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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Erev Shabbos Parashas Acharei Mos - Kedoshim 5783

Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of the time of year when our focus is on peace and harmony. Last week's and this week's *Parshiyos* highlight the consequences of straying from peace; as in – *Tzora'as*, and the imperative to love each other – () ... ואהבת לרעך כמוך *Vayikra 19:18*). In addition, we are almost halfway through the *Sefira* period where we emphasize the need to imbibe the lessons of brotherly love, which were somehow lacking among the 24,000 great students of *Rabi Akiva* and brought about a catastrophic outcome.

“Last week's and this week's Parshiyos highlight the consequences of straying from peace...”

With unity and harmony so prominent at this time, it is imperative for us to learn lessons as to how it came about that the strong bonds between us in our Yeshiva community were so seriously frayed this past week. (If you missed the ruckus, consider yourself blessed!) With so much in common, the spotlight was inadvertently laser focused on one area where we have an assortment of views and opinions. Deep seated and disparate beliefs were suddenly exposed and highlighted.

In truth, the hallmark of a healthy family and community is the ability to disagree on occasion, and even passionately held beliefs and values can be discussed and debated respectfully. So far so good. For some parts of our Yeshiva family, however, the differences turned into too strong words, harsh condemnations and bad feelings. Gone was the sense of common purpose, camaraderie and a feeling of family.

The situation escalated very quickly and emotions were ignited. With the passage of a couple of days, the emotions have relaxed and those who stoked the fires of controversy are a drop less upset about others' disagreeing with their position. We are hopefully back to considering those values that unite us rather than the small area of divergence.

“A hallmark of a healthy family and community is the ability to disagree on occasion ... respectfully.”

What are lessons we can take from this week's flare-up? Firstly, the Yeshiva acknowledges that communication with parents needs to always be timely, consistent, clear and in sync with our mission. Coordination and consistency are key.

A lesson for all of us is to consider how word spread. Had this occurred fifteen years ago, the Yeshiva's email would have engendered a few phone calls or emails to administrators, and friends may have checked with each other for clarity. A few people may have engaged in some heated discussions and the vast majority of parents would not have been involved in responding, judging, debating or otherwise perseverating over the matter.


What is different about today? I suggest it is the world of social media. Instantaneous access to a vast number of people is a potent mechanism for good or not so good. Great amounts of *Tzedakah*, *Chesed*, *Torah* and *Tefilla* are generated through technology. At the same time, it is a potent weapon of mass disrespect, discord, disillusionment and destructiveness. Without our realizing, our instinctive reactions are not thoughts and feelings that will be toned-down, modified and translated into a well thought-through letter or phone call. Our instinctive, impulsive reaction is immediately broadcast at warp speed to dozens, perhaps hundreds of people before we realize what we've done.

“We cannot remain oblivious to the very real downsides of technology.”

Technology may be here to stay, but we risk being as foolish as the masses who, without hesitation, euphorically welcomed the Industrial Revolution in the 1840s, including the toxic pollution and dangerous and unreliable machines that were being introduced. We cannot remain oblivious to the very real downsides of technology. The amount of potential *Lashon Hara*, *Motzei Shem Ra*, sowing discord and *Sinas Chinam* that we could potentially be guilty of in one key stroke needs to be a very sobering thought constantly in our minds.

Let our takeaway be to focus on what unites us and to think deeply about our relationship with, reliance on and comfort with social media usage. We owe it to ourselves, our spouse and most importantly to our children.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos* of peace, quiet and unity,


Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Uriel Aminov
and family on the bar mitzva of
their son, our alumnus, Benjamin!

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin
Silverstein and family on the
engagement of their daughter,
Shoshana!

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
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Calendar Reminders

Tuesday, May 9 -
Lag B'Omer BBQ and Activities
More Details to follow!
Regular Classes

Haschalas Mishnayos Event

On Sunday, the third grade boys had a special event where they celebrated their beginning to learn Mishnayos. They enjoyed a delicious pancake and waffle bar. Our Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Niman spoke to the boys about the importance and Simcha that comes from learning Torah. Each boy was then called up to receive their *Sefer*. They then all said the first Mishna out loud, repeating after their rebbeim and finished off with a beautifully sung *V'Zakeini*.



ELA In Action

1B-1: Mrs. Marne's class got creative when they learned about the vowel teams "ou" and "ow".



Acts of Kindness

3B-1: Mrs. Gil's students had an ice cream party at Bubby's to celebrate 500 acts of kindness!



ART



4G Painting Siyum

2G-1: Mrs. Rosenbaum's girls are reviewing their Chumash skills using the Lomdei program.



Shemoneh Esrei Project

3G-4: Miss Kaiser's class learned the *bracha* of "al hatzadikim" in *shemoneh esrei*. They made a project with pictures of *gedolim* and a mirror that says "I can be a *tzadeikes* too".



They then continued with the *bracha* of "binyan yerushalayim" and "malchus beis dovid". They created a *beis hamikdash* shoe box project. Such beautiful ways to make their davening more tangible!



Kriah Practice

1G: Mrs. Cohen's classes practiced telling the difference between a Sh'vah Nah and a Sh'vah Nach. They played a game using megaphones and small pillows to help reinforce this skill!



ART



Mastering Mathematics

4G: Pictured here is Mrs. Jaroslawicz's class doing fun self checking math activities!





Create a World of Kindness

~ עולם חסד יבנה ~



Granny's Hotline:

863-345-2036



Last week we introduced our "Sefiras Haomer Chessed Challenge". Each class is challenged to do as many acts of chessed as the day of the omer. Kol hakavod to all the classes that are completing the challenge each day. The acts of chessed the girls are doing are incredible. They are constantly looking out for their classmates and are very eager to help out their Moros and teachers in any way possible. Let's keep on "Creating A World Of Kindness"!



Kindness Club Stars



Tova Peled
Batshevi Benguigui
Ahuva Bernstein
Chana Levy
Adina Fladen
Michal Drebin
Yakira Marmar
Eden Alishayev
Devorah Brodman
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Raffle Winners

Atarah Bursztyn
Eemunah Garelik
Aliza Rachel Diamond

Caught in the Act!



Mia Beck

A special message from Granny:

"I was delighted to receive a message from the great-aunt of Shira Mindick. She let me know about a tremendous *chessed* that Shira did for her and in such an ingenious way! I am so proud of my sugarplum Shira! All of our amazing KES girls should keep up the great work!"

Caught in the Act!



Tzippy Chammah and Aleeza Berger

BNOS



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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

NMB

3:30-4:30

Kindergarten

Yaffa Wyzkowski

1150 NE 178th Terrace

3rd Grade

Tamar Wetlin

1310 NE 174th Street

1st Grade

Miriam Rosenberg

1112 NE 179th Terrace

4th Grade

Tehila Joseph

17941 NE 9th Court

2nd Grade

Adina Herman

1131 NE 178th Terrace

5th Grade

Chani Green

1051 NE 180th Terrace

Miami Beach

3:45-4:45

1st and 2nd GradeShaindy Jacob
4415 Post Ave3rd GradeZoe Rabinowich
4575 Post Avenue4th and 5th GradeMiri Gluck
4411 Sheridan Ave

Hollywood

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4010 N 46th Ave

Grades 1-5

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bnos@bymiarni.org

NEW! Pirkei Avos

A new Pirkei Avos group is forming for 3rd and 4th grade girls in NMB! It will take place on Shabbos afternoons, immediately after Bnos, from 5:00 to 5:45 pm, at the Hollander/Friedman house, 1055 NE 174th Street. Entrance on left side. Come hear stories about our great Tannaim and what advice they left for us to follow!

Lead by Rebbetzin Friedman

2G-1: Mrs. Rosenbaum made reviewing *shorashim* fun by playing the game, "Find Someone Who Knows..."



Honorable Menschen!

Esther Bonan and Shaina Heisler picked up lots of garbage without being asked.



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Personal Growth

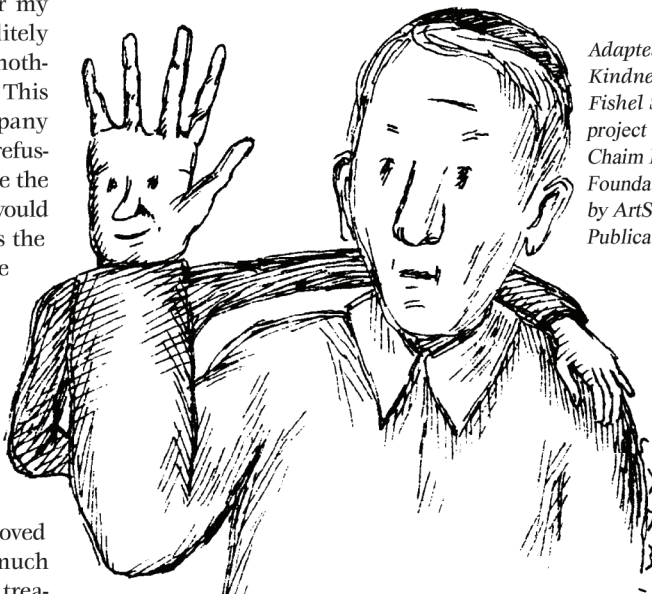
Your Best Friend

A man receives a summons from the king. Fearing some kind of trouble, he begs his best friend, "Please, come with me to the king and vouch for my character." The friend politely declines. He then tries another, more casual friend. This person offers to accompany him on the journey, but refuses to stand with him before the king. If there's trouble he would rather not be identified as the man's friend. Finally, the man turns to a distant, "Hi, how are you" acquaintance. "I will come with you," the man says steadfastly. "I will tell the king what a kind, generous man you are."

The first friend is a person's money—his beloved money that he spends so much time cultivating, that he treasures and pursues with all his energy. The moment one leaves this world, the money and honor can do him no good. The second friend is his family. They will accompany him, but only up to his grave. At that point, they, too, must turn back to their own lives and concerns. The third friend is a person's mitzvos, repentance and good deeds. Only they can testify on his behalf.

As the allegory illustrates, this true friend's importance is often not perceived in life. It's the instance in which a person forces himself to give a smile and a few dollars to a man who has knocked at the door a little too late in the evening. It's the prayer a person pushes himself through, constantly rechanneling his distracted mind back into the words. It's the fundraising project he undertakes when there is no time to spare. These acts are not pursued and treasured in their

time. Only when, at the moment of truth, they and they alone appear at one's side, does their true value shine.



"The kind deeds done by a person's own hands are ultimately his best friends."

Effective Prayer

Free to Pray

There is a well-known law that a person should not make any interruption between the blessing, "Blessed are You Hashem, Who redeemed Israel," and the Shemoneh Esrei, which immediately follows. The Talmud proclaims that one who juxtaposes redemption with prayer is among those who merit a portion in the World to Come. Why does adhering to this detail in the laws of prayer merit such a reward?

It's not the obedience to the law that is being rewarded. It's the belief that following this rule develops within a person. We recognize that Hashem redeemed us to serve Him. Once we voice our acknowledgment of Hashem's redemption, we place ourselves in the role of his

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

Ideas

Excellence

Success

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Better Relationships

Someone Else's Shoes

Leah would never dream of hurting a friend—directly. She would never insult people or harm their person or property. She could never bear the guilt of causing someone else's pain.

But Leah could speak loshon hora about others. She could disgrace, belittle, embarrass, insult; as long as she didn't have to see a hurt look on her victim's face, she could let herself believe that there was no harm done.

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz blames this disregard of the victim's pain for the ease with which some people can speak against others. The key to conquering one's taste for loshon hora, therefore, is to become more acutely aware of the victim's feelings. Imagine the person standing there saying, "Please, don't humiliate me." Understand that the flaw being discussed behind the person's back may well be a source of pain to him as well. When one connects to other people's pain and feels for them, loshon hora becomes an impossibility. Ahavas Yisrael, loving one's fellow Jew, becomes a way of life.

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grateful servants. Then we are ready to start our prayer—our "service of the heart."

Mention of redemption also connects us with the faith our forefathers had when they witnessed Hashem's redeeming miracles. They were taught through redemption that Hashem is the source of everything. With that faith awakened in our hearts, we are prepared to pray for all we need, to the only One who can answer.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Why should we still feel grateful for a redemption that happened thousands of years ago?

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I'm Here

Yossi was always busy setting up and cleaning up the shul for various functions. He was one of a group of young men who always seemed to be on hand, setting out the machzorim for Rosh Hashanah, rearranging the tables for a kiddush ...there was always something to do.

Chaim rarely helped out. "A dozen guys are already over there," he told himself. "What do they need me for?" It's hard to feel that one has an impact on a situation when there are already many other people involved. What does one person's tefillos mean? What can one person's little act of

chased accomplish? What's one more person in the dancing circle at a wedding, or by a mourner's side at a house of mourning?

The Talmud records a story of Hillel, a sage known for his unlimited patience and humility. One Succos, he arrived at the simchas beis hashoeivah, the water-drawing festival that took place with great rejoicing each year at the Beis HaMikdash. Tens of thousands

of Jews from all over Israel were there, and Hillel announced, "If I am here, everyone is here. And if I am not here, who is here?"

His message was not one of self-aggrandizement. It was directed at the thousands of

"Each person's presence counts as the equivalent of all of Klal Yisrael."

The Lone Ember

In the 1700s, there lived a man who held himself apart from his community. He did not attend synagogue. He stayed away from weddings, funerals or any other communal gathering. Through his actions, he made it clear that to his mind, he could live perfectly well on his own.

One day, the rabbi of the community paid him a visit in his home. The man was understandably surprised to be receiving such an honored guest. He wondered what the rabbi might wish to say to him, but the rabbi said nothing at all. He sat himself by the man's fireplace, took a stick from the woodpile and separated from the fire one red-hot ember. He stared at the ember, with the man at his side, until all the heat and light had gone from it. There it lay, dead, cold and alone. The rabbi rose and left the house, having eloquently delivered his message without uttering one word.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What would happen if every ember were separated from the fire?

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others present and at every Jew through the ages. No matter how many people are engaged in a mitzvah, each person's presence counts in Hashem's eyes as the equivalent of all of Klal Yisrael. Just as no parent would ever feel content saying, "Well, four out of my five children turned out just fine," neither is Hashem content to discount any one of us. To our Father, each of His children is the world.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Are there activities that you would undertake if you felt more certain that your participation would really matter?

Adapted from "Changing Galus to Geulah," a videotaped lecture by Rabbi Paysach Krohn at the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation Tisha B'Av Event, 5762

Shoes

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To do:

The next time you are about to say something that you think might be loshon hora, take this test: How would the subject feel overhearing your words?

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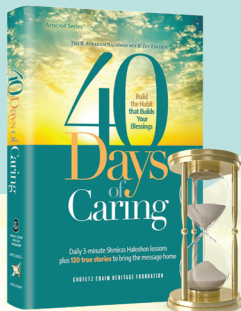
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