

TEAM Spirit

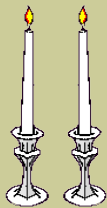
STAR STUDENTS

פרשת כי תשא

פרשת פרה

CANDLE
LIGHTING

6:04 pm



Shira Adar – T.S.
Tzivia Ahava Botton – T.S.
Devorah Cohen – T.S.
Cila Ginsparg – T.S.
Shaindel Goldenberg – S.S.
Hadassa Grossman – S.S.
Abby Heller – S.S.
Mijal Mizrahi – S.S.
Penina Pomper – S.S.
Adi Prync – T.S.
Esti Schwartz – T.S. & S.S.
Sarah Simcha Waisman – T.S.

Dovid Alber – S.S.
Simcha Bistriz – T.S.
Zachy Breier – T.S.
Yoel Fabian – T.S.
Nesanel Garfinkel – S.S.
Ariel Hahn – T.S.
Adam Hyman – S.S.
Yishai Mendoza – S.S.
Dovid Suissa – T.S.
Coby Tzur – S.S.
Benjamin Zafrani – S.S.

TEAM PLAYERS

PARENT - TEACHER
CONFERENCES
SUNDAY & TUESDAY

NO CLASSES BOYS 3-5
THIS SUNDAY

REGULAR CLASSES ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Coty Benarroch
Sarah Buzaglo
Leah Corcos
Shaindy Goldenberg
Sarah Leah Goldsmith
Malky Gross
Avital Gutfreund
Rebecca Katz
Simcha Leonoff
Batel Levi
Esti Schwartz
Shayna Schwartz
Hannah Shapiro
Shira Suissa

Benny Kanoff
Daniel Lasry
Sholom Marcus
Natan Mizrahi
Binyomin Privalsky
Simcha Shaffren
Dovi Schwartz
Mordechai Shapiro
Reuven Wulwick
Uri Toronczyk

SHUSHAN PURIM ACTIVITES



An absolutely wonderful time was had by all at our Shushan Purim celebration, including carnival, costume parade/contest, and barbecue!

Many, many thanks to all of the teachers and helpful volunteers who added to the great enjoyment and success of this day. In particular:

Dr. Eli Berman - our chef extraordinaire!

Mrs. Moriah Adar

Mr. Perry Dubinsky

Mrs. Barri Girnun

Mrs. Sarah Goldsmith

Mrs. Raizy Greenberg

Mrs. Rachel Mendoza

Mrs. Beth Ruck.....

and the helpful Middle and High School volunteers!



If your name was inadvertently omitted from this list, please forgive the oversight and consider yourself thanked for making this occasion a huge success.

Mazel Tov to our creative costume contest winners:

Girls:

Gitty Rubin - Composition Book

Sara Simcha Waisman - Old Lady

Esther Bracha Blejer - Shaitel Macher

Shoshana Blima Goldenberg - Jack In The Box

Chaviva Pam - #2 Pencil

Shoshana Lesnik - Panda Bear

Avital Nightingale - Dual Citizen

Hadassah Privalsky & Esti Schwartz - TEAM Spirit Airlines Flight Attendants

Schoolwide Winner:

Shira Adar - Party Table

Boys:

Shlomo Goldenberg - Checkerboard

Reuven Wulwick - Refrigerator

Shlomo Alfassy - **“You can’t look at me, but I can look at you”**

Yehuda Bloom - Math Nerd

Daniel Chattah - Newspaper Seller

Simcha Bistriz - Blackmail

Ariel Hahn - Lizard

Yoel Fabian - Mexican

Schoolwide winners:

Shmueli & Gavriel Feigenbaum -

Yissachar & Zevulun

If you have not already done so, please remit \$3 to the office for carnival tickets at once. Thank you!

MISHLOACH

MANOS

The faculty and staff of Toras Emes/Toras

Chaim greatly appreciate

the beautiful *Shalach Manos* Baskets which arrived in time for Purim, thanks to the concerted efforts of our hard-working committee. We also thank all the volunteers who delivered packages on Purim day.



REFUAH SHELAIMA

Yosef ben Rus
Yehuda Pinchas ben Asna
Leah Devorah bas Rachel
Yoel Efraim ben Baila
Avraham Shlomo ben Ita
Yechezkel ben Tova
Rafael Yoel Ozer ben Chaya Malka
Aryeh Yitzchak ben Ilana Tirtza
Yitzchak Reuven ben Malka
Shmaryahu ben Malka Bracha



OD YOSEF CHAI

Y^asher Koach
to all of our

students and parents who did such a tremendous
**job collecting Matanos L'Evyonim for Od Yosef
Chai.** We are proud to report that we raised \$3,020
this year.

Tizku L'Mitzvos!



MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Zvi
Rosenbaum and family
on the marriage of their son,
our alumnus, Moshe to
Rebecca Assaraf.



To Rabbi and Mrs.
Yitzchak Lefkowitz
and family on the birth of
a boy. Shalom Zachor at
9:00 PM at the Bekhore
residence, 635 N.E. 173 Terrace, NMB.



RAISING G.R.E.A.T. CHILDREN

Rabbi Baumann's Parenting

Class takes place on Tuesday
mornings, 8:45-9:30, in the
Library.

Please join us!

This week's topic:

GUIDING CHILDREN TOWARD
RESPONSIBILITY - PART 2

STAY TUNED FOR.....

OUR CHINESE AUCTION

Our Annual Chinese Auction is scheduled
for Sunday, May 26. Please line up
your babysitters now for this amazing evening
that you won't want to miss!



KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

Thank you to
everyone who
participated in our



“Boot the Loot” campaign after Purim. The snack items will be delivered by the Fourth Grade boys this Monday. For March the specific requests are applesauce, matzah meal, jelly, macaroons, cake mix, mayonnaise, potato starch, oil, ketchup, tomato sauce, grape juice and candy/ chocolates. Keep in mind that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified . Please note: for this month everything must also be certified Kosher for Passover, making it suitable for any family for Pesach. Thank you for your continued help. *Yasher Koach!*

BE ON THE LOOKOUT 2013- 2014 REGISTRATION IS ON ITS WAY!!!

Enrollment forms will be in the mail this week. We encourage all our parents to take advantage of the early-bird registration fee of \$400 for first child \$350 each additional child. Early-bird ends March 12th.



MISHNAYOS SIYUM

We are looking forward to this **Wednesday's Grand Siyum** celebrating the accomplishments of our Talmidim, who collectively learned many hundreds of Mishnayos, during the three months of the program,

CHESED CORNER

An opportunity has come up to help an elderly man from Miami Beach (50th and Collins) with a ride to/from visiting his wife who is recuperating at Hampton Court (NMB) over the next few weeks. He is very appreciative of any assistance and will accommodate to whatever times the rides are available. Please call Mrs. Zisquit in the office if you are able to help.



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Early Childhood Director

Erev Shabbos Parashas Ki Sisa, Parashas Parah 5773

Dear Parents,

The second trimester progress reports are in the mail to you, and will arrive very shortly. As the school year unfolds, many insights into your child's academic and social performance are being shared, and perhaps not all grades and comments may be what you hoped for. You know better than anyone else how you (and the teacher) have spoken time and again to your child about not calling out or talking out of turn during the lesson, and yet the behavior persists. You have employed every ingenious trick to get your child to complete homework without getting distracted, and yet it seems to be of little or no avail.

Frustration may be the order of the day, but seize the opportunity that meaningful, sincere and insightful reporting from school offers. The question now is— what to with this child of ours who, after all, should try harder and be more successful.

Lack of effort is the least common cause for students not meeting expectations. Children are naturally curious, feel great when they are successful at a task or project, and attach great importance to making parents and teachers proud of them. The key to understanding student failure to thrive and succeed is to recognize that there is something in that child's learning process or environment that makes success too hard to achieve. This means, the proper reaction to a less than perfect report card is not to cast blame, but to become a detective - to locate, identify and correct the impediment to learning.

Unfortunately, it could be anything. It could be the child's innate intelligence, a specific learning disability, an emotional upset, inability to focus sufficiently in a group, a distracting learning environment, anxiety about events and/or people in his or her life, an impatient teacher or parent, lack of self-confidence, etc. The list is endless. This investigative work is best done in a partnership; between father and mother and between parents and teachers. Parents provide invaluable insight into the child's overall life and environment; the teacher offers an in-depth view of how the child actually performs during the school day.

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By resolving to identify and rectify the causes of unmet expectations, parents can transform a disappointing report into a catalyst for the child's ultimate success. Like the mirror, which points out blemishes and imperfections, serves as a tool for improvement and beautification, the insights shared between school and home, if accepted reasonably, can be the catalyst for improvement in school and a springboard to success in the child's future.

Best wishes for Nachas and Insight on this and every Shabbos,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rabbi Kalman Baumann". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

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Personal Growth

Clear Connection

Jesse thought he had the best of both worlds—the fun and excitement of secular life, as well as a solid Jewish identity. In his sprawling suburban community, his family was one of the few that bought kosher meat, lit Shabbos candles and conducted a real Seder.

But the young man's assumptions were shattered one brilliant afternoon when he went sailing on his beloved Gulf of Mexico. His boat capsized, and he found himself choking and bobbing helplessly in the sea. "This is the end," he thought. "Could this be all there is?"

Suddenly, inspiration struck. Jesse promised Hashem that if he were saved, he would go to Israel to study Torah.

Moments later a small boat arrived on the scene and Jesse was rescued. Yet he didn't rush off to Israel; he amended his vow with the words "as soon as I can." Five years later, he finally fulfilled his promise.

Inspiration is a moment in which we feel the connection between Hashem and our souls. Yet that one moment of clarity is soon obscured by the loud crackle of static. The material world calls out to us, depleting us with the workaday concerns that seem impossible to put aside.

Or, the call of inspiration can be obscured by diversion. The spiritual achievement we are lacking can be papered over with the pleasure of some hobby or escapist pursuit. In some cases, the connection

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration



Ideas



Excellence



Success

is blocked by the dark side of human nature. We cannot let go of the childish delight in "being bad."

Some or all of these factors make the clear call of our souls difficult to answer. But understanding what the factors are enables us to overcome them. Whether it's one year, five years or 50 years after the call, the connection between Hashem and our souls is never severed. We just have to clear the lines.

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Better Relationships

Making Up

When four-year-old Aliza and six-year-old Moshe quarreled, their mother had a unique strategy. First she separated them. Then she let them cool down. Then, she insisted that they each say one funny thing to the other. It didn't matter who was right or who was wrong. She knew that once they had made each other smile, the grievance du jour would be quickly forgotten.

When adults quarrel, however, the resolution doesn't seem that simple. One who feels wronged is hardly likely to say something to please or amuse the person he blames for perpetrating the wrong. Yet the conduct of Yosef, upon revealing himself to his brothers, proves that appeasing the wrongdoer can actually be the righteous road. Yosef had certainly been treated appallingly by his brothers, who had sold him into slavery. Yet Yosef sought immediately to defuse their guilt: "And now, do not be grieved, nor let it be disturbing in your eyes that you sold me, for it was to preserve life that Hashem sent me before you."

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"Even at the last possible moment Hashem hears our prayers."

Effective Prayer

Never Too Late

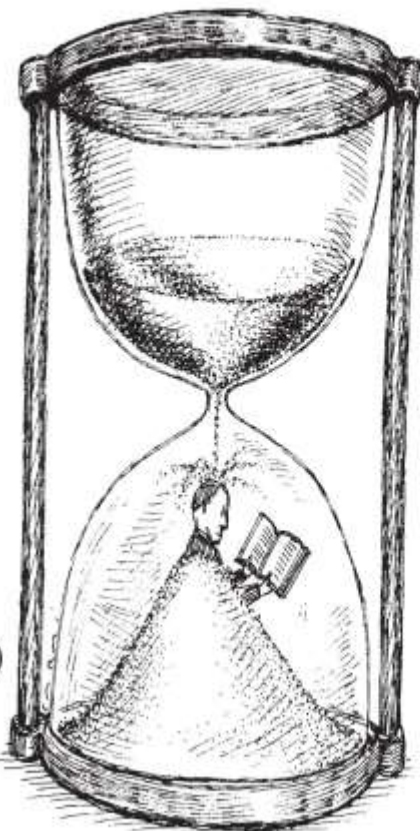
"Blessed are you, Hashem, Who hears prayer," says one of the blessings of the Shemoneh Esrei. And indeed, why would anyone be praying if that were not so? The Talmud relates an instance that illustrates the true meaning of this seemingly self-evident phrase, in a discussion of King Hezekiah, a descendant of King David.

Hezekiah was ill, and the prophet Isaiah came to him with dire news. Hashem had informed the prophet that, by Divine decree, the King had only a short while left to live. To this, Hezekiah responded: "Isaiah the prophet, stop this talk. This tradition has been

transmitted to me from my ancestor King David: 'Even if a razor-sharp sword is poised at a person's neck, ready to cut, he should never stop praying to Hashem for mercy.'"

Hezekiah then pleaded with Hashem for mercy, and Hashem responded by adding 15 years to his life. Sincere prayer overcame prophecy; it even overturned a Divine decree. Because he understood the power of Hashem's hearing, Hezekiah knew that no prayer is futile.

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A True Light

Devorah's mother had a pithy Yiddish saying: "To a worm in horseradish, the whole world is horseradish." This saying came to mind often as Devorah tried to discern the right moves to make in the complicated business of raising a family, holding down a job and contributing to her community. Seeing things objectively often seemed like a goal beyond human capacity.

And it is. The prophet Michah proclaims to Hashem, "You give truth to Jacob." This is explained by Rabbi Moshe of Kobrin as an acknowledgment that truth is not something one can attain on one's own. "It is a gift from Hashem to one who has struggled to attain it," he said.

Discerning the truth is the domain of judges, and each

person is a judge in hundreds of situations that arise in everyday life. The Torah warns judges to eschew even the hint of a bribe, acknowledging that no human being can see through his own self-interest to the truth. But for the private individual, the bribes are internal. They are the desires, rationalizations and biases that color a person's view of reality.

So how does the worm see past the horseradish? If one must rely on a gift from Hashem, how can one trust his own ability to find the truth in any given situation? Effort is the key. When a person analyzes his own biases and self-interests, and makes a determined effort to compensate for them as he weighs a situation; Hashem opens his eyes to the truth. When a person acknowledges that he can

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His Best Hat

In America after World War II, a refugee came to see the Kapishnitzer Rebbe. The man had been well-to-do in Europe, but now he had nothing with which to establish a new life. He was ashamed of his ragged appearance, especially the hand-me-down hat that sat upon his head like a symbol of all his travail.

The Rebbe's heart went out to the man. He went to his closet, selected his finest wedding hat and handed it to the refugee. Later, his family questioned him: Why didn't he give away his week-day hat or his Shabbos hat?

"Which hat do you think I will be wearing in the World to Come?" he responded. "Of course it will be the hat I gave away. Aren't I entitled to sit in my finest hat in the World to Come?"

A person who looks at charity through this lens trains himself to enjoy giving, and he opens his household to all the blessings Heaven holds in store.

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fool himself and does his best to avoid doing so, Hashem will not allow him to falter.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What are some ways to ascertain your pre-conceptions and biases in judging a given situation?

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Making Up

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"You can be right, or you can be happy," says one piece of common wisdom. In most cases of common dispute, peace is a higher goal than any goal of the disputants. By speaking in ways that foster peace, both sides can be happy, no matter who is right.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Does appeasement show approval of the wrongdoer's actions?

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When you try to influence others it is important that the message they hear is that you love them and care about their welfare.

—Vilna Goan

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