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Parshat Beshalach

FISCHER'S REPORT

You can't appreciate light if
you never experienced darkness.
- The Baal Shem Tov

**RETURN TO
THE HOLY LAND**

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A REAL RELATIONSHIP

BY MEIR FOSTER

The פסוק at the end of this weeks
ויבא עמלק וילחם עם ישראל" פרשה
(ברפידים) פרק י"ז פסוק ח
"Amalek came and battled Israel in
rephidim"

After all the miracles that happened
to the Jewish people, the world was
awed by Hashem and recognized him
and His chosen nation. At that moment
amalek attacked us. Later on in the
Chumash the Torah says that they
specifically attacked the מקום ברית.
Why the ברית מילה?
A ברית מילה says that we have this
pact this treaty, loyal and unbending
relationship and closeness to Hashem.
A relationship that brings responsibility,
focus, seriousness, moral and depth to
our actions. A relationship that gives us
purpose, meaning, eternity to our
existence. Which makes us the chosen
nation.

Amalek hates that.

They hate the fact that a person could
be close to Hashem, that a person
could uplift and make himself holy in a
world that looks so shallow and
physical. It's so much easier not to have
responsibilities, to be lazy, to drink and
be merry, for tomorrow we may die. By
attacking us they degraded the outlook
that we and the world had about this
precious relationship.

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH ELIYAHU NEWHOUSE

The lights dim.
Smoke begins to rise.
"Ohhh boy", said the

FR: Hey Eliyahu, thanks for taking the time
to join us. How was your experience last
week?

EN: Definitely exceeded expectations.
Really was an amazing week.

FR: Wow! What's your favorite season?

EN: I'd have to say Fall. Nothing like steppin
on the crisp red crunchy leaves!

FR: Mmm, agreed. So what's next for Eliyahu
Newhouse?

EN: Well's that a broad question! I guess I'm
taking it day by day, just trying to keep it real
between me and Hashem.

FR: I love it! Bye Bye!

A MOMENT IN MEZBUZH

WITH GABI GRUBEN

It was thursday night, after the
kumzitz. A bunch of us were still
in the Baal Shem Tov's old Shul,
singing. It was about 4 AM. I
noticed in the back of the shul
someone with his head in
the shtender, with a light shining.
I went ovet to see what was up,
and saw Effi Nettleton, doing the
Daf Yomi at 4 AM in the Baal
Shem's Shul.

DON'T BRING BACK FISH

BY YITZI "WORKED IN TSA FOR A BIT" WEINSTEIN

There's a not so true story about a man named Mendy Gobstopper. Mendy was a fisherman and he was really good at what he did. The only problem was that by the town he lived in there were barely any fish to fish for. So just like any good story Mendy was very very very poor. One day after a long day of fishing, Mendy had no fish to bring home to sell. As Mendy walked into his house crying not wanting to break the news to his wife that they have no more money, his wife was sitting by the kitchen table laughing and smiling. Mendy ask his wife " What are you so cheerful about we don't have anymore money". She said " Today I met this man who told me that he's going on a month journey to an island that's made out of diamonds and gold. All he needs is someone with a boat to take him ,spend a year there, and take him back" Mendy's face lit up and the next day he met the man in the market and off they went. After a month of traveling they finally reached the island.

It was everything that Mendy ever dreamed of!! The sand was made out of golden nuggets and the streets were paved with diamonds. Mendy jumped off the boat stuffed his pocket with all the money he could find and explored the island. As night time was settling in Mendy needed a place to stay for the next year so he walked into the nearest hotel slapped a bunch of diamonds down on the counter and shouted "This is definitely enough to stay the year!" Everyone in the hotel burst out laughing at Mendy. The hotel manager walked up and told him " We don't care about all these gold and diamonds! Our island is literally made out of it!!The real currency on this Island is fish. No one here knows how to catch them but the lucky people that do, they are millionaires" Mendy's face lit up it was like a dream come true in a dream come true within a month of staying on the island Mendy was filthy rich. He owned hundreds of barrels of fish and was pronounce king of the island.

As Mendy year on the island quickly came to a close it was time for Mendy to leave the island so many packed all of his hundreds of barrels of fish onto his boat and set off The richest man in the island. The king .

Over the month of traveling in the hot sun on his boat all of Mendys fish spoiled. As Mandy reached his hometown his wife was ready to meet him and bask in all the riches he brought back. "So nuuuu where is all the gold and diamonds" his wife said. "Gold and diamonds? Gold and diamonds are worthless. Look at all these fish I brought back we're going to be rich".

By the end of Mendy's great journey to the greatest place in the world, all he had to show for it was a couple of flakes of gold from his pockets, a bunch of rotten fish, and a really really really really mad wife.

With a little bit more then a month left to yeshivah it's imperative that we constantly remind ourselves what our purpose in coming all the way to the Holy Land. Don't be that guy that comes back from his year journey and all he has to show for it is a bunch of rotten fish. Come back a rich man full of Torah, Avodas Hashem, and a Gameplan. Live that wealth and share it with your friends and family.

(also don't take this mashal too serious)

EATING THE MANNA IN 2020

BY RAV ZARET

On Tuesday this past week many Jews recited the Torah portion dealing with the Manna that the Jewish people ate for 40 years in the desert. Many have the custom to recite this portion daily as its recital has the power to bring blessing to one's finances because it reminds us to trust in Hashem for our livelihoods. (Mishna Brura 1:13)

But what connection could there really be between our livelihoods and the miraculous Manna that fell in the desert? When we leave our homes in the morning to go to work we don't find Manna (or dollar bills) sitting waiting for us on the doorstep. How could we find meaning for our lives in 5780 from the Manna of 2480? The holy "Meor Einayim", Reb Menachem Nachum of Chernobyl states the following: Hashem commanded that an amount of Manna be placed in a clay jar for the coming generations "So that they will see the food with which I fed you in the desert when I took you out of Egypt." What is the purpose of this remembrance? Why is it so important that we remember how Hashem fed the Jewish people in the desert?

Hashem sustains the entire creation and all living things with Divine providence, however it is Hashem's will that this providence should be hidden, clothed in the guise of nature in order to facilitate free will. When the Jewish people were in the desert Hashem pulled back the curtain of nature and provided us with the openly miraculous Manna. At that time, we were commanded to take some of the Manna and put it into a jar to remind us for all time that even when the open miracle of the Manna will cease and we will have to resort to natural means to gain sustenance, we are really still eating the Manna, it's just in a "jar", it is covered over by Nature. Nature is just a jar that contains the Manna, Hashem's direct, miraculous providence.

Therefore, by remembering the Manna that fell in the desert we remember that our sustenance today is just as miraculous, it is only covered over by the "jar" of nature. We should always know the source of our livelihoods: Hashem's direct intervention in our lives. So enjoy your Manna! (Meor Einaim – Bishalach)

IT'S NOT JUST FOR ME

BY YAAKOV DEUTSCH

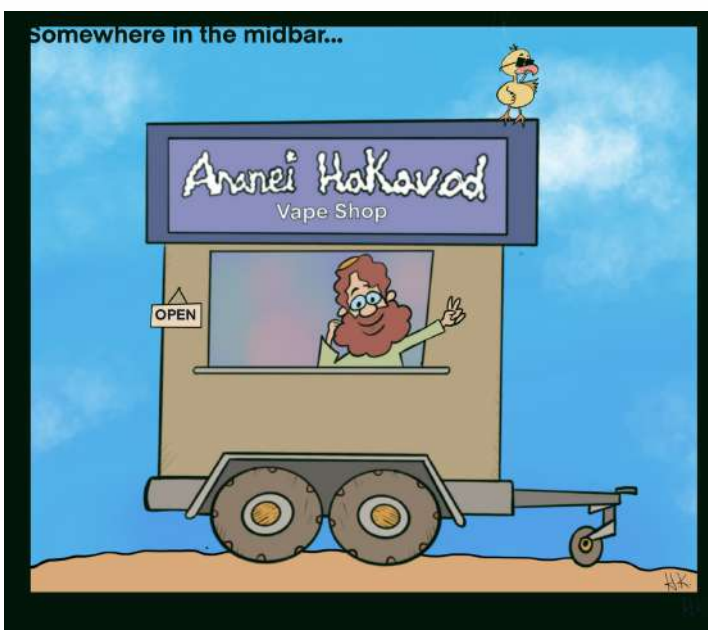
It's just not for me.

I kept telling myself (in first year) as I slammed the Gemara shut so many times as I remembered in the past doodling, making trouble in class, not understanding what's flying, getting kicked out of class...I used to think I'm too dumb and different. I had no interest in this. This just got me in trouble and made me feel like I'm not like everyone else. I remember all those times telling myself it's just not for me. It took a while but after pinpointing my bad associations. My Rebbi kept telling me "Try again you got this!" Well, these words of encouragement were battling with the negative thoughts of "it's too late it's just not for me....." But after realizing it's not true I started learning with the help of Hashem and multiple chavrusas. I started working one word at a time, one line at a time. I started getting the aleph beis of Gemara. And I was writing English on top of every word. It was very difficult for me, especially when I didn't stay in my lane and looked at other guys who it seemed so simple and easy for them to read and learn Gemara. Then I remembered to stay in my lane! And remember if I gave up I would never have the chance to understand what this really is. With Hashem's help I began understanding to my level, concepts that I've never imagined I would get. Realizing it's Hashem talking to me telling me how to live my life as a Jew and there were times then and now as well when I have to remind myself that even when I don't get the Gemara- it's not about understanding it, rather It's about putting in the effort, it's about trying especially when uncomfortable and frustrating and doing avodas Hashem . And when I do understand it, it is purely a gift from Hashem. With Hashem's help I want to continue breaking this down so I can find a continue living this way of life. The first time I understood a Gemara, it opened a whole new understanding of it's importance and value to me, and gave me a bit of clarity of why there are Yidden who learn all day and commit their lives to this. With Hashem's help I'm going to keep on trying to understand what Hashem is telling me. I don't even know 1% of what this is there is so much in the world of Torah. I don't know where this will take me, but one thing I do know is that I'm trying and thirsty for more- and when I'm not down or I feel like giving up with the Hashem's help I won't slam the Gemara shut- I'll slam it open! And yes! The Torah is for me and for every Yid, no matter what level!

I give you all a Bracha to be able to realize it's for you on any level and to be able to stay in your lane, and have the strength override the bad associations and connect to Hashem!

STILL FLEISHIGZ

BY HUDA KRUPKA



BATTLE OF THE BEARDS: PART II

BY SHALOM WEISBERG

Welcome back everyone from Ukraine, where if you didn't notice, there are many clean shaven folk. Why you may ask? Because they got no swag. But us Yidden on the other hand, we got some swag you know what I'm saying so we grow out those freeeeesh beards like many in our yeshiva and around the Jewish world. But I must admit over much contemplation I have realized that to all those cleanshaven folk out there, there is a reason for your cleanshavenness- it's because you can't grow one to begin with. And that's ok it will happen all in good time. But for the men who can grow it out, you do you, because it's your life and you know what I think, but my opinion has changed due to the fact that I personally miss my clean face, so I might just be a hypocrite this whole time. So In essence there never was a Battle of the Beards, there was only love of the many faces I love you all love yourself more and we'll take are nishamos and beards to new heights. Thanks so much, I'm Tom Tucker.

SAM'S KITCHEN LINEUP

BY MOSHE SHULMAN

Your Sam's Smokehouse lineup!

In the left corner, we have the kitchen...

Sam Auerbach – Hailing from ATL Georgia Sam the man (thnx nosson, high five grab the coco) behind the meats of the smokehouse. Sam is in the double digits in years behind the smoker and has been rated the #1 meat smoker of Moshav Matisyahu by the Fischer's Report.

Shlomo Zalman Auerbach – As the CEO of Sam's Smokehouse INC. Shlomo is the driving force behind the smokehouse. Shlomo uses his training as a veteran commander of the IDF to manager in the restaurant, making sure everything runs smoothly. Although shlomo is a businessman ,if asked about keeping the main thing the main thing he would likely reply that being in fischers is where it's at.

Chezky – Chezky is the chef of the Smokehouse and is Shlomos #1 man in the kitchen. Chesky has a part in creating pretty much all the food that exits the kitchen. He is a 3-time winner of the TV show Top Chef and has an Olympic gold in knife making.

Benny Pepose – Benny is a veteran in the restaurant community of America and now has decided to take his talents to the Smokehouse. A Checker with a great command of his position, that will get the job done 10/10 times. While it's TRUE that Benny is hard worker in the kitchen, his true investment potential lays with him in the bais.(per insider report rbfs)

Benny Reines – A man of many talents, Benny is a Checker who can handle the pressure when it counts most. A Spanish speaking native of Miami, Benny's love for the poppers is only topped by his love of shoes.

Matanel – Not much is known about this Hebrew speaking grill master besides his undying love of the French fry arts, and that he is unbelievable behind the grill.

Roey – A master sandwich maker, Roey is a first ballot Sandwich HOFer, the first ever voted in by the International Coalition of Sandwich Makers, Peanut Butter and Jelly Enthusiasts, and Deli Lovers; or ICSMPBJEDL for short.

Avraham Moshe Braunschweig – The retired veteran of the kitchen, Amo has come back as a prep man. The first man in, he is the man behind the scenes and knows his way around kitchens and country music.

Yehuda Migdal – As a up and coming rookie coming from the high school there were some doubts about young Migdal.

However, those doubts proved to be unfounded as he stepped up to his position on the grill with expertise. He has been named the Rookie of Year by the Grills, Gadgets, and Guns Magazine.

Meir Breines – Meir is your man at hand in the kitchen. As the youngest member of the Sam's staff he has recently started to really prove his worth in the last few weeks. Really bright future ahead for this one.

Moshe Shulman – The man behind the music in the kitchen, Moshe run the Chipser with a practiced skill. Known for proficiency by the fryer he has be selected to run the 103rd International Food and Drank Convention in Las Vegas.

Now that we got the kitchen.

And in the right corner we have the service...

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Still waiting for them to show up... (stick and stay with fischers weekly, for any updates on they're whereabouts)

THANK YOU!

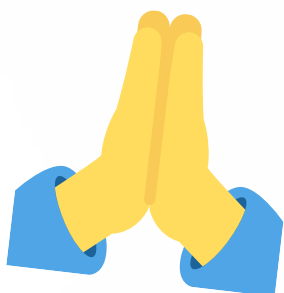
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