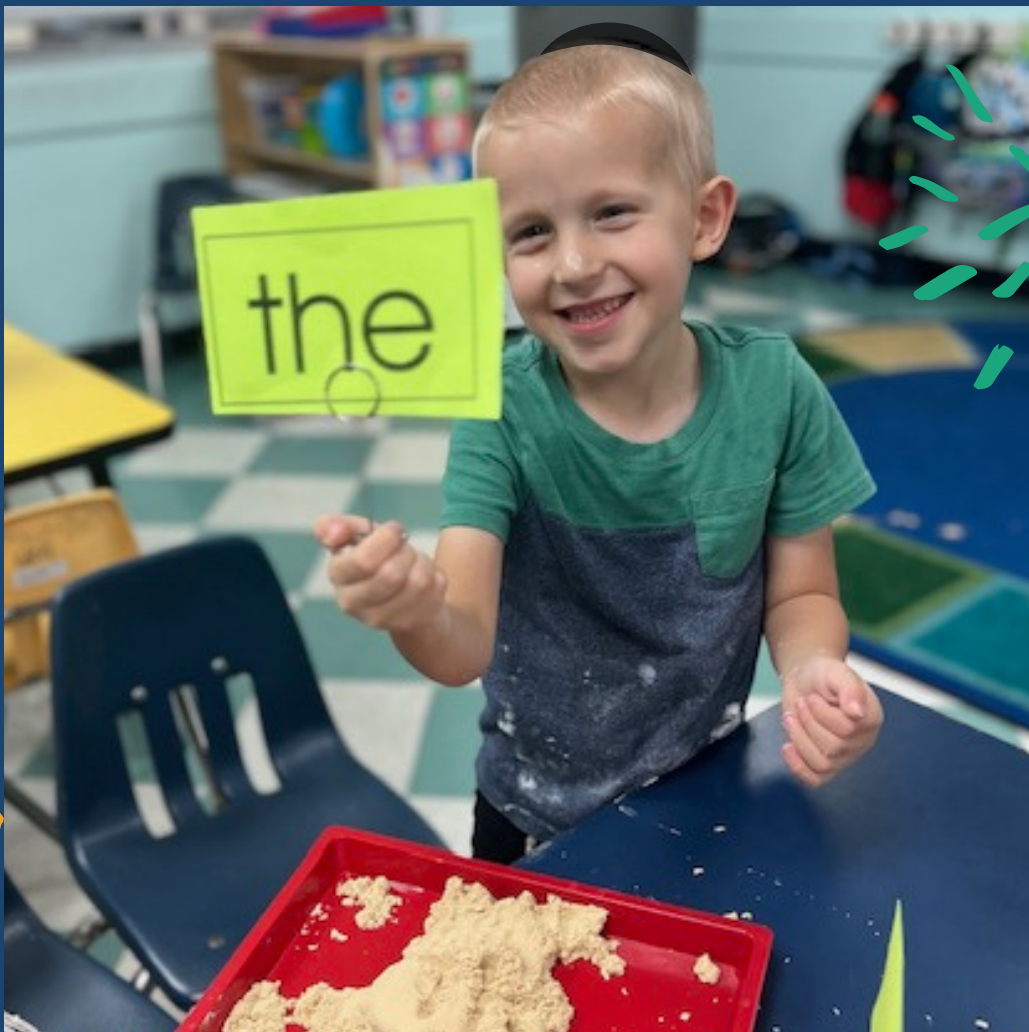


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



## HALACHA CORNER



### The Power of Action

RABBI YISROEL Y. NIMAN, שליט"א

In this week's parsha, Yaakov Avinu travels to Charan to run away from Eisav. On his way, he passed the sight of the future Bais Hamikdash without stopping. Once he arrived in Charan, he realized that he missed the opportunity to daven where his forefathers had davened and so turned around to go back and take advantage of such a place. Because of that tremendous yearning, Hashem gave him k'vitzas haderech, and he instantaneously arrived there.

Rashi asks, if he had such a desire to daven there that he was willing to take the time to travel back to that holy place, why did Hashem not stop him on the way to Charan in the first place? He explains that if a person himself doesn't take his innermost thoughts and begin to put them into action on his own, Hashem will not help him accomplish what he really wants to do.

Yaakov had a tremendous desire to daven at this mountain, as evidenced by the fact that Yaakov was given special k'vitzas hederech because of it. Nevertheless, Hashem only helps you when you help yourself. "Im ein ani li, mi le." You must stand up and act. Desire must be translated into action. Once we do our share, Hashem helps us the rest of the way.



### Re-lighting Blown Out Chanukah Candles

SHLOMO KOENIG

BMZE, 3rd Year Talmid

Queens, New York

When a person lights Chanukah candles, there needs to be enough oil (or candles) to last for a half hour after nightfall. If there is not enough fuel to last that long, the person has not properly fulfilled the mitzvah.

If the candles were lit with enough fuel, but they blew out before the half hour was reached, the Halacha varies based on the case:

If there was enough fuel, and an unexpected thing happened that blew out the candles (i.e. a child blew them out or a strong unexpected wind came), then although there is no obligation to light the candles again, however it is preferable that the candles be re-lit, and no new ברכה is said.

If the candles were lit in a place where it can be assumed that it will be blown out before the half hour after nightfall, the משנה ברורה says that a person has an obligation to re-light the candles, but no ברכה is said.

If the candles were lit in a way that they will be blown out immediately, then the candles need to be re-lit and a new ברכה is said.

## A MUSSAR MOMENT



### It Begins With Brotherhood

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Picture the scene: a stranger comes into town and surveys the scene. He sees that it has become common practice for people to commit inequities. They betray their fellow man. They don't have the proper fear of Shomayim. Can an outsider just walk in and put them in their place? Wouldn't the words of mussar just fall on deaf ears? How can one successfully bring change and improvement?

Yaakov Avinu found himself in such a scenario when he came to the well in Charan. He saw the local shepherds squandering their time and not fulfilling their hired obligations. He proceeded to

chastise them on this point, and his words were accepted. The Ponovizher Rav explained that the reason for Yaakov Avinu's success was the choice of one word, אחי. Yaakov conveyed in this word a deep sense of love and connection with these people that he previously never met. "My brothers" was the key that unlocked their hearts to grow. This is how Yaakov Avinu was able to move big boulders and even mountains.

Ahavas Yisroel is such an integral ingredient in interacting with others. It's the first step in any dialogue. But it has to run deeper than lip service. When someone feels that the person giving them mussar truly cares for them, then the sky is the limit in terms of what can be accomplished. You have to be able to see our connection more than our differences. It all begins with internalizing one word, אחי.



# It's Wonderful To Be A Jew

Dear Parents,

When a person contemplates his own performance of a *Mitzva*, or adherence to *Halacha*, he might evaluate his action in one of two ways. He can laud his *Mesiras Nefesh* (self-sacrifice), his own self-control and how he struggled and succeeded, or he can take the attitude that this was enjoyable, perhaps downright fun and part of a happy life.

*Rav Moshe Feinstein, zt'l* points out this very duality in *Sefer Darash Moshe (Bereishis 31:14)*. He questions the response of *Yaakov's* wives *Rochel* and *Leah*, to *Yaakov's* proposal that they leave their father's house. *Yaakov* presents the factors justifying his proposal for all of them to leave. Then *Yaakov* informs them that *Hashem* came to him and instructed him to take his entire family, leave *Lavan's* house (after 20 years) and return to *Eretz Canaan*. *Yaakov's* wives responded affirmatively, justifying their response by stating "Are we not (considered) like strangers (in our father's house)?" Only as a seeming afterthought do they also agree because *Hashem* said to leave.

This is bewildering, points out *Rav Moshe - Yaakov* just said this was *Hashem's* command - and they respond they like the idea - but for their own reasons. They should have responded - "if *Hashem* said it, that's what we'll do!" *Rav Moshe* explains - **what *Rochel* and *Leah* were doing was minimizing the *Nisayon*, the trial, in following *Hashem's* command**, making it easier for them to adjust to the idea. They would of course follow what *Hashem* said - but they didn't want to make it overly difficult, discouraging, and heroic. By explaining it also makes sense to leave, they brought the potentially difficult act of leaving their father's house, the comfort of their childhood home, down to a manageable level, where they could wholeheartedly embrace the idea.

We see clearly, that **considering oneself a hero for keeping *Mitzvos* has significant drawbacks**. There are advantages to minimizing the difficulty in our mind's eye, and magnifying the enjoyment. We should keep *Shabbos* not just because we have great inner fortitude to do what's right no matter what, but rather we should also focus on the enjoyment, the delight of keeping *Shabbos*.

This has far reaching implications for how we raise and train our children. *Rav Moshe* further points out that 80, 90 years ago there were a number of Jews in America who, with great courage, clung tenaciously to *Shmiras Shabbos*. They shared with their children that despite the difficulty, they were strong and withstood the temptation. (*Oy, es iz shver tzu zein a Yid! - Oh, how difficult it is to be a Jew!*) What happened to the

children of these brave, pious souls? Many ran away from *Mitzvah* observance as fast as possible. They did not consider themselves on their parents' level. Therefore there was no way they could be as strong, so *Shabbos* disappeared from the family's future generations, R'L.

What if the emphasis in their childhood home had been on the beauty and enjoyment of *Shabbos* rather than the difficulty? What if they heard from the parents that it is so wonderful to be a Jew, and how lucky they are to be *Mitzvah* observant? The outcome would have probably been very different.

We face perhaps a similar predicament since *Simchas Torah*. Our children are absorbing the anxiety, tension and fear emanating from the ongoing situation in *Eretz Yisrael* and around the world. There's an added dimension of difficulty in maintaining our presence in a world where obviously visible Jews face the prospect of nastiness and even aggressive behavior from strangers and the media. We need to realize that beyond fear and anxiety, there may be, in a child's eye, a diminishing of the excitement and joy in being a Jew. **We want to be sensitive to the plight of those directly in danger in *Eretz Yisrael* while at the same time, maintain a level of *Simchas HaChaim*** that will ensure a fun and joyful environment for our children.

In general, we need to inculcate in our children a confidence in being a Torah Jew and appreciation to *Hashem* for blessing us with such a lifestyle. It is true that the ultimate reason we do *Mitzvos* is because *Hashem* said to do them. Many of us have chosen a life of greater spirituality at great self-sacrifice because we believe it is the right thing. We persevere despite hardships and pitfalls because to us the truth of the *Torah* has become a central rallying point in our lives. Our children, however, are not we. They may lack our fervor, our focus on sacrificing for truth. They are not yet there yet. As young children they need to feel that keeping *Halacha* is the most natural thing in the world, and that they would not trade a *Torah* lifestyle for all the treasures of the world.

With such an attitude embedded in their lives, they can proceed with deepening their intellectual and emotional connection to *Hashem* and His *Torah*, and proudly and happily bear the torch for a new generation of our people.

Best wishes for an enjoyable, delight-filled *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



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**Mazel Tov!**

To Rabbi and Mrs. Kalman Baumann and family  
on the engagement of their daughter Deetza,  
our alumna, to Rabbi Avi Rosen from Hollywood, FL.



**Calendar Reminders**

**November 24**  
EECC No Classes  
KES Girls - No Classes  
Boys - Only Sunday Schedule 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
BTE Regular Friday Schedule 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM  
RMS Classes 8:10 - 12:15 PM  
MAZ/DACHS Shacharis 7:30 AM, Dismissal 12:00 PM

**November 28**  
MAZ/DACHS Dismissal 2:20 PM  
Parent Teacher Conferences 11:30 - 10:00 PM

**Reminders**

Sibling applications are now open for  
the 2024-2025 school year! Scan here or  
visit [ytcte.org/apply](http://ytcte.org/apply) for more information  
about the application process!



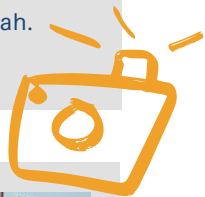
# ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



This week the Kindergarten classes turned their classrooms into a fair. They had hands-on games and fun activities to review their sight words.



JPK continues to learn about Chanukah! You can really feel the excitement in the air as our classroom transforms into all things Chanukah.

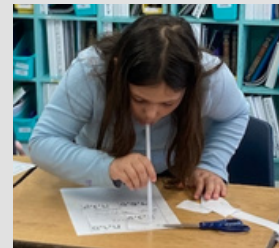


The Pre-K classes have been so grateful to have so many parent community helpers come and share about their exciting jobs. The children really enjoyed!





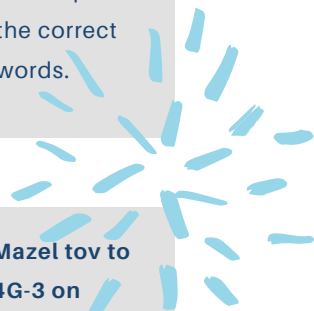
The second grade classes had a Siyum in honor of finishing Perek yud-bais in Parshas Lech Lecha.



Morah Ioffe's 3G classes practiced their shorashim by slurping with a straw and matching them up to the correct words.

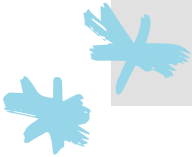


Mazel tov to 4G-3 on finishing parshas Vayishlach. The girls were divided into groups and decorated cakes according to the themes of the parsha!





The girls really enjoyed the trip to KES as they joined the Erev Shabbos assembly and added so much ruach and fun!



It is a "ketchup" kind of day- Making sure all the girls "catch up" and read Chapters 1-3 and completed the comprehension for each chapter, necessary before we move further into the book.





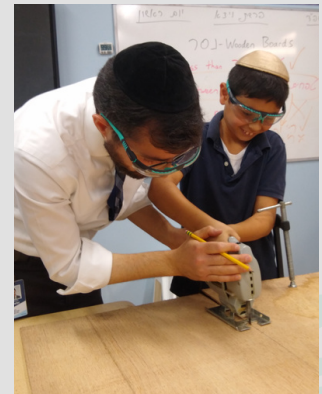
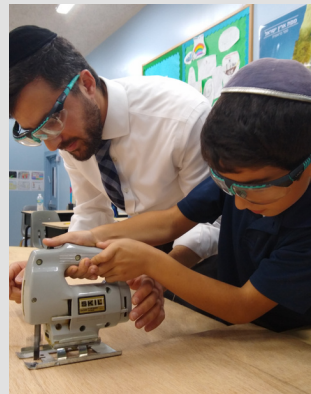
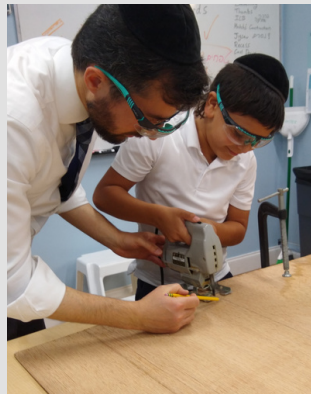
Rabbi Mann's 4B-1 class used pencils to learn about פוקח עורים, how Hashem gave us 2 eyes to judge distance and discussed so many more of the amazing ניסים in our bodies.



3B-3 practicing arrays, a concept in math, in a fun and hands on way.



Rabbi Amster's 4B-2 used a jigsaw in class! The boys measured and cut boards of 3.5 x 5 tefachim to help them understand 'משנה ו' in the first perek of משניות סוכה which discusses how wide a wooden board can be and still be kosher for schach. It was worth the mess!





# ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



In celebration of completing the first two blatt of Perek Hamafkid, Rabbi May's class enjoyed ice cream at Bubby's Fish and Chips!



Yair Brier and Gabi Heller worked on rewiring the computer cabinets for use with the newer computers.



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

In honor of Dr. Abe Chames' yartzeit, the Bais Medresh and Mesivta had a beautiful breakfast with divrei torah and inspiration from Rabbi Mandel.



The 9th graders enjoying their enrichment classes!



Our seniors took advantage of the beautiful weather to chazer their Gemorah outdoors.



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