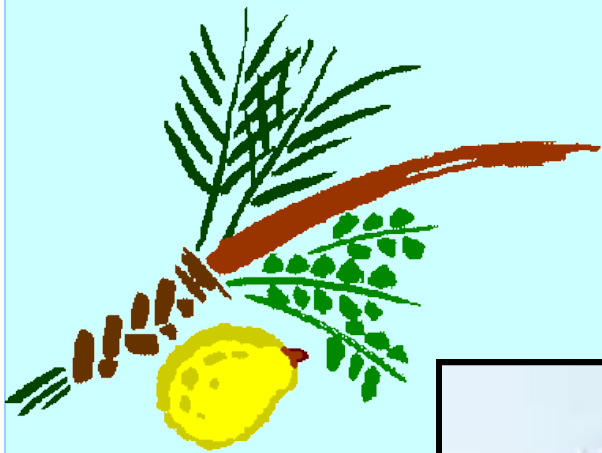


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TEAM Spirit

SUKKOS BREAK

Friday, September 28 -
Wednesday, October 10

We hope you have a wonderful and meaningful vacation!

Classes resume Thursday, October 11

8:30AM-4:00PM

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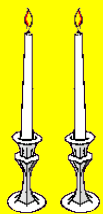
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HASMODA PROJECT

Our semi-annual extra curriculum learning program begins Friday, September 28 and runs through Wednesday, October 10. Please ask your children for the packet they received from their Torah Studies teacher today. Thank you very much to our generous sponsors:

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PIRCHEI HASMODA

Forms for the 77th Semi-Annual Hasmoda Contest of Pirchei Agudas Yisroel of America were sent home today with all boys. These forms must be mailed directly to Pirchei Agudas Yisroel and received at their office no later than Thursday, October 18 in order to be eligible for the contest. The specific information and mailing address are on the entry form.



SIMCHAS BAIS HASHOEIVA

The Yeshiva will be holding its annual Simchas Bais Hashoeiva on Wednesday, October 3 at 9 PM at Yeshiva Toras Chaim, 1025 Northeast Miami Gardens Drive. Please join us for live music, refreshments and lots of Ruach and dancing.



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Rochel bas Rivka Leah

Ariella Sara bas Elisheva Malka

Yehuda Pinchas ben Asna

Shlomo Meir ben Aviya Nechama



KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generous response to the Jewish Community Service's *Yom Tov* campaign. Please bear in mind that the need for basic food items and other daily necessities is ongoing. Those in need make an appointment to shop, and are not seen by any other shopper.



The Food Bank depends on everyone's participation to help combat hunger in our community—one meal, one person at a time. For the month of October the specific requests are grape juice, mayonnaise, canned salmon and sugar. Keep in mind that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified, making it suitable for any family. Thank you for your continued help. *Yasher Koach!*

1G SIGNS THE CONSTITUTION!

In commemoration of Constitution Signing Day, September 17, 1787, the girls of 1G adopted and signed their very own Class Constitution. The citizens of the class collaborated on the writing of the rules of the classroom community. Then each student citizen penned their name and agreed to abide by the "laws" of our newly adopted constitution.



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BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a few weeks left to get all those box tops in! We



cannot afford to slow down now... the October 21 deadline is just around the corner! Any boxtops still lying around the **house or sitting in your 'junk drawer'** should be sent in to school when we return from vacation.

Please remember to continue to collect box tops after the deadline. The collection will continue throughout the year so do not **throw away any box tops!** You'll be surprised at how many you will find while you are enjoying the *Sukkos* vacation! *Yasher Koach* and thank you for the continued incredible success of this project!





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Erev Shabbos Parashas Ha'azinu, Erev Sukkos 5773

Dear Parents,

As parents and educators, we are always looking for the best *Chinuch* approach to any situation involving our children, rather than just getting through the situation. In trying to determine the best approach, we look to examples of what works with children, what motivates them and what guides them.

We just observed *Yom Kippur*, which arguably provides us with the perfect *Chinuch* scenario which should be analyzed for application in other areas. Is there any *Mitzva*-observing family anywhere and anytime, that had a difficulty with getting an almost *Bar* or *Bas Mitzva* aged child to fast on *Yom Kippur*? And this, despite it being something that is extremely hard to do?! Why is this so? Consider the following:

1. **Fasting is clearly important to the significant adults in the child's life**
2. Parents talk about *Yom Kippur* in anticipation, and reliably follow through with fasting themselves, 100% of the time, setting a positive, consistent example.
3. **The child perceives fasting as a "Chashuve" important thing to do, enhancing his self-image as a grown-up person.**
4. **The child's peer-group is fasting, or anticipating fasting, as well.**

There are many conclusions to draw from this analysis. Let me share just a few.

1. Children will emulate their parents, the most significant people in their lives, if they perceive something is really important to the parents. Parents demonstrate that importance by their actions, not their words.
2. If parents follow through on promises and plans by role-modeling what they speak about (they` walk **the walk**`, not just `talk the talk`) **children will do the same.**
3. **Children want to do what's right, and they will follow through on those things that they feel make them significant.** Imagine if kindness, academic success and being responsible for one self were presented with the same seriousness and commitment as *Yom Kippur* is.
4. **Who your children's friends are (in general), is of paramount importance.**

Enjoy your family time over *Sukkos*, and find the opportunity to discuss these or similar ideas with your **children. I think you'll find them agreeing, and providing much more insight, to help you help them become the individuals you yearn so eagerly for them to become.**

Have a wonderful *Shabbos* and a *Simcha* and *Nachas*-filled *Chag*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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The Joy of Succos

Mission Accomplished

Joy is the mark of Succos. Called by the name "Z'man Simchaseinu," the time of our joy, and mentioned three times in the Torah in conjunction with the mitzvah to rejoice, Succos is clearly the focal point of joy among the three pilgrimage festivals. But what creates this special added element of joy? Surely Pesach, when we were redeemed from slavery, should be equally joyful, yet the word "simchah" is not mentioned once in the Torah in relation to Pesach.

Shavuos, when Hashem revealed Himself to us and gave us our very life-line—the Torah—contains only one mention of joy.

The Maharal explains that the yearly agricultural cycle hints at the source of Succos' joy. Pesach coincides with planting time. On Shavuos the first fruits are taken. Succos coincides with the final harvest; it is the time to enjoy the fruits of one's labor. But this natural cycle of planting and reaping has a far deeper meaning, and the joy Succos engenders goes far beyond that of a farmer satisfied with his crops.

A more apt comparison, says the Maharal, is that of a dispatcher and his agent: The president of a giant corporation needs a particularly difficult task performed. He searches the world until he finds one obscure young man, languishing in a dead-end job on an assembly line. Despite his

lowly position, the man has the unique attributes it takes to perform this task. So, the president rescues him from his demeaning job and appoints him as his special agent. Naturally, the

plan detailing each phase of the operation. "Don't worry," he tells the young man. "If you follow each step exactly as I've laid it out, you are sure to complete the mission successfully." Faithfully the young man follows his instructions, and with each step, his

him and pronounce that his mission has been accomplished. Finally, with the greatest joy, he returns to the president. "It's done!" he exclaims.

Like our young man in the story, the Jewish people were chosen as Hashem's agent. That is the essence of Pesach, when He rescued us from slavery and made us His people, dedicated to His special mission. Shavuos was the day we received the master plan, the Torah, which provides the detailed instructions as to how to proceed in our mission.

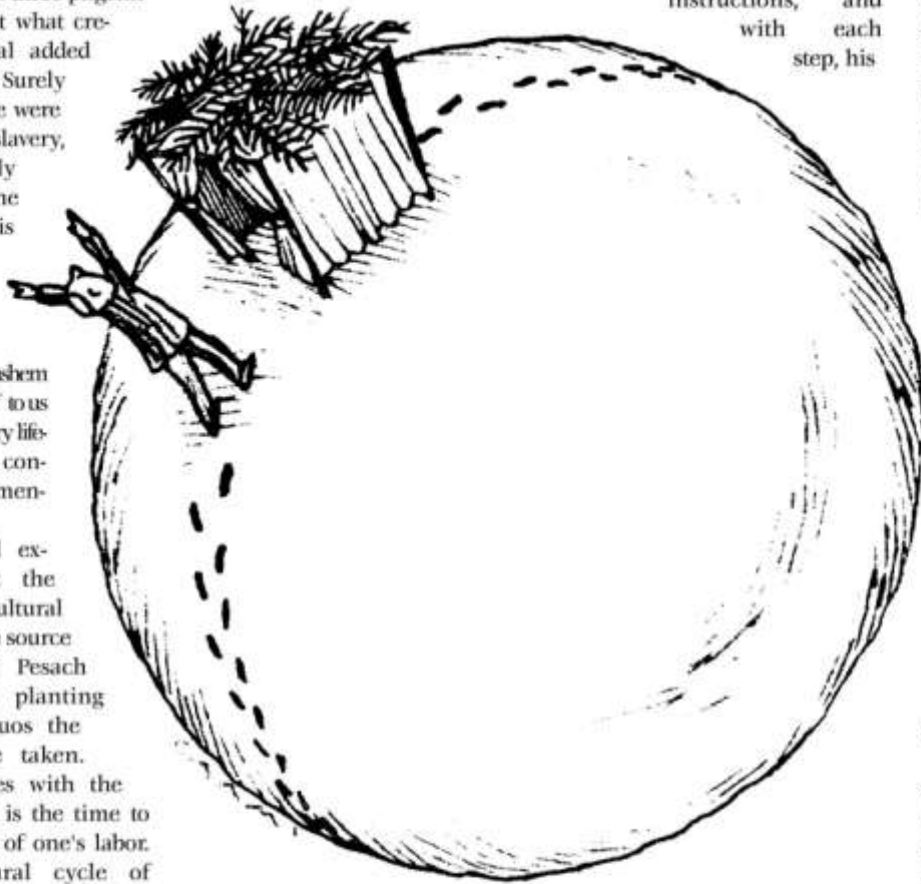
Succos is the day we return, mission accomplished.

The greatest joy comes from reaching a spiritual goal. Succos, coming at the end of the cycle of festivals, marks the moment when we have done all Hashem has asked us to do. We come to Him unburdened by doubts, unencumbered by tasks that lie ahead, seeking only to bask in His presence as our reward for a job well done.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can we enjoy this sense of accomplishment as we work toward spiritual goals throughout the year? Are we ever really finished?

Adapted from "Simchas Torah," by Rabbi Moshe Lieber, with permission from Mesorah Publications



"As we complete the cycle of a year in service to Hashem, we come home to Succos, in perfect joy."

man is filled with love and gratitude toward his benefactor and thrilled about his new opportunity. But of course, the knowledge that he has been selected for so special a mission leaves him nervous and doubtful as well.

Soon, the president presents his agent with a brilliant

admiration for his benefactor builds. Amazingly, each step works exactly as it should, and the wisdom behind the plan becomes increasingly apparent.

Finally, the young man reaches his goal. His final step is to report back to the president, this man whose kindness and wisdom fill him with awe. He can't wait to come before

Together Forever

Simchah is an essential ingredient of every Yom Tov, but on Succos, it's the defining trait. What matzah is to Pesach, simchah is to Succos. While simchah is a mitzvah for every yom tov, only on Succos are we commanded, "V'samachta b'chagecha," "You should rejoice on your festival." Only Succos is called "z'man simchasinu," "the time of our joy."

So how do you get simchah? As on every yom tov, food, wine, guests, and new clothing are basic elements we use to induce this state. But the special simchah of Succos flows from a different source. It doesn't come from what we have; instead, it comes from what we give up. We give up the comforts of our home, and take our meals

instead in a wobbly hut. The usual sources of our pride—a brightly lit dining room, a warm, cozy home—are left behind. And in shedding these amenities of our lives, we pare away the layers that obscure our neshamos; we open ourselves up to receive simchah from its only real Source.

It's hard not to get caught up in the quest for more, bigger and better possessions, in the belief that acquiring them will bring contentment. But Chazal teach that just the opposite is true: "There is no man that leaves this world having fulfilled even half of his desires." When happiness depends on experiencing worldly pleasures, it can't last; desire always returns, leaving the person feeling unfulfilled once more.

"The special simchah of Succos flows from a different source."

The story is told of a king who was very ill. The doctors told him that the only cure was to wear the coat of a man who was completely happy and devoid of worry. The king's servants searched far and wide, and finally found just one man who had absolutely no worries in the world. But the discovery was of no help, because, the man told them, "I don't own a coat. If I had a coat, I would have a worry."

When we leave our homes for the shelter of Hashem's Succah, we free ourselves of the possessions that bind us to the world and its worries.

Coming out of the holiness of Yom Kippur, the shade of the Succah invites us to hold onto the sense of Hashem's closeness. By accepting the invitation, we tap into a source of joy that can uplift us all year long.

Adapted from Sefer Nesivos Shalom

Inner Excellence

Seven Days of Joy

What the Calendar Teaches

If we spent every day immersed in the somber, reverent mood of Rosh Hashanah, or the fasting and penitence of Yom Kippur, would Hashem count us as saints? Rav Shimshon Rafael Hirsch says that the mood of those holy days is not an ideal for everyday life. This is indicated by the fact that each of those yomim tovim are only one day's duration (Rosh Hashanah is designated as one day in the Torah).

Succos, on the other hand, is seven days long. Seven days represents a complete cycle, an entirety. This, says Rav Hirsch, teaches that the mood of Succos—the mood of simchah—is the ideal to strive for throughout the year. Although we are responsible for taking an

account of our actions each day, we are not meant to be bowed down, broken, immersed in self-analysis all day every day. Hashem designed us to run on the fuel of joy. That is what moves us to wake up each day eager and ready to do our part in this world.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How does simchah motivate people to undertake difficult tasks?

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