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## STAR STUDENTS

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- Shira Adar – S.S.
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  - Esther Bracha Blejer – S.S.

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- Aliza Segelman – S.S.
- Ahuva Seinfeld – S.S.
- Esti Stern – T.S.
- Rochel Strassfeld – S.S.

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**Last week's question and answer:**

Where in the Parsha does Hashem ask Himself a question?

Hashem asks "וה' אמר המכסה אני מאברהם אשר אני עושה" -

*"Will I hide from Avraham what I am about to do?" (ית, יז)*

**This week's question:**

Which two cities in ארץ ישראל have numbers as part of their name?

**(Hint: One is in this week's Parsha and one is in last week's)**



## MAZEL TOV



To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rottman and family on the engagement of their daughter, our alumna, Tobi to Dovid Bain of New York.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Heshy Riesel and family on the birth of a grandson, born to their son Eli and Nechama.



To Mr. and Mrs. George Meza and family on the birth of a son.



To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovi Katz and family on the birth of a daughter.

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Chaim Yosef ben Rus

Mina Yehudis bas Masouda

Yaakov ben Rachel

Aharon Dovid ben Chaya

Tinok ben Dina

Esther bas Chaya Sara

Yitzchok Shmuel ben Peshah Sara

Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka

Tzvi Zelig ben Chasya Rochel

Galit bas Ruma

Rivka bas Minnie

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## GET READY TO READ!

The Book Fair is coming November 7-15. Detailed information coming soon.





*Erev Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sarah 5774*

Dear Parents,

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Most thoughtful parents give a great deal of consideration as to how to educate and train their children about money. There are many facets to this question, and in fact, a lot does ride on taking the proper approach.

**The beginning of this week's Parsha** offers us a valuable insight into the proper Torah attitude towards money. When *Avraham* agrees to purchase the *Meoras Hamachpeila* from *Efron* as a burial plot for *Sarah* for an exorbitant sum, the *Ramban* describes **Avraham's** response to **Efron's** stipulation as *Nedivus Lev – Generosity of Heart (Bereishis 23:15)*. Our *Rosh HaYeshiva, HaGaon HaRav Alter Chanoch Henach Leibowitz, zt'l*, asked: Why is the *Ramban* describing **Avraham's** acquiescing to pay 400 Shekels for the *Cave of Machpeila* an act of generosity? It was a business deal! *Avraham* had no choice but to pay such a large amount because he wanted a specific piece of real estate, *Efron* was the sole owner of the desired property, and he could and did charge what he wanted. Generosity is usually a description of an act performed when one could choose to give less – there was no such option for *Avraham* in this transaction.

The **Rosh HaYeshiva zt'l** answered that in truth, the *Ramban* is referring to **Avraham's** attitude. *Avraham* **didn't get upset at Efron**, or grow frustrated over the poor deal he transacted. Money is a tool to achieve a desired result. If it takes less money to achieve **it, that's nice, but if it takes more money, so be it**. *Avraham* focused on what he was getting, in this case an eternal heritage for the Jewish People, and not on the particulars of the means to achieve it – the transaction with *Efron*. With this in mind, *Avraham* was able to hand over such a large sum of money, once he was convinced of the fact that there was no other option, with a generosity of spirit – he used the amount of money necessary to purchase what he needed and he was most pleased with the successful conclusion of the arrangement.

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This attitude is the key to a proper relationship to money. As *Rabbi Noach Orlowek, Shlita*, says – money is technical, not emotional. **People's problems with money stem from ascribing additional meaning to money.** Money, they think, is status, power, prestige, self-image. People determine their self-worth by how much money they have, which explains the deep emotional **distress that occurs when people lose much of their money.** **However, money is not you! A person's intrinsic worth has nothing to do with the size of his or her bank account .** Money is a tool for **acquiring what you need, for fulfilling your life's mission. If you have more of it, you are able to acquire more of your wants and needs.** If you have a small amount you either take action to get more money (legally, of course), or figure out how to do with less.

Effective, positive *Chinuch* about money follows this guideline. A weekly allowance is a good idea, because a child gets used to the idea of how money can be used, managed and protected. Birthday money can be targeted towards purchasing a long sought after item. Starting a savings **account is always a good idea, as long as it doesn't get too much attention or prominence in the child's life.** **Of greatest importance is the parents' role modeling. They should not dwell on what wealthier people have or have just acquired, conveying a sense of jealousy or deprivation.** If money is tight, they should not give off a sense of fear or foreboding. Children pick up non-verbal body language very strongly, even when nothing is actually said.

**Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky, zt'l** told his students that when he was raising his family in Europe and living in what we would call poverty, he never told his children they could not afford something. If there was an item they wanted or thought they must have but could not afford, his message to his children was – **we don't need it.** **The Kamenetsky children did not grow up feeling they came from a poor family – they always had everything they needed!**

Generosity is not limited to sharing your wealth with others. It starts with the attitude that *Hashem* looks after me and has blessed me with enough money to take care of myself and my family so I can then move on to focus on the really important things in life – *Torah, mitzvos, chesed* and raising our beautiful children to follow in ***Avraham Avinu's*** footsteps.

Have an enriching, satisfying *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Principal

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*Seth, sometimes known around town as "Shlomo", and his wife, Esther, have been involved with Toras Chaim Toras Emes since 1998. Together with their four children, Yaakov, Yitzi, Shmuel and Meira, they have been, and continue to be an integral part of the YTCTE family.*

*Born and raised here in South Florida, Seth attended the RASG Hebrew Academy and Talmudic University, after which he graduated with highest honors from the University of Miami Law School. An active member of our Board of Directors, Seth provides invaluable advice and guidance to our school. As a native Floridian, Seth can certainly attest to the enormous Torah growth he has witnessed over the years in our community. Besides being a long standing member of Young Israel of Greater Miami, Seth has set aside a daily commitment to learning in the NMB Community Kollel.*

*Seth is a Shareholder at the law firm of Greenberg Traurig PA, and practices in the area of international tax law. He has been awarded "top attorney in his field" by many prestigious legal publications and is a renowned speaker at tax conferences worldwide.*

*Esther's name has been synonymous with PTA activities in every one of our divisions. From her early years as an assistant in the Toras Emes Preschool, to president of PTA, Esther has taken great pride in being an active participant in all areas of her childrens' education. From mother/daughter luncheons, to Scholastic Book Fairs, there was no task too small or too great to tackle.*

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# chosen words

**Personal Growth**

## Creating Ourselves

When Hashem was ready to put the final touch on creation, He said: "Let us make man" (Genesis 1:26). For six days, Hashem alone had been bringing all of existence into being, from the most distant star down to the tiniest insect. Who was the "us" in this final creation? With whom did He plan to share the task of creating man?

The answer is, He shared it with man himself, because man was destined to be unlike any other living thing in creation. The angels were created fully formed; animals, while they grow in size and strength, have essentially the same nature from birth until death. Only man was created "unfinished." He is a bundle of potential—G-d given strengths and weaknesses—and it is his task to "create" his own ultimate self. Parents, teachers and others may help, but each person

must use his own best effort to strive toward his perfection.



"Making something of ourselves."

**Take Inventory:** Just as a builder is given wood and nails to construct a house, each of us is given certain talents and abilities to "create" the person Hashem intends for us to become. When you know what your tools are, you begin to understand where you should excel. As a great rabbi once said, "Woe to the person who doesn't know his weaknesses. But double woe to someone who doesn't know his strengths." What are three tools you specifi-

**Effective Prayer**

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cally have been given to finish the job of "creating yourself?"

**Suggestion:** Find a role model that has excelled using your particular strengths. Ask that person how he applied these strengths to achieve what he has.

*Adapted from: "Let Us Make Man," by Rabbi Abraham Twersky with permission from C.I.S.*

**Family Project**

## The Best Learning Partner

When 18-year-old Leah Grossberger\* of Monsey left for Seminary in Israel she knew she'd be learning with many bright, motivated women. But she didn't know that one of them would be her grandmother, Mrs. Weinbaum\* who lived in Jerusalem. Leah recounts: "The principal told us to buy 'A Lesson a Day' and learn it with a chavrusa. I noticed it at my grandmother's house, and we decided to learn it together every night for a few minutes."

Says Mrs. Weinbaum: "I'm reading this sefer for the third time, but it's more meaningful studying together. We've established a special relationship working toward improving ourselves."

"Through learning together each night, we've become much closer," says Leah. But the benefit is even greater, because Chazal say that learning from a grandparent compares to learning Torah directly from Sinai.

**Family Project:** Take any sefer that can be easily broken down into short learning segments, and learn it for a few minutes a day with a family member.

\*Names have been changed

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*In honor of my Ashes Chayil Riva Leah (Robin) With love, Yosef (Joe) Andelman*

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## Beyond Comprehension

*How does the Satan bring a Jew to give up on mastering Shmiras Haloshon before he even gets started?*

The Chofetz Chaim explains: He makes it look like an unwinnable battle. If you've ever thought to yourself, "There's no way I can fulfill this mitzvah...no way I can say I'll never speak a word of loshon hora," then you've heard the Satan's argument.

In the following quote from Sefer Shmiras Haloshon, the Chofetz Chaim identifies this particular strategy of the Satan and responds: "Even if this were correct, is it reason enough to ignore this mitzvah? Imagine a person walking along the seashore, who sees that the sea has washed ashore precious gems. Would such a person—even if he were wealthy—refrain from picking up any gems because he knows it will be impossible to gather them all?"

It is exactly the same regarding shmiras haloshon.

It is well known that the Vilna Gaon (in his famous letter) quotes the Midrash, which says that for each moment in which a person refrains from speaking the forbidden, he merits a hidden light that no angel can fathom. Note that the Midrash does not speak of refraining from forbidden speech for a month, a week, or an hour—but for only a moment!

Scripture states: "If you will seek it like silver and hunt for it like hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of Hashem, and knowledge of G-d you will find" (Mishlei 2:4-5). One must strive to attain spiritual goals in the way that he would seek the greatest valuables that this world has to offer. This is the intent of the statement, "Do not distance yourself from a quality that is without limit." Attaining

even a small fraction of the quality of shmiras haloshon brings merit so powerful that the Torah describes it as "without limit." If we will only pursue this quality, and not tell ourselves that it is out of our reach, then we will have achieved that which no angel can fathom.

*Adapted from "Chofetz Chaim: A Lesson a Day," by R. Yitzchak Berkowitz and R. Shimon Finkelman, a project of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation and Mesorah Publications*

## Just Once

Many people immediately shrink from any resolution that starts, "From now on, I'm going to..." Why? Because "from now on" seems an impossible pledge to keep. The solution is to change that daunting phrase to a much more digestible notion: "Just this time..." or "Just for 10 more minutes..."

When you free yourself of the sense of being overwhelmed, you see that the step you want to take is not so difficult. Energized by your success, you may well decide to keep pressing forward. By mastering this "just once" consciousness, you'll discover the power to attempt many things that had seemed beyond your reach.

Think of a specific action you haven't started because it appeared too difficult to keep up. Do it, just once.

*Adapted from "Begin Again Now," with permission from the author, Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

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How can a few moments of keeping Shmiras Haloshon bring untold reward? Look at Bill Gates. In the relatively brief span of 20 years, he has amassed one of the world's largest personal fortunes. His company, Microsoft, brought him wealth that is beyond the average person's comprehension. And yet, how much of Microsoft does Bill Gates own? Just a percentage. That's all it takes to make him the richest man in the world.

So when you debate in your mind whether one certain instance of refraining from loshon hora is really worth anything—remember Bill Gates. You, too, can be the world's richest person.

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