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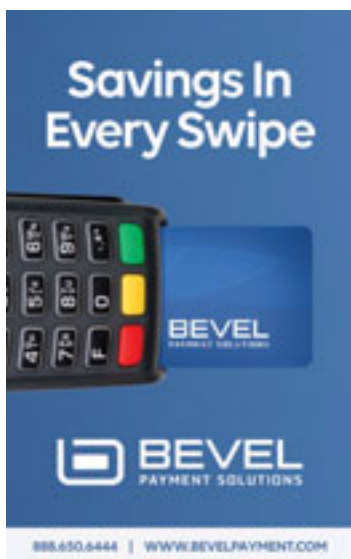
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U.S. President Donald Trump signs a document recognizing Israeli control over the Golan Heights.

FROM THE EDITOR

Bipartisan Bugaboo

BY LARRY GORDON

Approximately 18,000 supporters of Israel gathered in Washington, DC this week for the monumentally important American Israel Political Affairs Committee (AIPAC) policy conclave at the Washington Convention Center.

This is truly an important demonstration of American Jewish political muscle, and despite the insistence of Israel's avowed and determined critics, it's nothing to apologize for but rather something we can all be proud of.

The objective of the policy conference was once the idea of maintaining the health of Israel's connection with the

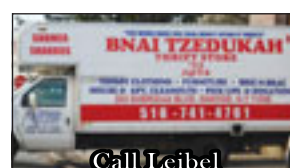
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Appreciating Our Lives

BY RAV ARYEH ZEV GINZBERG

When I challenged the senior class at a local yeshiva high school as to what was their most difficult question about Purim, as they were making a *siyum* on *Masechta Megillah*, one of the boys raised the following question: We can understand why the *Yidden* at that time made a special *yom tov* in their day for the great salvation that happened for them, as their archenemy Haman and his followers were killed and the decree rescinded. But why do we celebrate it so many years later? There have been so many other times in our history that we were saved from annihilation and we don't set aside a *yom tov* for those other times. Even more difficult to understand is that the Gemara in *Megillah*, in explaining why we don't say *Hallel* on Purim, explains that

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By Larry Gordon



REMEMBERING OUR PATRIOTS

Each year on Memorial Day, there is a quick parade that rolls its way up Central Avenue through Lawrence and Cedarhurst as a community tribute to those who have lost their lives defending the United States in hard-fought wars over the last many years.

Now Penina (Paris) Popack, president of The Lawrence Association, along with the Villages of Cedarhurst and Lawrence Mayors, Ben Weinstein and Alex Edelman, respectively, as well as the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Volunteer Fire Department, Syd Mandelbaum, Commander of American Legion Post 339, and JoMarie Capone and other parade committee members, are working to create a memorable tribute to those who fought in our wars and gave their lives to assure the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America.

The parade will take place on Sunday, May 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Lawrence the Sunday just prior to the national Memorial Day holiday, and culminating with a meaningful ceremony in Cedarhurst's Andrew J. Parise Park.

Ms. Popack expresses a shared dedication and passion for patriotism and, she says, considering the unique U.S.-Israel relationship, a community like ours here in the Five Towns should take an hour or two of our time and pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

Over the years, the local Five Towns parade has too often been neglected and seen by some only as an event that closes down the main shopping avenue on a holiday Sunday or Monday. Through her vision and dynamic leadership, along with other members of the Parade Committee, Penina Popack is looking to change all that, with our main thoroughfare and sidewalks crowded with families and spectators, students from our local schools, and even those from surrounding areas to view a great spectacle of a colorful Memorial Day Parade with pomp and honor.

But most important is the fact that it is an event that pays tribute to our local servicemen and women lost in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other battles over the many years.

"This is an outstanding idea," said a Cedarhurst retail store owner, "It brings us all together, and that is the



Honoring heroes at the 2014 Lawrence-Cedarhurst Memorial Day Parade

most important thing on a day and time like this."

Turning Over

Hmm ... Purim is over and it is kind of quiet out there. Some of the shelves in the supermarkets look bare, but that is not because there is any shortage of products or anything like that. Rather, the store owners are doing one of the things that is best described by an intriguing phrase—and I have to say it's one of my favorite terms in the English language that can only really be understood by another observant Jew—and that is: "turning over."

I have always had an affinity for those two words, perhaps because I personally have very limited use for them. It's not that I've never turned over per se; I really haven't, but over the decades I have observed this turning-over business from various vantage points.

Back to the supermarket imagery for a moment. No, the food shops and emporiums are not running out of inventory—they are just turning over.

"Turning over" is a wonderfully descriptive term, but except for its connection to Pesach it usually has anything but a positive connotation. You don't need any examples, as you probably know what I mean. The thing about this is that if you say the words "When are you turning over?" to non-Jewish colleagues at work, for example, they will, in all likelihood, offer you a blank stare because they cannot have any idea what you are talking about.

So the stores that sell *chametz* all year long are now setting up for the determined and sometimes hectic shopping-for-foodstuff frenzy that is a big part of the observance of Pesach.

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And then there is the matter of turning over your home, or your kitchen at home. The best advice about that is if

or anything that even resembles *chametz* is strictly forbidden in the home, and of course that is the only sensible way to proceed.

And while most people seem to like to wait until the night before Pesach to turn over, others cannot wait and turn over at least their kitchen several days, and sometimes even a week, prior to Pesach. What that essentially means is that if you are taking your meals at home, you are probably eating only kosher-for-Pesach food for at least a week before Pesach.

After turning over, there is the matter of turning back.

you are not doing the actual turning over, just stand clear and stay out of the way. This is not a matter of simply relocating yourself to a different room or floor in your home. Be aware that if you are not directly involved in the process, you are definitely in the way.

As mentioned at the outset, these two words—“turning over”—have exclusive meaning to our club, tribe, our people. Listen closely over the next several weeks to people chatting at lunch, after shul, and definitely in our supermarkets, and you will hear these words: “When are you turning over?”

Once a home is turned over, *chametz*

Without going too far off on a tangent, there is really just one other such phrase that has a unique and indigenous relevance to our way of life. And that is either in Israel during vacation or especially in the Catskills over the summer season when you run into people you do not know or haven’t seen in a long time.

And those words are: “Where are you?” After the bewildered look, the average response to that question from someone not in the know is that you are exactly where you are standing at the moment. And no, it is not a deep philosophical inquiry about your

station or status in life. It is simply about where you are staying, who you are visiting, and what part of the country (if it’s Israel) or what bungalow or summer-home resort you are spending your time in. I don’t think there is any other setting where you can say to the guy next to you, “Where are you?”

But back to turning over. It is a gargantuan and even life-altering seasonal task that takes a lot of focus and effort. And as you know, after turning over, there is the matter of turning back after the *chag*. It could be that turning back is less complicated than turning over, but that is subject to lively debate. Both are big deals and both have inherent challenges.

If you are traveling for Pesach, then this might have flown right over your head. If you have never been home for Pesach then you may not even know what I am referring to here. Either way, rest assured these are real and very intense matters.

We are headed straight into Pesach. It is not only time to think about making your home ready, equipped, and kosher for Passover, but it is also the end of this essay, which means it’s time to turn to the next page. I don’t want to say turn over, because it’s too early for that. So don’t turn over or back; just take a look at what is on the next page. ■

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we were still the servants of Achashveirosh and it was not a complete salvation or *yeshuah* (unlike the redemption from Mitzrayim). So if we were still slaves of a wicked king, why does that salvation warrant celebration each year for thousands of years?

What really changed for *Klal Yisrael* beyond the decree being rescinded? Why is it an eternal *yom tov*, one that will be celebrated even after the coming of Mashiach, as *Chazal* teach us? I responded that I believe we see in *Chazal* that as a result of this incredible salvation, *Klal Yisrael's* attitude on life drastically changed.

Chazal explain that the sin that resulted in the terrible decree via Haman was that *Bnei Yisrael* were "*neheneh*," enjoyed, the *seudah* that took place in the king's palace. It doesn't say that they "participated" in the king's party, because that would possibly have been permitted under those trying times, but rather because they "enjoyed" the party and found it fulfilling. They were obviously missing something in their lives. They were unsatisfied with their lot and with what they had, and were searching for the fulfillment someplace else. They found it at the party in the palace of Achashveirosh.

This need to find something better and more meaningful someplace

else, and not to appreciate what we already currently have, is not just a "Jewish problem." It transcends all nations and all generations. *Chazal* in *Masechta Chullin* ask an unusual question and offer an even more confusing answer. Where is the hint of Haman in the Torah? It's in the *pasuk* in *Bereishis* where *Adam HaRishon* is accused and then admits "*ha'min ha'eitz*," that he had indeed eaten from the forbidden tree that he was commanded to avoid. Beyond the similar letters in the two words, what does this have to do with the villain Haman in the Purim story?

Rav Shach, *zt'l*, explained from the *ba'alei mussar* that Haman had everything in the world at his disposal—wealth, power, and unlimited access to the most powerful king in the world who ruled over 127 countries. The one and only thing that he was missing was that a single despised Jew did not bow down to him. And instead of just ignoring him completely—after all, his days in this world were numbered with the impending decree—he proclaims that "*kol zeh einenu shavah li*," that I have nothing, I take no joy in anything I have.

Chazal question where such an incredibly bad trait comes from. The Gemara answers that it comes from the days of *Adam HaRishon* when he was given the entire world to use for his every whim, and yet he chose the

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one thing that he *wasn't* given to use. He ate from the *eitz ha'da'as*. This is not a fault in just one's Jewish character; it's a fault in the basic human character as well.

And just maybe, I shared with that inquisitive student, this is the reason for the eternal celebration that we experience each year. *Klal Yisrael* was not only saved from the terrible genocide decree, but they went from a people seeking to find *hana'ah* in other places to learning that the only real sense of fulfillment comes from the realization that all you have is what *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* gave you. Focusing on what we *do* have will give us a deeper appreciation of everything that is important in life. We won't look for that fulfillment in the palaces of Achashveirosh, which comes in different shapes and forms in each generation.

This could very well be the reason why the Rambam, who quotes the *Yerushalmi* in *Megillah*, says that the *chag* of Purim will remain intact after Mashiach comes. Focusing on and appreciating what you do have, and not what you don't have, is an important lesson to constantly reflect upon, even in the post-Messianic time.

This could also very well be the reason for the ancient *minhag* of dressing up in costumes on Purim. We dress up to look like someone else, only to remove our costumes after Purim and revert back to who we really are, with the satisfaction that this is who we are—not what we dressed up to be. Being able to find the strength to look at our inner self (with or without the help of wine) and see who we are and how happy we should be that this is who we truly are is the *avodah* of Purim, as well as our *avodah* throughout the year as well.

I joined in an impromptu *Kiddush* celebration a few weeks ago. As a result of being a frequent flyer because of his weekly trips for business, this person was entitled to join a select group of flyers that receive many travel perks and make the traveling travails easier to bear. However, due to a set of circumstances, he was removed from that club and thereby lost the perks that came along with it. After much effort, he was reinstated. His friends decided to honor him with a *Kiddush* upon his reinstatement. One of the attendees, Reb Donny (not to be confused with the Doniel of the Purim story), upon seeing my confusion as to the exact purpose of the celebration, commented, "This is a celebration for the lesson learned that you never know what you have until you lose it ... it's a lesson to appreciate what you do have when you have it."

That is exactly the message of Purim that we should take with us going forward. It's something for all of us to remember, whether we are above or below the clouds. ■

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United States and to service the broad American Jewish community's support of and relationship with both Democrats and Republicans in the sitting administration and Congress.

the territory located across what they refer to as the Green Line or Judea and Samaria. For years, it is precisely this dispute that has been the crux of Israel's inability to achieve any kind of peace with their Palestinian neighbors.

The second matter is that although AIPAC leadership seems to be leaning



Vice President Mike Pence at AIPAC 2019

But now, especially since the election of Donald Trump, there is something new and even disturbing going on, a combination of two essential things. The first is AIPAC's discomfort with President Trump specifically and Republican policy toward Israel in general.

AIPAC policy over all these years has been not to deal with the matter of East Jerusalem or a united city of Jerusalem, and certainly not with the issue of

in the direction of the Democrats, the organization is being openly rejected by Democratic leadership.

There is little question that, at present, the Democrats are not being directed by the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, or the Senate Minority Leader, our own Chuck Schumer. For now, it seems clear that the three freshman

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congresswomen—Cortez, Omar, and Tlaib—are controlling Democratic Party policy.

And the three young women are determined to build a wedge between U.S. and Israel and to do what they can to finish what Barack Obama attempted but failed at—downgrading the U.S.–Israel relationship—and that starts with objecting to Democrats attending the policy conference.

This is precisely the juncture at which this absolute commitment to bipartisanship requires further examination and analysis. The concept is that although we have a Republican president today and the Senate is controlled by Republicans, still, as a community and as people who support Israel—regardless of how you define that support—we need to continue to curry favor with Democratic leaders in preparation for the inevitable time that a Democrat is back at the helm in the White House.

This way of thinking is fairly straightforward and even logical. Regardless of



Rep Steny Hoyer at AIPAC 2019

the fashion in which high-level Democrats in Congress are kowtowing to anti-Israel fringe elements in the party, it is still best that we tolerate that type of behavior because you never know when they will be in power in Washington once again.

Now, there are indeed very pro-Israel

Democrats in Congress. Two in the House who immediately come to mind are Kathleen Rice and Tom Suozzi. Both are deeply intelligent and understand what is at play here. Congresswoman Rice, the former Nassau County district attorney, was one of those opposed to the reelection of Nancy Pelosi as Speak-

er of the House.

For some reason, however, the voices of reason have been overwhelmed and misplaced by first-term upstarts in the House who have either uttered or supported statements many have taken as both anti-Israel and anti-Semitic. Congressman Steny Hoyer made a good point at AIPAC the other day when he said that there are 62 freshman Democrats in Congress this year—not just the three you hear about constantly. Attention Democratic leadership: how about acting like that is the case?

On the matter of whether the Jewish community as a united voice, like that represented at AIPAC, has to take that silently without worrying about jeopardizing the bipartisan U.S.–Israel relationship, it is important to note here that the U.S.–Israel dynamic has been altered dramatically since Mr. Trump arrived in DC.

Democrats who are wishy-washy or uncertain about support for Israel because they are not sure where possible legitimate criticism of Israel ends and anti-Semitism begins should be excoriated and even ghosted. If we as a community, or even the leadership of AIPAC, believe that Democrats in Congress are going to turn on Israel at some point, that scenario is something between highly unlikely and absolutely impossible.

Demonstrating our unhappiness with their issues—of BDS being a matter of free speech and their uncertainty about being able to categorically condemn Jew-hatred—should place them on notice that we, as a community, will be turning our collective backs on them.

Support from Congress these last few years is not as simple as it may have been in decades past. It is no longer a matter of Israel being the recipient of American largesse conditional on Israel's pursuit of peace and willingness to surrender territory captured 52 years ago, in 1967, in a defensive war. The issues of settlements and, more importantly, the status of Jerusalem have faded from the top of the agenda.

Today, members of Congress cannot step back and withdraw support for Israel because Egypt and Jordan do not want them to anymore. It is not just those two immediate neighbor states of Israel. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Azerbaijan, and other Islamic-dominated countries have quietly developed important relationships with Israel on a number of vital and interesting levels.

Then there is a matter of the mullahs in Iran aiming their sights not only on Israel but at some of those countries listed above. It is only the outdated and narrow outlook of some that is focused just on what was once the Palestinian issue but that which today is considered an intrusion if not a menace to what has to be accomplished in that region of the world.

Of course, it would be preferable and ideal if Republicans and Democrats were all on the same page when it came to Israel policy, and, to a great extent, I suspect they are. The policy and attitude shift comes to the fore when they address what they perceive to be their donor or potential donor base.

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The signals they send, however, to those they are supposed to be leading leave a great deal to be desired at this time. While it does not help that the American Jewish community itself is divided on Israel policy, that is a topic for another time. The base, though, can afford to take a unified position on these essential matters.

When Ms. Pelosi stands in front of the cameras and says that Congresswoman Omar said words that were perceived as anti-Semitic but that she did not realize what she was saying, that is just not believable. And it is not in our interest or in Israel's interest to play along and make believe we are deluded. Bipartisanship is a wonderful goal to pursue, but only so far and not further.

...To G-d's Ears

Maybe it was his son-in-law Jared Kushner, or perhaps it was one of the yeshiva boys he surrounds himself with. At some point, someone imparted a piece of advice to President Trump telling him that if he is good to Israel, G-d will be good to him.

And it's not exactly a farfetched idea. After all, the Torah states explicitly in the dialogue between G-d and Abraham that "Those who bless you shall be blessed..." and so on.

We all understand that our Al-mighty G-d usually works in mysterious and certainly not obvious ways. But every now and then, He shows His hand, gives us a peek, and makes His ways somewhat clearer.

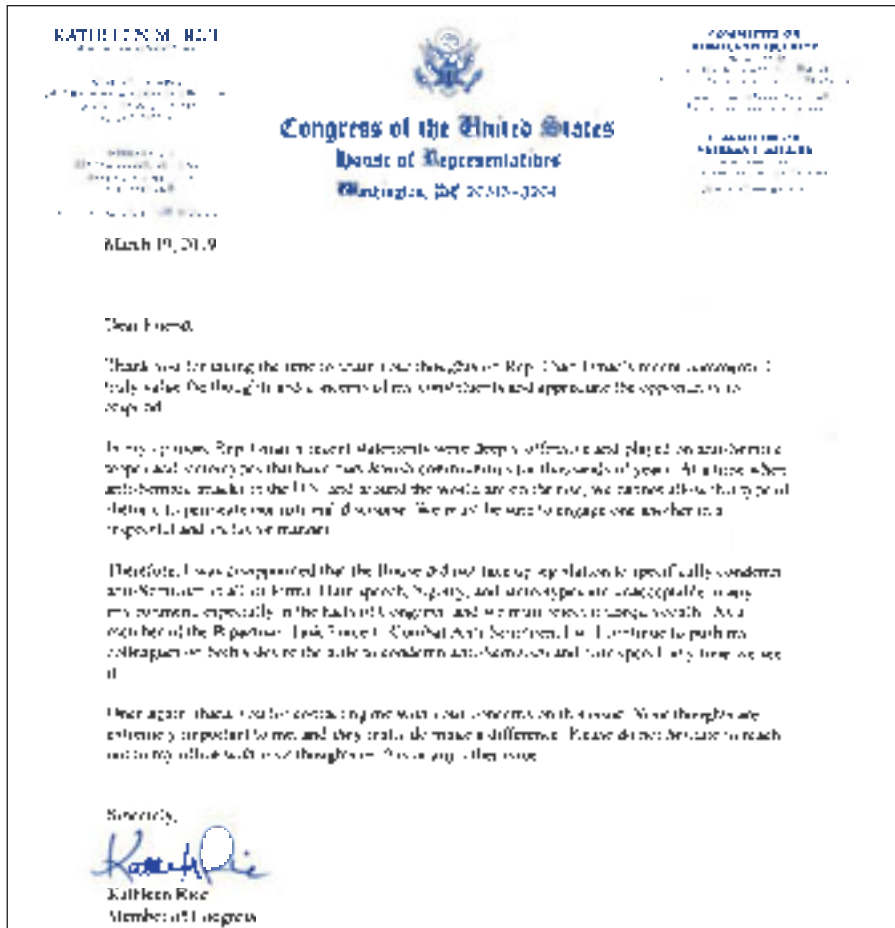
For the last two years, the Trump presidency has operated under a fairly dark cloud. There was the matter of collusion with Russia, though even critics conceded that despite these efforts no one knew anyone who changed their vote because of something that someone from Russia said or did.

So, apparently, President Trump took his advisers at their word. At first, he made it abundantly clear that a one-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was OK with him. He then followed that with the bold act of moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thereby providing a U.S. stamp of approval to the fact that Jerusalem is Israel's undisputed capital city.

That was a great and important move for both Israel and the United States. But still the president was being denigrated and ridiculed. The word in the mainstream media was that the president was in trouble and that things did not bode well for the future.

But then Mr. Trump made his move on the Golan Heights, tweeting his support for Israeli sovereignty over the massive strategic mountains and confirming that recognition when he met with Prime Minister Netanyahu in the White House on Monday.

As children, we were sometimes told by our parents that if we are good and do such-and-such with the right thought process and intent, Hashem will reward us commensurate with whatever we were involved in. But then we grew



a little older, perhaps even became a little wiser, only to realize that He doesn't work with that kind of simplicity.

When it comes to that sort of dynamic, in this case, the considerations can be very different. Donald Trump is a non-Jew without the various and extensive obligations that observant Jews have—like Shabbos, *kashrus*, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, *tefillin*, *tzitzis*, Purim, Pesach, Sukkos, and so on down the line. Sure, the White House makes a Chanukah Party but that's about it.

Mr. Trump has none of these complex and detailed obligations to concern himself with. On these matters he's a blank canvas. All he has to do is be good to Israel and, for all intents and purposes, he is fulfilling just about all his Divine obligations. It's that simple.

Last week on Purim in Israel, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told an interviewer from CBN that he believed that Donald Trump might be the equivalent of the *Megillah's* Queen Esther in terms of the role he is presently playing in the destiny of Israel and the Jewish people.

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So what does Mr. Pompeo really know about the *Megillah* and whether Mr. Trump is playing a role in modern Jewish life similar perhaps to that of the ancient Mordechai and Esther? Probably not much, but the level of their scholar-

And then the president was given an additional and unexpected reward in the double indictments handed down in New York and California against one of his arch nemeses, his personal Haman for a long time, attorney Michael Avenatti.

It was a wild, whirlwind weekend of activity that for many was beyond exhilarating. All in all, however, the equation

The voices of reason have been misplaced by first-term upstarts.

ship in this area is basically irrelevant. Apparently, they know just enough.

And in the Trump case, it seems his good deeds and gracious acts are immediately rewarded. In one fell swoop, over one long weekend that began with Purim, Mr. Trump was fully exonerated in the two-year Mueller investigation into Russian collusion.

here is rather fundamental and even simple. It comes down to this: "Those who bless you shall be blessed..." ■

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HALACHIC MUSINGS

By Rabbi Yair Hoffman

MAYBE WE SHOULD CLEAN THOSE CHICKENS

Let's start at the beginning. The Torah, in this week's *parashah*, commands us not to consume blood. "Any person from the house of Israel or from those among them who eats any blood, I will set My face against the soul that eats blood, and I will cut him off from among his people. For the soul of the flesh is in the blood..." (*Vayikra* 17:11-12).

The two methods for removing that blood are through roasting and through a process called "soaking and salting," or *melichah*. All six sides of the meat, whether beef or chicken, need to be salted.



The kidney, however, is an organ that is attached on one side to bone. When the chicken is salted, only one side of the kidney would get salted. The custom in America, therefore, is to vacuum it out before the *melichah* process begins. There is a special and very powerful vacuum cleaner with a probe at the end to help vacuum it out.

Most *kashrus* organizations (as well as the *Chullin* picture *sefer* written by Rabbi Lach) tell us that the removal process is so thorough that there is no *halachic* need to check the chickens that we have purchased from the stores. The tacit assumption is that finding a kidney is extremely rare.

This author, however, has found that, at times, there is a flaw in the system and that it can be more common than we think. Recently, in chicken legs that have been purchased at a local store, this has been as common as one in eight. In most homes, however, this is not a problem because the women preparing the chicken usually do a pretty good job cleaning them. They remove all the "icky" parts.

If it is happening on a local level in the Five Towns, then it is also a national problem as well, because the chicken is supplied by a national supplier.

This author consulted with a top *kashrus* expert in Lakewood, New Jersey, who explained that he has seen this problem before. In a chicken plant with four lines, if one of the workers who has the vacuuming job is significantly shorter than his three peers, it is possible that he will not adequately reach all the areas that need to be vacuumed. The one-in-eight statistic would indicate that this might very well be the problem. The *Five Towns Jewish Times* made efforts to reach out to the plant and forwarded pictures.

Neither the stores nor the local *vaad* have a system in place to check to see if the kidneys were removed, and probably

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HALACHIC MUSINGS

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there is no *halachic* reason to do so. But until the problem is resolved, it may be a good idea to do a thorough cleaning job. Each person should check with his own *rav* or *posek*.

How Do We Identify It?

Each chicken bottom or thigh on the upper-bone side has a hollow groove in it that contains a kidney. It is different in color and size than regular chicken leg meat, and appears similar in color to the liver. When chicken legs are packaged, it is always on the opposite side of the part that faces the plastic.

Does Everyone Agree That It Is Forbidden?

Not everyone agrees that the kidney is forbidden on account of the salting-on-one-side problem. In Israel, the Rabbanut-level *hechsher* actually leaves them in. The *Badatz* removes the kidneys before the chicken is salted. In America, the prevailing custom among all *shechitahs* is to remove the kidneys. This au-

thor has never seen kidneys in any of the *Badatz* chickens in Israel.

The history of chicken kidney removal is rather fascinating (if the topic interests you). We do not find any mention in the Talmud of removing the kidney of the chicken before salting. Nor do we find it in the writings of the *Rishonim* or the *Shulchan Aruch* or *Rema*.

We first find mention of it in the writings of Rabbi Yosef Teomim (1727–1792), better known as the author of the *Pri Megadim* (*Yoreh Deah Siman* 69 in his *Mishbetzes HaZahav* #15).

He writes: The *Beis Lechem Yehudah* further wrote (#20), “it is proper to split the chicken in two (not like *Beis Hillel*). The reason is on account of the lung that is hidden between the ribs.”

The *Pri Megadim* continues: “He [the *Beis Lechem Yehudah*] wrote a valid point and I personally conducted in this manner firstly because it is impossible ideally to salt inside in every place and, secondly, the lung, spleen, and kidneys of the chicken are resting inside and even *b’dieved* they are forbidden if they were not salted at least on one side, the outer side. They are not salted at all and

it is a separate organ and not one thick piece. Even in the groove, one must remove the lung as ideally it requires salting on both sides.”

It is interesting to note that the *Beis Lechem Yehudah* does not actually mention removal of the kidney. It is first mentioned by the *Pri Megadim* (*M.Z.* 69:15). The *Yad Yehudah* mentions that he did not see the lungs or the kidneys being removed before salting.

Which Authorities Say To Do It?

The *Darchei Teshuvah* 69:85 says that the kidneys must be removed before salting. The *Shemen Rokeiach* (Vol. I #42) and the *Divrei Yosef* (#456) both write to do it.

The *Yad Yehudah* and *Sha’arei Deah* both say that you don’t have to remove them. The *Bris Melach*, an early New York *posek* (whom the *New York Times* called the chief rabbi of Brooklyn when he passed away in 1913) writes that the *halachah* is to follow the *Pri Megadim* and not follow the *Yad Yehudah*. The *Kaf HaChaim* 72:48 makes no mention of kidneys but does mention the lung.

What Happens If It Was Left In And Cooked?

The *Shevet HaLevi* Vol. VII #128 writes that it is permitted post facto, *b’dieved*. The *Knei Bosesem* ruled that it is forbidden and requires a sixty-to-one ratio. One should check with one’s own *rav*, but this author believes that the custom is to rely on the *Shevet HaLevi*. ■

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And Aharon was silent (Vayikra 10:3)

Because Aharon was silent, he was rewarded that G-d spoke exclusively to him (see below, verses 8-11; ordinarily G-d spoke to Aharon only in conjunction with—or through—Moshe).

(Midrash Rabbah)

Said Rav Papa: The merit of attending a house of mourning lies in the silence observed.

(Talmud, Berachos 6b)

In youth, one learns to talk; in maturity, one learns to be silent. This is man’s problem: that he learns to talk before he learns to be silent.

(Rabbi Nachman of Breslav)

Speech signifies comprehensibility. Melody is beyond language, expressing moods which words cannot describe. Silence is yet higher.

The power to be silent at certain moments of life and of history is an important strength. It expresses the awareness that G-d is infinite, and cannot be encapsulated in our human conceptions of what should take place.

The Talmud tells of an instance in which Moshe himself was told by G-d to be silent. G-d showed him in a vision all future generations of the Jewish people, and the leaders of each generation. Moshe was greatly impressed by the wisdom of Rabbi Akiva. Then he saw the way the Romans tortured him to death. “Is this the reward of his Torah knowledge?” Moshe asked. G-d answered: “Be silent. Thus it arose in My thought.”

This is not to say that the Torah advocates a fatalistic approach to life. Before the event, one must do everything possible to prevent tragedy. But once it has happened, G-d forbid, through the acceptance and the silence we reach a special closeness to the Divine. Our Sages tell us that because Aharon was silent, he was rewarded by G-d speaking directly to him.

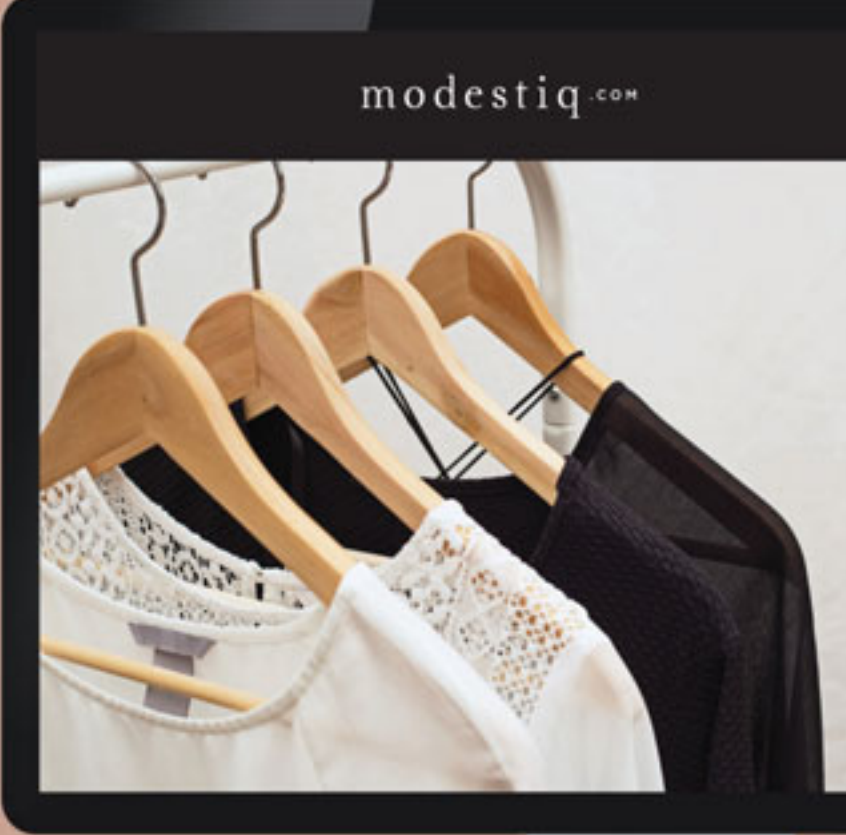
In our generation, too, there is a need for this power of silence. It is not a passive power, but one that leads to vigorous and joyous action. The Jewish response to the harrowing events of the Shoah is the determined and energetic action to rebuild Jewish family life and Jewish knowledge.

Through our power of silence we too, like Aharon, will merit Divine revelation. G-d will bring the Messiah, rebuilding the Temple and bringing lasting peace to the world.

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ISRAEL NEWS

Israeli Troops On High Alert On Gaza Border Amid Unofficial Cease-Fire

By Marcy Oster

Israeli troops will remain on alert along the Gaza border as an unofficial cease-fire appeared to be in effect following a barrage of rocket fire from Gaza. Israeli officials worry that violence could return over the weekend when large Hamas-led protests are set to be held along the Gaza border to mark the one-year anniversary of the weekly Great March of Return protests.

The army's chief of staff, Aviv Kochavi, in a visit Wednesday to the border ordered troops to be prepared for "various scenarios in the region," the Israel Defense Forces said in a statement. Kochavi also was referring to two additional brigades, one infantry and one armored, that were called up hours after a rocket fired from Gaza slammed into a home in central Israel, injuring seven.

The cease-fire apparently in effect Wednesday came after a night in which rockets were launched at Gaza border communities, and then another early in the morning at the coastal city of Ashkelon, which was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

Israeli forces retaliated by targeting Hamas military installations in Gaza.

Schools in southern Israel were open Wednesday after being closed the day before following a night in which 60 rockets were fired at southern Israel. Some 30 percent of students did not show up, however, Ynet reported. (JTA) ■

Suspected Ramming Attack Near Jerusalem's Old City Tuesday Night

By Tzvi Joffe

There is an increasing fear that a terrorist ramming attack occurred on March 26 when two yeshiva students

were run over near the Jaffa Gate near Jerusalem's Old City. They were waiting to cross the street and were run over by a vehicle driven by two people identified as from minority groups.

According to an account by one of the injured students, the car backed up and tried to run over them a second time. When they didn't succeed, the two suspected terrorists left the car, hit and kicked the injured students, and escaped from the scene.

One of the injured students, Avraham Erand from the Old City, said that the terrorists beat them when they were on the ground after being hit by the car, and then entered the car and escaped. At the hospital the two students were treated for broken knees and went through surgery.

"We are talking about a ramming attack. It resulted in serious injuries including broken legs, but it could have easily ended with murder," Chaim Bleicher, a lawyer from the Honenu organization who is representing Erand, stated. "We, of course, demand a full investigation of the incident. We will follow this case, get to court and

do everything possible to ensure that these terrorists are brought to justice." (JPost) ■

Netanyahu To AIPAC: 'We Are Prepared To Do More' In Gaza

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel is ready to increase its response to rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip.

"I can tell you we are prepared to do a lot more. We will do what is necessary to defend our people and to defend our state," said Netanyahu via satellite to the 18,000 attendees of the 2019 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.

Netanyahu, who was originally supposed to address the AIPAC conference in person and dine with U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House, cut short his visit, noting that Israel has "responded with great force" to the latest Hamas rocket attacks.

"In the last 24 hours, the IDF destroyed major Hamas terrorist installations on a scale not seen since the end of the military operation in Gaza four years ago," he said.

The Israeli leader arrived back in Israel on Tuesday afternoon to meet with security officials at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv to discuss the Gaza situation. Israeli officials said that they have not agreed to a ceasefire with Hamas, and that they are prepared to continue airstrikes.

While in the United States on Monday, Netanyahu authorized dozens of airstrikes on Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip in response to a rocket fired by terrorists earlier in the day that destroyed a home in central Israel, injuring seven civilians, including children. (JNS) ■

Survival Is Due To 'Miracles,' Says Family In Central Israel Whose Home Was Hit By Rocket

Daniel Wolf, whose home was hit by a long-range missile from Gaza on Monday, said although his family home was destroyed in the attack, "a lot of miracles happened" that ultimately spared the family from death.

"We are in shock, but the most important thing is that we are all OK," Daniel Wolf told Channel 13 from the hospital. "It was traumatic. After the explosion, there was silence, dust, and screaming. Destruction everywhere."

The Wolfs, who live in Mishmeret north of Tel Aviv, faintly heard the siren just after 5 a.m.

"When I heard the siren, I ran and grabbed my oldest daughter, and then I got my wife and my younger daughter and dashed them to the shelter," he said. "My mother was in between the shelter and the kitchen when we heard an enormous explosion followed by silence ... it was terrible."

Wolf said his father and sister were standing in the front yard when the rocket hit, and miraculously were not seriously injured.

"There were a lot of miracles that happened," he said.

According to Wolf, his mother and daughters, who were injured, are expected to make a full recovery. Two family dogs were killed.

Daniel said that normally, he would have been in bed. However, the night be-

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fore the attack, he happened to have fallen asleep on the couch, a room with better acoustics than his bedroom, which enabled him to hear the siren.

He immediately woke up and roused his wife, parents, and daughters, grabbing the girls and racing with his wife to the safe room in their home.

Daniel's mother, Susan, didn't make it to the safe room in time and suffered the most serious injuries in the family.

"I nearly lost my family," said the father and immigrant from Great Britain, Robert Wolf, standing outside the remains of the destroyed home, according to a report by *The Jerusalem Post*. "If we had not gotten to the bomb shelter in time, I would now be burying all my family."

"That is two grandchildren, one 5 months old, one 2 years old. That would be my third child with his wife, my wife, myself and my youngest daughter. They

would all have been dead if we didn't do what we had been supposed to do."

Robert Wolf left the house to wake another daughter in a separate apartment unit, and the two were in the yard on their way to the safe room when the rocket hit.

The rocket traveled 60 miles from southern Gaza—the farthest reaching attack since the 2014 Gaza war.

The family was evacuated to Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba. Susan Wolf was transferred to Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah in moderate condition.

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Hero Pilot From Hijacked Entebbe Flight Dies At 95

By Amy Spiro

Michel Bacos, the pilot of the Air France flight from Tel Aviv which was hijacked in 1976 and landed in Entebbe, has died at age 95. Christian Estrosi—the mayor of Nice, where Bacos lived—announced the news on social media on Tuesday.

“He refused to abandon his passengers, who were taken hostage because they were Israeli or of Jewish origin, risking his own life,” Estrosi wrote. “Michel bravely refused to surrender to antisemitism and barbarism and brought honor to France.”

President Reuven Rivlin said Wednesday that Bacos was “a quiet hero and a true friend of the Jewish people. May his memory be a blessing.”

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted that the pilot “stayed with the hostages through all their hardships, until IDF soldiers—led by my brother Yoni, *z”l*—freed him in a daring operation. I bow my head in his memory and salute Michel’s bravery.”

On June 27, 1976, Bacos was the captain of Air France Flight 139, from Tel

Aviv to Paris, with a stop in Athens. After the plane departed Greece, four hijackers took control of the cockpit and forced Bacos at gunpoint to head for Benghazi, Libya, and then Entebbe, Uganda.

The terrorist “sat behind me with his gun pointed at my head,” Bacos told Ynet in 2016. “Every time I tried to look in a different direction, he pressed the barrel of his gun against my neck.”

Several days later, the terrorists split up the hostages between those who were Israeli or Jewish and those who were not. Bacos demanded the hijackers give him access to both groups.

“I’m responsible for all of the passengers and demand to be able to see all of them—be they Israeli or not—at any given moment,” he recounted to Ynet. “I insisted, and the Germans agreed. I was able to go from one hall to the other without receiving permission, every time.”

A few days after that, the hijackers were planning to let Bacos, the rest of his crew and the remaining non-Jewish hostages go. But he refused.

“I gathered my crew and told them there was no way we were going to leave—we were staying with the passengers to the end,” he said. “The crew refused to leave, because this was a matter of conscience, professionalism, and

morality. As a former officer in the Free French Forces, I couldn’t imagine leaving behind not even a single passenger.”

After the successful rescue by the IDF, Bacos was repeatedly honored for his heroic actions. That year he was awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honor, France’s highest decoration. In 2008, he was honored by B’nai Brith International, and in 2016 by the American Jewish Committee. Bacos visited Israel several times after the incident, attending memorial ceremonies for Lt.-Col. Yoni Netanyahu, who was killed in the operation.

Bacos continued to fly with Air France for six more years, before retiring in 1982 at age 58. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, three children, and several grandchildren.

Tributes to Bacos began to pour in on Wednesday as news of his death spread.

“He refused to leave the Jewish passengers behind and stayed with them until they were rescued by the IDF,” wrote Dani Dayan, the Israeli consul-general to New York. “He passed away in France at the age of 95. We salute you, Captain.”

AJC said that it was “saddened to learn of the passing of Michel Bacos, the Air France pilot who heroically refused to abandon Jewish hostages after his plane was hijacked to Entebbe. We hon-

ored him with the AJC Moral Courage Award at Global Forum 2016. May his memory be a blessing.”

The Israeli Airline Pilots Association wrote that “this dear man passed away today after a long life. The pilots of the State of Israel salute Captain Bacos.” (JPost) ■

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PHOTO PROSE

By Gary Rabenko



LEARNING FROM THE EDIT

Twelve years ago, I rejected a videographer. In October, he surfaced. I am always looking for skills. We first met at my studio. I showed what some did that I liked, more and less. Then at his studio I provided my gut reaction to

his current edit. He agreed and claimed to understand. He wanted to see my footage. Cheap imitation serves no one. Skill and substance benefit all.

I care about anyone seeking meaningful video because there can be an al-

ternative to the clichéd, superficial video done by most videographers today. I am not saying this to promote myself. I am referring to an approach that might be done by the rare individual who is not doing what everyone else is doing and works hard at a better way. Imagery is everywhere and done by everyone. Standards are generally set by what the other guy/gal is doing. Videographers have a hard time knowing what they should be doing because the bar is very low, and everyone is doing the same thing or trying to be different in gimmicky, unimportant ways. Videographers, first and foremost, study others' work. This

does not mean developing skill and sensitivity. It too often leads to attempts at copying what is understood and easily recognized. But substance and subtlety are not obvious, and without an objectively critical eye it is too easy to accept what is similar and fault what is different.

Video instruction comes mostly via manufacturers who promote styles that favor use of their gear. How many videographers do you think are super-into great film and classical cinema? Some may never have seen a movie, let alone studied them. This might be why the cinematic style can be so lacking in terms of char-

acter development and human emotive moments. But cinematic style has been promoted for two decades because it gives reason for using manufactured products that are not great at candid, unrehearsed, and unpredictable field work.

How does one become a better videographer? Videography will become increasingly important in the next few years, after having experienced a steady decline for two decades. Most photography will originate from video footage. Universal acceptance of hard-to-handle video cameras in the form of small squareish-shaped boxes means it is time to reconsider what serious skills can be applied to this more recent video-camera form factor. Those are the skills that existing videographers should develop. And those are the skills that established photographers, moving to acquire still images via moving image, will need to consider. The cameras are not like the old big ones that were designed with cinematic camera handling in mind. Old-time movie camera handlers, electronic news gatherers of the time when large ENG shoulder-mounted cameras were the norm, and mature professional photographers who trained rigorously on larger pro camera shapes are all but gone from the wedding industry.

One trend that has evolved in the last decade involves wedding videography shot by multiple manned and unmanned cameras. Meaningful footage requires a camera operator to intuitively move, zoom, compose and position in an instinctively reactive manner to ever-changing situations. You won't get this by just using a camera, be it on a stick or on two legs, without a mind to make it sing! And those minds are not found working so hard for so little.

Wedding videographers don't want to hear this. It is not their fault. They got into the industry at a time when they were forced to invest in gear that was marketed for what it was good at, which was for those who dreamed of making movies—nothing at all like the spontaneous and uncontrolled environmental factors of a wedding. The form factors of today's cameras are not at all ergonomically designed to respond in real time to changing situations. Only by firmly knowing what a camera must do will they persist

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in developing the skill needed to overcome those limitations.

Videographers may want to learn from others they are with on a shoot. But in the heat of the action, with so much going on, tips are just too difficult to digest in a way that can be meaningfully applied to future situations. Or it can lead to choosing a different angle next time for a situation where the original angle is better. My experience says that the videographer who does not recognize what is happening in the moment will not be able to record ideal footage of that action, even when the action is identified to him. Interesting, flattering, and in-the-moment footage enhances viewer experience and makes the video interesting to watch and worthy of investment. That requires the cameraperson to assess many factors all at once. Skilled camerapersons do this. Those needing to learn, don't. And being told to get this, shoot from there, or move like so will do little to make a positive impact on either that footage or that videographer.

Repeatedly, I have found that a great way of improving camera handling skill is to review a videographer's footage after the shoot, not only to discuss what should have been done, but to point out the problems that exist with the footage as is.

With the right attitude, that type of review can yield transformative change that develops a great cameraperson. It takes time, practice, and dedication. And it takes the special person who will not become defensive but will take the critique in the spirit of an education.

Today more than ever, instruction is sought in visual form because for many who are not avid readers, or those who have some attention deficit disorder, and especially for the many non-native English speakers, watching video is easier. I cannot overemphasize the value of sensitivity to the subtleties of what one is seeing, and, to some extent, hearing, in the acquisition and later the editing of video that will be worth watching.

Videographers will rationalize that "the editor will fix it." But editing cannot fix footage that is lacking content, is shot at the wrong angle, or is off in timing and expression. Skilled videographers credit editing under critical direction as having

been essential to developing shooting skill. Yet today most shooters don't edit! Videographers have insisted that by seeing my footage they can give me more of what I want. It never works that way. The more one knows, the more one recognizes. Showing what I want does not mean that you can do it.

Showing a videographer good footage rarely teaches much. It makes far more sense to point out deficiencies in a videographer's footage than to show superior camera handling and expect the videographer to pick up on the how, what, and why. Seeing my footage of a bride's entrance,

for example, will not teach you to consider physical appearances. My challenge that your footage showed the mother in an unflattering manner should! My gut reaction to what I am seeing for the first time in your footage is a great way to know how your most critical clients might feel and can catapult you ahead of your competitors, if only you care enough to insist on changing to solve those problems.

I have not heard from that videographer since. ■

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MINDBIZ

By Esther Mann



Dear Esther,

I am 87 years old. I have gray hair and many wrinkles, and I use a walker. My bones ache, my skin is blotchy, and I'm honest enough with myself to know that anyone looking at me knows I'm no spring chick-

en. On the inside, though, I feel like I'm 50 years old at most. My mind is very sharp, thank G-d. I listen to the news constantly, I read bestsellers, and I watch all the newest shows. There are very few subjects that I don't feel comfortable talking about,

and I don't shy away from participating in most discussions.

I find that people who look at me and don't know me see an old woman not worth getting to know. They assume that because my skin is wrinkled, so is my brain! Sometimes, I find that people either look right through me as if I don't exist, or talk to me in a loud voice as if I'm deaf or stupid. Neither one is great.

I feel blessed to have arrived at this age with my brain intact, but I don't feel I'm given credit for it. Yes, many of my contemporaries are losing it. Some are still living in the past, some are so forgetful that it's hard for them to remember a name, let alone a deep thought, and, of course, sadly, I know plenty of people who have full-on dementia. It's sad to see, so I am grateful for how sharp my mind still is. But my outside does not match my inside, and more often than not, it is assumed that I can't finish a sentence or have a meaningful thought to share.

Is there a way for me—short of wearing a sign that says, "I'm just as with it as you"—to let people know that I feel dismissed by them? That I have much to say that I believe might even be interesting to them, that my life experiences have value? Sometimes I just want to shout, "Look at me; look at the real me, not just my walker!"

Furthermore, when I occasionally find myself with a group of young people (and at my stage, everyone is young!), people often interrupt me when I'm starting to say something, as if I'm not even speaking, as if I'm invisible.

I guess I'm just venting right now. But I hope I can also be the voice of other men and women like me who have similar experiences and frustrations.

Maybe there is no answer, but I've thought about writing in to you for some time now to express these feelings, and so here I am. I hope that people reading this column can take a moment to think about their own attitudes towards the elderly and consider that perhaps they, too, have been dismissive toward people like me. Maybe now they'll stop and listen to what we have to say. They might actually enjoy it!

Old But Wise

Dear Old But Wise,

Thanks so much for writing in and for being the voice of so many people like you. You bring to mind the old adage: "Don't judge a book by its cover." We've probably all heard this saying from the time we were young. It's simple yet powerful. And I believe we all fall into the trap of coming into contact with others and having a knee-jerk reaction in our minds, maybe even in our

subconscious minds, about who they are. We quickly, probably in less than a second, sum up what our eyes take in, do some calculations about what the signs point to, and in less time than it takes to sneeze, conclude who this person is.

We do it regarding major, important issues and even in relation to silly, little things. We might see a woman carrying a Louis Vuitton bag and immediately assume that she is upscale, moneyed, sophisticated. What we might not know is that she charged the bag years ago, is still making monthly credit-cards payments to pay it off, and that she doesn't have a couch in her living room! The same can apply to important matters. We might notice someone who is not particularly well-groomed, whose *sheitel* is on crooked, and assume she couldn't possibly have it together on any level—not knowing that she holds an important position in a Fortune 500 company.

This is a serious problem and if we want to change it, it will require a great deal of effort to step outside our quick-moving brains filled with many misconceptions in order to give everyone the benefit of the doubt, leaving our assumptions in the garbage where they belong. Some of us are guiltier of doing this and some of us less so. But

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my guess is that all of us fail occasionally within different scenarios, based on our own life experiences that we carry around with us, leading to faulty conjecture.

So I am so glad that you took the time to write in and expose the experiences of elderly men and women like yourself, who should be put on pedestals because of the wisdom that they have accrued over their long lives, rather than be dismissed. Other cultures actually revere the elderly, understanding that they have so many valuable life lessons to share. Here in America, we are not quite as smart. But you are opening up an important conversation and hopefully inspiring people to pause and rethink their behaviors.

We all need to see past the canes and walkers, the disabilities, the discomfort some people carry around with them that can set them apart. We need to be patient, curious, and caring enough to look behind the curtain and discover what precious jewels may be hidden there. It is in our best interest.

So when you find yourself in a group of “young people,” don’t back down! If you have something to say, go for it—even if it takes a few tries to be heard over someone interrupting you. The worst that could happen is that you’ll wake them up, shake them up, and help them examine their own flawed prejudices; they’ll ultimately be all the wiser for it!

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DATING FORUM

By Baila Sebrow



Question

I’ve always liked dating guys who are older than me. At times, I would agree to go out with a guy my age if he was mature. But that was rare. I always said no to younger guys because they are so immature. I think that women are more mature in general; young guys are just into teasing and laughing at everything. Also, I was always more mature than my friends to begin with.

But then I met a guy who is much younger than me, and because I was bored, I went against my better judgment and started dating him. He is a lot of fun to be around, but he is really immature.

After the first date, I told the *shadchan* who *redd* him to me that I find him to be immature, but she told me that he is really different from any other young guy and to give him a chance.

I try to engage him in interesting topics on our dates. I’m very smart and I read everything that I get my hands on. I love talking, debating, and even fighting about political issues. I’m an opinionated person, but all he does is listen to what I say when I get all heated up about something on the news. He sometimes acts amused! When I ask for his opinion, he doesn’t have anything to say. I can’t

even imagine what it would be like if we would get married.

Meanwhile, everyone tells me how lucky I am to be dating a guy so much younger than I am, because girls my age get *redd* to guys who are divorced with a bunch of kids. People say that with time he will be more mature. Is it true that when a man gets older and has responsibilities, everything else about him matures, too? But what if he doesn’t get more mature? And even if he does mature, how do I know that I will like him for the person he will become? There are people who get divorced because they grow apart or go in different directions, right?

This has been going on for a long time, and I know he wants to propose to me. If I break up with him, there are tons of girls waiting to date him. So what should I do? There aren’t too many decent guys out there. Could I be happy and respect him if I marry him anyway?

Response

The issue that you are dealing with is common in both genders when the person one dates is substantially younger. Just so you know, these same concerns that you have with him can also exist when the two people are close in age.

Other than your main concern about his immaturity, you are also wondering whether you can be happy with him. I have a feeling that you would be asking the same question about happiness if he were the same age as you or older. But happiness is not about what one owns or whom a person is married to. There are people who have very little in life and are happy with their lot. Then there are those who appear to have it all, but they complain and are miserable souls. Happiness, in simple terms, is merely a state of being. You can choose to be a happy person or not, regardless of what you have or to whom you are married. So, whether you marry this guy or someone else, assuming it’s a healthy relationship, you—and only you—will hold the cards where the issue of your happiness is concerned.

Now that we covered that, let’s talk about the guy you are dating. From the way you describe him, I get the impression that he might be a happy-go-lucky sort of person. I could be wrong, but it is likely that he is not as immature as you assume. Rather, he simply might not take life too seriously. The fact that he doesn’t argue with you or debate about politics might be an indication of his easygoing personality. Another reason he doesn’t debate you on issues or have much to say is because he either agrees with you or is concerned that since you take an issue so seriously, you will actually become offended if he disagrees. However, it

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sounds like he is a good listener. Most women wish to be married to such a person!

I believe that you might be of opposite personalities but you made the choice to carry on a relationship with him to the point that he may propose to you in the near future.

So here is my take on all of this. It is not uncommon for people to be attracted to others who are very different from themselves. Opposites attract, as one type finds the other fascinating. Such relationships can work as long as the couple finds a balance. In your case, it appears that you have an opinionated and serious nature while he does not. So it is possible that if you would marry some other guy with the same personality who is older, your issue would be the same.

Despite your complaints, reservations, and questions, you give the impression that you enjoy your dates with him. What do feel you share in common with this guy to have been dating him long enough that you expect to hear a marriage proposal from him? There must be something else positive going on here.

I will tell you what worries me, though—the respect that he may never receive from you as

ly, they do not have to be apart from one another. And when they do, age is not always the reason.

You have an elevated view of yourself. In general, that may not be a problem, except if you feel that you are in a higher intellectual league than your spouse. If you are worried about how the future with him will turn out, I can assure you that if he feels disrespected

ably bother you even more if you marry him. Not only that, but it has the probability to cause mutual dissatisfaction to the point where it can impact on your *shalom bayis*. One thing is evident here. You don't respect him, and that is a number-one home-wrecker.

Worrying that there are tons of girls waiting in line for him and that he will be grabbed up for marriage by the first

that might be his personality, that will cause him to feel that something major is lacking. He will end up feeling emotionally stifled.

There are no guarantees in life, but people get married with the optimism that, for better or worse, it will last a lifetime. But if you don't see eye to eye before you walk to the *chuppah*, you are not on the winning side of the team. When you marry someone, what you see is what you get.

I don't get the feeling that you are ready to marry this guy. There are aspects about his personality that bother you too much. To give yourself the chance to see if it could work, or perhaps use it as closure, I recommend that you speak to him about what troubles you. Perhaps if you bring it out in the open, both of you might feel compelled to work on whatever concerns can be corrected or compromised on. ■

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What bothers you about him now will bother you even more if you marry him.

his wife. People do grow as life goes on. In the best of circumstances, they grow together. But even if they grow different-

in the marriage, there will be problems down the line.

When people contemplate marriage, they need to understand and accept that they cannot assume that the prospective mate will change. Sure, it occasionally happens, but it's a long shot. However, even if he matures as he gets older, that does not mean that his personality will necessarily change—in the same way that your opinionated, introspective nature will likely remain the same. What bothers you about him now will prob-

available female is not a good enough reason for marrying him. All I see here is that you are afraid of losing him.

There is nothing you can do to change any aspect within his personality. And you shouldn't. You also deserve to be in a marriage of compatibility. If you don't connect with him on an emotional level, whether it's of an intellectual nature or something else, you are missing something vital in your relationship. And if he is not able to connect with someone in a fun-loving way, as

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REAL ESTATE

By Anessa V. Cohen



KEYED UP ABOUT PRIVACY

I was sitting with my coffee this past week while reading the *New York Times*, and I happened upon a most bizarre story as I was browsing the New York section.

A group of tenants living in a converted warehouse building had filed a lawsuit against their landlord, demanding that the landlord provide access to all public entrances of their building by metal key.

Now I am sure many of you are asking yourselves, “Metal key? What other kind of key is there?” That’s the same question I asked myself initially when I saw the headline of this article.

The landlord really did not do any-

thing terrible; he only sought to create a method for his tenants to be able to buzz in guests or deliverymen or even the electric-meter reader without having to run up and down to the various entry points of the building to unlock any security mechanisms in place.

Trying to utilize the latest available options, the landlord hired a company called Latch, which offered a hi-tech app to open all entry points. They installed locks throughout the entire building in a variety of patterns, allowing entry and exit that all the tenants could access simply by downloading the app and then setting it up for their individual use.

Unfortunately, the landlord did not take into account that some of his tenants would not be able to utilize such an app because they did not have a smartphone or they were not proficient in the use of hi-tech apps altogether.

Those tenants having difficulties with the system that the landlord set up requested an old-fashioned key that would allow them to access the doors manually without the app. The landlord,

not have an answer for him since their hi-tech app was not adaptable to the metal-key option.

The tenants did not want to hear about their landlord’s dilemma of how to handle the situation he had created by installing app-only access to the entrances and exits of the building. Also, some of the tenants who *were* able to access the high-tech app had the complaint that the app would take away

**: The landlord now
: had a problem.**

who had never thought it would be necessary to take this approach into consideration when he had all the mechanisms for the hi-tech system installed, now had a problem. He had not installed regular keyholes with manual locks for alternate access of the doors by metal key, and when he approached the company Latch with this dilemma, they did

their privacy since it records when the tenants access the doors, giving the landlord a 24/7 log of their use of the entries and exits, infringing on their right of privacy.

At this time, it seems like they have come to a stalemate that needs to be decided in court. First, what are the tenants’ rights concerning manual entry? Do they have the right to demand a metal key for manual entry and exit into the building as opposed to using only the hi-tech app system provided? And if the landlord has already arranged a high-level security and access system—even though the only way to utilize it is through its app—has the landlord provided sufficient ability for his tenants to come and go through the various entries and exits?

Last but not least, given that an app of this kind keeps a log of each and every entry and exit and the names and possibly photos of each person utilizing it individually, does this impinge upon the privacy rights of the tenants? We stay tuned to see! ■

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ROCHELLE'S REVIEWS

By Rochelle Miller



SUNATION SOLAR SYSTEMS: SMARTEST SOLUTION UNDER THE SUN

Since its inception in 2003, SUNation Solar Systems has distinguished itself as Long Island's local solar experts, trusted by over 4,000 residents and businesses for professionally installing the highest quality and most durable equipment. A family-owned and operated business, SUNation has been serving the community with unwavering professionalism and an unparalleled customer experience for 16 years, truly establishing itself as the trusted name in solar energy.



Co-founded by cousins Scott Maskin and Mike Bailis, SUNation was built upon a strong, pertinent foundation consisting of Scott's 30-year electrical contracting career and Mike's 35-year expertise in sales, marketing, and estimating within the HVAC industry. Additionally, Mike has been heavily vested in the solar industry, dating back to 1979, by researching and remaining vigilant of the industry's evolution on a widespread scale and always being two steps ahead of the local Long Island market. As such, Mike, and Scott decided to pool their experience and resources to create what has grown into the largest solar installation company on Long Island.

Today, Scott serves as SUNation's CEO and Mike as chief of sales. The company has experienced enormous growth over the years, now consists of 150 employees in multiple departments, has moved from a storefront in Oakdale to a 20,000 square foot facility in Ronkonkoma, operates the only solar service department of its magnitude on Long Island, and has acquired multiple disbanded solar companies which it now maintains.

Specializing in purchase-to-own solar systems, SUNation offers homeowners advantages far paramount to leased systems. By going solar with SUNation, you can drastically reduce or eliminate your electric bill and reduce your carbon footprint to help create a cleaner Long Island for generations to come. Substantial state and federal tax credits are available to those

with taxable income, and low-to-no interest financing programs result in zero out-of-pocket costs to most homeowners when they switch to solar. Additionally, SUNation customers benefit from the most generous referral program available in the field, consisting of escalating monetary values and rewards. It's no wonder why customer referrals account for over 60% of SUNation's business.

As the gold standard of quality, integrity, and unparalleled service, the company is

an all-encompassing solar energy provider that never subcontracts but rather utilizes its own professionally trained solar experts to perform your installation. Furthermore, SUNation uses only the best, energy-efficient, and durable solar equipment from the most esteemed manufacturers, including the likes of Panasonic, LG, Enphase, and Solaredge. SUNation installs and services solar projects of all kinds ranging from residential to commercial, community, and municipal, to name a few. The coverage

area encompasses all of Long Island and Queens.

A multi-award-winning company, SUNation has been voted the Best of Long Island "Best Solar Business" for ten consecutive years, "Best Alternative Energy Company" for eight years running, "Best Green Business" for seven years running, and "Best Environmental Organization" for the first time in 2019. The company has

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been listed to the Inc. 5000 list for three consecutive years, a prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. Additional awards include the *Newsday* "Top Long Island Work Places" for 2018 and *Solar Power World's* "Top Solar Contractors" for 2018. It boasts an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau. Furthermore, SUNation consistently earns five-star ratings and glowing reviews from its customers, which is evident across all of its online profiles.

SUNation is a collaboration of like-minded individuals who enjoy similar passions for family, community, and the environment. A forward-driven company that operates from an approach of delivering the ultimate in customer experience, SUNation has sold and installed more solar systems on Long Island than the national companies who also serve the region. Scott remarks, "We are hyper-focused on delivering business on Long Island. We are a local Long Island company and we consider and treat every customer like our neighbor, not a number. That's why we are the #1 so-



lar installer on Long Island—it's an honor we are proud to have earned."

Personable, unpretentious, and a pillar of the Long Island community, SUNation's CEO is a self-described "hard-core Rockaway boy" who has remained close to his roots and is committed to preserving the character and integrity of the place he and his family call home. "Both sets of my grandparents owned stores across the street from each other in Rockaway Park; that's how my parents met," Scott shares. "My father's parents owned Maskin's, and on the opposite side was Estelle's Shoes, which my mother's parents' owned. The community is a very important part of

who I am. I chose to work in this industry because I wanted to make the world a better place to live and work for our families, friends, and fellow Long Islanders."

It is Scott's belief that giving back to society and supporting the community is a corporate and social responsibility, and thus he has incorporated philanthropy into the core of SUNation's values. SUNation's non-profit corporation, SUNation Cares, provides the gift of free electricity for life to Long Island families in need, with a focus on assisting veterans. The company engages in many other charitable causes within the community, proudly supporting the efforts of organizations such as The Family

Service League, Last Chance Animal Rescue, HIA-LI, Make-A-Wish Foundation, United Way, and Long Island Cares. SUNation's dedication to goodwill has branded itself a compassionate company dedicated to leaving an altruistic footprint on the world around SUNation and distinguishes SUNation from others of its kind.

Raising the bar in business ethics, quality of products, impeccable customer service, and community activism, SUNation is more than merely a business. Consider the following, which are but a sampling of the enthusiastic testimonials posted on the company's website:

"Exceptional customer service!" writes A.M. "I researched many companies for nearly a month before deciding on SUNation. I chose SUNation because the sales representative went above and beyond to answer all questions (he came to my office on three separate occasions). Even after contracts were signed, he was extremely attentive and continued to answer my questions as we moved throughout the process. In addition to him, the guys who came out for the field assessment, the women in the office, and the guys who installed the system were AMAZING. Everyone was kind, patient, and helpful, from start to finish. They communicate with you throughout the entire process. I love my new panels and highly recommend SUNation!"

"SUNation is an awesome company!" shares K.R. "This is an extremely professional company that stands by its product. I am amazed by how much I am saving each year."

"SUNation is the best!" enthuses D.R. "We had our solar panels installed in November 2017 and we are so happy we did. We shopped around a bit and had several salespeople come to give their pitches but none were able to give us the facts and statistics about our needs except for SUNation's sales rep. The installation went very smoothly and the workers were neat and clean. For the past couple of months, we have only paid PSEG about \$12 for the line into the house. We are currently working on a negative electric usage, which means we are producing more electricity than what we are using. We are so satisfied with the whole process from beginning to end. We are saving money AND we are helping the environment. It's a win/win situation!"

From consultation to permitting, installation through certification, SUNation handles it all with alacrity and efficiency. To big solar companies, you are just a number—kilowatts on a meter. "At SUNation, we are your neighbors. Our kids go to the same schools as yours. Our sales people, engineers, and installers all live in your community. Our only loyalty is to you," says Scott. "We are giving people a choice to own clean energy, the opportunity to control their budget through reduced electric bills, and the reliability of fixed energy costs that are impenetrable from rate hikes. Going solar just makes sense. It's not a matter of 'if' but of 'when,' and that time is the present. There is no better time to go solar than today."

To learn more about SUNation, please refer to the ad in this edition of the 5TJT. ■

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PASSOVER RAINBOW COOKIES

BY SHANNON SARNA

I love rainbow cookies. *Love*. And they are a serious obsession for my entire family. So when I made this recipe Passover-friendly last year, it was a wonderful, delicious game-changer for our Passover celebrations.

Simply replace the regular flour with half a cup of matzah cake meal and half a cup of almond flour (not almond meal).

To make this recipe non-dairy, simply replace the half a cup of butter with half a cup of nondairy shortening or margarine.

You will need three 8-by-8-inch square pans to make this recipe (you can buy disposable if you don't want to invest in buying pans). I also strongly recommend using a food scale to measure the quantity of batter in each layer.

Ingredients:

Cake

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup white sugar
- 4 ounces almond paste, broken into little pieces or processed in food processor for 30 seconds
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter or margarine
- ½ cup matzah cake meal
- ½ cup blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon kosher-for-Passover vanilla extract
- Red and green food coloring (about 8 drops each)

Chocolate Glaze

- 1 cup dark or semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening or vegetable oil
- Pinch salt

Filling

Raspberry jam

Special equipment:

- 3 square baking pans
- Offset spatula
- Food scale

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease your pans. Add parchment paper to bottom of each pan. Grease again and add light dusting of *matzah* cake meal. Tap pan to remove any excess flour.
2. Using a hand mixer (or whisk attachment to stand mixer), mix eggs and sugar until thick and yellow. Add crumbled almond paste and combine.

3. Add melted butter (or margarine), matzah cake meal, almond flour, salt, and vanilla.
4. Divide batter into 3 equal amounts. (Try using a food scale if eyeballing is too difficult.) Leave one plain. Add green food coloring to one batch of batter. Add red food coloring to the other batch of batter.
5. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake for 10–12 minutes or until just set and no longer wet in the middle.
6. Allow to cool completely.
7. Place chocolate, shortening, and pinch of salt in a glass bowl.

8. Microwave for 30-second intervals until melted. Stir vigorously to ensure there are no clumps.
9. Place a piece of parchment paper on top of a platter or baking sheet. Add red cake layer to parchment paper. Spread thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with white layer. Add another thin layer of raspberry jam. Top with green cake.
10. Carefully spread half the melt-

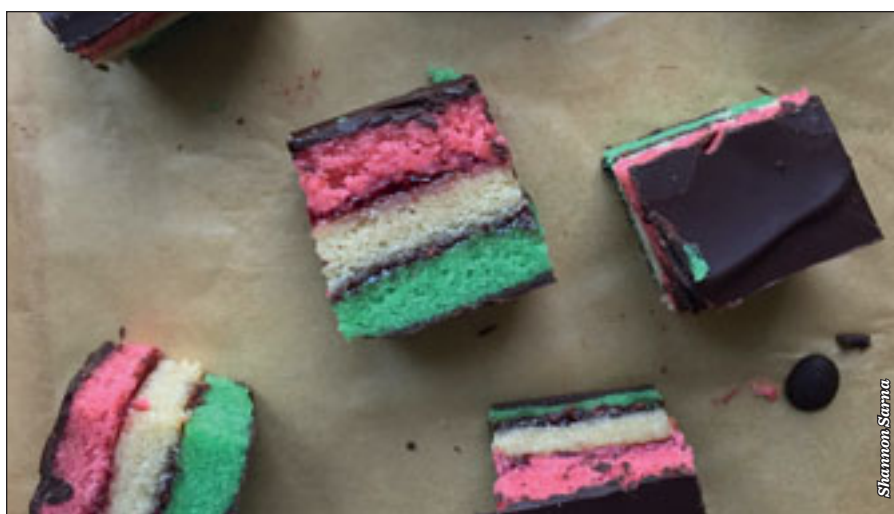
ed chocolate on top. Place in refrigerator for 15–20 minutes or until completely hard.

11. Turn cake over and spread remaining chocolate on other side. Place back in refrigerator for 30 minutes or overnight.

Trim edges and slice into cookies. Makes 18–24 cookies.

(*The Nosh* via JTA) ■

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THAT'S THE WAY IT IS

By Hannah Berman



PROGRAMMED FOR PESACH

It's that time of year again. The season is here when we see the advertisements for Pesach programs. Most of us are still sweeping away the crumbs from *hamantaschen*!

At one time, the stereotypical spring-break locales—think Florida, Arizona, Mexico, and the Caribbean—used to own the Pesach hotel game. But lately, the options have increased and they are far more exotic than what we may have become accustomed to. Morocco, Australia, South Africa, Monaco, and Brazil number among them.

From my personal perspective, it almost appears that Pesach is being celebrated everywhere but the area in which I live. I'm waiting to see an ad that reads: "Passover 2019 in Woodmere." This is unlikely, though some of us will indeed celebrate the holiday right here. I spend every *yom tov* at the home of one of my children. If I were years younger and would be having Pesach in my house, my response to these ads would undoubtedly be dramatically different. I would be saying that I love Pesach and would miss the *Seder* but that there are some things I could do

without. I never liked "turning over the house," which is how we refer to the process of making a home kosher for Pesach. Back when Pesach was celebrated at my place, I would also say that I could live without all the menu planning and the resultant shopping and cooking.

These days I don't do much work for the *chag*. My beloved daughters do it all. On behalf of them and all the other women (and some men) who will be crazy-busy, it irks me when I see those vacation ads. Doesn't anyone stay home anymore? Going away for this *yom tov* does have advantages. It's definitely a pleasure not to have to do any serving and an even greater joy not to be stuck cleaning up and washing pots and pans. But, to be fair, there are other considerations that contribute to the advantages of staying home. How much fun can it be to have a *Seder* in a communal dining room with other families sitting nearby? It just doesn't have the same flavor.

It's true that in the early days of our marriage, when Hubby and I did go away for Pesach, life was easier. But

after a few years, we stopped participating in the hotel scene and spent most Pesach holidays at home. What I remember is that whenever we were at a hotel I wished we were at home and when we were at home, I wished we had gone away. There's no pleasing some people!

Now that I'm a senior citizen—a very senior citizen—I'm delighted that I don't go away and instead spend Pesach right where I live. This makes me something of a "*knakker*" (a Jewish wise-guy) because I don't spend the holiday in my own house but at the homes of my children. I don't have to do the "turn over" or the meal planning, the shopping or the cooking. I do help to clear the table at the end of each *Seder*, but that's about it. The only other possible credit I can take is that I provide entertainment for the troops. I deliver the wisecracks and tell funny stories, causing my grandchildren to laugh like crazy. This is a two-way street, because they laugh at my antics and my tales and I laugh when I see them laughing. Under other circumstances, my children would also laugh, but they're too tired for laughter. So they spend most of the time yawning and, in between the yawning, they occasionally look at one another and roll their eyes. I enjoy that as much as anything else. Nothing tickles me like a good eye roll! Now and then they're unable to help themselves and I can hear a soft chuckling from their corner of the table. Their chuckles are soft because they don't want to encourage me, so they try to be discreet about enjoying my spiels and my per-

formance. However, despite my failing hearing, I hear it.

There is much that I love about Pesach, especially being with my children and my grandchildren. In addition to what they learn and share with us, there is the enthusiastic singing that we all participate in at the end of the *Seder*. After that, my grandkids and I hang out in the den. This crowd rarely includes their parents because by then they are totally exhausted and have already headed to bed.

Food is a big part of Pesach, too, and while there are some food items I can live without, other foods are a treat. My personal favorite—after *matzah* farfel saturated with fried onions and mushrooms—is *shemurah matzah*. There is nothing better than that *matzah*, and, given the cost of it, I try not to waste a single piece regardless of how small the piece might be. But my favorite bite of that *matzah* is the morning after the *Seder* when I can shmeer it with butter and, in spite of blood-pressure issues, sprinkle it with salt.

The salt I add only after I surreptitiously glance around to be sure my kids are not looking in my direction. Salt and hypertension are not a good combo, but I do what so many other hypertensives do—I tell myself that it's OK since I do it only once a year. Admittedly, this isn't the wisest of philosophies because, actually, I consume salt more often than that. But that's the way it is. ■

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By Mordechai Schmutter



FOLDING MONEY

What would you do if you had \$18,000 to burn? We should all have such problems.

In case you were wondering, yes, that *was* me in the Oorah catalog this year, posing with a lot of money. And no, I didn't just submit a picture on my own and say, "I don't want to give you money, but here's a picture of me and *my* money if it helps promote your catalog." Oorah called *me*.

During the summer, Oorah contacted me and said that they were going to have celebrities, and possibly their kids—plus some Fiveish *machers*, whatever those are—pose with their auction prizes so they could run those pictures in their catalog with no captions or anything that lets you know which celebrity or whose kids you're looking at.

As I see it, I'm not even a real celebrity. I'm an introvert who sits in my living room and isn't sure what to say when people on the street tell me they like my writing.

So I asked, "Do I have to come down to you, or are you going to come here?" And they said, "Just take the picture your-

self." And I said, "But I don't have the prizes. Which prize do you want me to pose with?" And they said, "One of the money prizes."

So now what? I wasn't going to go to the bank and withdraw \$18,000 so I could return it the next day.

"What are you going to do with this?"

"Roll around in it. No, I'm not weird; it's for charity!"

But it was for a worthy cause. So I said, "Fine. Can you send me the money?"

And a week later, I got an envelope in the mail containing over \$18,000 in cold, hard, fake cash. (It turns out fake cash is cold and hard as well.)

Oh, well. I tried.

Now before you get up in arms, Oorah is not printing counterfeit money, as far as I know. I think they bought this. It came in a package, along with a couple of little bags with dollar signs on them—like burglar bags, but smaller. They're cloth and reusable, in case the burglars want to rob *another* bank but also care about the environment. I'm totally keeping the bags, by the way, in case I get *real* money someday.

But I know for a fact that it was fake

money, because I did all the tests. Also, it said it was from the "Vnited States."

Vnited. That shows a lot of creativity. What about the Wnited States, at least? Maybe that was already taken by another brand. This is the *off-brand* off-brand money. It's not even the *regular* off-brand money.

And that wasn't the only difference between that and real money. For example, these were signed by the "Secratary of the Tresuer." I'm not sure if this typo is on purpose, or if they're not paying for a proofreader for their fake money. The bills also claim that they're it's from "Series 2091." In other words, this is what money will be like in the future: full of typos, and it will dissolve in water.

There were actually a lot of purposefully-made mistakes on these bills. The printers want to be very clear that it's not real money, so they can sell it to you and you'll give them real money for it, and they won't be arrested for counterfeiting. Though if they're putting a price value on their fake money, and you're paying them for it, doesn't that make it real money?

And the mistakes seem unnecessary, anyway. I don't think that whoever misses the words "PROP MONEY NOTE" at the top will squint and say, "Wait. *That* guy was never the Secratary of the Tresuer!"

But then the question was, what should I be doing in the picture? I couldn't just fan the money out and drool over it like almost everyone else in the book who posed with cash. Because that's what you do when you win a ton of money, right? You fan it out like playing

cards, and you salivate.

I'm asking seriously. Is there a benefit to fanning the bills? I'm not an expert on money.

I also had to do something unique. As a comedian, people judge your worth by how funny you are doing everyday things. So the question was, how do I show the readers that by entering this raffle, they'll win so much money that they won't know what to do with it?

I can't even do something where I'm surrounded by stacks of cash, because they sent me six small stacks. One thing about being an adult is that you slowly come to realize that \$18,000 is not a lot of money, as far as actual pieces of paper.

Maybe posing with some of the other prizes would have been easier. I would love to have them send me a fake minivan. Or a fake *sheitel*. Or maybe the prize called "fine furniture," if only so I can figure out whether it's "fine" as in "nice," or "fine" as in "OK."

"How's the furniture?"

"I don't know. It's fine."

So I hatched this idea that incorporated origami, which is an ancient Japanese word meaning "the art of wasting time in class." My idea was that we could take a picture of me surrounded by bills folded into all sorts of things to illustrate the idea that I literally have no idea what to do with so much money.

And this is how my kids and I spent the last week of our summer vacation.

So I looked up decent origami projects to do with dollar bills, such as houses, stars, hearts, rings, rabbits, leaves, flow-

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FOLDING MONEY

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ers, boats, bowties, pants, and short-sleeve shirts that come with a tie, like a tiny Pirchei leader.

I also found out that taping bills together is a federal offense, but folding it into a pair of pants is not.

Unfortunately, I didn't really account for how long it takes to fold all those bills. We tried making all these increasingly cool sculptures, until we realized that the more we folded a piece of paper, the smaller it ended up being. This is pretty obvious in hindsight, but we needed the projects as big as they could be to take up room on the table. The longer something took to make, the less room it took up. Time is money. The more time, the smaller the money. That's what the expression means, right?

So then we started speeding up, making simpler things, taping sets of bills together so that the finished products wouldn't be microscopic, and taping money to the outside of real items, such as balls and hats, so it would look like we made them out of cash. Like we're so talented that we could make a functional water bottle out of origami.

It was about then that it occurred to me that folding money in front of an open window all day wasn't a great idea. Luckily, everyone in the house

was up late that night anyway, because our dining-room air-conditioner died, and then while we were replacing it, all the plaster from the wall fell down, and this was the night before we were having Shabbos guests for my nephew's *bar mitzvah*. But that's a topic for like three other articles.

Finally, we were ready to take our picture. We did it on Friday afternoon, so the tablecloth is white, as opposed to

decided to do it in front of a bookcase for three reasons:

(1) So I could put origami behind me at various levels.

(2) To advertise the books I've written. In other words, the gist of the picture is that money is no object for me, but please buy my books anyway. It is literally all I have on my *sefarim shrank*s.

(3) None of the walls in my house are nice enough to use as a background. We

that I've turned into a fan ... Why does the money say it's made in Japan?" I think I wrote this article so no one looks at the picture and thinks that writers are swimming in money.

I also don't want to tell you what we said to the *meshulach* who knocked while we were doing this. I couldn't give him a whole *shpiel* about what was happening, so I just gave him a few hundred dollars in fake cash and sent him on his way. ■

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the one that's on our table the rest of the week, which is green. I'm glad we didn't stage this whole thing on a green tablecloth only to find that none of the cash showed up in the picture. It's bad enough that the paper airplane I was holding somehow blended into the background so it looks like I'm holding two fingers up in the air for no reason.

We scattered cash on the table in front of us and the bookshelves behind us. We

have thousands of dollars on the table in front of us, and people would be like, "Why are you doing origami? Fix your wall!" Right, because if I posed with no money in front of a shiny new wall, people would say, "Yeah! \$18,000! I get it!"

So that's my story. I don't know how many other celebrities are posting their stories anywhere. Maybe the singers are going to turn them into songs. ("Taking a picture of a minivan ... Staring at cash

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BACK TO BASICS

By Rabbi Tuvia Teldon



SPLITTING OUR PERSONAL RED SEA

We know that in our morning prayers, the song by the sea and the splitting of the sea have a greater status than the earlier exodus from Egypt. Why do they play such a big role and what are we to learn from this?

First of all, the fact is that as great as the Exodus was, it was only the middle of a process. The Jews were still running from Egypt for the first full week after they left. That does not signify true freedom at all. A slave who is preoccupied with escaping from his master, or a prisoner running from jail, is really not free until he can stop looking over his shoulder for fear of being caught once again. The freedom that the Torah wants us to achieve can only be appreciated after the Egyptians are fully defeated at the sea.

We can reach real freedom.

We learn from this that there are two significant steps in freedom. The first is leaving behind your state of slavery. The second is to create an environment in which you can truly be, and live as, a free person. Beating an addiction, defeating your *yetzer ha'ra*, or leaving a toxic relationship/job, is only the first step to living a free life. The potential is there, but it takes much time and effort to take our lives to the next step.

In our prayers, we want to emphasize this second step, so that our day should be filled with opportunities to actually develop and celebrate our personal freedoms and be able to focus on being the best Jews we can be.

To take it one step further, in *Parashas Beshalach*, the Torah states in the introduction to the actual splitting of the sea, and at the end of the

song, that the Jews crossed over on dry land. This repeated emphasis of a seemingly minor detail carries great meaning. *Chassidus* explains that the earth represents those aspects of life that we can see, while bodies of water that cover over parts of the earth represent those aspects of life that we cannot see. Hashem wanted that the Jews in their crossing should have nothing hidden from them. The *Midrash* tells us that the revelation of G-d that took place by the splitting of the sea was greater than even that

seen by later-day prophets. They saw the truth, and the dry land represented that they were walking on solid ground, unimpeded by life's many obstacles which hide the truth.

Hashem's message to the Jews then, and to us when we pray now, is that once we have completed the first step in our pursuit of personal freedom, with Hashem's help we all have the potential to walk on dry land, to see the truth for what it is, to "see" beyond the tumultuous waters of life, to split seas and aim high in our lives. We can reach real freedom, both spiritually and physically.

With this message, we are given extra strength to refine ourselves and to elevate the world around us the entire year to bring Mashiach closer. ■

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FROM WHERE I STAND

By Rabbi Yossy Goldman



SHEMINI: JUST DO IT!

קרב אל המזבח

"Approach the altar"

—Vayikra 9:7

How do you develop confidence when you don't have it? How does one overcome fear, nerves, and anxiety? Well, without going into major psychological dissertations, let's see if we can find some insight in this week's *parashah*.

Everything was set for the inauguration of the sacred service in the Sanctuary. The weeklong preparations had been completed. Now it was Aharon's turn to approach the Altar and begin the service. But Aharon was reluctant. He still felt a sense of shame for his part in the Golden Calf episode. So Moshe

called out to Aharon, "Approach the Altar and perform the services." Aharon did so and completed all the required tasks correctly.

But what exactly did Moshe say to Aharon to assuage his fears? All he said was, "Come and do your thing." He never actually dealt with his issues. How did Moshe address Aharon's concerns or his feelings of inadequacy? Well, perhaps Moshe was saying, "Come and do" and you will see that all your fears will be put to rest. You lack confidence? Start performing the service and you will come to realize that it fits you like a glove. You were born to be a High Priest and that's where you belong.

Moshe was telling Aharon that if he would begin performing his chosen role, the rest would follow. As they say in *Yiddish*, "*Apetit kumt mit'n essen*." Even if you're not hungry, if you start eating, your appetite will follow. I suppose that's why the first course in a meal is called an "appetizer" (trust Jews when it comes to food).

Dr. Moshe was dispensing sound psychological advice. The surest way of developing confidence is to begin doing that which you fear. Throwing

When we lack self-assurance, confronting our fears and phobias can be the best therapy. We discover that it really wasn't so bad after all, and we actually manage better than we ever imagined. And from there our self-belief grows until we become quite relaxed about the whole thing.

I remember myself as a young rabbi just starting out in my career. One morning, the dreaded phone call came. A relatively young woman had passed away. I knew I had to go to the fami-

They didn't really expect me to resurrect the dead or answer for G-d.

kids in the deep end to teach them how to swim may not be everybody's cup of tea, but it usually works. Some of the finest public speakers were microphone-shy, even neurotic at first.

ly to comfort them, but what would I actually tell them? Did I have answers for people who had just been bereaved of their loving wife and mother? Could I play G-d? I was feeling rather paralyzed for a while and fiddled with all sorts of matters of far less importance. And I knew why. I was stalling. It was a case of plain procrastination because I couldn't face this most unpleasant task that I felt unqualified to deal with.

Eventually, I forced myself to go because I knew I had to. It was my job, and they were waiting for me. And guess what happened? Lo and behold! There were no hysterics, no challenges thrown in my face about "where was G-d?" I was actually able to deal with the family and their questions. And I discovered then that they didn't really expect me to wave any magic wands or resurrect the dead or answer for G-d. They felt comforted by my presence and were grateful that I was there for them and with them in their hour of need.

It was a very important lesson for me and a growth point in my rabbinical practice. Experience really is a fantastic teacher.

I would venture to add that it applies to each of us in our Jewish lives. So many people are reluctant to get involved. Too many are intimidated by shul, and because they are not confident enough about synagogue protocol or their Hebrew literacy, they simply opt out—and lose out. I can attest to hundreds of Jews of every age and stage who have been in that very position and then began coming to shul. It didn't take them long at all to feel part of the shul family, and they've never looked back. But this most spiritually gratifying part of their lives would never have been theirs if they hadn't taken that first brave step.

"Come and do," said Moshe to his humble and hesitant brother. Aharon came and did, and the rest is history. ■

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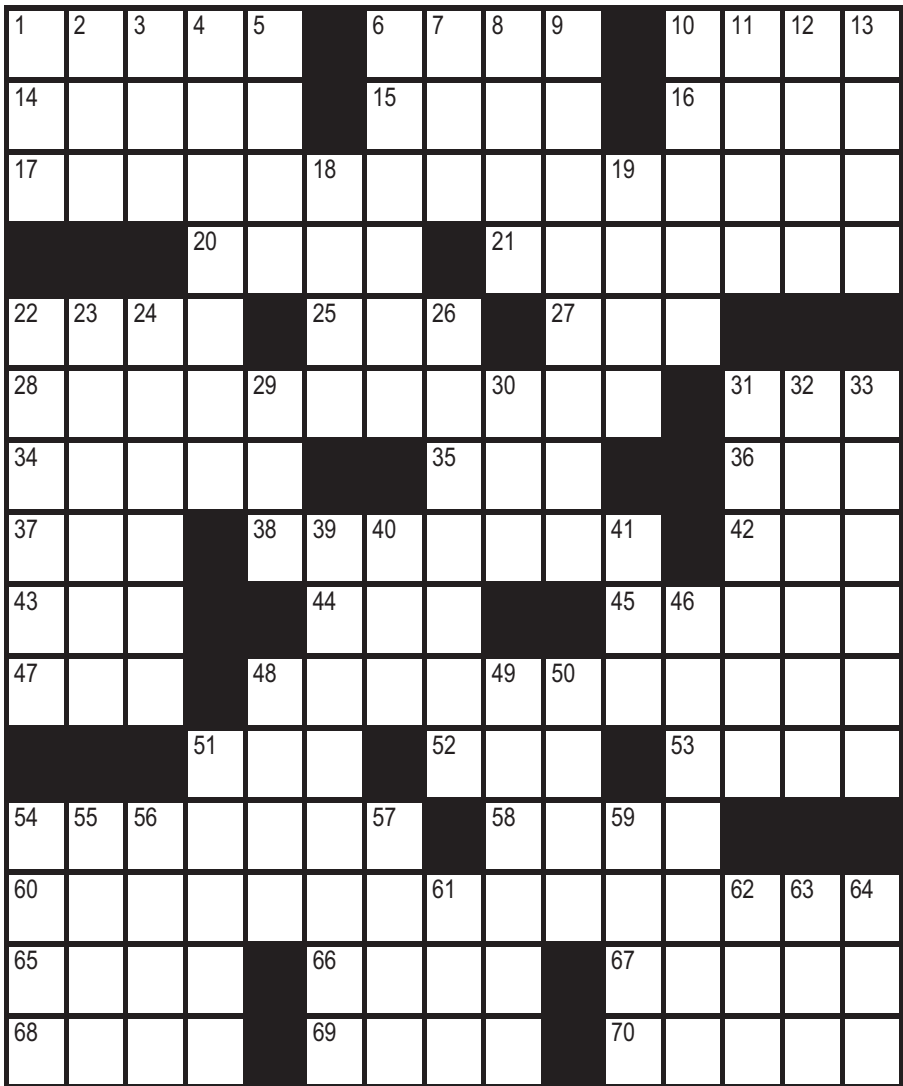
Crossword: Going Green

Across

- Lake who had a talk show
- Feed for hogs
- Dunk
- First name in anti-Semitism today, to many
- A Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
- Sound of music
- Schnozz operatives
- Kotb of note
- Contact lens solutions
- Treif* in a can
- Navy's C.I.A.
- #1 draft pick Deandre Ayton, for one
- Morning *minyán* item
- Yomi* preceder
- Red vision
- Name that can partner with Gail
- World leaders often have large ones
- Ireland's palindromic coronation stone, ____ Fáil
- What the green do with the items in 17, 28, 48, and 60-Across
- ____-a-Lago
- He raised Samuel
- Mets div.
- They might be heading back North now
- Biblical talk: Abbr.
- What a new *chatan* will often do
- Word after "*Borei*," often
- M.D.'s right hands
- George's W., e.g.
- Neil Diamond hit
- "Sure"
- This publication, e.g.
- To ____ (everybody)
- Kitchen or bachelor add-on
- Two Prime Ministers
- Tenant's payment
- Lightly blacken
- Piece of *Gemara*

Down

- Shred
- Not 100%
- Hornets, on the scoreboard
- Disputed Asian land
- Interested
- Declaration from one who won't be outdone
- Part of L.A.P.D.
- Burden
- Way to get high in Eilat?
- Gertrude of rose fame
- Cuckoo
- Designer Klein
- Something to clean up
- Judaism no-no
- Gulper's sound
- Julia in the "Bourne" movies
- Colony to be avoided
- Dreyfus, e.g.
- 12 months from today
- Curb Your Enthusiasm* character's nickname
- Channel across the pond
- Lessen
- Sampras rival
- Woodlands
- Adds to one's coffers
- 2016 W.S. losers to the Cubs
- It may be beaten
- Seder* guest
- Judaism's most ancient ritual
- One who is aware
- Poses
- Computer menu option
- Like an unshut door
- Funny image, nowadays
- Actor McGregor
- Part of a pot on the table
- Strong animals
- TLV letters
- Bulldog cousin
- First name in ice cream
- Cape Town's country: Abbr.



Solution To Previous Crossword: Name Unspoken



Puzzle appeared on Page 50 of the March 22 issue.

Jewish Spelling Bee

How many common words of 5 or more letters can you spell using the letters in the hive? Every answer must use the center letter at least once. Letters may be re-used in a word. At least one word will use all 7 letters and have a direct Jewish connection. Proper names and hyphenated words are not allowed. Score 1 point for each answer, and 3 points for a Jewish-related word that uses all 7 letters.

Rating: 16=Good; 20=Excellent; 25=Genius

Common solutions to last week's Spelling Bee: Midrash, midrashim. Amass, amish, amiss, armada, armadas, disarm, disarms, dismiss, drama, dramas, hamsa, harms, hasidism, imams, madam, madams, maids, maims, mamas, marsh, midair, sashimi, shadim, shammash, shammashim, shams, smash.



SUPER SHABBOS SHEET

פרשת שמעוני



MIDDAH OF THE MONTH

Be a friend: Do not hold grudges against **your** friends for **their** mistakes.



מזון

True or false? 5 of the following **foods** require a person to say ברכה before eating?

- Steak Fish Avocado Banana Milk
Almond Soda Lettuce Wine

CROSSWORD

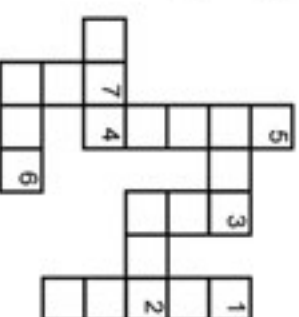
Complete the crossword by translating each English word into Hebrew. Use the parsha reference for help.

ACROSS

- Burn (10:16)
- Calf (9:3)
- Water (11:9)
- Oil (10:7)

DOWN

- First (9:15)
- Bird (11:13)
- Fats (9:24)
- Wine (10:9)



GENEALOGY

Can you name the following people?

- The son of חמלך and שבע, and the **father** of רבנן.
- Grandson of רש"י, **brother** of the Rashbam.



WHO AM I?

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On the 8th day, נח told נחם and his sons to bring the קרבנות that were commanded by 'ה. 'ה sends a **fire** to consume the קרבנות. נחם and נחם go into the תיב and then come out and blessed all the people. 'ה's **glory** comes to fill the עולם. נחם's two **older** sons, נחם and נחם brought a קרבן that they were not commanded to bring and they were consumed by a fire. נחם is **silent** after this tragedy. 'ה gives the laws of kosher animals. Land animals are **kosher** if they have **split** hooves and **chew** their cud. **Fish** are kosher if they have fins and scales. 'ה gives a list of specific **birds** and locusts which are kosher. Some of the laws of kashering and ritual purity are given. The Jewish people are told to be שריף because 'ה is שריף. The Jewish people have to know what animals can be eaten so that they can make the right choices.

WORD FIND

Find the bold italic words on this sheet. The unused letters spell a secret message!

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A O R E A R L Y O N H B
L L D D L O S I L E N T
E I F A T H E R W V R K
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I R A E L I N L T L H S
D U H D D E R I F S T H
D O G L O R Y D I E O E
L Y P O F O O D S E R R
E N I F E D O P H L B E



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Can you judge these situations favorably?

- Your teacher was yawning a lot in the **middle** of the lesson.
- The Jewish book store closed an hour **early**.



WORD CMILESAB (scramble)

- NLMSAO UANT SBHLUEFI
LKFEU AAOLRECB PRNPESA
(Hint: Kosher Fish)

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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THE LIGHT OF TORAH IS DRIVING AWAY THE DARKNESS OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS INCITEMENT IN TEVERIA

BY CHAIM GOLD

It was a serious meeting at the home of the senior *rosh yeshiva* of Ponovezh, HaRav Gershon Edelstein, *shlita*. One might even call it somber. At the meeting, a number of prominent *rabbanim* and energetic *askanim* from Teveria were consulting with the *rosh yeshiva* about what they should do about the assault on Hashem—nothing less—which was transpiring in their city.

Reb David Ohana, a member of the City Council of Teveria for Degel HaTorah, related, “The new mayor of Teveria, Ron Kubi, has only one agenda: Attacking religion and especially *charedim*. He has declared war on Shabbos, busing in people from Tel Aviv to participate in *chillul Shabbos* festivals on the Kinneret and even trucking in snow from Mount Cheron for a snow-fun festival on Shabbos. We realized that something

had to be done, so we went to consult with the venerated *rosh yeshiva* of Ponovezh. We proposed perhaps making a massive demonstration on behalf of Shabbos by having a citywide *Kabbalas Shabbos* in the street where thousands would come out to *daven* in the city’s main thoroughfare, thereby showing how important Shabbos is to everyone in Teveria, not just to the *chareidim*, but to the vast majority of the residents who are tra-



Overflow crowd at a previous Dirshu Kinyan Shas Bechina

ditional Sephardim,” Mr. Ohana explained.

Rav Gershon looked at us and, in his clear, deliberate way, said, “Demonstrations are not the way

to go. You must be *mischazek*, strengthen yourselves and strengthen others, in *shemiras Shabbos*, in keeping Shabbos, in learning the *halachos* of Shabbos, and, in general, raising the level of *limud haTorah* in town. That is the antidote to a rabidly anti-religious demagogue and rabble-rouser like Ron Kubi.”

Spiritual Attack, Spiritual Response

It is against this backdrop and in light of this advice from the *rosh yeshiva* that Dirshu will be making a large *siyum* and evening of *chizuk* this coming Sunday, 24 Adar II/ **March 31** at the Mofet Hall in Teveria.

According to Dirshu representative Rabbi Nati Weingarten, who has been intensely involved in the plans for the *siyum*, “Rav Gershon has declared that the response to attacks on Torah, on Shabbos and on our way of life has to be spiritual in nature. Dirshu has dedicated itself to several innovative and exciting ways to enhance the spiritual lives of Teveria’s Jews. The *siyum* that we will be making on *Masechta Chullin*, the *masechta* that the *daf ha’yomi* is soon completing, is just the beginning of our efforts to spiritually fortify the city as an antidote to the barrage of attacks perpetrated by the anti-Torah mayor. The *siyum* will be a remarkable demonstration of *achdus*. Sephardim, Ashkenazim, Chassidim, and *Litvish Yidden* will come together to participate *k’ish echad b’lev achad*, to celebrate the completion of a *masechta* and, even more so, to accept upon themselves the *ol Torah*, the yoke of Torah, in the numerous new programs that Dirshu will be starting, encouraging, and promoting in Teveria,” said Rabbi Weingarten. In addition, leading Sephardic and Ashkenazic *rabbanim* from Teveria will grace the occasion and they will be joined by some of the most prominent Sephardi and Ashkenazi *gedolim* in *Klal Yisrael*.

Dirshu is also planning a wide array of new Torah projects for the wider Teveria community as the ultimate response to such anti-religious provocation.

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Torah Observance Is Increasing In Teveria, Not The Opposite

David Ohana gave a bit of background to the upheaval in Teveria. “Teveria has always been a traditional city where the majority of the population was Sephardic. For years, the vast majority of the residents had a warm place in their hearts for religious observance, even if they themselves were not completely observant.

“In recent years, the religious presence in the city has grown tremendously. Today 55% of the kindergarten children are religious. Joining the significant Sephardic religious community, Karlin and Sanzer Chassidus have established neighborhoods with hundreds of young families combined. The Litvish community has also recently established a significant presence.”

David Ohana continues, “This renaissance of religious life has created the perfect backdrop for a demagogue like Ron Kubi to step in. Kubi is not even a resident of Teveria. He and his family live in Tel Aviv. A few years ago, he ‘moved’ to Teveria by renting a one-room, portable caravan, coming to Teveria, walking around town and taking daily videos with his phone and uploading them to Facebook. Even now that he actually rents an apartment in Teveria, his family still resides in Tel Aviv, and it is that secular atmosphere that is so characteristic of Tel Aviv that he seeks to bring to Teveria. He is a one-issue candidate who has based his campaign and his candidacy on stoking the fears of an impending *charedi* ‘takeover’ of the city.

“Sadly, his strategy worked and now he is doing everything he can to secularize the city. He has threatened storeowners who insist on being closed on Shabbos, he has brought public transportation to the city and has specifically stoked religious tension by insisting on making loud, garish, and often immoral public festivals on Shabbos to spite the sensitivities of the religious public.”

The Counter-Revolution

The Dirshu *siyum* is just the beginning of the Torah counterrevolution. “Dirshu has dedicated itself,” says Rabbi Weingarten, “to strengthen the learning of *daf ha’yomi* in the city and will open a minimum of ten new *daf ha’yomi shiurim* for the start of *Masechta Bechoros*. In order to do this, they have already started giving a course to aspiring *maggidei shiur* from Teveria to help them cultivate the ability to properly structure and deliver a *shiur*

so as to derive maximum benefit to their listeners. Dirshu is also in the process of trying to rejuvenate and transform a number of the city’s shuls to make them into Torah centers. As a traditional city, Teveria has many shuls but, sadly, most are closed throughout the day and barely scratch together a *minyan* for *Shacharis*, *Minchah*, and *Ma’ariv*. Dirshu will be

starting new *shiurim* in many of those shuls in what is hoped will be a harbinger of a Torah revolution.”

In addition, Rav Hofstedter, the *nasi* of Dirshu, with the encouragement of *gedolei Yisrael*, has waived the usual six-test threshold generally required before

ed about the burst of spiritual energy that Dirshu is investing in the city. Our objective is not to make demonstrations and not to enter into conflict with Mayor Kubi. We will leave that for the politicians. What we are doing is in the spirit of ‘*me’at ohr doche harbei min*

“Dirshu has dedicated itself to strengthen the learning of *Daf Ha Yomi* in the city.”

earning a Dirshu stipend in *Eretz Yisrael*. Any person from Teveria who joins one of Dirshu’s programs will immediately be included in the program.”

Rabbi Avigdor Berenstein, a senior member of Dirshu’s *hanhalah* in *Eretz Yisrael*, related, “Last week I attended a major gathering of distinguished *rabbanim* in Teveria. They are very excit-

ha’choshech, a bit of light drives away a lot of darkness.”

Certainly, the light of Torah being learned and taught by *lomdei Dirshu* will increase Torah learning among all of Teveria’s residents and will ensure that Teveria will remain one of the four holy cities in *Eretz Yisrael* that radiates *kedushah* to the entire land. ■



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PARASHAT SHEMINI: KOHANIM AND THEIR LIVESTOCK

BY RABBI MOSHE BLOOM
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“These are the contaminated ones among the teeming animals that teem upon the earth” (*Vayikra* 11:29). “All these instances of uncleanness are not to prohibit eating, but for actual uncleanness, (i.e.) to become unclean by touching them; and he is forbidden to eat *terumah* and holy sacrifices, and to enter into the sanctuary” (Rashi, ad loc.).

The Use Of Terumah Today

Years ago, I was invited behind the scenes of the safari in Ramat Gan. There

I saw crates of vegetables with a sign something along the following lines: “These vegetables are *terumah*. Do not eat! Eating is a punishable offense.” When I asked the head manager of the safari if what was written on the sign was serious, since the safari employees are not necessarily *mitzvah* observant, he confirmed that it was; just a few days prior, two Arab workers were fired because they ate from the vegetables earmarked as *terumah*.

Some of the gifts that we give from our produce even today, in the absence

of the *Beit HaMikdash*, can only be eaten in a state of ritual purity by *kohanim* (this includes *terumah gedolah*, *terumat ma'aser*, and *challah*) or by all Jews (for *ma'aser sheini* and *neta revay*). *Ma'aser rishon*, in contrast, is not sacred; even though it should be given to a Levi, anyone can eat it, even when impure. The

or *neta revay*), since the *kohen* or owner cannot otherwise use the gifts.

Destroying *terumah* is not always necessary, however; there are instances where *kohanim* may benefit from these gifts. In the case of impure olive oil, for example, *kohanim* may use *terumah* oil as lamp oil (Shabbat or Chanukah can-

Today, the animals in the possession of a *kohen* manifest the sanctity of *kehunah*.

same holds true for *ma'aser ani*. Currently, we are all considered *teme'ei meitim*, impure due to contact with the dead. Since we cannot eat any of the gifts that may only be eaten in a state of purity, we set aside the minimum that is Biblically mandated and destroy or redeem it (as in the case of *ma'aser sheini*

dles, etc.). Moreover, when necessary, *kohanim* may feed *terumah* fruits and vegetables to their livestock. Since the amounts of *terumah gedolah* and *terumat ma'aser* can be considerably large in the agricultural sector (a little more than 1% of the yield), we can “rescue” this food and feed it to the livestock of *kohanim*. Zoos can sell their animals to *kohanim* (similar to selling *chametz* to a non-Jew), and then we can feed *terumah gedolah* and *terumat ma'aser* to the animals in the zoo, which now belong to a *kohen*.

This creates a somewhat bizarre situation: the ones for whom the lofty nature of *kehunah* is most overtly manifest today—in terms of the priestly gifts, at least—are the *kohen's* animals!

It seems that this technical *halachic* loophole conveys a deep message, which teaches us something about the verse “Man has no superiority over the beast” (*Kohelet* 3:19). Humans, created in G-d's image with free will, can use this power of choice to ascend to the loftiest of heights; however, humans can also plunge to the deepest of spiritual chasms. The greater the person's potential, the greater the distance between the highest and lowest point they are capable of achieving. For Jews, this range is greater than for gentiles (“you are called ‘man,’ and idol worshippers are not called ‘man,’” is stated in the context of contracting impurity from a dead man inside a sheltering [*tu-mat ohel*]; that is, only a Jewish corpse can impart spiritual contamination in an enclosed structure!); a *talmid chacham* more so than a regular Jew (“the greater one is, the greater one's evil inclination,” [*Sukkah* 52a]; also, someone who studied Torah and left the fold is much worse than someone who didn't learn at all) [*Pesachim* 49b]. In contrast, the animal cannot employ free will to ascend to lofty heights of spirituality, but at the same time it cannot plummet to depths of spiritual decadence. This is why during their lifetimes, animals do not transmit impurity and are also not receptacles of impurity (the impurity of a *sheretz* or *neveilah* only sets in after the animal's death).

While an animal cannot uplift itself through its own free-will choices, humans' free-will choices can elevate the animals around them. We see this with the donkey of Rabbi Chanina *ben Dosa* on the one hand (*Avot D'Rabi Natan* 8), and the moral corruption of the animals

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in the generation of the flood, on the other hand. In this spirit, the *Ramchal* (Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato, 18th century, Italy) writes in *Mesillas Yesarim* (chapter one): "For all creatures are greatly uplifted when they serve the 'whole man,' who is sanctified with the holiness of the Blessed One" (Shraga Silverstein trans.).

Disadvantage As An Advantage

Paradoxically, today the animals in the possession of a *kohen* manifest the sanctity of *kehunah*, while the *kohen* himself may not eat *terumah*. This informs us of the spiritual

descent of the Jewish People in general, *kohanim* included, which prevents them from eating *terumat Hashem*, the "offering of the L-rd." Yet *kehunah* persists, and the *mitzvot* associated with *kehunah* (such as *birkat kohanim* and the ability to redeem firstborns), as well as the prohibitions linked with *kehunah* (the injunction against coming in contact with the dead and marrying certain women) still apply to *kohanim* even today. And their sacred status also applies to their possessions. It is precisely because a *kohen's* possessions cannot become elevated, unlike the individual *kohanim* themselves, that they cannot descend spiritually like him—and thus can partake of the *terumah*, while

their owner cannot.

May it be G-d's will that He sprinkle upon us pure waters, and all of us—*kohanim*, *Levi'im*, and *Yisraelim*, will be able to eat in purity from what He will give us with an open and outstretched hand! ■

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THE RIGHT VIEW

By Alex Sternberg



SLAVE OF THE NAZIS

The Life Of Marton Sternberg, Part 5

In Part 4, Marton arrives in Auschwitz and is given a prisoner number and uniform.

After a few weeks in Auschwitz, Marton and his group, those who survived the first selection, were boarded on to trains and shipped to Wustegiersdorf, known as Gluszyca

in Poland, near the Czechoslovakian border. It was a short ride, a couple hundred kilometers from Auschwitz. Wustegiersdorf was one of the many sub-camps of the huge Gross-Rosen concentration and labor camp complex. Many of these camps were interconnected with the huge and wholly secret Project Riese.

The Wustegiersdorf labor camp was built in April 1944 and was mainly populated by Hungarian and some Polish Jewish slave laborers. As an add-on in the vast complex, it was not ready to accommodate the laborers at first. But the needs of the German war effort dictated that it be built in haste to accommodate German labor needs.

Marton had no idea what lay in store for them. They were housed in a large building that was reputed to belong to the large Perutz textile company. By the time Marton's group was housed there, it did not exhibit any evidence of ever having been a textile factory. No machines, knitting mills, or tables or furniture of any kind were visible anywhere.

Marton was, well-acquainted with the Perutz name. Just a few blocks from his house on Eszterhazy Street in Pápa loomed the large Perutz textile factory. The Perutz brothers came from Bohemia and established their factory in Pápa. They employed hundreds of townsfolk as one of the main employers in town.

But this large building was empty. There was no place for them to sleep, eat, or bathe. Actually, there was no running water at all. They were housed there for six weeks. After a day or two they began to receive some coffee, which they used to wash up and to shave.

They were taken to a nearby forest where they cut down trees with handsaws. Shortly after, they were taken to build roads in the forest and to carve huge ditches in the mountain.

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ting used to the daily tree-cutting and road-building, the SS announced that they were establishing various trade workshops near the camp. There was a mad rush to join one of these workshops, as they all understood that working in one meant more food and better treatment. The road-building and ditch-digging was far too exhausting.

After a few days, Marton finally got into the shoemaker shop. The shops were located about six kilometers from the main camp, not a terrible distance to walk daily. As a shoe salesman, he figured he had a better understanding of making shoes than trying the other trades. But he was wrong. Apparently,

ing them. Furthermore, they were altering shoes and boots taken from the feet of the dead Russian prisoners for use by Germans. Everything was recycled to help the German war effort. The work was not going well. The tools felt awkward and alien in his hands. As the SS soldier supervising the shop looked on, one of the Jews next to him saw his agony as he was trying to look like he was repairing shoes.

"You have no idea what you're doing," he whispered, so the Nazi wouldn't overhear. Marton looked at him and whispered back, "You are right, but you will teach me—and we will both live."

Terrified that they would get noticed, Marton kept a vigilant eye on his petrified neighbor, trying to copy



selling shoes had little to do with mak-

what he was doing. Within a few



Tunnels in the Owl Mountains, Project Riese

days, though, he was getting the hang of shoemaking. He began to breathe easier, more confident at his growing skills. His neighbor was also relaxing. The shoemaker shop was one of the most popular in the labor camp hierarchy. As the other laborers returned to Wustegiersdorf from their day's hard labor, they would crowd around the outside of the shop. No one was allowed to enter, not even unauthorized German officers. In typical German fashion, rules governed life. And the rules prohibited anyone else from entering the shoemaker and tailor shops.

After Marton's shift was over, before they returned to the main camp,

he and the other cobblers would repair the shoes of the other Jews. This was a G-d-send, as they only received the leftover shoes that were falling apart. Often by nightfall, the shoes on their feet fell apart. This could be deadly, walking in the Polish or German winter. Many developed frostbite and had toes amputated after liberation. Even Marton retained a souvenir from his walking in Poland. His disfigured and frozen toes testified to the bitter cold of Poland.

Marton fixed shoes for about four months.

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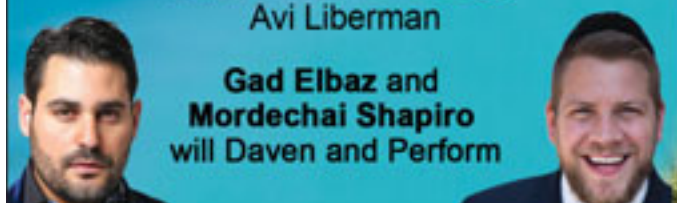
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The daily walk to and from the shop had other dangers as well. As they left the main camp, the Germans forced everyone to sing. After all, “*Arbeit Macht Frei*,” or “Work Sets You Free,” was the slogan in all the camps. With winter setting in, the temperature began to drop. Not only the feet but the hands also felt the bitter-cold winds. As they walked, Marton put his hands in his pocket to warm them up. But one of the SS saw him doing it, and, insofar as he was not permitted such leisure, the SS came over and hit Marton forcibly on his back. Told to take his hands out, he walked on, singing with cold hands.

Life was becoming somewhat routine. Even the once-empty building was getting fixed up a bit. Carpenter Jews were brought in and they made double-decker beds in long rows. Now each Jew had his own bed and space. This was more humane than in Auschwitz and most of the other camps.

One day, Marton was able to save

a piece of bread by eating a little less each day. He had an extra piece. He got a hold of bootlaces and tied the piece of bread with the laces. He placed the bread on his chest under his shirt. One could never trust anyone. He fell asleep. When he awoke in the morning, the bootlace with the bread was gone. What could he do? He realized that it was not a safe way to hide bread.

But the days of Wustegiersdorf were nearing an end. The makeshift camp, although it was constantly enlarged to accommodate the additional laborers needed, was becoming obsolete. Diverted from its original purpose of supporting Project Riese (more details of this super-secret German war effort to follow), it was shifting locations as well as priority in the German “victory” plans. Now, it was doubling as a workshop for road construction and as a storehouse of food and clothes with an administration center for the commander of the Riese Project.

The camp was evacuated in February 1945, with Marton and the rest of the prisoners walking for days in the bitter cold and snow. Food was once

again scarce, and the pace was rushed. As nighttime approached, the SS found stables and toolsheds to store the Jews. These stables and sheds had wooden planks built inside to store tools and instruments. Marton was forced to climb onto the planks to sleep. But the space was so scarce that relaxing among the cramped, smelly laborers was almost impossible. Once they climbed up, there was virtually no room for any movement. Trying to sleep one night, Marton stretched out his arm over his head and rested it on a pole behind his head. Someone screamed out for him to remove his hand. As Marton tried to look at the person yelling, he suddenly felt a knife slashing into his arm. Blood began to squirt out of the cut. He removed his arm and attempted to stop the bleeding as best as he could. Without any doctors or medical equipment, it was very difficult. After a few more days marching toward their new destination, the bleeding finally stopped. They arrived in a gigantic camp called Parschnitz, back in Germany.

After a few days in Parschnitz, they

boarded the train and traveled to Bergen-Belsen.

The march from Wustegiersdorf began on February 16, and they finally reached Bergen-Belsen in the beginning of April. They had spent a couple of weeks on the road.

“Projekt Riese”

Riese, German for “giant,” was the name of a construction project of Nazi Germany undertaken from 1943–1945. This project was enormous in scope and imagination, but perhaps way too ambitious for a government stripped of its vital resources due to a losing and costly war.

It consisted of seven underground structures built into the Owl Mountains in Lower Silesia, previously of Germany but now in Poland. The exact purpose of these tunnels is not known, not even its complete size. The Nazis never completed this project and seemed to have destroyed all plans and records at the end of the war. Several theories have been proposed as to the purpose of the project. One was that it was intended as a “Führer Bunker,” with an entire underground city to support it. Another theory was that it was an underground weapons factory built to develop rockets, V1 and V2 and the V5, and nuclear bombs.

The headquarters of Project Riese was in Wustegiersdorf (or Gluszyca, in Polish), and it utilized over 13,000 slave laborers from surrounding concentration camps, including Auschwitz. Over 5,000 people died as a result of this project. The laborers were all Jews, mainly from Hungary and Poland. Marton was shipped out on February 16, shortly before the Germans scrapped the entire enterprise and closed all supporting camps around it. ■

Dr. Alex Sternberg authored the forthcoming book “Recipes from Auschwitz—My Parents’ Story of the Murder of Hungarian Jewry.” He is a lifelong student of Jewish history, focusing on the development of Zionism and the Holocaust. He is presently teaching graduate studies and is active in several pro-Israel organizations. He is a retired research doctor in children’s pulmonary health and a master karate instructor. Read more of Dr. Sternberg’s articles at 5TJT.com.

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POLITICAL ROUNDUP

Willow View Estates Plans Bring Woe To Woodmere

BY MARIO ALEX JOSEPH
AND PETER STEIN
Presidium, Five Towns Civic Association

The developer who purchased the Woodmere Club property has taken the initial first step of the legal process of filing a preliminary major subdivision for the property. The proposed name is Willow View Estates. We refer to it as "The Sixth Town." The developer has proposed to subdivide the land into 285 single family lots based on current zoning in place in each of the municipalities. (Town of Hempstead, 248; Lawrence, 10; Woodburgh, 17 units entirely within the ten units that straddle both villages). The preliminary subdivision also depicts new roadways that would provide access to the subdivision from Broadway, Meadow Drive/Ivy Hill Road, Keen Lane/Railroad Avenue, Rutherford Lane, and Tulip Street.

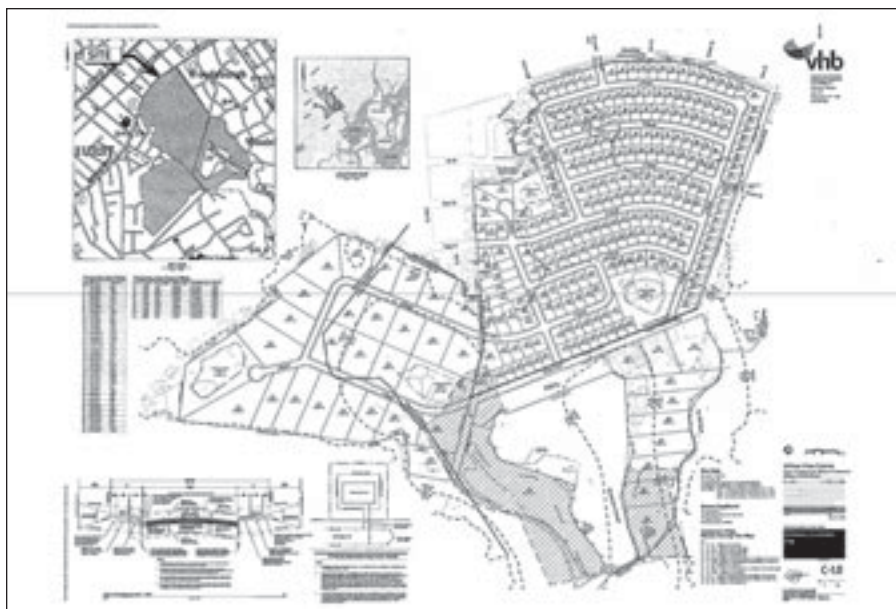
Last week, the NCPC (Nassau County Planning Commission) officially declared itself lead agency for the required environmental review under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The NCPC then declared the proposal Type 1 (likely to have very significant environmental impacts) and issued a "positive declaration" requiring preparation of a full environmental impact statement. This is the most rigorous environmental review standard under SEQRA. The next step in the SEQRA process will be a public "scoping session" to determine the subject matters and parameters of the environmental review. The date for the scoping session has not yet been determined. Our attorney (Howard Avrutine) will be following up on that. It was also announced that this project now has its own website with the proposed subdivision map (last page) as well as all documents in connection with the application.

https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4717/Willow-View-Estates-Subdivision-SEQR?fbclid=IwAR07mSnsyvR-feE7IxHb7BBrfUXIoZvB_hmH_ktAuH-dzmrs2y2NqafVG6DSU

This is just a preliminary application. It is by no means the final subdivision plan. No decisions have been made and no decisions can be made until full and comprehensive impact studies are completed by the developer. We understand that there are many rumors floating around out there, but the facts can be found on this website. Obviously, this proposed scenario illustrates that the developer is planning to build a "Sixth Town" to the maximum allowed by current law. Note that there is nothing in this plan that would benefit the greater Five Towns community. There is no dedicated public space or park planned. The addition of a "Sixth Town" with an influx of hundreds of homes would devastate our already densely populated neighborhood and congested roadways that feel more and more like a city than

the suburbs we want for ourselves and our families. This will negatively affect traffic, parking, property values, taxes, the environment, flooding, utilities, emergency services, sanitation, and overall quality of life. Even if you don't live anywhere near the golf course, this will negatively impact your quality of life. We plan to fight this as vigorously as possible.

At the same time we are awaiting a report from Councilman Bruce Blakeman and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito on the potential to create a district park rather than allowing the land to be developed. We have not received an update from them on this option since it was mentioned by them in May 2018. We must continue to pressure all our elected officials to advocate on our behalf and do everything in their power to stop this nightmare from becoming a reality.



Here is what you can do to help:

Donations to fund 5 Towns Civic Association legal team and marketing materials. Via PayPal at 5TCA.org or via check to 5TCA P.O. Box 462 Woodmere, NY 11598. The suggested donation is \$500 but any amount is appreciated.

Write e-mails. Lawrence Mayor Alex Edelman mayor@villageoflawrence.org; Cedarhurst Mayor Benjamin Weinstock mayor@cedarhurst.gov; Woodburgh Mayor Lee Israel mayor@woodburghny.com; Hewlett Neck Mayor Ross Epstein villages3@optimum.net; Hewlett Bay Park Mayor Steven Kaufman villages3@optimum.net; Howard Kopel Legislative District 7 hkopel@hkopel.org

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 @ Rabbi Neiman's Shul – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yossi Schonkopf
5:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) – Magid Shiur: Rav Shmuel Witkin
 @ Kehillas Bais Yehudah Tzvi (the Red Shul)
6:00 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein
 @Aish Kodesh – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Sholom Fried, Rabbi Daniel Fink
 @ Rabbi Blumenkrantz's shul
 @ Yeshiva Sh'or Yoshuv – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dovid Greenblatt
6:10 am @ Beis Medrash of Cedarhurst – Rabbi Spiegel
 @ CBEY- Island Ave., Woodmere – Magid Shiur: Menachem Kagan/Michael Fruchter
6:15 am @ Cong. Beis Avraham – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Henoch Grumet
 @ Beis Haknesses of North Woodmere
6:30 am @ Agudah of West Lawrence – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Moshe Brown
 @ Young Israel of Law./Cedar. Maggid Shiur: Yale Fishman/Yaakov Shalev
 @ Y.L. of Oceanside
 @ Rabbi Katz's Shul in Far Rockaway – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Pinchas Birnhack
6:40 am @ Y.L. of Woodmere – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Aron Glatt
 @ Congregation Beth Shalom – Maggid Shiur: Rabbi Yechiel Weberman
6:45 am @ Shaaray Tefila – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kalish
 @ The White Shul – Magidei Shiur: Rabbi Kanner
 @ Agudah of the Five Towns – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Ephraim Edelstein
 @ Agudas Yisroel of Long Island – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum
6:50 am @ Kehillas Bnei HaYeshivas (KBH), 575 Hungry Harbor Road
7:00 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein
 @ Congregation Beth Avraham – Sunday ONLY
 @ Yeshiva Gedolah of 5 Towns – Magid Shiur: Rav Yitzchok Knobel
 @ Young Israel of Law./Ced. – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yale Fishman
7:09 am @ Far Rockaway LIRR 3rd car from the end – Direct to Penn Station
 Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kodesh

7:10 am @ Agudah of Bayswater
 @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov, 131 Washington Avenue
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7:30 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) In Library – Magidei Shiur: Rabbis S. Kohn, N. Schweid, R. Flegman
 @ Congregation Heichal Dovid – Sunday ONLY
7:35 am @ Y.L. of Woodmere – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi R. Fink
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 @ Beth Shalom – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yale Fishman
 @ Rabbi Blumenkrantz's shul – Shabbos ONLY
7:50 am @ Far Rockaway LIRR front section of the last car – Direct to Penn Station
7:55 am @ Lawrence LIRR – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Pesach Lerner
8:00 am @ Shaaray Tefila – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kalish
 @ Agudas Yisroel of Long Island – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum
 @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov, 131 Washington Avenue (Shabbos Only)
8:10 am @ LIRR Far Rockaway Branch, in the last car of the train, which makes stops at Inwood, Lawrence, Cedarhurst and Woodmere at **8:22 am**
 Magid Shiur: Rabbi Menachem Adler
8:15 am @ Beth Shalom – Shabbos ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yale Fishman
8:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Sunday ONLY in library
 @ Sunday mornings at Beis Tefilah – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Shaya Richmond
10:15 am @ The White Shul – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Matt Cohen
12:50 pm @ Cedarhurst Center – Ground Floor Conf. Room – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Lichtenstein
8:00 pm @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Nochum Katz
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As always, 5TCA is always looking for volunteers, so please let us know if you have a profession, skill, talent, or time to help us. Together we can make a difference. ■

Lawrence Civic Association Meeting, March 28

The Lawrence Association Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 8:00 p.m. at the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department, 75 Washington Avenue.

The session will focus on the quality of water in the Village of Lawrence with NY American Water President Linda Dimenna and Richard Kern, VP of operations. Parking in Cedarhurst municipal lot across from LCFD. Protect our neighborhood and quality of life. To learn more, e-mail LawrenceCivicNY@gmail.com or visit LawrenceCivic.com. ■

Camp Directors Express Appreciation To Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein For Safety Initiative

Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein recently proposed an addition to the New York State budget that has been heralded as an important and innovative breakthrough by community leaders and summer-camp directors. Concerned for the safety and security of tens of thousands of city children who will be making their way to summer sleepaway camps, most of which are located in upstate New York, Assemblyman Eichenstein is proposing that the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grant program be expanded to include summer camps.

The Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grant program was introduced two years ago by Governor Andrew Cuomo in order to boost safety and security at New York's nonpublic schools, day-care centers, and cultural museums at heightened risk of hate-crime attacks. Under this program, eligible institutions could apply for capital funding grants that would provide alarm systems, fencing, security doors, and other safety measures.

Eichenstein's proposal for expansion to summer camps, which is outlined in a letter he sent to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, was signed onto



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by 25 Assembly members and included in the Assembly's budget proposal, but it is still pending upon the final budget negotiations. Nevertheless, the community is praising the initiative, calling it an idea whose time has come.

"I've been working on this issue for two years without getting to first base," says Rabbi Joel Rosenfeld, executive director of Camp Gila D'Bobov. "From the first minute that I brought this up to Simcha, he said to me, 'I got this. We'll get this done.' Now we look forward to seeing this included in the final enacted budget."

"Our children are our most precious assets, and in today's increasingly dangerous environment, they are also our most vulnerable assets," said Rabbi David Zweibel, executive vice president of Agudath Israel of America. "Now thanks to Assemblyman Eichenstein and his Assembly colleagues, summer camps will be eligible for State security grants. This is a major step forward."

"All children deserve to feel safe," said Maury Litwack, executive director of Teach NYS. "Thank you to Assemblyman Eichenstein and the Assembly for their leadership on this important legislative change."

"We are grateful and thankful to the Assembly for caring about the safety of our camps and our beloved children," said Rabbi Shimon Newmark, director of the American Jewish Camping Association.

"Throughout the year, our children's safety and security is our top priority, and there's no reason that should change once the school year ends. In light of recent events around the world, we applaud Assemblyman Eichenstein's commitment to children's safety and fully support his proposal to provide additional security funding for sleep-away camps," said Nachman Maimon, director of Camp Simcha/Special.

While Assemblyman Eichenstein appreciates the vote of confidence, his primary concern is to protect the safety and security of the children of New York. "Our children deserve to feel safe and secure no matter where they are," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "Adding summer camps to the Hate Crimes Grant Program will provide an extra level of protection for the children as well as peace of mind to their parents. And that's what really matters."

"We are confident that all parties will recognize the significance of this

proposal, especially in these difficult times, so that we can all look forward to a safer and more peaceful summer season," said Assemblyman Eichenstein. "I thank Speaker Heastie and the Assembly Majority for including my proposal in the Assembly one house budget and look forward to it being part of the adopted budget that we pass in the coming weeks." ■

Landmark Settlement With University Safeguarding Jewish Rights

Five Jewish students reached a landmark settlement in their lawsuits against San Francisco State University (SFSU) and the California State University (CSU) public university system. The settlement that was finalized on Purim came as the trial was about to commence. The suit alleged that SFSU had a long history of toleration of anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli sentiments. This is an issue that has ramifications far beyond the CSU system. There has been a dramatic increase in bullying of Jewish students by anti-Is-



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rael factions on college campuses, who claim that they are not anti-Semitic, just anti-Zionist. Jews on the SFSU campus and other campuses, for example, are often afraid to wear their *kip-pahs* for fear of being assaulted.

"This is a seminal civil-rights victory for the rights of Jewish and Israeli students as well as people of all religious faiths," said Lawrence Hill (of

Woodsburgh), the partner at the powerhouse international law firm of Winston & Strawn, who brought the case to the firm. "We could not have achieved a better result had we won hands down at trial," Hill said. "CSU has taken the unprecedented step of acknowledging that Zionism is a fundamental tenet of Judaism," said Hill. "This repudiates the notion that anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism. Anti-Zionism is the 21st-century veil for anti-Semitism," he said. Winston's lead trial attorney Ross Kramer added, "Going forward, this means if Jewish students are excluded from events or otherwise targeted, the excuse cannot be used that it was not based on religious discrimination, but on political views."

"This settlement will not only result in fundamental change at SFSF and the CSU system, but should result in a paradigm shift on college campuses across the nation. This settlement should become a model for other universities to follow to avoid similar claims of religious discrimination and

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violation of First Amendment rights.”

The Winston team and the Lawfare Project first filed the lawsuit in federal court on June 19, 2017, against the Board of Trustees of CSU, SFSU President Leslie Wong, and several other university officials and employees, alleging that SFSU has a long and extensive history of cultivating anti-Semitism and overt discrimination against Jewish students. This lawsuit, *Mandel v. Board of Trustees of California State University*, was triggered by the disruption of an April 2016 speech by the mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, which shut down the speech and denied those present the opportunity to hear it. The Mandel suit also asserted violations of constitutional rights based on the “Know Your Rights” Fair and alleged violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 based on claiming there was a pervasively hostile environment for Jews and Israelis at SFSU.

A second state lawsuit, *Volk v. Board of Trustees of California State University*, was triggered by the denial of equal participation in a “Know Your Rights” Fair on SFSU’s campus in February 2017, which was planned to provide information and resources to groups feeling targeted in the political climate at the time. Plaintiffs’ Jewish group, Hillel, was intentionally excluded from hosting a table and providing information and resources to Jewish students concerned with anti-Semitism.

The settlement reached resolves both the Mandel and Volk cases.

As part of the settlement, San Francisco State University (SFSU) agreed to:

- Issue a public statement affirming that “it understands that, for many Jews, Zionism is an important part of their identity”
- “Hire a coordinator of Jewish Student Life within the Division of Equity & Community Inclusion,” and to dedicate suitable office space for this position
- “Retain an independent, external consultant to assess SFSU’s procedures for enforcement of applicable CSU system-wide antidiscrimination policies and student code of conduct”
- Assign “for a period of 24 months all complaints of religious discrimination under either EO 1096 or EO 1097 to an independent, outside investigator for investigation”
- “Allocate an additional \$200,000 to support educational outreach efforts to promote viewpoint diversity (including, but not limited to, pro-Israel or Zionist viewpoints) and inclusion and equity on the basis of religious identity (including, but not limited to, Jewish religious identity)”
- Engage in the SFSU process to allocate “space on the SFSU campus for a mural to be installed under the oversight of the Division of Equity & Community Inclusion, paid for by the University, that will be designed by student groups of differing viewpoints on the issues that are the subject of this litigation to be agreed by the par-

ties (including, but not limited to, Jewish, pro-Israel, and/or Zionist student groups, should such student groups elect to participate in the process).”

“We are incredibly happy with this result,” said Kramer. “Our clients’ goal was to bring about meaningful, lasting change at San Francisco State University and throughout the California State University System, and to make sure that the rights of all Jewish students are safeguarded now and into the future. That’s what this settlement achieves.”

Winston handled the matter pro bono, devoting several thousand hours to the case staffed with 20 lawyers from the firm’s Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC offices.

“In working with these brave plaintiffs, it is so clear that fundamental

change was needed on campus at San Francisco State University,” said Seth Weisburst, of counsel in Winston’s San Francisco office, who worked countless hours on these cases for two years. “We are thrilled to have been part of this incredibly important effort.”

“We would not have achieved this victory without the tireless effort, commitment, and talent of this dedicated team of lawyers,” added Hill. “Our appreciation especially goes out to Amanda Berman, formerly of The Lawfare Project, who was instrumental in bringing this case to fruition and for her hours of tireless work with us on the case. She is a modern-day Esther,” Hill remarked. “The fact that this settlement happened on Purim is symbolic and perhaps one could even say ‘Divine,’” quipped Hill. ■

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MSH Students Bring In MiSHenichnat Adar!

The energy in the room was palpable and contagious as the Midreshet Shalhevet (MSH) students celebrated *Chodesh Adar* with an exciting and festive *chagigah*. Dressed in an array of costumes, the students walked the red carpet to enter the movie awards-themed ballroom. DJ Gary Wallin added to the

simcha with lively music, and the students and female faculty danced together during the "Dance, Dance Revolution" portion of the program. Everyone was rolling with laughter at the senior class's Purim *shpiel* movie. The *chagigah* wrapped up with a costume contest, won by sophomores Leah Cohen and Miriam Frankel dressed as Donald Trump and "his wall." Coming in close at



MiSHenichnat Adar at MSH



second place were juniors Basya Borenstein, Jackie Kramer, Tal Gaon, Avigayil Roffe, Simone Shafiro, and Staci Steinfeld dressed as the "stages of life." It was a great way to bring in the Purim cheer and celebrate together. ■

DRS Purim Party

When walking into DRS Yeshiva on Purim night, one can't help but feel "*marbim b'simcha*." The annual DRS Purim *chagigah* is a highlight of the year and is unique to DRS, as it is one of the few schools that hosts its students and their parents at a fun, exciting, and inspiring *Simchat Purim* event.

The night began as students, parents, and community members filled DRS's beautiful *beit midrash* for *Megillah* reading led by Rabbi Kaminetsky. Following *Megillah*, a *siyum* was made by students who completed *Masechet Megillah* in the 60 days leading up to Purim! On Purim, we celebrate the fact the Jews at that time willingly reaccepted the Torah, and it was so inspiring to see high-school students accept this great project upon themselves in honor of the holiday.

The night continued as DRS students and *rebbeim*, decked out in Purim costume, danced for hours to the lively mu-

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sic of Neshoma Orchestra. Following dancing, everyone enjoyed the annual student-created comedy videos and a comedy performance of “DRS NEWS” by some of the DRS *rebbeim*. The night faded away as the student body burst into laughter. ■

“Lech K’nos Et Kol HaYehudim!”

On *Ta’anit Esther*, seventh- and eighth-grade students in Shulamith were *zocheh* to be part of a worldwide

interactive *Atzeret Tefillah*, originating from the Kotel. Close to 50 schools participated in the event, which began with a tribute to Ari Fuld, *Hy’d*. The program included the recitation of *Tehillim*, *tefillot* for *Eretz Yisrael* and *chayalei Tzahal*, musical interludes, and inspirational addresses from a number of educators, including Shulamith Middle Division Principal Mrs. Rookie Billet. It was a most meaningful event, and, in light of this Monday’s missile attack, we *daven* that Hashem take into account the *tefil-*



Ta’anit Esther Tefillah at Shulamith

lot of the over 3,500 students who participated, and protect the *chayalim* and all of the citizens of *Eretz Yisrael*. ■

H-A-M-A-N-T-A-S-C-H Spells Hamantasch At Brandeis

Purim was positively perfect at Brandeis! On Purim day, parents, grandparents, graduates, and former Brandeis parents joined middle-school students

for a community *Megillah* reading. Students then received a special Purim snack (rainbow bagels and *hamantaschen*). Throughout the day, teachers celebrated Purim through various classroom activities.

On Friday, Shushan Purim, students were welcomed by Purim music playing loudly in the halls. Children watched

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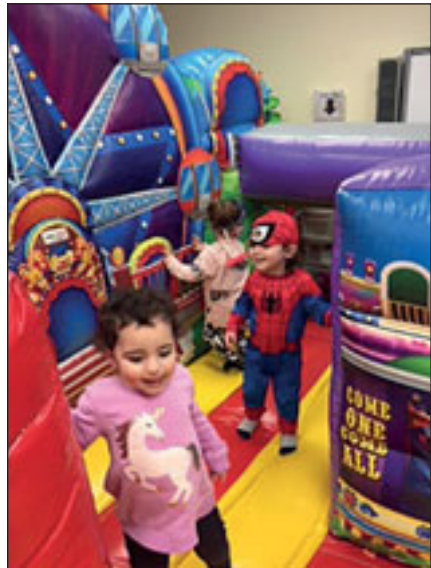
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as illusionist Eric Wilzig captivated them with his magic. Younger students were entertained by Fluffy the Clown. Students were then welcomed to a



Brandeis Purim carnival

school-wide carnival with inflatables and booths created and operated by the eighth-grade students and parent volunteers. Younger students had the opportunity to bounce in several inflatables as well.

In celebration of Purim, Morah Yochi invited kindergarten fathers, un-



Megillah reading at Brandeis

cles, grandfathers, and other relatives to the classroom to build their very own *leytzan* (Purim clown).

Chag sameach to all! ■

Second And Third Grade Goes Back In Time At Tenement Museum

The second- and third-graders of the Brandeis School, along with their

teachers Mrs. Liebman and Mrs. Winograd, visited the Tenement Museum in New York City. The children have been learning about how diverse our country is with all of the immigrants who have made America their home. They met Victoria Confino, a 14-year-old girl who emigrated from Greece with her family. She graciously invited the children into the apartment she shares with nine members of her family. Victoria an-



Brandeis visits the Tenement Museum

swered questions about why her family had to leave their home and the opportunity they were looking forward to in America.

The trip culminated at the Economy Candy Store on Rivington Street. This store originally began as a pushcart on the Lower East Side. Fun was had by all on a wonderful day spent traveling back in time to learn about those who came before us! ■



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YINW Blood Drive

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YINW Blood Drive

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roes behind the scenes at the shul, the Young Israel of North Woodmere, for all their help. ■

HANC ECC Purim Carnival



HANC ECC Purim Carnival

HANC ECC West Hempstead celebrated Shushan Purim with a school-wide Purim carnival. The children enjoyed coming to school all dressed up in their Purim costumes and playing all the fun carni-



val games with their friends. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this carnival a big success. ■

TMM Hosts Purim Carnival For IVDU Students

What began last year as a spontaneous *chesed* project turned into an anticipated tradition from both sides. The ninth grade at TMM gra-

ciously hosted the students of IVDU Long Island for a sensational Purim carnival. The driving force behind the spectacular carnival was TMM’s beloved Mrs. Sprung, who worked tirelessly to accommodate the needs of all the students of IVDU. The TMM students arranged a variety of exciting booths that were thoroughly enjoyed by all. With upbeat music

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playing in the background, the IVDU students delighted in dancing with the TMM girls, becoming swept up

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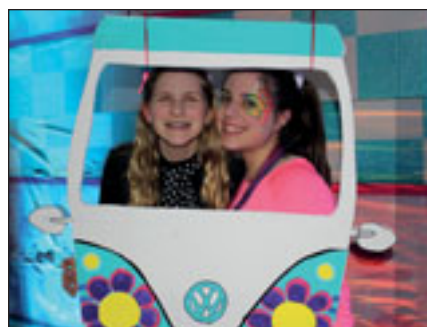


TMM hosts an exciting Purim carnival for IVDU students

in the palpable energy. The carnival served as an inclusion opportunity for the students of IVDU, and was a testament to the warmth evident in the Five Towns and Far Rockaway community. To find out more about

Simchat Purim At SKA

It was a vibrant and spirited scene at SKA's annual Purim *Chagigah* on Tuesday evening, March 19, and everyone had a blast! The gym, decorated with different displays, was filled with joyous stu-



dents, delicious food, and colorful photo booths. In addition to the hilarious Purim spiel, the students were treated to a concert by Eli Marcus whose amazing voice led the dancing to new heights!

Ta'anit Esther, which was observed the next day, took on deeper meaning this year when the SKA students participated in a video hookup with schools across the United States and Jerusalem. Esther in the *Megillah* exhorts "*Lech knos es kol haYehudim*,"—go and gather all the Jews—and hundreds of high-school students did just that on Wednesday, March 20. They heard from various speakers, said *Tehillim* and *tefillot* together, and sang.

When the fast ended, the festivities began. With individual grade Purim parties on Wednesday night, and days of Purim *shtick* beforehand, the girls of SKA really enjoyed *simchat yom tov*. Many thanks to the Paritsky, Solomon,



Purim at SKA

Ganchrow, and Yudin families for opening their homes to the students and their grade-level advisers for merry-making. ■

Yeshiva Of South Shore Talmidim Spend Purim With Their Rebbeim

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activities and the tremendous care that the *rebbeim* show their *talmidim*. Over Purim, the connection reached a new level, as hundreds of *talmidim* took advantage of this special day to rejoice with their *rebbeim*.



YOSS *rebbeim* and *talmidim* on Purim

From preschool through eighth grade, for almost the entire day, *talmidim* streamed to the home of the *rosh yeshiva*, the *menaholim*, and their respective *rebbeim* to give *mishloach manos* and sing and dance together.



YOSS Purim fun with Rabbi Burger

Some *talmidim* traveled as far as Brooklyn or Queens just to see their *rebbeim* on Purim. However, everything stopped mid-day when hundreds of *talmidim* and their fathers or another adult joined together to learn Torah at the annual Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzaddik in the yeshiva. In the spirit of community *achdus* and the theme of “*kimu v'kiblu*,” boys from the neighborhood who attend other *yeshivos* joined in the learning and the exciting prizes as well.

Indeed, the spirit and warmth of the yeshiva permeated Purim in Yeshiva of South Shore.

One parent commented, “I know the Yeshiva is off for Purim, but my kids spent the day with their *rebbeim* and learning Torah!” ■

The Great Ari Kahn

By Avrumie Kahn

In *Mishlei*, Shlomo HaMelech (30:30) states, “The lion is the mightiest of the beasts, who is undaunted by anyone.” This *pasuk*, in describing a lion’s might, only scratches the surface of the power and might possessed by my precious brother Ari, *zt”l*.

A number of years ago, Ari was receiving the award for the NY State Bar Association Lawyer of the Year, in part for his work with public-school kids. The award was being presented by Mr. Jay Bernstein, an expert orator and senior partner in the prestigious law firm Clifford Chance. Mr. Bernstein referred to Ari, as he called him up for his award, as “the Great Ari Kahn.” This was a resounding “aha moment” for me and everyone there, as no word could describe Ari more succinctly than the word “great.”

There is not enough paper, ink, or time to expound on the greatness of Ari Kahn. However, I’d like to point out that



Ari Kahn, *a”h*

Ari’s greatest legacy are his four beautiful children whom he and his talented wife, Sari, raised in a house filled with *chesed*, Torah, and “drama-free drama.”

The Great Ari Kahn had a beautiful and brilliant mind. He was valedictorian and Yeshiva University Scholar, and he spent a year learning in Yeshivas Sha’alavim in *Eretz Yisrael*. The Great Ari Kahn took a year of deferment after undergrad to learn in Yeshivas Ner Yis-

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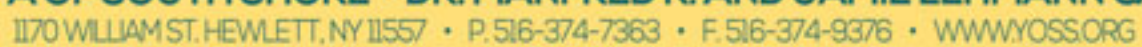


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roel in Baltimore before shipping up to Boston to attend the distinguished Harvard Law School.

However, the great Ari Kahn never walked around flexing his intellectual muscles. He went out of his way not to tout his brilliant mind. Dare I say, he “dumbed it down” for the rest of us. I believe my brother did that to make those with whom he was conversing feel comfortable and not intimidated by his intelligence.

The Great Ari Kahn, as Dr. David Luchins recently wrote, “was more than just a friend. He was a representative of the very best of NCSY.”

The Great Ari Kahn quickly gained legend status at Camp Sports; many of his campers and NCSYers became life-

long friends.

I’d like to share some insight into how the Great Ari Kahn would provide his sincere friendship embrace to everyone. I would be sitting with Ari, and his cellphone would ring. He’d recognize the caller and answer, “Hey, brother.” I would be sitting right there next to him thinking, “Who could he possibly be talking to? Our mother only had two boys!” Inevitably the call or the conversation would always conclude with, “Love you, bro.” That’s a brief insight into the Great Ari Kahn. Before you could even utter one word, Ari embraced you as a brother.

Countless friends and family will always continue to hear Ari’s heartfelt voice, simply asking his famous two words, “What’s doing?” That was all one needed to hear before all one’s life’s

challenges and problems came flowing out, seeking the great wisdom and guidance that only Ari could provide, advice that was balanced with Torah values and practical principles.

Those who knew us are aware that Ari and I shared a room growing up. We spent countless nights talking way past our bedtimes. Even as young kids, we shared a creativity that today is demonstrated in different ways. In one of those late-night schmoozing sessions as young kids, we discussed how I wanted to remodel our bedroom, including our exterior walls, with floor to ceiling fish tanks. As only a young, but still great, Ari Kahn would do, he humored me, and without missing a beat he said, “It’ll work, but only if you paint the ceiling with glow-in-the-dark paint.” Hey, it was the 80s.

My sisters and I were blessed to have such a great older brother. The only and biggest fight I can remember that Ari and I got into was epic. It was a showdown. It lasted for hours one afternoon: Who could make the biggest cannonball? Together, we invented games that we would play for hours. One of which was a game called “Bomb.” The rules are complicated to explain, and nowadays we would have to change the name, but those times I spent together with the Great Ari Kahn playing our made-up

games will be a lasting memory.

The Great Ari Kahn had an incredible lyrical talent as well. There was never a *simcha* for which Ari and his wife, Sari, had not coordinated an original song and dance for their talented children to perform to enhance the event.

I can remember the first time Ari became my hero. I must have been 6 or 7 years old. I was listening to Ari’s little league coach, at the time Barry Mandel, tell the commissioner, Bob Grossberg, the following: “As long as I have Ilan (Barry’s son) and Ari Kahn on my team we will win the championship.” Even then, the Great Ari Kahn was perfecting the art of playing goalie while standing on the pitcher’s mound participating in little league. His preparation for playing goalie became quite handy for the Great Ari Kahn as he later helped start a hockey team at HANC where he was the goalie and captain. There he was the leader of the team, and those who knew and heard him knew he was the most competitive and vocal person in the game.

Our growing up as roommates sharing a bedroom took a modern twist as we bought houses right across the street from one another in West Hempstead. Again, we had discussed plans, plans to build a tunnel under the street to connect our houses. And yes, I wanted



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our tunnel walls to be fish tanks and he wanted the ceiling to be painted in glow-in-the-dark paint.

But I can tell everyone, without a doubt, amongst all the Great Ari Kahn's accomplishments, his proudest moments were when he was holding his four beautiful children. He was always so proud of all of you. The four of you are the exquisite tapestry that he, along with your mother, Sari, weaved as the product of your Tati's great legacy.

I know that right now, the *malachim* are singing in *Shamayim*. The *avos*,

our forefathers, and our ancestors are dancing with unadulterated joy, the likes of which have not been seen in this world, all to welcome you to *Gan Eden*.

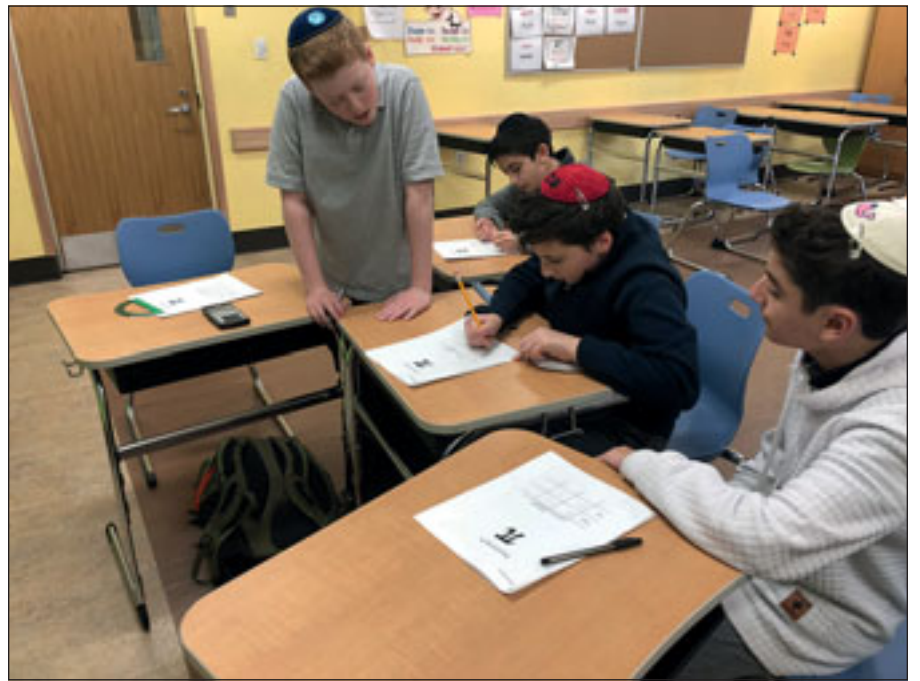
Ari, everyone here in this world can start sleeping a little easier knowing that the Great Ari Kahn is our legal counsel in the *beis din shel ma'alah*.

May your *neshamah* have an *aliyah*,
Love you, brother! ■

HALB Gets A Piece Of The "Pi"



Pi Day at HALB



March 14 is known as *Pi* Day. The HALB middle-school classes did different investigations to gain a true understanding of the meaning of *pi*. In Mrs. Hendeles's sixth grade, students explored *pi* through an interactive app, selecting various diameters and recording the corresponding circumferences. Her class, along with Mrs. Bronstein's, Mr. Panicker's, Mrs. Weiss's, and Mr. Gubbi's classes, also measured their own objects, including cookies, mugs, and cans

of food, and then estimated the value of *pi*.

Eighth-graders in Mrs. Hendeles's math class discussed why *pi* is irrational and then learned to differentiate between rational and irrational numbers. They also completed a coloring activity in which they classified numbers as irrational, rational, and integers. Meanwhile, Mr. Gubbi's eighth-grade class

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took a different approach to *pi* by discovering it through probability. Using a circular dart board within a square, students threw randomly at the dartboard. The number of target hits inside the circle compared to the total number of throws will tend towards one-fourth of *pi*. Through this lens, the class then discussed how *pi* can be simulated using software.

In a different vein, Rabbi Morgenbesser's classes learned about the significance of *pi* in the Torah. From a *pasuk* in *Melachim*, to a *Mishnah* and *Gemara* in *Eiruvin*, to the commentary of the Rambam, these students saw how *Chazal* across the ages understood and used this fascinating concept in their Torah studies and *halachah*.

Through a variety of hands-on activities, students learned about and discovered *pi* in a real-world context, affording them a deeper understanding and appreciation of this major geometric concept. ■

Yachad-LI Purim Party

With the start of Adar, Purim was in the air at Yachad Long Island, as they anticipated another spectacular bash! All were invited to attend the pre-Purim party in costume to celebrate and enjoy



Yachad-LI Purim party

a Hawaiian-themed evening, *b'Yachad*.

The program began with all of the attendees assembling and packing *mishloach manot* that were to be distributed

later to the residents of The Bristal, located near the Yachad Center in North Woodmere. This wonderful opportunity gives the Yachad members the

chance to help others and bring a smile to others.

Later on at the party, with Purim music filling the room, everyone was truly in happy spirits as they danced and sang along to the songs. Following the music, the evening continued with some fun Hawaiian games like hula hoop, limbo, and balance contests! During the Hawaiian dinner, which included Hawaiian chicken and other delicious Chinese food, the participants learned about Hawaii as well as the holiday of Purim! The evening ended with music, celebration, and *hamantasch*-decorating! The event was a great success, with over 40 individuals joining the fun at the second annual pre-Purim bash with Yachad! ■

RAA Joins With Far Rockaway And Five Towns Rabbis

On the Sunday before Purim, over 80 rabbis met in the White Shul in Far Rockaway to discuss the important services provided by the Rabbinical Alliance of America—Igud HaRabbonim, particularly its prestigious *beth din*. Hosted by Rabbi Eytan Feiner, senior rabbi of Congregation Kneseth Israel of Far Rockaway, known as the White Shul, and a prominent RAA/Igud member, the event brought together the organization's national leadership and

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RAA at the White Shul

local rabbis to discuss areas of potential cooperation. Throughout the morning, speakers pointed out opportunities for local rabbis to benefit from RAA/Igud's services and to contribute their own ample talents to the service of colleagues and communities across the country.

The Orthodox Jewish community in Far Rockaway began as a seed of committed members who, under brilliant and tireless leadership, built the area into a famously thriving Torah neighborhood. Significantly, Rabbi Ralph Pelcovitz, the longtime leader of the White Shul and somewhat of a father figure amongst Far Rockaway and Five Towns rabbis, was a past president and founding member of RAA/Igud. A partnership between Far Rockaway and Five Towns rabbis and the RAA/Igud seems only natural, even a historical inevitability.

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik, executive vice president of RAA/Igud, presided over the historic event uniting national activists with local leaders. Rabbi Eytan Feiner, the event's host, inspired attendees with an innovative Torah insight about the need to volunteer to fix societal problems.

Rabbi Hershel Kurzrock, RAA/Igud's *av beth din* (senior judge), humbly pointed to his illustrious predecessors, joking that he was placed in charge because of his longevity. Among the *dayanim* (judges) with whom he served were Rabbi Yitzchak Isaac Liebes, *zt"l*; the Keizmarker Rav, Rabbi Meir Greenberg, *zt"l*; Rabbi Boruch Leizerowsky, *zt"l*; Rabbi Pinchas Hirschprung, *zt"l*; and Rabbi Yisroel Belsky, *zt"l*. Rabbi Kurzrock offered a brilliant Torah insight comparing at length a *beth din* with the *Mishkan*, the tabernacle in the desert. Later in the morning, Rabbi Chaim Komendant, the *beth din's menahel* (administrative judge), provided details on the *beth din's* protocols, all of which are available on the *beth din's* website. This accessibility and transparency highlights the *beth din's* commitment to openness and integrity.

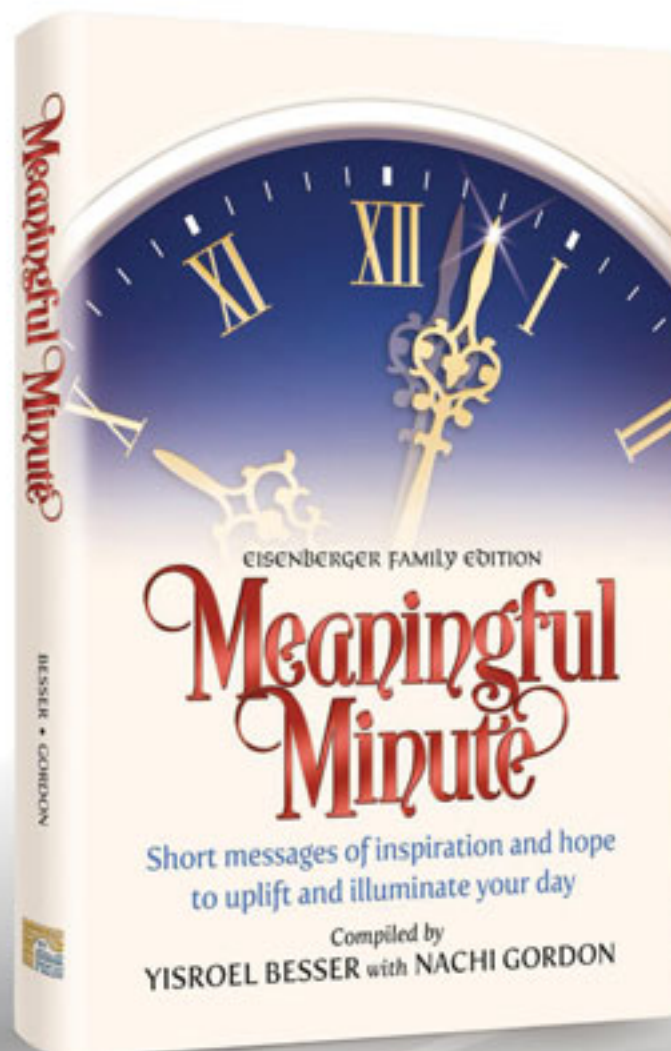
Rabbi Reuven Feinstein addressed the gathering via video. The eminent *rosh yeshiva* of Yeshiva of Staten Island pointed to the need for a *beth din* that

does not rush to judgment due to competing priorities. He noted that RAA/Igud's *beth din* is composed of Torah scholars who listen to both sides impartially and patiently, exploring every angle before reaching judgment. Any community can reach out to the RAA/Igud *beth din* with confidence in expecting a comprehensive hearing of the subject and a faithful outcome.

Rabbi Yaakov Klass, presidium member of RAA/Igud, Torah editor of the *Jewish Press*, and *rav* of Kahal Bnei Matisyahu, Flatbush, offered timely *divrei Torah* about Purim relating to the current challenges facing every rabbi.

Rabbi Yechezkel Moskowitz, grandson of the famous philanthropists in Israel, Irving and Cherna Moskowitz, and a lay leader in the National Coun-

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DRESS CASUAL

BY ELIE ROBINSON

In the late '90s when I took my first corporate job, I remember the excitement of learning that the attire was “casual.” While most of my friends were putting on suits for work, I was able to wear chinos. I continued this trend when I started my first venture. In 2011, I joined an e-commerce company where the average age was 25 (I was 36) and I quickly felt overdressed.



Times had changed as the norm became jeans, at least in the tech and e-commerce world. It was around this time that jeans were being made with stretch fabrics woven into the denim, creating incredible comfort. This era also brought about the new fits of slim, skinny, tapered, and more. There had long been a fear that by allowing a more casual dress code, the work environment would also become too casual for productivity and conduct. This was not the case with the young workforce I was now leading, as the members had never experienced any other dress code. Bottom line was a liberated dress code allowed for all to feel more comfortable in



the clothes they wore (usually much cheaper than dress clothes) with no change to the work environment. Picking up on this trend, many manufacturers jumped into the fold by designing high-end jeans meant to be dressed up at work or out for dinner or dressed down for more casual occasions. Many of the changes are noticeable in the stitching, shank (button), and grommets. By not using alternate color stitching, the jean can now be easily dressed up or down. With the clean design of dress jeans, it is the rest of the outfit that will determine the overall look: casual belt versus dress belt, sneakers versus dress shoes, tie versus no tie, and sport coat versus sweatshirt. With all of this, there are still plenty of occasions meant for a suit. At Under 5'10, we recognize that one of the keys to pulling off these flexible looks is the fit of the clothes. Getting the waist, seat, and rise are



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why many are leaning towards more casual pants, which are cut and designed for dress or casual. Stop by our store to try the difference of properly cut clothing for shorter men. ■

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cil of Young Israel, provided an update on the political situation in Israel. Noting the miraculous growth of the Torah community in Israel, Rabbi Moskowitz urged people to vote in the World Zionist Organization elections to ensure that the organization's ample charitable funds are distributed in a way that benefits the Torah community, rather than potentially the opposite.

What does a rabbi gain from membership in RAA/Igud? Rabbi Gil Student, director of the organization's Halacha Commission, described the tax-beneficial retirement plan, the membership picture ID card, the rabbinic training opportunities, the mentoring program, the job-search assistance, the Torah publication services, the growing Chaplaincy Commission,

and the opportunity to strengthen the voice of Torah in the public square. A member of RAA/Igud not only receives benefits but also shares his own knowledge, skills, and experiences with younger colleagues who seek mentorship and guidance in the difficult but rewarding professional calling of the rabbinate.

Rabbi Yehoshua S. Hecht, presidium chairman of RAA/Igud and *rav* of Cong. Beth Israel in Norwalk/Westport, CT, closed the formal remarks with a characteristically impassioned speech about the impact that the RAA/Igud has had on the Jewish community and that it will continue to serve as a voice for that which is *al pi Torah*—according to the dictates of *da'as Torah*, our great Torah sages. He issued a call for *askanim*, rabbis, and lay leaders to join in support of the Igud as “Patrons of the Rabbinate.”

Rabbi Meir Melnick, a devoted member of the RAA/Igud and noted community leader, offered a summation and stressed that the Igud is an organization with a clear message and a mission worthy of everyone's support.

The comment heard from many *rabbanim* attending was expressed quite aptly by the Slavita Rav, Rabbi Chaim Mordechai Katz, *rav* of Kahal Bais Shmuel Abba of Far Rockaway: “This meeting filled a long-awaited need in recognizing the importance of the Far Rockaway and Five Towns community.”

For more information and the opportunity to join RAA/Igud, visit Rabbini-calAlliance.org. ■

Purim Celebrations At Rambam

Talmidim at Rambam Mesivta celebrated Purim's joy with their *rebbeim* in

Brooklyn, Queens, and the Five Towns. During Purim day itself, the *rebbeim* opened their houses to the boys for singing, dancing, and *nosh*. In many cases the *talmidim* joined their *rebbeim* for the full-blown *seudah* of challah, meat, and...soft drinks! Grape juice was offered to those who wanted to say, “*Hagafen*.”

Many alumni *talmidim* came back to their beloved *rebbeim*'s houses as well (sometimes with their own kids in tow!) to celebrate, catch up, and exchange Purim greetings.

Soon after, the entire *mesivta* celebrated Purim together at Rambam with a *chagigah*! Rambam *Rebbe*, Rabbi Ari Boiangiu on keyboard, was accompanied by Rambam's own in-house DJ, and the dancing was rocking! The 9th Annual Best Costume Contest then took place, with the *rebbeim* and fellow “guest *rebbeim*”—juniors Jonah Fishbein and Jackie “Maserati” Mosseri—crowning the champion. It was close with Dovid Edelkopf dressed as the tree of knowledge and the Bluth triplets dressed as rock, paper, and scissors, closely losing out to Andrew Speiser who was costumed in tribute to Rambam Jewish History teacher Mr. Berkowitz.

The 9th Annual Purim Talent Show then took place with Elisha Bauman on guitar followed by Benny Herskowitz's rendition of “Piano Man.” Perennial Talent Show juggernaut, Rabbi Haar, also performed with a parody of, of all things, “Piano Man.” The Talent Show also showcased Avrumi Klein beat boxing; Eliezer Graber reciting over 300 digits of *pi*; Mordechai Schmerler's *dvar Torah*; the singing sensation of Yoni Szpigiel; and Binyamin Werner's Epic Rap Parody. Just when everyone thought it was over, Bernardo took center stage with his guitar and brought the house to its feet! The highly coveted Rambam Purim Talent Show Plaque was ultimately split three ways by Rabbi Haar, Yoni Szpigiel, and Bernardo.

The *chagigah* finally concluded with the Annual Purim Parody Video. The plot centered on seniors Aaron Moradi and Eliyahu Levy of Great Neck taking over the school and ousting the existing administration. Thank you to Yair Oppenheim, Raphi Lowe, and Moshe Goldfeder for helping with the video. A great time was had by all! ■

Rambam's Mission To AIPAC

This year, 18,000 people came to Washington, DC, to advocate for Israel. A host of dignitaries from the United States, Israel, Romania, and other countries addressed the record-breaking crowd. Current Rambam students Yonatan Sternberg, Yehuda Goldblatt, Yosef Kuperman, Daniel Ganopolsky, Azi Frogel, and Eli Levy, as well as incoming freshman Moshe Kopolovich, proudly represented their school during the three-day get-together in Washington. During the general sessions, the crowd was brought to its feet by Vice President



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Michael Pence; former Ambassador Nikki Haley; Israel's Ambassador to the US, Ron Dermer; and David Friedman, the American Ambassador to Israel.

Breakout sessions followed the general meetings and allowed students to enhance their knowledge about various issues confronting Israel. Topics such as the Iran nuclear deal, the BDS move-

ment, and the current mood in Congress, were just some of the highlights of the convention.

British Parliamentarian, the honorable Joan Ryan, also received a standing ovation when she spoke about her decision to leave the British Labor Party because of the open anti-Semitic rhetoric of its new leader, Jeremy Corbyn. She encouraged those assembled to be mindful of anti-Semitism and speak out

against it forcefully as soon as it rears its ugly head.

House Majority Leader, Steny Hoyer, spoke out clearly and passionately against the new trend of anti-Semitism which has infected some of the new members of Congress. "Pointing a finger at supporters of Israel and accusing them of pledging allegiance to a foreign country is pointing a finger at me," stormed Hoyer, who also brought the crowd to its feet.

The students at Rambam commented that their experience at AIPAC was both

educational and inspiring. It built on the strong knowledge of Religious Zionism and history of Israel that they receive from Rabbi Yotav Eliach, back at home in New York. ■

Hewlett House Gets A Renovation Thanks To "George To The Rescue"

On March 14, George Oliphant of the NBC hit show "George to the Rescue" came to celebrate the completion of his renovation project of Hewlett House. As explained by founder Geri Barish,



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"Hewlett House was started as a community resource learning center for breast cancer concerns...[Later] we felt we need to look at all cancer—embracing everyone that was involved with the disease or family members. We dedicated the center to the next generation because the children are the ones we look to educate—the children who do community service and bring laughter to a dismal situation sometimes brighten up a sad day."

Councilman Bruce Blakeman was at reveal day but explained he was on hand at the very beginning, too. He explained, "As a Nassau County legislator, I was able to facilitate the acquisition of the property. Geri assured me that she would staff and maintain the house, and almost 20 years later, they are still going strong."

Five Towns resident Marnie Weidenfeld reveals her personal connection. "The Hewlett House has saved me in so many ways! I really didn't tell a lot of people I was diagnosed with cancer. I was too tired to talk about it and the Hewlett House was a safe place for me to go for support. They have many support groups and I took wonderful classes from meditation to yoga. I had a place to go to that felt like a home-away-from-home. I made lovely friends and we all understood one another."

Barish confirms, "I have seen many who come to groups or just want to network with others that are very ill and know they are here for a short time—while some leave us too soon. I have seen the miracles of research and new



treatments and technology that have saved many lives. I have hugged many who were told to put their house in order and through clinical trials and networking are cancer-free. As a totally free center, the volunteers that come to help are our angels. The support groups are run by social workers who volunteer and a doctor of psychology with an oncology background runs a group as well as counseling."

Among the community offerings enhanced by the miraculous "George to the Rescue" renovation are Tai Chi, chair yoga, crochet, cancer support and discussions, a wig room that looks like a Hollywood salon, a children's room, a media room, and a state-of-the-art kitchen. Barish explains the effect their efforts had on the production crew. "The

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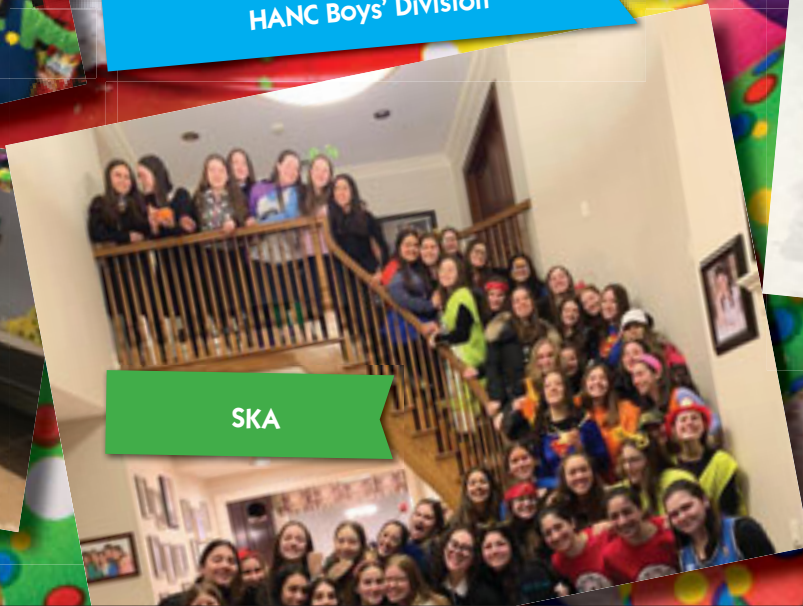
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producers of the show were overwhelmed with the support groups and daytime work of the patients. They allowed the filming of their support groups amid interviews with the camera crew with a whole heart."

Barish is a five-time cancer survivor and lost a son from cancer. Yet she explains, "We are survivors-fighters-warriors. We get our strength from one another and are there for each other. In the spring and summer,

watching the flowers bloom and seeing the birds that drop by, we know we made it through another season."

To learn more about Hewlett House, including the 20th Anniversary Celebration, visit Hewlett-House.org or call 516-374-3190. ■

Students In Cahal Enjoy Giving

This Purim season, the students in Cahal found many wonderful ways to do acts of *chesed* and 'give back' to their



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local communities.

The students in Rabbi Chananya Grinberg's sixth and seventh grade Cahal class at Yeshiva of South Shore brought baskets of *mishloach manos* to the local Hatzalah garage in Woodmere. The boys also delivered letters of thanks to the volunteers in Hatzalah recognizing the heroic, selfless support that they give to our community members. The students were given a tour of the facilities and were astounded at the vast array of sophisticated equipment in the Hatzalah ambulances.

Ms. Shoshana Lubin's HAF-TR fourth through sixth graders created their own Purim play, including all the props and costumes. After many rehearsals, they performed their play first for the second and third grade Cahal class at YOSS and then went the next day to perform it at the New Nautilus, an assisted living facility in Atlantic Beach. Accompanied by their *rebbe*, Rabbi Justin Lepolstat, they followed the performance by dancing and singing Purim songs with the residents, bringing much joy.

Mrs. Aviva Balsam's TAG sixth- and seventh-grade girls shopped for food and supplies and assembled 20 *mishloach manos* packages for the Achiezer kosher hospitality room in South Nassau Communities Hospital. They also created their very own "comic strip *megillah*" to pick up the spirits of the patients on Purim and made the trip to the hospital to deliver everything. Additional *mishloach manos* packages and letters of *refuah* were prepared and sent by Mrs. Yael Sara Rendler's first and second grade Cahal class at Yeshiva Darchei Torah. Not to be outdone, the girls in Mrs. Avigail Karmely's fifth and sixth grade class at BBY sent *mishloach manos* to the residents in a local Ohel Home for Women.

Many thanks to Achiezer, Ohel, Hatzalah, all the parent

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volunteers, and the Cahal teaching staff for enabling the children to have such rewarding and meaningful experiences.

Cahal, the local yeshiva-based and sponsored community program for children with learning challenges, now in its 27th year, provides smaller, more individualized classes in the local yeshivas catering to children's learning styles, where all the students attend mainstream activities daily, including lunch, recess, specials, assemblies, trips, and more. When ready, children attend academic classes as well, with support from Cahal to ensure success. The experienced and caring Cahal teachers make it all happen.

Cahal is currently accepting students. For more information about the Cahal program and to donate to this great community organization, contact cahal@cahal.org or call 516-295-3666. ■

Purim Cheer At JCC

There was plenty of *freilich* cheer at the Purim party for 75 Holocaust survivors at the Marion and Aaron Gural JCC. Shalom Jacobs, *chazan* at Chabad of the Five Towns, began the festivities with joyful singing followed by 95-year-old Holocaust survivor, Cantor Mitgang, who recited the traditional blessings. Shmuel Jacobs, a ninth-grader at Meisvita Ateres Yaakov, did a beautiful



Shalom Jacobs leads Purim event for Holocaust survivors at JCC

reading of the *megillah*. The survivors shared a delicious Purim *seudah* and then the celebration continued as Jeffrey Wolberg, a junior at HAFTR High School, entertained with classical piano music, and HAFTR eighth-grader AJ Mandel walked around the tables performing stupefying magic tricks. The survivors danced to festive musical entertainment and had a blast playing Purim Bingo. A special shout out to Bingo callers Sofia Glaubach and Olivia Baruch and to the more than 30 HAFTR community volunteers who brought great *simcha* to the party! A very special, heartfelt thank you to Ariel and Baruch Glaubach, as well as Rifky and Eli Robinson, and Elkie and Zvi Willner for so generously sponsoring and orchestrating this amazing event and for making the JCC's Chaverim Purim 2019 a celebration to remember! ■

Shulamith Celebrates Purim

Shulamith students from all divisions celebrated Purim joyously! In the Early Childhood Division, *talmidot* enjoyed the opportunity to come to school in their costumes and learn about the upcoming *chag*! They especially loved baking *hamantashen*.

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In the Lower Division, the annual Mitzvah Masquerade was a resounding success. Third- and fourth-graders worked in groups to create costumes related to *berachot*, *mitzvot*, or *Chumash*. Each group was allotted three minutes to present their costumes, and the creative and original results were most impressive! Congratulations to the overall winners,

Miri Bindiger, Chava Bugapolsky, Noa Hirth, Meira Moskowitz, and Avital Rosman for their costumes representing the *mitzvah* of *shiluach hakan*.

The eighth-graders took charge of the annual SWO sponsored Purim Carnival. Led by Meira Berkowitz and Melissa Zalsky, the carnival afforded each student the opportunity to greet Adar with unbridled *simcha*. The eighth-graders were thrilled to welcome their friends from



Purim at Shulamith

Kulanu who joined them for some carnival day fun. This year's carnival had a sports theme, so there were athletes and cheerleaders running the moon bounce, obstacle course, and booths that included the ever-popular Fluff 'n Chips, Pickle Race, and Bean Bag Challenge, and the newly-created "Fruit Loopers." As they noshed on cotton candy and popcorn, it was evident that a great time was had by each attendee! ■

Fish Tank

On Tuesday, March 19, after a great Purim Carnival, the middle school settled into the auditorium to view and enjoy HALB's Second Annual Fish Tank Challenge.

Teams within Mrs. Rina Korman's seventh grade science classes used the engineering design process to develop, brainstorm, collaborate, and build a working prototype that they "pitched"

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Second Prize went to Hot Digger, featuring a heated shovel that makes shoveling less hazardous presented by Yaakov Lubetski, Steven Neuberg, and Zachary Pockriss.

Third Prize went to Tug -O- Dog, featuring an interactive dog toy for the lazy dog owner with interchangeable lights and dog toys. Presented by: Jamie Feder, Rayna Fishman, and Allie Weiss.

Honorable Mention went to Night Right, an interactive and light activated Shabbat approved fan and light stand, great for summer nights or camping. Presented by Nathaniel Lawrence, Murray Silver, and Ariel Rogoff.

HALB is extremely proud of all its budding engineers, entrepreneurs, and innovators! ■

JEP-Nageela Hewlett Shabbaton

JEP/Nageela is making a direct impact on today and tomorrow's Jewish generations. At the Nageela Boys Shabbaton in Hewlett before Purim, the feeling of family was palpable as camp friends reconnected like brothers and new participants were welcomed warmly as they shared the beauty of Shabbos together.

One participant commented, "I feel like they're helping not so religious people know more about being Jewish and who they are. And it's fun and enjoyable. I feel like I respect Judaism more now. I want to be a better Jew."

Other participants raved, "Nageela is inspiring!" and "Going to Camp Nageela is like getting an extra matza ball!"

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HALB Fish Tank Challenge

to the seven judges on the third and final round of this year's Fish Tank Challenge. Fish Tank began in late October and continued until this event; during this time, the teams were engaged and pursued their projects competitively in order to earn the top three prizes. The entire seventh grade began this competition by dividing up into 28 groups consisting of 3-4 students per team. Each team worked independently on their projects with each being responsible for their total production which began with their conceptualizing a certain need in a specific domain while implementing the engineering design process which includes: defining a problem/need; research; specifying requirements; brainstorming ideas, evaluating ideas, choosing a solution; developing a prototype; testing of their prototype; communicating their findings; and improve, redesign prototype as required.

At the third and final round, there was a palpable air of excitement as this represented the culmination of months, with 11 teams still remaining in contention. After each team presented their PowerPoints and demonstrated their working prototype to the seven judges, the top three teams were selected.

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Another participant noted, "I feel like one of the coolest parts of the *Shabbaton* is that the hosts treat us like part of their families."

One first-timer concluded, "This was my first *Shabbaton* and it was so much fun. I'm thinking of coming to Camp Nageela this summer!"

A Negeela volunteer commented, "Nageela is like a very close family. The growth that all the boys experience is really amazing. I try to keep in touch with campers throughout the year."

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who make these programs come to life. To find out how to make a donation, please visit JEPLI.org/donate. ■

HANC HS Evening Of The Arts For Women

On Monday evening, March 18, HANC High School hosted its first-ever Evening of the Arts for Women. This event was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Marlena Schwartzman, *a'h*, art teacher and parent at HANC. Proceeds from the event went to Yad Batya L'Kallah.

The event was a spinoff of the Purim story which the students told in a unique and humorous way through song, dance, drama, art, music, and a fashion show. An extravagant and delicious dessert



HANC Evening of the Arts for Women

buffet created by the students was served following the performance. The entire event was put together by the students.

Thank you to faculty adviser Ms. Ayelet Shachar, Mrs. Batsheva Fink for writing the script, and to student producers Shira Cohen and Sharona Kataev for all their hard work in organizing this phenomenal event. ■

HANC Participates In Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration



Rabbi Elie Bashevkin, Aliyah Kahn, Rachel Turk, Sarah Kalter, and Yonina Pfeffer at Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration

Earlier in the year, fifth-grade students in Rabbi Elie Bashevkin's Language Arts class of HANC's Samuel and Elizabeth Bass Golding Elementary School in West Hempstead created beautiful compositions for the Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration. The Grannie Annie invites students in fourth through eighth grade, in the United States and across the world, to write about something interesting they discovered from their family based on their interviews with older relatives. Each student submitted a family story for possible publication in the annual Grannie Annie Journal. After reading 536 stories submitted by students in nine states, Grannie Annie announced 38 winners. The winning stories in *Grannie Annie, Volume 14* took place in 18 countries on three continents over a span of 356 years, and include personal accounts of historic events as well as recollections of everyday activities.

This is the third consecutive year that students from HANC participated in this contest and the third year that HANC students' essays have been selected for publication. The authors from HANC are fifth-graders Aliyah Kahn, "The Long-Lasting Love of Theater"; Sarah Kalter, "First Grade with No Shoes"; Yonina Pfeffer, "Reunited at Last"; and Rachel Turk, "The Lucky Baby." Their stories will be published in *Grannie Annie, Volume 14*, published on the Grannie Annie website, and shared through social media. In addition, Aliyah, Sarah, Yonina, and Rachel will be honored at the Grannie Annie Family Stories Festival at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis on June 2!

HANC congratulates Rabbi Bashevkin and his talented students for this tremendous accomplishment. ■

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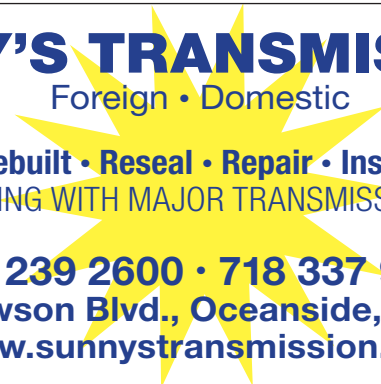


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4br s/h col, country feel, lg prop w/ low taxes. 2.5bths, hdwd flrs, new roof, siding, win, new boiler, ht wtr trnk. Gas heating, CAC, new bth/br, lg fin bsmt, fenced yd, ing sprinklers, 2car grge, patio, skylites, frnt prch, alrms, location!! **\$839K**

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WOODSBURGH



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MAR. 31 3-4PM

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff
against
ARKADIIY KHAVASOV, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
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Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee YCHJC037

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY BANK, Plaintiff against
WILFRIDO SAQUINAULA, et al Defendants
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MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. TERRENCE ROACHFORD, ET AL., Defendant(s).
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ROBERT J. CRISTIANO, ESQ., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
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1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
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Turn Clutter Into Kindness At The Community Mega Clothing Drive For Israel

The entire class was counting down to Wednesday, the day of the big end-of-the-year trip, the highlight of fourth grade. But when the big day came, Avi was not there. He told his mom he had a stomachache, but he was really hiding under his blankets, ashamed because he didn't have sneakers, a bathing suit, and a knapsack to carry his stuff.

No kid should be robbed of his childhood because he does not own clothes that fit. No struggling breadwinner should be forced to skip a job interview, missing an opportunity to support his family, because he doesn't have appropriate clothes. No moth-

er should need to decide between providing dental work or a warm jacket for her child. Unfortunately, these difficult choices and life situations are the reality for many families in Israel.

In an effort to address these problems, Yad Leah will be hosting a Five Towns Mega Clothing Drive on Sunday, **March 31**. The entire community is encouraged to clean for Pesach with an eye towards helping others. The dress at the back of the closet that never quite looked right could be the perfect fit for a teenage girl desperate to fit in with her classmates. That nice top that is just a bit too tight has the potential to give the dignity needed to walk into school, shul, or a job with pride and confidence.

All donations of excellent quality, infant through adult clothing, are desperately needed as well as linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, shoes, hair accessories, and all outerwear.

Clothing will be sorted and shipped to 23 Yad Leah branches throughout Israel. Each branch is set up in an organized, neat, clean, and inviting way, enabling families to obtain the clothing they need in a dignified fashion. Recipients include native Israelis as well as *olim* from North America, the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, India, and Peru.

A monetary contribution is not required, but a minimum \$36 donation is encouraged to defray the cost of shipping and to ensure that the clothing reaches needy families as efficiently as possible. All clothing and monetary donations are tax-deductible.

The convenient drop off locations will be open from 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst at 8 Spruce Street in Cedarhurst and the Irving Place Minyan located at 111 Irving Place in Woodmere. For more information, visit YadLeah.org. ■



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TEEN SCENE

Bnei Akiva of Woodmere and the Young Israel of Woodmere Sisterhood joined forces this past week for an epic *hamantaschen* bake! With well over 100 people in at-



Bnei Akiva Hamantasch Bake

tendance, the evening brought generations together, as children of all ages baked *hamantaschen* with their parents and grandparents. In true Bnei Akiva style, the high-school *madrachim* were empowered to help host and lead the event. Flour, jam, and sprinkles were everywhere, laughter filled the room, and everyone went home with delicious Purim treats! For more information about Bnei Akiva and upcoming events, follow them on Facebook @BneiAkivaWoodmere. ■

And Moshe diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt . . .

(Vayikra 10:16)

Three goats were brought that day as sin-offerings: (1) the one that G-d commanded should be offered by Aharon on the occasion of the Eighth Day; (2) the one brought by Nachshon, leader of the tribe of Judah, as the first in the series of offerings brought by the tribal heads in honor of the Sanctuary's inauguration; (3) the goat offered every Rosh Chodesh (first of the month—that day was the first of Nissan).

The first two were not burnt, but eaten by Aharon and his sons as per Moshe's instructions. The Rosh Chodesh offering, however, Aharon burned, reasoning that if he was instructed to eat the meat of the day's special offerings even though he is in mourning (contrary to the usual law), he should not deduce that the same applies to an offering that is not unique to this special occasion, but is part of the regularly scheduled offerings.

This distinction escaped Moshe, who demanded of Aharon and his sons: Why did you burn this sin-offering? And if you burned it because you are mourners, why did you eat the others? To which Aharon replied: "If you heard this instruction (that the offerings should be eaten even by mourners) regarding the offerings of the moment, you should not apply the same to the offerings for all times."

(Talmud, Zevachim; Rashi)

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Central Engineers Aim High

Through the generosity of the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Central engineering students spent Monday afternoon at the Cornell Technion campus on Roosevelt Is-

land, along with Mr. David Horstman, their engineering teacher, and Mrs. Marci Karoll, director of educational technology. Only four all-girls schools were invited to attend the conference.



Central Engineers

afternoon and I am excited for more events like this." ■

Central Celebrates Purim



Central Purim Night in West Hempstead

The students had the opportunity to participate in two workshops. One workshop was called "Design Thinking Experience" in which the students quickly built product prototypes to solve a random but defined problem. The second workshop, "Creepy or Convenient," was a thought-provoking

discussion in which students examined how companies, such as Amazon and *USA Today*, use client information. Sophomore Abigail Abramchayev especially enjoyed hearing from the speakers and completing the group project. She shared, "It was a really fun

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participating in a meaningful program coordinated by the Israel Education Network and Mizrahi America. They recited *Tehillim* together, sang together, and heard *divrei Torah* from around the world. On Wednesday night, students and faculty gathered, in both West Hempstead and Queens, for Purim *mesibot*. Students joined for singing, dancing, eating, and *hamantaschen*-making. Special thank you to sophomores Ruthie Feinberg, Ribeca Silvera, Shira Schwartz, and Eliana Sicklick for setting up the West Hempstead party. On Purim day, freshmen Nicole Gavrielov and Talia Hazan and senior Tikva Goldberg visited the Meadow Park Rehab Center for *megillah* reading and delivering *mishloach manot*. Festivities continued in school on *Shushan Purim* with the *Purim Chagigah* led by Azamra DJ. The Central community danced and celebrated the holiday and captured the Purim spirit! ■

MTA Talmidim And Rebbeim Celebrate Purim Together

MTA *talmidim* and *rebbeim* enjoyed an unforgettable Purim celebration together. The evening started with *Minchah* and *shiurim*, followed by *Ma'ariv*, *Megillah*, and break-fast. Then the real fun began with incredible dancing, tremendous *ruach*, an entertaining Purim video created by the seniors, and a costume contest. They ended the night at the Yeshiva University *chagigah*, where everyone had a great time dancing with MTA alumni as well as YU *roshei yeshiva* and *talmidim*! ■

JACS Gearing Up For 75th Retreat

By Chaye Kohl

In 1979, a small group of Jews, honest about the concerns they faced with addiction, founded and fostered the growth of a self-help organization. They wanted to create a safe space where they could feel whole in recovery. These addicts and alcoholics in recovery had been attending meetings of AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics

Anonymous) in church basements in their communities. While the fellowship at these meetings helped them stay sober, it was nonetheless difficult for these Jews to reconcile their Jewish affiliation with their recovery selves. And so JACS was born.

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically dependent persons, and Significant others) helps Jews strengthen their recovery in conjunction with their Judaism. JACS sponsors retreat weekends to provide opportunities for intense meetings, chances to enjoy Shabbat with like-minded individuals, and forums for discussions about issues of recovery and Judaism with rabbis and rabbinical students. JACS is under the umbrella of the Jewish Board in New York City. The JACS office holds recovery meetings and provides referrals for addicts, alcoholics, and their families.

Zev, a JACS member, shares, "I discovered JACS before joining AA and count them as game-changers in the course of my life. They introduced me to the world of recovery, that I am not alone as an alcoholic who is Jewish. The friendship and fellowship I estab-

lished in JACS will last a lifetime. We all know each other like family. Coming into recovery, I have been able to ... connect with G-d in a way that had eluded me from early childhood. I enjoy the retreats because there is nothing like spending a Shabbos away with people who are like-minded, in the world of recovery which is Jewish! I especially like "The Rabbis' Forum" right after the midday *Kiddush*, where the entire group can ask all the rabbis any question! There is genuine spirituality in that room. I am looking forward to this year's retreat and hope to meet many new and familiar faces."

Lisa, a longtime JACS member, adds, "JACS has been a wonderful part of my life. My JACS family has stood by me at the most important moments of my life. JACS has brought me closer to my faith and has helped me in my recovery."

Forty years later, there are numerous success stories from grateful families and individuals—JACS has literally saved lives! And this **May 11-12**, JACS will hold its 75th retreat. JACS welcomes the "old-timers" and "newcomers" to this year's retreat, being held in the pastoral setting of the Block-Hexter Retreat Center, 31 Barry Watson Way in Lakewood, PA.

The retreat provides an experience where Jews of all denominations can celebrate Shabbat in recovery. There are prayer services (Orthodox, "Carlebach Style," and egalitarian) as well as a meeting titled: "Why I am Not in Services." There are workshops, recovery meetings, and fun-filled activities. The *kumzits* on Saturday night is a favorite. The meetings are recovery themed. And there is a Torah class based on text and linked to issues of recovery. Opportunities exist for participants to reconnect with old friends, meet new people, and "Take a Rabbi for a Walk."

Deena, who has been a member of JACS since 1992, explains why she never misses a retreat: "A JACS retreat gives me the chance to explore what is on my mind and connect with my Jewish recovery family."

JACS, in addition to running retreats, sponsors "Spiritual Days" on occasional Sundays during the year. It runs recovery workshops in the evening around the High Holidays. JACS members also come together to celebrate Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim.

Unfortunately, denial around issues of addiction has kept members of the Jewish community from seeking help for addictive behavior. Shame may have kept family members from dealing with the addiction of a loved one. JACS can provide guidance, referrals to treatment, and mentors (we call them sponsors). These are just a phone call or e-mail away. Contact Shoshana Kirsch Nirenberg, MSW, program coordinator, at 212-632-4718 or snirenberg@jbfcs.org, or visit JewishBoard.org/JACSRetreat to learn more. ■

Team HASC Jerusalem Serves Klal Yisrael ... And Potato Kugel!

By Avi Pollak, Program Director

The 2019 annual Jerusalem Marathon featured Team HASC's most successful showing yet. Almost 300 runners came from all over the U.S. and Israel to raise money and to support the campers

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Team HASC at Jerusalem Marathon

and families of Camp HASC. The dedicated runners surpassed the fundraising and participation goals set out in the campaign and proved yet again that our effort is what matters most.

Like the Camp HASC families, camp-

ers, and staff members who represent the full spectrum of Jewish communities around the world each summer, Team HASC also comprised all types of Jews united for a special day in Jerusalem. Queen Esther commanded, “*Lech*

k’nos et kol haYehudim—go gather all the Jews.” Gathering all the Jews is our mission each summer in Camp HASC, as well as this Friday at the marathon, all in support of our special campers.

The team was a generational experience as well, including HASC grandparents who have been involved for decades, young children in strollers who participated for the very first time, and a really great group of current, past, and future staff members who remain tightly connected to Camp HASC and their campers. Shmuel Kahn, camp director, noted that the gathering almost felt “*l’malah min ha’tovah*—beyond the rules of nature,” with so many types of people dedicating themselves to the cause.

Many charity teams run in the Jerusalem marathon, but Team HASC remains famous for its delicious pota-

to and Yerushalmi kugels! Over 2,000 pieces of kugel were served to runners, fans, marathon staff, and security forces—bringing amazing smiles to the faces of everyone present; as Rav Judah Mischel, executive director, points out, “Our effort in the Jerusalem Marathon really represents what Camp HASC is all about: *Ahavas Yisrael, mesirus nefesh* for others, teamwork, meaningful fun, awesome *ruach*, and great potato kugel. Seeing all the families, alumni, staff, and friends who join us is so encouraging to all of us, and it’s such a *kiddush Hashem*.”

Team HASC’s kugel and good spirit went viral this year when top Israeli social-media influencers, including Yair Cherki, posted all about it. “Seems to be the only marathon in the world where potato and Yerushalmi kugel are distributed at the end,” featuring the Team HASC staff serving hungry runners. ■

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MTA LIONS NAMED SARACHEK TIER II CHAMPIONS

BY IKEY GUTLOVE ('20)

When March 4, otherwise known as “Saracheck Selection Monday,” arrived and the seeds of the tournament were revealed, the Lions were determined to become the Tier II champions. Coach Weissberg even offered a great incentive to encourage the team to play their best—if they went undefeated, they would be able to pick his baby’s name.

Right from the start of the tournament, it was noticeable that the Lions came to play and were not going to back down from any challenge they faced on the court. On Thursday, March 14, the Lions started the tournament strong against Hillel of Pittsburgh. The Lions began the game on a 9-0 run and they didn’t look back. Although their opponent made strides and the game became a closer contest, the Lions continued to add to their insurmountable lead and ultimately secured the victory. The next day, MTA faced off against Beth Tfiloh in a memorable game. The Lions started out slow and missed many shots,

but managed to stay close throughout the game. With 10 seconds left in regulation, the scoreboard showed a tied game of 49-49, but the Lions weren’t ready to give up. David Saginor ('19) inbounded the ball to Yoni Rothberg ('19), who then passed the ball to Eitan Warburg ('19). Warburg channeled his inner James Harden by creating space for himself with a slight crossover and step-back, then taking a shot that went straight into the net, beating the buzzer and scoring the win for MTA. This win left MTA with a 2-0 record and secured the team’s spot in the semifinals. The Lions headed into the Shabbaton part of the Saracheck tournament in extremely positive spirits.

Shabbos was filled with *ruach* and inspirational speeches from Yeshiva University basketball coach Elliot Steinmetz, former NBA player and brother of JR Smith Chris Smith, as well as his agent, Daniel Hazan. The Shabbaton was a well-deserved break from basketball for every team, and on-court rivalries became off-court

friendships. Once Shabbos ended, basketball started up again and the Lions were back on their mission to secure a championship.

On Sunday, MTA continued their winning streak with a 66-62 win over the Posnack Rams in the semifinals and were ready to take on the championship.

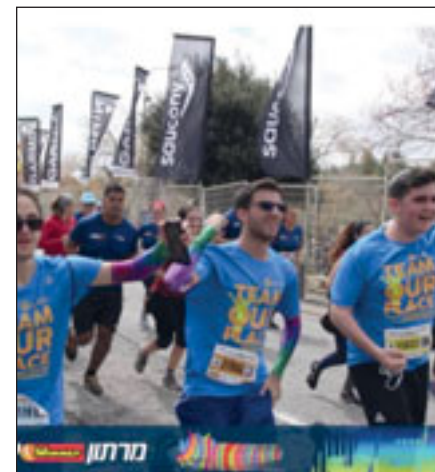
On championship Monday, the Max Stern Athletic Center was filled to capacity with MTA fans who wanted to win the championship almost as badly as the players. The entire student body and faculty came out to support the Lions with tremendous school spirit. The Lions started out against the Fasman Yeshiva defense, and at the end of the first quarter, Fasman was in the lead 16-4. With not only the championship on the line, but also the naming of Coach Weissberg’s baby, the Lions continued to fight back until they achieved success. Both teams fought hard, but the Lions came away with the win. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, MTA fans stormed the court, as their team defeated the odds and went a perfect 4-0, winning the Saracheck Tournament Tier II Championship.

Special shout-out to Yeshiva University for hosting a truly amazing tournament, as well as to the Lions coaches, Coach Weissberg and Coach Weisel, for a great tournament run and a great season. Congratulations to Hudy Weiss ('19) for being named to the tournament all-star team, Eitan Warburg for being selected to the all-tournament second team, and Eitan Pfeiffer ('19) for being named Tier

II MVP. These three seniors, along with seniors Avi Wolk, David Saginor, Yoni Rothberg, Joey Hernandez Burg, Ephraim Greenberg, and Micha’el Shloush, have been great teammates as well as great role models for the juniors on the team. A special thank you to Coach Mark Weisel, who is retiring from his position as MTA’s basketball coach for the past 14 years and has been an extremely vital part of the Lions, both past and present.

Now all the Lions need to do is vote on the baby’s name. ■

Running For A Holy Cause In The Holy City: Team Our Place In The Jerusalem Marathon



Joey Brody (center) running for Team Our Place in the Jerusalem Marathon

On *erev Shabbat*, March 15, Joey Brody (center of photo), a resident of Great Neck, N.Y., studying at Yeshivat Lev HaTorah in Ramat Bet Shemesh

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for his gap year in Israel, completed the 10 km Jerusalem Winner Marathon among 40,000 participants. Joey's sponsored run was for Team Our Place, an organization that employs a multifaceted approach to counseling, rehab, and guiding troubled Jewish youth in their return to mainstream society. Its inspiring executive director, Rabbi Aryeh Young, is a charismatic *rebbe* at Rambam Mesivta High School in Lawrence, from which Joey graduated from last May. The Jerusalem Marathon is unique in its setting. Runners pass by fascinating historical sites that illuminate 3,000 years of the history of Jerusalem, the unified capital of Israel. Joey is pictured nearing the finish line to the theme song of *Rocky* with two of his teammates, Sammy Merzel of Silver Spring, MD and Shlomo Silverberg of L.A. ■

SKA Sonics Score!

By Esther Miller SKA '19

What an amazing season the SKA Sonics basketball team had! With an 11-1 record and a first-place seed, the team coached by Batsheva Aaron earned their way straight to the playoffs and on to being champions!

The Sonics went on to beat



Champion SKA Sonics

the Ilan Invaders in their play-off game and their winning streak continued. On March 11, at Central High School, the Sonics did not let their fans down. They put up a great game against the Magen David Warriors and pulled out with a victory. The SKA Sonics were named champions! During the championship game the Sonics came out strong and gained an early lead that they kept throughout the exciting game. Classmates, teachers, principals, family members, and our brand new mascot came to support the team and their encouragement from the onset of the game really paid off.

Tammy Aryeh, Elisheva Miller, Esther Miller, Regina Saada, and Ariella Wang, the seniors and starters, will truly be missed next season. The Sonics thank their amazing coach and all of their fans for supporting them throughout the amazing season.

Lets go Sonics! ■

YCQ Wildcats Win the JV Basketball Championships

On Monday, March 18, in the HAFTR gym packed with students, families, and fans, the Yeshiva of Central Queens Wildcats JV boys' basketball team won the championships against



Members of the champion YCQ JV boys' basketball team

Magen David Yeshiva. It was a close game throughout, with YCQ maintaining the lead. The *ruach* in the gym was strong and the boys from both teams played hard. In the end, under the leadership of Coach Justin Schussheim, the JV Wildcats won the Yeshiva League Championships 24-15. ■

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INVESTING IN ISRAEL

By Ben Levene



What a week in Israel! The so-called mistaken rocket attacks from Hamas and the escalation in the necessary defenses of our country. The election coming closer with Bibi Netanyahu under a slightly stronger challenge than normal. Who knows what will occur?

These events lead to people asking me what effect it will have on the market. Let's start at the beginning. We are a strong nation and strong people. In the past, at times worse than this, the market has frozen, leading to a low volume of transactions and no rush to dispose of property quickly.

A very small percentage of sellers need to sell—whatever the political

climate. These sellers mean this is a time buyers should consider entering the market.

Policies can be different. For example, a now accepted purchase tax for second-time buyers in Israel or any foreign buyer is now very much part of purchasing an apartment. Builders and developers could also be concerned about future fiscal policy. If a change to a more left-wing government is in the cards, it may open up a window of time where developers will be looking to sell quicker.

**We are
a strong
nation.**

While we are unlikely to see a 10-25 percent drop in prices in the local Jerusalem market, the uncertainty means that opportunities are being created for buyers in a good position to purchase.

In other news we are just starting to plan our informative seminars on how to buy property in Israel for June. If anyone would be interested in having us come to you locally to give a presentation, please be in touch! ■

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NEWS FROM THE HILLS

By Chanita Teitz



Some interesting local news: Aron's Kissena Farms is opening a 15,000- foot Pesach Supermarket/Mega Center in the vacant National Wholesale Liquidators property. Instead of the crowded tent of the past years, this should be a whole new and comfortable shopping experience. I hope to stop by soon to check it out.

On Sunday night, missiles were launched from Gaza into the Tel Aviv/Kfar Saba area and a missile made a direct hit on a house in Moshav Mishmeret, injuring seven people. The house was demolished, and four pet dogs were killed. Someone posted on Facebook that if we got PETA to condemn the death of the dogs, there will finally be some public denunciation of "animal brutality." No one cares about the Israelis who get injured or killed, but perhaps they will care about the animals that get killed. Imagine the headlines in the papers.

Binyamin Netanyahu was in Washington to meet with Trump and to be there for the signing of the proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty of the Golan Heights. He is heading back to Israel because of the missiles and the strong response by the IDF.

The Mueller probe finally gave their findings and all the mainstream media

are saying the same thing. Watching Fox last night, they had blurbs of different news broadcasters from ABC, CBS, and CNN repeating words that my husband said sounded like a script. "Just because they didn't find collusion doesn't mean there was no collusion," and the Democrats are planning to continue investigating. Senator Lindsey Graham said that the Republicans will start investigating this dragged-out hoax that from the beginning was intent on Trump losing the election, and when he won, intent on impeachment.

Unrelated to this, I want to give a *yashar koach* to Queens Hatzolah members who came to my office on Sunday because I had an allergic reaction to something I ate. They were professional, calming, and, *baruch Hashem*, I'm fine. But now I am nervous about eating anything unless I know the full ingredients. I will have to read all labels, but what about restaurants or takeout? Some things are hidden in the recipe. In this case, ground pumpkin seeds were added to *chummus*. I didn't read the ingredients because I never would suspect pumpkin seeds as an ingredient in *chummus*. Now I know that if it has different flavors or varieties, it must be checked.



Take care of yourselves and your families. If you know that you have allergies, be vigilant in checking ingredients. Again, a big thanks to the Hatzolah guys who are always there quickly when you need them.

Roshei Yeshiva Of BMG Visit CHAZAQ Headquarters In KGH

The week of *Parashas Vayikra* was the annual Shabbos of *chizuk* in the Queens community in which HaRav Yerucham Olshin, *rosh yeshiva* of Beis Medrash Govoha (BMG) in Lakewood, inspired hundreds of community members by giving *shiurim* throughout Kew Gardens Hills.

On *motzaei Shabbos*, the *rosh yeshiva* made a late-night visit to the Chazaq headquarters in Queens to get a close

and personal glimpse into Chazaq's life-changing operations.

The private meeting included Rav Noach Isaac Oelbourn (Khal Nachlas Yitzchok) and Rav Doniel Lander (*rosh yeshiva* of Ohr HaChaim), together with several staff and board members from Chazaq.

Then on Monday night, prior to a parlor meeting benefiting BMG at the Shafran residence, *rosh yeshiva* Rav Malkiel Kotler also made a visit to Chazaq's headquarters.

Similar to a recent meeting with Rav Shmuel Kamenetsky, *shlita*, the meetings focused on the challenges facing the Bukharian community, with the foremost concern being that approximately 10,000 traditional Bukharian

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- 1:35** Yeshiva Shor Yashov
Kollel Avreichem
Rabbi Katz's Shul (Congregation Shomer Shabbos)
Maariv is 15 min. after shkiah
- 1:45** Agudath Israel of Long Island
(Sundays & legal holidays)
Yeshiva Gedolah of the 5 Towns
Yismach Moshe @ The Premier
- 1:50** 5 Towns Judaica
- 2:00** Yeshiva of Far Rockaway
- 2:15** Agudath Israel of Long Island
Also 15 minutes before shkiah
- 2:45** Yeshiva Gedolah of the 5 Towns
Young Israel Woodmere (M-Th)
(Halacha shiur 15 min. before)
- 3:00** Judaica Plus
- 4:00** Young Israel of Woodmere (M-Th)
- 4:15** Adas Yisroel of NY United Hebrew
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Maariv

- 5:00** 333 Pearsall Avenue, Cedarhurst, 2nd floor
- 7:30** The Shteebel (Main Bais Medrash)
- 7:45** Chabad of the 5 Towns
- 8:00** Shaaray Tefila Also 10 minutes before shkiah
The White Shul
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Beis Medrash Heichal Dovid (S-Th)
- 8:05** Young Israel of North Woodmere
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- 9:00** Yeshiva Shor Yashov
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Young Israel of Lawrence Cedarhurst
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Beis Medrash Heichal Dovid (S-Th)
- 9:45** Yeshiva Shor Yashov
Yeshiva Gedolah of the 5 Towns
Kehillas Bais Yehuda Tzvi (S-Th)
The White Shul
- 10:00** Young Israel of Woodmere
Agudas Israel of Long Island
Yeshiva of Far Rockaway
The Shteebel (Main Bais Medrash)
- 10:15** Kollel Avreichem
Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst
- 10:30** Young Israel of Woodmere
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- 11:00** Young Israel of Woodmere
- 11:15** Kehillas Bais Yehuda (Thursdays)
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Boston Beis Midrash of Lawrence

During the winter months Young Israel of Woodmere has a marriv minyan every half hour after 6:30, ending with the 11:00 maariv.
Boston Beis Midrash of Lawrence has maariv every 20 minutes from 10:40-12:00 From Pesach until Succos, 10 minutes before Plag mincha followed immediately by Maariv in the White Shul.

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children attend public school in the Queens community.

Besides the violence and substance abuse that many students unfortunately become accustomed to, it has also led to widespread intermarriage, and hundreds have lost their Jewish identity over the years.

program and *kollel*. The PSTY (public school to yeshiva division) is one of Chazaq's crown jewels and the main topic of the meeting.

R' Ephraim Rubinov, who was originally a successful computer technician who dropped his career to dedicate himself to the community, showed the *rabbanim* all the work Chazaq has accomplished and can, *be'H*, accomplish in the future with

Take care of yourselves and your families.

Rabbi Ilan Meirov, director of Chazaq, described some of the many programs that Chazaq offers to strengthen the community at large. They include Sunday and afterschool programs for children, separate teen sessions for boys and girls, community-wide *shiurim* on an array of topics, along with a *beis medrash*

the proper resources. He is currently running a task force of several recruiters who contact parents, discuss the physical and spiritual dangers of public school, help identify the appropriate religious school, and help them transition into them. He has designed a computer program that stores the database of thousands



YCQ sixth-grade girls celebrated Purim with residents of the Atria Kew Gardens

of children, the status of each active case, every interaction of his team and the prospective yeshiva student, and the follow-up of all children who have already made the transition. R' Ephraim himself is responsible for

gathering all the documents needed to verify the lineage of each child. This can include birth certificates, marriage licenses, and *kesubos*. With Hashem's help, Chazaq has already transferred approximately 600 children to *yeshivos* in two and a half years, a truly remarkable accomplishment.

The *roshei yeshiva* were visibly touched by the work Chazaq does and blessed them to continue in their *avodas ha'kodesh*.

For more information about Chazaq, please visit Chazaq.org or e-mail info@chazaq.org. For sponsorship opportunities, please visit givechazaq.com.

YCQ Celebrates Purim With Chesed and Carnival

By Michal Katz

On March 18, the Yeshiva of Central Queens JHS had a *chesed* day. The 6th-grade girls went to the Atria Kew Gardens. At Atria, the girls celebrated Purim with the residents by singing songs, socializing with them, decorating masks, and playing Purim Mad Libs. The girls had conversations with the residents, which made the residents rejoice. The residents were happy to be having fun with their guests. They enjoy having the girls visit and keep them company. One of the residents said it was nice to have young girls come visit because they are lonely and do not get a lot of visitors. Many of the residents never celebrated Purim before and were excited to share in this experience. Sarah Borukhov, grade 6, said, "It is important to go on these *chesed* trips because we make the people there happy." The girls have a chance to do *chesed* for other people while learning how important it is to do this *mitzvah*. Maytal Gigi said, "Doing *chesed* makes others feel happy while also making us feel good. Doing this *mitzvah* still made me feel good even though I gave and did not get anything in return."

After learning about the importance of *chesed* and giving to others by bringing the spirit and joy of Purim to several community nursing homes as well as making Purim masks and art with students at HASC, YCQ students celebrated Shushan Purim on Friday, March 22 with a carnival at

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YCQ students enjoyed a Purim carnival

school filled with rides, cotton candy, popcorn, a *hamantaschen* bake-off, and a talent show. The students and faculty all came dressed in costumes and the excitement could be felt throughout the halls.

Bais Yaakov Early Childhood Center Visits Rabbi Teitelbaum's Shul

The children at the BYQ Early Childhood Center are enjoying going out into the community and learning about their world. The girls in pre-1A-R showed interest in shuls and what goes on in them. They enjoyed a fabulous trip across the street to Rabbi Teitelbaum's shul to learn more about it.

Rabbi Lehrer greeted the young researchers and gave them a complete tour of the beautiful shul. The girls were fascinated to examine each thing in the shul, from the *aron kodesh* to the wooden *shtenders*. They saw the *sifrei Torah* and the silver crowns that go on top of them. They enjoyed matching the stained glass windows to each of the 12 *shevatim* (tribes) that they represent. The girls were overwhelmed by the quantity of *Chumashim*, *Siddurim*, and Torah books on the shelves and were thrilled to see a real *chavrusah shaft*, a partnership, learning Torah, using those very books. Rabbi Lehrer also answered the many questions of the young researchers and gave them time to sketch and count the things in the shul.



BYQ pre-1A students visiting Rabbi Teitelbaum's shul

We would like to thank Rabbi and Rebbetzin Teitelbaum for giving the children access to the shul and to Rabbi Lehrer for all of his time, patience, and wonderful stories.

Project Lead



Congresswoman Grace Meng presented the Distinguished Woman of Valor Award to Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz. Pictured from left to right: Congresswoman Grace Meng; Nina Alaeva, president of Project Lead; Rabbi Avrohom Hecht, executive director of Project Lead; and Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz

Project Lead has been providing human services throughout the central Queens area for the past 25 years. On Sunday, March 24, they celebrated their commitment to frail elderly, Holocaust survivors, immigrants, and Jewish youth. Over 130 individuals attended the event at the Prestige restaurant in Rego Park, including elected officials, professional staff, clergy, and other community leaders.

4-Rabbi Shiur Held At YCQ On March 17



Upcoming Events

Job Fair. Friday, **March 29** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Common-point Queens, 67-09 108th St. Hosted

by the Queens Chamber of Commerce and Macher. Register at commonpointqueens.org/jobfair.

"Preparing for the Inevitable," featuring Rabbi Elchonon Zohn and Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld, Sunday, **March 31** at 9:30 a.m. at the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, 150-05 70th Road. Presented by National Association of Chevrah Kadisha.

Rabbi Dr. Stuart Halpern speaking on "The List of Four About Which The Hagaddah Doesn't Tell You," Sunday, **March 31** at 7:30 p.m. at 169-07 Jewel Ave. Presented by Young Israel of Hillcrest. ■

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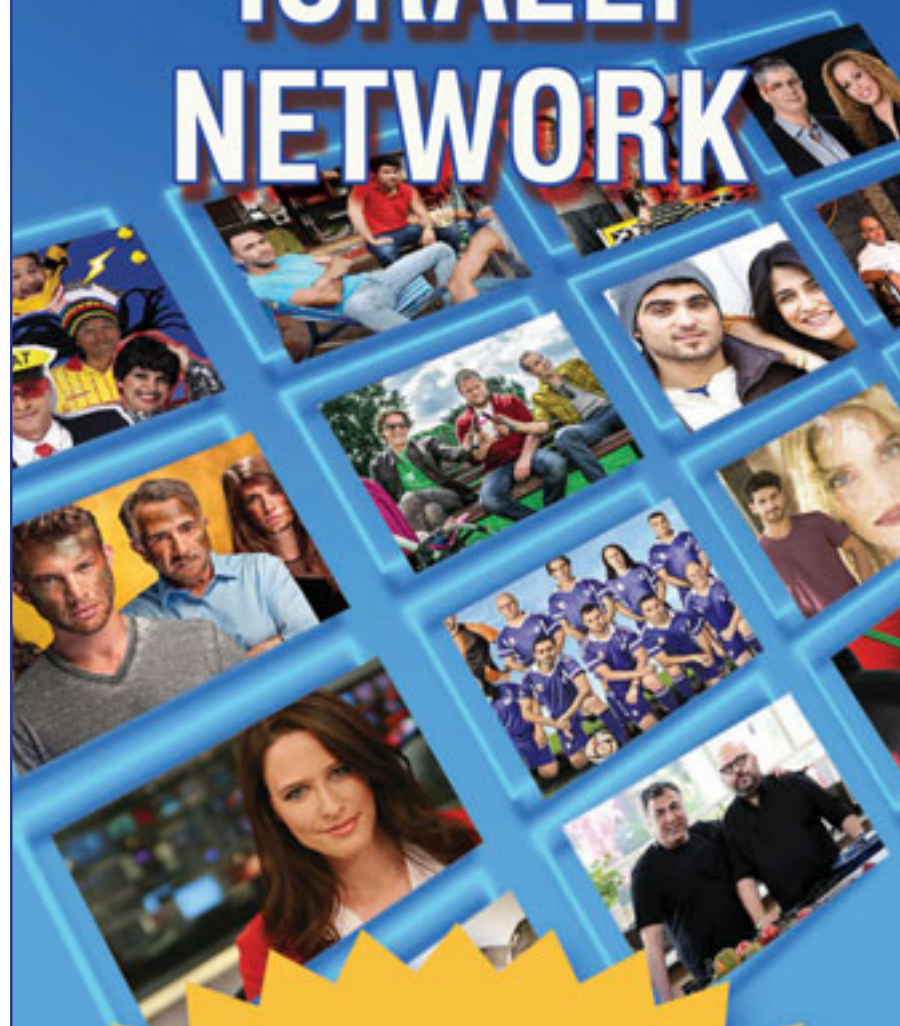
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5:30 am @ Chofetz Chaim Torah Center – Cedarhurst
 @ Rabbi Neiman's Shul – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yossi Schonkopf
5:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) – Magid Shiur: Rav Shmuel Witkin
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6:00 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein
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 @ CBEY- Island Ave., Woodmere – Magid Shiur: Menachem Kagan/Michael Fruchter
6:15 am @ Cong. Beis Avraham – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Henoch Grumet
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6:40 am @ Y.L. of Woodmere – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Aron Glatt
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6:45 am @ Shaaray Tefila – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kalish
 @ The White Shul – Magidei Shiur: Rabbi Kanner
 @ Agudah of the Five Towns – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Ephraim Edelstein
 @ Agudas Yisroel of Long Island – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum
6:50 am @ Kehillas Bnei HaYeshivas (KBH), 575 Hungry Harbor Road
7:00 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dr. Mermelstein
 @ Congregation Beth Avraham – Sunday ONLY
 @ Yeshiva Gedolah of 5 Towns – Magid Shiur: Rav Yitzchok Knobel
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7:09 am @ Far Rockaway LIRR 3rd car from the end – Direct to Penn Station
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7:10 am @ Agudah of Bayswater
 @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov, 131 Washington Avenue
7:15 am @ Aish Kodesh – Sunday ONLY
 @ Kehillas Bais Yehudah Tzvi (the Red Shul)
 @ Chabad – Maple Avenue, Cedarhurst
7:30 am @ Agudah of L.I. (Rabbi Reisman) In Library – Magidei Shiur: Rabbis S. Kohn, N. Schweid, R. Flegman
 @ Congregation Heichal Dovid – Sunday ONLY
7:35 am @ Y.L. of Woodmere – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi R. Fink
7:45 am @ Kehillas Bais Yehudah Tzvi (the Red Shul) – Sunday ONLY
 @ Beth Sholom – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yale Fishman
 @ Rabbi Blumenkrantz's shul – Shabbos ONLY
7:50 am @ Far Rockaway LIRR front section of the last car – Direct to Penn Station
7:55 am @ Lawrence LIRR – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Pesach Lerner
8:00 am @ Shaaray Tefila – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Kalish
 @ Agudas Yisroel of Long Island – Sunday ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum
 @ Mesivta Ateres Yaakov, 131 Washington Avenue (Shabbos Only)
8:10 am @ LIRR Far Rockaway Branch, in the last car of the train, which makes stops at Inwood, Lawrence, Cedarhurst and Woodmere at **8:22 am**
 Magid Shiur: Rabbi Menachem Adler
8:15 am @ Beth Sholom – Shabbos ONLY – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Yale Fishman
8:45 am @ Agudah of L.I. – Sunday ONLY in library
 @ Sunday mornings at Beis Tefilah – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Shaya Richmond
10:15 am @ The White Shul – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Matt Cohen
12:50 pm @ Cedarhurst Center – Ground Floor Conf. Room – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Lichtenstein
8:00 pm @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Nochum Katz
 @ Aish Kodesh – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Simcha Weingott
 @ Y.L. of Far Rockaway – Magid Shiur: R' Daniel Martin and R' Avraham Bachrach
8:15 pm @ Cong. Beis Medrash of Cedarhurst – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dovid Spiegel
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 @ Congregation Heichal Dovid
8:45 pm @ Yeshiva Sh'or Yeshuv – Magid Shiur: Rabbi Dovid Metz
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9:00 pm @ Agudah of L.I. – Magid Shiurim: Rabbi Lichtenstein/Rotating Chaburah
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These shall you eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales

(Vayikra 11:9)

All fish that have scales also have fins (and are thus kosher). But there are fish that have fins but do not have scales, and are thus impure. If so, the Torah could have written only “scales,” without having to also write “fins”? . . . Said Rabbi Abahu, and so it was learned in the study house of Rabbi Yishmael: This is so that “Torah be increased and made great” (Yeshayah 42:21).

(Talmud, Niddah 51b)

The student of Torah is comparable to a fish in water, as in Rabbi Akiva's famous parable. His fins are the means by which he moves forward through the water—the intellect and study skills with which he advances in wisdom and increases the Torah and makes it great with his own contributions (*chiddushim*) to Torah learning. His scales are his protective armor against predators and adverse elements—his fear of Heaven, which shields his learning from error and distortion.

One might think that the primary requirement for success in Torah is the fins, while the scales serve a secondary function. It is the fins that move the fish forward, while the scales merely preserve what is. After all, learning is an intellectual exercise; piety and fear of G-d are lofty virtues, but are they any use in navigating the complexities of a difficult *Tosafos*?

In truth, however, the very opposite is the case. A scholar with fins but no scales is a non-kosher fish. He might swim and frolic with his talent and genius, but his learning is corrupt; it is not Torah, but his egoistic arrogation of the Divine wisdom. On the other hand, the Talmud tells us that while there are fish with fins and no scales, all fish with scales have fins. If a person approaches Torah with an awe of its Divine author and the commitment to serve Him, he will certainly succeed. Regardless of the degree of his intellectual prowess, he will find the fins with which to advance in his learning and contribute to the growth of Torah.

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MY JOURNEY

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FOODS WE LOVE AND HATE

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There are certain foods that kids hate but come to love as adults. Most kids don't like coffee, and yet many adults crave coffee. I ordered a sugar-free skinny vanilla latte the other day, and it was beyond delicious.

Kids generally don't love salads; many adults adore salads and when looking at a salad bar find it hard to choose what to put in the salad.

In my opinion, sushi is raw and disgusting, but it has become beloved by many. I rarely leave the supermarket without seeing people purchasing sushi platters. It is super-popular, but years back it was not prevalent at all.

As stated in "Five Foods You Hate As A Kid But Love As An Adult" by Nicole Mormann (lifehack.org), "According to Kids Eat Right, kids 'are born with an instinctive desire for sweet and salty foods, and an instinctive aversion to sour and bitter tastes,' which would explain why our food preferences consisted of powdered doughnuts and popsicles when we were young.

"However, as we get older and our taste buds begin to diminish (sob!), our inclination toward sweet and salty foods expands to include the bitter, sour foods we avoided before."

According to Mormann, there are five foods you hate as a kid and learn to love as an adult: avocado, Brussels sprouts, dark chocolate, strong cheeses, and coffee/tea.

When I was younger, we had to eat everything on our plates. Sometimes there was a meal I just didn't love and didn't feel like finishing. I sat at the table, listless, until I was almost done. If you had put a piece of cake in front of me and I was super-full, it would have made no difference. I would have eaten it no problem. Now if I'm full after a meal, I actually decline dessert, sometimes. If they're pecan squares from My Most Favorite Food, there would be nothing to keep me from it. I'm a carbohydrate junkie.

I found some comments from people on the Internet who were asked about food they hated as a kid and love as adults.

One man mentioned gagging on split-pea soup as a kid. A woman admitted to hating blue cheese as a kid but loving it now as an adult. One man (crazily enough!) hated lasagna and cheesecake and now can't get enough of them. Who doesn't love cheesecake and lasagna as an adult *and* a kid? Hard to fathom!

"I hated Brussels sprouts, asparagus, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes! I always ate hamburgers plain, but now I like them loaded with onion, tomato, and lettuce! I can't get enough of Brussels sprouts and asparagus now! (CopyKat Recipes, copykat.com)."

When it comes to finding healthy, yummy breakfast food, there are so many varieties: eggs, yogurt, pancakes, protein bars, hot cereal, and much more. Breakfast has become my favorite meal.

Milk, PB&J sandwiches, and pizza are loved by children and even some adults. (Liz Childers, editor at Thrillist, thrillist.com). Tuna melts must be added to the list, along

with grilled cheese, chili, apple pie, Buffalo wings, and s'mores.

I used to love ice cream and then it changed to frozen yogurt. Now, I've lost my taste for both. I'm not a candy person, but I am a cookies and cake person. I once tasted a caramel *challah* and it was divine. I have friends who aren't foodies, but I suppose I am.

Different states are known for different foods. According to "Here Are The Most Popular Foods In Each State, According To People Who Actually Live There" by Farrah Penn (buzzfeed.com), Alaska is known for ice cream. This seems odd to me because Alaska is cold and ice cream is cold, so I don't see the sense in this. In California it's avocados, in Georgia—chicken biscuits, in Illinois—deep-dish pizza, in Louisiana—

gumbo, in Missouri—toasted ravioli, in New Hampshire—cider doughnuts, and in New York—bagels. "I'm New York born and raised, and nothing compares to the bagels from New York. Every trip to visit family usually involves bringing back a few dozen bagels." Oklahoma is known for fried okra, Rhode Island for coffee milk, Texas for barbecue, Utah for funeral potatoes, and Washington for salmon.

As a young kid, I hated milk. It turned out that I had an allergy to milk as a baby. So as a little girl, I drank strawberry milk because I couldn't stand the look of milk. There is no way I could drink strawberry milk today. You might think I don't like coffee, but that is far from the truth. I love lattes, cappuccinos, sweet tea, upside-down milk (learned in Israel), and most things sold in a coffee bar.

"50 Foods That Are Super Healthy" on Heathline discusses many healthy foods, some of which are tasty as well. "Fruits and berries are the world's most popular health foods." I happen to adore them as well. Then we have apples, avocados, blueberries (blueberries are not only delicious, but also among the most powerful sources of antioxidants in the world), bananas, or-

anges, strawberries, eggs, nuts, peanuts, and coconuts, asparagus, bell peppers, carrots, cauliflower, garlic, kale, onions, tomatoes, and more (healthline.com/nutrition/50-super-healthy-foods).

As you see, food is talked about in all sorts of ways—kids' favorites, adults' favorites, healthy favorites, states' favorites, and I'm sure there are many more.

There are many healthy foods that you might not have tasted yet. Go for a try! Be brave and courageous.

I'm not asking you to try chicken feet, tuna eyeballs from Japan, fried spiders from Cambodia, or stink bugs from Africa. Just try a good, healthy food you might not have liked as a kid and you might like as an adult.

Good luck! And watch out for *shirako* in Japan. Another fancy name for an animal's reproductive organs, *shirako* is essentially a cod's sperm sac. Apparently, soft and creamy to taste, you can have it served up steamed or deep fried.

I dare you to try it. Go on. Show me what you're made of. ■

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