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From the Rav...

SEEING THE TZADDIK IN THE RASHA

Reb Levi Yitzchak Berditchiver had a remarkable way of dealing with difficult people and difficult situations. It seems that no matter what anyone did, no matter what anyone said, Reb Levi Yitzchak was able to give the situation a positive spin and to see the other side of the coin. One Pesach, Reb Levi Yitzchak's patience was to be tested in a way that it had never been tested before.

There was a young man in Berditchev who had stopped keeping mitzvos. That year, during the *Seder*, as this young man's family prepared to eat the *matzas mitzva*, the wayward young man, to everyone's shock, pulled a piece of bread out of his pocket. There was a tumult of crying and yelling while all the while the young man could be heard taunting, "We're hungry after *Haggadah*, aren't we? *Matza, Chametz*, who cares. Rabbi Levi Yitzchak, the great tzaddik, wouldn't mind, would he?" His parents, upon hearing the evil words that accompanied the evil actions, threw on their coats and ran to Reb Levi Yitzchak. The young man, possessed by the malevolence of his actions, followed behind.

"Rebbe," the parents cried as soon as they burst into Reb Levi Yitzchak's *Seder*, "Rebbe, our son is a *rasha*. Our son is an evil person. Help us. Help us." Reb Levi Yitzchak, after attempting to offer some comfort to the broken parents, proceeded to inquire as to what exactly had happened. In-between sobs, the parents told the sad story of a wayward son who kept pushing the envelope of communal rejection further and further.

Reb Levi then turned to the boy and asked him: "*Iz es takke ozo*, is it true?" The boy's insolence displayed itself even in front of Reb Levi. "Yes, it is. Yes, I eat bread on Pesach. I don't keep the *mitzvos* anymore.

Why should I keep on making believe that I do?"

The only sound that could be heard within the deathly silence was the sound of parental weeping. "*Kum aher*," Reb Levi Yitzchak beckoned the boy. The boy was suddenly unsure of himself. Perhaps he had gone too far, after all? But he listened to Reb Levi Yitzchak and approached the table. Reb Levi Yitzchak hugged him. "Such a good boy," he exclaimed to the father, "Such honesty. He doesn't lie. He doesn't dissemble. He tells the truth. Such an honest boy! He can teach me a thing or two! Would it be okay if he enhances my *Seder* table tonight?" Reb Levi asked the stunned parents. "Just one condition though, one very small condition," he said as he seated the boy at the head of the table: "At our *Seder*, no bread, is that okay?."

It's our story, isn't it? All children, and, for that matter, all adults, make their share of mistakes. And yes, when children make mistakes, they need to be set right, a lesson must be learned.

But disciplinary action may never take place in a vacuum. The focus cannot be on the *chametz* exclusively, on that which has gone awry and on that which needs to be corrected. Discipline must begin with an appreciation, as it invariably can, if we are open to taking note of it, of that which is right and of that which is good. May that message carry from Pesach to the rest of the year and to the rest of our lives.

A kashere zissen Pesach!



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Bernie and Michal Moskoff, on the birth of a son, Yehuda Ezra. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Harry and Sally Weitz, Frank and Sheila Moskoff.

Chaim and Devorah Marmer, on the bar-mitzvah of their son, Daniel. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Moshe and Bessie Marmer.

Chavi Rosenzweig, on the bar-mitzvah of her son, Yechiel. Mazel tov to the grandmothers, Gitel Rosenzweig and Faye Rosenzweig.

Joseph and Esty Edell, on the engagement of their son, Uri, to Tamar Dobkowski of Rochester, New York. Mazel tov to the kallah's parents, Michael and Karen Dobkowski, and to the grandparents, Aron and Miriam Frankel, and Ronnie and Ella Gabe.

Ken and Miriam Goldstein, on the engagement of their son, Joshua, to Sarah Noy of Thornhill. Mazel tov to the kallah's parents, Ed and Terry Noy and to the grandparents, Murray Goldstein of Montreal, and Betty Sweet of Toronto.

Gerry and Madelaine Greenberg on the engagement of their son, Elisha, to Shifra Brecher of Lawrence, New York. Mazel tov to the kallah's parents, Chaim and Wendy Brecher, and to the grandmothers, Mozelle Kanner and Yetta Greenberg.

Arthur Herzig, on the engagement of his daughter, Shira, to Noah Turk, of Thornhill. Mazel tov to the choson's parents, Jonah and Elizabeth Turk. Mazel tov to the grandparents, David and Lea Herzig, Sara Frankel of Tel Aviv, Irving and Rose Bravman, Harry and Pnina Turk, and to the great-grandmother, Fayga Rusinek.

Chaim and Devorah Marmer, on the engagement of their daughter, Shoshana, to Moshe Slepoy of Passaic, New Jersey. Mazel tov to the chasan's parents, Rabbi Ephraim and Rivki Slepoy, to the grandparents, Moshe and Bessie Marmer, David and Marilyn Goldkorn, Martin and Bea Slepoy, and Sara Elstein. Mazel tov to Dr. David and Miriam Rosenthal (uncle and aunt).

Morris and Doreen Sosnovitch, on the engagement of their daughter, Elisheva, to Moshe Behar of Jerusalem. Mazel tov to the chasan's parents, Dr. Dan and Esther Behar of

Hashmanoim. Mazel tov to the grand- mother, Mrs. Zenia Zaifman of London, Ontario.

Tommy and Judy Hofstedter, on the marriage of their daughter, Chana, to Moti Loeb of New York. Mazel tov to the chasan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Loeb and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Hofstedter, Mr. and Mrs. Breiner.

Wayne and Zeldie Kurtz, on the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Yossi Salmon. Mazel tov to the *chasan's* parents, Dr. Peter and Roz Salmon. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Yehudi Shields, Joe and Ida Kurtz, and Moshe and Margaret Perl. Mazel tov to the great-grandmother, Annie Shields.

Arnold and Sally Rais, on the marriage of their son, Yehuda, to Etah Mael, of Chicago. Mazel tov, as well, to the kallah's parents, Dr. Dovid and Audrey Mael, and to the grandparents, Mrs. Mira Kipper, Mr. and Mrs. Nysen and Esty Mael of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Alter Chaim Myer and Mirel Jakobovitz of Montreal, and to the kallah's uncle and aunt, Jerry and Ruth Warner.

Marvin and Judy Sigler, on the marriage of their son, Binyomin, to Nikki Reichmann. Mazel tov, as well, to the kallah's parents, Ephraim and Channie Reichmann, and to the grandparents, Abe and Lily Gartner.

Drs. Heshy and Esther Sturm, on the marriage of their daughter, Shira to Steven Botnick of Woodmere, New York. Mazel tov to the chasan's parents, Gerry and Ginny Pinsky, and to the grandparents, Agnes Sturm and Mr. and Mrs. David Weil.

Dave and Esther Taub, on the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Shloimy Walden. Mazel tov to the kallah's parents, Nosson and Zeldy Walden. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Mrs. Piri Newman, Mrs. Eva Orbach, Mrs. Celia Walden.

Eli and Yaffa Adler, and Magda Orner, on the birth of a grandson, to their children, Avi and Ayala Orner. Mazel tov to the great-grandparents, Mrs. Suri Grosz, Mr. and Mrs. Isser Adler.

Dr. Alan and Mrs. Esther Bortnick, on the birth of a granddaughter, Rose Shayna, to their children, Jessica Bortnick and Sam Bleachman. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Isaac and Myrna Bleachman, and to the great-grandparents, Lou and Lorraine Bortnick, Anne Bleachman, and Paula Goldfluss.

Irwin and Ruth Diamond, on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Noach, to their children, Seth and Tiffany Leibowitz. Mazel tov to the great-grandmother, Mrs. Rose Diamond.

Joseph and Esty Edell, on the birth of a granddaughter, Gabriella Faiga, to their children, Eli and Ahuva Edell. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Leo and Frances Grunwald, and to the great-grandparents, Aron and Miriam Frankel, Mrs. Grunwald and Mr. and Mrs. Ikwitz of London, England.

Joseph and Esty Edell, on the birth of a granddaughter, Kaylee, to their children, Daniel and Miri Edell. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Chaim and Bruria Bodner of Monsey and to the great-grandparents, Aron and Miriam Frankel.

Shloime and Breindy Ehrentreu, on the birth of a grandson, Meyer Simcha, to their children, Tzvi and Esty Hertz.

Dr. Ernie and Susan Greenwald, on the birth of a grandson, Ovaïd Shalom, to their children, Sachee and Rena Allswang. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents, and Rabbi Ben Tzion and Rachel Allswang of Chicago. Mazel Tov also to the great-grandparents, Paul and Roberta Tobias Harry and Betty Allswang, Sarah Rosenblatt, and Lily Greenwald.

Dr. Ernie and Susan Greenwald, on the birth of grandson, Baruch Tzvi, to their children, Chaim and Yael Greenwald. Mazel Tov to the other grandparents Aaron David and Beedee Chait of New York. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents, Paul and Roberta Tobias, Rabbi Joseph Chait and Mrs. Lily Greenwald.

Gershon and Faigie Kaplan, on the birth of a granddaughter, Miriam Esther, to their children, Yitchok and Chani Kaplan. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cymbalista and to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Woolf, Mrs. Kaplan, and Mr. Baum.

Gary and Margaret Kopstick, on the birth of a grandson, Yoel Pinchas, to their children, Dr. Elie and Susan Kopstick. Mazel tov to the great-grandmother, Frances Kopstick.

Alter and Gita Leibowitz, on the birth of a granddaughter, Ahuva Meira, to their children, Tzali and Yaffie Leibowitz, in Montreal. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Konigsberg of Montreal, and to the great-grandparents, Mrs. Suri Grosz, Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Leibowitz of New York, Mrs. Pollack of New York and Mrs. Eva Konigsberg of Montreal.

Chuck and Aggie Nagel, on the birth of a grandson, Eliezer Shalom, to their children, Duvy and Adina Muhlbauer, in Monsey, New York. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Dr. Sheldon Muhlbauer and Mrs. Jeannie Gesthalter of New

York, and to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kestenbaum, and Mrs. Goldie Weinfeld.

Leslie and Annette Rosenthal, on the birth of a granddaughter, Shira Simcha, to their children, Amir and Ella Rosenthal. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Moti and Ruchi Maierovits, and to the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Werner, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rosenthal, Mrs. S. Maierovits.

Dr. Jack and Terry Sandler, on the birth of a granddaughter, Michal Ella, to their children, Jonathan and Blimie Levy. Mazel tov to the great-grandparents, David and Lola Herzig, and to the great-uncle, Arthur Herzig.

Professor Paul and Rochelle Socken, on the birth of a granddaughter, Temima Esther, to their children, Deborah and Shlomo Weissmann, in New Jersey.

Norm and Arlene Weisbart, on the birth of a grandson, Noach Zalman, to their children, Nick and Shevi Weinberg. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Hershy and Elaine Weinberg, and to the great-grandmother, Ruth Gilbert.

Chaim and Maryka Weisz, on the birth of a grandson, Elisha Yona, to their children, Daniel and Tammy Youngerwood, in London, England.

Rebbetzin Gittel Gordon, on the engagement of their granddaughter, Tamar Gordon to Dovid Charnowitz of Baltimore. Mazel tov to the parents, Josh and Liz Gordon.

Izzie and Ester Rubenstein, on the engagement of their granddaughter, Chaya Gella Rubenstein, to Menachem Schwarz of Monsey, New York. Mazel tov to the parents, Shmuel and Leah Rubenstein, Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchok Schwarz.

Harry and Sally Weitz, on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shoshana Weinberger to Yossy Mirsky in Israel. Mazel tov to the parents, Dr. Jeffrey and Gita Weinberger, and Michael and Bracha Mirsky.

Shaya and Rita Braun, on the marriage of their granddaughter, Miriam, to Yaakov Deitscher. Mazel tov to the parents, Moshe and Judy Adler, and Mr. and Mrs. Deitscher.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Hofstedter, on the marriage of their granddaughter, Tova, to Yossi Marder. Mazel tov to the parents, George and Linda Hofstedter, and Shlomo and Rochel Leah Marder. Mazel tov to the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marder, Rabbi and Mrs. Berel Fuerst and Mr. and Mrs. Bryner.

Condolences

Gilda Nussbaum, on the passing of her sister, Mrs. Rae Wolf.

Dr. Tommy Kohn, on the passing of his wife, Mrs. Annie Kohn. Condolences as well to the children, Dina Ganzburg, Dennis Kohn and Aviva Eisenberger, and to the Rubinstein and Seidenfeld families.

Pearl Lipson, on the passing of her husband, Mendel Lipson.

Ruth Lister, on the passing of her husband, Marvin Lister. Condolences as well on the passing of her sister-in-law, Anne Feldman.

Dr. David Rosenthal, on the passing of his father, Mr. Joseph Rosenthal.

Rita Shahin, on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Mammon.

Mrs. Tenenbaum, on the passing of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Wagner.

Pessie Weitzner, on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Lily Rosen.

Shul News and Rules

Rabbi Weber's Shabbos Ha'Gadol Derasha...
"SEDER NIGHT HALLEL: Communal Responsibilities, *Chinuch* and the *Shtibelization* of *Kashrus*"

-- *Hallel* as a *mitzvas ha'Seder* or as a *mitzvah* unto itself

-- Why the Berditchever insisted on taking the *almana's* two rubles

-- Parochialization and its impact on a child's developing *midos*

-- *Shtibelization* as it advances into *kashrus*

Shabbos Parshas Tzav 5767,
March 31, 2007, 6:20 PM
FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Yeshivas Bein Hazmanin .. will begin on Tuesday, March 27th until after *Yom Tov*. *Minyan* will be at 8:30 AM daily, followed by a hot catered breakfast. There will be short *Divrei Torah* on *Inyanei Yom Tov* by Toronto's most esteemed *Maggidei Shiurim*, followed by *chevrusa* learning, with guidance provided by *Rebbeim* from a number of prominent local *yeshivos*.

Renovations to the Shul: A Status Report...

The ongoing renovations to the *shul* are progressing nicely. The eaves troughs are slated

next for repair, as well as the heating and ventilation system. Soon the windows will be replaced in the main sanctuary with more thermally efficient and glare-resistant windows.

Last issue of Clanton Park Herald (in its present form) ... Twenty-five issues over the course of two and half years... we have had a pretty good run... but it is time to turn over the *shul* bulletin reins to someone else. An announcement is forthcoming on who the new editor will be.

Youth News

Baseball fever... *The Boys Clanton Park Baseball League* is gearing up for another season. Stay tuned for details.

Sisterhood News

Rosh Chodesh Program... Our Rosh Chodesh Committee of Haviva Diena, Rosie Roth and Alana Weitzner has organized some wonderful programs this winter! The *Kislev* program was an informational presentation on *The Art of Silver-smithing*. In Shvat, Batya Faigenbaum captivated her audience with her personal story: "Disability is an Attitude"; and most recently Rosh Chodesh Adar featured the Kol Rena Choir and mishloach manot ideas from Koklico. Many thanks to Ruthie Mann, Edna Milevsky, and Pauline Dorfman for hosting these gatherings. Check the Clanton Park website and shul fliers for great events planned for after Pesach and come join us for Rosh Chodesh: it's ladies' night out!

Need transportation to a Rosh Chodesh program? ... Know someone who would be interested in coming, but needs a lift? Please call Rosie--416-633-4870, Alanna--416-398-5154, or Haviva--416-398-2896 to make arrangements.

The Sisterhood Delivers.....Mishloach Manos!
As a first-time endeavour, homemade goodies were prepared and delivered to many members of our *shul*. Although busy with their own hectic schedules, personal *mishloach manos* packages and family seudas, our volunteers baked, cooked and delivered! Yasher Kochachem to Nancy Farajun, Lea Frohwein, Gita Leibowitz, Josh and Branya Levi and family, Sally Rais, Tovit Rubin, Renee Shields, Miriam Walfish, the Spiegel Family, Annie Tencer, Miriam Walfish, Rabbi and Leah Dina, and Batsheva Weber, and the Bressler family for an outstanding effort!

Stay tuned ... for future Sisterhood events including: women's *shalosh seudos*, Clanton Park Garage Sale, and more...!