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Dvar Torah - Dressing Up! Not Just For Kids by Rabbi Dovid May



Chazal tell us, "*Rachmana Leiba Bavi – Hashem cares what is in our hearts.*" It would seem that our outward appearance is insignificant, as long as our intentions and convictions are proper. We see from the *Megillah*, however, that that is erroneous thinking.

Mordechai, after learning of the plot to kill the Jews, donned sackcloth and ashes. He then proceeded to go just outside the courtyard of the king, in order to alert Esther to the impending threat. He could not, however, enter the courtyard without proper clothing. Esther heard of Mordechai's mournful state and sent him respectable clothing so that they could meet in person. Mordechai, however, refused the clothing. The *Vilna Goan* explains that his refusal was due to the fact that he didn't want to separate himself from his *teshuvah* for even a moment.

This is puzzling. Why couldn't Mordechai have continued his *teshuvah* in his heart, while outwardly wearing respectable clothing? He needn't have removed his

mind from *teshuvah*; he only needed to temporarily change his clothes to gain access to the king's courtyard. Did Mordechai really need to "dress up"?

Rather, we see that it was impossible for Mordechai to reach the same level of *teshuvah* wearing respectable clothes, that he could reach wearing sackcloth and ashes. Even a temporary deviation from his somber dress would have had a significant impact on his ability to feel the humility he needed to feel before Hashem. Apparently, clothing has such a drastic effect on a person that even Mordechai the *Tzadik* was not immune to its influence.

In our lives as well, we must realize the tremendous affect our clothing has on us. When our garments fail to represent our lofty aspirations they have the ability to pull us down and stunt our spiritual growth. When we dress in a respectable, honorable way, the way befitting a *ben Torah*, our garments help us feel that elevation and raise us up.

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Purim Chagiga!
Please Join Us!
YTC Annual
Purim Chagiga!
Motzei Shabbos, February 27,
10:00 P.M. -
Midnight
Music! Dancing!

Dvar Halacha – שיש מצות תמידות

There are six *mitzvos* that are possible for one to do at all times just by thinking about them. The first three pertain to our faith in Hashem. The first *mitzvah* is to believe that Hashem exists and that He created the world. The second *mitzvah* is to have faith that Hashem is the true Master of All, and did not give over any independent powers or control to other gods or forces in the universe. The third *mitzvah* is to believe that Hashem is One.

At first glance, the *mitzvah* to have faith in Hashem as

the only force in the universe and the *mitzvah* to have faith that Hashem is One seem to be redundant. *Chazal* tell us, however, that each is addressing a separate article of faith. One is the faith that Hashem is the only G-d; no power exists outside of Him. The other is the belief that Hashem is intrinsically One with Himself, and has no internal conflicts.

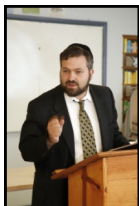
An easy way to recall the first three *mitzvos* is by remembering the short phrase, "*Hashem is the Only One!*"

Five Reasons to NOT Come to Our Purim Chagiga

- 1) You think that nothing can top last year's Purim video.
- 2) You think Purim is best spent at home, alone.
- 3) Your idea of refreshments is spelt crackers with organic hummus.
- 4) When you think of dancing, only polka music will do!
- 5) There are no good reasons! Come join in the celebration of Baruch Mordechai!

YTC Spotlight

Masmid Miami Summer Program Returns!



Yeshiva Toras Chaim announced this week that Masmid Miami will be returning to the Yeshiva grounds this summer. Masmid

Miami is the premier summer program for boys currently in 6th through 10th grade. From June 28, 2010 through July 30, 2010, boys will have a place to daven, learn Torah, and enjoy in a Torah-true environment. We caught up with Rabbi Chaim Glazer, Director of Masmid Miami, to find out more about this unique summer program.

Spotlight: Rabbi Glazer, why did you launch Masmid Miami last summer?

Rabbi Chaim Glazer: As a Rebbe in Yeshiva Toras Chaim, my colleagues and I frequently were consulted by parents in regards to what options were available for boys who were unable to attend



camps in the New York area. We were constantly being asked, "Is

there a shiur for my son to attend? Is there a program where he can interact with his friends in a supervised, Torahdik environment?" Sadly, we knew of few options that were available. Therefore we felt an *achreiys* to create a summer program that would fulfill the spiritual and physical needs of the 6-10th grade boys of the community.

Spotlight: What is a day in Masmid Miami like?

RCG: We *daven* Shachris together in our own *minyán* with the boys serving as *shluchei tzibur*, eat breakfast together and learn for about an hour and a half. The boys then participate in organized sports activities, craft workshops like wood-working or model rocketry, and swimming. We also go on a number of trips every week.

Spotlight: What types of trips do you have in mind for this summer?

RCG: Snorkeling, Laser-Tag, go-carts, rock-climbing, bowling and an air-boat ride in the Everglades, to name a few. We are planning overnight and camping trips as well. Those trips will include even more exciting destinations.

Spotlight: This program sounds



like a lot of fun! How do I sign up my son?

RCG: The fee is \$150 per week and includes all trips. There is never a trip fee, even for the overnight trips. Registration has begun. Please contact us with any questions you may have or to register your son by calling the Yeshiva office at 305-944-5344. You can also email us at: MasmidMiami@ytcteam.org.



Please Join Us for Our Annual

Purim Chagiga!

Live Music!

10:00 PM to Midnight
This Motzei Shabbos!

Ruach & Dancing!