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Dvar Torah – Accepting Change by *Rabbi Yisroel Y. Niman*

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The תורה relates that when the מלאכים came to tell לוט and his family about the impending

destruction of סדום and to help them in their escape, his sons-in-law made light of and ignored the warning. The מדרש recounts their response: "אדרכולין וכרבלין במדינה, ומדינה נהפכת". "All types of musicians are playing in town, and the country will be destroyed?" As רש"י explains it, they said, "The city is full of happiness and laughter, and you tell me the city will be destroyed!"

It seems that לוט's sons-in-law had enough אמונה to believe that ה' could wipe out the city, but the continuation of business as usual indicated that it wouldn't happen. Their rationale seems very illogical! Everything being okay today does not guarantee the same being true tomorrow! If someone would warn

you about a hurricane hitting tomorrow, would you ignore the warning just because it is a beautiful day today?

The תורה is teaching us that man has a strong predisposition to assume that the status quo will continue to exist until one finally sees change happening. This inertia takes hold and he will not act or be overly concerned, even when the consequence might be his own death.

In reality, this is one of the challenges of life. ה' provided us with the goal of human perfection and gave us guidelines by which to accomplish this goal. He then told us what would happen if we don't pursue this goal. The nature of a person to ignore warnings of consequences provides a challenge which we must work diligently to overcome.

Understanding our own psyche will enable us to succeed in the necessary challenges of life such as watching our health and finances, as well as our מצוה performance.

Good Shabbos

Dvar Halacha – The מלאכה of דש - by *Eli Hersher 11th Grade*

The מחבר (300, 4) expounds on the prohibition of סחיטה (squeezing fruits for their juices), which results from the מלאכה of דש. This איסור דאורייתא applies by fruits such as olives and grapes, which are squeezed for their oil and juice respectively. By fruits such as these, even if juice came out of the fruits by itself, it is nonetheless מדרבנן to benefit

from it. On the other hand, liquids squeezed from fruits such as strawberries and pomegranates, which are normally bought for consumption, are אסור מדרבנן, even when squeezed intentionally. Additionally, juices naturally emitted from these fruits are permitted.

The Weekly Quiz

Q: What is the longest two-letter word?

Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to Quiz@ycteam.org

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 question

Q: When was עוג'ס brother סיחון born?

A: . Among many other possibilities, סיחון's father, who was one of the נפלים, had relations with חם's wife on the תיבה and then she gave birth to סיחון, so he was born on the תיבה.

Yasher Koach to Chanan Mayerhoff of the 9th Grade for submitting the correct answer.



Shlomo Shloss gives over his son to Rabbi Luban, Rosh HaYeshiva, at his son's Bris on Tuesday.

Always in our Hearts by Moshe Bloorian, 12th Grade



On תשע"ב, Hashem went into His garden and picked two of the best flowers. This past Friday marked one year since Dani King and Eli Schonbrun perished in a tragic accident while returning to the Yeshiva of Waterbury after an Out-Shabbos. The students of YTC held a commemoration in honor of Dani and Eli. Two speeches were made, and a video presentation was shown. During this time, there wasn't a dry eye in the room. Yehuda Mittel, 10th grade, the first speaker, helped those of us

who did not know them appreciate the loss of these two amazing Yeshiva bochurim. Following the emotional video presentation was a heartfelt speech from Jason Rosenblum, a close friend of Dani and Eli. He memorably concluded, "Dani and Eli were always striving to grow to their fullest, each in his own way. We should all learn from them and take advantage of our opportunity here in Yeshiva, and never forget them." The commemoration concluded with the students showing their true understanding of what these two amazing people stood for by exiting in respectful silence.



Dani and Eli תשע"ב Forever in Our Minds, Always In Our Hearts

The Y.T.C. Blood Drive! by Michael Kessler, 11th Grade

This past Sunday, the Yeshiva held the first of what will be two successful blood drives this year. Thank you to all those who donated blood; we collected 30 pints! "For a school this size, an amount like this is above average," noted Louis, the supervisor of the drive. Last year, the Yeshiva had the record for the 'Highest Percent Participation', thanks to Jaime Benson, the coordinator of last year's drives, and received a trophy from the Community Blood Centers Of Florida, Inc.



28th Annual Dinner & Journal Campaign YTC/TEAM Dinner Honorees Part 2

This week, it is our pleasure to introduce you to the Frohlingers.

Accepting the **Kesser Shem Tov Award** are **Dr. and Mrs. Stan and Marla Frohlinger**.

In addition to the rigorous demands of their professions - he, a dentist and she, the Director of Professional Programs Coordination and Communication at Nova Southeastern University, the Frohlingers are involved in numerous communal organizations. Dr. Frohlinger serves on Kosher Miami's and Congregation Ohr Chaim's Board of Directors, is Vice-President of the Miami Beach Eruv Committee and is the Orthodox Union's South Florida regional representative on the National Board of Directors. He also learns daily in the Miami Beach Kollel Boker. The Frohlingers devote much time and energy to Bikur Cholim of Miami Beach. Mrs. Frohlinger is also a member of the Chevrah Kadisha and is involved in Project Heritage. Their shared vision is to reach out to the Jewish community at large, bringing them to a heightened awareness of and a desire to embrace their rich *mesorah*. A long-standing member of our Board of Directors, Dr. Frohlinger "loves the product, and is excited to be an active participant in educating and inspiring the next generation." Their *ma'asim tovim* surely merit them

to bear the **Kesser Shem Tov**, and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight their accomplishments in this most meaningful way.