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Rosh Hashanah

FISCHER'S REVIEW

We ask Hashem to be King over the entire world.
What world? Your world.

-Sfas Emes

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RABBI FISCHER'S PRACTICAL ADVICE AND MINDSETS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

תשפ"א EDITION

1. Renewal-I am born now. I can choose to live a new life if I want to. Today is literally the first day of the rest of my life.
2. Hashem loves me and wants me with all of my problems-"כולכם"-all of me. He created me for a major purpose.
3. I deep down love everyone and deep down respect everyone. When I see negative in someone else, it is a sign from Hashem that I need to fix that very thing within myself. I thank You, Hashem, for showing me what I need to work on and I deep down truly love that person and all of Klal Yisroel.
4. Nothing happens to me (which would mean it is bad/negative), rather everything happens for me (meaning: it's from Hashem to help me improve and grow and to be a better person)
5. Over the two days of Rosh Hashanah, try and take personal, private time to talk to Hashem about life and who you are and what you want from this year. Remember: Rosh Hashanah is not about your past and your aveiros. It is about focusing on your dreams and goals for this coming year.
6. Do not judge your Rosh Hashanah on if you feel inspired or not. Feelings of inspiration are from Hashem. Daven and TRY (all we can do is try) and connect as much as you can.
7. Thank Hashem for this gift of being in Yeshiva in Eretz Yisroel, the holiest place in the world for Rosh Hashanah.

AHAVAS YISRAEL

WITH YEHUDA RAICE

I read something this week that I thought was incredibly powerful, so naturally let's share it with the boys. In the sefer 'Positivity Bias' (p.65-68), the author explains that while the natural values of these days define religiosity based on the level of a Yid's knowledge and practice, aka how much they learned defined how connected they were to Hashem, that's not the case.

Chassidus in general, and the Lubavitcher Rebbe in particular, stressed that it's a Yid's soul that is primary. We each have a spark of Hashem within us, as Rabbi Fischer told us this week, "ויפח בעפיו רוח חיים". It's not a cute line - we literally have Godliness within us.

So every single Yid, by being a descendant of our holy forefathers and mothers, has a seat at the head of the table! A Yid's essence can't be defined by how observant he is! Every one of us has equal access to the incredible spiritual inheritance we've been given. Have an incredible year ya'll and go take what's yours!

YO, I JUST GOT HERE

BY CHAIM YAAKOV FRIEDMAN

Being new to yeshiva can be hard. And being that I've been in the same school my whole life, that's exactly what I expected. However, right when I got here, I immediately felt a sense of homeliness and friendship. After being in quarantine for 2 weeks, my trip to Sdei Eliezer solidified my thoughts on this unreal yeshiva. I didn't know how I would fit in, and being in quarantine didn't really answer my question. But going on the overnight to Sdei Eliezer did.

While I was in this beautiful villa, playing basketball and pool volleyball with everyone I realized I would fit right in, but not for the reasons I thought. I realized that it didn't matter what I wore or how I talked, because no one cares. The only thing that matters is what's on the inside. And I realized this while sitting down eating a phatty BBQ that Yossi Landau threw down for all the bois. On the overnight at Sdei Eliezer sitting there, eating, talking, and singing, I felt there was no place I would rather be. Thank You Rabbi Fischer for taking us on this amazing overnight at Sdei Eliezer.

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH Efy GINSBURG, CEO OF THE CANTEEN, COO OF SHABBOS, & CFO OF MEALTIME SERVICES

A car screeches to a halt, shedding headlights on a brisk winter street.

A cat raises its cat eyebrows, as if expecting an important guest.

Efy Ginsburg steps out of the car.

FR: Hey Efy, thanks so much for joining us! What was your favorite part of being in Eretz Yisrael for the last couple of months?

EG: Having the seder with the boys was an awesome experience.

FR: Sounds incredible! What's your best selling item in the canteen?

EG: Either soups or sour sticks.

FR: Would you rather forget who you are every time it rains, or never be able to remember why you walked into a room?

EG: Well, I do love the rain...

FR: Makes sense. What's one thing we don't but should (should!?) know about you?

EG: I love motorcycles!

FR: Fascinating! Thank you so much for joining, and for everything you do for this yeshiva!

EG: No doubt!

KEDUSHAS ERETZ YISRAEL

EPISODE III
WITH ARONI LEVINE

I used to learn as a kid about all the tzaddikim like Avraham, Moshe Rabbeinu, Dovid Hamelech, and The Beis Hamikdash, and think like very nice but once I got to Eretz Yisrael, going to mamesh the places that I learned about in the Torah, I got and get this feeling of like 'WOW'! When I'm in the Mearas Hamachpelah, I'm literally in the building that Avraham Avinu bought where the Avos and Imahos are now buried. I went to the river She'luach where I learnt in gemara, that guys would go down to where Adam Harishon went in when he was created! The Kotel is where the actual Beis Hamikdash was and will be!

It started hitting me how kadosh this land is. I read in a sefer by R' Aryeh Kaplan that Eretz Yisrael is the exact center of the world - where Adam was created. Any person that had to get from point A to point B had to pass through Eretz Yisrael - that's why Avraham had all the doors of his tent open. He would stop them, to feed them and share thoughts about Hashem, and got the word out that Eretz Yisrael is kudos.

And we are all zoche to be here!

IT'S THE 2020 UNOFFICIAL

QUARANTINE AWARDS



BEST
QUARANTINER



MOST
MISSED



CAMPER OF
THE WEEK



AVREICH OF
THE WEEK



I GET WHY THESE ARE HERE,
BUT I DON'T REALLY GET WHY
THESE ARE HERE



CRAZY COOL
WORKOUT AWARD



MOST LIKELY TO BE
PRIME MINISTER



"WOW HE JUST GOT BACK AND
HE'S ALREADY LIVIN IT"

A MOMENT IN MEZHBUZH

WITH SHMULI ADLER (OH YEAH)

I would say walking through Shabbos night on the cobblestones, thinking the most heilig thoughts were thought walking on these roads shabbos night.

A BIT OF CHOFETZ CHAIM

WITH YOSEPH TISCHLER

It is said "hang around friends you want to be like". When it comes to loshon hara, when you distance yourself from it, by default you are choosing positive talk and it WILL lead you to a happier and healthier life.

NEW HEIGHTS

BY MOISHE KAUFFMAN

Q) Why will this year's Rosh Hashanah be any different than previous years?

A) The Yetzer Hara has an advantage over us by downplaying all the good we do, even after we win a battle vs him. Therefore, when we feel discouraged from the good we've done it doesn't motivate us to continue the right path. However, when we learn to appreciate ourselves as people who are striving to grow, people who are trying to work on ourselves, then we can push past his guilt tactics and continue to reach new heights step by step.

MIKVA CAKE, RETURN OF THE PASS, AVRAHAM & AMSHINOV

BY OZZIE STEIMAN

Rosh Hashana approaches. The past months have been a blur. The Seder has just ended, but yet Tisha B'Av was last week. The reality of Slichos suddenly upon us heralding in the High Holidays, was an odd experience for a time period that is so unlike any year prior.

So...i sit with wonder and curiosity as slichos goes on around me and i process what it means to me. The inner whirlwind commences. "No longer is this the day of white and shofar and apple and honey, im 22 now" as someone who loves to delve into the spiritual experience, i thought id experienced what this time is before. "But I am older now... i have things that i have done and actions that i must reconcile, things to atone for that are not just lip service" " I have to really FIX myself."

Let me grace you with a story. The other night at 2 am Moshe Perlstein pulls up at the shuk and tells me he is going to the Mearas Hamachpela. I jump in. While Avraham Avinus mikva in pitch black at 3 am and tikun haklali by avraham's tzion was amazing... funnily enough the real crux of the journey, came on my ride back, from a chassidish Rebbe in the mir who wanted me to sit in front with him. After shmoozing for a long while he began this story from the Amshinover Rebbe in america... There was a class who was making a siyum after alot of a hard work and they ordered a very special cake. Every boy couldnt wait to taste it and as soon as it was cut, everyone dug in except for one. One boy was about to eat and realized he wants to give this thing he wants tremendously to his father. So he wraps it up carefully. A few minutes later he decides to take a peek to make sure it still looks good. Then he decides to taste the frosting. A few minutes later he wants to taste the cake and cream. And a little more and so on... eventually he has a little corner left. He is so upset when he gives this measly little corner of the special cake. The father takes it and tears begin to fall. He tells his son, " you wanted this peice of cake so badly yet you decided to give it to me, and it was so hard for you that you actually even began to eat it, you couldnt even hold yourself back because you wanted it so badly. Yet the whole time it meant so much to you, you wanted to give that specialness to me, and here you are with this little piece, that i am accepting."

We are coming to Rosh Hashana and maybe we have eaten some of the frosting, maybe some of us the cake maybe some are bringing a corner some a crumb, some maybe even the thought of wanting to give it but have nothing. But we are coming with the cake in any sense our little special corner sheepishly trying to give from our Heart.

I recently was blessed to have ma'aser to give and i was giving it by the kotel. And old man asked me what i want a bracha for and i told him, "shidduch & mechila". Thirty minutes later i am walking back up and he recognizes me and tells me " the mechila you asked about? The goodness of your heart will take care of it".

עבירה = עבר "ה", תשובה = תשוב "ה"

There is a Passing over God and a Return to God. A Return to ourselves, and all that we desire to be. It is within us and we can reach it. And we can give that little piece of cake lovingly hoping and knowing it will be accepted because we have Returned. (Fixed?? To the outside observer maybe. I say Returned..)

"השיבנו, יהוה אליך, ונשובה, חדש ימינו כקדם"

PICSCHER'S IN COLOR



PICSCHER'S IN HONEY



ATTENTION

Hey, good to see you, glad we caught yer eye.

**FISCHER'S NEWSLETTER JUST
GOT WAAAYY MORE CRAZY!
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!**

We are beginning to benefit from your light and expression!! Got something you wanna put in? Pictures, Poems, Paragraphs, Ponderings, or a good joke? Send it to us (us includes You 😊) at fischerssefer@gmail.com!!!

Nervous cuz you're not in the Yeshiva?
Our Yeshiva is everyone. Yeshiva is Home.
Welcome Home, everyone.

Whole individuals. One Whole Nation. Together.