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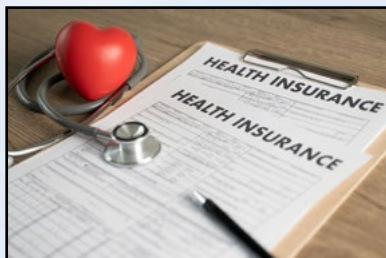
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Weekly News Report

By: R' Yisrael Meir Ehrenpreis

Insured by Hashem



Mrs. Holstein from Cleveland went to a doctor that in the past didn't take her insurance. She was trying to figure out what to do.

Then she said, "One second. Last time I went with teva, this time I'll go with Emunah and Bitachon!" This time, they just took her insurance card, no issues and no problems!

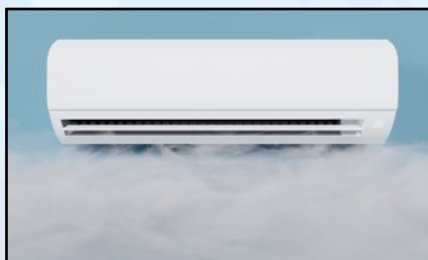
Bitachon Electricity



Simcha Elefant from Eretz Yisrael came home Erev Shabbos, and his wife said that they have a blackout. How were they going to cook and get ready for Shabbos??

He said to her, "I'm having Bitachon that the electricity will be back on by five minutes." It went on in less than five minutes!

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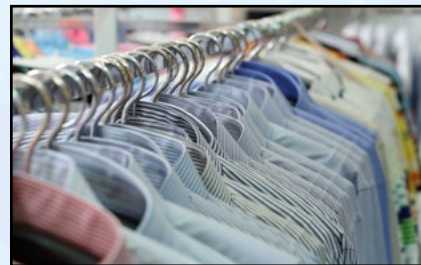


R' Klein* likes the house warm, but his wife likes it cold. For a long time, this was an issue. Then he said, "One second. I follow the Bitachon hotline. Hashem could make me not feel the cold when my wife puts on the air conditioner!"

That is exactly what happened! Hash-

em changed his metzius!

Hakol Yachol Express Service



Mrs. Baum* sent clothes to the cleaners on Thursday afternoon. She needed it before Shabbos, but they said, "Sorry, the earliest we can do is Monday." She had no choice but to leave it there, but she said, "Hashem, they say nothing doing, but You are Hakol Yachol."

Friday, she got a call that the clothes were ready!

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TIME FOR REVIEW

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Option 3 from Main Menu.



Yid Checks His Mezuzos



Simcha Elephant from Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh has two children who woke up one day with pink eyes. His wife's eyes were also hurting her, and something got stuck in his own eye. He thought to himself, "The mezuzos weren't checked in many years. Let me take them to a sofer."

He brought them to a sofer, and two of the mezuzos were passul!

"Uchsavtem Al Mezuzos Beisecha U'visharecha"

Hashem Is Running a Perfect World



R' 10

R' Chaim from Kiryat Sefer was sweeping the floor. When he was done, he was about to go to the laundry room to get the shovel. Right then, he heard a knock on the door. It was a neighbor who came to return the shovel he had borrowed the day before – perfect timing!

"B'divrei Nifraosecha Osisa"

Anti-Semitism is on the Decline



A yeshiva Bachur from Lakewood, NJ reported that the janitor in his yeshiva said that it's a pleasure for him to work with Yidden!

Thank You, Hashem!

Yeshiva Bachur Trusts in Hashem

Yoel, a yeshiva bachur from Monsey, NY was trying to copy a cd onto a computer. The computer froze. He tried everything, turning



it off and on, but it was not budging. Finally, he decided to give \$5 to tzeddakah, and he said Ein Od Milvado, Hashem is in control. He said that if Hashem helps him, he'll give in the story to the Spring Hill Times. A couple of minutes later, the computer started working!

Thank You, Hashem!

Seven-Year-Old Davens to Hashem



Seven-year-old Chani from Lakewood, NJ was at a carnival with her two sisters. She and one of her sisters got a lolly, but her four-year-old sister didn't get a lolly,

Hashem's Wonderful & Incredible World

UK Boy, B'Chasdei Hashem, Has Brain Implant Fitted to Control Epilepsy Seizures in World First

For thirteen years the boy suffered from treatment-resistant epilepsy, but thanks to a cutting-edge brain implant, revealed by Hashem, he is able to look forward to days without seizures.

Oran Knowlson is the first person in the world to receive this gift from Hashem, part of a human trial pilot study on treating Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a rare form of epilepsy that can result as many as 100 seizures a day.

The 13-year-old from Somerset, England, needed around-the-clock attention and care since the age of 3, as some of the seizures were so strong they'd stop his heart and require him to be resuscitated.

After receiving the brain implant, his mother declared to the Guardian,

"The future looks hopeful, which I wouldn't have dreamed of saying six months ago," she said.

"For Oran and his family, epilepsy completely changed their lives and so to see him riding a horse and getting his independence back is absolutely astounding," said Martin Tisdall, a consultant pediatric neurosurgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, where Oran was treated. "We couldn't be happier to be part of their journey." During the surgery, Tisdall and the operating team inserted two electrodes deep into Oran's brain to a region called the thalamus. Wires were then run up to a neurostimulator on the underside of Oran's cranium.

Designed by Amber Therapeutics, with the wisdom given to them by Hashem, it delivers constant neurostimulation to help suppress the seizures by blocking the signals that cause them from reaching the thalamus. The device can be recharged by a pair of wireless headphones. Oran is one of three kids who were part of the pilot study, which is looking to recruit another 22 with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.

"Deep brain stimulation brings us closer than ever before to BS'D, stopping epileptic seizures for patients who have very limited effective treatment options," Dr. Tisdall added.

"We are excited to build the evidence base to demonstrate the ability of deep brain stimulation to treat pediatric epilepsy and hope in years to come it will be a standard treatment we can offer."

Thank You, Hashem!



Walking - Hashem's Wonderful Gift!

Millions of people who suffer back pain can, B'syata D'shmaya, ease their symptoms simply by walking more, claims new research.

Adults with a history of lower backache went nearly twice as long without a recurrence if they walked regularly, according to the findings of the first-ever study of its kind.

A clinical trial recently conducted by Macquarie University's Spinal Pain Research Group in Sydney, looked at whether walking could be an effective, cost-efficient, and accessible intervention.

The Australian researchers followed 701 adults who had recently recovered from an episode of low back pain, allocating them to either an individualized walking program and six physiotherapist-guided education sessions over six months, or to a control group.

The participants were followed for between one and three years, depending on when they joined.

Senior author Mark Hancock, Macquarie University Professor of Physiotherapy, says the findings, published in The Lancet, could have a "profound" impact on how back pain is managed globally.

"Walking is a low-cost, widely accessible and simple

exercise that almost anyone can engage in, regardless of geographic location, age or socio-economic status."

Only Hashem knows exactly why walking is so good for preventing back pain, but it is likely to include the combination of the gentle oscillatory movements, loading and strengthening the spinal structures and muscles, relaxation and stress relief, and release of 'feel-good' endorphins."

"And of course, we also know that walking comes with many other health benefits that Hashem has given, including cardiovascular health, bone density, healthy weight, and improved mental health."



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Breaking News Coming out of Jerusalem...
Eyewitnesses have said to have seen the 3rd Temple descend from Heaven.
Let's go to our reporter Jim who is at the scen to hear more about this incredible news...

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Weekly



Thank You's

By: R' Simcha Elefant - Yerushalayim Ir Hakodesh

Thank You, Hashem, for Sirens! They can warn us to make way for emergency responders and notify us when to go for shelter!



Thank You, Hashem, for Marble! A natural strong material that looks so nice to enhance our shuls/houses!



Thank You, Hashem, for Chalk! Our kids could use it to color outside and it comes off easily!



All you had was sand and balls made out of rags....



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KIDS WANT TO PLAY?



The options are endless... You can have a whole park in your backyard and a toy store in your playroom! Thank You, Hashem! We love You, Hashem!



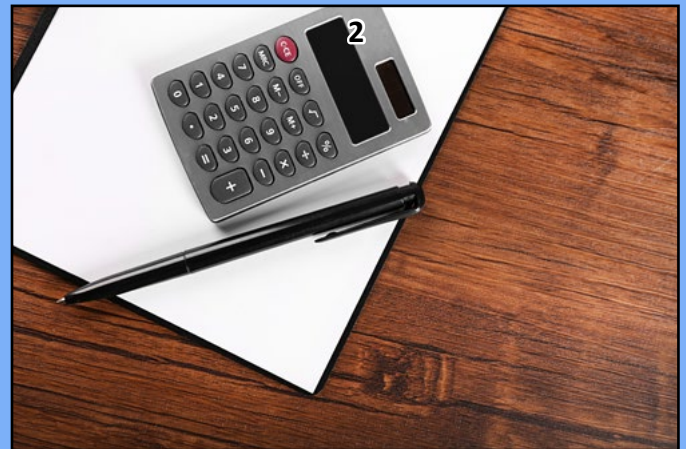
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CHUKAS

Q: Where in the Parsha do we find a connection with the pictures below?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 39



Parsha Delight Question of the Week

פרשת חקת תשפ"ד (5784)

For the פרשת חקת, the cedar, hyssop and wool dyed red with the blood of a worm. These items are also used for the מצוה of sprinkling the blood of the פרשת חקת, and there explains the reason, because לשון הרע comes from הרע, which comes from גאווה, like cedar, and he needs to fix that, by taking אהבה and רחמים which are symbols of ענוה, humility. How does this concept of גאווה and ענוה relate to the idea of the פרשת חקת?

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פרשת חקת

Who was the שוחט for the פרשת חקת אדומה?

From which side of ירושלים did they sprinkle the blood of the פרשת חקת אדומה?

Until when was the כהן that did the פרשת חקת אדומה טמא?

In which three places did they put the ashes of the פרשת חקת אדומה?

If somebody enters the משכן when he is טמא what punishment does he get?

How does a כהן כלי חרס become טמא?

How was נפטר?

Questions until שלישי

Chukas- Riddle #95:

Imagine the following case: You enter into a bank called Chase. Surprisingly you discover a Mais. Tears pour down on your face; your heart starts to race. No need for any proof; You and the Mais were under the same roof! Does that automatically mean that you contracted Tumah? Do you definitely now need the Para Aduma?

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Ayin Tova

Seeing the good in every situation

R' Nesanel Landesman

CASE OF THE WEEK:

Yossi was excited about the new stereo he just bought. The owner of the store had thoroughly convinced him that this specific model was of the best quality and value for his money. He felt reassured and trusted the proprietor. He was distraught upon learning from a friend that this brand was in fact of inferior quality, and he had in fact over paid somewhat. Yossi felt cheated and ashamed.



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SOLUTIONS

Suggestions for the case where Ari is perturbed by insolent people trampling his wet, clean floor:



- Ari could assume that they were oblivious to the fact that they were dirtying his floor.
- Ari could work on his middos, and at the same time work on being less timid. He could politely explain that the floor was wet, and people will likely be understanding.
- Is it worth getting upset about? Go over the floor a second time and save a lot of unnecessary frustrations.
- People aren't perfect, and while they should have been more considerate, they weren't trying to hurt anyone.
- If this really bothers him so much, Ari may want to do some soul-searching, and see if he is guilty of similar conduct, albeit in a different situation.
- Sometimes people have the tendency to play down their own debatable behavior, while they amplify the same actions of others. Hopefully, Ari will learn to do just the opposite, downplay the behavior of others and amplify his own suspicious behavior.



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ENDLESS ENJOYMENT!

BITACHON GEMS

Learning the Parasha
with Rav Yehuda Mandel Shlita



Do you respect people who have humility
I was once driving my car and was stopped by the police in front of Satmar ביהמ"ד in Lake-wood for doing something wrong. The cop walked away for a minute and a yungerman ran over to me



to tell me to give in and to plead for a chance. Do you want to get a sure ticket? Tell the cop that he's wrong and he doesn't see straight and you know you're right!

Part II

The tougher you are, the angrier he gets and the more trouble you're asking for. Nobody likes a בעל גאווה and everyone loves a soft person who isn't obstinate and who knows how to be mevater and to give in. "I'm so sorry, officer. I'll try never to do that again."

Part III

Do you know why דוד מלך is known to be the most everlasting נח in this world. Because דוד always said, "I'm wrong." He was always מודה and even השקר על האמת. He knew how to give in! Such a person has a קיום in this world. Such a person has a marriage also.

Part IV

A בעל גאווה is impossible to work with. He has to be right! Peo-

ple call me up about their children who aren't wanted in camps and good mosdos – because of their obstinacy. They can't give in to the rules. They always know better.

Part V

Very often the families are "be confident in yourself and don't be a wimp!" "Stick up for your rights!" At the שבת table parents should glorify הבננה and try to model it. Believing in the ענוה of the מעלה is a paramount importance. In Navardok you got כבוד and were praised for being a מוותר!

Part VI

Although we don't understand קרח or להבדיל בעלם one thing is clear: These פרשיות are a message for us to be מחשיב ענוה since all people who complain and kvetch etc. are all lacking in בניעה.

Part VII

I know a yungerman who finishes שער הבניעה and it relaxes him and cheers him up. Many people who spend loads of time learning שער בטחון are frustrated since they aren't getting what they want. They may need to add שער to their סדרים since it gives מנוחה and acceptance and it is a "first cousin" to בטחון.

הפטורה פ' חוקת – יפתח הגלעדי refused to be a leader for כלל ישראל unless his was a permanent leader even before he went to war against עמון. His brothers were רודף him and disowned him and only when they needed him to fight עמון did they suddenly soften and ask him to be a leader just for the battle itself. But he in-

sisted to be a total leader right from the start.

Part II

They had been cruel to him and he ran away from them to avoid מחלוקת. But now he put them in their place telling them – "only when you need me you come to me." Especially יפתח who was an ע"ה and a קל שבקלים, needs to assert himself or else he won't be successful ז"ל שמואלוויץ ז"ל.

Part III

There is a ספורנו in קרח פ' ד"ה ולעמוד ולשרת and he says that משה – שתעשו זה לויים – השירות לפני העדה להודיעם חסרונם שנפסלו מן העבודה ואתם נבחרתם תחתיהם. It appears that a בן לוי can feel גאווה since he was chosen over the בכורים. Every Yid needs to know his superiority over other – but there is a limit to this.

Part IV

The problem of בני לוי is they wanted still more. אהרן was also told by הקב"ה regarding the נשיאים – שלך גדולה משלהם. There is nothing wrong with גאווה and appreciating your superiority over other Jews. You are giving הקב"ה credit and this is not גאווה.

Part V

Especially a person like יפתח who was so rejected at first – needs to דוקא assert himself. It is interesting the שבת דן שבת was the only שבת that named their main city שם – דוקא is proud!

he was back in Navardok where things were very real and not מצות אנשים מלומדה.

Life is Wonderful!

By: R' Moshe Hirschberg - Lakewood, New Jersey

HOSTING THE MINISTER

Czar Nikolai was feared by all. He did whatever he desired, causing everyone to fear him. Nothing stood in his way; he even slaughtered his very close friends for no good reason.

When he stood up to conquer Poland, the Polish empire prepared to defend themselves. Seeing the armament of the Polish, many of Czar's own soldiers became despondent over their own chances of winning, and thus they seceded from the Czar and built up an army to join with the Polish against the Czar, known as the Bolsheviks.

It was a risky move on their part, yet opposing his view and unwilling to yield to his plan of action, they stood up and sided with the Polish. Understandably, the Czar wouldn't let this rebellion pass easily. He sent his special soldiers on a mission to find the rebel leader and deal with him personally.

Many attempts to ambush the Bolsheviks leader were made, but he always managed to escape. Eventually, though, the Czar's soldiers finally caught up with him. Seeing them, he knew he had to take drastic measures to free himself from their grasp. If he would be taken into custody and brought in front of the Czar, it would certainly be his end.

He figured out how he would

make a swift escape: rousing up his horses, he'd slip out of the



wagon and pass away unnoticed. While the Czar's soldiers would chase after his empty wagon, he'd be long out of sight. And so he did.

Soon after the soldiers passed, he ran to the neighboring town and sought a place to hide. Approaching the first house, he told them his story but they didn't agree to hide him. They rightfully knew what would happen to them were they found to have harbored a rebel of the Czar. After several such denials, finally a Yid welcomed him into his house, served him warm, nutritious meal, and gave him a room to rest.

Concerned that the rebel would be caught, the host suggested that the rebel dress like a davening Yid. He would go to the corner and stand as if he was davening Shemoneh Es-

rei. The Czar's soldiers certainly wouldn't be expecting the rebel leader to be davening like a Yid.

And so it was. It didn't take too much time for the Czar's soldiers to realize his ruse, and they began searching the neighboring towns to find the rebel. They went door to door but couldn't find him anywhere. When they came to this Yid's house, the rebel went to daven in the corner, and the disguise worked. The Czar's soldiers left the town empty handed.

The next day, when the rebel was ready to leave, he ensured the host that the day would come when he'd "pay him in full" for what he had done. The host didn't pay much attention to his words, thinking, "What's a poor, sought-after man going to offer me in the long run? He doesn't have much!"

Fast forward some time...

After many years of fighting, the Bolsheviks overthrew the Czar



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and his monarchy and rebuilt the Russian government as they wanted. As the new Premier, one of the first things the rebel leader did was to send letters to those involved in having aided him in his rise to power. Included in the list was the Yid who'd hidden him the night he'd escaped from the soldiers.

When this Yid got the letter, he started to tremble. Everyone knew to stay away from the Russian rulers, but to ignore the letter wasn't an option. If you're called to appear before the ruler, you dare not ignore the call.

Scared and frightened, he headed to the palace. When he got there and showed them the invitation the royal doors were rolled open for him, and he was led straight to the inner chamber.

When he was standing face-to-face with the Russian ruler, the latter questioned him, "Do you recognize me?"

Startled and overwhelmed, the Yid responded in the negative.

"You don't recall the day that you invited me and served me that delicious meal—when I was on the run?"

It was then that the Yid remembered the incident. Seeing this, the ruler continued, "At that time, you thought you were saving a so-called regular man, but I was the one leading the war, and now I was chosen to be the ruler. Those who saved the ruler are rewarded with extraordinary things.

"With the kind deed that you did, you facilitated in bringing about the fall of the Russian army and

my rise to power. The doors to this palace are open to you from now on; whenever you need anything, here is the address!"

The Chafetz Chaim would repeat this story, and he'd draw a great analogy from it. "There are times when one does a mitzvah and thinks, 'What did I do, after all? It was nothing so great!' But when we come to the Next World, we'll see how each of our actions are greatly cherished. Doing a mitzvah is favoring the king, i.e. Hashem. Hashem, with his unlimited ability, will surely grant us endless reward for all that we do."

But the story only gets better.

R' Yankele Galinsky would repeat this analogy of the Chafetz Chaim and would continue to tell the rest of the story.

The Yid thanked the ruler profusely, but for many years never took up the new Russian ruler on his offer. Then, in the year 1921, when the tzaros started increasing, many bachurim of the Novardok Yeshiva tried to flee Russia without the required documents. They unfortunately were caught at the border and were arrested. They were in great danger, as the punishment for trying to escape Russia at that time was death!

They bachurim sent an urgent letter to R' Chaim Ozer, seeking his guidance, and R' Chaim Ozer immediately sprung to action by sending the man a plea to get him to reach out to the ruler to release them. Within a short time, the ruler kept his word, and the bachurim were released.

R' Yankel added with his humor: "The king addressed the man as saving the entire Russia, and I add that he saved Russia and another eighteen boys."

Who was among those boys? R' Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky, known as the Steipler Gaon. Now we see what that Yid's action really accomplished: It saved the future of all Yidden!

SHOOTING IN THE FOREST

The Rav of Antwerp, Rav Chaim Kreizwirth, zt"l, who later be-



came a world-famous gadol and talmid chacham, was already a rosh yeshiva in Warsaw and Krakow as a bachur at only eighteen years old! Though he was one of the roshei yeshiva, he still slept in the yeshiva building, though, of course, he had his own room.

Once, he heard that there was a bachur from a small town who was coming to Warsaw for a few days to get special medical treatments by a big doctor in the city. The bachur's name was Yossel, and he was unfortunately blind. He was a very special bachur, who had memorized many Mishnayos ba'al peh and would constantly review them to himself—so much so that he was known as "Yossele Mishnah." Rav Chaim, out of his kindheartedness, de-

cided that he would go to the train station to greet this special bachur and help him get to the place where he was staying.

Rav Chaim waited at the station, and when Yossele finally arrived, it was revealed that somehow there'd been a mix-up, and no sleeping arrangements had been made for Yossele. Rav Chaim immediately said, "I know of an extra bed!" Rav Chaim walked him to his very own room and led Yossele to his bed. "Here is a bed for you!" Rav Chaim set up for himself a place to sleep on the floor on the other side of the room.

As it turned out, the doctor began a series of treatments that ended up taking a few months. During Yossele's entire stay, Rav Chaim happily kept Yossele in his room while he himself slept on the floor. No matter how much the talmidim of the yeshiva tried to convince Rav Chaim to have Yossele sleep elsewhere so that he, the rosh yeshiva, could sleep in a bed, nothing worked to make Rav Chaim give up this special mitzvah.

After a few months, Yossele finally returned to his hometown, and life got back to normal—though not for long. One day, a group of Nazi soldiers came and entered the beis midrash! It was known that when they did so, they would take away the rabbanim and roshei yeshiva or even kill them, without warning. Everyone froze. The leader pulled out a paper and began calling out several names. Those who were called were commanded to go outside. The names of a few of

the rabbeim were called out.

Then Rav Chaim heard the Nazi say, "Kreizvert!" Trembling, he stepped outside. A Nazi motioned him to the side of the building, indicating him to stand against the wall. As he stood there, another Nazi walked up and lifted his gun, aiming directly at Rav Chaim. Rav Chaim began to say Shema, and daven with all his heart. "Hashem," he whispered, "in the z'chus of all the Torah I've learned with such hasmadah..."

The Nazi raised the gun to his eye. "Hashem," continued Rav Chaim, "in the z'chus of all the many talmidim to whom I've taught Torah with such dedication..."

The Nazi's finger slid onto the trigger. "Hashem," pleaded Rav Chaim silently, "in the z'chus of Yossele Mishnah, and all I did for him..."

At that very moment, the soldier slid his gun down, and quickly said, "Jew! You're a handsome young man. I'd hate to kill you for nothing. I will shoot the gun and miss you on purpose. As soon as you hear the shot, run to those woods as fast as you can! I will need to shoot after you, so it will appear as if you ran away, but I will miss you. No matter what happens, keep running! If the others follow you, they will surely kill you!"

A shot rang out, and Rav Chaim felt a bullet whiz by him and hit the wall. He began to run and run through the woods, as shots rang out around him, and angry cries echoed through the trees. He kept running until it got dark.

Eventually, he survived the war, and went on to live for many more years, becoming a Gadol Hador. He would always say that



he was certain that it was in the z'chus of his kindness to Yossele Mishnah

that his life was saved.

Every mitzvah has great value. Whether it comes easy or hard, Hashem values it, and stores away immense reward for us. But when it comes with a struggle, and it's not natural, its value is so much greater. The fact that R' Chaim was saved by the z'chus that came when he went out of his comfort zone shows how the struggle makes it so much more valued and cherished.

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The End of the Copper Snake

In Parshas Chukas we find the story of the copper snake that Hashem commanded Moshe Rabbeinu to make in order to cure the Yidden who had been bitten by the snakes. What ever happened to that snake? The Gemara in Pesachim (56a) tells us that King Chizkiyahu destroyed it with the approval of Chazal. In addition, he hid a special book of amazing cures for every sickness, also with their approval. What was the reason for these two acts and was there any connection between them?



The *Meforshim* explain that he chopped up the snake because it still had a special curing power and people were worshiping it as a god. He hid the book of cures because when people got sick, they would merely cure themselves, instead of doing teshuva and trying to discover what *aveiros* may have caused the sickness.

If so, why didn't the earlier kings, who were also great *tzadikim*, destroy the snake and hide the book? The Chasam Sofer (ibid.) answers that it wasn't so simple to destroy this special snake, for it provided a great opportunity to strengthen our *bitachon* in Hashem. The Ramban writes (Bamidbar 21:9) that if a person is bitten by a poisonous snake, the most dangerous thing for him to do is to look at a snake. Here, Hashem commanded them to specifically look at a snake in order that they should internalize the fact that Hashem, the Faithful Doctor, can cure us even against the laws of nature, if He so desires. Therefore, they kept this snake in order to help people realize that any cure they may do really only works because Hashem wants it to heal. As long as the snake was around, we also were allowed to use the special book of cures. A person who used it would simultaneously search for ways to bring himself close to Hashem, which is the true message of the illness. Even though some people ended up mistakenly worshiping the copper snake, it was too valuable to be destroyed.

This worked well until the days of Chizkiyahu, when people started to use the fabulous book of cures to rid themselves of their sickness without trying to come close to Hashem. That was unfortunate, because it defeated the purpose of getting sick. He therefore hid it, even though people would not be cured as well as before. This was because the worst illness is being distanced from Hashem. Now that the book was gone, the copper snake was not needed to offset the danger of the book. And since people were worshiping it, he destroyed it. Again, because straying from Hashem is the worst thing in this world.

We all know that there are many sicknesses that are not curable, such as some of the types of the terrifying *machala*, may Hashem save us from it.

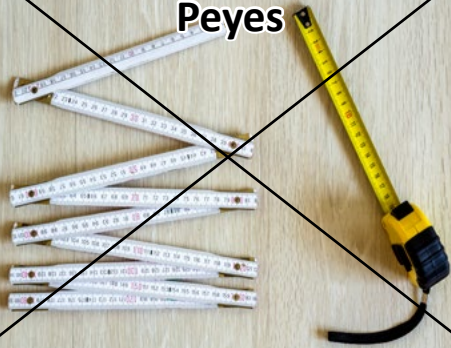
True, we must take care of our health and use the wonderful discoveries of the medical world to cure ourselves. However, we must not forget that Hashem is the One healing, and can do so in the most miraculous ways!

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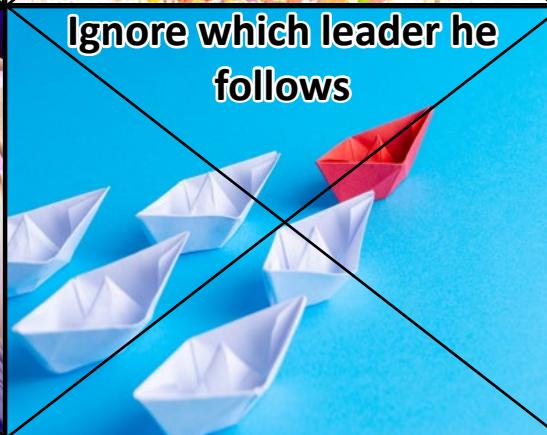
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Don't Convict!



HEAR VISION

BE ANOTHER YID:

Remember that he is part of your family!



Remember that he is your other half!



Remember that Hashem created the world just for him!



Remember that he stood together with you at Har Sinai!



Remember that Hashem loves him to no end!



Notice his smile!



See his chelek Elokei m'mal - his neshama!



Hold his hand and help him through life!



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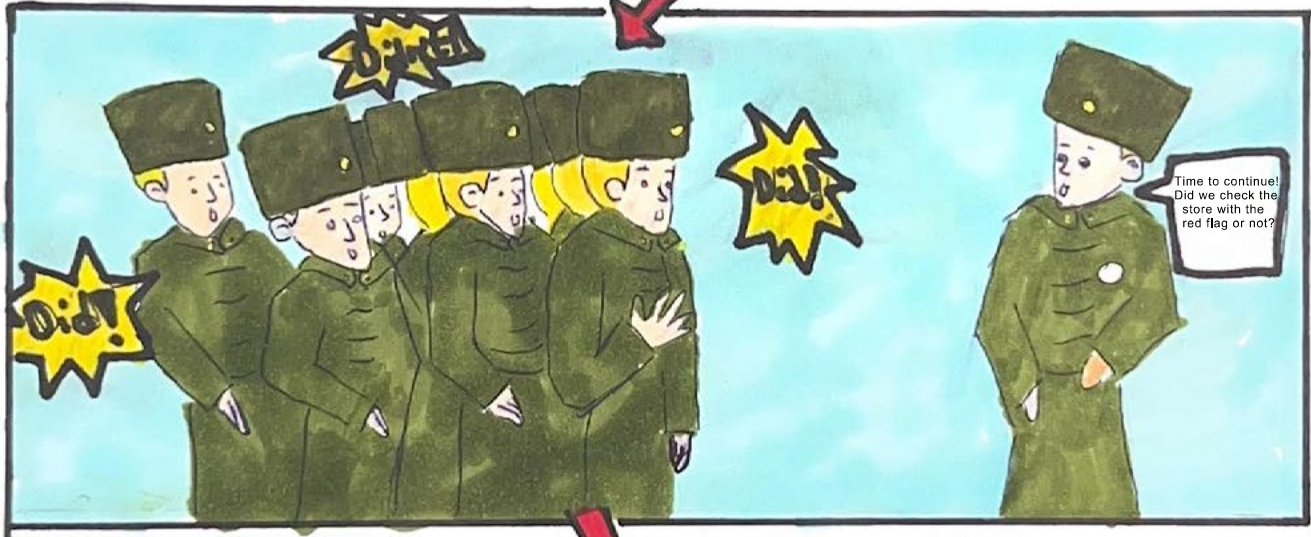
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Oh no! I overslept! Now I'm late for school!



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This is my third lateness! I'm going to get detention if it's unexcused!

Wait! I have true bitachon in Hashem that for some reason this late note will be unexcused!!



Hi, how can I help you?

I need a late note.



You know what? Because it's the day after Shavuos and you're probably off schedule - even though I never do this - you'll be excused!



That's what happens when you have true bitachon!

BNOS BAILA
LATENESS EXCUSED!!



BY: AHUVA ROTHENBERG

To be continued

Our Readers Share



Editor's Note: Some of these stories are from
Aish.com

Rav Kantor Zatzal

This is an interesting addendum to the story about Rabbi Kanter.

As a bochur, I used to eat by Rabbi Kantor every Friday night. Some time after he fell, I was asked to walk Rabbi Kantor to shul every Shabbos morning. Mrs. Kantor reminded me of his fall several times to be mezariz me to keep a close eye on his steps, especially in the snow and ice.

One snowy winter Shabbos morning, the ground slippery from packed down snow, we were going through a path in the woods on the way to shul (not where he fell before). We were approaching a small, but steep downward slope in the path, and Rabbi Kantor, not one to walk gingerly, was walking confidently down the snowy path. Before I knew it, he was a few steps ahead of me, as I was walking carefully, trying not to fall, myself. Then, just as he got to the top of the slope, only a little ahead of me, but before I could get within arm's

reach of him, his feet went out from under him, and he fell backwards, landing on the icy ground.

I can still see it in front of my eyes clearly today. He mamish fell in slow-motion, like he was being held, and landed delicately and gently on the ground, as if having been "placed there." I quickly picked him up, and he just brushed the whole thing off and kept on trudging ahead to shul like nothing happened....

- Shmuel Dovid Drossman, Airmont, NY

Locks and Ladders

On Friday of Chanukah, just after I lit the menorah and my wife lit the Shabbos candles, she realized that we were locked out of our bedroom. There's a very tricky lock on the door, and we had this issue before. There was still some time before the zman, so I called Chaverim, and they said they would try to send somebody. I went back to finish saying what I usually say after lighting the Menorah, and then I started walking to shul.

Just then, one of the local Chaverim members on our block came running in to try to fix the lock. He tried for about ten minutes, but wasn't able to open the door. He had to go to shul, but he said he would try to come back.

Meanwhile, at shul, I met the Rav of one of the minyanim who is in-

involved with Chaverim. The Rav said he would speak to some people who might be able to help. While we were eating our Friday night seuda, a couple of people came to try to open the door. While they were trying, I was being mechazeik my kinderlach and we were talking about yesodos of emunah and bitachon. The lock was too tough, and none of them were able to open it.. They suggested that if the window was open they could try to climb in from there. We live on the second floor and it's really high up so their ladder was not able to reach. I have a neighbor who is an electrician and he has a ladder on top of his truck. He let Chaverim take the ladder off of his truck and they were able to get inside! What makes it more amazing is that usually I get cold, especially when it's chilly outside, so I always make sure that the windows are closed. But on this erev shabbos, I was busier than usual, and I didn't have a chance to close it.

- Mishpachas Stern, Staten Island

Hashem Prepares Speech

I was preparing to give a speech to my class and I was really nervous about it. I davened that it should go well and I shouldn't mess up. I said to Hashem that if it goes smoothly and I don't mess up, I will publicize it in The Spring Hill Times to thank Hashem! Baruch Hashem it went over really well!

-A Reader

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PARSHAS CHUKAS 5781 ISSUE 12

THE NORTHEAST NOT UNDER RECORD HEAT WAVE

As Hashem turns spring to summer, He gave

New York and many other north-eastern States beautiful warm weather this week.



People enjoyed going and coming from work. Children had a great time running all around, playing and biking this week.

Walkers enjoyed taking their early morning walk around the block. Bochorim had much fun outside giving them the boost to learn and serve Hashem even better. No major blackouts have been reported. Thank You Hashem!

PARSHAS CHUKAS 5782 ISSUE 58

Yidden Love One Another

One day, Dovid,* a ten year old boy from Lakewood, New Jersey, drove his bike to learn in Yeshiva Bais Medrash Gevoah.



It was boiling hot outside and he was very thirsty. He had one dollar on him and decided that he would buy himself a cold soda.

When he got to the yeshiva, he met a meshulach from Eretz Yisrael who was collecting money for himself. Dovid thought to himself, "I can satisfy my thirst with a cup of water. Let me give him the dollar." He then happily handed the meshulach the dollar!!!

Yes! Yidden, young and old, think about each other! Yes! Yidden care about each other! And yes, our nation is as beautiful as ever!

PARSHAS CHUKAS 5782 ISSUE 58

HASHEM IS OUR PROTECTION!

Chesky, who lives in Ramat Beit Shemesh, badly sprained his ankle while walking through the door in Shul. Not long afterwards, his son broke his ankle. Someone suggested that they check their mezuzas. They found on the mezuzah which was situated on the path out to the porch, the long foot of the ך at the end of the word ובשערך; was broken!!!! It had faded from the sun!



PARSHAS CHUKAS 5782 ISSUE 105

PARSHAS CHUKAS 5782 ISSUE 58

The Spring Hill Times: The following story is absolutely incredible (as every other story in the Spring Hill Times)! It's a story that we think could only take place 150 years ago in Europe. But no!!! It happened to a yeshiva bochor right here in the United States in the year 5782! It once again brings out how Klal Yisrael, at this very last stage of its long galus, is only getting closer and closer to Hashem in a most wonderful way!

* This week was an off Shabbos. The last couple of days, I was really having bitachon that the Ribono Shel Olam would send me some pocket money. I have no opportunities to make money as I'm learning in third year Beis Medrash. As I walked into a local shul to learn, a man approached me and said, "Here is my maser." So I said, "For me?!" He asked me if I learn. I answered yes. The man told me, "I do driving for a living and I'm makpid to give 1/10 of my earnings to tzedakah. Here take it, I want to give it to you" I was astounded - as he put \$150 into my hands!!! I learned the power of believing in the Ribono Shel Olam for anything!

This was so not 'al pi teva!' A random person should give a random yeshiva bochor \$150?!

There is nothing like the Ribono Shel Olam!

Shloimy Newman - Yeshiva Toras Chaim, Lakewood, New Jersey

The Spring Hill Times: We then received a follow up from Shloimy's father:



