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# ShluchaNews online



## Taharas Hamishpacha Int'l



### Special points of interest:

- \* Esther Piekarski in US for January speaking tour
- \* Brand-new "My Jewish Baby" now available
- \* Malka Touger moves to the US.
- \* Sarah Karmely in Eretz Yisroel during August. Ideal speaker for women's group

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## *In my own words...* by Mrs. Bluma Rivkin

"A few years ago E.H. of northern Louisiana and I were talking about our children and the Yiddishe nachas she and her husband have from the traditional Jewish families that almost all of her children have (a real blessing in our assimilated, 50% intermarried society).

But she bemoaned one lovely daughter who could not seem to find her *basherte* and had broken up with wonderful Jewish boys in the past. She asked if I had any suggestions. We discussed a few ideas and then I told her that, to be completely honest, I had to share my belief in the power of *mikvah* in influencing the lives of our children. She agreed, made the preparations to go one

special time (as appropriate for her). She *davvened* her heart out and had a lovely experience. But her daughter grew older and there was no miraculous happy ending.

Last week she called with the greatest joy. " *Mazal Tov!* Our last daughter is engaged! It was the mikvah!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"A few years ago", she explained, "when I went to the mikvah and 'prayed my heart out', my daughter had just broken up with a very fine young man. I prayed so hard for them to get back together. In the interim, she became *frum*, and on his own journey he became *frum*. Now

they've gotten back together and are engaged to be married this September. It was the mikvah!! I'm telling that to everyone!"

Let's FLOOD the world with loving kindness."



## Editor's Message

Greetings and thanks for your warm comments on last month's issue!

I'm happy to announce you'll soon be able to have a direct feed to our Global Mikvah Directory. Tell us if you're interested — and we'll include the feed on your site — for free.

Also take a look at [www.mikvah.org](http://www.mikvah.org). As we designing and develop our site, your input and ideas are especially welcome.

Our goal is to support your holy shlichus to introduce more and more yiddishe mishpachos to the fundamental mitzvah of mikva. We're here to listen to your

needs and support your work in any way we can. .

Best wishes for continued hatzlacha! And may we be zoche to see true peace in Eretz HaKodesh through the coming of Moshiach Tzidkainu now!

## Der Chassidisher Vinkel

(excerpted from *Proceeding Together, Vol III, The Earliest Talks of the Rebbe, SIE*)

I would like to recount two stories about our masters, the Rebbeim, who literally risked their lives for the good of Jewry at large, even in situations which according to the law of the Torah could have been faced differently.

Once my revered father-in-law, the Rebbe (Rayatz), traveled to Petersburg in an attempt to undo a decree that was about to be promulgated against the Jews in that land. After much exertion he succeeded in securing an interview with the relevant minister (through the intercession of one of the latter's acquaintances) who set the time for Friday night, the eve of Shabbos. Since the minister lived in an outlying suburb of Petersburg, beyond the distance permissible on Shabbos, the Rebbe [Rayatz] traveled there before sunset, and since no Jews lived in the area, he was obliged to spend that entire Shabbos, before and after the interview, in a tavern full

of drunkards and robbers, at the literal risk of his life. There he prayed and recited Kiddush and so on, and from there he walked to the minister's mansion. The owner of the tavern agreed to accompany him as far as the gate, but not into the courtyard where dangerous dogs prowled, nor did he later accompany him on his lone way home in the bitter cold.

According to the law of the Torah the Rebbe would have been allowed to desecrate the Shabbos for the sake of this interview because of the imminent threat to the lives of all the Jews in that country. He could have spent the day in town and traveled to see the minister on Shabbos, instead of spending Shabbos in the tavern with all the dangers this entailed...



Deep inside the soul of every Jew there lies a wellspring. In some people, uncovering it requires deep digging through a heavy layer of dust and stones; in others, one only has to dig through a thin layer of dust; and in some people the wellspring's waters are already gushing forth for all to see.

Now, when one encounters a fellow Jew, whose wellspring has remained undisclosed for many years, one might mistakenly conclude that searching for it is a hopeless task. Indeed, one might even come to think that there's no wellspring in there at all. After all, doesn't chassidus teach that everything that exists in potential form must ultimately become manifest?

...If a physical wellspring, after 5,000 years, is ultimately uplifted and redeemed, then the waters of a spiritual wellspring, even though for years they have been covered with dust and stones, will surely gush forth and become manifest—since “every thing that was ever created has a specific time at which it is to be uplifted.”

...A certain chassid once complained that his attempts to influence others were not successful. My revered father-in-law, the Rebbe [Rayatz], wrote in reply that the lack should be sought not in the listener, but in himself

... the fault possibly lies with the individual who should have *dug and uncovered it...*




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## New Items on [www.mikvah.org](http://www.mikvah.org) !!! For Shluchos Only

"My Jewish Baby" NEW RELEASE!	\$2.50 ea. Orders over 50 / \$2.00 ea
NEW! Multi colored disposable foam slippers	\$0.35 per pair
Paper Floor mats	\$0.15 each. 10% off on case of 500
NEW! Plastic coated floor mats	\$0.18 each. 10% off on case of 500
Shir Hashirim: 6 tapes	
Right Approach to Love, Mrs. Esther Twersky	\$30.00
The Jewish Home: 5 tapes	\$30.00
Home Management , Kashrus, Parnasa and Emuna, Career Woman vs Homemaker	

## Parenting your Married Children

By Rabbi Dr. A. J. Twerski (adapted from an article in HaModia Magazine)

Okay, the wedding was great! Everyone had a most enjoyable time, and the pictures turned out beautiful. The parents will long remember this wonderful event.

But something happened at that wedding. Abruptly, the children's priorities changed. Their primary affection and attention will now be given to each other rather than to their parents. It is important to know that this does not mean that they love their parents any less.

Parents did their best to find the most suitable *shidduch* for their children. But they cannot help but think, *Are the children going to be happy? How will they handle their problems and their adjustment? You hear so much about couples*

*that have problems.*

It might be wise at some point during the *sheva brachos* to say to the couple, "You know that we wish you all the *mazal* in the world. We realize that both of you will be making adjustments to each other. We remember what it was like when we were married, and if there is anything we can do to contribute to your happiness, please turn to us..."

You have told them that you will be there for them, and that's about as far as you can go. How will you know whether they're really happy? Not by asking, but by having a listening ear. If you think there is a problem, don't just intervene. Call someone with competence in marriage issues to ask how you should react.

Although there is a concept of *shanah rishonah*,

the first day of the second year is not radically different from the first year. Following these general guidelines provide some tools to help the parents and the couple forge a closer relationship.

**Don't give unsolicited advice.**

**Minimize "drop-in" visits; call first**

**Compliment and express approval whenever and wherever possible**

**If you don't have something nice to say, say nothing**

**Don't take things personally (this too shall pass)**

*Shep Nachas!*

Even when we are totally convinced that we have no ulterior motive other than our children's best interests, it remains their right as adults to make their own mistakes.

## The Kochleffel

### THICK AND RICH MILKSHAKE

*This is my husband's specialty, the kind of milkshake that leaves a serious milk moustache. His secret ingredient is that he adds a few squares of milk chocolate to his chocolate milkshakes and white chocolate to his vanilla ones right before he turns on the blender.*

Ingredients:

**2 cups vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream or frozen yogurt**

**1/2 cup milk**

**1/2 cup heavy cream** (if none's available, try using dessert whip -Ed)

**1 tsp vanilla extract**

Place the ice cream, milk, heavy cream and vanilla into a blender. Place

the cover on the blender.

Blend until smooth If you like a thinner milkshake, blend for a longer time. If you like a thicker shake, blend for a shorter time and you can add more ice cream. Pour into glasses and serve.

Just one of the easy mouth-watering ideas from "Kosher by Design—Kids in the Kitchen" by Susie Fishbein Available now at [www.mikvah.org](http://www.mikvah.org)



## Bytes from the BYIT

Bayis Yehudi Institute of Training

greetings and best wishes from all of us here in the Catskills Mountains! Hope you're enjoying the healthful rays of summer wherever you are.

This session BYIT is offering an inspiring six-week course which will be available on audio tape. It will be led by the renowned educator Mrs. Esther Twerski: "Eishes Chayil": Applied and Practical

**When:** Tuesdays 8:30-10:00 pm

**Where:** the Swerdlow home, 484 Crown Street, Brooklyn, NY

For more information, please call Mrs. Chana Seidman #925-324-4317

Following the summer, we'll plan our Fall Session. If you'd like to see specific classes that have not been offered before please let us know. We'll be happy to keep your ideas and

suggestions in mind while developing next year's schedule.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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## Bullets from the Bureau

### New Speakers

#### **Mrs. Freidy (Wineberg) Yanover**

Dynamic speaker. Topics include: 'Eternal Kabbala for the Contemporary Mind', " She brings chassidus...in an original style and life-changing way." *Rachel Goldman, Johannesburg, SA*

**Ms. Neria Cohen** presents unique Jewish meditation and painting workshops based on Chassidus. "The workshop is full of content; intense yet relaxing" *Sarah Shemtov, Riverdale, NY*

### More Speakers

**Mrs. Levana Kirschenbaum** offers gourmet cooking demos and book signings. Author of "Levana's Table".

#### **Mrs. Esther Piekarski**

Internationally acclaimed speaker on mikvah, modern Jewish woman and marriage enrichment. Now booking for January tour in US.

**Mrs. Rivka Zakutinsky.** Noted author, founder of Aura Press and professional educator. Topics include 'How to Access your Spiritual DNA', and 'Hotline to Heaven'.

**Mrs. Malka Touger** Author, video producer and engaging lecturer on relationships, marriage enrichment and spirituality. Speaking engagement in Miami on November 5th.

**Mrs. Ariella Goldberg.** Accomplished singer, songwriter and guitarist. She weaves together Yiddish lullabies, Chassidish tunes, and original compositions in a delightful and meaningful way.

**Mrs. Fruma Rosenberg** runs weekly workshops on emotional fitness through Torah. "We keep flying Fruma back again and again. No matter who the audience is, they all seem to love her". *R' Kasriel Kastel, Brooklyn, NY*

**Mrs. Yocheved Adelman.** Co-director of Chabad at U Mass, Amherst. Speaks with warmth, humor, and sincerity. Topics include 'Women & Spirituality: Where are we Heading?'

**Mrs. Molly Resnick** will speak in Boca Raton on Yud-Tes Kislev (12/10/06) "Molly was excellent. Perfect for our upscale community." *R' Mendel Zaltzman, Fairlawn, NJ*

**Mrs. Chana Weisberg.** Noted author, and lecturer. Topics include 'Feminine Imagery in Kabbalah'. " She objectively depicted the integral link between Torah and gender differences", *Dr. Kevin Bernstein, Las Vegas, NV*

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## Book Review

### **Finding the Woman of Valor, - Beyond Pearls and Merchant Ships**

**Author:** Rivka Zakutinsky  
**Reviewed by :** Miriam Adahan, Ph.D.

I felt truly honored to be able to review this book. Not only is it full of great wisdom and information, but the writing is such that the entire book reads like a lyrical poem. Rivka Zakutinsky shows us how the Torah provides us with true models of "feminism", women of outstanding character who demonstrated unusual love, conviction, strength, modesty, courage and *mesirus nefesh*. This book will appeal to the entire range of Jewish readers. How rich is our heritage! How outstanding are our own role models! How stark is our contrast to the image of womanhood portrayed in the secular media, as immoral, shallow and destructive, little more than playthings with no direction or meaning to their lives. I hope this book receives the popularity it so richly deserves.

**On Sale for Shluchos ... \$17.95**