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Mazel Tov to **The Baruch Family** on the Bar Mitzvah at Agudah of Greenspring. The Bar Mitzvah Bochur is a scion of the Hoenlein family, and O'Fishel's has catered more Hoenlein-gened Bar Mitzvah than Levi's has genes (figures subject to audit by Price Waterhouse)! Speaking of Levi's genes, we've also catered more events for Kohanim and Levis than... .

Mazel Tov to **The Perry Family** on the wedding at MMAE/LJC . Mazel Tov to

Ms. Sophie Longwill on **Alexandra's** Bas Mitzvah at Beth Shalom in Wilmington (a simcha like they never saw in Vilna) .

Mazel Tov to **Rachel Perry** on her marriage to **Michael Crook** (definitely no comment) at MMAE/LJC . Mazel Tov to **Sandy & Shiffy**

Nissel on their wedding at Beth Jacob in 1984, as well as **Yosef's** Bar Mitzvah in '04, on **Devorah's** wedding in '05. More recently, Mazel Tov on **Chaya's** wedding to **Moshe Dovid Fischman** at Beth Tfiloh, and **Malki's** wedding to

Shmuel Schniter in '08. Thanks for making all of them O'Fishel! . Mazel Tov to **Paul & Shelly Silver** on **Malka's** wedding to **Dustin Widofsky** at Valley Mansion . Mazel Tov to **Zvi & Shaindy Shear** on **Aharon's** Bar Mitzvah at MMAE/LJC. Special Mazel Tov to **Bubby Ina, Zayde Arnold, and Saba & Sava Friedman**! . Mazel Tov to **Steve Siesser & Audrey Haar** on their wedding at Magan David in Rockville. . Special Yasher Koach to all the **Masmidim** who participated in the annual **Siyum HaTorah** at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. We would like to express our profound appreciation to – and deep sadness over the passing of – **Rabbi Joseph Schechter**, ה"נ, those single-handed untiring and loving stewardship of the Siyum Hatorah was the impetus for countless thousands of hours of Talmud Torah here in Baltimore and well beyond. He was the quintessential Mitzvah Motivator. זצ"ל ברוך לנו רוחו. . Yasher Kochachen to Our Ladies of Perpetual WIT on their Day of Learning at the Marriott Hunt Valley. . Mazel Tov on the bumper crop of recent brissim, including: **Uriel Binyamin Cohn, Zev Simcha Goldsmith, Mordechai Tzvi Klein and Chizkiyahu Binyamin Langer, Yisroel Monderer, Alex Daniel Koman, Zev Charnowitz, Binyamin Zev Bernstein and Elyakim Shalom Elefant**. Please call us in about 12 years to reserve the dates of your Bar Mitzvahs! . Yasher Koach to the **Tashba"r of Torah Institute's 3rd Grade** on their Siyum. Remember: it's never too early to teach impressionable cherubs the importance of making it O'Fishel! . Mazel Tov to **Doniel Meir Preto** on his Bar Mitzvah at Bnai Jake . Mazel Tov to **Adat Chaim** on their dinner at – where else – Adat Chaim . Mazel Tov to **Rabbi & Mrs. Naftoli Hexter** on the marriage of **Baila to Shaya Feldheim** at Beth Tfiloh . Mazel Tov to the newly-arrived **Preto Family** (Chicago & New York) on the Bar Mitzvah of **Doniel Meir** at Bnai Jake SZ! . Thanks to **The Rapaport Family**. Thanks for making your Supper O'Fishel at Chabad! . Mazel Tov to the **Robbins Family** on the Sheva Brachos . Mazel Tov to the **Cohen Family** on the Bar Mitzvah of **Jeremy** at MMAE/LJC! . Mazel Tov to the **Baer Family** on the Bar Mitzvah of **Uri Shrager** . Mazel Tov to the **Baer Family** on the Bar Mitzvah of **Uri Shrager** . Yasher Koach to the **AJOP Kiruv Legionnaires**, who converged on The Marriott Hunt Valley for their annual convocation, which, as usual was graced by the presence of distinguished Torah personages (it's a real word – which we even used correctly – look it up!). Thanks to **Rebbetzin Kaila, Sava Sheila and 200+ Bais Yaakov of Boro Park seniors** for making their annual pilgrimage to Meeee Washington O'Fishel. . 'Shkoyach to perennial Friday Night Cholent Jump-the-Gunners **Darchei Tzedek** on their lovely banquet at MMAE/LJC . Similar kudos to **Bais Hamedrash of Baltimore** on their successful banquet at the aforementioned locale. . And yet one more addition to this august register, as **Ohel Yaakov** did itself proud with their annual Banquet, once again in this same venerable venue. . And now for something completely different (or at least in a different location...) Mazel Tov to **Adat Chaim** on their Dinner in Adat Chaim!

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Brain Strain



Q1. What is the minimum number of people it would take to perform all 613 Mitzvos in the time of the Bais Hamikdash, שיבנה במחנה?

This is an open book quiz and calculators are allowed!

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S BRAIN STRAINS:

Q1. Who are the people in Tanach who HaShem refers to as His "בָּנִים"?

Source: Da'as Zekeinim via Rabbi Yissocher Frand, mg".

Q2. Solve the equation: $\sqrt{676 + (a - x)(b - x)(c - z - x)} - \sqrt{169} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

The trick in this question is that 0 created by $(x-x)$ multiplied by any number negates all the other parentheses, leaving the answer as $26-13=13$, which is the answer we were looking for. However, our ever-diligent, hyper-vigilant, mathematically-attuned and numerologically-astute readers pointed out that square roots can be positive or negative. Also some pointed out that the mispar katan of עבד הם is 13, but the שם היה is 26, and that all of them are שוראיל. Therefore in a beneficent-yet-autocratic decision by our cyberjudge, it is determined that anyone who answered either "13" or "all of klal yisrael" is eligible for a prize. Please call the free prize hotline at 1-900-Hi-Fishel.

Since there were no entirely correct responses from our faithful readership, we tapped a member of the populace of Ramat Beit Shemesh. From its holy streets, lined with talmidei chachamim as populous as the seeds of the pomegranate, we

found a junior visitor to the AJOP Convention, 9-year-old **Mutti Pogrow**. Mutti approached us, asking if there was any "Shoko" for breakfast (for those who don't know what that is, you desperately need a trip to Israell). We challenged this precocious Zilberman-method-trained student to list as many of the 13 locations in Tanach which refer to someone as an am. Although he has not yet even begun to study Mishna or Gemara, this wunderkind, accessing nothing but his memory, proceeded to list all 13! Then, for good measure he mentioned that we are all referred to as am עבד הם! The next day, Mutti was rewarded with a generous glass of Shoko (not to mention 5 Andrew Jacksons!), although his ultimate reward will surely be beyond imagination. There are unconfirmed rumors that ever since this episode began gaining fame, aspiring talmidim worldwide have begun drinking Shoko religiously!

