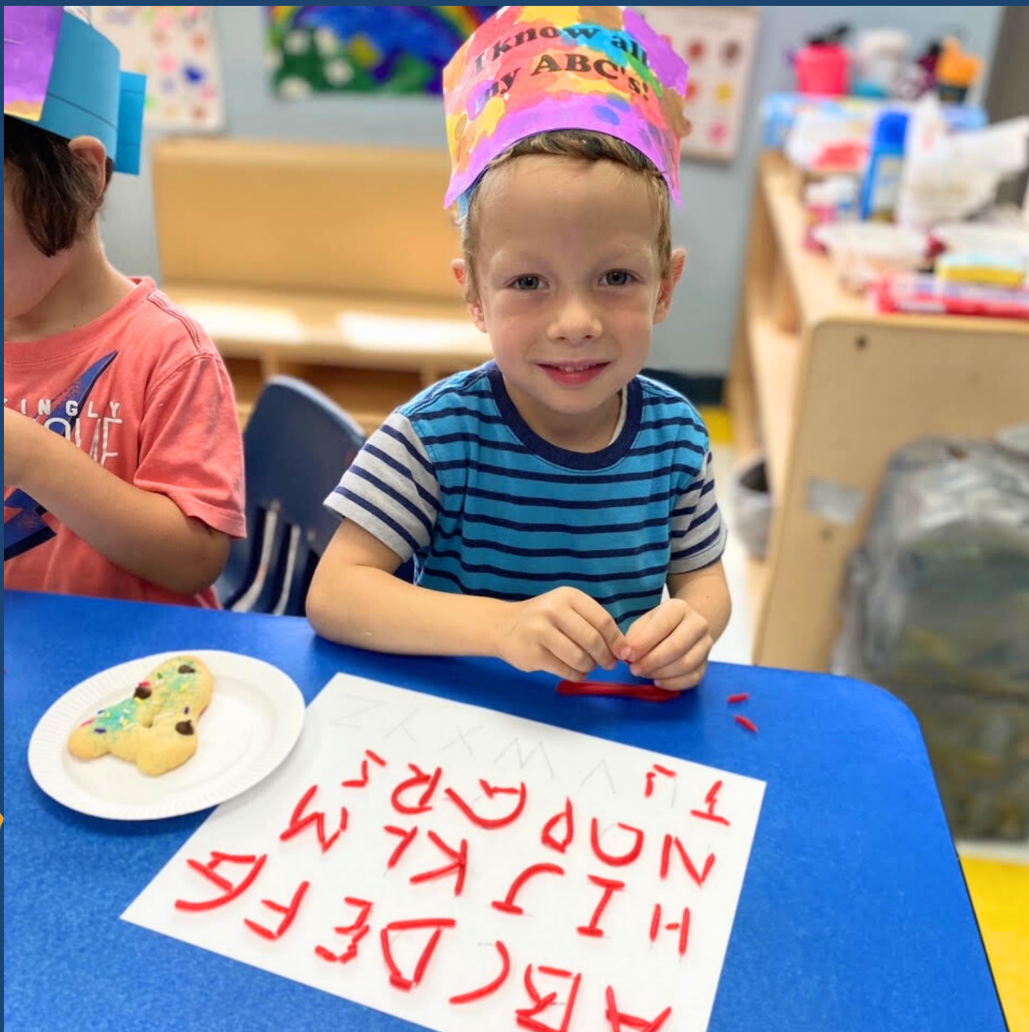


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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Great Expectations

RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON, שליט"א

In this week's parsha, the pasuk says "ולא תונו איש את עמיתו ויראת מאלקיך", a person should not oppress another, we should fear Hashem. Rashi says this does not apply to oppressing others regarding money, as is often the case in the Torah, and points out that this refers to words. One example given is that one can't remind someone they used to do a certain aveira because those words are potentially hurtful. It is clear that the Torah is telling us that meticulous care is required with our words.

The Gemara tells us that the 24,000 students of R' Akiva who died during Sefiras Ha'omer did not have serious transgressions regarding human interactions; their actions were scrutinized through a magnifying glass and held to the highest possible level. The message for us to internalize is that it is not enough to avoid the gross negligence in our behavior regarding others. We can't be satisfied with the bare minimum of not embarrassing others in public and instead must be meticulous to rise to the greatest of heights when caring about and protecting the dignity of others.

During sefira of one year, R' Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld was told by his doctor that he needed to go rest due to the stress of his exertions for his Yeshiva. He appeared in yeshiva the next day, ignoring his doctor's orders. When asked why he did not listen, he replied that he couldn't leave during sefira. He explained that specifically during this time of the year, every day leading to kabbalas haTorah is a precious opportunity in itself to reach incredibly high levels of kedusha not just bein adam l'makom but bein adam l'chaveiro.

We should take this time to work on ourselves to bring shalom between us so that Hashem should look kindly at us and bring that strength into the world at large. With these efforts, may we be zoche to see tranquility for the klal in general and between each of us.



HALACHA CORNER



Cutting Nails During the 9 Days

NOSSON SHMIDMAN

BMZE, 3rd Year Talmid
Kew Gardens Hills, NY

During the 9 days between Rosh Chodesh Av and Tisha B'av, there are restrictions on some activities because we mourn for the loss of the Beis Hamikdash. Some restrictions are cutting hair and shaving. There is a מחלוקת amongst the early אחרונים if the prohibition against haircuts and shaving applies to cutting nails as well. The ט"ו says that just like haircuts and shaving is אסור, so is cutting nails. The מגן אברהם says that cutting nails is allowed.

The Chofetz Chaim in the משנה ברורה says that since there is a debate amongst the early poskim, a person should be מחמיר and not cut nails during the nine days, but for a מצוה, such as if a person is going to the mikva, or for כבוד שבת, a person can cut their nails.

The Ben Ish Chai writes in שו"ת רב פעלים that if a person's fingernails are long, there is an obligation to cut them even during the nine days because of kabbalistic reasons. Bad spiritual forces attach themselves to people that have long nails, and therefore a person should never have long nails, and can even cut them during the nine days. The משנה ברורה does not say this exception to the restriction of cutting nails, so it is fair to assume that even if someone has long nails, they cannot cut them during the nine days.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



The Light of Lag B'Omer

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

Rosh Kollel, Kollel Mechanchim Zichron Yitzchok Isaac,
12th Grade Rebbe

It's very interesting that the time period of Sefiras HaOmer is focused on mourning the untimely death of the talmidim of Rebbe Akiva, yet the day of Lag B'omer is celebrated with much joy as the day that the plague paused. Why is there so much celebration amongst so much tragedy? Twenty four thousand Torah scholars' sudden passing over the period of thirty three days shouldn't be able to be easily forgotten.

The Kaf HaChaim (493,26) reveals that the day of Lag B'omer has another special significance. It was the day that Rebbe Akiva went and restarted his Yeshiva with five students, amongst them Rav

Shimon Bar Yochai. Twenty four thousand talmidim perishing is practically the death of the Yeshiva world. The Gemorah in Yevomos (62b) describes the world at that moment as "desolate." It was as if a big bomb hit. It was ground zero. Rebbe Akiva, by now an old man, could've just "hung it up." He dedicated his life to spreading Torah, building a fortress of students, just to see it all crumble before his eyes. However, that's not what Rebbe Akiva did. He humbly started all over on the day of Lag B'omer.

With this portrait of resilience, we see why Lag B'omer is so special. We all have struggles and abject failures that knock us down. Like Rebbe Akiva, we may be down, but we are not out. We can achieve great results with Siyata Dishmiya. We can take strength in the conviction of the old man who didn't give up. That's the spirit of our people. That's the light of Lag B'omer.

How To Have It All

Dear Parents,

One of the great challenges our generation faces is finding a proper balance between our spiritual and material needs and interests. The blessing of unprecedented wealth and availability of luxuries and conveniences is tempered by the trials they present to a Torah observant Jew. Many are envious of a lifestyle that they see others enjoying, and may likely go into debt in their efforts to show they are similarly well off. Others who are blessed with greater means, may ascribe their financial success to their efforts, abilities and cleverness, and become totally focused on amassing wealth, at the expense of family, learning and helping others.

What does the Torah prescribe to help us maintain a proper balance? Our *Parsha (Vayikra 25:2)* opens up with a discussion of the laws of *Shemita*, a unique law that requires a farmer (in *Eretz Yisrael*) to not plant his land every seventh year. Many different reasons for this *mitzvah* are presented by the *Mefarshim*. The *Kli Yakar* says as follows: **The purpose of the mitzvah is to implant the Jewish People with the *midah* of *Eemunah* and *Bitachon* in *Hashem*.** He goes on to explain that *Hashem* was concerned, that when the *Klal Yisrael* would settle in *Eretz Yisrael*, and begin to plant crops, when the land would produce bountiful harvest, they would come to believe that their success was due to nature and their own efforts and skills. They would begin to forget *Hashem, Ch'V*.

Shemita came along to demonstrate that agricultural success was not due to the forces of nature but like everything else, was controlled by *Hashem*. In the sixth year, when the vitality of the land would naturally start waning due to six consecutive years of uninterrupted planting, *Hashem* commanded extra *Bracha* to that crop. Not only was the crop not inferior, the produce was of such a superior, miraculous nature that a tiny amount would satiate a person and the one year's crop could feed people for three years, in place of the usual one year.

Due to the fundamental importance of this lesson of realizing that one's livelihood and prosperity comes from *Hashem* and is not simply 'natural,' it becomes clear why not keeping the *mitzvos* of *Shemita* and *Yovel* lead to *Klal Yisrael* going into *Galus (Vayikra 26:34-35 and Divrei HaYomim II 36:21)*. ***Eretz Yisrael* gives off the message that one's faith and trust must be in *Hashem*, and not the strength and power of one's hands.** If *Klal Yisrael* was ignoring this idea, and the land's message of trust in *Hashem* was not getting through to the Jews, there was no longer any purpose or benefit for the Jews to remain, and they were exiled, *R'L*.

The vital message of trust in *Hashem* was reinforced every seventh year and was intended as a powerful lesson in the proper attitude we should have in regards to wealth and material possessions. It all comes from *Hashem* - one needs only to work minimally and responsibly, be honest and forthright in his business dealings and not to show off his wealth as if to say - "look what I did."

Using simple arithmetic, one can safely say that every person consciously absorbed this message of *Shemita*, which occurred every seventh year, at least once during their childhood years before his or her Bar or Bas *Mitzvah*. The all-powerful message that one's trust must be in *Hashem*, that all material abundance comes from *Hashem* and nature does not play a more than a minimal role in *Parnassah* or one's bottom line, were part and parcel of every developing child's learning and growing experience.

We, who unfortunately do not currently enjoy the tangible spiritual messages that emanate from the very land of *Eretz Yisrael*, how do we impart a strong message of *Bitachon* to our children? There is no need for a formal curriculum or prepared speeches. **Your children will absolutely absorb the level of *Bitachon* that you have within you and how you live your life.** If money is a means to providing sustenance and helping others, your children will have the keys to a successful and happy life. If you are happy with what you have and don't feel deprived by what you don't have, your children likewise won't be searching for more and won't be jealous of every new fad, shoe or *tchatchke* that a classmate may have. They won't feel the need to go into debt when they get older nor enter the rat race of keeping up with the Joneses/Cohens.

Hashem has fashioned a beautiful world where each generation can pursue a closeness to Him and limit their material possessions to those necessary and appropriate for a comfortable, yet simple life. Our children can be helped to buck current trends and see the value in having more time and focus on *Torah, Avodah* and *Gemillas Chasodim*. No material gift in the world can come close to matching the present we can bequeath them of how to live a fulfilling life of devotion to *Hashem*.

Best wishes for a *Shabbos* of *simcha* and satisfaction,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE





Calendar Reminders

May 27

EECC: No Classes

KES: Boys Only Sunday Class Schedule
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

BTE: Classes 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

RMS: Classes 8:10 AM-12:20 PM

May 31-June 2

Mesivta: 12th Grade Graduation Shabbos



Mazel Tov!

To Mr. and Mrs. Dovid Hardy and family
on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl!

To Mr. and Dr. Josh Kon and family and to
Mr. and Mrs. Mendy Breier and family on the
engagement of their children, our alumni,
Adina & Danny!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Schepansky and family
on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Menachem Zev Kramer and
family on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Gamliel Labrie and family
on the bar mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Akiva!

To Mr. and Mrs. Eyal Levitt and family
on the bar mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Yair!

To Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rabinowitch and family
on the bar mitzvah of their son, our talmid, JoJo!

Parnes HaYom

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In appreciation of Rabbi Luban shlita for all he has
done for the participants of the Nightly Iyun Shiur
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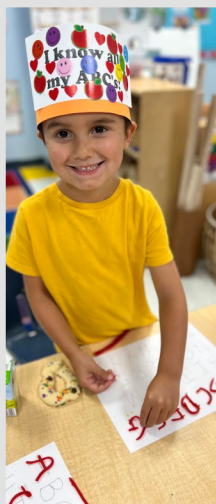
Reminders

We can't believe this school year is coming to a close, and we are eagerly preparing for next year. Just a friendly reminder that June 1st is our deadline to withdraw from your tuition contract without incurring penalties, after which you are contractually obligated to your signed tuition contract. Please inform the Admission Office (admission@ytcte.org) of any changes.

ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

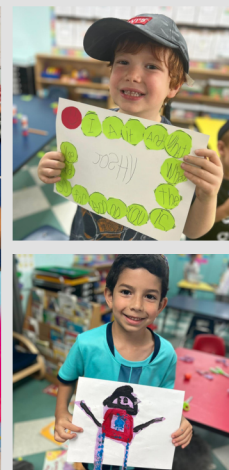


JPK continued their butterfly unit and decorated butterflies out of different materials.



Pre-k finished learning the ABC's and had an ABC party.

After learning about famous authors and their writing styles, the kindergarten students are becoming authors and illustrators themselves. They can't wait to share their own books.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



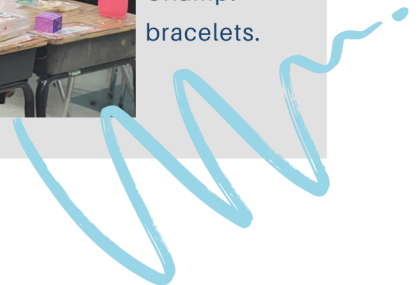
Congratulations to the 5th grade team who competed and won the robotics competition at the South Florida Jewish Day School Robotics Festival.



In culmination of their unit about Eretz Yisroel with Rabbi Fried, the 4th graders made beautiful posters depicting famous landmarks.



Miss Dreyfuss's 2G-2 received their "I am a Yedios HaTorah Champ!" bracelets.



BNOS TORAS EMES

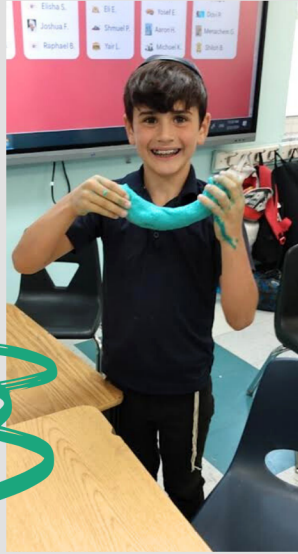


Bnos Toras Emes had color war for pre-Lag B'Omer activities. The achdus was so beautiful to witness.





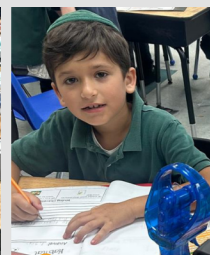
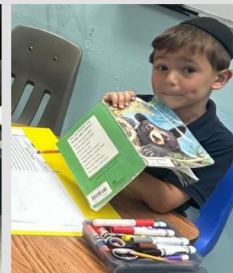
KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BOYS



After learning in Chumash about Lot's wife turning into a pillar of salt, Rabbi Lichtman's class made salt dough and sculpted Lot's wife at their salty siyum.



5B-1 earned a party for getting 50 checks for great behavior and dedication to their assignments.



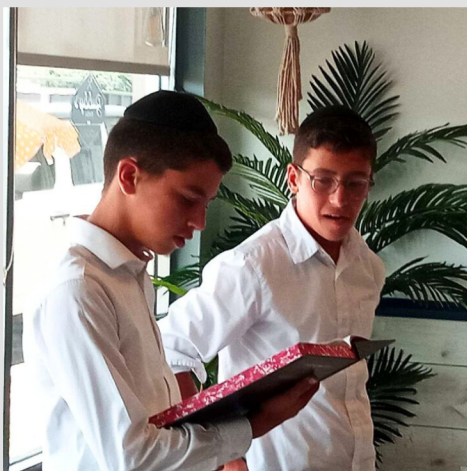
1B-3 was busy at work on their "All About Animals" books. They are almost finished the rough draft and ready to start the publishing process which will culminate in an animal exhibit.



ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mazel tov to Yaakov Clayman and Eliyahu Bensoussan on the completion of mesechta Taanis. Thank you to their families for sponsoring a siyum at Bubby's.



Rabbi Kaganoff's class celebrated "masmidim minutes" with a trip to Top Golf.

The 7th grade classes were engrossed in the learning of Hamoneach.



מתיבתא אברהם זאב - THE DR. ABE CHAMES HIGH SCHOOL
& BAIS MEDRASH ZICHRON EZRA

Rabbi Niman gave a shmues to the Mesivta.



Rabbi Schlissel's 11th grade honors class went on a Gedolim trip to the tristate area and were inspired from their meetings with many rabbonim including R' Reuven Feinstein, R' Yeruchem Olshin, R' Doniel Neutstadt, R' Simcha Bunim Cohen, R' Pesach Krohn, R' Joey Haber and others.



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