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Do you dream in your sleep? Many people do. Sometimes we dream about important things. But often, we forget our dreams when we wake up. Sometimes, we might not even remember that we dreamt at all. But when a *tzaddik*, a righteous man, has a dream – and especially when that dream is mentioned in the Torah – the dream holds a lesson for us.

Let's take a closer look at Yosef's first dream and compare it to Pharaoh's dreams, which we will read about next week. In his dream, Pharaoh is a bystander, watching what happens to the cows and the corn stalks. He's not doing anything himself.

Yosef's dream begins with activity. "Behold, we are standing in the fields gathering bundles of sheaves." A Jew is always busy. "Man was created for work," our Rabbis teach us. *HaShem* has made us His partners in Creation and has instructed us to make this world a home for Him.

What type of work must we perform? Yosef's dream also teaches us a lesson about that. What are Yosef and his brothers doing in the dream? They are gathering stalks of grain and bundling them together. Each stalk grows separately, but Yosef and his brothers bring them together.

The world around us appears to be full of separate things, and we don't always see a connection between them. But everything is really part of *HaShem's* oneness. It is our job to show that there really is *Achdus* in everything *HaShem* created; His holiness is found in every part of creation. That's why the Jewish people are called "One nation in the world." Through the Torah and its *mitzvos*, we bring out the oneness of the world.

At the end of Yosef's dream, all the bundles of grain bow down to his bundle. In every generation, there is a Jewish leader who tells people how to carry out the mission of revealing *Achdus* in this world. The strength to carry out this mission comes from *bittul*, giving ourselves over to the leader's guidance and following his instructions on how to carry out *HaShem's* will.

From 'Please tell me What the Rebbe Said' (Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. III, Parshas Vayeishev)



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Without my head, I am there; Without my tail, I am there
If you add on the end of a window, I'm one of the שופטים
What am I? _____

Please send your answers to connections@shluchim.org

The answer to last week's brain buster is Shechem
Congratulations to Mattisyohu Charytan, Winnipeg, Canada for solving the brain buster.

We are so happy with all the responses we are getting to the brain busters. Unfortunately, we are not able to print all of your names. Please continue sending your feedback and responses as we will make a *gorel* each week and pick one winner.



FROM THE DESK OF... **DR. GETZEL**

Hey Kids!

Wow, this week has been a real busy one. I was innocently minding my own business when I got an urgent call from a Shliach. "Dr Getzel, you **MUST** help us! It's like the days of the Chanukah story. There's **NO** bottles of pure olive oil to be found anywhere! And there is less than a week left till Chanukah!"

Well, I never refuse to help a Shliach, so off to Italy I went, to the huge olive oil factories there. It was an amazing experience! I learnt so much there that I want to share some of my experiences with you children.

Did you know that when oil was made to be used in the Beis Hamikdash, only the first few drops that were squeezed out of the olive were used.

You know I was thinking about Yidden and olives and I realized that Yidden are a bit like olives. When we look at an olive, it looks pretty ordinary. It doesn't look like we can get the most amazing, useful liquid out of this plain green olive-shaped olive! So it's sort of like Yidden. Sometimes we see a Yid who is not-yet frum. He or she looks pretty ordinary. But they aren't! Inside that plain-looking Yid is a beautiful Neshama, that like olive oil, we can light with Torah and Mitzvos and it will burn with a beautiful flame!!!

Hmm.. Maybe that's why Chanukah is also called 'The Festival of Lights'!!

Dr. Getzel

Get Ready....
Get Set.....
For.....

CHANUKAH

HEY KIDS! HERE AT

CHINUCH YALDEI HASHLUCHIM, WE'RE SURE YOU'RE ALL WORKING HARD, HELPING TO PREPARE FOR CHANUKAH. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMS YOU'VE DONE IN YOUR CITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD. EMAIL US AT [CONNECTIONS@SHLUCHIM.ORG](mailto:connections@shluchim.org)



Yosef David Lifshitz, 10

BLUE ASH, OHIO

When we moved to Blue Ash a few years ago, we planned on building our Sukkah in front of our house. Our friends told us that there aren't any Sukkos out in the open in the whole Blue Ash and who knows how the neighbors will react.

Nonetheless, I helped my parents build a Sukkah in our driveway near the street. When we Bentched Lulav and Esrog with Yidden on our block, they told us that they never saw such a nice, big Sukkah in their lives and that they were proud to have one on their very own block. Of course, we invited some neighbors into our Sukkah and even Bentched Mezuman with a Minyan. In fact, the very next year and afterwards, several Sukkos have been built on our block! I am happy to be able to do the Rebbe's Shlichus in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Hey kids, send us a short paragraph about your shlichus and we will publish it in our future "connections"!

Please include your name, age, and location.

E-mail us at: connections@shluchim.org

לשנה טובה בלימוד החסידות

ובדרכי החסידות!!!



POCKET CALENDAR

YUD-TES KISLEV

On this day the מעזריטשער מגיד passed away in the year תקל"ג. He is buried in Anipoli.

In the year אלטער רבי תקנ"ט was released from prison.

In the same year, the מיטעלער רבי had a baby girl - רביצין מנוחה רחל.

CHOF KISLEV

In the year תקנ"ז the תניא was printed for the first time.

In the year אלטער רבי תקנ"ט actually left prison on this day.



CHANUKAH & MOSHIACH

Everything is connected to Moshiach, even playing dreidel! The B'nei Yissachar explains: There are four Hebrew letters written on the dreidel - Nun Gimme! Hey Shin. This is an abbreviation for the words "nes gadol haya sham-a great miracle happened there." When adding up the gematria of the four letters on the dreidel one comes up with the total of 358. This is also the gematria of the word "Moshiach"! (L'Chaim Magazine)

$$\begin{array}{r} 50 = נ \\ 3 = ג \\ 5 = ה \\ + 300 = ש \\ \hline 358 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 = מ \\ 300 = ש \\ 10 = י \\ + 8 = נ \\ \hline 358 \end{array}$$

ARE YOU A PARSHA EXPERT?

QUESTION: TARGUM YONATAN BEN UZIEL SAYS THAT THE SHEVATIM USED THE MONEY THEY GOT FROM SELLING THEIR BROTHER YOSEF TO BUY SHOES. WHY SHOES?

ANSWER: THE GEMARA BEROCHOS SAYS THAT IT IS FORBIDDEN TO GET ANY PLEASURE FROM THIS WORLD WITHOUT SAYING A BERACHAH. THEREFORE, WHEN ONE BUYS NEW CLOTHES, WE SAY A SHEHECHEYANU. AFTER RECEIVING THE MONEY, THE SHEVATIM HAD A PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A BERACHAH BEFORE ENJOYING ANY NEW THING THEY WOULD BUY. BUT HOW COULD THEY MAKE A BERACHAH OVER SOMETHING BOUGHT WITH THIS MONEY? NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A HALACHA IN THE SHULCHAN ARUCH THAT ON NEW SHOES WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE A BERACHAH OF SHEHECHEYANU. THEREFORE, TO PREVENT THE PROBLEM OF A BERACHAH, THE ONLY THING THEY COULD BUY WITH THE MONEY WAS SHOES.

QUESTION: "YEHUDAH SAID... 'WHAT WILL WE GAIN IF WE KILL OUR BROTHER?' " WHAT WAS YEHUDAH HINTING TO WITH THE WORD "BETZA" - "GAIN"?

ANSWER: THE WORD (BETZA) IS A ROSHEI TEIVOS FOR "BOKER" (MORNING), "TZAHARAYIM" (AFTERNOON), AND "ARVIS" (EVENING). THESE ARE THE THREE TIMES A DAY WHEN A YID DAVENS TO HASHEM. YEHUDAH TOLD HIS BROTHERS, "IF WE KILL OUR BROTHER, YOSEF, OUR HANDS WILL BE COVERED WITH BLOOD AND NO LONGER WILL WE BE ABLE TO DAVEN TO HASHEM." THE LETTERS OF THE WORD "BETZA" ARE ALSO THE SECOND LETTERS OF THE NAMES OF OUR AVOS: AVRAHAM, YITZCHOK, YAAKOV. YEHUDAH TOLD HIS BROTHERS, "IF WE DO THE AVAIRAH OF KILLING OUR BROTHER, WE WILL BE DETACHING OURSELVES FROM THE WAYS OF OUR AVOS: AVRAHAM, YITZCHAK AND YAAKOV AND LOSE THE ZECHUSIM THEY GIVE THEIR DESCENDANTS."

(EXCERPTED FROM VEDIBARTA BAM)



Stories of our Rabbeim

Yud-Tes Kislev

Soldiers of the Russian government came to arrest the Alter Rebbe in the middle of the night. They drove a black carriage, called the "Black Maria," which was used to transport the most dangerous prisoners facing charges of high treason.

Armed guards surrounded the house, as the commanding officer knocked on the door to arrest the Rebbe.

Calmly, the Rebbe went with him, and boarded the waiting carriage. His tefillin and his talis were clenched in his arms. The black carriage drove off into the darkness. No one knew its final destination.

They drove through the night and the following morning until about 10 am, when the Alter Rebbe motioned that he wished to speak with the commanding officer.

"In six hours the holy Shabbos will begin," the Alter Rebbe said. "I must ask you to stop and rest until the holy day is over."

The officer looked at him in disbelief. "Stop?" he exclaimed, "I am under strict orders to transport you immediately. We will not be stopping at all!"

Suddenly, they heard a loud crack. The carriage tilted with a jolt to the side. An axle of the wagon had broken! Perturbed, the officer sent to a nearby village to have the axle repaired.

Finally they were ready to continue, when suddenly one of the horses died.

Again, they sent to get a new horse, but once it was in harness, the carriage still would not move, as if some unseen force was holding it.

Finally the commanding officer realized that he was not in control, and no further travel was going to take place. He approached the Rebbe apologetically and suggested that they stop at a nearby town

until after Shabbos.

"No," the Alter Rebbe refused. "I will spend Shabbos here. If you wish, you may move the carriage to the side of the road."

Suddenly, the carriage was able to move. The soldiers drove it off the main road, and the Rebbe observed Shabbos in a nearby field.

All this happened a few miles away from the city of Nevel in the Province of Vitebsk. The Chassidim of Nevel knew the exact spot where the Rebbe spent Shabbos, and would point out that on both sides of the road stood old dead trees, but where they had parked the carriage, there was a beautiful tall tree, adorned with numerous branches.

We see from this story, that the Alter Rebbe was completely in control of what was happening. He was not just taken to prison. He consented to go and face charges, because he knew that he had to clear chassidism of all false accusations. And he was victorious!

The story goes on until today. It was set in motion by the Baal Shem Tov, and now coming to its great conclusion. As the Rebbe announced to us recently, "The time has arrived for your Redemption."

In this month of Kislev, the month of Geulah, may we merit to see it happen, the ultimate Geulah with the coming of Moshiach, immediately NOW!

(Taken from the Tzivos Hashem Newsletter—Chanukah 5759)



Hey Kids! I would like to know all about the mitzoyim you did on Chanukah, to let the world know about the "Festival of Light". Send us a report to: connections@shluchim.org

Dr. Getzel

חנוכה

Level 1: Ages 5-7

Kids! Fill out the answers to the questions about חנוכה below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0985 no later than Wednesday, December 8th, כ"ה כסלו. We will א"ה be making a raffle from the correct answers and mailing prizes to the winners!

1. What date does Chanukah begin on? _____
2. What are the 3 Mitzvos that Antiochus did NOT let the Yidden keep?
A: _____ B: _____ C: _____
3. Who was the leader of the Maccabis? _____
4. What does Maccabi stand for? _____
5. Who was the famous woman who saved the Jewish people? _____
6. What was the miracle of the oil? _____
7. What 2 tefilos do we add in davenning during Chanukah? a. _____
b. _____
1. What is the best thing to use to light the Menorah ? _____
2. Where do we light the Menorah (Minhag Chabad)? _____
3. What do we sing after we light the Menorah? _____
4. How long does the Menorah have to burn (Minhag Chabad)? _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

***Congratulations to Yossi Sued (7) Barranquilla, Columbia and
Moshe Gurary (7) Buffalo, NY for winning last week!***

Good Luck!

חנוכה

Level 2: Ages 8-12

Kids! Fill out the answers to the questions about חנוכה below, and fax it to the Shluchim Office at (718) 221-0985 no later than Wednesday, December 8th, כ"ה כסלו. We will be making a raffle from the correct answers and mailing prizes to the winners!

1. What is the Krias HaTorah on Chanukah about? _____
2. What is a meaning of the word 'Chanukah'? _____
3. In what year did the story of Chanukah happen? _____
4. How many branches did the Menorah in the Beis Hamikdash have? _____
5. Why is it best to use pure olive oil to light the Menorah? _____

6. What is special about the 5th night of Chanukah? _____

7. Whose Menorah diagram does Chabad follow? _____
8. What 2 Tefillos do we add during Chanukah? 1. _____ 2. _____
9. What are the 3 Brachos we say when lighting the Menorah and circle the Bracha we only say on the first night. A: _____ B: _____ C: _____
10. When is the best time to light the Menorah (Minhag Chabad)? _____
11. Write the difference between Bais Hillel and Bais Shamai of lighting the menorah, and which one do we follow? _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Congratulations to Hadassah Silberstein (11) Ithaca, NY and Chaya Levertov (10) Scottsdale, AZ for winning last week!

Good Luck!