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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Repairing Relationships

RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON, שליט"א

This Parsha teaches us how to repair relationships through the reunion of Yaakov Avinu and Eisav when Yaakov returns after twenty years in Lavan's house. As the two enemies approached each other, Yaakov sent messengers to Eisav. One would think the message sent would directly address the issue of the hatred Eisav had towards him and the massive army he had gathered to destroy his brother to negotiate some sort of peace. Instead, the message contained seemingly trivial, personal information about Yaakov's life.

Yaakov Avinu had a very targeted reason for this message and its content. He knew that the best way to remove the anger Eisav had towards him was to give him a personal connection and insight into his life to create a new bond between them. Normally, a person only shares the personal elements of his life with people he feels close to and conceals it from those he does not. Once Eisav saw that Yaakov was sharing his personal details with him, his barrier of hate melted away because he saw that Yaakov still felt close enough to him to share his life. Blind hatred cannot stand against a feeling of connection with another person formed through sharing details of their life. His craving for the love of his brother that was reawakened through this message removed his outrage and desire to kill him.

Here we can see that without addressing the root cause of hate or disagreement, a person can repair a relationship by simply relating to another on a personal, familiar level to show how much their closeness is cherished. This approach can break down distance and dissolve feelings of distrust and lingering anger.



HALACHA CORNER



Lighting Chanukah Candles on Someone Else's Menorah

MENDEL REINES

BMZE, 3rd Year Talmid
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If someone lights the Chanukah Menorah and only after lighting realizes that the Menorah does not belong to him (this case is not so common in a home, however in the Yeshiva dorm with over 70 Yeshiva Bachurim lighting together, many times with Menorahs that look the same, it happens more often than you would think), the Mishna Berura (הרע"ג ס"ק ב') says that there is a doubt as to whether or not the obligation has been fulfilled and therefore the candles need to be relit on a Menorah which is yours. However, since there is a doubt if you have already fulfilled the Mitzvah, no new Bracha should be said on the second lighting.

R' Shmuel Kaminetzky rules that in our times, where everyone has a Menorah and people would normally lend out their Menorah to someone if they needed to borrow it, the Mitzvah was indeed fulfilled and there is no need to light again. This is based on the premise of ניהא ליה לאיניש דליעבד מצוה בממוניה (a person is happy if someone else does a Mitzvah with his money).

Based on the idea of ניהא ליה לאיניש דליעבד מצוה בממוניה, if a person comes to Shul and realizes that he forgot his Tallis at home, a person is allowed to borrow someone's Tallis without their permission, assuming the owner would probably not mind, and provided that you properly fold the Tallis and put it back exactly how you found it.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



Bitachon & The Battle Field

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Yaakov Avinu was going out to war against Eisev. He strategized exactly how to line up his family to encounter Eisev. Curiously, he put Yosef in the back. Why would Yaakov Avinu do that? Chazal say that Yosef was the counterbalance of Eisev. He had the power to defeat him, so why not put him on the front lines?

Rav Yaakov Yosef explains that Yaakov Avinu was afraid that had he

put Yosef on the front lines, the Bnei Yisroel would put their faith in Yosef's strength. They wouldn't have sufficient bitachon in Hashem. Thus, Yaakov wanted to limit the challenge for the Bnei Yisroel to connect with real bitachon in order to truly be able to defeat Eisev.

This yesod, from a talmid of Rav Yisroel Salanter, is a fundamental idea for all times, especially now. We can't get caught up in the Israeli military's prowess or America's aid. We believe that wars are won on the bitachon field, not the battlefield. Whatever we can do to nurture that connection to Hashem is something that is everlasting.

Achieving True Victory

Dear Parents,

In the midst of a war, we are pursuing and praying for victory, which means overpowering and destroying the enemy's abilities to do us harm. We use our military strength and prowess to achieve our goal. Victory on the battlefield is defined as forcing our will upon the enemy, totally against their wishes. May *Hashem* indeed grant us such a victory, speedily, in our present situation.

There are many circumstances in life when we are engaged in combat, when victory needs to have a different definition. In this week's *Parsha*, the Torah relates how the angel of *Esav* declares about *Yaakov* - *כי שרית עם אלוקים ועם אנשים ותוכל*. ...*For you have striven with the Divine and with man and were victorious (Bereishis 32:29)*. *Rav Yitzchak Zilberstein, Shlita*, in *Sefer Aleinu L'Shabeiach*, questions the nature of *Yaakov's* 'victories.' The Torah is referring to *Yaakov's* struggles with *Lavan* and *Esav*. Neither of those were victories according to the above definition. *Yaakov* spoke to *Lavan* in a tone of surrender, and he and his family bowed excessively to *Esav*, in an apparent sign of submission.

It is apparent, therefore, that *Yaakov* sought a different means for achieving his goals, and his 'victory' was **not one of overpowering and overwhelming his adversaries**, but using submission to get what he needed. He was not equipped to do battle through conventional military means against *Esav*, and he chose not to humiliate his father-in-law *Lavan*. He focused on his ultimate goals and found effective, alternate means to achieve them. He needed to be free of *Lavan*, and he needed to thwart *Esav's* evil designs against him and his family.

The *Seforno* tells us (*Bereishis 33:4*) that *Esav's heart was instantaneously transformed from one filled with hate to one of love, due to Yaakov's submissiveness*. Rather than fight, resist and confront *Esav* in a fight to the finish, ***Yaakov used submission as his tool to dismantle his enemy***. So often, when one feels under attack, the instinct is to lash back. *Yaakov* is teaching us for all eternity, we need to keep the bigger picture in mind and realize that we need to be wise in how to best deal with the challenge.

Were someone to attack us with a stick, we are smart enough to know that we don't focus our defense on breaking the stick. The enemy is not the stick, and successfully defending ourselves requires disempowering the person yielding the stick. We can try many tactics, such as a physical beating, incarceration, expulsion of the attacker, etc. Those are all temporary solutions. If we can turn the stick-

wielding adversary into an ally, we are removing the danger permanently.

These insights are applicable to the vast majority of our interpersonal difficulties and disagreements. One will not persuade others to their point of view by beating them up. **One will not achieve a loving, respectful personal or professional relationship through demonstrating their superior strength and power.** *Yaakov's* lesson is that we must consider alternatives when in conflict. Sometimes power and might are called for, as in conflict with an armed enemy when you have no other alternative. Most of our encounters, need a different solution.

This message needs to be imparted to our children. They won't love everyone they meet and they need to resist certain people and circumstances. They will confront difficult people and they will need to know how to deal with those who seek to harm them. This begins at a very young age. How successful our children will be in handling conflict will depend on their parents and teachers. Most importantly, is how their parents handle their own disagreements and differences.

Are the parents flexible enough to be willing to submit to maintain peace, or are they unable to get past a particular issue and fight to the finish to show they are right, no matter the consequences? Is there an atmosphere in the home that *shalom* is more important than being right, and therefore it is not shameful or weak to submit to the other to maintain that peace? When there are fights among siblings and when children come home from school or the playground with reports of fighting, we must do whatever we can to have them turn to us to help them cope. With calm wisdom, we can educate and train our children to handle conflict in a way that will ensure long-term success and happiness. **Be one who can look the other way, be forgiving, be positive and be focused on finding the good in others.** These are all long-term, effective solutions to the inevitable clashes that are part of every person's life.

May the lessons of our forefather *Yaakov*, a person of towering physical strength, who chose peace and submissiveness over conflict serve as a guide for our interactions and the developing personalities of our children.

Best wishes for a peaceful *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



Reminders

YTCTE PTA Pre-Chanukah Event

Join us for a fun evening of achdus and connection as we bring together all YTCTE mothers!

This Motzei Shabbos, Dec 2nd at 8:30 PM

5756 Brookfield Circle
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Reminder!

Please show your thanks to our dedicated Rebbeim, Moros & Teachers with a Chanukah Gift. Go to ytcte.org/chanukah or contact pta@ytct.org for more information.

Deadline is this Sunday, December 3rd!



Calendar Reminders

December 7

RMS Dismissal 4:45 (No Mishmar)
DACHS Dismissal 5:30 PM

December 8-11

EECC/KES/BTE/RMS/DACHS/BMZE Chanukah Break

December 12

EECC/KES/BTE/RMS/DACHS/BMZE Classes Resume
DACHS Dismissal 5:30 PM

Mazel Tov!



To Rabbi and Mrs. Asher Suissa and family
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Elyahu!

To Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Wyszowski and family
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Menachem!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Hollander and family
on the birth of a baby girl!

To Mrs. Rashi Levy and family
on the engagement of their grandson, our alumnus,
Moshe Levy to Maayan Naor!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Zvi Rosenbaum and family
on the birth of a great grandson to their grandchildren
Miri and Yitzie Zen in Lakewood!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Bergida and family
on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna,
Pnina to Zecharia Brickman!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Schreck and family
on the marriage of their daughter,
Rivka to Yitzchok Mayer Luchins!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Meir Benguigui and family
on the engagement of their daughter,
Racheli to Yaakov Deutsch!

ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The Pre-K classes had a special visit from Rabbi G. He taught them all about how olive oil is made!



In connection to Chanukah, JPK is learning fire safety and had a visit from the fire department!

This week in Kindergarten, we started our START TO FINISH unit. The children are learning and making the steps from olives to oil and wheat to flour.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



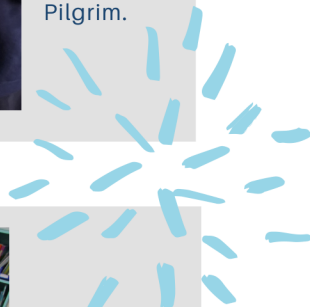
Mazel tov to our first grade talmidos on their siddur mesiba this week!



Mrs. Sak's 2G classes created thankful trees, after reading the novel, Molly's Pilgrim.

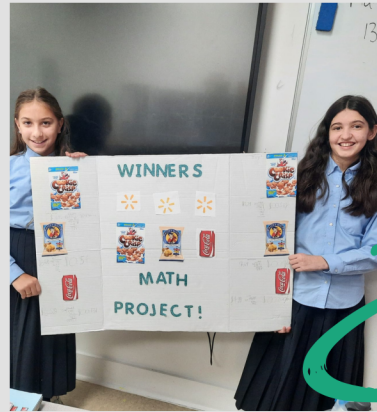
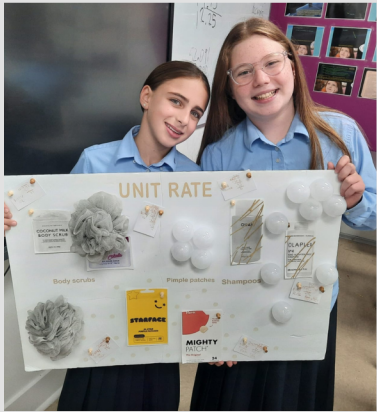


In the spirit of Chanukah, 3G-3 is decorating and building 3-dimensional dreidels.



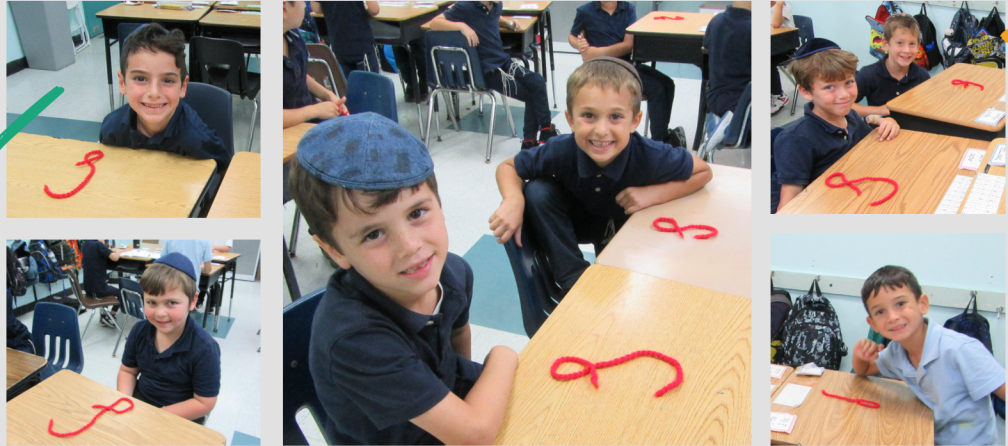


As a culmination of our unit on ratios and proportions, the girls did a project on unit rate. They worked in pairs comparing prices of the same items from different stores or different brands to see which one is a better price per unit. The girls then created beautiful posters that they presented to the class to display their work and findings. The projects were so creative, beautiful, and insightful!





1B1 and 1B2 had fun practicing their script letters - making the letter 7 out of yarn and the letter γ out of licorice.



2B-2 learned that Hashem promises Avraham that his children will be as numerous as the dust of the earth. The Pasuk says, if the dust of the earth can be counted so will your children be able to be counted. We tried counting sand today. We concluded it is impossible!



1B-1 and 2B-4 classes created beautiful artwork using Q-tips in Mrs. Gil's art class.



ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



Rabbi Fried's class had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach where they had the opportunity to hear from a Holocaust survivor.



By using letter stamps, Ms. Palgon's class learns about the printing press and how it revolutionized the production of print material.



The middle school boys enjoyed a morning of inspiration and chizuk hearing from Rabbi Grossman, Rabbi Dreyfuss and Rabbi Stein. Following, there was a father son learning session in the Bais Medrash.



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

The boys enjoyed a delicious BBQ and Kumzitz during mishmar l'kavod Rosh Chodesh Kislev.



The Bais Medresh bochurim were invited to Young Israel of Bal Harbor for a beautiful program, which they got paired up with Baal Habatim from the Bal Harbor-Surfside community to learn together.





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