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SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

Erev Shabbos Parashas Emor 5783

Dear Parents,

When we achieve great things or R'L suffer significant setbacks, we tend to look at the one major, key factor that caused the turn of events. If our children behave and act in ways that are completely out of bounds and against our values, we tend to look for the main catalyst that caused the misbehavior.

"Rashi ... traces the source of this terrible sin to this individual's mother, Shlomis bas Divri."

We can learn from an incident in this week's *Parsha*, that we may be searching in the wrong direction. The *Parsha* concludes with the tragic incident of the individual who, angered at losing a court case, cursed Hashem and was punished with death by stoning. *Rashi*, quoting various Midrashim, based on the *pasuk*, traces the source of this terrible sin to this individual's mother, *Shlomis bas Divri*. He describes her as a person who was overly talkative, greeting and inquiring about the welfare of men and women alike. Her lack of modesty eventually led to her illicit relationship with a *Mitzri*, that produced this son who cursed Hashem.

The *Rosh HaYeshiva*, *HaGaon Harav Chanoch Henach Leibowitz*, zt'l, questions what was so serious about what *Shlomis* did? The midrash does not say she dressed improperly or acted brazenly. She was friendly and outgoing. How did this cause such a disastrous, disgraceful result? Aren't we supposed to be friendly and interested in the wellbeing of others?

There is a fine line between being friendly and modest to being an uninhibited and obtrusive busybody. When *Shlomis bas Divri* crossed this line, she unwittingly set in motion the ensuing disaster. It was not some major, dramatic act of impropriety, it was a small, seemingly minor misdeed or behavior.

So many parents struggle with children who are prone to test limits, misbehave, disrespect, disregard and ignore their parents' rules, guidance and instructions. By the time the children reach mid-elementary years they are even harder to handle and parents may struggle to maintain control. By the time they reach the early teenage years, if they lack motivation and inspiration, they can all too easily slide into even worse patterns of behavior and get into serious trouble, R'L.

"Discipline does not begin when a child breaks something...."

Where did it all start? May I suggest, from small things when they were young. When two-year-olds hit their parents, when four-year-olds throw garbage on the floor and when six-year-olds totally ignore Ima's call to supper, that should not be ignored. Discipline does not begin when a child breaks something, hurts someone or says a bad word. Guiding our children needs to begin at a very young age. We find it hard to do, because we rationalize that these little things can be ignored. Perhaps, but not for long.

To use an analogy from the recent past, the city of New York had a very serious issue with crime in the 1980's. Entire neighborhoods were in danger of falling into the control of criminals and gangs. To address the issue, a policing approach, known as the Broken-Window Theory was conceived and implemented. The thinking behind it was simple. In an area that looks decrepit and uncared for, as in a neighborhood where broken windows are left in disrepair, lawlessness grows and festers very quickly. By repairing the windows and showing that someone cares and is concerned about the area, crime dropped precipitously.

What is the connection between reducing crime and fixing broken windows? It's the focus on the small things, and attending to them before they become big things. An immaculately clean room will remain clean while a dirty room will only get dirtier. Humans function and behave in relation to their physical and emotional environment. One behaves differently in the White House than in a barn. A child living in a safe, secure environment where there are clear expectations and firm and consistent follow through will behave differently than a child growing up in an atmosphere that lacks those conditions.

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The key to success in raising children is not in ingenious consequences for misbehavior and not in lavish rewards for good behavior. The foundation to raising well-balanced, wholesome and productive children is rooted in attending to the small fires before they grow. Setting a tone of respectful behavior and responsible conduct through not ignoring the small misbehaviors at any age, will go a long way to producing a child who is comfortable with routine, rules and authority. Addressing, correcting, encouraging with love and consistency is key. Our homes will not turn into battlegrounds, if we can only extinguish the sparks before they ignite into painful flare-ups. Our children will succeed, if we attend to the little things.

Best wishes for a wonderful Shabbos,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

Friday May 5, 2023

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רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel Ben Leah Yocheved
Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
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Chaya Adina Malka bas Chana Gittel
Reva Braindel bas Miriam
Chava Devorah bas Chana Malka
Tinok ben Chaya
Meir Michoel ben Rivka

Calendar Reminders

Tuesday, May 9 -

Lag B'Omer BBQ and Activities

More Details to follow!

Regular Classes

Shavuos Break:

Thursday, May 25 - Friday May 26

Regular Sunday Classes

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29 -

Classes 9 AM - 12 PM

5B Jungle Island Adventure!



Mastering Mishnayos

4B-2: Rabbi Amster's *talmidim* experienced how big and small an אתרוג can be based on משנה ז in the 3rd perek in Mishnayos Sukkah. The props made the משנה very interactive!



Orange Juicing

5B-3: Mrs. Baruch-El's class juiced oranges one day this week, pretending they were in the 1800's. It was delicious!



Everglades Trip

3B: The third grade boys enjoyed a trip to The Everglades this week. They went on an adventurous boat ride through the Everglades alongside several alligators and got to watch an alligator show! Thank you to our parent chaperones.



Siyum Parshas Chayei Sarah

3G: All the third grade classes celebrated the 'wedding' of Yitzchak and Rivka in Chai Wok after finishing *Parshas Chayei Sarah*!



Yedios Hatorah

2G-3: Mrs. Brecher's class is working on posters for *yedios hatorah*, depicting different themes such as *shalosh regalim*, *10 makkos*, *brachos* and *parshios*.



Celebrating Siyumim!

5G-1: Mrs. Palgon's class finished *Parshas Shemos* and celebrated with a *siyum*! Two girls shared a *dvar torah* with the class. They then played a creative puzzle game which led to delicious treats when they completed it.

Mazel tov!



2G-1: Mrs Rosenbaum's class had a blast jumping in a trampoline park this week in celebration of their Siyum!



Super Science

3G-1: Mrs. Osina's class got super creative while practicing measuring liquid volume, mass, and length.



Learning In The Sun!

4G-3: Mrs. Ben-Hur's class enjoyed the nice weather and worked on their composition writing outside.





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Caught in the Act!



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Evy Saka



Yahli Ben Harush



BNOS

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

NMB

3:30-4:30

Kindergarten

Ahuva Hauser

1051 NE 179th Street

3rd Grade

Michal Benhayoun

920 NE 172nd Street

1st Grade

Chana Bracha Wieder

915 NE 175th Street

4th Grade

Rachel Roffe

765 NE 174th Street

2nd Grade

Rivka Wyzkowski

1151 NE 178th Terrace

5th Grade

Sara Gitlin

760 NE 175th Street

We apologize for the greater distance between the locations this week. We are trying to give as many girls as we can an opportunity to host Bnos before the year is over.

Miami Beach

3:45-4:45

1st and 2nd Grade

Rivky Burstyn
4147 N Meridian Ave

3rd Grade

Racheli Kaufman
4215 Prairie Ave

4th and 5th Grade

Dina Brown
3460 Royal Palm Ave

Hollywood

**NO BNOS
THIS SHABBOS**

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May 6, 2023

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**NO
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EVENTS**

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 Ahavas Yisroel Skits



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Personal Growth

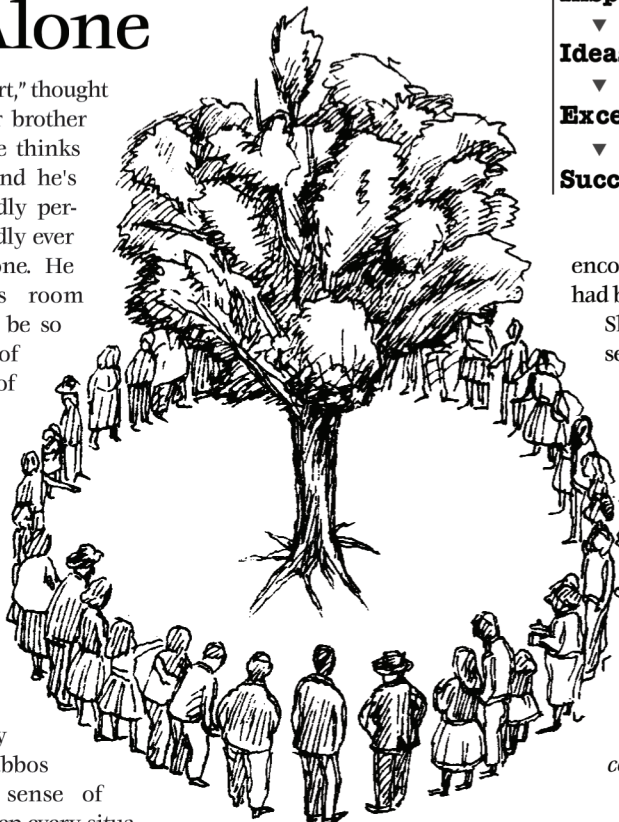
You Alone

"Yaakov is smart," thought Yaakov's younger brother David. "His rebbe thinks he's a genius. And he's got a nice, friendly personality too. Hardly ever fights with anyone. He even keeps his room clean. Dad must be so much prouder of him than he is of me." From Dad's point of view, however, David was just as great a source of pride. He didn't get A's in school, but he could fix anything that broke. His singing undoubtedly made the Shabbos table, and his sense of humor helped keep every situation in perspective. David didn't realize it, but he filled his role in the family just as successfully as Yaakov did.

For Hashem's children, too, the qualifications for being a worthy son or daughter often seem beyond the average person's reach. One can understand that Hashem glories in the sounds of a Torah scholar's learning, that He relishes the saintly acts of the righteous, but what can an ordinary person do to reach those levels?

The Torah issues a pre-emptive argument to anyone who believes its precepts to be far above their abilities. "For this thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it." It's a blanket statement, no qualifications or conditions attached. Hashem equips everyone with his own way to win his Father's wholehearted love.

The Chofetz Chaim once



"Every Jew is equidistant from the Tree of Life."

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

▼ Ideas

▼ Excellence

▼ Success

encountered a young Jew who had become a communist. One Shabbos before shalosh seudas, the Chofetz Chaim sent for the young man and convinced him to join the others for the meal. The Chofetz Chaim then spoke about the Tree of Life that Hashem had planted in the center of the Garden of Eden. Looking at the young man, he explained: "It was put in the center to show that it continued on back

Better Relationships

Beloved

Heaven holds a blessing that everyone wants, yet it is possibly the most elusive of blessings. That is the blessing of "chein," which means "grace." A person with chein has a pleasantness about him that makes him likable. Chein turns a person's life into a long series of wonderful, happy encounters, yet it is a G-d-given gift that a person cannot manufacture for himself.

However, the Chofetz Chaim says, a person can draw an additional measure of this quality from Heaven by engaging in acts of kindness. That, in combination with Torah learning, is the key to augmenting one's endowment of chein.

If friction with others is a problem in a person's life, one way to tackle it is by undertaking a chesed with the goal of meriting the blessing of chein. For every human being, the warmth and friendship of others is a life-sustaining gift, and it need not be elusive. One can grasp this gift and enjoy it for a lifetime, simply by embracing the trait of kindness.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Does the Chofetz Chaim
continued on back

Effective Prayer

Yaakov's Voice

"So Yaakov drew close to Yitzchak his father, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Yaakov's voice, but the hands are Eisav's hands'" (Bereishis 27:22). The Midrash elaborates on this verse, explaining that when Yaakov's voice is lifted in prayer, the hands of Eisav will not dominate.

During the Gulf War in 1991, when Israel was under Scud missile attack from Iraq, one Israeli described the power of Yaakov's voice to overcome the acts of Eisav's hands. The man, with his entire shul, had spent a day fasting and praying, sounding the shofar and circling the shul with the Torah. At the end of this arduous day, the siren

sounded and everyone ran for the building's bomb shelter. The missile fell, raining debris upon everyone. It ruptured a propane gas tank, but it ruptured a nearby water pipe as well, allowing the water to extinguish the fire before it could detonate the gas. Slowly, in darkness and silence, the residents of the building emerged from the rubble. Not one was seriously wounded.

"I am sure that... our tears and heartfelt intentions saved us all in both body and spirit," the grateful man proclaimed.

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On Second Thought

Someone asks for a favor. It may seem like a small favor, or it may appear from the outset to be a big favor, yet it's something you're willing to do. So you do it, and as often occurs with favors, it grows six heads. The ride you were willing to provide now turns out to be a ride for the passenger's friend as well, who lives just a few blocks out of the way. But there's a garbage truck slowly making its way down that block, which costs you an extra 20 minutes. Then the friend—an elderly lady—begins to feel a little queasy. Terribly queasy. You pull off the highway and follow the sign to

the nearest rest stop. You buy the lady a cold soda and sit by her side as she recovers her composure. After a half an hour you resume your journey in the midst of what has now become rush hour. You've missed your appointment, but you press onward hoping the client will see you two hours late. You begin to deeply regret having said "yes" to this favor in the first place.

"And remove the Satan from before us and from behind us," says the prayer in the Maariv service. "Before us" is an obvious place for the Satan to situate himself. There he can lure us onto the wrong road and block our progress down the right road. But what

**"What harm
can Satan
do standing
behind us?"**

harm can he do standing behind us? It is there that he demolishes the good we already have managed to do by causing us to regret having done it. "Why did I take these ladies with me?" the driver in the story is bound to think. Yet a good deed has been done. Why taint it with regret?

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Does regretting the favor negate its value as a mitzvah?

—CCHF

Beloved

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seem to simply be saying that if you do nice things for people, they will like you? What is the difference between that and acquiring chein?

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You Alone

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isn't any closer to me than to you. Every Jew is equidistant from the Tree of Life—from bringing life by serving Hashem."

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A Note of Joy

A young man from an illustrious family was faltering in his commitment to Torah. His father sent him to the famous Mirrer Yeshivah in Lithuania. When the son returned home a year later, he was a changed person, happily engaged in his spiritual life.

"Can you tell me something specific that brought about this change?" the father asked his son.

The son knew the answer. There were two instances: One was at the end of the Shavuot morning prayers, after an entire night of learning. The whole yeshivah sang Adon Olam together, and joining his voice to this song sent the young man's soul soaring. The second occasion, equally uplifting, was the singing and dancing of all the young men together on Simchas Torah.

Singing touches the soul in a way that little else can. The family that finds ways to put song into the air—at the table, in the car, even while doing chores—finds a way to put joy into their children's hearts.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Why do you think singing had the power to reach this young man?

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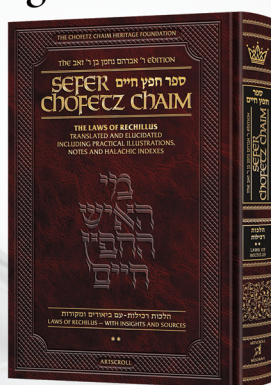
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