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TRICK OR TRUTH

Erev Shabbos Parashas Vaera 5783

Dear Parents,

The ability to properly understand other people's motives and intent is a life skill that can make an enormous impact, even spelling the difference between life and death. We can impart that ability to our children if we ourselves are discerning and are careful not to jump quickly to conclusions.

The seventh *Makka*, the plague of hail, was preceded by a warning. *Moshe Rabbeinu* told *Pharaoh* that it was coming, and therefore, "the one who fears Hashem will shelter his livestock inside a structure." On the other hand, "one who pays no attention to the word of Hashem, will leave his animals in the field," unprotected (*Shemos 9:20-21*).

"...how is it possible that there were Egyptians who did not listen to Moshe's warning?"

HaRav Zalman Sorotzkin, zt'l, in *Sefer Ozneyim LaTorah (Shemos p. 80)*, asks how is it possible that there were Egyptians who did not listen to *Moshe's* warning? *Moshe* had been precisely accurate in predicting the first six *Makkos* that struck *Mitzrayim* with devastating force! Perhaps it is understandable that they continued to resist giving in to *Moshe's* request to let the Jewish People leave, since they had so much to lose if the Jews were no longer around. However, when he advises them to protect themselves and their animals from destruction because of what was coming, how can it be that they would not give sufficient credence to *Moshe* and bring their livestock and slaves indoors?

Rav Sorotzkin answers that from their perspective of poor *Midos* and low character, they simply could not believe that *Moshe* was sincere in sharing information that would save them from ruination. It must be some sort of trick...

The Egyptians had a simplistic, generalized view of people and events and therefore saw things as black or white. *Moshe* was their adversary, so therefore he was undoubtedly evil and would never speak or act in their best interests. Their poor *midos* blocked them from seeing things with a nuanced eye, and thereby misjudged *Moshe* with catastrophic consequences for them.

"Our children need to learn to be discerning." Our children need to learn to be discerning. Young children don't understand nuance and therefore see the world in a way that categorizes people, places and events as either good or bad. However, as a child makes his way through the elementary school years, parents must help guide them to understand people and events, always acknowledging the innate potential for goodness within each person, the potential for change and growth in people who have made mistakes, while still teaching the child of the need to be careful and precautionary when confronting a new or even already familiar person or place.

A Torah Jew knows that people cannot be taken at face value and there is a need to stop, think and analyze situations and try to understand other people. The childish perspective that all things are either good or bad must be discarded like a pair of overgrown *tzitzis*. Only by modeling and teaching our children to be discerning and nuanced when dealing with others and new situations, will we have given them an indispensable tool for a successful, happy life.

If you are open, loving and accepting of your children and non-judgmental about what they share with you, your children will open up to you and you will have the opportunity to show them how to analyze and think deeply through a circumstance or dilemma. You will help them become insightful in sizing up other people and their intentions, thereby giving them the self-confidence to navigate the stormy seas of life, under their own power.

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May the Torah be our guide as we practice the important principle from Chazal of – וחסדו וחשדו – give respect while being suspicious – be on your guard, but at the same time open to the possibility that the person is genuinely here for your good. Your, and your children's well-being is dependent upon it.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yaacov Marmor and family on the birth of a girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Benguigui and family on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, our P.E. teacher, Leah to Raphael Cremisi!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Summer on the upcoming bar mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Moishy!

After School Sports - Boys

After School Sports will be starting again after winter break.

An email was sent with registration information!

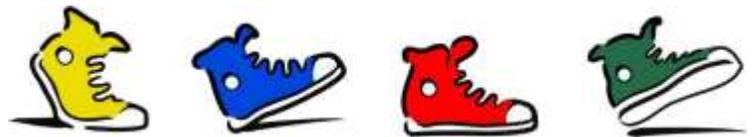
רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel Ben Leah Yocheved
 Yechiel Nosson ben Sara
 Dovid Yaakob ben Penina
 Meir Michoel ben Rivka
 Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
 Mina Yehudis bas Masuda Marsel
 Nuta Moshe ben Sarah
 Fruma Leah bas Raizel
 Gittel Bailah bas Eta Esther
 Yitzchok Mordechai ben Malka
 Yitzchok Meir ben Rivka
 Chaim Leib ben Ora Yael
 Naftoli Mordechai ben Genendel
 Rivka Elisheva Bas Sara
 Tzvi Elimelech Meir ben Brana
 Dovid Yisroel ben Sima Faiga
 Rivkah Elishevah Bas Sara
 Tinok ben Chaya
 Zisla bas Sarah

Calendar Reminders

**Sunday, January 22 -
 Sunday, January 29**
 Mid-Winter Vacation

Monday, January 30
 Classes resume regular time

TWO WEEKS to WALKATHON!!**NO WHEELIES, PLEASE**

Children should be using backpacks that they carry over the shoulder. Backpacks with wheels create a hazard on our crowded campus and are not allowed in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration

Reminder! Priority re-enrollment is now open and the early bird deadline is Tuesday, January 31. Re-enroll now at ytcte.org/register. Reach out to the admission office with any questions at 305-947-9477 or admission@ytcte.org



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There are two places in Sefer Bereishis where we learn about the mitzva of Bikur Cholim. The first is in Parshas Vayera when the Torah tells us that Hashem appeared to Avraham at the entrance of his tent. Rashi adds that this was - "לבקר את החולה" to visit the sick, since it was the third day after Avraham got a bris milah. The Gemara (Sotah) points out that Hashem often does things through malachim, but that when it came to this mitzva a messenger wasn't good enough and He came Himself. If Hashem could do this, we could too!

The second place Bikur Cholim is talked about is in Parshas Vayechi. When sick and on his deathbed, Yaakov called Yosef to come visit him. After he made Yosef swear to bury him in Mearas Hamachpeila and not Mitzrayim, the pasuk says that Yaakov bowed to the head of the bed. Rashi says that we learn from here that the shechinah is resting by the head of a choleh. The Shulchan Aruch adds that because the shechinah is by the head of the bed, a visitor should not sit higher up than that. It is clear from all of this that the actual mitzva of Bikur Cholim is to visit the sick in person and to physically be there. It can be a powerful experience for the person in need, and for us, because the shechinah itself is there at that time! However, R' Moshe Feinstein says that if this is impossible, one can partially fulfill the mitzva by speaking on the phone. Often young girls don't have the ability to drive themselves somewhere and show up in person. Let us at the very least call our friends to check in on them when they are sick!

Bio of a Baal Chessed

Satmar Bikur Cholim, one of the first Bikur Cholim organizations in America, was founded by the Satmar Rebbetzin, Rebbetzin Feigy Teitelbaum in 1952. Rebbetzin Teitelbaum and Mrs. Gitel Kahan would cook in the Kahan's kitchen and bring meals to people in hospitals in New York City. Today Satmar Bikur Cholim has many branches throughout New York and distributes 2,000 meals a week. It has expanded its services to help with rides, Bikur Cholim rooms, and monetary assistance for the sick. Many other Bikur Cholim organizations have been modeled after them.

"Chap" a Chessed!

Call a classmate who is sick at home this week to tell her you are thinking of her!

Kindness Club Stars

Shira Assoulin
Dina Fried
Tali Zimmerman
Leah Cohen
Eden Alishayev
Liel Newman
Rebecca Rosenbaum
Talia Barouk
Esther Roth
Leah Pomper
Aliya Mayerson
Abby Berkson
Rikki Mann
Hadassah Mann
Freeda Roth
Leah Cohen
Adina Sokol
Batsheva Sokol
Tziporah Lichtman
Lily Saka
Yaffa Serle
Leah Greenberg
Tamar Podolsky
Bracha Zvida
Yocheved Kolodny

Rivka Wyszkowski
Aliyah Weiss
Orr Ioffe
Ruth Bucay
Tehila Weingot
Gaya Langford
Ora Ouaknin
Tovi Sova
Rochel Leah Weiner
Batsheva Nissel
Rena Dreyfuss
Esther Goldenberg
Talia Handler
Yakira Marmor
Esther Bergida
Ayelet Friedman

Raffle Winners

Esther Goldenberg
Tziporah Lichtman
Aliya Mayerson



5G2 line up the preschool bikes for Maria every day so she doesn't have to do it by herself!

Caught in the Act!



Yaffa Serle & Lily Saka

Kriah Completion and Cookie Celebration!



2G-1 - Mrs. Rosenbaum's class finished their first Kriyah book. What an accomplishment! They celebrated with a cookie decorating party. The girls really enjoyed decorating their cookies with all kinds of sprinkles and then eating them. All the girls are progressing so beautifully in their Hebrew reading skills.

Shep nachas!



Class Pets and Butterfly Hatching

1G - Mrs. De-Paz's first grade class got a new class pet, a bearded dragon! The girls have been taking such great care of it and are enjoying the continuation of learning about different species. They also had the excitement this past week of watching one of their butterflies come out of the crystals.



Mother Daughter Melava Malka

4G & 5G - The fourth and fifth grade girls enjoyed a beautiful and musical Mother- Daughter *melava malka* this past *Motzei Shabbos* with special musical guest, Shaindy Plotzker. It was such a special and enjoyable evening.



Jewish History with Rabbi Fried



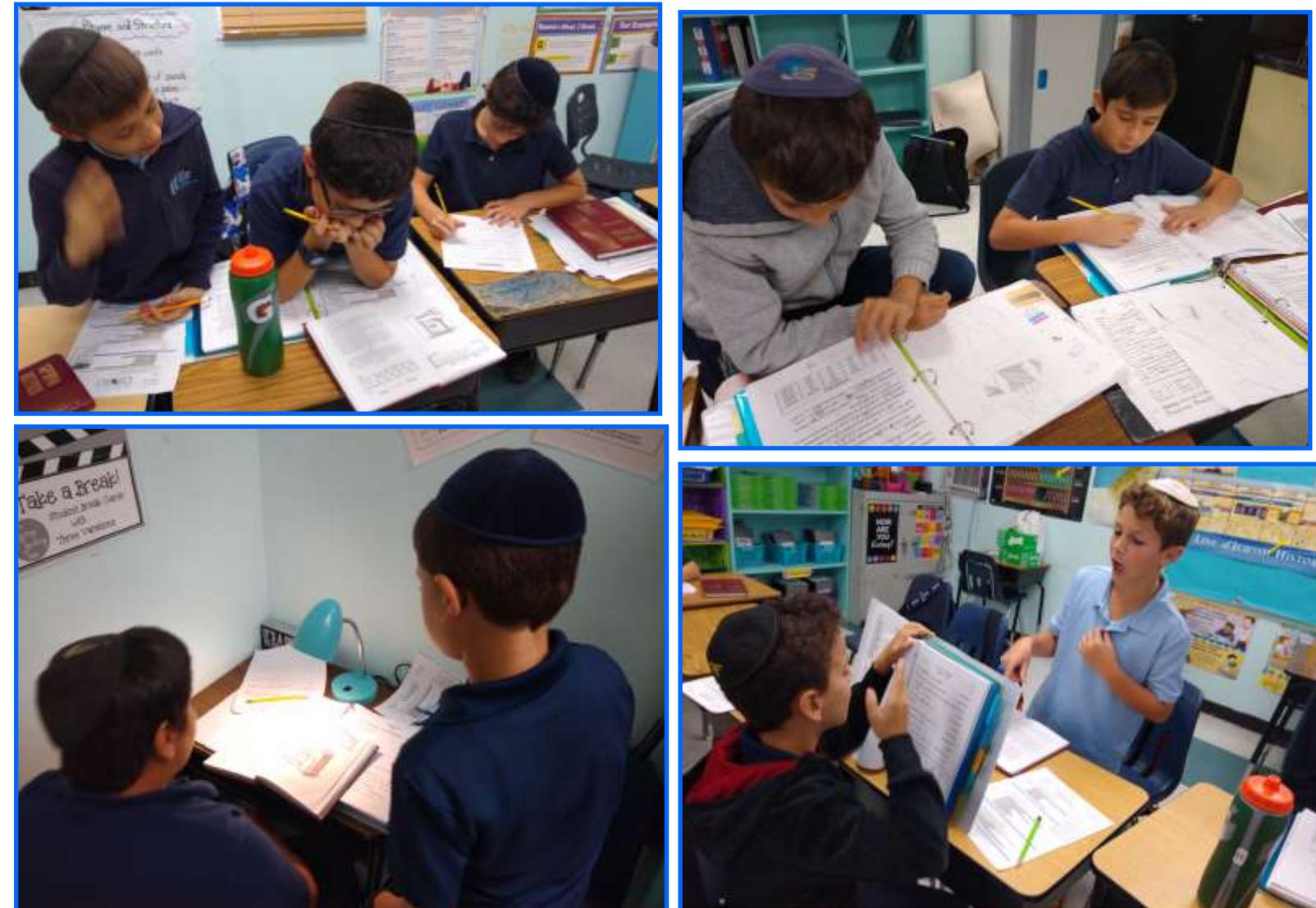
Jewish History

5B - The fifth grade students completed their maps of Yerushalayim in Jewish History class with Rabbi Fried.



Mastering Mishnayos

4B - Rabbi Amster's 4th grade students are pictured here working very hard reviewing the *mishnayos* they learned in preparation for a test.





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