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Parshat Mikeitz

FISCHER'S ILLUMINATED

"A little bit of light dispels a great deal Of darkness. The light need not battle the darkness, the darkness will disappear as a matter of fact through the simple appearance of light and a little bit of light dispels a great deal of darkness'

-Tanya 13

LET THERE BE LIGHT

8 INSPIRATIONAL LIGHTS

בס"ד

with Rabbi Fischer

As I am looking at the Chanukah Neiros after they are lit, I ask You, Hashem to please help me:

- 1** Purify my eyes from things that I have seen in the past- like a mikvah for my eyes. From now on I will not look at things that are not good for my eyes to see.
- 2** To only see the good in others and in myself.
- 3** The Torah that I learn is not an intellectual pursuit but its the "Ohr", the light of Hashem and it is spiritual. When I learn, please Hashem help that I connect to that part of the Torah - "והאר עינינו בתורתך"
- 4** Let me see Hashem in everything. Let me know that all that happens to me is from Hashem. Nothing is a coincidence - "ה' לי לא אירא מה־יעשה לי" - "אדא"
- 5** That I become a light for other people, a strength, support, and Kiddush Hashem to everyone who meets me. That I can be a light for others and that the entire Jewish nation can be a light and strength for all of humanity.
- 6** Let me always see and give thanks to You Hashem, for all the miracles that You perform for me on a daily basis. "ועל נסיון שבכל יום עמנו"
- 7** "The candle of G-d is my soul" I look at myself as a neshama and I only see the G-dliness in myself and in others.
- 8** I pray for those who are less fortunate, physically, mentally and spiritually. For someone who is in his "own darkness" whether abused, in pain, sad, disconnected from G-d, disconnected from themselves. The light of Chanukah will help every Jew wherever they are have "light in their midst".



FLYING HIGH -----> FLYING HIGHER

WITH NACHI SKLAR

What's up guys, my name is Nachi Sklar. Some of you may know me, and some of you may not, but I just wanted to thank you all for an INCREDIBLE ZMAN!!!!!! At least I know for me, it was incredible. I came back to Yeshiva after going to the Old City Program for 7.5 months and it's been great to be back, and even greater to be back and finally feel free to be me. Just last week was music night and in the middle Rabbi Fisher asked me to get up there and I did and it felt amazing being in front of the crowd performing, and not be nervous. Last year I performed and I was soooo nervous. But B"H I got sober, do a lot of therapy, and connect Hashem and learn Torah so I finally feel comfortable just being me.

Right now I'm chilling on the beach in Miami and I'm so grateful that I'm sober and was just learning on the beach, unlike last time I was here and was on the beach getting wasted and partying. My whole trip I've just been reflecting on my growth and thanking Hashem for how far I've come. Then I was asked to write something for you guys and I was so grateful for the Zechus to share with you how incredible this gift of life is. So thank you all for being a part of this amazing journey I'm living and an incredible Zman! Looking forward to spending the rest of the year with you guys!!!! Ah Freilichin Chanukah!!!!!!

CONSISTENTLY PERSISTENT

WITH YONI LEVINE

In my 3 years of being here so far, I am so grateful to the rebbeim for helping me achieve milestones deep down I knew I could achieve and for helping me better myself and love myself. To continue pushing on and not letting go, to continue fighting the yetzer hara every day because that's what growth is about. Fighting, we sometimes fall but when you get back up and fight the yetzer hara, you start to win your battles and keep on improving each and every day. I'm so grateful to the rebbeim for helping me do it and to continue improving and loving myself. As I'm writing this it is the third night of Chanukah and I thought that this is the perfect time to write this article because the macabees had a huge battle. They had to take on the greeks who were powerful, but the macabees didn't just give up, they fought back and persevered. So if you ever have a challenge that is hard, just think about the macabees how they persevered and didn't give up and won when they were faced against crazy odds. Just have faith, trust in Hashem and never give up!

IMPROVING THE WORLD

WITH NOSSI GEDZELEMAN

Why do we all take credit for the maccabim? In reality most of us probably would have been misyavanim! Why do we act like it was klal yisroel who fought and why did God accept our teshuva when only twelve people actually fought back?!

In the choshech we all feel disconnected. The modern world wants us to believe that we are individuals with "individual rights." They are Godless and they do not believe that there is one true force that holds the universe together! Tuma is when we feel disconnected to the rest of the universe and pure physicality is the essence of that.

Physicality represents separation, although at it's core, physical objects are far more connected than the naked eye can observe, it appears as if everything is separate. For example: me and a tree seem to have nothing to do with each other. Physicality is what the greeks were all about. The very word hedonism comes from greek. They would pride themselves on they're bodies and they're athletic abilities.

In the chanukkah story we see that we are all connected and responsible for each other. When everyone in klal yisroel wouldn't stand up and fight, twelve men had the courage to stand up and they represent all of us. Hashem forgave all klal yisroel for what only a few of us did! Because we are all connected. When you decide to stand up, it brings strength to the entire nation and the world too!

Another lesson we can learn from this is how we shouldn't be afraid to stand up even when everyone else is doing nothing and worse. people will actually fight against you.

In the 1960s a psychologist named Stanley Milgram conducted an experiment to find out the extent that people would follow orders even when they went against their conscience. There were two participants. In one room would be the "teacher" who was a randomly selected person and in the other room would be the "learner" who was a paid actor. The teacher was instructed to press a button that would electrocute the learner every time he got a question wrong and each time the voltage would increase. In reality the learner wasn't getting electrocuted at all but the teacher did not know. To Milgrams surprise even the people who did not want to continue pressing the buttons when they heard the screams from the other room would continue if he told them to. All he had to tell them was "the experiment requires that you continue" and they would continue to press.

This is the same reason the Nazis were able to do so much evil and people did nothing but watch. People feel they must blindly follow authority and they don't have the ability to make change. This is simply human nature.

Our job in life is to try to ascend above our human nature and for that we need to be brave! The maccabim could have easily said, why should I be the only person to fight when nobody else will? But they didn't and because of that we have Chanuka. Therefore whenever we see a problem even if it's a problem in society which can seem like it's "out of our control" dont just say, "that's life"! Rather stand up and do what you can to fight against because we are here to improve the world not watch it be destroyed!

SPREAD THE LIGHT

WITH BEN LATINIK

There are 2 different trains of thought when it comes to helping someone who's not holding on the same level as you.

The first, is to stay away, as it will drag you down. The second, is to draw near, as it will raise them up.

R' Sacks zt'l beautifully illustrates this idea through the ancient Talmudic argument of Rav and Shmuel.

The question was asked, during the time of chanuka, if we don't have a shamesh, can we light one candle with the flame of another? Rav holds we can't, because it will diminish from the Mitzva. While in contrast Shmuel holds we can, he holds that our light isn't diminished it GROWS there is more light on the world!

This question for most, constantly surfaces throughout life, and the answer is, we follow Shmuel. We use our inner flame to bring light to the world. We help guide those who are beginning to embark on the path we took long ago. We are kind with people from all different walks of life. We smile even to those we don't agree with.

As you put this paper down and step back into the world, SHINE BRIGHT AND SPREAD THE LIGHT.

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH SHIMMY DAVID

FI: Happy Chanukah Shimmy David!

SD: Hey, hows it hangin'?

FI: Ha, that's Purim bro

SD: "Guffaws Heartily"... (starts to cough while guffawing cuz he's eating cookies he made with R' Berg, we have no idea how to react)... Shimmy has now stated that the cookies are unequivocally bussin' - the ambiance has returned to stable.

FI: So, word has it that you're not only great at basketball, but you're an all-around great guy in general.

SD: That's very true indeed, how did you know?

FI: It's shining on your face and we can feel it in your presence, you're so cool

SD: It's just the electricity of FISCHER'S CITYYY (sing-along version IYKYK)!

FI: Right right voltage, gears, yea that thing.

FI: So, what's been the highlight of your year so far?

SD: Fischers band! (Proceeds to dap up cuzzin Avromie Fogel in a smooth manner that we wish we caught on a Kodak)

FI: Great call I love 4 beats per measure. What are you looking forward to Shimmy, you boss, you have a captivating voice.

SD: So are you, you are a spectacular guy.

FI: Thanks I appreciate that. But can you answer the question

SD: Yeah, I can't wait for the gym and game roo --- losing service...qhshehedddddd... bzhzhzhz

FI: Hello you still there?

SD: *404 not found*

(Shimmy emerges back on scene in a superhero cape! Thanks us for the interview, grabs another cookie, and flies away!)

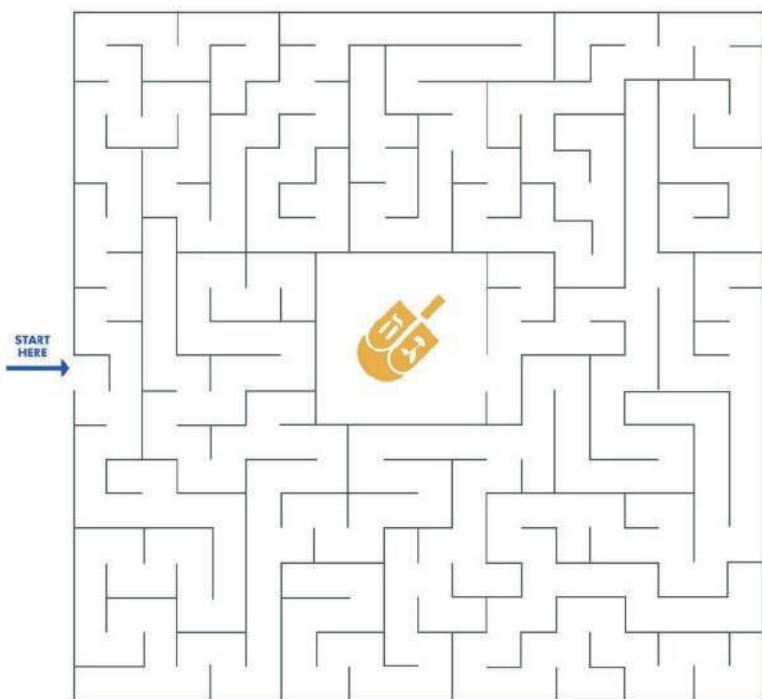
FUN PAGE



HANUKKAH MAZE

Make your way through the maze to reach the dreidel in the center.

Happy Hanukkah!



Q: Why was the sufганиya sitting around, bored?

A: It arrived too oily!

Q: Which hand is best to light the menorah with?

A: Neither, its best to light it with a candle

Q: What did the Shamash say to the candle?

A: You're too young to smoke

It would be a Hanukkah miracle if we could decide on one spelling for the word "Chanuka"

NEWS

UPDATE

- Fischers Band has now signed a record deal with Tuli Feld and Chaim Yankel's record label.
- Yehuda Lerner and Gabriel Raun have signed elsewhere to stay indie.
- Yisroel Rosenberg is wanted by both labels but may go solo.
- Nathan Samuel and Sani Weitzner cannot be spoken to, they are rocking out with their headphones, jumping and stuff.
- The Corey brothers have started a new life in Argentina.
- Zaitschek and Sandler have officially taken over for Simon and Garfunkel
- Nossi Gedzelman has shtarked out due to having no other option.
- Save the date! "Yeshaya Goldman Special" coming to theaters near you, January 2023 (Disclaimer: not for the faint of heart)
- Avigdor Greenwald has officially stepped out of his quiet bubble to perform a heart wrenching rendition of Yesimcha at next Siyum Hashas
- Yossi Licht and Nachi Sklar have been subpoenaed for the latest wave of suspicious activity, however bystanders have testified that they were spotted in the bais at that time.

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