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The **המנטאט** makes all the difference. In set theory it marks the difference between two sets, and in calculus it is the gradient providing direction up or down, left or right on many surfaces. Modern architecture uses the **המנטאט** principle to build the Geodesic dome—the strongest structural arrangements known to man. The architect Buckminster Fuller became famous with his Geodesic domes, but actually, "Geodesic" is just a fancy name for dozens of **המנטאט** pressed together.

### Education:

I don't want to point fingers, but I know schools whose regular point system has failed, and in which abstract concepts come out half-baked in students minds. The **המנטאט**, by contrast, is fully baked and converts difficult geometry into a piece of cake, making it as easy as pi.

As part of the curriculum, the **המנטאט** will add flavor to dull classes, and give students something real to sink their teeth into. Instead of forcing it down students' throats, they will now enjoy every bit of it. Furthermore, the **המנטאט** are an invaluable teaching resource and educational tool. A refreshing substitute for those hard, inedible plastic protractors, the **המנטאט** are available in all kinds of triangles, isosceles, equilateral even right triangles. The **המנטאט** can thus serve a dual purpose, both as a handy triangle in the classroom, and a hearty snack in the cafeteria. In any case, it's food for thought.

### Psychology:

Psychologists have found that life is one long series of appointments and disappointments. Disappointments, in

turn, are caused by going around in circles, the result of which is that people fail to see any point in life. Without a point in life, people wander aimlessly. This in turn leads some to contemplate suicide and other points of no return.

The **המנטאט** poignantly demonstrates that there is a point to life. It points us towards a definite aim and goal. It drives the point home, providing us with a sense of purpose and direction. Then there is also a very fine point, which psychologists refer to as the point of pointlessness. As the **תלמוד** points out, "A person should rejoice on פורים to the point of not knowing the difference between **המן** and **מרדכי**."

You are probably wondering. "So what's the point of all this nonsense? Isn't this stretching the point a little too far?" You have a very good point there. But we are not here to just to score points. The primary point of this treatise is to point out the main point of **המנטאט**—to use them in the observance of פורים, משלוח מנות, sending food gifts to friends. This is such an important מצוה, that we have no alternative but to stress the point over and over again.

So without belaboring the point any further, let me give it to you point blank: Share the holiday spirit and promote unity by sending a food gift of at least 2 edibles, preferably including a **המנטאט**, on פורים day.

בְּיָדֵינוּ

Your תלמיד

Adapted from: *Shoe Shine Serenades, תרומת הקסן, and more* (with kind permission from the Purim Rebbe שלטיא)

## ... וְשֵׁם רִשָּׁעִים יִרְקַב (משלי יז)

Hung between 3399 — 3400

These two officers came from טורסי and naturally spoke the difficult טורסי language. They were related to נְשִׁיתִי. They were also related to מְלֶכֶת אֲחַשְׁוֵרֹשׁ. They were also related to הַמֶּלֶךְ הַרְשָׁע. When queen נְשִׁיתִי was killed, they were hopeful that the king would choose the daughter of the מְלֶכֶת. In revenge, they plotted to kill the king. מְרַדְכֵי overheard their plot and informed אֲסָתֵר, who informed the king in מְרַדְכֵי's name. They were hung and אֲסָתֵר asked that this episode be recorded and the reward be given at a later time. This episode lead to the downfall of הַמֶּלֶךְ.



לעיני הבר שיעשהו דוב עייה בן יכלחטיא יצחק צבי מיי

## שיבת מרדכי הצדיק Special Purim Learning Program

— Learn for 45 minutes after פורים in Mesivta Torah Vodaath at 425 East 9th Street (or contact your local branch coordinator for the location nearest you). Prizes for all boys who participate. Please join us! Fathers welcome!



לעיני ר ישראל בן אברהם ז"ל

אחינו כל בית ישראל, הגתוגים בעצה ובשביה, העומדים בין בים ובין פיבשה, המקום ירחם עליהם ויוציאם מצרה לרנקה, ומאפלה לאורה, ומשעבוד לגאולה, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב, ונאמר אמן:



# Focus on שמן פורים

Dear רבי,

Although the שמן פורים has been around for thousands of years, it was considered a moot point in higher academic circles. Other than being a tasty snack, it seemed to hold no special significance. Scientists found nothing in the שמן פורים but poppy, prune and other kinds of jam. Unfortunately, the שמן פורים's association with פורים festivities prevented it from being studied seriously.

New research, however, has recently discovered heretofore unknown angles of the שמן פורים. These discoveries are now utilized by שמן פוריםologists to serve mankind and improve the way we live.

The problem began when a comparative study on food design showed that there was no point at all in eating many of the foods around. Eggs, fruit, falafel, latkes, blintzes, tzimmes, matza balls, muffins, rugelach, hot dogs and meatballs are all round. If there is no point at all in eating, the appetites of four point two billion people on earth would be affected, possibly leading to mass starvation.

The quest for the proper food pointed researchers in the direction of the שמן פורים. It surpassed all their expectations. Not only did the שמן פורים have a point, it had a 200 percent increase of points—all at no extra cost—3 for the price of 1! Among all foods known to man, only the שמן פורים is endowed with this unique configuration.

So there's more than one side to the שמן פורים. But let's not go off on a tangent. From this point on, we will limit the scope of this thesis on שמן פוריםology to 3 basic points: mathematics, education and psychology.

### Mathematics:

The שמן פורים is a recognized symbol in higher mathematics. An upright שמן פורים means "therefore", and an upended שמן פורים means "because." It is only logical that the versatile שמן פורים has multiple meanings, depending on the viewer's perspective. Therefore, its three points represent "therefore", and "because", because whatever your point of view, up or down, the שמן פורים makes its point. (continued — PTO)

Sauce: 3 Pertinent Points of the Purim Pastry - Nubir Laers

## Scholarly שמוזיות

The father of the פורים Rebbe, ר' אבא זקן קסיל זצ"ל, wanted to impress upon his תלמידים the beauty of the תורה. "I was told that the תלמידים is 86, but that cannot be — the ק alone is 100. The תלמידים of תלמידים is really 181 which is 10 alone is 100. The תלמידים of תלמידים is really 181 which is 10 times חיי (10 X 18 = 180) + 1. Each חיי is חיי one of the ten sons of חיי. As each one of חיי's sons was killed, the name of חיי grew bigger! When חיי is completely destroyed, the name of חיי will once again be whole! Oh! The beauty of the תורה!"

Sauce: Stretched by a Story (without permission of SmartScroll) \*Names withheld to protest the guilty

Shmoozies

## 10th Annual International Pirchei BaHag Contest

The 10<sup>th</sup> year of our international הלכות תג פתח contest is underway. Our contest learning will IY"H focus on your learning some of the practical הלכות of the next two הלכות פסח — הלכות פסח and הלכות פורים.

- 1) Starting הלכות פורים to begin learning at least 2 הלכות פורים in הלכות פורים (16 days). קצור הלכות פורים every day until הלכות פורים (16 days). The three practical הלכות פורים in הלכות פורים (totaling 36 הלכות פורים) are: הלכות פורים, הלכות פורים, and הלכות פורים.
- 2) Starting הלכות פורים to begin learning at least two קצור הלכות פורים from הלכות פורים (29 days). The two practical הלכות פורים in הלכות פורים to be completed twice (totaling 23 הלכות פורים x2) chosen for the contest are: הלכות פורים (הלכות פורים - י"א הלכות פורים) and הלכות פורים (הלכות פורים - י"ב הלכות פורים).

Those who IY"H finish all the הלכות פורים (along with completing הלכות פורים and הלכות פורים per grade level) before הלכות פורים or הלכות פורים can review what they learned in the remaining days of the contest. To join, please send a signed fax to 718 506 9633 — include grade, name, school, city, state, contact # — or email: shnayimmikracontest@gmail.com.

The contestants as of press time are listed below:

**Grade 1** — Aryeh Leib haCohen Schwartz; Yeshivas M'kor Boruch; Passaic, NJ;

**Grade 5** — Yosef Shalom Stern; Yeshiva Ketana of LA; Los Angeles, CA; Kalman Singer; Rambam Day School; Savannah, GA; Avraham Abramson, Sheftel Beren, Aaron Bernstein, Shmuel Blashka, Yisrael Matan Cline, Yaakov Danziger, Aharon Flax, Izzy Greenberg, Avraham Hakakian, Elisha Hirsch, Yaakov Karimov, Abraham Kassin, Hershel Meir Kopel, Yehoshua Lavi, Tuvia Shalom Schwarz, Menachem Sonnenblick, Yaakov Weiss, Yehoshua Alexander Zelikovich; Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim (TA); Yehuda Frieman, Kalman Hefter, Chaim Katz, Daniel Kraines, Naftali Kraines, Zevi Minkin, Yaakov Pianko, Eliyahu Rayman; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD.

**Grade 6** — Avrohom Goldman; Rambam Day School; Savannah, GA; Yoel Goldstein, Akiva Morris, Reuven Newman, Yakov Newmark, Yehuda Rubin, Noach Salzberg, Avi Scherer, Dovi Shulman, Baruch Tessler; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Meshilem Zev Fisher; Talmud Torah Ohr Moshe; Brooklyn, NY.

**Grade 7** — Shalom Barth, Netanel Berkowitz, Betzalel Cohen, Nosson Tzvi Fogel, Daniel Herman, Shraga Kraines, Akiva Krohn, Chaim Newmark, Yaakov Paige, Yaakov Tzvi Rayman, Eliezer Dov Saitowitz, Akiva Asher Shafranovich; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD;

**Grade 8** — Dovi Nitekman, Zevi Weinberg; Rambam Day School; Savannah, GA; Akiva Horan, Moshe Kraines, Yakir Lazar, Shmuel Morris, Yitzchok Rayman; Yeshivas Toras Simcha; Baltimore, MD; Avrohom Chaim Toplan; Yeshiva Ketana of Bensonhurst; Brooklyn, NY.



HAMAN YM'S WAS GETTING READY FOR BED...

BARUCH ANI  
HAMAPIL ES  
MORDERCHAI V'ES  
HAYEHUDIM...

WHAT A SWEET  
DREAM THIS  
WILL BE...

HAMAN YM'S WOKE UP IN THE MORNING EXTREMELY EXCITED SCREAMING, "MODEH L'ANI!" HE HAD INVENTED A GAME!

DO YOU KNOW THE  
FIRST HEBREW LETTER  
OF THE NAME OF  
MORDERCHAI...

HE CONTINUED...

WHAT HEBREW  
LETTER WOULD MAKE  
THE HANGING PART  
THICK AND STRONG....

IF A PERSON  
IS HANGED THEN  
HIS FEET WILL BE...  
"DALED"ING - HA!

AND NOW THE LETTERS  
FOR "YIDDISHE KOP" -  
YUD AND CHAF.\*

LET'S THINK OF  
A NAME FOR THIS  
GAME!

\*APPARENTLY HAMAN WAS NOT VERY GOOD AT SPELLING IN YIDDISH.

HE NEVER WAS ABLE TO NAME THE GAME, AS HE WAS HANGED THE NEXT DAY.

IN HIS MEMORY THEY NAMED THE GAME **HANG-HA-MAN!**

המנ הרשע ימח שמו בורח, SON OF טרח, SON OF טרוח, SON OF אפלוטס, THE SON OF דיוסף, SON OF דיוסיס, SON OF פרוס, SON OF מעדי, SON OF בלעקן, SON OF אנתיםרוס, SON OF הרידוס, SON OF שגר, SON OF נגר, SON OF פרמשתא, SON OF ויזתא WHO WAS THE SON OF THE WICKED KING אגג. HE WAS A BARBER WHO ROSE TO BECOME SECOND TO THE KING AND WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE RICHEST GENTILES. המנ COULD NOT ENJOY HIS POWER AND WEALTH. HE HAD MANY SIMILARITIES TO THE FIRST נחש, WHO WAS THE HIGHEST CREATURE, YET HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH HIS LOT. THE ONLY SWEET MEMORY WE HAVE OF המנ IS A HAMANTASH, A 3-CORNERED COOKIE. IT REPRESENTS THE זכונת OF THE 3 אבות, WHO WEAKENED HIS POWER AND SEALED HIS FATE FOREVER!

