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Through the
Classroom Door
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"IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!"

Erev Shabbos Parashas Mishpatim Parashas Shekalim 5783

Dear Parents,

One awe-inspiring facet of the Torah is the embedding of fundamental life lessons into *Mitzvos* that are apparently unrelated and seemingly have no pertinence to the majority of people. For example, to those unfamiliar, studying about an ox goring a cow seems to be of no relevance to their life.

"...studying about an ox goring a cow seems to be of no relevance to their life."

On the contrary, it is precisely a goring ox that can teach us and our children a basic rule for life. In this week's *Parsha*, the Torah tells us (*Shemos 21:28*) that a "goring ox" (one previously determined to be prone to goring – *Shor Muad*) that kills a person is put to death and the flesh of the goring ox that is put to death by stoning (even if it were somehow to be properly *shechted* (slaughtered)) may not be eaten. *Rashi* explains the *Pasuk* is also including deriving any benefit from the carcass of the perpetrating ox in the prohibition.

What message does such a *Halacha* convey to us non-agricultural, city-dwelling types? The *Sefer Hachinuch* (*Mitzvah 52*) explains the rationale behind the *Mitzvah* is to firmly entrench within our thinking and value system that anyone who directly causes something destructive or hurtful to take place is to be considered despicable in the eyes of *Hashem* and people. This even includes causing something accidentally, as in the case of an ox who has no free will or intelligence. By not allowing any benefit from the ox's remains, the Torah is helping us realize how abhorrent it is to be the cause of harm or damage to others. This realization will thereby encourage us to be extremely careful not to cause or do anything untoward, or damaging to others through our actions or words.

"...how abhorrent it is to be the cause of harm or damage to others..."

How often do we hear our children (or ourselves!) brush aside something harmful or hurtful they did with the claim that "it was an accident!" or "I didn't mean it." They might say "why do they have to be so sensitive," or "I was just kidding," as if that somehow removes any responsibility on their part for the harm they caused. We need to help our children hear the message that willful intent to harm is not the only reason why they must refrain from certain behavior. Claims of "I didn't do it on purpose" are limited in their effectiveness of absolving them of culpability for their inappropriate actions.

"Our fellow humans all have the label "fragile" on them..."

The Torah requires a higher sensitivity to the well-being of others and requires each one of us to take extra care to sustain our fellow's well-being and feelings. When a package says "fragile" on the label, we handle it differently, with more care. Our fellow humans all have the label "fragile" on them and it is our responsibility to convey that message to our children, as the Torah sets out the values we are to learn from and live by.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Shmuel Blinder and family on the birth of a girl! Special Mazel Tov to the grandparents, our Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Palgon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Josh Ehrenreich and family on the bar mitzva of their son, our alumnus, Coby!

רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel Ben Leah Yocheved
Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
Mina Yehudis bas Masuda Marsel
Nuta Moshe ben Sarah
Yitzchok Mordechai ben Malka
HaRav Chesriel Yosef ben Dalish Rivka

Walkathon

Please remind your child to bring in the money they raised for the walkathon! The deadline to bring in the money, in order to receive credit, is March 1st.

Purim Cards

The PTA has beautiful Purim cards available for \$2 each or 10 for \$18.

Contact the Girls' Office
kes@ytcte.org or
305-947-6000 ext 400

Calendar Reminders

Please note that this coming Monday, there is early dismissal.

February 20 - Early Dismissal at 1:30 PM
Presidents Day

February 22 - Rosh Chodesh
Official Uniforms required

Of Yosef Chai

We will once again be collecting Matanos L'evyonim for Aniyei Eretz Yisroel. More details this coming

PTA Mishloach Manos



Purim is almost here!

In the spirit of Purim, the PTA will be sending beautiful *Mishloach Manos* packages to the entire faculty, staff and board of Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes. You can easily participate in this exciting way to express our *hakaras hatov* by participating in our *Mishloach Manos* campaign. Please click on the personalized link you received via email to order your *Mishloach Manos* ASAP!

Siyum Celebration

Rabbi Lichtman's 2nd grade *talmidim* celebrated a *siyum* complete with pizza and french fries! They had the *zechus* of having Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro visit the class and share a beautiful message and *bracha* with the boys. Mazel Tov!



4B Gedolim Trip To Yeshiva

4B-1 - Rabbi Mann's *talmidim* have been learning about gedolim and in culmination of this unit, they went on a special trip to visit the Klurman Campus. Rabbi Kier gave the boys a tour of the building and *bais medresh*. Our Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Mordechai Palgon spoke with the boys and gave them words of encouragement.



100th Day Food Bank Trip

Happy 100 Days!

In celebration of their 100th day of school, the first grade boys decorated t-shirts with 100 various items. Many boys chose candy or chocolate, while some chose coins, gems or lego. The boys also participated in a meaningful project by collecting and donating over 100 cans of food for the JCS Kosher Food Bank. Some of the classes visited the food bank and delivered their collected goods.



Brachos Unit & 100th Day of School



2G - The second grade girls classes have been working on their *brachos* unit. The made a project where they gathered all the *halachos* and created a beautiful folder showcasing a *brachos* guide they can all use.



1G - The first grade girls have been counting the days since the first day of school to reach the 100th day and have finally reached the day of celebration! The girls dressed up like 100 year old's and all of their projects and activities involved the number 100. They had so much fun!



The Berry Farm Trip

The third grade girls enjoyed a fun trip to The Berry Farm this week. They got to pick fresh strawberries, went on a hay ride, jumped on a balloon floor and played a corn box. They had a great time enjoying the outdoors with their friends! Thank you to the volunteer mothers who joined for the day.



2G-1 - On Friday, February 3, Dr. Eva Hoffman joined Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Jeiger's class to talk about National Women's Physician Day. Dr. Hoffman spoke about early women in medicine including Shifra and Puah, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, and Virginia Apagar. The girls asked excellent questions and learned a lot from Dr. Hoffman.





Create a World of Kindness

~ עולם חסד יבנה ~



Granny's Hotline:
863-345-2036

Bikur Cholim

This week we wrapped up our unit of *Bikkur Cholim*. The third grade classes represented our Girls' Division and made beautiful *Bikur Cholim* packages for Healing Hearts that will be placed in the many different *Bikur Cholim* rooms in our local hospitals. These packages contained activity books, games and little toys to help distract children and hopefully bring them some joy when they are in the hospital. Granny's hotline was overflowing with messages of our girls visiting the sick, davening for the sick and doing so many other acts of *Chessed*. We are so incredibly proud of all our KES girls! Keep up the great work!!



☆☆ Kindness Club Stars ☆☆

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| Bracha Amster | Rikki Mann |
| Freda Roth | Malky May |
| Avital White | Simi May |
| Feige Porter | Noemi Amoyelle |
| Tehila Joseph | Chayala Eisemann |
| Emme Ciment | Devorah Hollander |
| Leah Cohen | Michali Gordon |
| Lielle Tzur | Esty Mermelstein |
| Ayala Mandel | Rivka Privalsky |
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| Hadassah Mann | Freda Roth |



Emme Ciment

Bnos and Pirchei



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NMB 3:00-4:00

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| Kindergarten
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1161 NE 176th Terrace | 1st Grade
Gitty Lebovics
17420 Ne 13th Ave | 2nd Grade
Sarah Tziporah Sandman
1055 NE 176th St |
| 3rd Grade
Aleeza Berger
17435 NE 12th Ave | 4th Grade
Eliana Jaroslawicz
1200 NE 176th Street | 5th Grade
Baila Klugman
1321 NE 173rd Street |

Hollywood

**Grades 1-5
Aish**

4010 N 46th Ave
3:00-4:00

Miami Beach

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| 1st and 2nd Grade
Tova Gluck
4411 Sheridan Ave | 3rd Grade
Eila Hoffman
4550 Royal Palm Ave |
| 4th and 5th Grade
Esil Jacob
4415 Post Ave | |
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שבת פרשת משפטים

February 18, 2023

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יתרו	2/11	3:00-4:00
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תרומה	2/25	3:00-4:00

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Personal Growth

Tithing Time

Modern life is a cluttered affair. Telephones ring late into the night. Laptops and cell phones make work possible in venues that were once reserved exclusively for quiet contemplation. Cellphones, once the domain of physicians and emergency personnel, now reside in the pockets of seminary students, housewives and commuters. Everyone is on 24-hour call.

Under such circumstances, a person might well be more reluctant to share his "spare time" with others than he is to share his money. Nonetheless, the investment of time is a crucial element in chesed, because time can accomplish much that money cannot. It takes time to call a sick relative, reach out to an unaffiliated Jew, listen to a friend's troubles, take in a neighbor's children in an emergency. Giving time means giving love and concern.

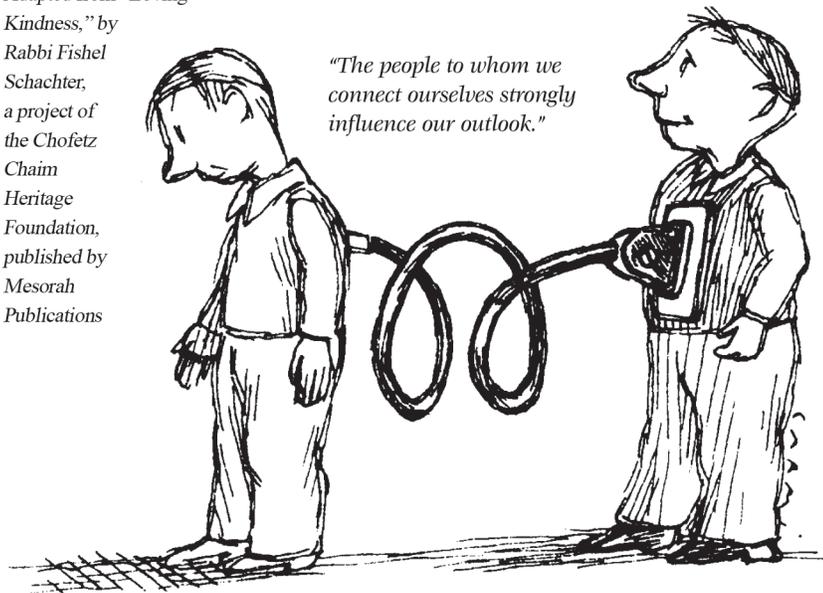
Today, when most families are under-rested and over-scheduled, finding the time for these activities is truly difficult. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein in Igros Moshe taught that just as one must tithe money, one must tithe time. If one carefully examines the agenda of each day, one often finds that there is some small amount of time that can be "pinched" off the clock to accommodate chesed. Perhaps the "donation" might be ten minutes a day to call someone in need of attention.

The fear that some people harbor about giving away their money—that they will be left with nothing—has its corollary in giving away time. People fear that even the few shreds of time left to them will evaporate, leaving them utterly depleted. The answer to this fear also has a corollary in the monetary form of chesed: One cannot

lose. Every minute a person gives enriches and energizes every other moment of his day. **Shabbos Table Discussion:**

How can I find some portion of my time to commit to a specific act of chesed?

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Effective Prayer

A Memorable Occasion

An ordinary man received an invitation to the White House for a meeting with the President. The President wanted to hear what was on the man's mind, what he does each day, how he lives, what he thinks. The President's secretary recorded every word in a special volume in which all important information was kept. Upon leaving the President, the man was positively giddy with excitement over his meeting. His every word had been received with such seriousness by none less than the leader of the Western world.

How unfortunate, says the Chofetz Chaim, that mortal man does not revel in his daily

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

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▼ Excellence

▼ Success

Better Relationships

Positive Charge

When you rub a piece of metal with a magnet, the metal soon becomes magnetic itself. It picks up the charge of the magnet it has rubbed against. The Rambam teach-

es that people are the same way—the attitude of others rubs off upon them. Therefore, he recommends associating only with righteous people whose behavior will be a positive influence.

This principal is especially vital to remember when a person is undergoing a difficult time in life. Negative

people will fan one's resentments and worries. They will accentuate everything that makes one feel hopeless and despairing: "Life is so unfair, people are so cruel, the system is corrupt, I know someone who this happened to and he never recovered...."

A positive charge, on the other hand, can give a person the energy and optimism he needs to face the difficulty. *A continued on back*

interactions with the Master of the Universe, a Being far more exalted than any earthly leader. That man's words of prayer, the blessings he recites and the mitzvos he performs are so carefully attended to by Hashem and his entire Heavenly host should be a source of limitless joy to him. When we make ourselves aware of this, prayer becomes an occasion to remember—a time when the King opens his door to ordinary us, and hears and records our every precious word.

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Worth It

Shmuel, an able young man of 14, had spent the summer assiduously avoiding any yard work or chore that would keep him laboring under the hot sun. His father had asked him to repair the wooden fence around his yard and it had taken him half the day just to gather up the wood, nails and hammer. The two hours he spent working seemed like ten.

Now, Succos was coming. Shmuel loved Succos—the guests, the food, and most of all, his family's large and brightly decorated succah. Shmuel's father's work schedule precluded him from doing much of the building, so for the first time, building the succah

would be Shmuel's job. The ten hours he spent hauling the boards, dragging, lifting, climbing and hammering seemed like two.

“The context of one’s work greatly influences one’s perception of it’s difficulty.”

Clearly, the context of one's work greatly influences one's perception of its difficulty. A person who sees great value in his work doesn't feel the weight of the burden. He knows what he's working for, and gladly undertakes the steps necessary to achieve his goal.

This principle was illustrated in the Torah (Bereishis

29:20) by Yaakov when he was forced to work for seven years to win the hand of Rachel. “And Yaakov worked for Rachel seven years, and it was

in his eyes as a few days in his love for her.” The Malbim comments that from this verse, one learns that the difficulty of a task is subjective. Yaakov focused upon the gain his work would bring, and seven years flew by. The lesson extends to all life's most arduous tasks, from raising children to learning Torah. A person who keeps an awareness of the golden dividends he is earning is happy to keep investing his effort.

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Positive Charge

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personality permeated by faith rather than fear, love rather than resentment—a person whose focus is on the good—will also rub off. The more one interacts with such people, the more he will find himself thinking their way. The same situation suddenly seems manageable, the challenge surmountable. The world is once again a good place.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can we provide a more positive charge to those in our lives?

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A Good Fight

A revered rabbi lay on his deathbed, surrounded by his students. Eager to learn what their teacher could impart at this final juncture of his life, the students asked him: “What is it like now that you're about to die and the yetzer hara has surely freed you from its clutches.”

The rabbi's answer was astounding: “The yetzer hara still has its hold. Even now, it is trying to influence me, telling me to recite the final Shema in a way that will leave the world with an impression of how pure and devout I was in my final moments.”

The story illustrates that we can never exalt over a final victory against the yetzer hara. What makes one righteous is the continual engagement in the battle. The yetzer hara's victory comes not through its own might, but through our retreat. As long as we continue to put up a fight, we are winning.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can a person avoid a sense of futility in fighting the yetzer hara?

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