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## Dvar Torah - Treating Others with Respect

When we are under stress, we may come to lash out at the proximate cause of our frustrations, sometimes even castigating another individual for his ineptitude or malfeasance. We may even embarrass someone publicly when we feel wronged by that individual. When we focus on our actions, we may try to rationalize our behavior by saying, "They deserved it! That's what they get for causing me this pain and grief!" The Torah tells us this not proper *hashkafa*.

When one brings a *Korban Chatas*, a sacrifice brought to atone for transgressions, it is slaughtered on the northern side of the *Mizbayach*, the same side used for many other *Korbanos*. *Chazal* tell us that the Torah required the *Korban Chatas* to be slaughtered in the same place as other *Korbanos* to avoid embarrassing the sinner. It seems that there was a more appropriate place to slaughter the *Korban Chatas*, but, because of the potential embarrassment to the sinner who is bringing the *Korban*, the location was altered.

This is quite puzzling! Why is the Torah so concerned about the *kavod* of someone bringing a *Korban Chatas*? Doesn't he deserve a little embarrassment? Maybe we shouldn't go out of our way to embarrass him, but one would certainly think the *halacha* shouldn't have to be altered to protect his pride.

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*invited.*

We see from here the tremendous lengths to which we must go to protect the dignity of a fellow human being. Even if he has brought the disgrace upon himself due to his inappropriate actions, the Torah is telling us we must appreciate his G-dliness and inherent lofty nature. Just as one would never use a masterful work of art as a doormat to wipe one's feet, one must go to great effort to avoid shaming one's neighbor. Let us keep this in mind next time we are tempted to berate our

fellow man. He is a *Tzelem Elokim*, made in the image of G-d, and no matter what he may have done, he must be treated with great respect.

## Dvar Halacha – Davening with Feet Together by Meir Palgon, Grade 11

One should *daven Shmoneh Esrei* with his feet together. The *Talmud Yirushalmi* brings down two reasons for this. First, we are trying to make ourselves similar to angels in our service to Hashem. To our *Navi'im*, angels appeared to have only one leg, so we assume a similar position when beseeching Hashem. Second, we keep our feet together in order to emulate the *Kohanim* in the *Bais HaMikdash*, who were commanded to take small steps when involved in the *Avoda* for reasons of modesty. A third reason for *davening Shmoneh Esrei* with our feet together is offered by the

*Rashba*, who explains that keeping one's feet together is a sign of total dependence on Hashem. By keeping our feet together, we are stating that we cannot run from danger or escape anything on our own. We turn only to Hashem in our time of need.

Since the rationale for *davening Shmoneh Esrei* with our feet together is not necessarily dependant on standing, the *Halacha* is that even if one needs to *daven Shmoneh Esrei* sitting down, he should still do so with his feet together.

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## The Weekly Quiz:

What word in the weekday davening has the highest gematria?

Answers may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to [Quiz@ytcteam.net](mailto:Quiz@ytcteam.net).

The first correct answer submitted will be announced in the next Spotlight. You need not be a student to participate.  
**Hatzlochah!**

Answer to last week's quiz:

Q: Name two foods that are both Shehakol when eaten separately, but have a different Bracha Rishona when combined?

A: Cinnamon and sugar

## YTC Spotlight

### Entrepreneur Monroe Milstein Visits YTC by Mr. Aaron Gillego



"Marry the right woman," Monroe Milstein quipped, as he gave advice to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes last Wednesday. Mr. Milstein, founder of the Burlington Coat Factory, was invited by Rabbi May to share his success story: a rags-to-riches tale that culminated in his family's sale of a nationwide retail business in 2006 for \$2.6 billion.

"In all seriousness, I owe my success to my wife," he said. Henrietta, who passed away in 2001, was the one who had given him the \$75,000 down payment on a coat factory building in Burlington, N.J., he explained. "Actually, it was a factory building and two other buildings," Mr. Milstein continued. "It was closing down due to a fight with the union." The asking price was \$675,000 back in 1972 amidst a recession, according to Mr. Milstein. The business eventually grew to over 365 stores nationwide.

Mr. Milstein's guest speaking appearance is timely as the students in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are studying Economics and learning about

supply and demand, inflation, the market system, and the current economic climate.

When explaining the concept of inflation, Mr. Milstein offered an anecdote about eating a \$19 burger at Rare Steakhouse in Miami Beach recently. "Four extra dollars for the sauce," he joked. To put it in perspective, he explained how his first stock purchase was for only \$10 when he'd just graduated from college in 1949. "They were shares in Hilton Hotels," he recalled.

During the 50-minute-long question-and-answer session, the 83 year-old Milstein kept the atmosphere light-hearted. "You've given me a tough assignment," he opened, warming up to the students, after being introduced by Rabbi May.

Mr. Milstein, who currently resides in Bal Harbour, spoke affectionately about his wife and also spoke fondly about his father. "I worked with my father when I was nineteen," he said. According to Mr. Milstein, his father's generation was of course influenced by the Great Depression. "They always had a fear that 1929 would return," he said. That constant fear would shape his father's conservative and

"defensive" business practices, and in turn, would shape Mr. Milstein's own philosophy on life. "We made our money being the local train, not express. It's slower, but sure to get there safely," he said.

Throughout, Mr. Milstein exuded humility and avoided being didactic even when asked directly for advice about business models by YTC students who seemed anxious to know about the key to his success as if he'd just hand it over to them like keys to a car.

"I was very lucky," Mr. Milstein explained. "Most people who make a lot of money aren't smart...You don't have to be high tech or be a genius to make money...It doesn't have to be a new invention. Sell it better and cheaper than the next one and you've got a business."

"How long did it take to build your business?" asked 11th grader Amrom Steinberger.

"The first business I started with made money in its first year," Mr. Milstein responded. "Which meant that I could afford to pay for all the mistakes," he joked.

"But how did you do it?" pressed another student.

"You have to have mazel," Mr. Milstein replied.

### From the Mailbag: YTC is Not 'Just for Kids' by YTC Parent Dr. Leonard J. Hoenig, Hollywood, FL

Yes, Toras Chaim is much more than that. It is also for parents. Every Sunday morning, after carpool, I enjoy davening *Schacharis* with the school's *minyan*.

This is followed by the amazing *Halacha Shiur* series by Rabbi Sharfman. Each week Rabbi Sharfman selects an interesting topic and traces the development of the *Halacha* through the teachings of the Torah, Talmud and various *poskim*. The Shiur is accompanied by coffee and healthier-style Danish.

Another activity I participate in is the *Motza'i Shabbos* athletic program at the

JCC. Each week, several fathers come to work out in the weight room on aerobic machines or just to shoot some hoops while the *talmidim* also play. It's nice to watch the *bochurim* demonstrate their athletic skills in football and basketball. Even some *Rabbeim* join the *talmidim*, playing basketball extremely well while demonstrating good on-court *middos*. What I really look forward to, however, is one day learning some *Gemara* "one on one" with any of the *Rabbeim*.

It is really great to see how our children are becoming nice *B'nei Torah* and

are growing both in Torah and secular knowledge. I am also impressed that Yeshiva Toras Chaim reaches out to the community as it did with the enjoyable Chanukah and Purim *chagigos*. Toras Chaim is also there for students and their families in times of need, as many of us have already experienced.

Yes, Yeshiva Toras Chaim is not just for kids. It is also for parents, the community and all *K'lal Yisroel*. *Yasher Koach* to the administration and faculty for putting together a great Yeshiva!