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## MEET OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM:

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*N'shei Chabad Newsletter is proud to present an interview by Rishe Deitsch with our man in Jerusalem, Yossele Golding (age ten), son of Peretz and Nechama Golding, and founder and proprietor of the radio station "Kol Hamishpachah," where he provides updates on life in Israel for family and friends who may be wondering how things are going. This interview was conducted before and right after Pesach.*

### **Yossele, how did you learn to make your own radio station?**

A few years ago, Tatte taught me how to edit videos on our home computer, and I kept learning by practicing. Then I stopped. Once the war with Iran started and school was canceled, I made videos almost every day. When school started again, I didn't have as much time but I still sometimes give updates when I have a chance or when big news happens.

### **I've heard that you live in Yerushalayim and go to school in Beitar, and your bus ride can take quite a while. Why is that?**

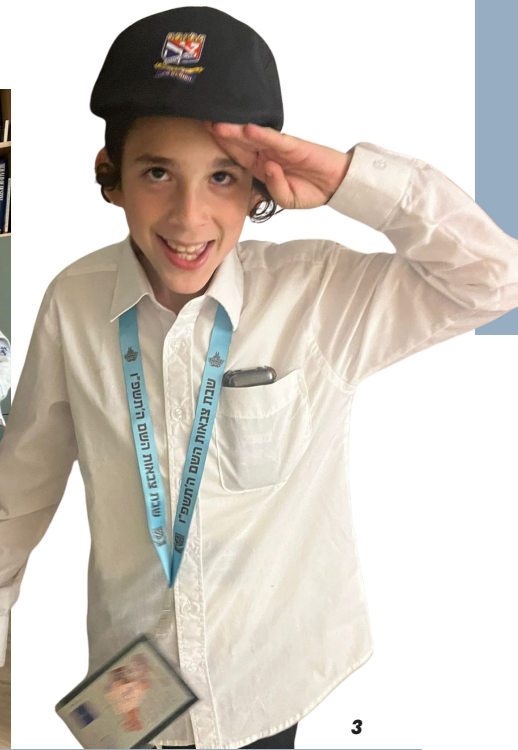
Usually it takes about 45 minutes to an hour each way. Some drivers are good, but others do whatever they



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1. The floors must be washed.  
 2. Purim in the Golding family. Back row (L-R): Flora, Basya, Yossele (in space suit). Front row (L-R): Tirtza, Shalom.  
 3. Yossele Golding came home late Motzoei Shabbos after an inspirational Tzivos Hashem Shabbaton. His favorite part was seder *niggunim* the last hour of Shabbos.

want. One afternoon, a truck crashed on the road between Beitar and Yerushalayim, and all the buses were stuck in heavy traffic. That day, it took me five hours to get home. My friend and I were really bored. There was a *Minchah-Maariv minyan* on the bus because everyone realized we wouldn't get to our homes or shuls in time.

Every time a bus drove right past the bus stop and didn't stop, I used to call the company and tell them exactly which bus and where it happened. I don't do that anymore, because those companies just ignore me. Now I call the Ministry of Transportation. They enforce rules on all bus companies, and the company of the driver who didn't stop will have consequences.

**What is your favorite food?**  
 Falafel.

**What is your favorite song?**  
 It depends on my mood. I have a lot of songs I like.

**Okay, how about right this minute, which is 11 a.m. for you and 4 a.m. for me?**  
 Right now I feel like hearing the song "Yamma Yamma Yamma" by Benny Friedman.

**What is your favorite season, and why?**  
 Fall. In the spring there are a lot of bugs. In the summer it's very hot. In the winter it's cold. Fall is perfect.

**What do you like about school, and what do you not like about it?**

I like my friends, and we like to play. I also like to learn, and some teachers are good. Harav [Yitzchak] Vaknin is super-duper fun and super-duper energetic, and he's never ever angry. Harav [Yitzchak] Sheiner, my teacher this year, is a really good teacher. Once I was walking next to the teachers' room, and he saw me, asked me to come in, and gave me a delicious cold drink.

What I don't like about school is that some of the teachers are not fair. It seems to me that some teachers look for every opportunity to say how *some* kids did something not good, but they don't say a word if *other* kids do the same thing. They don't pick on me personally, but it bothers me.

**I am looking at your photos now. Why are you smiling while you wash**

# I'm not

in favor of the ceasefire. Doing half a job isn't fair to those who died in this war. If Iran gets a nuclear bomb, it will be worse than running down to a shelter.

## **the floor?**

Because my father was taking a picture. Also, I like washing floors.

## **What do you think you will do for a job when you grow up?**

I plan to be a pilot in the Israeli army.

## **May I have a ride in your plane?**

Umm... you won't be able to find me because pilots' faces are always hidden. They don't show their faces. If there are pictures, their faces are blurred.

## **When and why did your family make aliyah?**

In the summer of 5779/2019. I don't know why.

## **Any ideas of why someone would make aliyah?**

Because it's Israel! And soon

Moshiach is coming and we'll need to be here. Everyone will come to Yerushalayim and we'll be here already!

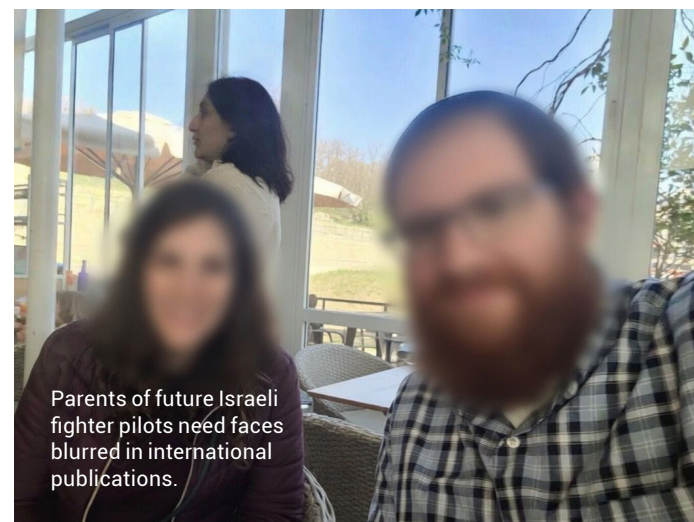
## **Do you like living in Israel? How is it different than America?**

Yes! Because in Israel I feel like it's our country. America isn't our country. This is my country and there are a lot of Jewish people here, with some Arab villages in the middle. Also, because I live in Israel, I know another language.

## **You were not even four when you made aliyah. What do you remember about living in America and about the big move, and do you ever want to go visit America?**

I remember eating pizza on the

floor the day before we moved, after all our furniture was packed. I remember the airports and airplanes and I remember waiting in a lot of lines. And when we arrived, we also had no furniture at first and I remember sleeping in a carseat. I do want to



Parents of future Israeli fighter pilots need faces blurred in international publications.

visit America, to go to the Ohel, and to see my grandparents and all my cousins and my friends. And I want to go to 770.

**Is there anything you miss, anything that was good in America?**

The only things I miss are my relatives, and when Amazon packages come fast. But America isn't our country. Eretz Yisroel is our country. This is "home" for all Jews.

**What is your favorite thing about your maternal grandmother, Mrs. Zeesy Posner?**

She is very fun and energetic.

**What is your favorite thing about your paternal grandmother, Mrs. Masha Golding?**

She is very giving and generous and also fun.

**What is your favorite thing about your maternal grandfather, Rabbi Yosef Posner?**

He is very *machmir* about doing all the *mitzvos*, he doesn't miss a day, and he cares about every single *mitzvah*. He also plays games with me.

**What is something we can learn from your paternal grandfather, the man you are named after?**

He found all people interesting, even those whom others might not find interesting, because he felt every person is important. This gave him the ability to really listen to people.

**What do you think about the Iran war?**

Everyone knew it was going to happen. I wanted it to happen sooner.

**What happens when the siren goes off in the middle of the night?**

It depends where the missile is

coming from. If it's from Gaza or Lebanon, we run to the shelter right away. After 11 minutes, we can go out. But if it's from Iran, which is a lot further away, we get a pre-alert that says a missile is heading in our general direction. But we don't have to run to the shelter unless we hear a siren that means it is coming to our neighborhood. Sometimes there is a pre-alert, but the missile ends up going to a different area, so we can stay in bed.

**What do you do in the shelter?**

Sometimes nothing. Sometimes just be annoyed. It is not a fun place to be. It is small. You want to go back to your own bed. We keep asking our parents when we can come out.

**Are you happy there's a ceasefire because now you don't have to run to the shelter in the middle of the night?**

I didn't like the shelter, but I'm not in favor of the ceasefire. Doing half a job isn't fair to those who died in this war. If Iran gets a nuclear bomb, it will be worse than running down to a shelter.

**What makes you feel connected with Hashem?**

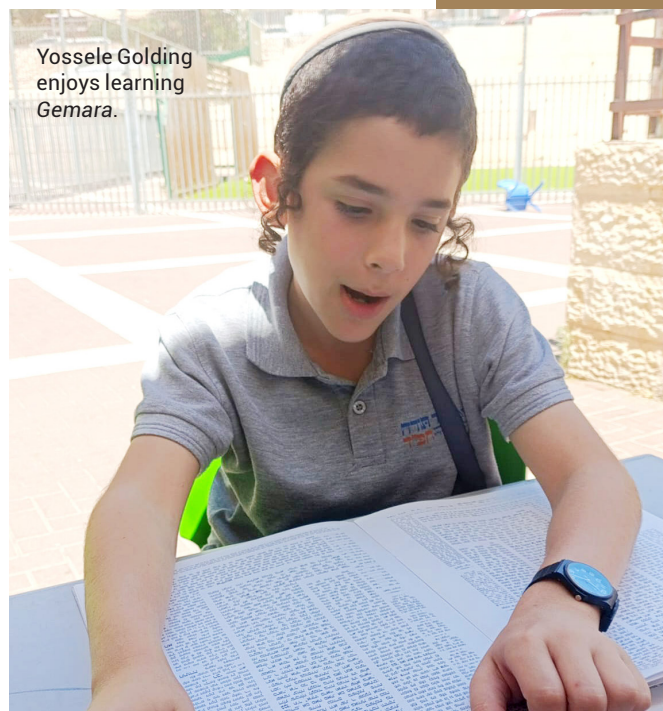
When I learn *Gemara*, I feel connected with Hashem.

**Do you enjoy learning Gemara?**

When we learn it in class, we take a very long time over each part. I like going ahead by myself, and then thinking about each *sugya* as I go about my day.

**What makes you feel connected with the Rebbe?**

I love watching JEM videos of the Rebbe speaking about Eretz Yisroel,



Yossele Golding enjoys learning Gemara.

such as how wrong it is to give back land, and anything on that topic. I've watched all of them already a few times, so I keep checking if there are any new ones.

**Yossele, I heard you have political aspirations. What are they?**

I'm going to make a political party. There will be no stupid ceasefires. Name of party: Nilchamim Ad Hasof. We fight to the end and we do not give back land. ❄