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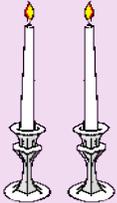
# TEAM Spirit

## STAR STUDENTS

### פרשת אמור

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

7:31 pm



Shira Adar – S.S.  
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The Accreditation Committee that visited our campus this week, representing the Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) were greatly impressed by what they saw. In addition to the above, some other quotable quotes were “we found serious academics in a warm and loving environment,” “our first impression was how welcoming and friendly everyone was” and “there is a warm and caring relationship between teachers and students.”

The official decision is up to the respective organizations’ Board of Directors, who are meeting in late May. We await their decisions most optimistically. We would like to thank our entire staff and student body who worked hard preparing, put their best foot forward and are eminently deserving of reaping the Nachas and pride from a job well done.

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

**Rabbi Baumann’s Parenting Class**

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**This week’s topic:**

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The festivities will continue with fun  
activities and a BBQ at Toras Emes. Further  
information was sent home today. Please be  
reminded that no orders for the BBQ will be  
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ordered, please send lunch from home with  
**your child on Monday. We can’t wait!!!**

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## MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Palgon and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Shmuel Dov and on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter, our alumna, Shoshana and Jeremy Blinder.



To Mr. and Mrs. Asher Alfassy and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Yakov.

## CHINESE AUCTION

Our 9th Annual Chinese Auction is under way! By now you should have received the auction booklet in the mail. Make sure to go through it as we have added amazing new items this year. Visit [ytcteam.org/auction](http://ytcteam.org/auction) to choose your prizes and earn a free Bonus Gift. Hope to see you all on May 26!



## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Moshe Zvi ben Rachel Leah  
Mazal bas Batya  
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Yosef ben Farcha  
Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka  
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Riva bas Michal Tova



## PIZZA

Forms for the final pizza cycle were sent home today. Please send in your completed order form, with payment, next week.



## AVOID ALL APPOINTMENTS

Due to the time needed to devote to accreditation, we will be postponing the standardized testing week to Tuesday, May 7 through Monday, May 13. Please mark your calendars and make an extra special effort to avoid outside appointments for your children during school hours that week.





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Dear Parents,

Reprinted below (with slight modification) is an inspiring *Dvar Torah* that focuses on everyone's highest calling - to learn and teach Torah. The *Dvar Torah* originally appeared in *Mussar HaTorah* by Rabbis Aryeh Striks and Shimon Zehnwirth.

*"Command the Jewish People ..." (Vayikra 24:2)*

The *Midrash Rabbah (Vayikra 31:5)* tells us that anyone who toils to understand the Torah is guaranteed that other people will listen to him. This, the *Midrash* tells us, is the meaning of the *pasuk* above: *Hashem* is telling *Moshe* that since he labored greatly to understand the Torah and its teachings, he can, "command the Jewish people" and they will heed his authority.

*Moshe Rabbeinu* was the greatest Jewish leader of all time, with many qualities that qualified him for his position. He cared for and loved every member of *Klal Yisrael* with endless patience (see *Rashi, Devarim 11:12*). *Moshe* reached the highest level of prophecy ever achieved by a human being – speak-ing to *Hashem*, "face to face," and was able to do so whenever he needed Divine guidance. Despite these extraordinary attributes, *Moshe* remained so modest that the Torah itself testifies (*Bamidbar 13:3*) he was the most humble of all men and that he was a, "servant of *Hashem*." These are all character traits that are critical for a leader of *B'nei Yisrael*. Any one of them could be assumed to be the crucial prerequisite that gains the trust and compliance of the people. Why then, does the *Midrash* point to *Moshe's* sweat and toil to understand the Torah – and not any of these other traits – as the reason that *Klal Yisroel* will accept his leadership and command?

Expending energy – being *amel b'Torah* – is a necessary component for truly understanding the Torah and guaranteeing that it is absorbed accurately. We see that this is even true for *Moshe Rabbeinu* who heard the Torah first-hand, directly from *Hashem*. One cannot imagine a greater teacher than *Hashem* Himself, nor a better educational setting than forty days in *Shomayim*, in a prophetic interaction between *Hashem* and *Moshe*. Even so, had *Moshe* not worked so hard to ensure that his understanding of *Hashem's* words was precise, it would have made a difference in his grasp and clarity in *Torah*. *B'nei Yisrael* would have sensed that difference, that lack of effort, and their trust in *Moshe* and his commands would have been lacking. It was only *Moshe's* hard work and effort to plumb the fathomless depths of Torah that earned him the Jews' unswerving loyalty and full commitment to follow his instructions.

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This insight is not only relevant to teachers and rabbis. It applies also to a father and mother in their role as guide, mentor and teacher to their children. To be successful and gain the confidence of your children, to instill within them a willingness and passion to follow in the Torah's ways, you must have a solid grasp of Torah knowledge and Torah values, which can only be acquired through hard work and genuine exertion. As the *Gemara (Megilla 6b)* teaches us: "*R' Yitzchak said, 'If a person says, 'I toiled and didn't find,' - don't believe him; 'I didn't toil and I found,' - don't believe him.'*"

The greatest, most humble *tzaddik*, able to learn directly from *Hashem* on the most sublime level of prophecy, simply cannot gain complete comprehension, and his followers' cooperation, unless he exerts himself in studying Torah. *Moshe Rabbeinu* only earned our nation's loyalty through his painstaking effort to achieve total understanding of the Torah.

Let us summon all our energies to apply ourselves fully to the study of *Hashem's* holy Torah, and in the merit of that toil, may we be blessed to "find" the treasure of clarity and comprehension of its timeless truth and beauty. We are then promised by the *Midrash* that we will merit another gift; the trust and loyalty of all those who follow our example and our teachings.

May your efforts bring you *Nachas* on this and every *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann  
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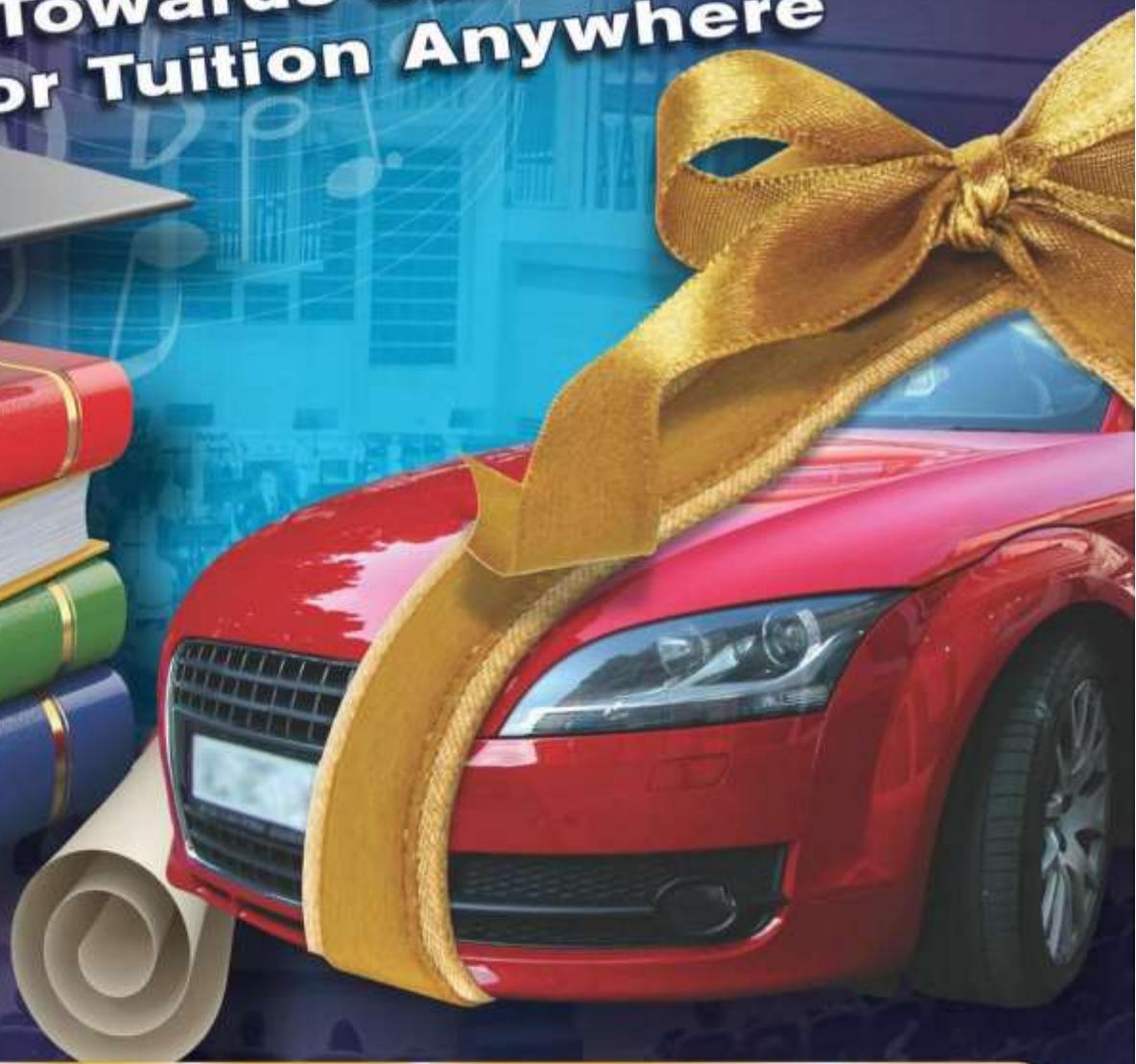
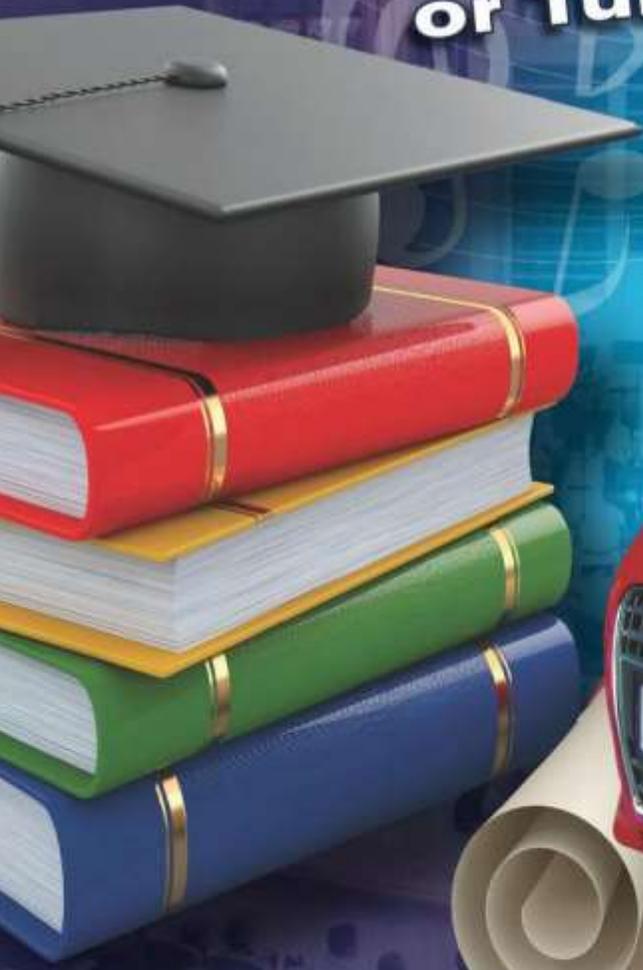
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## Personal Growth

### The Last Act

Rachel and Reuven were consummate hosts. Every guest who walked into their home enjoyed a warm welcome and a splendid meal. And then, as Rachel cleared the table and Reuven tended to the children, they would issue a vague good-bye from their places. "You don't mind seeing yourself out, do you?" they would sometimes stop to confirm.

How a guest leaves one's home can be the defining moment for the entire visit. A guest can be treated royally throughout his visit, but if he is left to wander out the door alone, he might walk away feeling that the hosts are relieved to have discharged their obligations—that "good-bye" was really "good riddance."

Escorting a guest out of one's home and down the block or to his car imparts the sense that the guest is

valued as a person. His thoughts, his conversation and company are being sought out, even pursued, past the threshold of the home. This, the Torah teaches, is capable of restoring a person's spirit, of literally giving him life.

Chazal say that one who accompanies a guest even the minimum distance of four amos provides protection for that person en route. Conversely, of one who neglects this duty they say: "It is as if he is spilling blood."

In practical terms, an escort can direct the traveler to the right road and warn him against dangerous areas. On another level, Kabbalah teaches that when a person escorts someone, part of his presence accompanies the traveler as he continues on his way.

The Alter of Navardok explained that a friendly send-

## Effective Prayer

### In Trust

When a person opens his eyes in the morning, his first comment of the day is to Hashem: "Modeh ani lifanecha," he begins, in a prayer that thanks Hashem for restoring him to life. This mini-resurrection is a spiritual reality; all but a small portion of one's soul ascends to heaven as one sleeps. There it is judged, cleansed and returned.

If a person takes

## Torah Tools for Personal Growth

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off provides a person with a sense of well being, and that can be his best weapon in surviving an accident or assault en route. A person who feels valued has the will to live and the optimism to struggle for his survival. Food, drink and escort are the three essential ingredients of hospitality. Two of those ingredients nourish the body, but only one—escort—nourishes the soul.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How do you feel when your host walks with you out the door?

*Adapted from "Loving Kindness," by Rabbi Fishel Schachter, a project of Mesorah Publications and the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation*

this nightly sequence into careful consideration, it gives him a new perspective on the issue of trust in Hashem. The Maggid of Chernobyl made this point to a man who reported that every morning, before praying, he prepared for the day's business.

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"Escorting guests out the door makes them know that their presence is valued."

## Better Relationships

### One One-Hundredth

"I've been very patient," thought Mr. Solomon, proprietor of Solomon's Sock Emporium. "But that Avi has got to be the least efficient worker I've ever had. I'm going to have a talk with him today."

When Avi arrived, Mr. Solomon greeted him with a smile and then, his face suddenly serious, he said, "Avi, we have to talk."

Avi followed him into his little cubicle in the back of the store, and Mr. Solomon began. "I've been watching you work for the past two months, and I've tried to give you some pointers on how to do a better job, but I must say that your work is far too slow. And furthermore, you're not helpful enough to the customers. You've made mistakes marking the prices and the floors are not being swept thoroughly enough. And you always come in three minutes late. Why is that?"

Avi didn't know what to say. What could he say or do to improve such an irredeemable situation?

"You shall surely rebuke your fellow," the Torah states, and the Talmud adds that one must rebuke "even one hundred times" if necessary. *continued on back*



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# Vision Correction

Despair is a stealthy emotion. It comes disguised as intelligence, realism, and truth. Hope is seen as a product of ignorance or naïveté, while those “in the know” see the dark side. But in reality, despair is the distortion, a toxic product of the yetzer hara which was first tasted as the Jews prepared to enter the Land of Israel. It was then that the spies set out to explore the land and provide intelligence for the eventual conquest. They came back with a tale of wonder—a land that yields outsized produce and is populated by outsized giants. Then they delivered the blow: “We were in our eyes like grasshoppers, and so we appeared to them in their eyes.”

They saw themselves as grasshoppers and the natives as giants. Yet thousands of years

later, the giants are forgotten and the Jewish people live on. Obviously, the spies’ vision was distorted, and with this distortion, they injected a dose of despair into the nation that ultimately led to golus and remains in full force today. The spies saw only the finite, the measurable and tangible, but they were blind to the truth. To believe that one cannot accomplish, to feel that Hashem stands opposed to one’s efforts, is to see the world through a lens provided by the yetzer hara.

Despair is the enemy of every goal a Jew holds dear. Yet when it’s recognized for what it is—a distortion of reality—it can be defeated. “That’s just my yetzer hara talking,” a person can tell himself. And often, that’s enough to send it scurrying away.

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# The Heart of Patience

Rabbi Yaakov Yosef Herman often had dozens of guests around his humble Shabbos table. Once, he served a bowl of chulent to one of his guests—an emotionally unstable man—and the guest hurled the bowl back, screaming, “I don’t like this.”

The horrified faces of the other guests quickly enlightened the man as to the seriousness of his misdeed. Humiliated, he fled the table. Rabbi Herman dropped the ladle into the chulent pot and chased the guest. Soon the two were returning to the table and Rabbi Herman’s voice could be heard saying soothingly, “Don’t worry, I’ll give you another serving that you’ll like.”

Later another guest asked him, “How do you have the patience to deal with people like that?”

“If you have compassion,” he explained, “you don’t need patience.”

**Shabbos Table Discussion:**  
Why don’t you need patience if you have compassion?

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**Shabbos Table Discussion:**

Why is despair never warranted, even in difficult times?

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## One One-Hundredth

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On this comment, Rabbi Simcha Zisel of Kelm elaborates that a person should not heap all his rebuke upon a person at one time, but should divide it up, even into a hundred pieces, so that it can be delivered in digestible portions. Rebuke must come in a way that will bring improvement, not surrender.

*Adapted from “Something to Say,” by Rabbi David Goldwasser, with permission from Mesorah Publications*

## In Trust

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The Maggid told of a traveling merchant who reluctantly entrusted his money to an innkeeper for the night. In the morning, he retrieved his money and verified that all the cash was there. Then he set about counting the coins.

“Was this not foolish?” asked the Maggid. “If the innkeeper was trustworthy for thousands of dollars, why suspect him of stealing pennies?”

In the same way, he told the man, every night one places his precious soul in Hashem’s hands. Why not trust him with the business, as well?

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