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This week we have some

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Part 2
- **Interview with Master Storyteller, Rabbi Perl!**

**Wishing you a good
Shabbos,**

The JKIDS staff

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Hello everyone! Wondering what this new page is?

It's a thank you page!!

First we would like to thank Doctor Ilya Wolfson, who gave us his time for a long interview, way back in the second edition. Thank you.

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WEEKLY LESSON(S)

The Rebbe Maharash had a chossid named R' Elya Abeler.

Once when he came into yechidus, the Rebbe Maharash told him, "Elya, I am jealous of you! Hashem gave you something so special, which I don't even have! You are a business person, so you need to go to many places to do your business.

Sometimes in the middle of talking to someone about business, you start to tell him a Yiddishe "vort" or a story from the gemara, and make him excited to learn Torah!

That makes me jealous of you, because when you do that, it brings Hashem so much nachas and Hashem gives you so many brachos for it."

It was getting closer to Pesach. In Yekatrinoslav, one of the biggest cities in Ukraine, the government officials knew that soon the Yidden would be looking for matzah.

Back then, the Russian government owned EVERYTHING. Nobody could have their own store, their own factory or their own matzah bakery. The government was the one to arrange for matzah to be baked. Since Yidden would only buy matzah with a hechsher, they decided to ask R' Levi Yitzchak (the Rav in their city) to be the Rav and say that it was kosher.

R' Levi Yitzchak agreed — but when he explained how they would need to make the matzah Shmurah, they didn't want to follow all of the rules. It would cost the government more money, and be complicated to make the matzah properly! They wanted R' Levi Yitzchak to give his hechsher even without doing it right. They tried to convince R' Levi Yitzchak to agree.

The Russian government in that time would give people very big punishments, even for little things. (This actually happened to R' Levi Yitzchak later in his life, and he passed away early because of it.) Everyone had to listen to exactly what they said — or else!

Even though the Russian government was so powerful and so scary, R' Levi Yitzchak did not give in. He knew that it wasn't right to give a hechsher to matzah that wasn't made exactly the way halacha teaches. He told the government that he did NOT agree to give a hechsher unless they made the matzah according to his instructions!

Really, that would have been enough for the government to punish him! How dare he tell the government that he won't do what they told him!

But instead of punishing him, they said that they can't follow all of his rules unless they get permission from the higher officials in Moscow. They sent him there to ask himself.

R' Levi Yitzchak traveled to Moscow, and told the government officials firmly what they need to do in order for him to be able to give a hechsher. Amazingly, they agreed to what he said! They wrote an order that all of the mills where they grind the flour for matzah have to follow the rules that Rabbi Schneerson gives — even if it ends up being more expensive for them!

BOnce the Rebbe Rashab was learning with the Poltaver Rav, R' Yaakov Mordechai Bezpalov. The Friediker Rebbe was 3 or 4 years old, and his bed was in the room where they were learning.

R' Yaakov Mordechai looked over at the sleeping boy, and said that his shining face showed the kedusha that he had!

When the Rebbe Rashab heard that comment, he felt that he wanted to kiss his son, but he stopped himself, and instead wrote a maamar called Moh Rabu Maasecha Hashem. When the Friediker Rebbe got older, the Rebbe Rashab gave him the maamar, and told him, "this is a Chassidishe kush!" Years later, he told him the story.

100 BARRELS OF WINE

The Baal Shem Tov once gathered a select group of his students and announced to them: "Come, I will show you a true '*machnis orach*' – someone who sincerely and with his whole heart welcomes guests into his home."

Right away the Baal Shem Tov asked to prepare the horse and wagon and be ready to go on a trip. The wheels of the wagon flew through fields and forests, mountains and valleys, until by late afternoon they arrived at a village and stopped at an inn.

From the inn came running out a Jewish man. He called out:

"Hooray there are guests! Precious Jewish guests!"

He went over to each of them and welcomed them and invited them to come in to his house.

"Come dear Rabbis, come into my home. You can rest up and eat something. You will revive yourself and at the same time bring life to me! It's not every day that I am so fortunate to do the mitzvah of '*hachnosas orchim*!'"

The Baal Shem Tov responded and said:

"Perhaps it would be better that we should continue on our way to the nearby city. There we will have a *mikvah*, and we will be able to *daven* with the congregation, and to listen to the reading of the Torah."

"Oh, but I have a *mikvah* and a *Sefer Torah*; and together with all of you, we will also have a *minyan*," the innkeeper said, entreating them to remain by him. He added that if they would like to *daven* on Shabbos in the city, they could walk there by foot, because it is within the permissible *halachik* area allowed.

At the end, the Baal Shem Tov agreed to the request of the innkeeper to be his guest for a while.

The host lived modestly. However, he offered his guests his best rooms and did everything to make their stay comfortable. After *davening* he invited them to a set table with delicious food. He himself stood by to serve them. On Shabbos morning, they all walked to the nearby city to *daven* with the congregation. After Shabbos, the villager prepared a lavish *Melave Malka*, and even invited many more guests from the nearby city and from the nearby village. He was so joyous as if it was a big holiday!

The Baal Shem Tov and his students spent a few more days by the villager, who took care of all their needs personally and did everything in his power to make sure they felt at home.

Before leaving, the Baal Shem Tov asked their host if he had any special request?

"My only request is that the *Tzadik* should pray for me that I merit Life in the World to Come," he answered.

"The thing you ask for is dependent upon you," the Baal Shem Tov responded. "But if you wish that I bless you, you must come to me in Mezbush. And, by the way, I can give you some sound advice. Since in our country there is a shortage of wine, when you come it would be worthwhile that you bring along with you one hundred barrels of wine from the best type, so that you can earn a nice profit." Much time passed since the visit at the home of the Jew who excelled in *hachnosas orchim*. The students all but forgot about the whole episode. Once the Baal Shem Tov said to his students: "Today a group of poor people came to our town. Please go and tell them that I invite them to the Shabbat meal." The students were very surprised to hear this. The local custom was that poor people and passing guests who came to town had all their needs

When the poor folk were seated around the table, the Baal Shem Tov turned to one of them, and invited him to come sit next to him.

"Do you recognize me?" the Baal Shem Tov asked him.

"Yes," the poor man answered. "I had the merit to host the Rebbe and his students in my home in the village a while ago." The students sitting around the table perked up their ears.

"Tell us what happened to you since then," the Baal Shem Tov continued.

The villager unfolded the following tale:

"When the Rebbe told me to come to him to Mezbush and he will bless me that I merit Life in the World to Come; and he suggested that I bring with me 100 barrels of the best wine, I firmly believed in the words of the Rebbe and set out to do this. I sold everything I possessed, and bought 100 barrels of wine. Then I set out on my way. We passed through a forest. Towards evening a big storm broke out and torrents of rain fell. It felt as if Hashem was sending another *mabul* to the world. The path was totally soaked with water and the wagons were unable to move forward. I got off the wagon, and leaving the merchandise with the wagon drivers, I made my way to find a house or inn to spend the night. From far I noticed a small light in the darkness. I went toward the light. Soon I reached a house in the forest. An old Jewish man with a flowing beard greeted me at the door. He invited me in. The house was warm and lit up and the old man treated me warmly until I warmed up. In the morning, after I *davened*, I parted from the regal looking old man in peace and went back where I left my wagons. However there wasn't any trace of them. It was as if they had vanished in thin air. In the beginning I was very upset and depressed. However then I began to think to myself that I don't have any reason to be upset. 'Hashem gives and Hashem takes, May the Name of Hashem be blessed.' Surely it is all for the good, I decided. I began to walk until I found a group of poor people traveling this way and I went with them until I came to Mezbush."

The poor man finished his story and all eyes now focused on the Baal Shem Tov.

"Do you feel bad or sorry that you asked me for a *brocho* to merit Life in the World to Come? Perhaps you would have preferred to get all your lost wealth back?" "Chas vesholom – G-d forbid" the poor man replied without hesitating. "Is the Rebbe suggesting that I give up my share in the World to Come in exchange for 100 barrels of wine? Absolutely not, Rebbe, I am prepared to remain a poor person all my life, traveling from place to place, if only I can merit to live in the World to Come!"

"Indeed that is what I wanted to hear from you," the Baal Shem Tov said. "A Jew needs to be ready to give up everything for faith in Hashem. You accomplished this and therefore you will merit Life in the World to Come."

A relieved smile of pure happiness came on the face of the poor man.

The Baal Shem Tov continued:

"You are thinking that now you will have to wander with your friends for a long time. Well that is not the case. With the help of Hashem, tomorrow the wagons with the wine which you lost in the forest, will arrive here. You will sell them for a nice profit and you will once again be able to do the mitzvah of *hachnossas orkim* as before."

The Baal Shem Tov was *mekarev* the poor man and spoke much about the great value of the mitzvah of *hachnossas orkim* in this world and its great reward in the World to Come.

The next day the wagons arrived as the Baal Shem Tov had said. The villager became very wealthy and continued to host guests in an ample fashion.

THE PRINCE

MASHAL

There was once a king who had only one son who he knew would be the heir to the throne. And because the king knew that his son would succeed him it was very important that the future king should learn all of those skills and traits necessary for a ruler, and really get ready for his role. The king, of course, hired the best teachers and exposed him to whatever knowledge he would need. However, there was a point when the king realized that, as long as the prince was living in the palace, cushioned from the reality of the outside world, there was a flaw in his plan. Because when a person is living in the lap of luxury and he has anything he wants, he doesn't have to bring out latent traits, because he doesn't need them. In the palace, you just have to snap your fingers, and you get whatever you want right away. You can't really know how a person will behave in a difficult situation if he's never been in a difficult situation.

So the king realized that, in order for his son to be a better king someday, he had to send him away from the palace. That it wasn't good for him to only know what the life of a prince was. So the king sent his only son to a place very far away from the palace, a place where the conditions were very rough. Before the prince left, the king told him that he wanted him to find his way back to the palace. When the prince was deposited in that far-off province, at first he found the life very, very difficult. Of course he had never endured those kind of conditions. All of a sudden he had to fend for himself. He wasn't eating the food he was accustomed to and he was living among people that didn't appreciate royalty. In every way, emotionally and physically, it was very, very difficult. The king realized that his son was having a hard time, but nevertheless, he felt very secure in the fact that this was the best way to get his son to develop those aspects of his personality which weren't being developed in the palace. Only then, when the son would return to the palace, the king would know that now he was ready to rule.

NIMSHAL

The soul, the *Neshamah*, before it's born, is also like a prince in a palace. It learns the entire Torah. It's under *HaShem*'s throne and is basking in *HaShem*'s glory. It's a wonderful situation but it's too comfortable. You can't test yourself that way. So *HaShem* decides to send the *Neshamah* away, down onto this earth in a body. And all of a sudden the *Neshamah* experiences all kinds of things that are very unpleasant, very distasteful. But *HaShem* knows that while the *Neshamah* is living in a body and facing the trials and tribulations of a life, it has a lot of opportunity to bring out its devotion to Him. That if you don't have to test your devotion between the king and anybody else, then you don't know how devoted you are. But if you are in a place where there are numerous other things to become devoted to and you maintain your devotion to the king, then it's that much more true and special and exalted.

So when *HaShem* sees that the *Neshamah*, despite all the distractions and difficulties of *galus*, still wants to cleave to *HaShem* and still chooses *Yiddishkeit* over all the other isms that exist in the world, and the *Neshamah* says, "I want to be Jewish; I don't want to be anything else," then its devotion has been proven.

This causes a lot of joy to *HaShem*, as well as making the soul itself stronger. This is another example of how the *galus* (the descent of the soul into this world), which may seem to be something difficult and negative, is nevertheless truly for the good of the *Neshamah*.

ACTIVITY

5 STEP EGG CARTON MANCALA

1. Take your empty egg carton.
2. Carefully cut off the top. Once the top is cut off, cut each end of the top as well as two pieces from the middle to the edge as pictured.



3. To make the end pockets, tape together each cut off end and the middle-to-edge pieces. Make sure the outside of the carton for the middle pieces is facing towards the inside of the end piece.



4. Tape each end pocket to either end of the bottom of the carton, the middle piece facing inward. Make sure they are taped securely on the sides, top and bottom.

5. Fill each small pocket with four of anything, any color (I used jelly beans because they are fun, colorful, and edible, but you can use anything from pebbles to beads to Cheerios...be creative!) Now you are ready to play!



14 tHINGS YOU May not HAVE KNOWN about FLORIDA



1. Florida has the most golf courses in the USA.
2. There are approximately 1000 people who move into Florida every day.
3. Florida is the flattest state in America.
4. Some people call Florida “The Sunshine State”.
5. 20,271,272 people currently live in Florida.
6. The first Hurricane in Florida recorded was in 1523.
7. Miami, Florida holds the title for the warmest city in the USA during the winter. It also offers some of the hottest weather in the US.
8. Florida has one of two round freshwater lakes in the world.
9. Miami installed the first ATM for rollerbladers.
10. The largest mangrove forest in the USA is in Florida.
11. Florida isn't the southernmost state in the USA; Hawaii is.
12. Florida is the most lightning-strike prone state.
13. Florida WAS home to one of the largest trees in the world.
14. Florida is home to the third-largest coral reef in the world.

THE SHLIACH #6



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To be CONTINUED...

D'VAR TORAH

PARSHAS NASO

Completing the counting of the *B'nei Yisrael* taken in the *Midbar*, a total of 8,580 *Levi'ym* men between the ages of 30 and 50 are counted and are those who will be doing the actual work of transporting the *Mishkan*.

Hashem tells *Moshe* the *Halachos* of the *sotah*, where a wife is suspected of doing certain things that would make her a *Sotah*. Also the *Halachos* of the *Nazir* are described; one who doesn't drink wine or eat grapes, lets his hair grow long, and is forbidden to come in contact with a dead body. *Aaron* and his descendants, the *kohanim*, are instructed how to *Bench* the *Yidden*.

The *Nesiem* of the twelve *Shevatim* of the *B'nei Yisrael* each bring their *Korbanos* for the *Chanukah* of the *Mizbeiach* (*Chanukas Hamizbeiach*). Although their gifts were identical, each one was brought on a different day and is individually written in the *Torah*, to show the importance of each one.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Moshe Lein

Jokes & Riddles

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?

Because he was stuffed.

What is fast, loud and crunchy?

A rocket chip!

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?

A dino-snore!

What has ears but cannot hear?

A cornfield.

Riddle: What gets wet while drying?

Riddle: You walk into a room that contains a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle and a fireplace. What would you light first?

Riddle: I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

Riddle: What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?

THINK YOU KNOW THE ANSWER? Let us know at: jkidsmag@gmail.com, or wait till next week to see if you got it right!

THE SHLIACH ON MARS

CHAPTER ONE:

ONE DAY LATER...

"SO YAKOV, I WAS THINKING LAST NIGHT, AND I THINK I HAVE AN ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM OF GETTING INTO SPACE. YOU KNOW I AM A BUSINESSMAN AND HAVE ACQUIRED QUITE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO I THINK I CAN USE THAT TO GET US TO SPACE. NOW I KNOW IT TAKES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO GET TO SPACE, BUT I HAVE A FRIEND NAMED PROFFESOR X, WHO IS QUITE THE SCIENTIST. HE HAS CREATED MANY CRAZY INVENTIONS, MADE SOME DISCOVERIES, BUT OVERALL HE HAS FOCUSED MAINLY ON SPACE." AVRAHAM CHAIM SAID, "AND I CONFIRMED WITH HIM THIS MORNING THAT IF I WAS ABLE TO PAY FOR SOME OF THE MATERIALS HE WILL NEED, HE SHOULD GET US TO OUTER SPACE IN A FEW WEEKS." "THAT'S INCREDIBLE!", YAKOV EXCLAIMED.

"BUT THAT'S NOT ALL," AVRAHAM INTERRUPTED, "HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET US FARTHER THAN THE MOON. IN AROUND A MONTH, HE WILL BE ABLE TO GET US TO MARS!" "ARE YOU SERIOUS?!" YAKOV EXCLAIMED, "WE NEED TO GET READY! I'LL GO ORDER SOME SEFORIM AND MEZUZOS. YOU GO SEE IF YOU CAN GET US WIFI." "WHY DO YOU NEED WIFI?" AVRAHAM ASKED. "WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? TO READ JKIDS EVERY WEEK!!" YAKOV REPLIED. "WELL, I'LL WORK ON THE ARRANGEMENTS. WHY DON'T YOU GO VISIT PROFESSOR X AND TALK WITH HIM. JUST MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. PROFESSOR X CAN BE A LITTLE... EXTREME." AVRAHAM SAID. IN AGREEMENT, THEY BOTH LEFT TO DO THEIR WORK.

TO BE CONTINUED...

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STORY, PLEASE LET US KNOW AT JKIDSMAG@GMAIL.COM

Interview with master storyteller and former Rebbi, Rabbi Sholem Perl.



1. When did you start storytelling?

In 1976 I was a Bochur in Chovevai Torah in Crown Heights. On Wednesdays for one hour I taught Yahadus to public school children in the program Called Mitvoch Sho-oh (the Wednesday hour) I went to Bayside Queens teaching those public school kids in a local Shul. That's when I realized that I was a storyteller bringing stories of the Torah alive, inspiring them.

2. How did you get the idea to start storytelling?

I grew up in London, England. In the 60s, we listened to Rabbi Yosef Goldstein's records and tapes. The stories affected me greatly, it planted the seeds in my mind. Incidentally I ended up to be his son-in-law.

3. What is the process of making a story?

Firstly, you have to choose a story that is true and inspires today's youth, a story they can relate to. The process is to change the story into a script. After going into the studio and recording the characters in different voices and accents, I add the sound effects and music to make it more alive and interesting.



4. How many stories have you published?

So far, B'H, 15.

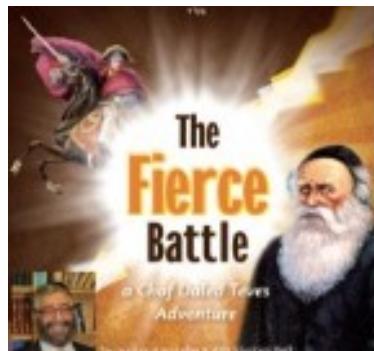
5. What did you do before you became a storyteller?

For fifteen years I was a Rebbi both in New York — in the Lubavitcher Yeshiva on Ocean Parkway — and later in Los Angeles. Some of my students whom are in their 40s still

remember my daily stories.

6. Do you make all the sounds for your stories?

I use a sound effects library which could be purchased online.



7. What do you do when you aren't making stories?

Making stories is my hobby. Most of my time I spend as a

fundraiser for different Los Angeles based Chabad Mosdos.

8. How hard is it to make the stories?

There is nothing easy in life. You need time and creativity, and together with the talent that Hashem has blessed me

9. Where do you get your stories from?
Everywhere, from Talks and Tales to stories told by Chasidim like Rabbi Fole Kahn.

10. Do you tell stories live?
Yes, in the past I told stories daily as a Rebbe, however, today it's once in a while.

11. Has COVID-19 affected your storytelling work/production at all?
Yes much... I am now homebound and have more time to produce, and with the help of Zalman Engel of Long Beach, California, helping in creating my website, RabbiPerlstories.com



12. How long does it take to publish/make a new story?
From the beginning of researching a story etc. as I mentioned above in #3, a typical fifteen minute story would need an average of 50 hours.

13. Do you take story requests?
Yes. I will always consider a suggestion.

14. Do you do fiction stories, real stories, or both?
Both, but the fictional stories have to have been told by a Rebbe, like the story of comparing Chasidus to the Kings most expensive gem, that needed to be crushed down to save the prince.

15. Do you have any specific goal in mind when you choose what story to do?
Absolutely! Every story must inspire and guide todays youth, in lessons of Ahavas Hashem, Emunas Hashem, Emunas Tzadikim, strengthening their commitment to Torah and mitzvos and following in the footsteps of our Rabbeim who paved the way for us with Mesiras Nefesh, and true Ahavas Yisroel, Unconditional love for every Yid.

16. Are you currently in middle of/planning to make another story?
Yes. It is the story about the Frierdiker Rebbe's daring and miraculous escape from Europe in 1939, from the jaws of the nazis yematch shemom, and his Final arrival in the United States on the ninth of Adar Beis in 1940, preparing the world for the coming of Moshiach Tzidkeinu.

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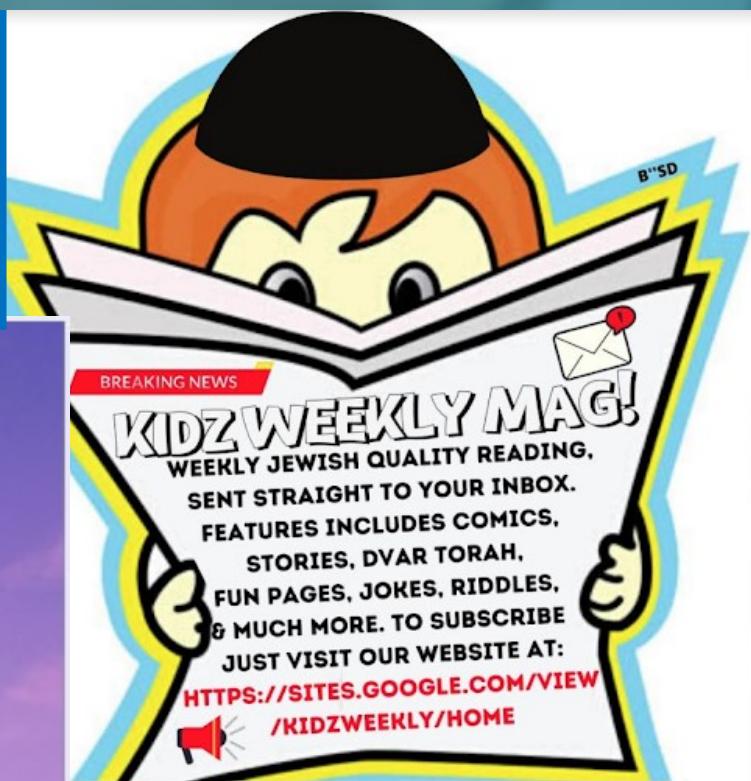
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Would you like to strengthen your connection to the Rebbe?

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