

Chapter Nine

The next Monday, Mrs. Neuman came into the classroom with a paper in her hands. “This is it, girls,” she said. “This is the list* of girls who got 100 on their *Tehillim* test. Only 272 girls in the whole country* got 100, and two of the girls learn in this school! Yes, there are two students in this class who are going to Israel!”



The 11th grade pupils were all quiet. They waited to hear the names of the two winners.* Who were the two lucky* girls who had gotten 100 on the test?

“Okay, the first* girl is ...”

Rina couldn't breathe.* Was she one of the winners?

*breathe = לנשום

*list = רשימה

*country = ארץ

*winners = זוכות

*lucky = ברות-מזל

*first = ראשונה

“... Esty Greenberg! Mazel tov, Esty!”

The class clapped* and cheered.* “Yay, Esty!”

“And the second* girl is ...”

Rina waited nervously. Was she the second girl? Didn't she deserve* to get 100 on the test after all her hard work?

“The second girl is Shoshana Abuhav! Mazel tov, Shoshana!”

Everyone clapped and cheered again.



“Wait! I'm not finished,” Mrs. Neuman continued. “Only two girls got a trip to Israel, but JHSA is also giving a special prize* to the whole class!”

*clapped = מוחתה כפיים

*cheered = הריעה

*second = שנייה

*Didn't she deserve = האם לא היה מגיע לה

*prize = פרס