

# Derher FOR KIDS CORNER

## DID YOU KNOW?

One year after the  
verdict of Hey  
Teves, the Rebbe

established this date as a “yom  
segula,” a special day, connected with seforim, saying that  
“it was the seforim that were victorious.”



## Letter from the Editors

### Hi Kinderlach,

Welcome back!

The month of Teves includes, as you will read in this issue, the special yom tov of Hey Teves – “Didan Notzach,” when the Rebbe was victorious in a court case over the seforim at the Library of Agudas Chassidei Chabad. Interestingly, when the Rebbe established this date as a yom tov, he instructed that one of the ways of celebrating should be by buying new seforim, or fixing old ones. The Rebbe specifically said that children should be included in this minhag too!

Please enjoy reading, and may we all very soon be victorious over the galus with a real Didan Notzach; the coming of Moshiach now!

The Derher Team

The next year on Hey Teves, the Rebbe said that although he would usually only give out dollars for people to give tzedakah, this time he would add something special: He would give each person an extra dollar to use towards buying new seforim for their home or fixing old seforim.

When the Rebbe saw some children in the line coming to get dollars, he paused the distribution for a moment and said, “**We need to explain to the children too that they must use this dollar for buying new seforim or fixing old ones...**”

*Kinderlach, the Rebbe wanted to make sure that you, too, use your money to buy or fix seforim in honor of Hey Teves. Let's make sure to do that!*



This is a letter from the Rebbe in response to a child who wrote "Dear Rebbe, I love you."

By the Grace of G-d  
27th of Sivan, 5739\*  
Brooklyn N.Y

Miss Chaya Rivka Cohen  
Blessing and Greeting:

I was pleased to receive your letter, and thank you very much for letting me know how you feel.

I am, therefore, sure that you conduct yourself in a way that is fitting for a Jewish girl, the daughter of Sarah, Rivkah, Rochel and Leah, the Mothers of our people, about whom you have surely heard.

With blessing,  
M Schneerson

\*1979



## WE WANT MOSHIACH NOW!

The Zohar says, "In the sixth century of the sixth millennium, the gates of the upper wisdom and the wellsprings of the lower wisdom will open, and the world will be prepared to enter the seventh millennium (yemos hamoshiach)."

This refers to the time that we are living in now and it's telling us that the world is getting ready to greet Moshiach. Meforshim explain that the "gates of upper wisdom" refers to Torah, and "wellsprings of lower wisdom" refers to worldly knowledge.

Looking back, we can clearly see an expansion in both: the Baal Shem Tov revealed *Toras HaChassidus*, and also a new era of scientific knowledge has begun. But how does growth in science and technology help get the world ready for Moshiach?

The Rebbe offers three different explanations:

1) Until recently, hearing or seeing anything outside of your immediate surroundings was unfathomable. Someone who suggested that what you say here can be heard somewhere else would be laughed at and passed off as a crazy person! So they couldn't even imagine the idea that 'עין רואה ואזן שומעת' - 'there's an Eye which sees and an Ear which hears everything' (referring to Hashem).

To them, והנה ה' ניצב עליו - "Hashem is always watching us", was purely a matter of faith with no basis in reality. Now that telephones and radios were invented, we indeed can hear and see things that are happening at the other side of the world, and even in space! We can understand that there's an all-seeing Eye and an all-hearing Ear now much more than ever.

2) Modern technology can directly contribute to the spread of G-dliness. When a shiur is broadcast over the radio it is actively spreading chassidus. The radio itself is preparing the world for Moshiach. (The Rebbe spoke about the radio; just think how nowadays we can spread so much Yiddishkeit over the internet and more!)

3) The fundamental teaching of Chassidus is that everything is one. The world looks like it's made of many different parts, while in reality they are all part of the Oneness of Hashem. With the recent breakthrough of technology, we can actually see how the whole world is more unified than ever. A single person in one corner of the world can influence and effect positive change all the way at the other side of the world, all in one small instant.

## What's Happening Here?



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Before Chof-Beis Shevat 5748 the Rebbe generally did not daven Shacharis with the main minyan, but would join for *krias haTorah* on Mondays and Thursdays. On fast days, the Rebbe would also join for selichos, read the haftarah, and remain in Shul until after the Torah was returned to the aron following kriah.

During a sicha on leil Asara B'Teves 5738\*, the Rebbe reinstated "*divrei kivushin*," an age-old custom for a leader of a community to speak words of rebuke and inspiration following Mincha of a fast day. The next day, the Rebbe said a sicha after Mincha in the shul and thus began the practice of *divrei kivushin*. (Picture 1)

Following the sicha, the Rebbe would distribute dollars for tzedakah to the assembled. (Picture 2)

\*1978

## Word Search

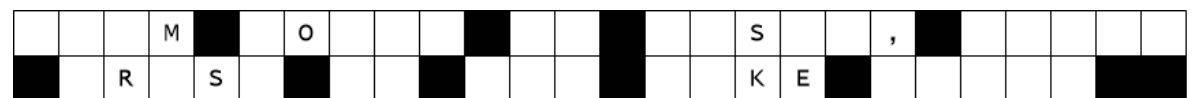
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Culled from the article: *Who is a Jew*

## Fallen Phrases Puzzle

Which special person's Yartzeit is on Chof Teves? To find out, solve this puzzle! The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the letters for each cell.



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# CHOSSID SPOTLIGHT

By Shimi Silberberg

## THE LIFE OF Reb Binyomin Gorodetzky PART 1



REB BINYOMIN ELIAHU GORODETZKY WAS BORN IN THE YEAR 5668\* IN BABROISK, A SMALL TOWN IN RUSSIA.

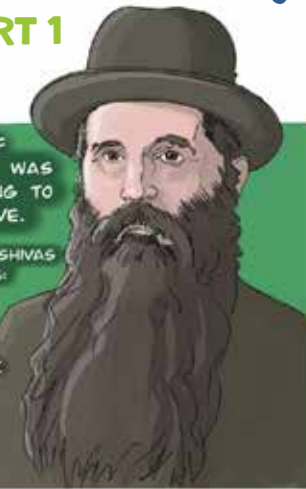
\*1908



AT THE TIME, FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I, THE YESHIVA OF TOMCHEI TEMIMIM, WHERE BINYOMIN STUDIED, WAS CONSTANTLY MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE TRYING TO SETTLE DOWN WITH VERY LITTLE RESOURCES TO SURVIVE.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE LOCATIONS OF YESHIVAS TOMCHEI TEMIMIM THROUGHOUT THE YEARS:

1. LUBAVITCH
2. ORYOL
3. NEVEL
4. KREMENCHUK
5. MOSCOW
6. KHARKOV
7. KYIV
8. LENINGRAD
9. ROSTOV



AT 18 HE RECEIVED HIS SMICHA FROM THE BEIS MEDRASH L'RABONIM IN NEVEL AND GOT ENGAGED TO THE MENAHEL, REB SHMUEL LEVITIN'S, DAUGHTER.



SHORTLY AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT, THE FRIERDIKER REBBE SENT HIM TO BE RABBI OF THE BIG CITY OF KYIV, UKRAINE.



UPON ARRIVING THERE REB BINYOMIN LEARNED HOW DANGEROUS THIS NEW MISSION WILL BE.



WITHOUT DELAY... WE NEED TO REBUILD THE TALMUD TORAH. WE WILL PAY 50 KOPECKS FOR EVERY CHILD THAT WILL BE BROUGHT TO OUR CHEDER.



AND FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THE COMMUNITY OF KYIV WAS FLOURISHING ONCE AGAIN WITH YESHIVAS AND WITH CHAPARIM FILLED WITH TORAH.



BUT AT MIDNIGHT OF 7 ADAR 5687\*:

MY WEDDING IS IN TWO WEEKS! I GOTTA PACK UP AND TAKE THE TRAIN TO NEVEL TOMORROW.



ARE YOU MR. GORODETZKY?  
OH NO!  
YES.  
OK. TAKE YOUR BELONGINGS AND COME WITH US.

\*1927

BH HE WAS FREED AND GOT MARRIED, BUT THE JOY WAS INCOMPLETE BECAUSE THE FOLLOWING WEEK THE FRIERDIKER REBBE WAS ARRESTED.

2 YEARS LATER, AS CHABAD RABONIM OF THE AREA WERE SENDING REINFORCEMENTS TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES AROUND, REB BINYOMIN SAILED FROM KYIV TO THE VILLAGE OF HORNOSTAIPIL TO STRENGTHEN THE YIDDEN THERE AND TO ARRANGE FOR A MIKVAH THAT HAD YET TO BE BUILT.



HORNOSTAIPIL WAS FAMOUS BECAUSE THERE LIVED A TZADIK, REB MORDECHAI BER TVERSKY. OUR STORY TOOK PLACE TWO DECADES AFTER HE PASSED AWAY.



YIDDEN OF HORNOSTAIPIL, WE MUST GATHER EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THIS CITY HAS A MIKVAH.  
FISHEL, WE SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE  
I PLEDGE 10 RUBLES!  
I PLEDGE 50!  
I WILL GIVE 15 RUBLES  
THIS WAS A WAKE UP CALL FOR THE PEOPLE.



NEWS GOT AROUND...  
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE VISIT OF THE YOUNG RABBI FROM KYIV?  
WOW! IT'S FINALLY TIME WE HAVE A MIKVAH OVER HERE!



AFRAID THAT THE RUSSIANS MIGHT HEAR, BINYOMIN PREPARED TO LEAVE BACK TO KYIV.



BUT AS HE WAS LEAVING...  
GORODETZKY! NOT SO FAST! GET YOUR STUFF AND FOLLOW US!



MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE RABBI, WE'RE GOING TO CHERNOBYL...



IS THAT RABBI BINYAMIN WALKING BEHIND?  
RABBI, WHAT IS HAPPENING?  
THEY ARE TAKING ME TO A PRISON IN CHERNOBYL...



HOW WILL THE RABBI WALK ALL THE WAY TO CHERNOBYL!  
I WILL PROVIDE A WAGON FOR THE RABBI!  
PLEASE TELL MY FAMILY.  
O.KAY, FINE.



WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU HERE?  
I AM A CERTIFIED RABBI AND I SPEAK IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES FOR A LIVING.  
WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO UNTIL YOU TELL US EVERYTHING!



EVERY DAY THE PRISONERS RECEIVED A PIECE OF BREAD AND A CUP OF WATER.  
REB BINYOMIN WOULD USE THE WATER TO WASH HIS HANDS.

SHORTLY AFTER, THANKS TO CONNECTIONS, AND EFFORTS MADE BY THE CHERNOBYL COMMUNITY, REB BINYOMIN WAS FREED.

WITH UNSHAKABLE BITACHON IN THE REBBE'S BLESSINGS, REB BINYOMIN ELIAHU GORODETZKY FACED GREAT CHALLENGES, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ONE MISSION AFTER THE NEXT.

# Story of the Rebbe

## The Privilege of Teaching Children



Every Wednesday when Rabbi Aharon Cousin was a bochur, he and his friends would go to a public school in Coney Island, pick up a group of children, and teach them about Yiddishkeit for an hour at a nearby shul. This program was called Released Time. Lots of public school boys and girls came to learn about Yiddishkeit, and it was very successful.

One year, Rabbi Cousin's birthday was on a Wednesday. Before his birthday, he wrote a note to the Rebbe asking for advice. He wondered if he should skip teaching that day so he could stay and learn for his birthday.

When the Rebbe read his note, he answered with a lot of warmth and feeling, saying, "Yes, certainly you should go [to Released Time]!" The Rebbe added, "You should tell them something special. Make it an extra special Wednesday Hour." Rabbi Cousin was very inspired and made sure to make that class extra meaningful.

There was another bochur who felt that going to Released Time was a waste of time for him personally and he wrote in to the Rebbe asking if he could be excused from going to Released Time. First of all, he wrote, he doesn't think he's really achieving very much — he comes every week, says brachos and Shema with

the children, gives out prizes, but he doesn't really think it's having any lasting effect. Secondly, he wrote,

**"All the neshamos in Gan Eden — even the neshama of Moshe Rabbeinu alav hashalom — are envious [jealous] of you that you have an opportunity to say Shema and make a bracha with a Jewish child — and they don't have that opportunity."**

it takes 3-4 hours to get there, run the program, and come back, and he felt that time could be better used by sitting and learning — he was a serious bochur, a *masmid*, and he felt he'd spend his time better by sitting and learning. Also he went on, it disturbs his mind all week because he knows that on Wednesday, at 1:00, he has to pick himself up and go out...

The Rebbe answered him with an amazing message. He said, "All the neshamos in Gan Eden — even the neshama of Moshe Rabbeinu alav hashalom — are envious [jealous] of you that you have an opportunity to say Shema and make a bracha with a Jewish child — and they don't have that opportunity."

This answer left a deep impression on Rabbi Cousin. He thought about it a lot and decided to dedicate himself to teaching. Later, when he was about to get married and move back to England, the Rebbe encouraged him to work at Lubavitch House in London. Rabbi Cousin started teaching right away and, after a few years, became the principal of a boys' school, a role he held for many years.

## ON THIS DATE

The Rebbe was victorious in the trial over the seforim of the Library of Agudas Chasidei Chabad. In a sicha said shortly after the verdict was announced, the Rebbe explained that the opposing side had claimed that Chabad was not active—a claim which is obviously completely false. Still, the Rebbe explained that this should be seen as a sign that we must do even more than we've been doing until now; opening more Chabad houses and spreading Yiddishkeit and Chassidus to even further places. The Rebbe compared this to the Alter Rebbe's imprisonment, when he was arrested due to a heavenly prosecution ("kitrug") for spreading Chassidus. When he was released, he was told by his Rabbeim that he must spread Chassidus even further than before.



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## READER FEATURE

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

My adult front bottom teeth grew in behind the baby ones and have been there for a long time. Finally, finally one of my baby teeth fell out in front.

What's something you do that makes you feel connected to the Rebbe?

Looking at and drawing pictures of the Rebbe makes me feel more connected. Also, when I learn about the Rebbe and hear stories, I feel like the Rebbe is more part of my day to day life.

If there is any Chossid you wish you would have met, who would it be and why?

I would love to meet Reb Shmuel Munkes because sometimes he's silly even though he's a really big Chossid. He's like two different characters together; he's so funny but also teaches us a very big lesson in Avodas Hashem at the same time.

Before sitting down to write to the Rebbe, what is something you do that helps you focus?

I look at a picture of the Rebbe, and I think about the Rebbe and about what I'm writing. It helps me stay focused on what I'm doing.

Do you have any interesting experiences from a time that you went on Mivtzoim?

We went on mivtzoim with my uncle when he came to visit for Merkos Shlichus and there was a man selling non-kosher meat but he was a Yid. He agreed to put on Tefillin but he said that we have to do it very fast so no one sees and ch'v thinks that he's selling Kosher food because he's wearing Tefillin!

Sometimes it gets hard to stick to the hachlatos that we take on. What's one piece of advice that you'd give to other kids about keeping tHeyr hachlatos? Don't listen to your yetzer harah and push yourself to do it.

Throughout the year, there were so many highlights with the Rebbe. What's one Yomtov or occasion that you're really looking forward to spending with the Rebbe when Moshiach comes, and why? Rosh Hashana, because it's the beginning of the year and such a good way to start the year off in the right way with the Rebbe.

What was your favorite chol hamoed trip you ever went on?

Oakland Zoo (which is an hour away from us) because they had animals and rides and the best part was the Gondola ride all the way up the mountain.

**Name:** Piny Bernstein  
**Age:** 7  
**Birthday:** י"ב תמוז  
**City:** S. Jose, California  
**School Attending:** Cheder of the Bay Area



Every month, we will get to know another Derher For Kids reader. If you'd like to be featured, email [kids@derher.org](mailto:kids@derher.org).

## Library Spotlight



This is the Tefillin of the Alter Rebbe, which was brought to the Rebbe from Russia at the end of 5726\* by the Chossid Reb Schneur Zalman Gurevitch of Montreal.

One time, it was put on the Bima in 770 and whoever *toiveled* in the mikvah was able to pass by and see the special pair of Tefillin!

\*1966

## The Alef Bejs of Chassidus

דריזות

### Doing a mitzvah right away!

On Sukkos 5745\*, the Rebbe spoke about a very important idea at the Tzivos Hashem rally.

The Rebbe shared that the Sefer HaMitzvos of that day talks about the mitzvah of Nosar, which is that you can't leave the meat from a korban until the following morning. The karbanos have parts which are given to Hashem, 'for Shamayim,' and then there are parts which are to be eaten by man, 'for Briyos.' However, if a person does not eat the meat from the korban within the timeframe that Hashem has told us, it becomes Nosar and you can't eat from it anymore.

The lesson taught by Nosar can be explained as follows:

Hashem gives every Yid, especially the soldiers of Tzivos Hashem, a mission to study Torah and fulfill Mitzvos. Hashem promises us that we'll be successful and receive spiritual brachos (like success in Torah and Mitzvos) and physical brachos (like health, good food, nice clothes and house- and of course family).

These brachos- just like the meat from the Karbanos- should be accepted and 'used' immediately, to the fullest extent, without waiting. When we accept that present from Hashem, and use the Torah, Mitzvos, family, health, etc to His liking, it brings tremendous pleasure to Hashem, just like it brings pleasure to a person who sees you enjoying the present they gave you!

\*1984

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Question of  
the Month

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