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NMB CANDLE LIGHTING 5:11 PM*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Source of all Victory RABBI BINYOMIN LUBAN, שליט"א

The praises that we say for the nissim of Chanukah seem to be quite different depending on context. When we light the menorah, we thank Hashem only for the miracle of the oil that should have lasted only one day but instead burned for seven additional days. When we insert an extra bracha into שמונה עשרה and ברכת המזון, we thank Hashem for the miracle of the victory that the small, untrained army of Maccabim had against the well-trained, enormous Greek army. Why the discrepancy?

Chazal explain that the victory in war had long term positive benefits for the Jewish people; it freed them from the Greeks and allowed them to institute an independent Jewish commonwealth. In contrast, the miracle of the oil had very little long-term practical effect. When we thank Hashem in context of our tefilos, the text Chazal established focuses primarily on thanking Hashem for the victory which yielded such extensive growth. However, after the victory there were Jews who attributed the victory of the חשמונים to their superior intelligence and motivation instead of the neis Hashem performed. In response, Chazal instituted the mitzvah of lighting the menorah to shift the focus back to Hashem, the source of all miracles, with the clearest neis of that time, the neis surrounding the pach shemen.

May we witness great victories in the battle against enemies in our time, and may we all clearly internalize that they are miracles from Hashem.



HALACHA CORNER



Chanukah Candles on ערב שבת ASHER GOLDENBERG

BMZE, 2nd Year Talmid
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The Halachos of lighting Chanukah candles on ערב שבת are slightly more complicated than when lighting them on a weekday. When lighting candles on ערב שבת a person must make sure that the candles are lit before שקיעה. Even though on a normal night the candles should be lit a short time after שקיעה, since there is an איסור דארייטא to kindle a fire on Shabbos, the candles need to be lit before Shabbos starts.

Another Halacha that needs to be kept in mind when placing the candles on ערב שבת is the prohibition of extinguishing a fire. It is a commonly known Halacha that a person is not allowed to blow out a candle on Shabbos, however it is less known that a person is unable to even be the cause of a candle going out on Shabbos. If a person lights the Chanukah candles near a door, it is possible that the opening and closing of the door can cause the candles to go out. This would be an איסור שבת. A person should therefore light the candles in a place far away from the door or a window that will be opened.

A person when lighting Chanukah candles also should be aware that a Menorah is מוקצה and therefore cannot be moved on Shabbos.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



Chanukah: The Next Step RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Chanukah is one of those dates on the calendar that is always circled. We look forward, with great anticipation, to the holiday celebrating our nation's victory over our enemies who fought against Hashem and our faith. But what is the takeaway from Chanukah? After all the presents are exchanged, the parties have concluded and all the sufganiyot have been consumed what do we have left from this holiday?

The Alter of Kelm suggests that Chanukah can create a change in us that is everlasting. The Avudrohm explains that in the Chazzan's repetition of Shemona Esrei we answer Amen to every

brocha except for Modim. This is because when it comes to giving thanks to Hashem we can't just do it through someone else, in this case the Chazzan. Rather, we must do it ourselves. He explains that true thanks must come with the next step, pledging a greater Kabbolos Ol Malchus Shomayim, a closer connection with our Creator. This pledge of allegiance can only be declared by oneself.

The Alter of Kelm suggests that this is the theme of Chanukah. First, we acknowledge the miracles that Hashem performed for the Jewish people in the times of Chanukah. The next step is to accept our responsibilities to Hashem with a greater commitment. This recognition should ignite in us a fire that can burn as bright as the everlasting flame in the Bais Hamikdash. With this, may we be zoche to see miracles like the days of Chanukah in our time.



The (Al-)Mighty and the Weak

Dear Parents,

A dilemma that we have all been grappling with since Simchas Torah, is the question of how much to share and how much to shield from our children. We should all know with certainty that images of victims and suffering must be avoided on the one hand, and encouragement to daven and say *Tehillim* are always appropriate, in moderation, according to the child's age and temperament, on the other. What is not so clear is how much to discuss, how much to draw out and analyze from what is happening. What lessons and takeaways should we be sharing with our children.

Chanuka is a celebration and commemoration of a military victory from long ago. The Jewish Army, led by the *Chashmonaim*, was victorious against the mighty Greek Army and it behooves us to understand what their attitude was concerning their fight and the successful outcome of their military campaign.

In *Sefer Imrei Mordechai*, the collected *shiurim* and *drashos* of HaRav Mordechai Shapiro, zt'l, Rav of Beth Israel in Miami Beach for a quarter century, Rabbi Shapiro quotes the *Siach Yitzchak*, a commentary found in the *Siddur HaGra*. In the *tefilla* of *Al HaNissim*, the miracle of the *Chanuka* victory is depicted, among other descriptions, as one of *גבורים ביד חלשים* – the mighty into the hands of the weak. The *Siach Yitzchak* asks who are these weak ones? The *Chashmonaim* are described in various *Medrashim* as being exceedingly strong and powerful. (Yes, they were the few who vanquished the many, but they were very strong!) What does it mean when it refers to the mighty *Chashmonaim* as “weak ones?”

The *Siach Yitzchak* explains that the weakness of the *Chashmonaim* was related to their understanding of themselves. They were firmly convinced, despite their physical strength and military capabilities, that their victory had nothing to do with them and everything to do with

Hashem. They were absolutely certain that their power alone could not have earned them a victory, if not for *Hashem* making it happen. Their strength was irrelevant because they were weak without *Hashem's* intervention on their behalf.

We worry about, support and send resources to the soldiers who are fighting in Gaza, because we are obligated to participate, to strive to achieve victory through natural means. When the war is over, and victory will hopefully be ours, it will be critical that our attitude mirrors that of the *Chashmonaim*. Our soldiers fought bravely, we had sophisticated arms, our training and intelligence was top notch. What brought victory however, was none of the above. It was because *Hashem* caused us to be victorious.

This is the timely *Chanuka* lesson we can and should share with our children. When the Jewish People are victorious over our enemies, it makes little difference how many soldiers, how advanced our armaments and how clever our tactics. **Victory is a result of *Hashem's* will that it be so.** We must try our very best, and every soldier's effort is incredibly valuable. However, we must “weaken” our belief that our own efforts were the cause for victory and understand it is all from *Hashem*.

May we experience a new miracle this *Chanuka* and may peace and security return to our brethren in *Eretz Yisrael*. May we and our children experience and feel with strength and depth, the hand of *Hashem* bringing salvation.

Best wishes for a *Shabbos* of rejuvenation and a *Chanuka* of miracles,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



Reminders

YTCTE Community Chanukah Mesiba

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 7:30 PM - 7th night of Chanukah
Men, Women & Children Invited

Parnes HaYom

כ"ב כסלו
All Divisions
לעילוי נשמת

Mr. Irving Seidel - Yitzchak Ben Moshe a"h
on his 13th yartzeit
by the Westreich and Chames families

כ"ג כסלו
BMZE
לעילוי נשמת

Mr. Moshe Leib Spielman - משה יהודה בן צבי ע"ה
on his yartzeit
by Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov & Rifkie Flamholtz

כ"ג כסלו
All Divisions
לרפואה שלמה
Yaakov ben Sarah
by Rabbi Moshe Bernstein

כ"ג כסלו
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לעילוי נשמת
Moshe Yehuda ben Yaakov a"h
on his yartzeit
by Ms. Sara Tamir

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Mazel Tov!



To Rabbi and Mrs. Ari Galandauer and family
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our talmid, Akiva!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Shragi Thav and family
on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna,
Fraidy to Yaakov Yosef Locker!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Gruenstein and family
on the birth of a grandson to their children, our alumna,
Sora Chana and Aryeh Linn!



Calendar Reminders

December 8-11

EECC/KES/BTE/RMS/DACHS Chanukah Break
BZME Extended Chanukah Out Shabbos

December 12

EECC/KES/BTE/RMS/DACHS Classes Resume Regular Time
DACHS Dismissal 5:30 PM
BMZE Zman Resumes - 7:30 AM Shacharis

December 13

YTCTE Community Chanukah Mesiba 7:30 PM
DACHS Dismissal 5:30 PM

December 14

RMS Dismissal 4:45 - No Mishmar
DACHS Dismissal 4:30 PM

ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



All of the Kindergarten classes had a great time doing projects at their Chanukah workshops with their parents!



The Pre-K classes have been busy learning all about oil and how oil doesn't mix with other liquids, it rises to the top.

In preparation for Chanukah, JPK made beautiful artwork by dipping dreidels into paint and spinning to create this activity.





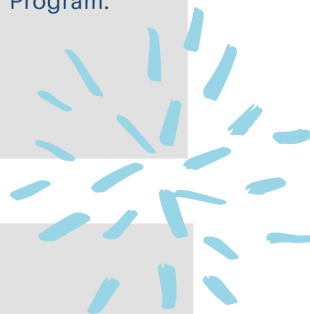
KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



The girls in 1G-2 had fun practicing their new nekuda- "Koobootz on a Cookie"!



Mrs. Jeiger's 2G-2 started a new unit on animal research in the Wonders Program.



Our fifth grade girls had a great time on their trip to the Old Davie School Historical Museum.





As part of our Lashon unit on building, the girls created dioramas incorporating different vocabulary words they had learned. The children each created beautiful and unique displays of buildings, construction sites, and houses and labelled all the new words they had learned in the unit.





3B enjoyed a Rashi event, celebrating the important new stage of learning chumash along with Rashi. They had danishes, played a Rashi BINGO game and made a door sign with Rashi letters.



2B-2 is enjoying their new club, Adventure Book Explorers.



1B-1 doing Foundations, having a fun time while learning to read.



ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



In celebration of the 7th grade classes learning "Half Shas Siyum", the students collectively chazared over 3,000 amudim, they went to Ives Dairy Park for a morning of sports culminating in a barbeque lunch!



Rabbi Fried's shiur working on their Chanukah presentations for next week.



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

Rabbi Dreyfuss's 10th grade honors shiur
learning Hilchos Chanukah.



Rabbi Kleinerman's Bais Medrash shiur
learning Yevamos.



All 12th grade fathers were invited to a Yeshiva Classroom Experience where they got to join their son's shiur and experience the vibrant Torah learning.





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