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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Importance of Modesty

RABBI YISROEL Y. NIMAN, שליט"א

This week's Parsha discusses the census of Shevet Levi. Hashem commanded Moshe Rabeinu to count the Bnei Levi to determine the number of all men and boys starting at the age of one month old. Rashi explains that Moshe Rabeinu asked Hashem, how can I do such a thing? It's inappropriate to go inside of their tents, in essence a one room house that serves all their needs as a kitchen, dining room, living room, and bedroom. There is a lack of tznius to go into those houses to count all of the nursing babies and young children. In response to his concern, Hashem told him, "You do your share, and I'll do Mine." As Moshe Rabeinu stood in front of the door to each tent, the Shechina went ahead of him and a voice rang out from the tent to tell him how many babies and children were inside.

The question is raised: What would be the lack of tznius if Moshe would knock or announce his presence before he went in to provide time for the mothers and children to prepare for his arrival? Everyone would then be ready to greet their leader in the most dignified and modest manner.

We see from here what a high standard of tznius that Moshe Rabeinu demanded of himself. No matter how prepared the occupants were, it would still be inappropriate for Moshe to go into a tent with a one room living arrangement where exposure to private spaces is unavoidable. The pasuk praises Moshe in the way he conducted the census "באשר צוה ה'", which indicates that he was implicitly commanded to maintain the supreme importance of tznius in a Jewish home and not go in even after knocking on the door.

We are constantly bombarded and exposed to a world devoid of any understanding of the value of modesty. As such, we must always try to reach higher levels of modesty in all aspects of our lives, a concept so crucial to a Torah way of life.



HALACHA CORNER



The Halachos of Making a Siyum

NOSSI FINKELSTEIN

BMZE, 3rd Year Talmid
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As mentioned in last week's Dvar Halacha, a person is allowed to eat meat during the nine days if it is part of a סעודה that is made for a סיום. The halacha is unclear as to what type of learning warrants a סיום. The רמ"א says in הלכות תלמוד תורה that when one finishes a מסכתא there is a מצוה to make a סעודה which is called a מצוה סעודה. The Poskim say that if a person finishes an entire סדר of משניות, he should make a סיום as well.

The פני יהושע on ספר פני יהושע says that a person is able to, and should, make a סיום even when finishing one of the 24 books of תנ"ך. Rabbi Shlomo Kluger in שו"ת אלף לך שלמה qualifies this halacha and says that a person is only allowed to make a סיום on one of the 24 books of תנ"ך if you happen to be learning that ספר and finish, as opposed to a person who learns one of the 24 books in order to make a סיום. In such a case, a person would not be able to make a סיום and would therefore not be able to eat meat during the nine days.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



The Bond Between Rebbe and Talmid

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

As the school year rapidly is coming to a close, students and teachers are already eyeing their vacation time. We wouldn't think that the day after Yeshiva ends is the beginning of the new zman. However, we see from a Rashi in this week's parsha it is exactly that.

Rashi (Parshas Bamidbar) learns from Moshe Rabbenu that when a Rebbe who teaches a talmid Torah, it's almost equivalent to being his father. This shows how consequential a Torah education is for the neshoma of a Jewish child. But Rashi takes it a step further. When did

the students become Moshe's sons? The day that Moshe himself learned the Torah on Har Sinai. What does this date have to do with the talmid? It seems from Rashi a further fascinating insight into the relationship between a Rebbe and talmid. Even when the Rebbe is by himself learning Torah, that Torah connects him with his talmid. One day in the future he will hopefully have the zechus to share that Torah with him. That Torah will impact the talmid's heart. But the bond built between them is already forming now as the Rebbe sits comfortably learning Torah on vacation.

This Rashi shows us how the keshet between Rebbe and talmid never breaks. It's a relationship formed in Yeshiva that continues on. Time and place aren't boundaries for this love of Torah. A beautiful dimension of the significance of the Yom Tov of Shavuot: a day celebrating our relationship with the Torah and those who teach us.



A Message For Shavuos

Dear Parents,

The excitement with which we anticipate the *Yom Tov* of *Shavuos* and reliving the experience of accepting the Torah anew, as our forefathers first did at *Har Sinai* 3,330 years ago, steers us toward two of the notable features surrounding *Kabbolas Hatorah* (*Receiving of the Torah*).

We are all familiar with the *Gemara* (*Sotah 5a*) which tells us that *Hashem* bypassed higher and more majestic mountains to reveal Himself on *Har Sinai*, a lesson in humility. We are also familiar with the comment of *Rashi* (*Shemos 19:2*), quoting the *Mechilta*, that the Jews were as one person with one heart when they encamped at *Har Sinai*. This powerfully demonstrates that successful transmission of the Torah can take place only when there is unity and peace among the Jewish People.

These twin attributes - humility and unity, are not only a successful formula that was necessary 3,000 years ago, but they are keys to our and our children's success in learning and internalizing the words of Torah. Our entire lives are dedicated to enabling our children to successfully internalize the message and values of Torah. A deeper examination of the role of humility and unity would therefore be in order.

What marks a child for success in Torah learning? Is it IQ? Is it a good memory? Is it having the best teachers? Best parents? While these may be helpful attributes, they are not the keys the Torah delineates. **The most important factors are not gifts from Hashem, rather they come from a person's own efforts.** They are *midos* that any and every person can strive for and achieve. Most curiously - they are not directly related to the cognitive process of

taking in, understanding and retaining information. They are in the realm of *Bein Adam L'Chaveiro* - interpersonal relations.

Humility and unity were fundamental thousands of years ago and they remain so in the modern classroom and *Beis Medrash*. Not only are these wonderful *Midos* which have intrinsic value and are ingredients to a happy and fulfilling life, **these are the secret entranceways to the ultimate depth and profundity of the universe - the Torah.**

We must keep this in mind when raising our children. We want them to be successful students of Torah, perhaps even real *Talmidei Chachomim*, so they surely need to work on their *midos*, as we work on ours. We can help them help themselves and their peers by emphasizing good *midos*, and conferring the highest value on sensitive and ethical behavior.

This week's chapter in *Pirkei Avos* (6:6) lists the 48 Ways that Torah is acquired. The vast majority are in the realm of interpersonal human behavior and *midos tovos*, humility and love of others among them. Let us celebrate this *Shavuos* and our receiving the greatest gift mankind has ever known - the Torah, our blueprint for life, by redoubling our efforts to bring an atmosphere of humility and unity into our homes, for the sake of our children's success in the effort to become true personifications of Torah.

Have a great *Shabbos* and a wonderful, *nachas*-filled *Yom Tov*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



Calendar Reminders

June 10

RMS: 8th Grade Dismissal 12:00 PM

Mesivta: Dismissal 4:00 PM

June 11-13

All Divisions: Shavuot Break

June 14

EECC/KES/RMS: Classes Resume 9:00 AM

BTE: No Classes

Mesivta: Shacharis 8:00 AM,
Dismissal 12:00 PM

June 16

Mesivta: Shacharis 8:00 AM,
Dismissal 1:00 PM

June 17-19

Mesivta: Shacharis 8:00 AM,
Dismissal 3:00 PM

June 19

EECC: JPK-PK Dismissal 1:00 PM,
K Dismissal 1:30 PM

KES: Dismissal 1:30 PM

BTE: Dismissal 12:00 PM

RMS: Dismissal 12:15 PM

Mesivta: Dismissal 3:00 PM

Mazel Tov!



To Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Bernstein and family
on the birth of a baby boy!

To Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Daniarov and family
on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Nosson Yishaya Schwartz and
family on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Chait and family on
the bar mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Yochanan!



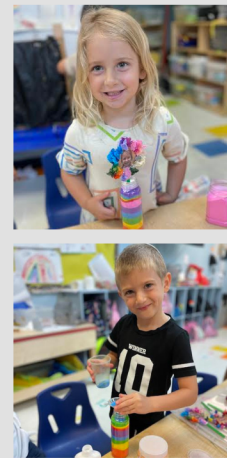
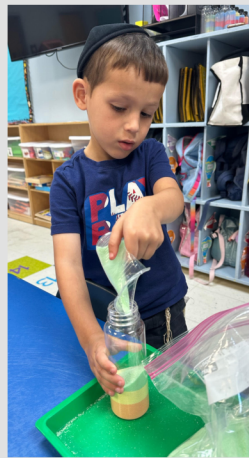
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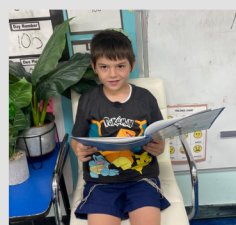


JPK children enjoyed having their parents join them for a Shavuos workshop.



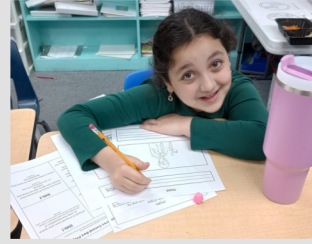
Pre-k students made beautiful floral centerpieces for Shavuos.

Kindergarteners culminated their author's unit with an author's tea where each student had a chance to read their own book while drinking (iced) tea.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



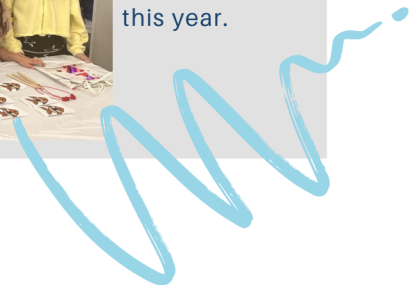
4G-2 worked hard on their Aseres Hadibros cereal box project.



KES Girls classes made beautiful Shavuot floral centerpieces.



3G invited parents to their Kodesh Expo where they showed off a lot of knowledge that they learned this year.



BNOS TORAS EMES



The girls worked on their **Chumash project**, making replicas of the mishkan.



In English class, the students explained to the class what they learned from the novel *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean George.

The 6th grade students have been practicing a lot for their exciting upcoming event, the first annual Bas Mitzvah Gala.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BOYS



5B-2 and 5B-3 made boats using tin foil, tape, straws, and popsicle sticks that can float. Then they added "cargo" on top to test how long it could float.



Rabbi Rubin's 1B talmidim learned the power of Chazarah, and some boys amazingly reviewed the pasuk 101 times.



The boys in Rabbi Zohn's 3B-3 class have been collecting and memorizing Torah cards for the last few months, and some earned slurpees as a reward.





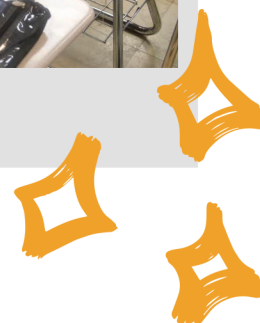
Rabbi Eisemann's 7B had a Rebbe's Tish in honor of their final weekly kiddush of the year.



Ms. Palgon's 6th grade student editors worked hard to complete their class book.



As they near their graduation, the 8th graders put their finishing touches on their graduation speeches.



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

Mazel tov to our 12th grade talmidim upon their graduation. They enjoyed a graduation Shabbos with their families and rebbeim, the graduation ceremony, and an exciting graduation trip in honor of this occasion.



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