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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



The Impact of Chinuch

RABBI YISROEL Y NIMAN, שליט"א

After hearing about Yosef Hatzadik and his ability to interpret dreams, Pharoh tells Yosef "תשמע חלום לפתור אתו" I hear you are an interpreter of dreams. Yosef responds "It's Hashem, not me." The Alter from Kelm asks, why did he feel compelled to clarify the Source of his skill? Yosef did not mislead Pharoh! Not only do his words seem unnecessary, but they would create a risk for Yosef. Contradicting Pharoh in public was a colossal risk which might have ended Yosef's opportunity not only for his release from his prison stint but might take away any chance for power, position, and prestige.

The Alter explains that Yosef wanted to make sure that everyone was absolutely clear that Hashem is in charge of the world, including every event, dream, and interpretation. Any talents one has, is in reality, Hashem behind the scenes! This was Yosef's priority and much more important to him than his freedom. This instinctive and immediate reaction to Pharoh's words was due to his father.

Until he was seventeen, Yosef grew up under the guidance and chinuch of Yaakov Avinu. Thirteen years after he had been forced to leave his father's house, this training and direction remained so strong within Yosef Hatzadik that it was still reflexive to speak in this manner and react to events in this way to be מקדש שם שמים.

This event shows us the crucial importance and power of proper Torah-true chinuch. We should all merit to provide our children at home and at school with the best and most appropriate chinuch which will resonate in every aspect of their lives for many years to come.



HALACHA CORNER



Disposing Oil & Wicks From The Menorah

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There is a prohibition against deriving benefit from the Chanukah candles while they are lit. This means that a person cannot derive benefit from the light, the oil or the wicks. This איסור applies even after the candles have gone out and even after Chanukah is over. This prohibition creates an issue as to how to properly dispose of the remaining oil and used wicks after Chanukah.

In order to prevent people from inadvertently using the oil or wicks, the חיי אדם rules that it is proper to make a bonfire after Chanukah to burn all of the remaining oil and wicks. Many people have the מנהג to say a special Perek of Tehillim (פרק סז) during this bonfire, and some even have a minhag to sing מעוז צור. Some communities have a מנהג to make the bonfire a public affair, while other people do a private bonfire on their own property.

There are varying מנהגים as to when this bonfire should take place. Some have the מנהג to have the bonfire on the 8th day of Chanukah in the morning, while others have the מנהג to wait until Chanukah is over. Some have the מנהג to wait to burn the wicks and oil with the חמץ before Pesach.

Although ideally one should burn the oil and wicks, it is permitted to dispose of the extra oil and wicks in a respectful manner (i.e. wrapping it up and then putting it in the garbage).

A MUSSAR MOMENT



The Iconic Menorah

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Everyone has seen the iconic picture of the Menorah in the window during the Nazi rise in Germany. That image, taken in 1931, projects a contrast of the Nazi banner blowing with dangerous winds on the outside, to the warmth of that familiar flame of our menorah burning inside a Jewish home. But exactly what about it conjures up the strong emotions within our hearts?

Rav Yaakov Emden wrote in Europe during the 1700's, that he witnessed miracles for the Jewish people that were greater than the exodus from Egypt. The miracle of Jewish survival throughout the ages is phenomenal. Throughout the ages, through vicious

attacks of antisemitism, the Jewish people have persevered. Make no mistake; this has only happened with Hashem's hashgacha. We are a miracle, and it's inspiring to recognize that.

But Rav Yaakov Emden wrote an additional clause. The miracles that he witnessed in Jewish survival will not be the greatest miracles seen by our nation. There is more to come. Each successive generation, with their survival even longer in the millennium, is even a more miraculous miracle. We are the recipients of even greater grace and kindness in our continuity as a community. Despite all the tragedies and suffering the Jewish people will live on. When we pack away our Menorah till next year, know that ours is even more precious than the iconic one in the window from nearly a century ago.



In G-d We Trust

Dear Parents,

In a remarkably prescient *Dvar Torah* on this week's *Parsha*, *HaRav Avrohom Yaakov HaKohein Pam* zt'l, asks the well-known question of why *Yosef Hatzaddik* was punished for his effort of enlisting the chief butler to help him get out of jail. To answer, he brings the *Medrash* which quotes the very first words of the first *Pasuk*; *And it was at the end of two years...* (*Bereishis* 41:1). The *Medrash* (*Bereishis Rabba* 89:3) quotes a *pasuk* in *Tehillim* (40:5) that first identifies *Yosef HaTzaddik* as one who places his trust in *Hashem*. Then, at second glance, the same *pasuk* in *Tehillim* continues "and does not place his trust in arrogant ones - דַּהֲבִים" and here too states it is a reference to *Yosef*, but in this case, as an example of not living up to that ideal. The *Medrash* says that *Yosef* was therefore punished to two additional years in jail due to his telling the chief butler to remember him to *Pharaoh*.

This is seemingly contradictory. Was *Yosef* a *Baal Bitachon* (master of trust in *Hashem*) or not? Additionally, what is the definition of a *Baal Bitachon*? Does one make no effort and leave everything up to *Hashem*? **Clearly there are different levels and everyone needs to make some degree of *hishtadlus* (effort).**

Rav Pam quotes the *Chazon Ish* (*Emunah U'Bitachon* 2:6) who says that while some level of *hishtadlus* is required even by a *Baal Bitachon*, there are some types of *hishtadlus* that are worthless and display a lack of *Bitachon*. This was *Yosef's* shortcoming, as delineated by the *Medrash*. *Yoseph* asked the butler to "remember him to *Pharaoh*." *Yoseph* surely had total faith that his freedom would come from *Hashem*, but nevertheless some level of *Hishtadlus* was required. If so, what did he do wrong?

The answer, according to the *Chazon Ish* is that the butler was a "דַּהֲב" an arrogant, egotistical, selfish person from whom no good could be expected. *Rahav* is precisely the type of person the *Pasuk* in *Tehillim* warned against entrusting with anything. **A *Baal Bitachon* of *Yosef's* stature should not have made such a worthless gesture of *hishtadlus*.**

Rav Pam, speaking nearly forty years ago applied this idea to the contemporary challenges of his day and specifically to the State of Israel and its foreign policy dealings and decisions. He felt that so many difficulties that the Jewish State was enduring was because of the Israeli leaders' misplaced trust in 'friends' such as politicians and bureaucrats in the government of the United States. These people have their own agendas,

stated *Rav Pam*, and would do nothing to help the Jewish State unless it fits their political purposes and offers them some concrete advantage.

This insight of *Rav Pam* has been proven time and time again and once again we are reliving it. If we remove our trust from *Hashem* and place it on the shoulders of self-serving, agenda-driven government officials of other nations, we cannot expect *Hashem's* miraculous salvation. This is a very important lesson for us and provides us with an opportunity to educate our children according to their understanding, of how *Bitachon* operates on a practical level.

We teach our children to trust in *Hashem*, to daven to Him for the things we need and want. Our children can be taught from the unfolding current events, that trusting in *Hashem* means we make normative responsible efforts but we minimize our trust in those people and forces that can't or won't really be helpful. Even when they seem to be agents to help, it is only because *Hashem* is the real force at work. **It is so important as children grow up that they have the proper perspective on events and people in the world.**

In our current dangerous time of war, we do need to make *Hishtadlus* in many areas (under the guidance of our *Gedolim*). The question is – how much time, effort and resources do we expend investing in relationships with people who ultimately don't really care about us or our nation, versus how much of those efforts do we expend in our relationship with *Hashem* through *Torah*, *Tefilla*, *Chesed* and *Maasim Tovim*.

We and our children would do well to heed the words of *Rav Pam* and understand just how much we need to prioritize strengthening our relationship with and trust in the *Ribono Shel Olam*. In the merit of our efforts, May *Hashem* grant us special *Siyata D'Shmaya* to succeed in our efforts to draw ever closer to Him, and through our trust, to merit complete salvation and the coming of *Moshiach Tzidkeinu Bimhaira B'Yomeinu, Amein*.

Best wishes for a Shabbos of true closeness to *Hashem*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE

NEWS AND UPDATES @YTCTE



Calendar Reminders

December 22 Asara B'Teves

EECC Regular Friday Classes

KES Regular Friday Classes

BTE Regular Friday Classes

RMS Classes 8:10 AM - 12:05 PM

MAZ/DACHS Shacharis 8:00 AM, Dismissal 12:00 PM



Mazel Tov!

To Dr. and Mrs. Zechariah Gutwein and family
on the birth of a baby boy!

To Mr. and Mrs. Tzvie Jakob and family
on the birth of a baby boy!

To our staff member, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ouaknine
and family on the birth of a baby boy!

To Mr. and Mrs. Yosef Fishman and family on the Bar
Mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Elimelech!

Parnes HaYom

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Mechanchim Kollel

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By Audélie and Ayala Ohayon's family

*Secure the merit of 1,300 children and young men learning Torah
and davening on your behalf.*

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PTA Spotlight

Thank you to all our parents who participated in
the annual PTA fundraising of Chanukah gelt for
our staff.

Special thanks to the PTA for sponsoring coffee
and danishes for the staff on the South Campus
and a lunch for the staff at the Klurman Campus
and Bnos Toras Emes Campus.

Also thank you to our dedicated PTA presidents,
Mrs. Nechie Cohen, Mrs. Esther Chana Kirzner,
Mrs. Dahlia Miller, and Mrs. Tzippy Romero for all
their time and effort.

ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

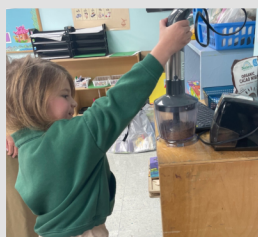


The boys and girls in JPK enjoyed learning about Parshas Miketz and acting out Paroh's dreams.



The pre-K students enjoyed making yummy Chanukah cookies! Thank you to the Mommies that were able to help us.

The kindergarteners continued their "From Start To Finish" unit with Chanukah themed ideas of cocoa bean to chocolate and wax to candle.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



Cupcake decorating!



Dreidel decorating!



Practicing adding and lighting the candles!



Chanukah beading!



Sevivon Spectacular!



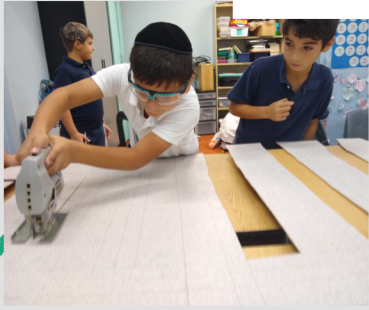


Each day of Chanukah has brought new and exciting things to BTE. From our candy-filled water bottles to our amazing Chanukah chagiga with rolled ice cream, a photo booth, and a very fun Minute To Win It game. It has been a very memorable Chanukah week.

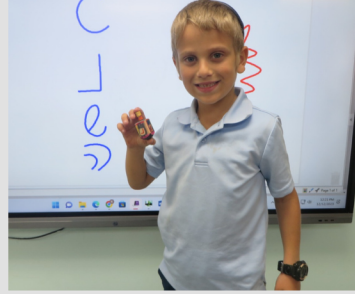




Menorah woodworking!



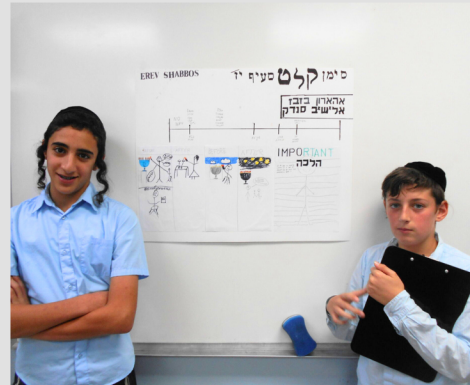
Dreidel art!



Sevivon Spectacular!



ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



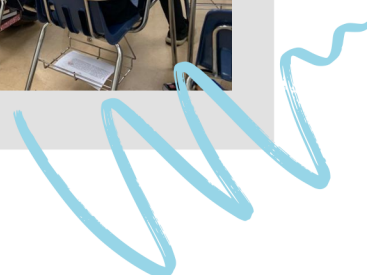
Rabbi Fried's talmidim gave Chanukah presentations based upon what they learned.

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

The bochurim had a great time at the Chanukah mesiba at Rabbi Dreyfuss's house!



Mr. Miniello's 10 grade US history in action- A student came to the board to explain parts of the lesson!



COMMUNITY CHANUKAH MESIBA AT YTCTE

YTCTE's **Community Chanukah Mesiba** was festive and fun with divrei chizuk, leibedik dancing and singing, cute kids' crafts, a fleishig buffet and of course donuts, as hundreds of Rebbeim, Moros, staff, parents, community members, talmidim and talmidos came to celebrate simchas Chanukah together.





Upholding our mesorah – *with you*



Values are something instilled in the classroom and practiced at home. ***Together***, we're raising a generation that knows where they're coming from and what to aim for.

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