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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



HALACHA CORNER



### Remember The Goal

שליט"א, RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON

In Parshas Lech Lecha, the pesukim describe that Avrohom Avinu gathered Sarah, Lot, all their belongings, and people they were mekarev and made the long journey to Canaan. The pasuk says ויצאו ללכת ארצה ויבאו ארצה כנען they left to the land of Canaan and arrived there. This is a very different trip than that of Terach, who, at the end of Parshas Noach, also endeavored to take a similar journey from Ur Kasdim to Canaan but stalled in Charan.

Seforno points out that Avrohom Avinu completed the trip because of how he began it. Two people who start out on the same journey with the same goal can end up in vastly different places. At the very beginning, the amount of energy, enthusiasm, excitement, and hislahavus that propels the journey is what leads to success. Avrohom's initial energy was so powerful that whatever obstacles were put in his way did not deter him from his end goal. Terach did not have the same determination and therefore failed.

We, who are always trying to take on projects and commitments, must take a few extra moments to understand the determination we have and the importance of the goal we look towards to create our future success.



### The Halachos Of בה"ב

AVRAMI FLAMHOLTZ

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The first week after Rosh Chodesh מר חשון starts a series of days called בה"ב (this is an acronym referring to the Monday, Thursday and Monday the week after Rosh Chodesh מר חשון). On these days, there is a minhag in Klal Yisrael to fast and say סליחות in order to do Teshuva for any עבירות that someone may have done during the Yom Tov of Succos. בה"ב is also done after Pesach. Nowadays, because fasting is very difficult, the minhag had become that סליחות are said without fasting.

If someone has a hard time keeping up with the pace that the ציבור is saying סליחות, it is better to say fewer סליחות with more כוונה than to go faster and say them with less כוונה. If someone skips סליחות, it is preferable to finish them on your own after davening. If someone is saying סליחות on their own, the 13 מידות and any part of the davening that is written in Aramaic should be omitted.

## A MUSSAR MOMENT



### The Unavoidable Truth

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Avrohom Avinu was a marked man. This individual, who discovered that the world had a Creator, was the target of scorn and attacks by so many. His own father betrayed him, and gave him over to the evil Nimrod who proceeded to throw him into the kivshan haesh. Why did all these attacks befall such a nice person like Avrohom? Why was there so much hatred towards him?

My Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Henach Leibowitz zt"l explained that Avrohom Avinu had something very precious on his side, something that everyone else was jealous of; the truth. Hashem made every person a yosher. Deep down all humanity has a truth

radar. When someone speaks the truth, something gets triggered within the listener's soul. They are driven to react. Either they accept the truth and make a change of course, or they push back against the truth and its messenger. This is why Avrohom Avinu was so vilified. People couldn't handle the truth.

When you look around today, the truth of this point is plainly evident to anyone paying attention. There are moral truths that our forefathers brought to this world. There's a Creator who created man, and respect is due to all people. When you ignore and defile basic morality, there's a feeling inside every human of guilt. But those sentiments can be assuaged by assaulting the guardians of that truth. In that sense, we're experiencing the same treatment as our forefather Avrohom. That's the price of proudly being on the right side of history.

# Jewish Responsibility

Dear Parents,

As we desperately wait for some good news to come out of the war against Hamas, there is cause for encouragement in the reaction of Acheinu Bnei Yisrael to the suffering and danger of others. In addition to a muting of the voices of discord and hostility, the sincere outpouring of love and material and moral support of Jews around the world for our brethren in harm's way is inspiring. A person's essence is revealed in times of stress and we are seeing deep seated love and yearning for a connection to Yiddishkeit on the part of many. Concurrently, from unexpected quarters, there is real Mesiras Nefesh to help others with whom there is seemingly no connection

## From where does this deep caring for others come?

In this week's Parsha we see clearly how our forefather Avraham embodied this beautiful Midah. Not only did he take responsibility for his own actions, not only did he not blame others for whatever he endured, but he was known in his generation as one who would go to great lengths to help another out of a situation the other brought upon himself. Consider the following: In the war between the four kings and the five kings, the locals in Eretz Canaan were roundly defeated. This included Sodom, and its citizen Lot.

We are familiar with the story. Lot was captured. The Torah relates (Bereishis 14:12-14) how the "survivor" came to tell Avraham that Lot was a captive. Rashi quotes the Medrash that says the "survivor" was Og, who came with evil intent - he wanted to take Sarah for himself, so sure was he that Avraham would go off to try and save Lot and undoubtedly not return. By preying on Avraham's goodness, he schemed to get Sarah. It was apparently well known that Avraham was such a righteous, kind and responsible individual, that he would endanger himself to save Lot. This is the same Lot who abandoned Avraham and Hashem and attached himself to the wicked people of Sodom (Rashi 13:11).

The extent of Avraham's attitude and behavior toward others is understood on a whole new level by the Seforno. The Seforno states (Pasuk 13) that Og was actually unaware that Lot was a relative of Avraham. Nevertheless, because they were co-religionists, that was enough to give Og the confidence that Avraham would be willing to risk his life to save a fellow believer in the teachings of Ever (Great grandson of Shem, head of the Yeshiva of Shem and Ever). Such was Avraham's reputation! What a standard to aspire to! How many among us would endanger our very life to enter into battle against overwhelming forces to attempt to save someone who turned his back on us, despite everything we had done for him, and is now assimilated into a degenerate community?!

Avraham remains a model for us for eternity in all aspects of his greatness. How easy it would have been to rationalize that helping Lot in these circumstances was completely not his problem. The reasons to justify inaction in the situation should be obvious. Lot was an

ingrate, Lot took unfair advantage of his relationship with Avraham, Lot was dishonest, Lot went off the 'Derech', Lot would not have done the same for Avraham. Furthermore, he had no means to fight a war against mighty Kings, chances of saving Lot were slim and chances of being killed were great.

Despite all this, Og, for one, counted on the fact that Avraham would endanger himself on behalf of Lot. **Avraham Avinu personified the extreme sense of responsibility that is so missing from today's world.** Avraham took ownership of problems, Avraham confronted a challenge and looked inward for a solution. The blame game was the furthest thing from his mind.

We are sensitive to the need to minimize our children's exposure to the evil that has reared its ugly head. At the same time, we must be attuned to the opportunity to share with our children this bedrock value of feeling responsible to care about and tangibly help others, even when it may be hard. When we reassure young children that the danger is far away from us, we need to also emphasize the need to do what we can to help. Distance does not diminish our connection and concern.

There are currently so many role models of individual Jews who have risen to the occasion and are acting with great self-sacrifice to protect and support Am Yisrael. From reserve soldiers who have returned from far-away places to stand alongside their comrades in battle, to residents of Meah Shearim who have gathered food from neighbors and traveled to far away army bases near the frontlines to bring joy and hearty nourishment to young soldiers who look nothing like them.

Many fellow South Floridians have gone to Eretz Yisrael to give chizuk to adults and children, Hatzolah members have gone to help staff emergency services on the home front, and we are proud to count our own alumni in the ranks of the courageous soldiers and devoted volunteers. **Our children need to hear about these heroes and understand that this is how a Jew acts when a fellow Jew is in need.**

In the zechus of our teaching the eternal lesson of Avraham Avinu to the young generation, and internalizing it ourselves, may our heartfelt Tefillos be accepted in Shomayim to bring peace and security to all of Klal Yisroel.

Have a rejuvenating Shabbos,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



## Calendar Reminders

### October 30-November 1

DACHS 9th grade Standardized Testing

### November 2

DACHS Dismissal 3:00 PM

### November 3

RMS Early Dismissal 11:30 AM

DACHS No Classes

### November 5

DACHS No Classes

## Mazel Tov!



To Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Greenbaum and family  
on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Israel and family  
on the birth of a baby boy!

To Mr. and Mrs. Meir Weiss and family  
on the birth of a baby boy!

## Parnes HaYom

### חודש חשוון

All Divisions

Dedicated anonymously  
in appreciation for everything  
Mrs. Deitsch and the staff do  
for the students in the  
Klurman Elementary School Girls  
Division

### ה' חשוון

BMZE Morning Seder  
For the safe return of Liat bas Chaya  
Leiba and Aviv ben Talma

### " חשוון

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לעילוי נשמת

Our grandmother, Mrs. Fela Warsawiak  
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By her grandchildren Ilana and Dovi Lamet  
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# ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The Pre-K classes are learning all about the ocean and its amazing animals.



JPK continued learning about farm animals and focused on the chicken. They ate hard boiled eggs and learned all about the life cycle of a chicken.

Our kindergarten classes met ECHO the owl. He is the kindergarten reading mascot. They also started learning letters, their sounds and letter formations.



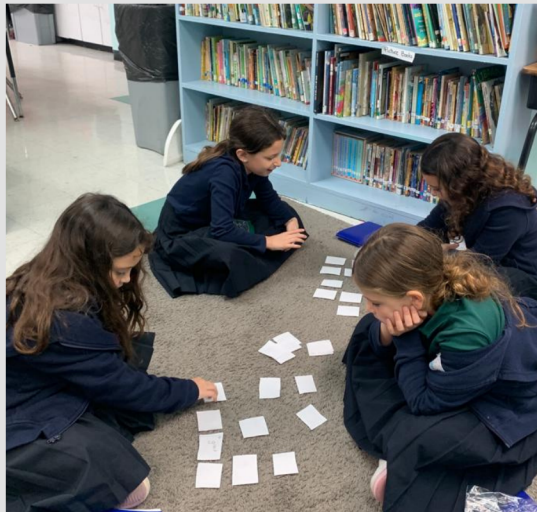




KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



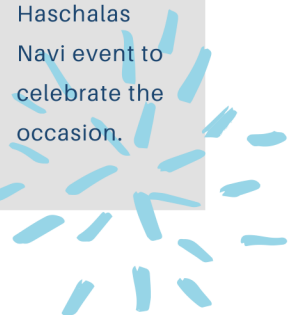
**Morah Ioffe's 3G-1 class** made beautiful Akeidas Yitzchok projects.



**During center time, Mrs. Palgon's 3G-3 class** made synonym games and had a fun time playing them together.



**Mazel tov to the 4th graders** who began learning Navi! They had a special Haschalas Navi event to celebrate the occasion.







The students had a "bake off" for their Navi Siyum. They had to create a scene from the perek and explain it using words from the pesukim. The girls did a terrific job!

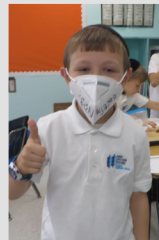
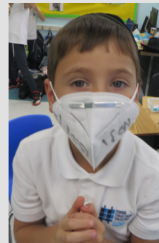


In art this week, the students made beautiful tehillim keychains.





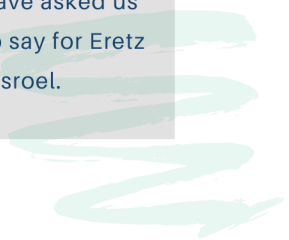
**Rabbi Heisler's 3B-2 class** had an ice cream party in honor of reaching their first milestone on Class Dojo.



**2B-3 learned about the first social distancing** in history when Avram separated from Lot. The boys wrote the words **הפרד נא מעלי** on their masks and learned outside.



**Rabbi Mann's 4th graders** made pocket tehillim cards to distribute. It has the 3 perakim of tehillim that the gedolim have asked us to say for Eretz Yisroel.





# ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



**39 Melachos in 6th grade!**  
For dush, they squeezed olives. For borer, they agitated heavy cream with a marble in it until the whey separated and left butter.

After Rabbi Eisemann's siyum that he shared with the 7th graders, they learned about the new mishnayos initiative and enjoyed a breakfast.



**Mr. Betances's science class** simulated the digestive system using zip lock bags as the stomach, vinegar as stomach acid and bananas and crackers as the contents of a stomach. They mixed the ingredients in the bags to show an example of digestion.



# DR. ABE CHAMES HIGH SCHOOL & BAIS MEDRASH ZICHRON EZRA



**The music room** is a nice place for the boys to take a short break to get re-energized before heading back to the Bais Medrash.



**Rabbi Israel** discussed with his talmidim how they will be incorporating public speaking practice. When assigned, they will give a short parsha shmooze to the shiur.



**The new chess enrichment club** with Mr. Miniello is proving to be a very successful outlet for the boys.





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