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This weeks parsha is...Toldos! As you may or may not recall, Avraham Avinu dug wells in parshas va'yeira. This week, Yitzchak attempts to redig the wells. After Yitchack digs the first 2 wells, the plishtim come and cover them up, and Yitzchak names these (covered up) wells eisak and sitna, which are lishonos of struggle and strife. After the second well is covered up, again Yitchak digs a third well, and this well remains a well and is called rechovos.

The Torah never gives extraneous information - what exactly is the message behind all this well digging? The sfas emes says that the inyan of digging the wells represents our attempt to peel away the hester of the world and reveal Hashem in everything in our lives. The struggle over the first two wells represents the weekday - chol, when there is a lot of hester and we need to struggle to reveal Hashem in our lives. The weekday is a battle, but our job in this world is to try our best and keep digging. The third well represents shabbos when ruchniyus is easier to access and feel. However, it should be pointed out that all three wells are mentioned in the Torah - so the first 2 (the avodah of chol) are just as important as the third (shabbos). During the week, we have the opportunity to develop ourselves through the ups and downs and shabbs is our chance to re-energize and refuel . Have a beautiful, restful, AND re-energizing shabbos!

PLIGI WANTS YOUR KISLEV SUBMISSIONS ASAP!!!!
STAY TUNED FOR LOTS OF ANNOYING REMINDERS!!!!



What's the craziest/funniest place you ever found something that you lost?

In my hand- my phone while I was speaking on it!!! Or my keys in the ignition whilst I was driving. One of the 2.....

-Devorah Sprei

my stuffed cow, haven't found it yet but I just have to rememeber "sheifeluh you'll find it soon...." ;)

-Chayala Brenner

I have found lost objects in lots and lots or random places.... The funniest? Not sure...But its always fun to find stuff in unexpected places. Today I found my baby's missing (favorite!) stuffed peacock in my two year old's playgroup's toy bin(while looking for something else gone missing:)

-Batsheva (Posy) Blumenkrantz

We lost my husbands hat on way back from Chicago . if anyone finds it I'm sure it will be in a funny place

-Anonymous

Exactly where I left it :)

-Devorah Bienstock

The fridge. Literally. I think it was keys or my phone.

-Miriam N

I don't remember! If I would have such a good memory, I wouldn't be losing things

-Peri (Ghoori) Gold

spent 20 minutes looking for shoes that I was wearing

-Sara Aliza (Eidelman) Langer

My cellphone in the fridge

-Sarah Rochel

**Imagine if
you had
responded
to this pligi
question.
This spot
on the
page
could've
been
yours.
Chaval.....**

So the craziest was probably finding a diamond from my ring attached to a grapefruit at the bottom of the garbage.... One of the funniest was when I opened up one of my cookbooks and found my lost peeler sitting right inside - I had just bought a new one after weeks of not being able to find it and had used the cookbook plenty of times without noticing the extra bulk - and weeks later when I went to make the last recipe I had made with my old peeler - I opened up my cookbook and had a good laugh when I saw what was waiting for me there!

-Hadassa (Herskovich) Green

In the place it was supposed to be lol

-Anonymous

Probably the fridge

-Elisheva (Strauss) Rom

What's your favorite sefer/book that you have learned or are currently learning?

My Father,
My King

-Devorah
Beinstock

Just one word Emunah

-Peri (Ghoori) Gold

Rubashkin

-Anonymous

'Secrets of the Soul' by Rabbi Shlomo
Hoffman Absolutely incredible.

-Sarah Rochel

Living Emunah - you can never get
enough!

-Hadassa (Herskovich) Green

Truly Great Jewish Women Then
and Now by Rabbi Y. Y.
Rubinstein. To be honest, I
haven't read enough of this to
recommend it but so far so good!

I'm adding an addendum to my
last answer. I pulled the book out
again and read more and it's
really worth the read! There are
so many nuances to the women
of tanach that I never learnt
before. Apparently the daughters
of Lot were tzidkaniyos and I
never knew! It also has stories
about more modern women.
Definitely recommend.

-Miri Feldstein

The most helpful
in day to day
life- Living
Emuna

The most
enjoyed- Mrs.
Zalaznik's
Chumash class
(Bamidbar)

-Batsheva (Posy)
Blumenkrantz

48 ways to wisdom,
so clear and deep I
find that when I learn
something
consistently it feels so
accomplishing no
matter what it is I get
into it

-Chayala Brenner

Spare the Child by Rabbi Yechiel Yaakovson- I
recommend it to everyone, with kids or without. It's
really a chinuch book but it makes you realize so
much about yourself and how you were raised. There
are rabbeim that recommend it to bachurim to read so
they can understand themselves better. Also, there are
tons of stories and it's very practical.

-Elisheva (Strauss) Rom

Disclaimer: I love Rav Avigdor Miller. I really like
his seforim on chovovs halevavos. My favorite,
though, is what I'm learning now. More recently a
book was put out with a compilation of his on
tefilla and it's probably my favorite thing that I've
learned. I also really like michtav meliyahu-any
volume is good, I like that it's broken down, so an
entire concept can be covered in one sitting.

-Tzipora Muszkat

"You Revealed," by Rabbi? Naftali Horowitz. He's a big
talmid chacham who also happens to be a top-level
person at the world's largest investment bank. He saw
frum people going to Tony Robbins and Dale Carnegie
for advice on how to achieve success, and he decided to
write a book on how the Torah teaches us how to
achieve success (in parnassah, in personal fulfillment,
etc.). It's basically a mussar sefer disguised as a Dale
Carnegie-style self help book. It's so empowering, so
liberating, and it legit helped me make a huge career
switch that I was dying to make but was too scared, and
BH I'm doing really well. So yeah, read this book, it's
good for your self-esteem, your personal growth, and
your bank account:)

-Miriam N

A couple of books I am
reading at the moment (on
those rare occasions that I
pick them up) circle arrow
spiral and there's some
history books by ken spiro- I
am reading destiny

-Devorah Sprei

I personally loved reading
through R wiess's Book on
Tefilla called prayer works

-Sara Aliza (Eidelman) Langer

Current sefer on my nightstand is baderech by Rav Judah
Mischel Others that are highly recommended: -what the
angel taught you by Rav Noah Weinberg -mindfulness by
Dr. Jonathan Feiner -a good tefillah book that is lesser
known but is amazing is Rav Schwab on tefillah. It's a rly
big book but so worth starting!

-Chani Rubenstein

Orchos Tzaddikim

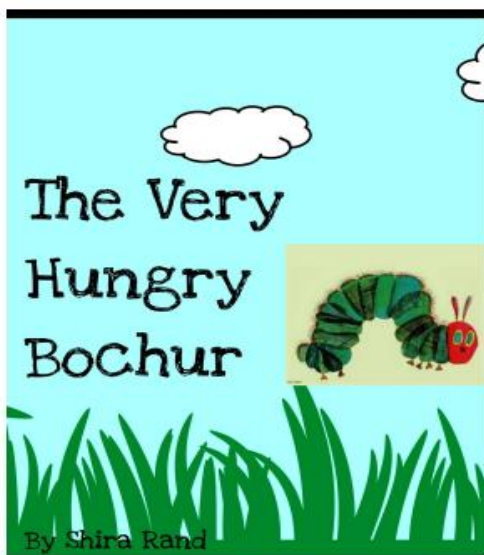
-Anonymous

Not a sefer but recently read some very good biographies (and I am not
someone who generally loves biographies...my reading is usually limited
to Mishpacha:) I really recommend "At Any Hour" (about R' Shlomo
Gissinger), "A Tap on the Shoulder" (about R' Meir Schuster), and "Living
Legend" (about R' Yitzchak Dovid Grossman). Good for when you aren't
up for learning something "heavy", but want something a little more
elevated than Mishpacha (if I can say such a thing...)

-Devora Eisenberg

Imagine if we lived in a world, where people contributed content to the Pligi Press. Instead of an empty space, this spot would be taken up by submissions.

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In the light of Rosh Chodesh, a little egg lay on a Shtender.



One Sunday morning,

The warm sun came up and-pop!

Out of the egg came a tiny, and very hungry bochur.



On Monday,

He ate a Seared tataki tuna salad.

But he was still hungry.



On Tuesday,

He ate two Shnitzel Sandwiches.

but he was still hungry.



On Wednesday, he ate
three artisan pizza's,
with fries.

But he was still hungry.



On Shabbos,
for kiddush he ate:
two pieces of bubby's bubka
5 pieces of moishie's homemade
herring
3 slices of overnight kugel, with
pickles
one package of teriyaki home dried
beef jerky
and an unknown number of
lechayim's.
(he only drinks on Shabbos.)



On Thursday,

he ate 4 sushi boats

(and a yuge pour over
coffee.)

but he was still hungry.



For Oineg Shabbos,
he ate:
Two bowls of cholent
3 slices of deli roll with
chipotle mayo sauce
One Apple crumble with klein's
parve ice cream
One slice of watermelon
two craft beers,
and a bissle shaleshudes



On Friday,

he ate 5 pastrami
burgers-

LeKavod Shabbos.

But he was still hungry.



That night he had a
terrible stomach ache.



The next day was Seder
again.

The bochur ate one
geshmak green salad.

And after that he felt
much better.



Now he wasn't hungry
anymore.

And he wasn't a little
bochur anymore.

He was a big, fat Boich.



Then, when she was
ready,

his mother drilled a hole
in the freezer.

He pushed his way out-
and..



He was a beautiful
Yungerman.



He moved to Lakewood.

He built a small house,

called a freezer, around
himself.

He stayed inside for
more than 6 months.

