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The ילקוט שמעוני at the end of פרשת נצבים describes the following incident. אליהו הנביא was traveling, unrecognizable, and met up with an indivudal who knew very little Torah. After some discussion, אליהו asked the man what he would respond to הקב"ה after 120 years when asked about his ignorance. He replied that he would explain to הקב"ה that he was not blessed with the intellect to be able to understand the תורה and therefore could not learn. When אליהו proceeded to ask him what he does for a living, he replied that he was a fisherman who found success by creating proper netting for catching fish. אליהו challenged him - "Do you think that הקב"ה would present you with the wisdom to understand how to make fishing stand His תורה?" The fisherman became very distraught and began to cry, recognizing the innate contradiction in his

As we introspect during

Happenings

FALL UNITY TRIP

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A KING'S GIFT by Shlomo Krausz 11th Grade

There was once a Jewish man who lived in an apartment building in New York. He lived in the same building as the ambassador to Morocco. Living in the same building for many years, the neighbors grew close to each other. One week, the ambassador told him that he would be having a guest for the weekend; the king of Morocco was coming to the US. The ambassador told his Jewish neighbor to come over to meet the king. Sunday night, the man went to meet the king, bringing along his twelve year old son. They introduced themselves and the king started asking them questions. The boy mentioned he was twelve and had his Bar Mitzvah coming up.

Months later, the boy had his Bar Mitzvah. Along with all of his Bar Mitzvah gifts, the

"Sparks of Mussar" by Rabbi Chaim

Ephraim Zaitchik, Feldheim Publishers Reb Yisroel Salanter - "Reb

Yisroel's Shmone Esrei"

When R' Yisroel went to Warsaw to visit R'Yitzchok Meir of Ger, the Rebbe honored him greatly and when R' Yisroel left, the Rebbe escorted him to the

Word quickly spread among the chassidim that a great man had come to town. No sooner had R' Yisroel stepped into the building became filled to wanted to see him.

How disappointed thev were that this Lithuanian tzaddik davened as quickly as any ordinary person and was one of the first to finish Esreh! Shmoneh their wonderment, R' Yisroel explained: "I saw that many people had stopped work on my account. The shoemaker left his awl, the tailer his needle, the blacksmith his bellows. If I were to draw out my prayers, I would be guilty of causing Jews monetary loss.'

Yamim Noraim

the ימים נוראים, we must ask ourselves if we maximize our abilities for spiritual pursuits. Do we recognize that the תורה mission is serving הקב"ה with a deep understanding of what the תורה wants from us? Do we use the intellect He has given us to learn תורה in a meaningful and significant way?

ourselves to fully recognize the formidable talents that we have and use those special gifts to commit ourselves fully to both serving and coming closer to הקב"ה.



Rabbi Yossi Golombeck speaks at MTI before Rosh Hashana

Upcoming & Ongoing MTI Community Events

SHABBOS COMMUNITY MELAVA MALKA Jon Rubin -HOT BUFFET

Rav Okiva Grunblatt שליט"א Rosh Yeshiva, Chofetz Chaim

MOTZEI SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 2ND - 9:00 PM AT THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. CHARLIE DEUTSCH 241 LINDEN AVE



7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS! **LEARNING, BASKETBALL & DINNER DETAILS COMING SOON!**

ATTENTION LADIES!

ADD SOME INSPIRATION TO YOUR WEEK - JOIN MRS. TOBY GOLDMAN

Women's Mussar Series

THREE CLASS OPTIONS WEEKLY IN U.CITY & CHESTERFIELD Get on track for the new year! Now is a great time to join!

Featured Torah Message cont.

> boy got a \$10,000 check from the king of Morocco. They asked the ambassador about it, and he gave them this bit of wisdom: "When a king gives a gift, he gives a gift befitting to his kingship."

This is an important message to take with us through the Yamim Noraim. Even if we

only ask Hashem for a little, whether it be in gashmius or ruchnius, Hashem will only give us a gift fitting for Him. The King of the world doesn't send an \$18 check.

Mazel Tov!

Rabbi & Mrs. Efraim Fromowitz on the birth of a girl!

JOIN US 5 minute (Ihavas with Rabbi Shmuel Wasser

After shacharis, 4 days a week, Rabbi Wasser learns Ahavas Chessed with the talmidim of our yeshiva. To join a WhatsApp group to receive the recording immediately following the shiur, scan the QR code below!

