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TEAM Spirit

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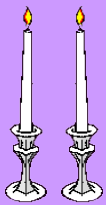
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פרשת

בהעלתך

CANDLE
 LIGHTING

7:46 pm



TEAM PLAYERS

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MONDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY

CLASSES

9:00-12:00

CHINESE AUCTION THIS SUNDAY!!!!

We are
looking

forward to
seeing all
parents at our
Ninth Annual
Chinese



Auction this Sunday night at 6:30PM. Enjoy yourselves at our delicious fleishig buffet by New Time, being served until 8:00. Our amazing entertainment, featuring MC Nachum Segal, will include a Middle School musical performance at 8:00. Our lavish dessert table will be open from 8:45-10:00 immediately followed by our raffle drawing!

ASSEMBLIES

Our final, regular assemblies of the year will take place this Thursday, May 30 featuring 1G and 4B. All students must wear official uniforms on assembly day—including white knee socks for the girls. Girls' assembly at 1:30, boys' assembly at 2:45.

PLEASE REDEEM YOUR PLEDGES!

We have sent home another copy of the Walkathon sheets so that you can complete the collection of pledges. Please help your children complete all



of their pledge collecting before school is out and help us honor our commitment to needy families in our community. The T-shirts should be arriving shortly.

Don't forget... Everyone who brings in all their pledges (minimum of \$35) before the end of the school year will receive a beautiful Toras Emes cap—perfect for summer vacation! Distribution of prizes for top collectors and the raffle drawing for great prizes will take place at this week's assemblies.

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

Rabbi Baumann's class for parents takes place on Tuesday mornings, 8:45-9:30, in the Library.

Please join us for the final class of the year!

The topic will be:
Fostering Healthy Independence

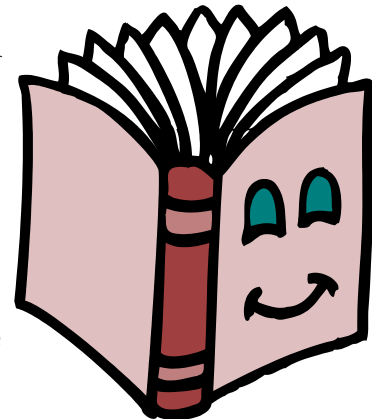
REFUAH SHELAIMA

Moshe Zvi ben Rachel Leah
Mazal bas Batya
Aharon Dovid ben Chaya
Yosef ben Rus
Yosef ben Farcha
Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka
Penina bas Miriam
Avraham ben Michal Tova
Ora bas Magdalena
Gabriel Yonasan Rachamim ben Ora
Chulya Tehila bas Etel
Yehudit Mina bas Masoudi
Yehoshua Mendel ben Sima
Masha bas Chaya Doba
Shmuel ben Sara



BRING IN THOSE BOOKS!

As we enter the final month of school, there are still many books that have not been



returned the library. Please make every effort to see that all library books borrowed by your child are returned as soon as possible. Bills will be sent for the replacement value of any missing library books or text books. Progress Reports and S.A.T. scores will not be sent until your account is cleared. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Erev Shabbos Parashas B'Haalosecha 5773

Dear Parents,

Taming and moderating sibling rivalry has always been a great challenge to even successful and well accomplished parents. While most parents know what to do with one child, when there are two **or more, that's when sparks start flying! Is there one element, one secret ingredient that can be identified as the best predictor of limiting the hard feelings and sometimes cruel behavior that develops between and among brothers and sisters? The answer may be found in this week's parsha.**

When *Moshe Rabbeinu* is lamenting to *Hashem* that the burden of leading the Jewish People had just become overwhelming (*Bamidbar 11:11-12*), **he questions "have I conceived and given birth to them...?" as if to say – they are not my responsibility to the extent of a parent's responsibility for his or her own child.**

The *Seforno* explains what is meant by the power a parent has that even *Moshe* **doesn't; a father can** handle numerous children with their conflicting ideas and opinions, who are constantly arguing and bickering, because all the siblings realize that he, the father, truly loves them and will do anything for their benefit. A father will extend himself to the limits of his strengths and abilities to help, guide and protect his child. This quality, which is certainly not lost on the children, unites them in their trust of their father.

This is the secret, perhaps – the shared trust in a loving, reliable, unwavering parent is a greater unifier than even a *Moshe Rabbeinu*! This is the power of unconditional love, shared unconditionally with **all of one's children.**

Cries of "unfair," "she always gets to go first," etc. may be inevitable. A calm, self-confident response of "fair does not mean everyone is treated exactly the same, rather, fair means everyone gets what they need" coupled with genuine, sincere, deep-seated love for each and every child will bring the varied temperaments and personalities of your offspring together more effectively than anything else. We must constantly strive to demonstrate in thought, word and deed that we will indeed do anything necessary for our children's well-being. Once they realize it, they will be loyal and respectful of us and positively connected to each other.

Best wishes for a calm, unified and peaceful *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann
Principal

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Personal Growth

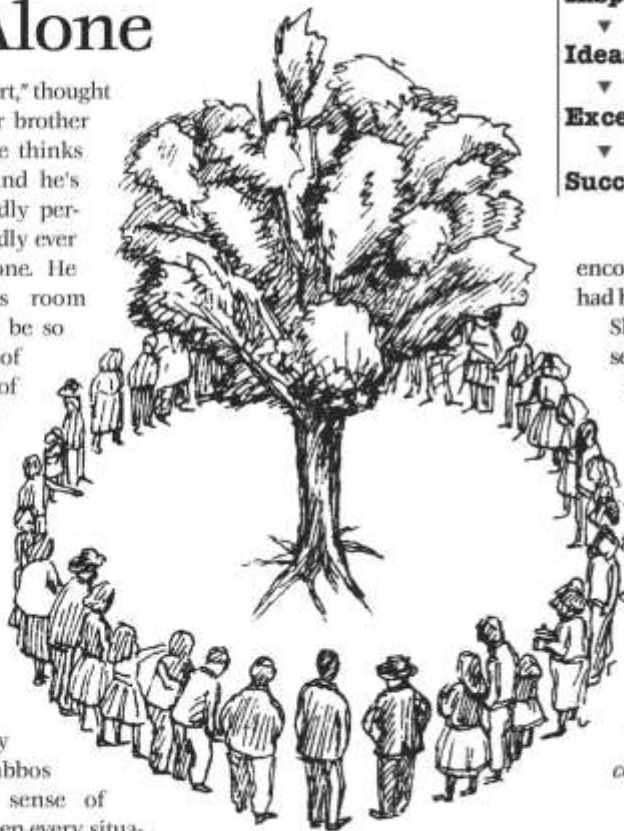
You Alone

"Yaakov is smart," thought Yaakov's younger brother David. "His rebbe thinks he's a genius. And he's got a nice, friendly personality too. Hardly ever fights with anyone. He even keeps his room clean. Dad must be so much prouder of him than he is of me." From Dad's point of view, however, David was just as great a source of pride. He didn't get A's in school, but he could fix anything that broke. His singing undoubtedly made the Shabbos table, and his sense of humor helped keep every situation in perspective. David didn't realize it, but he filled his role in the family just as successfully as Yaakov did.

For Hashem's children, too, the qualifications for being a worthy son or daughter often seem beyond the average person's reach. One can understand that Hashem glories in the sounds of a Torah scholar's learning, that He relishes the saintly acts of the righteous, but what can an ordinary person do to reach those levels?

The Torah issues a pre-emptive argument to anyone who believes its precepts to be far above their abilities. "For this thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it." It's a blanket statement, no qualifications or conditions attached. Hashem equips everyone with his own way to win his Father's wholehearted love.

The Chofetz Chaim once



"Every Jew is equidistant from the Tree of Life."

Effective Prayer

Yaakov's Voice

"So Yaakov drew close to Yitzchak his father, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Yaakov's voice, but the hands are Eisav's hands'" (Bereishis 27:22). The Midrash elaborates on this verse, explaining that when Yaakov's voice is lifted in prayer, the hands of Eisav will not dominate.

During the Gulf War in 1991, when Israel was under Scud missile attack from Iraq, one Israeli described the power of Yaakov's voice to overcome the acts of Eisav's hands. The man, with his entire shul, had spent a day fasting and praying, sounding the shofar and circling the shul with the Torah. At the end of this arduous day, the siren

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

▼ Ideas

▼ Excellence

▼ Success

encountered a young Jew who had become a communist. One Shabbos before shalosh seudas, the Chofetz Chaim sent for the young man and convinced him to join the others for the meal. The Chofetz Chaim then spoke about the Tree of Life that Hashem had planted in the center of the Garden of Eden. Looking at the young man, he explained: "It was put in the center to show that it *continued on back*

Better Relationships

Beloved

Heaven holds a blessing that everyone wants, yet it is possibly the most elusive of blessings. That is the blessing of "chein," which means "grace." A person with chein has a pleasantness about him that makes him likable. Chein turns a person's life into a long series of wonderful, happy encounters, yet it is a G-d-given gift that a person cannot manufacture for himself.

However, the Chofetz Chaim says, a person can draw an additional measure of this quality from Heaven by engaging in acts of kindness. That, in combination with Torah learning, is the key to augmenting one's endowment of chein.

If friction with others is a problem in a person's life, one way to tackle it is by undertaking a chesed with the goal of meriting the blessing of chein. For every human being, the warmth and friendship of others is a life-sustaining gift, and it need not be elusive. One can grasp this gift and enjoy it for a lifetime, simply by embracing the trait of kindness.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Does the Chofetz Chaim *continued on back*



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"I am sure that... our tears and heartfelt intentions saved us all in both body and spirit," the grateful man proclaimed.
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On Second Thought

Someone asks for a favor. It may seem like a small favor, or it may appear from the outset to be a big favor, yet it's something you're willing to do. So you do it, and as often occurs with favors, it grows six heads. The ride you were willing to provide now turns out to be a ride for the passenger's friend as well, who lives just a few blocks out of the way. But there's a garbage truck slowly making its way down that block, which costs you an extra 20 minutes. Then the friend—an elderly lady—begins to feel a little queasy. Terribly queasy. You pull off the highway and follow the sign to

the nearest rest stop. You buy the lady a cold soda and sit by her side as she recovers her composure. After a half an hour you resume your journey in the midst of what has now become rush hour. You've missed your appointment, but you press onward hoping the client will see you two hours late. You begin to deeply regret having said "yes" to this favor in the first place.

"And remove the Satan from before us and from behind us," says the prayer in the Maariv service. "Before us" is an obvious place for the Satan to situate himself. There he can lure us onto the wrong road and block our progress down the right road. But what

"What harm can Satan do standing behind us?"

harm can he do standing behind us? It is there that he demolishes the good we already have managed to do by causing us to regret having done it. "Why did I take these ladies with me?" the driver in the story is bound to think. Yet a good deed has been done. Why taint it with regret?

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Does regretting the favor negate its value as a mitzvah?
—CCHF

Beloved

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seem to simply be saying that if you do nice things for people, they will like you? What is the difference between that and acquiring *chein*?

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You Alone

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isn't any closer to me than to you. Every Jew is equidistant from the Tree of Life—from bringing life by serving Hashem."

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A Note of Joy

A young man from an illustrious family was faltering in his commitment to Torah. His father sent him to the famous Mirrer Yeshiva in Lithuania. When the son returned home a year later, he was a changed person, happily engaged in his spiritual life.

"Can you tell me something specific that brought about this change?" the father asked his son.

The son knew the answer. There were two instances: One was at the end of the Shavuot morning prayers, after an entire night of learning. The whole yeshiva sang Adon Olam together, and joining his voice to this song sent the young man's soul soaring. The second occasion, equally uplifting, was the singing and dancing of all the young men together on Simchas Torah.

Singing touches the soul in a way that little else can. The family that finds ways to put song into the air—at the table, in the car, even while doing chores—finds a way to put joy into their children's hearts.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Why do you think singing had the power to reach this young man?

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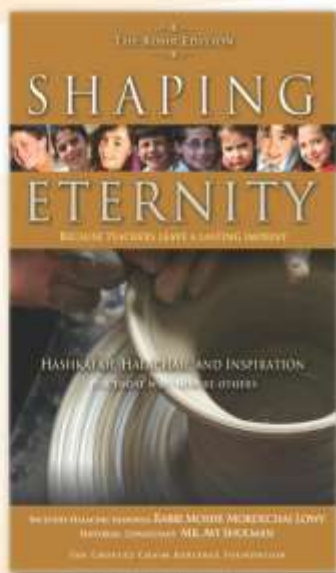
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