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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Growth Mindset And The Aron

RABBI BINYOMIN LUBAN, שליט"א

In this week's Parsha, Hashem commands Moshe Rabbeinu to construct the Mishkan and its components. The instructions given for the Aron are for three layers of boxes; the innermost and outermost were to be made of gold and the middle of wood. The מפרשים ask: if the Aron is the most valuable piece of the Mishkan, why not make the entire Aron out of gold, the most valuable material?

In אבות דרבי נתן, there is a מחלוקת between בית הלל and בית שמאי regarding who should learn Torah. בית שמאי believes that Torah should be taught only to someone who is wise and a prospective Talmid Chacham. בית הלל believes that Torah should be taught to everyone, even those who have limited capability or potential. He explains that there were many who began learning Torah with seeming limits who surprised everyone with their exponential change and growth. According to בית הלל, we therefore teach Torah to anyone, regardless of what we think their abilities are.

The Aron was constructed with a middle layer of humble wood between two layers of the most precious material to show a powerful lesson to all of Bnei Yisroel. The luchos, the essence of Torah, were held in a vessel constructed this way to show that there is value in learning Torah regardless of what level a person is currently on. Someone who believes that he is on a low level because of whatever situation he is in or what actions he does should still learn with all of his strength. There is a limitless ability to transform oneself with the power of Torah.

A person must strive to reach high spiritual levels even if he feels now on a low spiritual level. Learning Torah, when done with the proper mindset, can yield tremendous results that even we ourselves do not realize that we have the capability of achieving.



HALACHA CORNER



Using A Bonfire On Shabbos

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On Shabbos, there is a prohibition against making a fire. Additionally, there is an איסור to make an existing fire bigger. Therefore, it is אסור to stoke coals or to blow on a fire in a way that it will enhance the conflagration of the fire. חז"ל were afraid that people would mistakenly stoke fires so they prohibited having fires on Shabbos that may require stoking.

A person cannot leave food cooking on a fire over Shabbos because there is a fear that one will make the fire bigger. Similarly, a person cannot have, or receive benefit from a bonfire on Shabbos if the fire may need to be stoked. The שלחן ערוך says that a bonfire can only be used on Shabbos if the fire is good enough, and there is enough fuel in the fire so that there will be no need to stoke the fire at all. If the fire is weak, or the fuel is not good fuel, חז"ל prohibited using that fire on Shabbos.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



Chinuch For The Next Generation

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

What's in your packing list? When Yaakov Avinu first traveled to Egypt, he brought with something quite unique with all his suitcases. He transported large cedar trees to replant in Mitzrayim. He then commanded his descendants to take them with when they leave so they can be used for the building of the Mishkan (Rashi Parshas Terumah 25:5). This footnote in history is hard to understand. We know that Jewish people travel with lots of luggage, but why would Yaakov shlep trees? What's the need for them now?

A close talmid of the Alter of Slabodka, Rav Chaim Elzary, explained that this is a lesson in chinuch. A father, a Rebbe, has to envision the

effects of his efforts years later, not just in the life of this child, but also with their descendants. Thus, preparing for going down to Mitzrayim must also include thoughts on eventually leaving there, even if that's generations later. Plus, we also have to think about the steps and stages after that, with the building of the Mishkan. That's why Yaakov Avinu made sure to pack with the cedars.

Yaakov Avinu's action was an important chinuch lesson, not just for the actual preparation and foresight for the future, but for showing his family how it's done. The Bnei Yisroel saw from Yaakov's efforts a demonstrative declaration about chinuch. What I do now, I want to last for decades. The decisions that we make have real ramifications that reverberate for years to come. Ultimately, Yaakov's packing list was an illustration not to forsake the forest, the big picture, for the trees.



True Value

Dear Parents,

The ability to make an accurate evaluation of the value of an item or service is a greatly sought-after expertise that can earn someone a very fine living. The ability to properly evaluate the value of what path to take in life and the methods by which to achieve it, can earn one a very fine life! Understanding what is truly valuable is a key to success in living a life of Avodas Hashem and to a life of happiness.

Our Parasha begins with a listing of the items that Klal Yisrael donated at the time of the construction of the Mishkan. They included the precious stones – the Avnei Shoham and the Avnei Miluim. (Shemos 25:7) The Ohr HaChaim asks why were these very valuable stones listed at the end of the eleven items – surely they were more valuable than even the gold and silver?

In his third answer, the Ohr HaChaim, quoting the Gemora in Yoma 75a, explains that these stones were brought by the clouds (of Glory) and came directly from heaven. This means that they came without effort or expense on the part of Klal Yisrael. Therefore, concludes the Ohr HaChaim, they are only listed after the other items, for the other items required effort and expense for them to be brought as gifts to the Mishkan.

In considering what is truly valuable and worthwhile, we learn a clear lesson from the Ohr HaChaim. As the resting place for the Shechina, one would expect that the appearance of the Mishkan and all parts of the Avoda, would prioritize being an embodiment of the greatest value and beauty. Its grandeur and magnificence would seemingly arouse great emotion and passion and draw people to Hashem. What is more special and more awe inspiring than a precious gem with its many splended sparkle and radiance?

Yet, these easy to come by items of great physical and natural beauty pale in comparison to items of lesser value, that were acquired through greater effort. Hashem finds greater value in something produced through effort, than something that radiates physical beauty, now matter how stunningly gorgeous it appears.

This understanding can illuminate our way in raising and educating our children. What matters most is not what looks good for the moment, or will generate compliments from well meaning relatives and friends. We must not dwell on how good our children look, how perfect their art creations appear or how well-mannered they can (pretend to) be at someone's Shabbos table. Rather, we want them to try to improve, and not for them to appear perfect.

The messes and bumps and scrapes and screams along the way are not a stumbling block preventing children from being beautiful and successful – they are the way to achieve those goals! A child will achieve success if he or she is used to stretching and making efforts, to figuring it out. They cannot have parents doing for them, smoothing the path for them and acquiescing to their every want with gifts falling from heaven. Children who never make an effort and yet are gifted with many things, will have a hard life.

Our role is to ensure our children go through the proper training for a life filled with challenges big and small, and the occasional disasters that everyone encounters at one time or another. Building resilience, grit and the fortitude to not be overly fazed by difficulties are the greatest gift of true value we can give them. Hashem preferred lesser beauty and greater effort for His house – we can strive for no less for our house – our children.

Have a wonderful *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE

NEWS AND UPDATES @YTCTE



Calendar Reminders

February 18

KES/RMS: No Classes

February 19

EECC: JPK-PK Dismissal 1:00 PM,

K Dismissal 1:30 PM

KES: Dismissal 1:30 PM

BTE: Classes 8:15 AM-12:15 PM

RMS: Annual RMS Learnathon, Dismissal 2:15 PM

Mesivta Avraham Zev: 27th Annual Kol Torah

Learning Program 1:15 PM-6:15 PM,

Maariv 6:15 PM, Dismissal 6:30 PM

February 22

Mesivta Avraham Zev: Dismissal 3:00 PM

February 23

EECC/KES/BTE/RMS/Mesivta: No Classes

February 25

Mesivta Avraham Zev: No Classes



Mazel Tov!

To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Attias and family on the
engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to
Daniel Raitan!

To Mr. and Mrs. Ilan Assulin and family on the
bar mitzvah of their son, out talmid, David!

Parnes HaYom

ב' אדר א'

BMZE & KES

לעילוי נשמת

Jack Listhaus

אברהם יעקב בן אהרן ע"ה

on his yartzeit

by Ethan & Nomi Dreifus

ד' אדר א'

Mechanchim Kollel

לרפואה שלמה

יהודה צבי בן מאטל

by Drs. Stuart & Marcy Bernstein

ו' אדר א'

BMZE Morning Seder

לעילוי נשמת

Brandl bas Boruch Leibel a"h on
her yartzeit

Grandmother of David Frydman

by the Frydman Family

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

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ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



JPK continued their 5 senses unit with the sense of touch by fingerpainting and making ooblek.



The pre-k classrooms turned their housekeeping centers into a shabbos zone.



The kindergarten students had fun celebrating the 100th day of school, making towers with 100 cups, counting 100 candies by 10s, and dressing up like they are 100.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



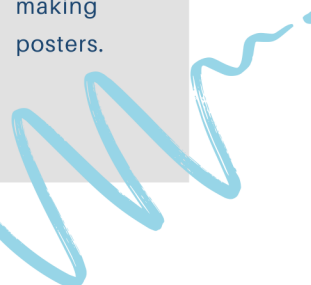
To culminate their science and social studies unit on manatees, 2G-2 and 2G-3 went on a field trip to Manatee Lagoon.



Mazel tov to 4G on their siyum on Parshas Vayeishev.

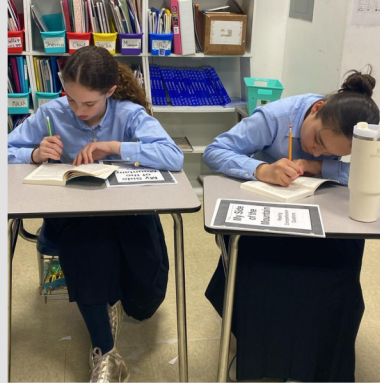


1G celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like they are 100 and making posters.





In English Language Arts class, the girls learned and practice annotating their novels, a critical skill needed for reading comprehension.



In honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar Aleph, BTE had a delicious waffle-ice cream bar.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BOYS



KES Boys division kicked off the new yedios haTorah program. Students will earn points and prizes as they recall more information.



In honor of the 100th day of school, 1B collected 100 cans of food and brought them to the food bank.



Mazel tov to Rabbi Rosenberg's 2B-3 talmidim on their siyum on the entire Parshas Lech Licha. They heard divrei bracha from Rabbi Grossman and Rabbi Moskowitz, danced, and ate pizza.



ROHR MIDDLE SCHOOL - BOYS



To demonstrate their knowledge of the **gemara**, Rabbi Fried's 7th grade talmidim created jeopardy review games.



Mazel tov to Rabbi Kaganoff's talmidim on their siyum on Maseches Shabbos.



In Mrs. Riesel's 6th grade math class, they began learning geometry with 3D shapes.



Rabbi May's 6th graders did a teambuilding **activity**- lifting a cup with just a rubber band and 4 pieces of string.



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

As part of the Maalin B'Kodesh program, Mr. Ronnie Adjmi spoke to the Mesivta about the dangers of smartphones. The talmidim were very inspired.



Rabbi Blinder's 9th grade talmidim took a well-deserved trip to West Lake Park where they went kayaking and had a BBQ lunch.





Early Bird Registration Raffle for **MACHANE MIAMI** Summer 2024

Every camper that is registered by
February 26, 2024 is eligible to participate
in the Early Bird Raffle.

Select 5 prize choices at www.MachaneMiami.org to enter!



GRAND PRIZE 1:
Razor Black Label E90
Electric Scooter



PRIZE 2:
Underwater Camera



PRIZE 3:
Stanley Cup and Lululemon
Fanny Pack



PRIZE 4:
Lego Architecture Set



PRIZE 5:
Deluxe Art Creativity
Package



PRIZE 6:
Sports Package



PRIZE 7:
Unicorn Package



PRIZE 8:
Remote Control
Boat Set



PRIZE 9:
Walkie Talkies

To register for camp and for more
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PRIZE 10:
Machane Miami Mystery
Swag Bag





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