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Dvar Torah - The Power of Chesed

This coming Sunday, our Yeshiva will be celebrating a most significant event, the naming of our High School. Our High School will henceforth bear the name of Dr. Abe Chames. It is truly an honor for our Yeshiva to be associated with a man who was a *Gadol in chesed*. The Torah tells us in Tehillim: "The world is built through chesed." Chesed is a *mitzvah* of paramount importance to Hashem, as we see clearly from Megilas Rus.

When Boaz addressed Rus for the first time, he said, "I have been surely told of the chesed you have done with your mother-in-law, as well as how you have given up your royal status and the life of a princess to be a beggar with K'lal Yisroel." The Targum explains that Boaz had a prophecy that kings and prophets would descend from Rus in the merit of these two great deeds.

We can readily understand the tremendous worth attached to Rus' choice to abandon a life of luxury and

become a Jew. This indeed was an extremely rare occurrence, and this great self-sacrifice is certainly deserving of notice. The *chesed* Rus performed for her mother-in-law, however, seems to be an almost daily occurrence. Why would this righteous but ostensibly commonplace act have such a substantial impact in Heaven?



Dr. Abe Chames

אברהם זאב בן יעקב ז"ל

We see from here the awesome power of *chesed* when it is done wholeheartedly and with pure motivations. Rus' simple, everyday *chesed*, done with wholesome intentions, had an almost incomprehensible impact on the future of her family. She earned her place amongst the forebearers of Dovid HaMelech and Moshiach in part due to the uncontaminated *chesed* she performed.

The *chesed* of Dr. Abe Chames, Z"L, like that of Rus, will be remembered by Klal Yisroel for generations, and like Rus, his *chesed* has earned him a place in Torah.

Dvar Halacha – Shopping for Shabbos

Shamai and Hillel had different approaches as to how one should prepare for Shabbos. If Shamai would see a desirable object early in the week, he would buy it *l'kavod Shabbos*. If he subsequently found a superior item, he would consume the first and purchase the second one *l'kavod Shabbos*. He would act in this way and purchase items for Shabbos the entire week. Hillel had strong faith that Hashem would provide a desirable item when one shops on *erev Shabbos*, and accordingly only purchased items *l'kavod Shabbos* later in the week. Even though generally we *pasken* like Hillel, the *Mishna Brura* rules that even Hillel himself would

agree that it is preferable for someone who is lacking that level of absolute *bitachon* should purchase pleasing things for Shabbos early in the week as well. Certainly if one comes across an item early in the week that would be difficult to come by later, he should purchase it *l'kavod Shabbos*.

The *Mogen Avrohom* writes that it is preferable to vocalize when buying something that it is for Shabbos. The *Machatzis HaShekel* comments that by doing so, one infuses the item with the *kedusha* of Shabbos.

Please Join
Us
as we dedicate the
Dr. Abe Chames
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May 16, 2010
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The Weekly Quiz

For exactly how long were K'lal Yisroel encamped at Har Sinai?

Answers may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to 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: With what color would a farmer mark every tenth animal to indicate it was ma'aser?

A: Red. Congratulations to Mr. Josh Lintz of Los Angeles for being the first of many to submit the correct answer.

YTC Spotlight

11th Grade Spends Shabbos in the Midwest

Some of the most meaningful experiences for a YTC *talmid* are the times spent together with his *chaveirim* and *Rabbeim* outside of the traditional classroom setting. The eleventh grade recently had one such experience, as they spent last Shabbos in the Milwaukee/Chicago area with their *Rabbeim*, Rabbi Yaakov Dreyfuss and Rabbi Dovid May.

When the class arrived in Chicago on Thursday afternoon, they visited the Chicago Rabbinical Council, one of the foremost *Batei Dinim* in the country. At the *Bais Din*, the *talmidim* learned about the role of *Batei Dinim* in a community and had an animated discussion regarding the *halachic* basis of some of the *Bais Din's* recent decisions with Rabbi Ephraim Friedman, one of the *Dayanim*. As the Yeshiva is currently learning *Meseches Yevamos*, of special interest was a *chalitza* shoe fabricated by the *Bais Din*.

On Friday, the boys visited the Yeshiva Gedolah of Milwaukee (WITS) and had a private session with the *Rosh HaYeshiva*, Rabbi Avrohom Baruch Rauch, *Shilt"á*, who spoke to them about

developing their individual strengths to be the best they can. They also had a special *Shiur* with their *Rebbe*. Later in the day, the boys visited senior citizens in the Milwaukee Jewish Home for the Aged.

For many of the *talmidim*, the highlight of the weekend was spending Shabbos in the Torah community of Rabbi Michel Twerski, Rav of Congregation Bais Yehuda on Milwaukee's West Side. The young men were treated to a special Shabbos experience, replete with Torah, *tefillah*, *zemiros* and stories. Rabbi



Bentzion Twerski shared with the *talmidim* his experiences with the Bobover Rebbe, ZT"L, and used vignettes from the Rebbe's life as examples of the ways in which one can devote his life to *avodas Hashem*.

Eleventh grader Amram Steinberger remarked that the trip was both meaningful and enjoyable, "What I will remember the most, however, is the tremendous *achdus* we felt being together as a group. That was awesome!"

Lag B'Omer 5770



Lag B'Omer is traditionally a day that Yeshiva *bochurim* head out of the *Bais Medrash* and enjoy the great outdoors. YTC is no exception. Our High School *talmidim* went on an outing to Brian Piccolo Park in western Broward County for an afternoon of baseball, basketball, and a barbeque with their classmates and *Rabbeim*.



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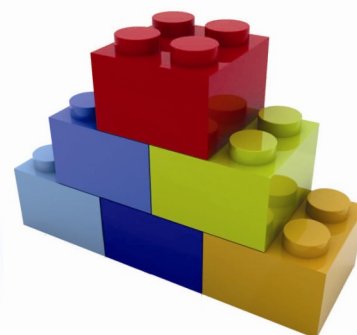
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