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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Dr & Mrs Zev Davis on the birth of a grandson, born to Mr & Mrs Yosef Yitzchok Chalomish. The Sholom Zochor takes place at 47 Cavendish Road

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Malcolm Fagelman on the engagement of their son, Nechemia to Judy Smus from London.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Kalman Bookman on the engagement of their granddaughter, daughter of Rabbi & Mrs Daniel Bookman of Yerushalayim..

Rov's Ladies Shiur

The Rov's ladies Shiur on Hilchos Bishul takes place this Tuesday at his home.

Pre-Chanuka Shiur

Rabbi Johnny Ross will be giving a pre-Chanuka Shiur, titled 'Chasing the Light' next Sunday evening, 24th November at 9.15pm in the Shul.

Girls Rosh Chodesh Group Report

A great time was had by all at the girls recent Rosh Chodesh group. We all enjoyed having our photos taken, printed out and then making beautiful cards. Many thanks to Mrs Anne Nissen for making the effort to make this months group such a success.



New Gemach

The Zichron Yosef (ZY) Gemach has been established to provide short-terms loans of up to circa £1,000. To donate, or to enquire in strict confidence, please contact the trustees, Michael Wilks or Mark Duman.

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Filters

Rabbi Label Lam (Torah.org)

And Yaakov sent angels in front of him to Eisav his brother to the land of Seir to the field of Edom. And he commanded them saying; "So you shall say to my master to Eisav; So says Yaakov your servant; "I have lived with Lavan and tarried till now and I have oxen and donkeys and sheep and servants and maid servants and I am sending to my master to find grace in your eyes..." (Breishis 32:3-5)

And Yaakov sent angels: Real angels! (Rashi)

It's quite remarkable that Yaakov had such control over the angelic world that he could direct them to represent him and speak on his behalf. Not many people who have walked on this planet can make such a claim. It's hard enough for us to have control over our own actions, words, thoughts, and emotions. Yaakov must have been a master of his world. The truth is that we too produce angels daily and constantly.

The Nefesh HaChaim writes; "Every Jewish person should not say in his heart, heaven forbid, 'what am I and what impact do my lowly deeds have in the world?' Rather, he should understand that every minute detail of his actions, and his speech, and his thoughts, each and every moment is not lost! How powerful are his actions and very great and lofty too, for everyone according to the root of his soul, to impact and effect in the highest of heights, and the purest of lights. In truth, a man who is wise and understands this clearly, his heart will tremble within him a great shuddering when he considers his actions that are not good and how far they reach to destroy and ruin with even a slight misstep..."

Everyone has power to release angels, extraordinarily productive and destructive too! The Sefas Emes says that these are the angels sent by Yaakov, and that according to the Zohar there are angels created from both the Yetzer Hora and the Yetzer Tov! He states that the angels generated from the Yetzer Hora can have more protective powers than those created from the Yetzer Tov!

A person might just be sent into a panic mode with the power of the information provided here. After all, one the things a person is not save from each day, the Talmud tells us, is "bad thoughts". What's a person to do?!

Here is an important life-saving point. Imagine for a moment a player for one of the famous sports teams is standing in his position, let's say, center fielder for the Yankees. A fan throws a Frisbee onto the field and he jogs over casually to toss it back into the stands so no one will

The Week Ahead

פרשת וישלח

Candle Lighting	3.56pm
Mincha & Kabbolas Shabbos	4.01pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9.37am
Mincha 1st Minyan	1.30pm
Rov's Pirkei Ovos Shiur	3.15pm
Mincha 2nd Minyan	3.45pm
Motzei Shabbos	5.05pm
Ovos uBonim	6.20pm
Sunday	7.15am / 8.20am
Monday / Thursday	6.45am / 7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	6.45am / 7.20am
Mincha & Maariv	3.55pm
Late Maariv	8.00pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	3.52pm (Shabbos 3.47pm)

שמונה עשרה - אבות :תפילה

והנורא	הגבור	הגדול	הא-ל
And the	The	The great	The G-d
awesome	strong		

In the previous column, we discussed how these three words – הגדול הגיבור והנורא *the great, the strong and the awesome* – can be regarded as titles. Yet this in itself does not explain their *meaning*; it merely justifies their *usage* while perhaps leaving us sailing in the winds of ignorance.

The source of this phrase is a posuk in י"ז דברים:

כִּי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הַגָּדֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִשָּׂא פָנָיו וְלֹא יִקַּח שֹׁחַד

The Abudarham (commonly known as the Abudraham) suggests that these three terms refer to three different realms, or worlds: The upper, middle and lower.

The **upper** realm is purely spiritual, and inhabited by *malochim* – angels. This world is referred to as **הַגָּדֹל**, since of all the creatures Hashem created, these are the greatest. The **middle** realm is that of the stars, and those planets whose influence we aspire to supercede, which is to say the solar system. These creations are absolutely stunning in their individual beauty, but they play a role in that they are the indicators of the prevailing *mazal* at any given moment. Despite the fact that the astrologers today have roughly the same ability to read the stars as I have in conjugating irregular Chinese verbs, from numerous places in Tenach and the Gemoroh it is clear that the art of reading the stars was one that generated actual predictions (inaccurate though they were at times).

They are referred to as **הַגִּבּוֹר** since they demonstrate the might of Hashem. The heaviest planet in our solar system – Jupiter – weighs something in the regions of 1.89×10^{27} kilograms, roughly 317 times that of Earth. That's pretty mighty by any standards.

The **lower** realm is the lowly one we inhabit; it is however the "עולם המעשים" – the world of deeds and referred to as **הַנּוֹרָא**. Through His deeds, His awe is apparent. After referring to all these worlds, we continue to say that he is the **א-ל עליון** – the supreme Master of them all, reigning over all three realms.

permeated with impurity (Egypt), Yoseph was able to bring the vision of his father with him. It's not so much that Yoseph actually saw the figure floating in front of him; he had so engrained the ideals of his father within himself that, even when faced with the depths of impurity, he was able to evoke the teachings of his father to ward off sin. Throughout his whole life, Yoseph had worked to internalize the holiness of Hashem's word, and when he was tested he was able to resist, because of how entrenched his father's lessons were in his heart. This is precisely the lesson we must learn from Joseph.

Every day we are tested, not only by immediate concerns, but in making decisions and preparing for the future. The lesson of Yoseph is not the ability to resist temptation one time, but to constantly guard against it, appreciating every word of Torah, every idea of Hashem, and internalizing those ideas of holiness. So when we are faced with temptation, we do not need an external miracle to save us, but we merely need to look inward to find a vision of hope.

stumble on it. Nobody will fault him for this Frisbee toss. However, if he starts to have a catch with the left fielder, and during live game time, he's a candidate for bench warming.

It was once explained to me by a great person, that just as there are arenas, and stages by which things come into reality, through "thought, "speech" and "action", so too in the world of thought there are levels, such as "the "thought of thought", the "speech of thought" and, the "action of thought". The same goes for the realm of speech and action as well. "I'll spare you.

Based on this we can understand a very important question. "What is the difference between crazy people and everybody else?" The answer is simple! Filters!

We don't say everything we think! We don't even develop every thought that "pops up" on the screen of our mind. We have filters. Once something is halted at the "thought of thought" and is prevented from entering the "speech of thought" or the "action of thought", we are then spared from its harmful effects. However, a crazy person has a broken filter.

He may say whatever he thinks. Even more dangerously he can act on a wild unscreened thought. When we hear about the depraved behavior of a lunatic letting loose his fury, we can understand well that that what lost before his sanity, was his filters.

Imagining the Father Figure..Within! Rafi Jager (shortvort.com)

The midrash in this week's parsha tells us that as Yoseph was about to succumb to the king of Egypt's wife, he saw a vision of his father, and overcame his desires. This Midrash is somewhat disturbing at face value. How can we turn to Yoseph for inspiration when he himself needed the vision of his father to rescue him from sin? What about us; can we expect to overcome our desires without such a shocking revelation? How can our example of resilience have nearly faltered, only to be saved by a miracle? (the vision of his father)

Somehow, we have to understand that Yoseph, indeed, saved himself. We must understand the story somewhat differently. In a land

Chanuka Shiur

Ohr Yerushalayim invites you to a pre-Chanuka Shiur

“Chasing the Light”

by Rabbi Johnny Ross

on Sunday
24th November

at 9.15pm

All Welcome
(Late Maariv 8.00pm)