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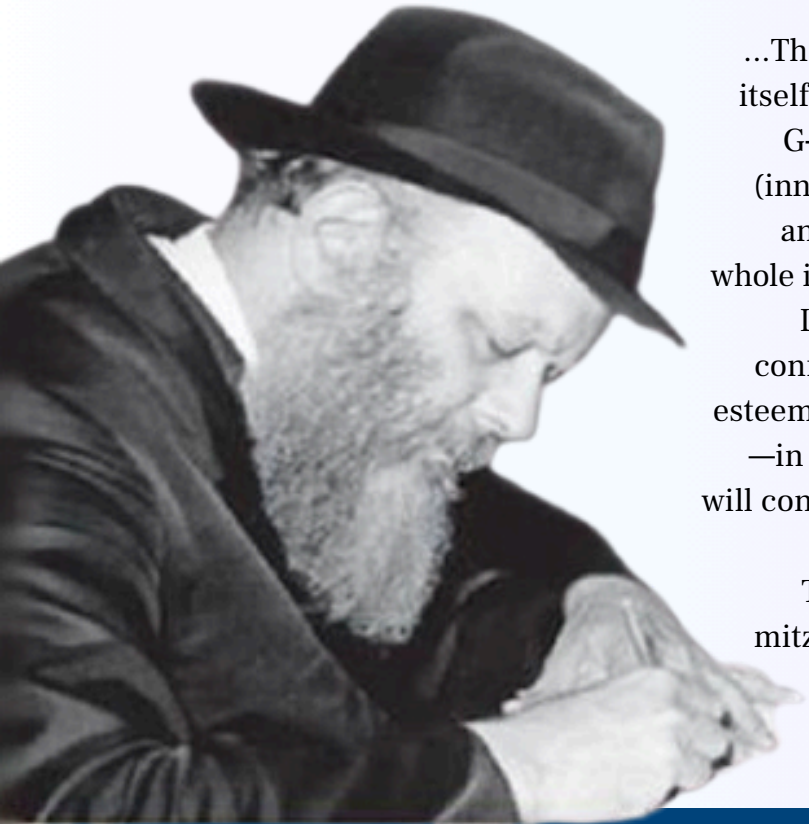
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Uncompromising Chinuch

THE MISSION

...This directive is particularly relevant to education. If years ago it was still possible to consider in certain responsible circles what could or could not be demanded from the new generation and how to "draw them closer," now it is absolutely clear that the only approach to education is to base it firmly on Torah and mitzvos—without compromise or dilution—with a decisive resolve that one must and will act with strenuous effort. Then one is assured that with G-d's help it will be accomplished in full measure.
Especially since our generation does not shy away from a challenge and is always more ready to accept complete truth than a half-truth or a quarter-truth...

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THE NAME TOMCHEI TEMIMIM

...This is also the approach of Tomchei Temimim—the name itself points to Toras Hashem Temimah (the perfect Torah of G-d), both nigleh (revealed) Torah and pnimiyus haTorah (inner dimension)-Toras HaChassidus—it is one and whole; and its students are temimim—whole in their outlook and whole in their conduct the success, with Hashem's help, of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim in Montreal has confirmed how correct this approach is. It is hoped that the esteemed supporters who have enabled this consistent growth —in quantity and quality—of the yeshiva over all these years will continue to exert all efforts to maintain and further expand all activities of the yeshiva.
The merit of supporting Torah and spreading Torah and mitzvos will surely stand by everyone—each individual—for everything needed materially and spiritually.
With blessings for success and good tidings...

יחי אדוננו מורנו ורבינו מלך המשיח לעולם ועד

MIVTZOIM STORY

A Connection Through the Heart

One encounter, one pair of tefillin, and a reminder that the connection between a yid and Hashem is never lost.

As told by a tomim in shiur Beis Moshe Chaim Dahne

As I do every week, I went to my regular mivtzoim stand, offering Jewish men the opportunity to put on tefillin.

After helping many people with this special mitzvah, I noticed an elderly gentleman walking past.

"Did you put on tefillin today?" I asked.

He ignored me. I tried again, but received no response.

Thinking perhaps he wasn't Jewish,

I asked, "Excuse me, are you Jewish?"



He turned toward me with a sharp look and answered in Yiddish,

"Of course I'm Jewish!"

"Then come, let's put on tefillin!" I encouraged him.

He approached the stand and began sharing his story. "I'm 90 years old. I've been putting on tefillin for 40 years, but recently I stopped. I've lost too many people, and it's become difficult for me to continue believing in Hashem. I still speak to G-d through my heart."

I gently replied, "Come, let's put on tefillin. Then you can speak to Hashem with the tefillin on!"

He wished me a Shabbat Shalom and started walking away.



Just then, my chavrusa called after him, "How about we just put on the head tefillin?"

The man turned around and slowly made his way back. Seeing the opportunity, I added, "Since you're already putting on the head tefillin, why not put on the arm tefillin too?"

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"Okay, fine. You convinced me," he finally agreed.

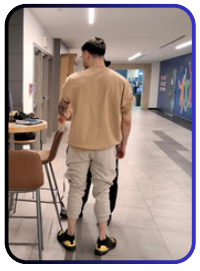
As I began wrapping the tefillin around his arm, I suddenly noticed a change in his expression. His face became deeply emotional.

When I finished, I told him, "Now you can speak to Hashem from your heart."

To my surprise, he responded, "Since you got me to put on tefillin, I'll also say the Shema and the prayers, and then I'll speak to Hashem from my heart."

He proceeded to say the Shema and the prayers. As I removed the tefillin, I gave him a picture of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, MH"M Shlita, which he gladly accepted, along with a l'chaim.

With a warm smile, he wished me Shabbat Shalom and walked away happily.



That encounter reminded me that when one goes on Mivtzoim of the Rebbe MH"M, one is able to tap into and reveal abilities one previously never knew he had and was able to do.

A yid's connection to Hashem is never lost. Even when life brings pain, loss, and challenges, that connection remains deep within the heart. Sometimes, all it takes is one conversation, one mitzvah, and one opportunity to bring it back to the surface, l'chaim!

FARBRENGEN

WITH RABBI AMZALAG

MASHPIA IN YESHIVAS TOMCHEI TEMIMIM LUBAVITCH NAPEIRVILLE



As Bochurim of the Rebbe, we are Temimim, soldiers of the Rebbe, entrusted with a mission: to bring the light of Yiddishkeit to every Jew and reveal the connection every neshama has with Hashem.

A soldier doesn't give up when things get difficult. Sometimes, all it takes is one small push to bring out something tremendous that was already there.

Avraham Avinu would welcome guests into his home and serve them delicious meals. After the meal, when his guests would thank him, Avraham would tell them, "Don't thank me. Thank the One Above!"

If they thanked Hashem, wonderful! But if they refused, Avraham would tell them, "No problem. Then you'll have to pay me the full price of the meal!"

The guests would become frightened by the thought of paying such a large bill and quickly agree to thank Hashem.

But here's the big question: Why was Avraham forcing them to thank Hashem? If they were only saying it because they were afraid of paying, what was the point? They weren't necessarily saying it with any real feeling. So what was Avraham accomplishing?

A Bochur's Mission

To understand this, let me share a story.

once, a group of Bochurim learning in Morristown would go out every Friday to meet Jewish people and offer them the opportunity to put on tefillin.

One Friday, they noticed an office with three very Jewish-sounding lawyers' names on the entrance. They decided to knock and see if anyone would be interested in putting on tefillin.

Suddenly, an extremely angry lawyer came rushing out.

"I told you never to come back here again! I'm sick of this! If you come back next week, I'll have you thrown in jail. I'll call the police, and you'll regret the day you ever walked into this office!"

On their way back, they asked their shliach, "What should we do? Should we go back there next week?"

"Of course!" he answered. "You started it, so you have to see it through. Keep going!"

The Next Friday

The next Friday, one of the Bochurim told his friend, "It's Friday. Let's go!"

His friend had every excuse in the book. He was sick, he had a headache, and he really didn't want to go back to that office.

So the Bochur went alone.

After bringing wine and Chala for Shabbos in case he would get stuck, he went to visit the other Jewish people on his route, folowed by which he finally arrived at the lawyers' building.

He went up to the office and asked the secretary whether the lawyer was there. The lawyer spotted him and came rushing toward him.

"That's it! Time's up!"

He locked the elevator doors and immediately called 911.

"You're not going anywhere!"

The Bochur stood there calmly, trusting in Hashem, not knowing what was going to happen next.

A few minutes later, the police arrived. The lawyer explained, "This guy comes here every single week. We've warned him not to come back. He's trespassing! I'm a lawyer. I know what I'm talking about!"

The policeman turned to the Bochur.

"What do you have to say for yourself?"

The Bochur calmly explained, "I'm a Jewish man. I know that this man is Jewish, too. I just wanted to offer him the opportunity to put on tefillin. I know that all Jews have a connection to this mitzvah."

The officer listened and then turned to the lawyer

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"Wait a minute. Why did I have to bang downstairs to get into the elevator?"

The lawyer explained, "I locked the elevator so he couldn't run away!"

The policeman looked at the Bochur.

"Did you want to be locked in the elevator?"

"No," the Bochur answered.

The officer turned back to the lawyer.

"So let's make a deal. You don't press charges against him for trespassing, and he doesn't press charges against you for kidnapping. And as part of the deal, I want to go with this young man into your office and put on tefillin with him!"

The lawyer was stunned.

But, of course, he made some space, and the policeman put on tefillin with him.

The following Friday, the Bochur walked straight into the lawyer's office again and knocked on the door.

This time, the lawyer was much happier to see him!

Slowly but surely, they built a very good relationship.

And it all began with a push.

The Connection To Avraham

Now we can understand the story of Avraham Avinu.

Avraham knew that deep down, every Jew is connected to Hashem. He knew that his guests had a connection to the truth, even if they weren't expressing it openly.

Sometimes, a person needs a little push to bring that connection to the surface.

The Lesson For Each One Of Us

As Bochurim, we are soldiers of the Rebbe. We are Temimim, and we have a mission to accomplish.

Sometimes, it's hard to learn. It's hard to get involved. It's hard to push ourselves to do what we know we should be doing.

We are Bochurim of the Rebbe. We are Temimim. We are soldiers who have been given a mission.

And when a soldier has the right will and determination, he can accomplish things that seem impossible.

We just have to take that first step.

But we have to remember that every Jew has a neshama, and every Jew has a connection to Hashem.

Our job is to make that first push, to bring out the connection that's already there.

And when we make that first push, Hashem helps us from Above. The Rebbe helps us, too.

May we have the strength to fulfill our mission as Bochurim and Temimim, and may we merit to see the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days!

L'chaim, l'chaim!

Monthly Overview

It's hard to believe that a whole month has already gone by! We got back to Yeshiva after a beautiful Tishrei by the Rebbe, and there was no time to waste. After spending the month davening, learning, and getting inspired, everyone came back with a fresh energy and got right back into the swing of things.

A big part of this month's focus was writing Ha'aros on Likutei Sichos, Dvar Malchus, and the Gemara. The bochurim spent many hours sitting and learning, going through the sugyos, opening seforim, and writing Ha'aros from one daf to the next. Rabbi Friedman gave many hours of iyun shiurim, and the bochurim put in a lot of hard work. We're hoping to put together a Kovetz Ha'aros with all the work that's been done.

We also started Mivtza Torah, with a focus on learning things by heart. With different incentives and some extra motivation, the bochurim have been working hard and pushing themselves.

For those who put in extra effort throughout Tishrei by the Rebbe, we had a special Mivtza trip. We went go-karting, followed by a barbecue and a farbrengen with a special Shliach from Montreal. The farbrengen went late into the night!

There were also quite a few farbrengens throughout the month. This past Motzaei Shabbos, Chof Cheshvan, we had a special farbrengen about the importance of Tomchei Temimim, what it means to be a bochur in Yeshiva, and the special responsibility of being one of the Rebbe's soldiers.

We also had the opportunity to join the Kinus Hashluchim in Crown Heights, which was another great experience and gave us plenty of inspiration to take back to Yeshiva.

It's been a busy and exciting month, and we're looking forward to keeping up the momentum and having an even better month ahead. May we merit to see the coming of Moshiach very soon!

MONTHLY GALLERY



MIVTZAH TRIP!



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