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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROSHEI HAYESHIVA



Learning Sensitivity

RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON, שליט"א

In today's society, there is no stigma attached to spreading information of any kind, regardless of how embarrassing or personal it could be. This is the antithesis of the Torah perspective regarding lashon hara as a serious sin in the eyes of Hashem. In the book *Courage to Change*, YTCTE's sefer of published shmuesim, the conduct of Moshe Rabbeinu is provided as a paradigm of the lofty heights a person can reach in controlling their speech and choice of words, in contrast to the society around us.

The Torah relates the events surrounding the Egel Hazahav when Klal Yisroel constructed a golden calf to replace Moshe as their conduit between themselves and Hashem. They mistakenly thought their leader had died on the mountain, not having returned on the day they calculated was the fortieth day since his ascent of Har Sinai. As Moshe Rabbeinu was returning down Har Sinai on the true fortieth day, Yehoshua was there to escort him and had not witnessed the sacrifices and celebration with the Egel.

In their conversation, Yehoshua comments on the noise from the camp to which Moshe Rabbeinu responds 'It is a sound of merry-making.' Moshe already knew the true cause of the noise from the camp, having been told by Hashem, and according to the halachos of lashon hara had reason to tell Yehoshua the truth. Regardless of the ability to tell Yehoshua this information, Moshe Rabbeinu chose not to speak even the briefest of information about these negative events because of his deep love for Klal Yisroel. We should strive to emulate this trait to foster love and sensitivity between members of our nation.



HALACHA CORNER



Parshas Zachor

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There is a מצוה דארייטא for every man over the age of Bar Mitzvah to hear פרשת זכור on the Shabbos before Purim. Most Poskim hold that women are exempt from this Mitzvah, but it is a very nice thing for a woman to go to Shul and hear פרשת זכור with the regular Minyan. R' Shmuel Kaminetzky Shlit"a rules that although it is proper for women to try to hear פרשת זכור with the Minyan in shul, it is improper to have a special Torah reading specifically so women can hear the פרשה, however every person should ask their own Rav how to be נזהג.

While listening to the Torah Reading, it is a חיוב to listen to every word, and לכתחילה a person should also know the translation of all the words in the פרשה. If a person does not know the meaning of the words, but listened and heard every word, they are still יוצא the Mitzvah.

A MUSSAR MOMENT



The Royalties That Come From Relationships

RABBI YAAKOV KIER

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

Mi LaHashem Ayliel! Who is on Hashem's side? This was the clarion call that Moshe Rabbenu made after the sin of the eigel. Only Shevet Levi from amongst the twelve shevatim answered the call. What made Shevet Levi stand out from all the rest? How did this one Shevet have the strength to hold back from sin when everyone else succumbed?

The Daas Zekanim (Parshas Ki Sisa 32:26) explains that Shevet Levi felt a close kinship with Moshe Rabbenu because he hailed from their Shevet. So when there was a question about replacing

him for the eigel they had the fortitude to fight. They weren't going to betray their family. Shevet Levi was able to stand alone and do the right thing because they felt strongly about the situation since relationships really matter.

Rav Henach Leibowitz shows from here the magnitude of impact that comes from even the nuances of connection that people share with each other. Everyone in the Jewish nation naturally felt a keshar with Moshe Rabbenu. He was their leader who took them out of Egypt, through the splitting of the sea and up to Har Sinai. Yet, the little bit extra that his Shevet personally connected with made all the difference. A great lesson for parents and mechanchim is to invest in their relationships. You never know when that investment to shmues over a coffee will pay dividends.

Stand Strong

Dear Parents,

A few weeks back we addressed the obligations of bystanders to come to the defense of victims. When bystanders do not attempt to right the wrong and don't act to protect the victim, their shortcomings may very well stem from the same inadequacies that plague victims. It's not that they don't care about others, rather they have not yet developed the fortitude and courage necessary to do what they know is required at the moment. **Standing up for what's right in the face of opposition, is not something that one can accomplish easily**, but it is a goal that everyone should strive for.

One of the most vexing circumstances that can confront a parent occurs when a child feels victimized by his or her peers. While always showing empathy and concern for the child's feelings, there are two approaches that can be taken to minimize or solve the problem. A parent can either take measures to protect the child, or the parent can train the child to be able to stand up for himself and thereby shed his victim status. The correct approach varies with the child, the surrounding circumstances, the one victimizing, etc. As in all cases of *chinuch*, no one solution fits all.

There is one constant, however, that applies in all cases of bullying, victimization and inappropriate behavior in general. In this week's *Parsha*, perhaps the greatest calamity to strike the Jewish People took place, the sin of the *Eigel HaZahav*, the *Golden Calf*. While the actual sin was committed by a relatively small minority of the people, the *Erev Rav*, (the mixed multitudes of Egyptians who left Egypt along with the Jews) all the Jews were punished. The *Ohr HaChaim Hakodosh* spells out why that was so.

The *Ohr HaChaim* points out that the description of the actions that took place seem to be partially in the wrong order. The *pasuk* (*Shemos* 32:8) tells us "...they made for themselves a molten image, and they bowed down to it, and they said "Israel, this is your god...."" The *Ohr HaChaim* asks, the actual chronology was that they started off by making verbal claims and afterwards actually performed *avodah zara*? (*Pesukim* 4-6)

The *Ohr HaChaim* explains that while the order does not make sense when viewed from the perspective of the few who actually made and served the *Eigel*, it does make sense from the vantage point of the rest of *Klal Yisroel*. He explains - the *Erev Rav* made the *Eigel* for themselves, and none of the Jews protested. The *Erev Rav* then proceeded to worship the calf, and the Jews did not complain about it. Ultimately, the *Erev Rav* addressed the Jews directly to blaspheme

Hashem and the Jews were silent. When their earlier acquiescence culminated in their not standing up to defend their own beliefs, they were found truly guilty of a lack of belief in *Hashem*.

From the consequences the Jewish People suffer until today, we see the enormity of standing quietly by while someone, anyone, even the *Erev Rav*, does something wrong. We bear ultimate responsibility for the misdeeds or cruelty of others, if there is anything we can do to improve or relieve the situation even slightly. Bystanders, through no fault of their own, are thrust into a situation that requires them to act, to come to the defense of what's right and to protect a victim.

How does this answer the dilemma we started with? From the fact that every single Jew suffered the consequences of not trying to stop the *Erev Rav*, we see everyone is obligated. That means everyone could and should develop the means, no matter how slight, to influence and attempt to stop the improper actions of others. **Everyone has an obligation to lift themselves out of victimhood**, if only because they also are expected to be a protesting bystander when warranted. A child who never learns to stand up for himself may not only suffer terribly throughout life, but he will not be able to do the right thing when witnessing or confronting evil.

Even if a parent is always available to protect the child, ultimately the child has an obligation to learn to be one who can stand up for the honor of *Hashem* even in the face of ridicule and negative peer pressure. Every child must learn to protect those who are weak and being victimized. Even in the privacy of one's home, one must forthrightly and resolutely keep *Mitzvos* that are hard and possibly uncomfortable and inconvenient. **Victims will always react to difficulty and adversity by blaming others, non-victims will proactively make sure to do the right thing.**

If we keep this long-range goal for our children in mind, we will do the minimum protecting necessary in the moment, and devote most of our efforts towards strengthening our child's backbone and assertiveness to do what *Hashem* requires in our service of Him and our obligations towards our fellow man. We can do it and so can they.

Have a strong, wonderful *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal, EECC/KES/BTE



Calendar Reminders

March 5

EECC: Parent Teacher Conferences - PM

March 6

RMS: Science Fair Expo

March 11

KES: Official Uniform Day



Reminders

EECC Parent Teacher Conferences are on Tuesday, March 5. Sign up for your time slots at ytcte.org/ptc.

KES Girls - 1G Chumash Mesiba is this Sunday! Parents and grandparents are invited.

Mazel Tov!



To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Waxman and family
on the birth of a baby girl!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Subar and family
on the birth of a baby boy!

To Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Farkas and family
on the birth of a baby boy!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Royi Gabay and family on
the bar mitzvah of their son, out talmid, Meir!

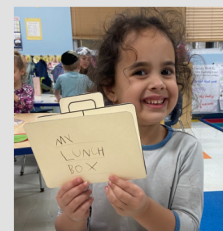
To Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Kier and family on the
bar mitzvah of their son, out talmid, Henach!

To Dr. and Mrs. Zvi Naierman and family on the
bar mitzvah of their son, out talmid, Elisha!

ESFORMES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



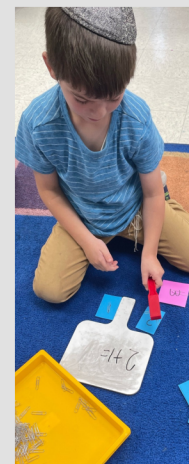
JPK decorated palaces as they continue to learn about Purim.



The pre-k students learned about nutrition. They decorated healthy lunch boxes, sorted healthy and not healthy foods and made trail mix.



The kindergarten classes rotated through different centers to practice addition, including play dough counting, magnet adding, and addition with stringing beads.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GIRLS



4G-1 made lava lamps in art class with Miss Shanes.



3G and 4G had a guest speaker- author Mrs. Miriam Walfish. She spoke about being an author and answered all their questions.



Lemonade for sale, 65 cents a cup! In 2G-1, the students practiced counting coins and giving correct change to each of their customers.





In art class, the girls made beautiful personalized letter projects.



BTE celebrated a very memorable bas mitzvah of our JEMS friend, Ariella. There was singing, dancing, food and a special appearance from Mrs. Shaindy Plotzker.





KLURMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BOYS



2B went on a trip to The Berry Farm where they picked strawberries and had a great time.



Mrs. Scott's 3B math class learned about fractions using fraction strips.



First graders enjoyed their trip to the Frost Museum.



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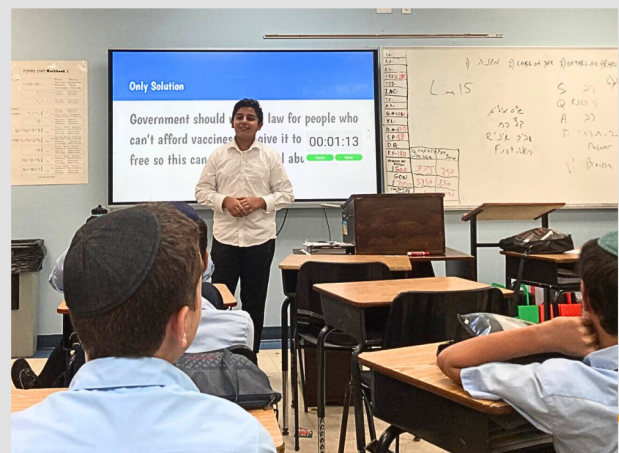
The entire sixth grade participated in a presentation/gallery walk to view their peers' creative projects in response to the novel being discussed in class. Then they enjoyed peaches, peach flavored gelato, and onion rings, as both onions and peaches play prominent roles in the novel.



7B made illustrations of the bigdei kehunah.



8B Humanities with Mrs. Netkin wrote bills and presented them as a model congress to the class. Peers asked questions and offered suggestions before voting on each bill.



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

**Rabbi Daniel
Mechanic**
spoke to the
11th and 12th
grade about
Yiddishkeit
101.



**Rabbi Platt's
10th and 11th
grade honors
bekiyus shiur**
went to Dixie BBQ
for their siyum on
the 10th perek of
Yevamos.

**Mr. Miniello's 11th grade
economics class** went on a
trip to Miami Beach City
Hall. They toured City Hall,
the 911 call center, and the
police station, heard
speeches from the Chief of
Police and the Mayor on
their role in our local
government, and witnessed
a press conference on crime
controlled by Mayor
Meiner.





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March 17, 2024 | ז' אדר ב' תשפ"ד

11:00AM

Kesivas Osiyos at the home of
Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Palgon
17601 NE 7th Avenue
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12:45PM

Hachnasas Sefer Torah meeting
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