basement, great location, quiet block **\$895K**
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FOR RENT

Bayswater — Luxury First Floor. New House. Beautiful condition. 3BR, 2 full bth, new kitchen, MIC. References a must. **\$1475**
Call **718-812-4106**

Cedarhurst — First show. Spacious 5BR, 3bth, LR, FDR, large kosher EIK, huge den, c/ac, in prime location, walk all. Furnished or unfurnished **\$3,200**
5 Towns Homes 516-569-5710

Cedarhurst — 2BR, 2bths, first floor, garden apt, LR, DR, EIK, terrace, prime location. Heat and water included
5 Towns Homes 516-569-5710

Woodmere — Renovated Jr.4, lg. Fyr, ss/granite, lots of storage, elevator bldg. ID/OD prkg avail, Near All, **\$139kr \$1650/month**
Owner **917-402-6630**

Beautiful big home in the heart of **Woodmere**. 3 separate BR with private baths, mini fridge. Perfect for students. Near all shuls, walk to all. **917-299-4199**

Far Rockaway — Off street parking, w/d hookup, **3BR**, New EIK, tile floors, storage, Available October or sooner. **\$1650** neg.
3BR, 2bths. **\$1425** includes utilities.
203-387-9991

Lawrence — Coop Rental. 1BR. 1NU Bth, LR, DR, EIK. **\$1,300**
5Town Homes ** 516-569-5710

Cedarhurst — Garden apt. Nu 2 Mkt. Oversized 1BR, 1Bth, Mint, 1st Flr, heat & prk incld **\$1,600**
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Far Rockaway — Large, bright 3BR, 1.5bths apt in 2-family house. Great location off Reads Lane. Includes heat and parking.
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Far Rockaway — Lg. Hse Rental: 4br, 2bth, bsmt., hi-ceilings, NU bths, W/D.
Call **516-322-3555**

Hewlett — House for rent. Updated 3BR, 2bths, new EIK, SD#14, walk all. Available immediately **\$2,600**
Call 5 Towns Homes **516-569-5710**

FOR RENT

Lawrence — Newly-restored manor house. Cent'l location. Hi Ceilings. Wd Floors. 4 large BR, Library, FDR, EIK, Den. New chef's kitchen **\$4,250 516-316-3176**

Cedarhurst — All updated charming Col. New granite EIK, FDR, LR with fireplace, 4+ BR, CAC, in the heart of Cedarhurst. Walk all.
Call **5 Towns Homes 516-569-5710**

VACATION RENTAL

Jerusalem Apt. Talbiah — 2BR, 2bth, fully equipped kosher kitchen, w/d, parking, wireless internet, cable TV, a/c, walk to Kotel, Emek Rafaim, & Inbal Hotel. **718-544-7571**

Vacation Village 2 fl, 4 BR, LR, 3 new bth, playrm, WD, beautiful view. **516-967-8370**

Alexander Hotel, Miami Beach — 2BR apt. Breathtaking views, 2bths, southern exposure, 10th floor. Available for Pesach. Priced right!
516-581-2058, 516-374-4001

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

New store for rent on **Spruce!** 1000 sq ft-completely rehabbed, central air, corner space, across from Club Central, municipal parking. Low Rent! Call Weissman Realty **516-791-6100**

Income Producing Shopping Center for Sale in **Sullivan County**
100% Leased with Long Term Leases In Place & Additional Air Rights Available
\$1,900,000- 9.7% CAP Contact Yosef Katz @ 212-837-4629 or ykatz@gfcap.com

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Cedarhurst — Office rental: Executive 2 Bths, Fully Web wired, 1,250 sq. ft., CAC. 5TGR **516-322-3555**

Cedarhurst office for rent— 2 small offices on Central Ave. 1 flight up, C/H, C/A.
Call owner **917-417-5725**

MISCELLANEOUS

The Ocean Corp. 10840 Rockley Road, Houston, Texas 77099. Train for a New Career. ***Underwater Welder. Commercial Diver. *NDT/Weld Inspector.** Job Placement Assistance. Financial Aid available for those who qualify. **1-800-321-0298**

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Helping **poor brides** is a big z'chus to find a shidduch! Donate to Yad P'sucha Hachnasas Kallah. Call **718-972-3699**

Deadline for Classified Advertising in the next issue is Monday, September 12 at 5 PM
Call 516-569-0502

5TJT Puzzle: NFL Kickoff

BY YONI GLATT

Across

1. Sacrificial NFL team?
5. Mets rookie
8. The NFL's Zygi Wilf or Robert Kraft
13. Seed covering
14. George Bernard of note
15. Innocent
16. Options display
17. *Poh*
18. Like many kitchen floors
19. NFL team for David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Dayan, and Yoni Netanyahu?
21. NFL team sent off the boat by Noah?
22. One who tells
23. We ___ Soldiers
24. Only kosher NFL city?
28. Rocky in which Mickey Goldmill passes away
29. Homer's Hindu pal
32. He's got the whole world on his shoulders
33. Therefore
34. When squared, a cracker
35. Regretted
36. Gang ___
38. Actor LaBeouf
39. The Steroids ___
40. Bucket
41. Daniel's favorite NFL team
42. They work at ERs
43. Help
44. Edam and Gouda
46. Motels
47. Thompson from an '80s trilogy
48. Og's favorite NFL team

51. NFL team of *treif* birds
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57. This or ___
58. Monkey appendage
59. Knowledgeable of
60. El Al's favorite NFL team
61. Stare
62. Small drum
63. Salinger and Drew
64. Merge

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1. It elevates a skateboard jump
2. Place
3. Tea flavor
4. Speak like a drunk
5. Europe's first one was established in Venice in 1516
6. What a listener "is all"
7. Bride of 1-Across, perhaps
8. Canadian province
9. Forswear
10. It was blood, once
11. Like 2, 4, and 8
12. The Bengals shared Riverfront Stadium with them
14. Sandbar
20. Ret. funds
21. Be in charge
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38. The Beatles "___ *Liebt Dich*"
40. The NFL's Geoff Schwartz, e.g.
41. A niece of Yitzchak
44. Many NFL players wear them
45. Warms
46. Start
48. Annoying bug
49. State without an NFL team
50. Many a person from the Middle East
51. Shack
52. Splitting one is dangerous
53. Pay
54. Slay
55. Rosebud, e.g.
57. One of NCSY's Israel trips



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CEDARHURST



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
By Appt
485 COURT AVE

Charming colonial on Country St. New roof, finished bsmt, near park and shopping. Great Starter Home!
\$369K

WOODMERE



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
4:30am-5:30pm
552 DERBY AVE

Dramatic 5 bdrm contemporary col with soaring ceilings and windows. Beautiful open space, with water views.
\$900's

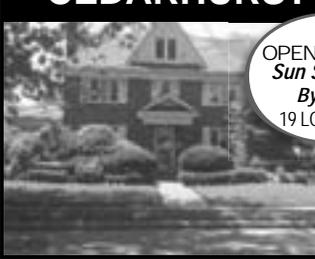
WOODMERE



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
12am-1pm
1039 MAGNOLIA PL

Wide Line 5 Bdrm Split On Beautiful Cul-De-Sac Den Full Basement, Just Painted, New Roof, New Windows, Hardwood Floors Thruout Fully Alarmed Sd#14
\$699K

CEDARHURST



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
By Appt
19 LOTUS ST

Traditional Brick C/H Col. 4BR On 1 Lvel & Lg Exp. Attic, Lg FLR, Banquet FDR, EIK With SS Appliances 2 Sinks, 2 Dishwashers, Full Fin. Bsmnt, Btfl Garden & Deck.
\$829K

CEDARHURST



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
By Appt

Legal 2 family home, finished basement
75x150 property
\$629K

FAR ROCKAWAY



OPEN HOUSE
Sun Sept 11th
By Appt

Stately tudor with lg fir banquet fdr new eik mbr suite+3 bdrms den full finished bsmt btfl lg prpty, wonderful st.
\$1.1M



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1 & 2 BR, Renovated apts. including **The Sand Castle**, starting at \$1000/mo



CEDARHURST

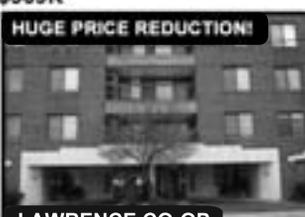
Location, Location, Location. Totally renovated 3 bed/2.5 bath colonial steps from the center of Cdhrst. Granite entry & kitchen, updated bthr, Cac, Jacuzzi tub, wrap around deck. A must see.
\$569K



HEWLETT

New Construction. Single family home w/ 5 Bdrms and 3 Bathrooms. Beautiful wood floors and granite countertops. Built in 2007. Must See! Ask for Elizabeth 347-564-1964
\$589K

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!



LAWRENCE CO-OP

The Cayle. Premier Coorman Building. 1 bdrm 1.5 bath. Very Roomy with lots of closets. Central air. Washer/Dryer in apt. Gym and activity room.
\$299K



VALLEY STREAM

New to Market. Sprawling Ranch, 4 bdrms 3.5 bath (Legal Mother/Daughter with permits) in Mill Brook Section of N. Wldm., Cac. Screened Porch, Full Pt. Fin. Barret. Alarm System, IDS
\$545K



FAR ROCKAWAY CO-OPS

333 CENTRAL. 1 & 2 Bdrms available. Prestigious 24 hour doorman building. Parking. Close to all and LIRR.
1 Bdrm \$159K, 2 Bdrm \$175K



FAR ROCKAWAY

Legal 3 family. 3/3/2. 8 bdrms and 5 1/2 baths in all. Semi Attached. Full basement and back yard. Balconies in front and back. Motivated Seller
Priced reduced to \$639K

Looking for commercial, office or retail space? Contact our office for executive office leasing in the Cedarhurst Center, Five Towns and surrounding areas!

Solution To Last Week's 5TJT Puzzle: Weather Woes

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- 12:45 pm @ Agudas Israel of Long Island (Sun.)
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 @ Mesivta Chaim Shlomo (in Darchei Torah)
 @ Shor Yeshuv
 @ Yeshiva Beis Shmuel (2937 Oceanside)
 1:35 pm @ Rabbi Katz (in Far Rockaway)
 1:45 pm @ Learning Center (114 Spruce)
 @ Yeshiva Gedolah of 5 Towns
 1:50 pm @ Yeshiva Mercaz HaTorah
 2:00 pm @ 5 Towns Judaica
 @ Brachs
 @ Elite Caterers (M-Th.)
 @ Yeshiva of South Shore
 @ YI Lawrence Cedarhurst (Sun)
 @ YI Woodmere (Sun)
 2:10 pm @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov (131 Washington)
 2:15 pm @ Yeshiva Far Rockaway
 2:45 pm @ Agudas Israel of Long Island
 @ Kollel Anshei Chom (1204 B. 12)
 @ Yeshiva Far Rockaway
 @ Yeshiva Gedolah of 5 Towns
 @ Yeshiva Zichron Aryeh (2422 Baywater)
 3:00 pm @ Judaica Plus
 3:15 pm @ Yeshiva Mercaz HaTorah
 3:20 pm @ Mesivta Chaim Shlomo
 3:35 pm @ DRS
 4:15 pm @ Aish Kodesh
 4:30 pm @ Yeshiva Bnei Torah

Mincha at the Young Israel of Hewlett is 5 minutes after the previous Shabbos's candle lighting time.

Mincha at the Agudath Israel of the Five Towns is 15 minutes before sunset.

Mincha at Rabbi Blumenkrantz's Shul is 10 minutes before sunset Sun. — Thurs. followed by Maariv

Maariv at Ahavas Yisrael in Cedarhurst is 10 minutes after the previous Shabbos's candle lighting time.

Erev Shabbos Minchah at Yeshiva of Far Rockaway and Yeshiva Shor Yeshuv is 1/2 hour after Chatzos

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MAARIV

- 5:10 pm @ Learning Center (114 Spruce)
 6:30 pm @ YI Woodmere
 6:35 pm @ Shor Yeshuv
 7:00 pm @ YI Woodmere
 7:15 pm @ Mesivta Chaim Shlomo
 7:30 pm @ YI Woodmere
 7:45 pm @ Aish Kodesh
 8:00 pm @ Beis Avraham Ziv (Rabbi Gruber)
 @ White Shul (S-Th.)
 @ YI Woodmere
 8:15 pm @ YI Lawrence Cedarhurst
 8:30 pm @ Beis Hamidrash Harav
 @ Rabbi Blumenkrantz
 @ Yeshiva Far Rockaway
 @ YI Woodmere
 8:50 pm @ Cong. Beis Tefillah (Edward Ave.)
 @ Mesivta Chaim Shlomo
 9:00 pm @ Cong. Knesseth Meir (The Sand Castle)
 @ Rabbi Brown
 @ Shor Yeshuv
 @ YI Wavercrest and Baywater
 @ YI Woodmere
 9:15 pm @ Agudas Israel of Long Island
 @ Shaaray Tefila
 9:30 pm @ Cong. Beth Shalom
 @ Heichel David in Lawrence
 @ YI Woodmere
 9:45 pm @ Cong. Bais Yehuda Zvi (Red Shul)
 @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov (131 Washington)
 @ Shor Yeshuv
 @ Spinka Shul (10-29 Bay 32nd St., Baywater)
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 9:50 pm @ Agudas Israel of Long Island
 10:00 pm @ Cong. Bais Medrash (Rabbi Speigel)
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a chaplain can walk with someone in their pain, fear, emotional distress, and whatever is burdening them." Unfortunately, in the U.S. in most hospitals, especially in large University hospitals, the patients can feel like pieces of machinery. As a chaplain you treat them as people, restoring their dignity and helping them with spiritual healing. I can't describe the emotions that are going on when entering a room to say the final prayers with or for a patient. Regardless of their backgrounds, families and patients deeply appreciate the support in this time of crisis. Sometimes I had a few hours to prepare myself for this moment but more often than not I had less than a minute to prepare before engaging the situation of crisis.

Many ask me what happens when entering a Catholic patient's room or really any faith other than Judaism. I asked the same question before I started this internship but after the first day on my units I realized that for the most part people don't really care what faith you are. You are a representative of G-d and they're happy to talk to you especially about the things that are causing them (or their loved ones) anxiety or suffering. I have to admit that it was hard devising spontaneous prayers for patients of different faiths, but I got better at it by the end. Many also appreciated a *perek of Tehilim*. I worked closely with the full time chaplains and I was lucky to meet and work with Rabbis Daniel Coleman and Nathan Goldberg, North

Shore's interim director of chaplaincy education. They were always there to help me with any problems I had and their advice was invaluable. I was also glad that I was able to help them with all the Jewish emergencies that of course come up Friday afternoon right when you are getting ready to go home. I was happy I did this and I am seriously considering chaplaincy as my path in *avodas Hakodesh*. This was truly an unforgettable experience whose lessons will help me in any path I choose.

Yonatan is the first YU/RIETS student to do a unit of chaplaincy training at North Shore University Hospitals, and among the few frum students to aspire to become a healthcare chaplain in many years. His supervisor was exceptionally impressed by his sensitivity, openness to learning, and compassionate care for his patients. ❖

Senator Lieberman Acclaims YU As An "Important Proposition"

By Eitan Kastner

A capacity crowd of more than 1,000 people filled Yeshiva University's Lampport Auditorium to hear a conversation on Jewish ideas and American Democracy between Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and the director of the Zehava and Moshe Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik on the evening of August 31, the last day of fall orientation.

As the first of a series of public conversations on religion and democracy, the event also served as the first public gathering of the fledgling Straus Center, attracting an audience of students,

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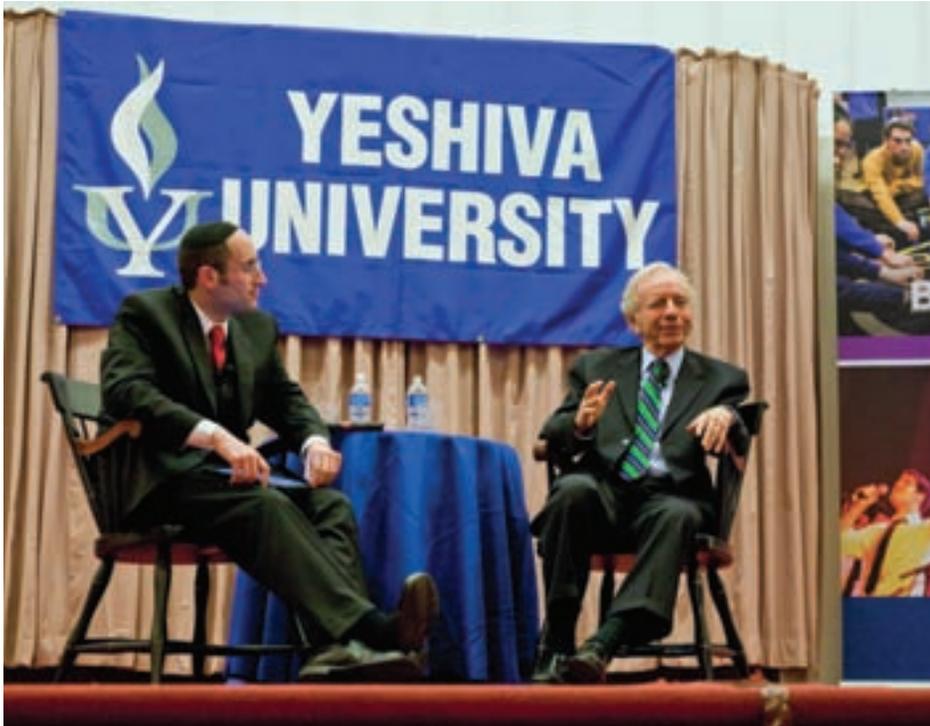
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Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik and Senator Joseph Lieberman

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Intent on developing a new breed of Jewish thinkers and public intellectuals, the Straus Center functions as a hub for the spreading and nurturing of YU's motto of *Torah U'madda*, which combines the traditional ideals of Jewish learning with the great ideas of the Western tradition.

In introducing the event, President Richard M. Joel spoke of the Straus Center's important mission of "making headlines out of what it is we are. What it is we do. And what it is we must be."

President Joel welcomed Lieberman to Yeshiva, referring to him as a "ground-breaking Jew," "a serious Jew," and "a member of the family."

Rabbi Soloveichik exclaimed his delight in opening the Straus Center with a Torah observant United States senator, calling Lieberman, "the perfect person in which to begin our series of public conversations of America and religion."

The senator returned these compliments by sharing his admiration of the Yeshiva mission. "I feel very much at

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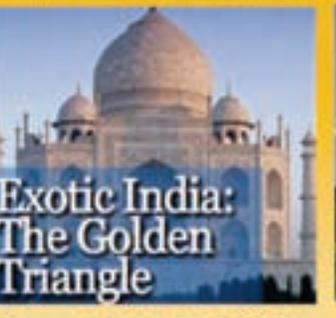
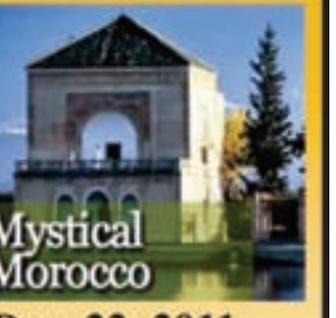
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home," he said. "YU and the Straus Center stand for an important proposition that our mission cannot be narrow; we must reach out [with our Torah ideals]."

Using Lieberman's latest book, *The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath*, as a springboard for discussion, the conversation revolved around the senator's life as a well-known observant Jewish public servant. Lieberman recounted the inspiration he felt from the presidency of John F. Kennedy—the first Roman Catholic president—which eventually convinced him to enter politics, and noted the great progress made in the realm of religious tolerance in America since that time.

An especially crowd-pleasing moment occurred when Lieberman described an encounter he had with former Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin days before her televised debate during the 2008 election season. With Palin feeling nervous and off her game, her aides contacted Lieberman, asking him to help calm her as "they both were religious." He went on to report that he shared an idea of Yeshiva University's own Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (the great-uncle of the Straus Center's director) with Palin, which gave her strength and motivation before the debate.

The senator closed the conversation by directly addressing the students in the audience, urging them to pursue their desired professions knowing that their faith need not hinder their success. "In this country and at this moment you will never have to choose between living a Torah observant life and your secular professional career," he said. "Whatever you do, do it with the confidence that the system will respect your observance."

"Senator Lieberman embodies the promise of America," said Rabbi Soloveitchik after the event. "We were delighted with his forthrightness. He answered my questions eloquently and we loved having him."

Jordan Abowitz, the father of YU students, came to the Wilf Campus "to see what Senator Lieberman had to say. I always watch him from afar and now I can be five rows from him and hear him firsthand," said Abowitz.

As a Beren Campus student liaison for the Straus Center, Jina Davidovich '12S, greatly enjoyed the public dialogue. "It was absolutely fabulous," she said. "I was extremely impressed by the caliber of the questions and the depth of Senator Lieberman's responses. They addressed key points important to America and our university while showing how much Judaism has to give to the world at large."

The next Straus Center Conversation will take place in Weissberg Commons on Friday, October 28 at 10 a.m. Entitled "Faith and Democracy in American and Europe," it will feature the United Kingdom's Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. ❖

BP Markowitz Criticizes Brooklyn's Exclusion From Hurricane Irene Disaster Relief

"This weekend all New Yorkers came together, prepared for, and fought

through a tough storm. Our 'Brooklyn Attitude' allowed us to bounce back quickly and our city was open for business Monday morning.

"However, there is still a lot of work to be done to recover from Hurricane Irene. In Brooklyn, hundreds of trees were knocked down, doing significant damage to cars, homes, and infrastructure, and some Brooklynites remained without power. Brooklyn's low-lying 'Zone A' neighborhoods that were evacuated saw significant flooding, including Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach, Coney Island, Red Hook, DUMBO, and Williamsburg. Just yesterday, it was discovered that a section of the BQE may be unstable as a result of storm damage and will need urgent repair. The storm even made landfall at Coney Island.

"Given these facts, I am absolutely dumbfounded that federal officials have excluded Kings County from a disaster declaration for public assistance. I applaud Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg for requesting this help, and hope that FEMA immediately reverses this dreadful decision and includes Brooklyn."

Trauma And Teshuva With Nefesh, September 11

Nefesh International will present a professional training entitled "Trauma and Teshuva." This event, co-sponsored by the Lander College at Touros in Flatbush, the Orthodox Union, and FECS, will feature three outstanding professionals who will address the topic from different perspectives.

Rabbi Dr. Dovid Fox is a clinical and forensic psychologist and professor in Los Angeles, *rav* of the *hashkama minyan* at the Young Israel of Hancock Park, and a visiting *dayan* of the *beis din*, Rabbanut Yerushalayim. His presentation will offer an in-depth look at significant trauma throughout Jewish history, with its accompanying supplication, distress, and anger issues as they correlate to religious and spiritual struggles.

Dr. David Pelcovitz, Straus Professor of Psychology and Education, Azrieli Graduate School, Yeshiva University, is chairing this program and will present on the idea of resilience in the face of trauma.

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, executive vice president, emeritus of the Orthodox Union, will focus on the way traumatic events affect us, some more than others. He will address the issue of helping others who are traumatized, when the "helpers" have themselves been traumatized by the same occurrence, and he will respond to the issue of *teshuvah*: does trauma facilitate or impede it?

Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. and the program will end at 1:00 p.m. Many thanks to Pomegranate for graciously sponsoring breakfast. ❖

Human Care Services Honors Legislative Friends At Annual BBQ

This Wednesday, Human Care Services for Families and Children, Inc. celebrated its second annual legislative barbecue. The gala event took place on the rooftop of Human Care

Service's executive offices and was catered by the renowned Chef-ah caterers. Many leading state and city officials attended and spoke with the crowd, honoring Human Care Services for its 14 years of service to the community.

Human Care Services proudly presented State Assemblyman Felix Ortiz with the Human Care Appreciation Award in gratitude for his hard work on their behalf. Senator Ortiz said, "When I first visited the Human Care Services residential home in my district, I was struck by the positive energy and warmth of the individuals who worked there. Human Care Services is very different from other organizations because it provides a sense of independence to the residents that reside in their homes and the individuals who visit their day programs. The quality of life for any individual with disabilities who works with Human Care Services is incredibly high. I wish that more organizations ran their residential homes in a similar manner—one of love, service, and caring."

State Senator Eric Adams received the Legislator of the Year Award. He praised Human Care Services, saying, "A community is judged by how the children in that community are faring. If we cannot say that the children are fine, then the community has failed. At Human Care Services, I can honestly say that the children are doing well."

State Assemblyman Dov Hikind spoke at the event, praising Human Care services for the work they do

on behalf of children in need. In addition, Director of Brooklyn DSDO Donna Limiti received a "People First" Leadership Award in recognition of her dedication to individuals with special needs. The entire affair was aired live by the Zev Brenner show at 620 AM.

Human Care Services for Families and Children, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides services to individuals with special needs. These services, such as group homes, yeshiva/seminary programs, respite, behavior management, community habilitation, and others, are vital to the people they serve. The annual legislative barbecue lets state and city leaders know how much their work on the organization's behalf is appreciated. ❖

Hebron In Brooklyn, September 13

Several events are scheduled to take place in Brooklyn to support Hebron on September 13 at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Yakov and Robin Ticker, 1552 E. 35th Street. Yisroel Bramson, executive director of Hachnosas Orchim Hebron, will be speaking.

"Chevron Hospitality" is engaged all year long in charitable works at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, in Chevron in particular, and in the Kiryat Arba area in general. Every day lunch is served, free of charge, at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, to anyone hungry. Every Shabbat three Shabbat meals are served, for free, to whomever is hungry at the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Some participants are

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Honoring Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook

BY RAV MOSHE ZURIEL

Rabbi Avraham Kook was a true genius. The literary heritage that he left us is prodigious—tens of volumes have already been published and tens of others remain in manuscript form. These cover every field of Torah study: *halachah*, *aggadah*, Jewish philosophy, *Kabbalah*, Talmudic dialectics, *Midrashic* homilies, *Mussar* works, *responsa*, delicate poetry, and abstruse investigative thought. His mental vigor and constant activity gave him astonishing mastery in any intellectual endeavor that he undertook.

Although his paternal grandfather was a *Misnaged*, his maternal grandfather was a *chasid* of the famous Tzemach Tzedek of Lubavitch. This double capacity bequeathed wide ranging capacities—clear-headed thought alongside powerful emotions. Being granted a pure unselfish soul, and also a very articulate literary ability, we had here a perfect candidate to be the Chief

Rabbi of the Jewish community, as he was between 1921 and 1935.

During his youth, he learned in the world-famous Yeshiva of Wolozhin, under the tutelage of the Netziv (Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin). It was there that he picked up his wide-embracing theorem that it is forbidden to split the Jewish nation into “camps” (see his work *Ma’amarei Re’iya*, page 76). Unity is, or should be, our hallmark. We can be certain that this approach was inculcated by his mentor, the Netziv (*She’elot U’tshuvot Meshiv Davar*, responsum 44 p. 53).

As a young student in Yeshivas Wolozhin, Rabbi Kook habitually wore *tefillin* all day (as he did for the rest of his life). One of the lecturers there complained to the *rosh yeshiva* (the Netziv) that this was objectionable ostentation. The Netziv rejoined that the lad (he was then less than 20 years old) was a *tzaddik*. The objector answered that there were many other *tzaddikim* in Wolozhin, yet they didn’t do so.

The Netziv answered, “But he always does *Chassidus*.” Again the objector replied, “We have here several students who are *Chassidic*, yet they feel wearing *tefillin* publicly is improper.” Once again the Netziv answered, “But he is a *Kadosh*.” Here the objector assented. “You are right. He is the one and only (of the 400 students then in the yeshiva) that can be so categorized. So it is proper that he be the one and only.” (This story was told by Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan, the son of the Netziv). A childhood companion of Rabbi Kook testifies that when he learned *mishmar* night *chevrusa* with Rabbi Kook who was then aged 13, each night Rav Kook made a break at midnight, took off his shoes, and sat on the floor, weeping and mourning the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. (Recorded by Rabbi Maimon in his biographical work, *Azkara*).

At the age of 23, Rabbi Kook edited a journal called *Iturei Sofrim*. This was to be a literary platform for young authors from all sections of Jewry, *Chas-*

sidim and *Misnagdim*, *Haskalah* and ultra-Orthodox, Zionists and non-Zionists. Each was to air his thoughts publicly and all readers were invited to participate with their written criticisms and suggestions, on all and every problem current then. This ambitious journal came out in three numbers (now republished in *Otzrot Ha-Re’iya*). The plan involved is admirable.

Rabbi Bar-Ilan notifies us in his bibliographical essay on Rabbi Kook, published as the foreword to *Hazon Ha-Geula*, that amongst the unpublished manuscripts of Rabbi Kook, we have *Moreh Nevuchim Hadash*, a conciliation between Torah and science. Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook (the rabbi’s son) tells us that his father wrote a dictionary of Kabbalistic terms, arranged alphabetically, which is still in manuscript form.

Before Rabbi Kook reached the age of 40, he made *aliyah*. He was invited to be the rabbi of Yafo. This was then a very small town with only a hundred or so families, amongst them many liberals and *Maskilim*. At that time there was a great rift between the ultra-Orthodox in Jerusalem (“the old *Yishuv*” who looked askance at the influx of the new immigrants who were religiously lax; some of them were out and out apostates. Rabbi Kook, with his characteristic love for all, had no qualms and did his best to reach out to them. We have in his collection of letters (volume 1, p. 362, volume 2, p. 222) correspondence between Rav Kook and Eliezer ben-Yehuda, written with dignity. At that period (prior to World War I) Rabbi Kook went on a three week round of the irreligious *kibbutzim* in the Gallil area, attempting to reach even those who had never encountered an Orthodox rabbi and therefore suffered delusions concerning our faith. At that time there were no automobiles or paved roads. The trip was done by horse and wagon. The journey from Yafo to Haifa itself took five days! The story of the travelogue is given in detail by Frankel (*Sinai Jubilee Edition*, Ellul 1985, page 16).

Rabbi Kook put out an important handbook for the repentant called *Orot HaTeshuva*. This has been republished many times and is popular for study during the *Aseres Yimei Teshuvah*. Rav Kook was such a prolific writer that according to one historian’s calculation, if we count the *responsa* that he wrote and correspondence (whether published or as yet unpublished) we have over a period of 40 prolific years an average of seven items a day. For a man as busy with public matters as Rabbi Kook, this is certainly an astonishing figure.

Rabbi Neryia, who personally studied with Rabbi Kook, tells that from writing so many hours and constantly, Rabbi Kook’s hand fatigued and cramped. Nevertheless he trained his left hand to be able to substitute, flipped the pen to his left hand, and did not interrupt his writing and stream of thought.

Rabbi Isser Zalman Meltzer (*rosh yeshiva* of Yeshivas Etz Haim) says that Rabbi Kook had a photographic memory. He could easily quote at random any passage in the *Gemara*, *Tosfos*, and Rambam just as if he had studied it that day. When the son of the Gerer Rebbe,

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Shabbos Pinstripes

Halachic Musings

BY RABBI YAIR HOFFMAN

Her name is Suzyn Waldman and she is a sportscaster for WCBS for the New York Yankees. More specifically, she is a color-commentator for John Sterling. A color commentator is someone who does the chitchat in between the play-by-play. John Sterling does the play-by-play; Suzyn Waldman does the chitchat. Among other things, she is known as the person who made *shalom* between former manager Yogi Berra and owner George Steinbrenner after a 14-year war—no easy feat.

Suzyn Waldman also happens to be Jewish. So what is the issue? A *motzaei Shabbos* Yankees game is scheduled to be broadcast from Angel Stadium in Anaheim, California this week. While on the East Coast it will be *motzaei Shabbos* at game time, on the West Coast it will still be Shabbos.

May *frum* people listen to the *motzaei Shabbos* game if one of the broadcasters is Jewish and is broadcasting on Shabbos?

Maaseh Shabbos

The *halachic* issue under discussion is called "*maaseh Shabbos*." What follows is an overview of the underlying issues, with a play-by-play analysis of how it would apply regarding Suzyn Waldman. Then we will go back and come to a conclusion.

The Gemara in *Kesubos* (34a) cites an argument concerning the status of something that was made or improved upon in violation of the Shabbos. The *Shulchan Aruch* (O.C. 318:1) rules that if any biblical prohibition was violated on Shabbos, it is forbidden to benefit from the item. If it was done purposefully, it is forever forbidden to the person who did the violation. Others, however, may benefit from the item immediately upon *motzaei Shabbos*.

This is, in a nutshell, the position of Rabbi Yoseph Karo, as set forth in the *Shulchan Aruch*.

So far it seems like good news for Yankees fans. The *Shulchan Aruch* rules that although it is forever forbidden for the willful violator, others may benefit on Saturday night. The game may be heard.

To understand the issue in greater depth, however, we need some background information.

Difference Between Gentile Or Jew Doing Melachah

This ruling deals with the law of whether a Jew may benefit from action done by a Jew. It is actually much more lenient than in regard to when things are done on Shabbos for a Jew by a gentile.

If a gentile did something on Shabbos for a Jew one must wait the time it would have taken for him to have done it on *motzaei Shabbos* before

one benefits. This is called waiting "*bichdei sheya'asu*"—the amount of time that it would take to do it.

Why is it more lenient if a Jew did the *melachah*?

The *Mishnah Berurah* gives two explanations—that of the *Taz* and that of the *Magen Avraham*. According to the *TaZ*, a person will not come to tell a fellow Jew to once again violate Shabbos—whereas he may come to tell a gentile. According to the *Magen Avraham*, the Jew will not end up doing it for him or listening, because a person does not sin unless he himself gains benefit. When people steal, for example, they keep the money for themselves—they don't steal and put it in someone else's bank account for the other person.

Why do we mention these two reasons? Because many *poskim* hold that the whole discussion of the *Shulchan Aruch* here about it being permitted on Saturday night for a Jew refers only to an observant Jew who violated the Shabbos; but if it was an unobservant Jew, there may still be a requirement to wait some time on Saturday night (*bichdei sheya'asu*!).

Uh-oh. This would be bad news for the Yankees fans.

Rav Tzvi Pesach Frank (*Har Tzvi*, O.C. 183), in fact, rules this way—that one does have to wait on Saturday night the amount of time it would have taken to perform the *melachah* when the violator was, in fact, non-religious. More bad news for the Yankees fans.

Other *poskim*, however, do not rule this way (Dayan Weiss, for example).

Some express some doubt on the issue (See *PMG MZ* 318:5:6). Good news for the Yankees fans.

With this issue, we may come up with what would seem to be a rather bizarre *halachah*. At least according to Rav Tzvi Pesach Frank, *zt'l*, a non-observant Jew must wait *bichdei sheya'asu* on Saturday night because of a concern that he may tell the Jew to do it, but an observant Jew would not have to wait. Although most *poskim* might hold that once *Chazal* did not enact a prohibition on a Jew to wait some time on Saturday night, they did not distinguish between different types of Jews ("*lo plug Rabbanan*"), this is perhaps the only time when a *halachah* might actually be more stringent for someone who is less stringent.

What Is Meant By "For Others?"

There is another issue, however. The *Magen Avraham* limits the leniency of "for others." The *Shulchan Aruch* writes that "for others" it is permitted immediately upon Saturday night. The *Magen Avraham* writes that this is just "regular" others. If it was done specifically for others—then that is also forbidden. In other words, if the Jew did it for other people specifically, the *Magen Avraham* forbids this. It is only permitted for other people whom the violator did not specifically do it for.

Uh-oh. More bad news for the Yankees fans. Why? Because Suzyn Waldman is doing it for the listeners.

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Does The Mishnah Berurah Disagree?

What is interesting, however, and the point of this article, is that the *Mishnah Berurah* does not cite the *Magen Avraham*. If ever there was a *Magen Avraham* to cite, it would be this one. The fact that he doesn't indicates that he disagrees with it and holds that all others may benefit from it on Saturday night—even those for whom it was specifically done.

So this is the question that we must ask our own *rav* or *posek*: Does the fact that the *Mishnah Berurah* doesn't quote this *Magen Avraham* indicate that he holds that for all others—even those whom it was specifically done for—it is permitted? This is certainly the impression one gets from just learning the *Mishnah Berurah*.

This issue, by the way, is a very pertinent one. It deals with whether we may ever benefit from something done for us by another Jew on Shabbos.

Biblical Versus Rabbinical

Another issue regarding our case is whether it also applies to a case of a rabbinic violation of Shabbos rather than a Biblical violation. The *Chofetz Chaim* (*Biur Halachah "HaMevashel"*) that even according to the *Shulchan Aruch* one may benefit from a rabbinic violation done *bishogeg*, not on purpose. The implication, of course, is that one may not benefit if it was done on purpose—but are there parameters? The *Magen Avraham* (505:14) writes that it is permitted only when there is no other alternative. The *Nishmas Adam* on the *Chayei Adam* (9:9) rules that one may benefit from it on Saturday night.

Applying the *Magen Avraham* to our case would not allow a person to hear Suzyn Waldman, but may allow for hearing the game on another station. It seems that Ms. Waldman is a color anchor only for WCBS News, but there are other stations that occasionally or regularly carry Yankees games. If there is no other station, then even according to the *Magen Avraham* things would be good. According to the *Nishmas Adam*, it would not seem to be a problem.

Whenever There Is A Doubt

Another reason to be lenient is a concept cited by the *Mishnah Berurah* (318:46). Whenever there is a doubt or an argument concerning *maaseh Shabbos*, one may be lenient. Rav Elyashiv (in *Kovetz Teshuvos* Vol. II:24) rules in this manner as well.

What is the doubt in our case here? The issue revolves around the exact violation of broadcasting. While the *Chazon Ish* rules that the use of electricity involves the Biblical prohibition of *boneh* (building on Shabbos), by no means is this universally accepted. Most *poskim* treat electricity and microphones as prohibited, but it is unclear whether it is a rabbinic violation or a Biblical violation, and there is a debate as to what the prohibition is. That being the case, it can definitely be argued that *maaseh Shabbos* in this instance would be permitted.

Nature Of The Change

Finally, one last thought. If there is no change brought about to a physical item, many *poskim* permit benefitting from *maaseh Shabbos*. If it is *bishogeg*, they permit its use on that Shabbos. If

it was *bemeizid* (intentional) they permit its use on Saturday night. For example, if someone carried a key on Shabbos in violation of *halachah*, and that key would have been accessible anyway, one may use it to open the door (see Rambam *Shabbos* 6:24 and *Nishmas Adam* #9).

(Some would argue that there is no actual benefit received from a color commentator either, since there is no play-by-play discussion.) In conclusion, in light of the issues discussed above, it would seem that one may listen to her broadcast. But in the event that one particularly enjoys her comments, it should be avoided.

This entire discussion, of course, does not deal with the issue of *bitul Torah*. One would clearly be better off learning Torah with one's children during this time and having a *melaveh malkah*. Perhaps a discussion about the *halachic* repercussions of listening to a Yankees game—with a twist to it—would be a more appropriate activity. ❖

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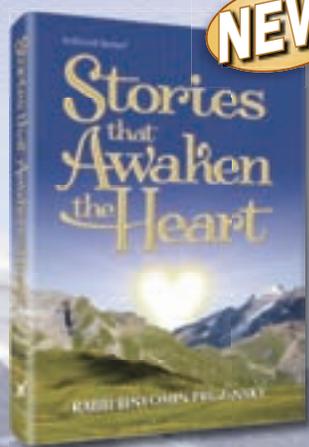


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BY RICHARD ALTABE

I am grateful for the positive response to my recent article exhorting my friends and neighbors to be sure to vote this Tuesday, September 13, for Phil Goldfeder for Assembly. Dozens of community members have already joined the effort to elect one of our own to the NYS Assembly and we hope that in these final days leading up to Tuesday, every registered voter (Republican or Democrat) turns out at the polls to cast their vote.

This week, I hope to summarize the top ten reasons to show up this Tuesday at the polls to cast your vote:

10. *It takes ten minutes and costs no money.* Unlike every other appeal in this community, voting is absolutely free and is not time consuming (unless you wait until the final hour to vote). Though the polls are open 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., during the middle of the day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. the lines are very short, enabling you to perform your civic duty with minimal effort.

This year we are offering free babysitting to women with young children at the Young Israel of Far Rockaway and we will have volunteers available 3:30–7:00 p.m. to watch your child.

9. *We are offering free rides to the polls throughout the day.* If you need a lift to the polls during the day, please call 347-

766-3674 or e-mail me ASAP at raltabe@yahoo.com. During the afternoon rush hour (5:00–7:00 p.m.) we will have cars awaiting commuters at the A train in Far Rockaway and the LIRR in Inwood to drive voters directly to the polls.

8. *If you vote before 3:00 p.m. you will avoid having to be disturbed during your dinner hour by phone calls asking you to vote.* We are planning a massive volunteer effort to have every household called because we cannot afford to lose even one vote this Tuesday.

7. *We are putting out this massive Get Out the Vote Effort because we believe this election is extremely close and that your vote really counts and your vote will make the difference between winning and losing.* We say this because we know that other areas of the district have deep ties to Phil's opponent. In past years, the Orthodox vote in Assembly elections was at best 10 percent of the overall vote total. Phil's Orthodox Jewish turnout needs to be closer to 20 percent of the overall vote total for him to be able to win this election. That means we need everyone, and everyone includes you!

6. *Phil Goldfeder's opponent, Jane Deacy, has absolutely no knowledge of our community and will never be able to represent our needs in Albany as well as Phil could.* She has not even cam-

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Reasons To Vote

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paigned in our neighborhood. Unlike Phil Goldfeder, who has made a concerted effort to meet and greet every Rockaway resident, Jane Deacy has made no outreach or any effort to campaign here. By ignoring our community during the election, Ms. Deacy clearly hopes to catch us all asleep. She truly believes that you will stay home because of the perception she is creating that she is not a serious opponent. Ask anyone who drives through Belle Harbor on their way to the Marine Parkway Bridge. Jane's blue lawn signs are just as ubiquitous in Belle Harbor as Phil's are on Reads Lane. Her strategy of ignoring our end of the Rockaways is a sign of what is to come if *chas v'shalom* she wins this election.

5. Phil Goldfeder has already demonstrated that he will fight for our concerns even before assuming office. Last year when dozens of college students were stranded by snow at Kennedy Airport on their way to Israel through an Aish haTorah program, it was Phil who cut the red tape and enabled Yanky Brach to deliver food to the passengers at the El Al terminal. Last week, when vandals threatened our neighborhood, it was Phil who lobbied the city for extra police protection. When Homeland Security grants were being considered in Washington this past year, it was Phil who made sure, through the office of Senator Schumer, that our local synagogues and *yeshivos* would be included on the list.

4. Phil Goldfeder's record of public service makes him the clear choice to assume the role of Audrey Pheffer as our community's Assemblyman. Phil knows the district very well, having worked for Councilman James Sanders, Mayor Bloomberg as the Queens liaison in the Community Assistance Unit, and as an aide to Senator Schumer. He has worked for both Democrats and Repub-

licans alike, all in an attempt to best serve the needs of our community. He has spent his entire professional career in public service and locally has been recognized by both Achiezer and the JC-CRP for his tireless efforts on behalf of the *klal*.

3. This election is a historic opportunity for our community. If we are successful in propelling Phil Goldfeder to victory with a massive turnout, the political world will stand up and notice. Believe it or not, in the 2005 mayoral election, our community was third, behind Boro Park and Williamsburg in total turnout. If our numbers surpass our

2005 effort, we will become the biggest block of Jewish voters in NYC. This will mean that future candidates will make sure to listen to our needs if they hope to earn our support in the future. This could result in funding for our *yeshivas* and community institutions and insure that we receive our fair share of services. Also, with one of our own in office, our access to the halls of govern-

ly was selected to run because we convinced party leadership that we would overwhelmingly support our own candidate, and they understood that if we did, Phil would ultimately win. If, *chas v'shalom*, we fail to produce the expected number of votes, our standing politically will be irrevocably damaged.

What does political irrelevancy have to do with you? Everything! Carolyn McCarthy took her Jewish community for granted when she supported President Obama's positions on Israel initially and only took tougher positions when she realized that her Jewish support was slipping. Bob Turner has not used the letter signed by 40 *rabbanim* against David Weprin because his political analysts have reasoned that he has more to lose by printing the letter than he has to gain from Orthodox voters in Brooklyn who are likely not to vote.

It is easy to become cynical nowadays about politics. But failure to participate is not an option that works for us. Though our numbers are relatively small, our power as a voting bloc comes from our unity and ability to turn out the vote. Once we lose our electoral advantage we will lose our ability to advocate for our issues (*chas v'shalom*).

1. How can anyone stay home this September 13? We need every registered voter to vote for our community, vote for our future, and to vote for our own Phil Goldfeder!

I expect to personally greet each of you at the polls this Tuesday. If you are available to volunteer for this historic effort, please contact me at raltabe@yahoo.com as soon as possible. ❖

Phil ultimately was selected to run because we convinced party leadership that we would overwhelmingly support our own candidate, and they understood that if we did, Phil would ultimately win.

ment power will be increased. As one of the many community advocates, I cannot even begin to emphasize how important it is for us to have access to government.

2. If we fail to vote, we will become irrelevant as a community. When Phil was first suggested to the party leadership as a possible candidate, many in the leadership felt that running Phil was a gamble because outside of the Orthodox community he was relatively unknown. Cynics who followed our voting pattern the past few years did not believe we had the ability to turn out votes as we had done in the past. Phil ultimate-

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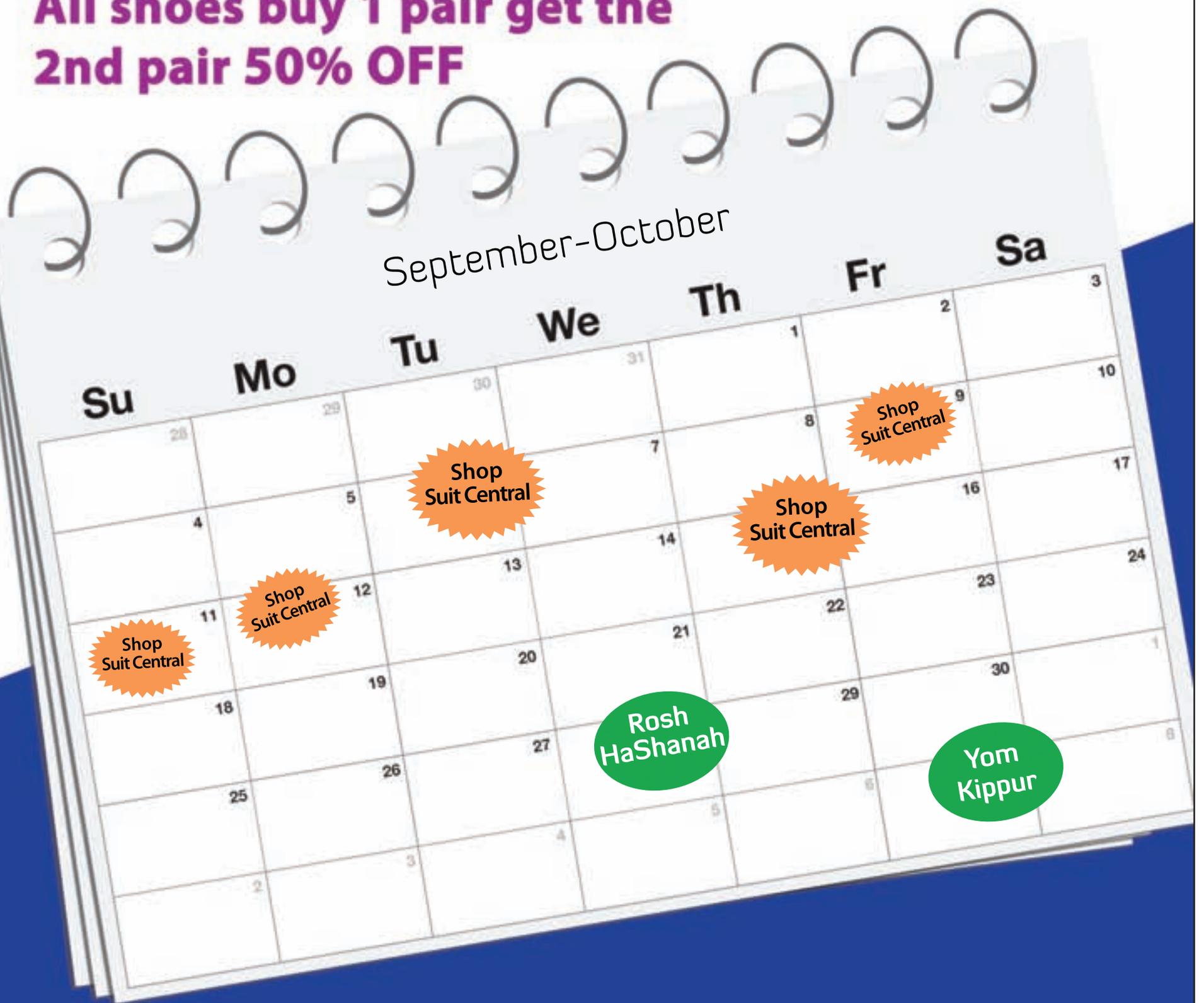
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Rav Kook

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Reb Avrohom Mordechai, paid a visit in Jerusalem, he was flabbergasted to see that Rabbi Kook quoted to him long passages of the *S'fas Emes* by heart.

Rabbi Kook was a tender soul. He felt full compassion for all those who were suffering. Many a time he emptied his pockets of all monies to aid a pauper. Once Rabbi Harlap saw him far off, treading the sandy dunes of the Yafo expanses. When asked why he didn't take pocket money to hire a wagon, he answered that he did but on the way he met a homeless individual and gave him all that he had. He didn't own a pocket watch since he pawned it to aid others. Once a poor bridegroom came to his house begging aid since he was dressed in tatters (as was quite prevalent in that period under Turkish rule) and Rabbi Kook gave him his Shabbos frock as a gift. Only when Shabbos arrived and he didn't change his garb did his wife recognize the act. She immediately ascertained the address of that young groom and got the frock back.

Due to this compassionate trait, the community members of Yafo arranged to give his monthly salary to his wife, and not to him. It is told that when young impecunious wives brought slaughtered chickens that they had purchased to him for *kashrus* rulings, and sometimes due to great *yiras Shamayim* in cases of ritual doubt he took a stringent ruling, he was in the habit of then paying the questioner from his pocket the purchase price of the chicken.

Rabbi Kook's house was open to all. Some came to receive a legal decision; some came to receive a blessing. Some came to request a letter of recommendation or a *haskamah* for a book. Some came to see the face of a famous individual (The painter Chagall came, so too Albert Einstein). Rav Kook arose to pray *Shacharis* with sunrise and he stayed awake till midnight to recite *Tikkun Chatzos*. He slept only four hours over a 24 hour span, according to Rabbi Aryeh Levine. Of course he was left no respite for private introspection, since each visitor thought that he was "the one and only." Seeing Rabbi Kook's great fatigue, and the fact that many a time he

skipped his noon-hour dinner (he didn't permit himself to eat and have a visitor wait), a family member once posted a short notice on the external door to the residence "Please don't knock between 1-2 p.m." When Rabbi Kook found out about that he immediately made short shrift of it. He remonstrated, "Don't you know that I am a servant of the Jewish people? I am obligated to them, not to myself!" (I was told this by Rabbi Kook's daughter's brother-in-law, Rabbi Rieger, and it is reprinted in the finale to letter 30 in *Letters*, vol. 1, page 29).

At a later date, when the Leftist leader Arlozoroff was murdered (truly by an Arab, as Israel's first Police Minister Shitrit attested), due to sharp strife against the right wing groups a Jew called Stavsky was (falsely) accused of the murder. The British wished to bring him to trial and to execute him. However Rabbi Kook spearheaded a communal front to exonerate Stavsky. The British warned Rabbi Kook that he would be charged with contempt of court. More so, the Leftists black-painted on the walls of his house "woe to the generation that its high priest (Rabbi Kook

was a *kohein*) protects murderers." These wild attacks hurt his sensitivities. Nevertheless he stood fast against accusations from all sides. As he wryly writes, "From those who cannot understand it is impossible to beware, and many times it is not necessary to beware." (*Letters*, vol. one, p. 154).

Due to his good connections with most of the most prominent rabbis of the age (see the collection of letters written to him with the most honorary salutations heading those letters, in the book *Iggerot Le'Ri'yah*), Rabbi Kook was invited to one of the *Moetzet Gedolei HaTorah* of the worldwide Agudas Israel convention in Berlin (1913). However, after arriving there, the First World war broke out. Rabbi Kook was stranded in Europe with no transportation opportunities to return home. He spent the first period in Switzerland. Afterwards he was offered a position as synagogue rabbi in London. While there, he had a most influential position that eventually brought about the Balfour Declaration. Some British assimilated Jews (who were lords of Parliament) claimed that it was a disloyal act for British citizens to agitate for another political homeland. Rabbi Kook used his vast Torah knowledge and his earnest tongue and pen to counter this mistaken idea. After the war, due to his increasing fame as a lover of *Eretz Yisrael*, the majority of the Jews of Jerusalem requested him to be their rabbi. He arrived to fulfill this capacity. In 1921 he was elected unanimously as the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of the country.

With the noble and impactful plan of rejuvenating the ranks of great *talmidei chachamim*, he founded The Central Universal Yeshiva (afterwards renamed *Merkaz HaRav*). He had remarkable educational plans. He wished the Talmud to be studied broadly (*b'kius*) and not by isolated *pilpul*. (see *Otzrot Re'iyah* pp. 70-73)

Rabbi Kook led the *yishuv* during the Hebron massacre and the period following. At that time the Arab Mufti pressured the Jews to relinquish their rights to the Kotel Ha-ma'aravi (and of course renege all rights to the Holy Mount). The Mufti uttered threats that much Jewish blood would be spilt if this declaration would not be forthcoming. All heads of the contemporary Zionist Movement pressured Rabbi Kook to make the necessary commitment. However despite the fact that he would cry at even a wound of one individual suffering, he could not allow himself to abandon any part of the Holy Country, much more so Jerusalem, much more so the Holy Mount. His son, Rav Zvi Yehuda, tells us that his sainted father lost health, but stood firm. Even when asked after the Hebron riots if he did not regret his decision, he answered, "The land is not ours to waive. It belongs to G-d and it is He that delivered it to us. We are not legally empowered to forfeit it."

Rabbi Kook went up to join the angels in Heaven on the 3rd of Elul, a full 16 years after his second *aliyah* to Israel to become the Rabbi of Jerusalem. ❖

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HAAGEN DAZS ICE CREAM 5-6 PACK, CONES OR SNACK BARS \$3⁹⁹	SUPER A VEGETABLES 32OZ BAG, PEAS, CORN, PEAS N' CARROTS, MIXED \$1⁹⁹	GREEN GIANT CORN ON THE COB NIBBLERS 6 CT BAG 2/\$3	OF TOV CHICKEN RINGS 2 LB BAGS \$9⁹⁹	OF TOV CHICKLICIOUS 2 LB BAGS \$9⁹⁹	MEAL MART BEEF PATTIES 3 LB BOX \$14⁹⁹	MEAL MART KUGEL 4 LB TRAY, POTATO, APPLE, BROCCOLI, NOODLE \$16⁹⁹	MEAL MART MATZO BALLS 3.75 LB BOX \$12⁹⁹	AXELROD YOGURT ASST 6 OZ CONT 12/\$3⁹⁹	
AXELROD COTTAGE CHEESE 16 OZ CONT \$1⁹⁹	PHILADELPHIA SOFT CREAM CHEESE ASST 8 OZ CONT 2/\$4	HOMEMAKER ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ CONT \$2⁶⁹	BREAKSTONE SOUR CREAM 16OZ CONT, ORIGINAL, 1/3 LESS FAT OR FAT FREE \$1⁹⁹	CHOBANI YOGURT ASST 6OZ CONT 99¢	FRIENDSHIP COTTAGE CHEESE ASST 16 OZ CONT 2/\$5	SABRA CHUMMUS 10OZ CONT, CLASSIC, SPICY OR PINENUT 5/\$10	REAL KOSHER CLASSIC FRANKS 5 LB BUNDLE \$16⁹⁹	EMPIRE KOSHER SMOKED OR WHITE TURKEY SLICES 8 OZ CONT \$3⁹⁹	

SEAFOOD					APPY COUNTER				
FAMILY PACK SALMON FILLET \$9⁹⁹ LB	BUTTER-FRIED BROOK TROUT \$6⁹⁹ LB	WILD NILE PERCH FILLET \$8⁹⁹ LB	READY-2-BAKE SALMON PATTIES \$9⁹⁹ LB	BREADED TILAPIA \$5⁹⁹ LB	SABLE PLATE \$7⁴⁹ 1/4LB	BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP \$4⁹⁹ QT	FETA CHEESE \$6⁹⁹ LB	BLEU CHEESE \$3⁹⁹ 1/4LB	GOUDA CHEESE \$2⁴⁹ 1/4LB

DELI	HUSH PUPPIES \$1⁹⁹ EA	STUFFED CAPON \$4⁹⁹ EA	GRILLED CORN SALAD \$2⁹⁹ LB	BBQ WINGS \$3⁹⁹ LB	YEMENITE SOUP \$3⁹⁹ QT	STORE HOURS: Sunday 7am-8pm Monday & Tuesday 7am-9pm Wednesday 7am-10pm Thursday 7am-12midnight Friday 7am-5:00pm
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MEAT	CORN BEEF DECKLE \$5⁹⁹ LB	SQUARE CUT ROAST \$6⁴⁹ LB	FAMILY PACK RIB STEAK \$9⁹⁹ LB	GROUND VEAL \$5⁹⁹ LB	FAMILY PACK CHICKEN BOTTOMS \$2²⁹ LB	FAMILY PACK GROUND CHUCK \$3⁴⁹ LB
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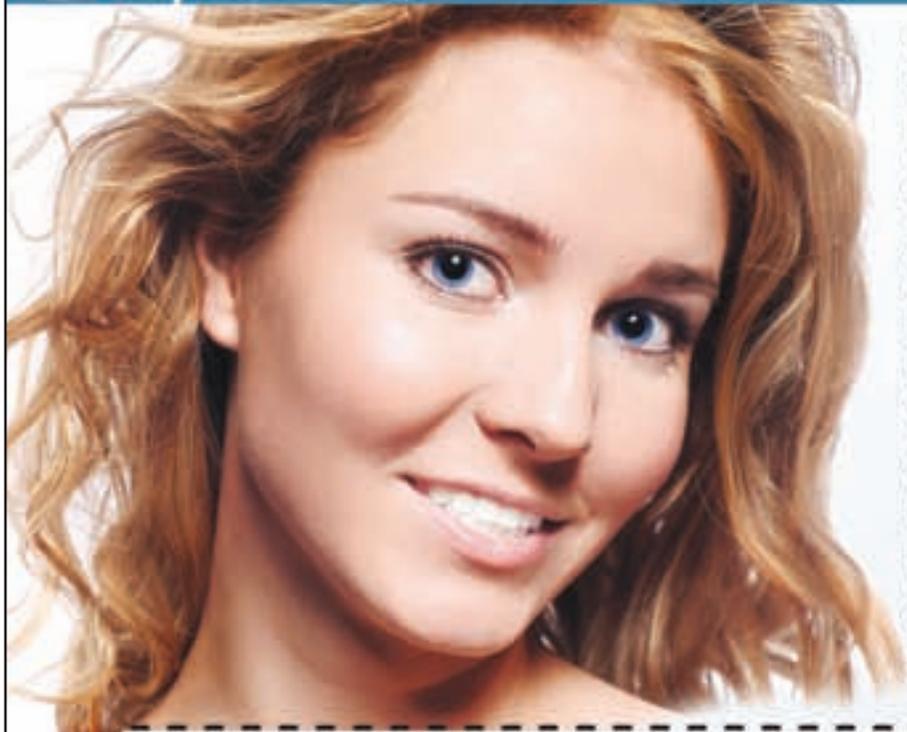


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