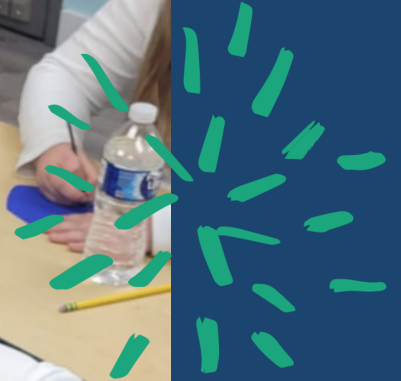


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



### Embracing Opportunity

RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON, שליט"א

In Parshas Toldos, Esav sells his bechorah to Yaakov in return for a bowl of lentil soup cooked after the levaya of Avrohom Avinu. In the course of their conversation about the sale, Yaakov explained the responsibilities of the bechorah, including the various detailed halachos and accompanying consequences of any misstep. Once Esav realized that not fulfilling these obligations would lead a bechor to his death, he immediately released himself from them by selling them to Yaakov. His reasoning for selling this part of himself is "הנה אנכי הולך למות ולמה זה לי בכרה"? What use is this to me when I'll die anyway?

The Torah records his reaction as "ויבו עשו את הבכרה", Esav degraded the bechora. One can ask what did Esav do that was so terrible? He seems to have done the right thing: he acknowledged his limitations and realized that he couldn't fulfill this role. With the sale of the bechorah to Yaakov, he was preserving it for someone who could do it properly.

R' Moshe Feinstein zt'l answers that when it comes to kavod shamayim, if an achrayus falls into your lap, it is our obligation to step up. It is not our job to say I don't want to because someone else might be able to do it better or we might attract the ire of others for the way it was accomplished.

Esav had every good reason to pass the responsibilities of the bechor along to Yaakov, but that was not his job. Giving up a job that is for kavod Shamayim is a bizayon, degrading, to the responsibility a person is given. Our job is to step up and embrace the achrayus in the best way we know how.



## HALACHA CORNER



### Oils Allowed for Shabbos & Chanukah

MICHAEL DAVOUDI

BMZE, 3rd Year Talmid  
New York, NY

One is allowed to use any type of oil or wick for the menorah even though the oil may not burn easily or even if the wick may not draw the oil well. However, the same cannot be said for Shabbos candles, as Shabbos candles have different requirements for what type of candle can be used. Shabbos candles need to have oil and wicks that produce a clean pure light that doesn't flicker.

The Mishnah Berurah explains that the difference between Chanukah and Shabbos is due to the fact that it is forbidden to use the Menorah light for personal use, and on Shabbos, the Mitzvah is to have light that is useable. On Shabbos, if the light is not lit well, or the oil is not drawing towards the wick, we are afraid that a person will try to fix the candle on Shabbos which is prohibited. As opposed to Chanukah, the light is not able to be used, and we are not afraid that a person will try to fix the candle.

Because it is prohibited to use the Chanukah Menorah for personal use, the Shulchan Aruch says that it is proper to light a Shammash with the Menorah so any benefit that comes from the Menorah will be attributed to the Shammash.

## A MUSSAR MOMENT



### It's Never Elementary, My Dear Talmid

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Eisev is the picture that a child has of the ultimate *rasha*. Eisev's evil nature, even before his birth, and his fiery, red anger make him look like the ultimate devil. Yet, if you delve into our Chazal, you see that the only devil is in the details.

We find in Chazal that Eisev was exceptional in the mitzvah of *kibbud av v'a'im*. So much so that the *Amoraim* in the *Gemorah* looked up to him in this area. But, it is hard to explain how there's room for envy from a full-fledged *rasha*. Rav Issac Sher of Slabodka makes the picture even more confusing. He understands from Chazal that Eisev was exceptional in other areas of avodas Hashem too, not just *kibbud*

av. This would better explain Yitzchok's perspective of prominence for this son over Yaakov Avinu. So how do we explain Eisev Harasha according to this? Rav Issac is *michadesh* that if we were to meet Eisev, we would be convinced he was a *tzadik* too. His faults were so camouflaged in a complex human being, that looked as frum as you, that it would be almost impossible to perceive. This is far from the picture that you understood in the elementary school Eisev.

Eisev is an important lesson for understanding life as an *oved Hashem*. Most of the time life isn't black and white, purely kosher or clearly *treif*. There are complex challenges that have to be measured with a deep Torah understanding. To write things off with simple superlatives is the sin of superficiality. Hashem wants us to embrace our decisions with *Havana*, understanding, and *hachna'a*, submission to our *Chachomim*. Only then will we rise above our Elementary Eisev education.



# POWERFUL PRAYER

Dear Parents,

As the war in Gaza continues, our focus remains on *Tefila*; the prayers of each individual and the *Klal* together are of paramount importance. Davening is a challenge for adults and children alike and maintaining enthusiasm week after week is not an easy task. With a greater appreciation for the power of *Tefila*, we may actually be able to capitalize on the current tragic and frightening circumstance to propel our and our children's *Tefila* to a much higher level.

In the beginning of our *Parsha*, the Torah tells us that *Yitzchak Avinu's* impassioned and relentless prayers for himself and *Rivka Imeinu* to have a child were answered. (*Bereishis 25:21, Rashi*). It apparently took passion and constant *Tefila* to achieve the desired result. **One doesn't stop davening as long as his goal remains possible yet elusive.**

An additional insight into *Tefila* can be gleaned from an incident brought in *Melachim Beis* (6:15-17). The *Navi* recounts an incident where the king of *Aram* was attacking *Klal Yisrael* with the intent of kidnapping the *Navi Elisha*. The *pesukim* describe how *Elisha's* attendant saw the vast army surrounding their city, and did not perceive that there was much of a defense on the side of the *Bnei Yisrael*. When he expressed his great concern to *Elisha*, the response from *Elisha* was not to worry - we have many more soldiers and armaments than our enemy.

The next *pasuk* describes how *Elisha* davened that his attendant's eyes would be opened to see what he was talking about. The servant then saw the mountainside filled with Jewish soldiers and chariots, surrounding and protecting *Elisha*. The soldiers were actually angels! The *Malbim* and other *Meforshim* explain that the soldiers and the armaments were created by *Elisha's Tefilos* - **they were spiritual creations that emerged as real soldiers and weapons on the battlefield.**

*Rabbi Yisrael Reisman, Shlita*, elaborates on this idea to show even more vividly how angels are created by our *Tefilos* and in accordance with the quality of our *Tefilos*. At *Akeidas Yitzchak*, in the *pasuk* where the *Malach* tells Avraham not to sacrifice *Yitzchak* (*Bereishis 22:12*), the *Malach* continues to tell Avraham that now he, the

*Malach*, knows that Avraham is G-d fearing; *because you Avraham did not withhold (sacrificing) your son from me. The Vilna Gaon, as quoted by Rabbi Reisman, questions why the Malach says "from me." It should say "from Hashem."*

The *Gra (Vilna Gaon)* explains that a *Malach* is created from every prayer, every good deed. However, not all *Malachim* are the same. Some are strong, robust, enthusiastic. Others are lethargic, weak, incomplete. What causes the difference? The enthusiasm and passion with which we davened, performed *mitzvos* and did *chasodim*. Focused, passionate prayer will create a strong, robust *Malach*. Distracted, rushed and mindless davening will create an incomplete, ineffective *Malach*.

This explains why Avraham's *Malach* said - "you did not withhold from me." The *Malach* knew he was complete, strong and whole. He therefore knew that what created him was a level of *Yiras Shomayim* that was extremely lofty.

As we struggle to help our children make davening meaningful, this message can be very powerful. Each word of *Tefila* recited correctly and with sincerity creates a *Malach*, another soldier in the Army of *Klal Yisrael*. How we do with our davening yields direct results on the battlefield, on all battlefields and confrontations. **We have the power to create additional soldiers, greater firepower to defend Klal Yisrael.** What greater motivation do we need to work on improving our davening!

May we all, parents and children, work hard on our davening and *mitzvos*, which is the greatest contribution we can make to ensure the safety and well-being of *Acheinu Bnei Yisrael* and help bring the *Geulah Shelaima*.

Have a prayerful, angelic Shabbos,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



## Calendar Reminders

### November 19

BTE Parent Teacher Conferences

### November 23 - Thanksgiving

EECC JPK-PK Classes 8:30 - 11:30 AM

K Classes 8:30 - 12:00 PM

KES Classes 8:30 - 12:00 PM

BTE Classes 8:30 - 12:15 PM

RMS Classes 8:10 - 12:20 PM

DACHS Shacharis 7:30, Dismissal 2:20 PM

### November 24

EECC No Classes

KES Boys Only Sunday Schedule - 9:00 - 12:00 PM

BTE Friday Schedule - 8:30 - 12:15 PM

RMS Classes 8:10 - 12:15 PM

DACHS Dismissal 12:00 PM

## Mazel Tov!



### To Mr. and Mrs. Rami Zvida and family

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Dovid!

### To Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Rosenbaum and family

on the engagement of their granddaughter Ahuva Rosenbaum to Yossi Katz of Passaic, New Jersey!

### To Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy David Sandock and family

on the birth of a baby boy!

### To Mr. and Mrs. Aharon Franklin and family

on the engagement of their son Doni,  
our alumnus, to Sarah Andron!

### To Mr. and Mrs. Eli Solaimanzadeh and family

on the birth of twin girls!

## Parnes HaYom

### כ"ה חשוון

KES

לעילוי נשמת

Moshe Yehuda ben Zev a"h  
on his yartzeit  
by Ms. Sara Tamir

### כ"ה חשוון

KES

לעילוי נשמת

Mrs. Jeanette Levine,  
Chaya Yachet Elka bas  
R' Yisroel Yitzchak a"h  
on her yartzeit  
by the Levine, Zisquit, and  
Sipper Families

### כ"ו חשוון

DACHS

לעילוי נשמת

Yosef Yaakov ben Moshe a"h  
on his yartzeit  
by Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Kirzner

### כ"ח חשוון

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# ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The JPK classes started learning about Chanukah. We are getting in the spirit by playing fun Chanukah games!



The Pre-K children celebrated Rosh Chodesh Kislev by making hats and enjoying a yummy treat.



The Kindergarten classes enjoyed learning the Parsha. We got to make "lentil soup" which was a fun sensory experience.





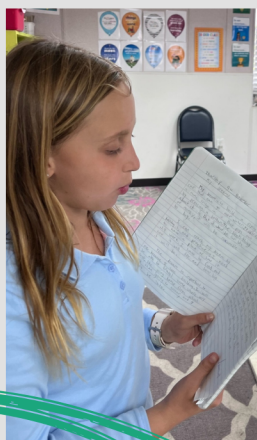
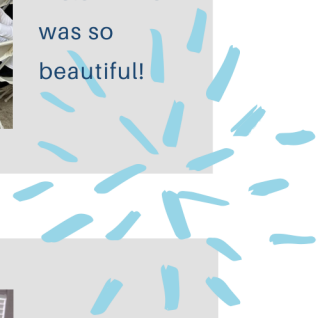
KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



**Mrs. Heisler's 1G-3 class has been practicing their kesiva and this week they created "chirik Keychain pets" that make the sound "E"!**



**5G had a special mother daughter Hallel on Rosh Chodesh Kislev which was so beautiful!**



**4G-4 girls read their essays sharing their hopes and dreams for the future.**





Kol hakavod to Layla, Maayan, Yael, Yael and Hilla on being nominated by all of their teachers as BTE diamonds this month! All of our girls are truly diamonds and are really working on polishing up their middos and derech erez. Our STAR heads set up a beautiful Rosh Chodesh luncheon and introduction to the theme!





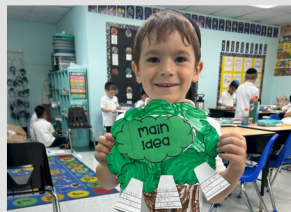
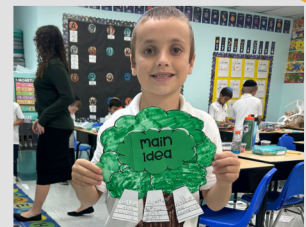
5B-2 participated in National STEM Day by creating 6 inch bridges using toothpicks and dots. We saw which bridge could hold the most cargo (pennies).



5B-1 is learning coding and has started building their Lego robots.



Mrs. Lamet's 1B-3 class is learning about main idea and supporting details. We read Our Tree Named Steve. We then discussed what the main idea of the story was and afterward created our own trees named Steve.





# ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



Rabbi Fried's 7th grade boys practice their Gemara reading skills.



Rabbi Berger's class continues to learn the 39 Melachos. This week while learning about sifting and grinding, the boys got a chance to use the tools and see how they work.



Rabbi Goldberger and his students made tzitzis for the IDF soldiers.



# מתיבתא אברהם זאב - THE DR. ABE CHAMES HIGH SCHOOL & BAIS MEDRASH ZICHRON EZRA

Mr. Miniello's chess enrichment club continues to practice playing against each other in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.



Rabbi Daniel Glatstein giving a shmooze to the Mesivta



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