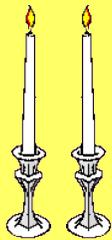


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CANDLE LIGHTING

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### WELCOME BACK!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful, uplifting and inspiring Sukkos break.

It is a pleasure to see the students back at school refreshed from their time away and with renewed enthusiasm for learning.

May the coming weeks and months of school be productive and fruitful for everyone at Toras Emes.

### New Feature !!!!!

**We're proud to** introduce our new weekly feature in the TEAM Spirit—Torah Riddle! Challenge your children (and yourselves!) to answer the weekly riddle. The question will always have something to do with the **week's Parsha and the answer will almost always** be found by simply looking through the pages of the Chumash. Enjoy at your Shabbos Seudah or anytime!



### **This week's question:**

Parshas Noach is named after a person. How many Parshios in the Torah are named for people? What are they?

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## WE ARE STAR STUDENTS\* AND TEAM\*\* PLAYERS!

Each week teachers recognize one student who has distinguished him or herself during the past week in academics, citizenship, effort or improvement. Our PE teachers recognize two students per class who demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during recess or PE during the past week. Students' names are published in the weekly newsletter, names are posted on the display board near the office, and a beautiful certificate is sent home.

\*Student Achievement Recognition

\*\*Teamwork, Encouragement, Attitude, Midos Tovos

S.S. = Secular Studies T.S. = Torah Studies

### STAR STUDENTS

Binyomin Ciment – T.S.  
Tzvi Danziger – S.S.  
Zachary Dennis – S.S.  
Mordechai Dreyfuss – S.S.  
Shmuli Feigenbaum – T.S.  
Asher Greenberg – T.S.  
Eithan Grynsztein – T.S.  
Menachem Hyman – T.S.  
Menachem Levy – S.S.  
Zusha Licht – S.S.  
Matisyahu Meiner – T.S.  
Yehuda Pomper – T.S. & S.S.  
Noam Richmond – S.S.

Avrohom Mordechai  
Sharfman – T.S.  
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Orly Adar – S.S.  
Elisheva Alber – S.S.  
Racheli Breier – T.S.  
Leah Corcos – T.S.  
Leora Feldman – T.S.  
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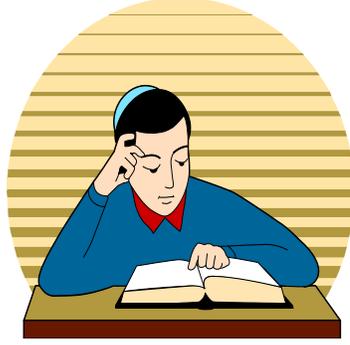
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## HASMODA PROJECT

We are proud of our many students who participated in the Sukkos Hasmoda Project. Make sure your sheets are handed in by Monday, if not already done so. Thank you to the Mann family and the Glatt family for their generous sponsorship. *Yasher Kochachem!*



## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Avrohom Liberman and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon

Gittleson and family on the birth of a grandson, born to our alumnus, Yehuda and Leila Gittleson.



To Mr. and Mrs. Yaniv Amar and family on the birth of a girl.

## BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a week left to get all those box tops in! We cannot afford to slow down now... **the October 21 deadline is just around the corner!** Any boxtops still lying around the house or sitting in your 'junk drawer' should be sent in to school this coming week.



Please remember to continue to collect box tops after the deadline. The collection will continue throughout the year so do not throw away any box tops!

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

We are starting our after school sports programs for girls. See form included with this newsletter. Information for boys program coming soon.



## KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

The need for basic food items and other daily necessities is ongoing. Those in need make an appointment to shop, and are not seen by any other shopper. The Food Bank **depends on everyone's** participation to help combat



hunger in our community—one meal, one person at a time. For the month of October, the specific items requested are mayonnaise, canned salmon, sugar, and dishwashing liquid. Keep in mind that all the food must be either OU, Chaf-K, O-K, or Star-K certified, making it suitable for any family. Thank you for your continued help. *Yasher Koach!*

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Aharon ben Adela  
Chaim Yosef ben Rus  
Sarah Leah bas Rus  
Mina Yehudis bas Masouda  
Yaakov ben Rachel  
Yitzchok Shmuel ben Pesha Sara  
Aharon Dovid ben Chaya  
Chaim Ovadya Yosef ben Georgia



## CHOOSE CHOSEN WORDS

An opportunity for sponsorship of “The Chosen Words” is still available and your help would be greatly appreciated. The \$360 sponsorship, in memory, in honor of, or for a *Refuah Shelaima*, will be printed at the bottom of each Chosen Words that appears in our weekly newsletter for the entire year of 5774.

## NMB PIRCHEI

The North Miami Beach Pirchei will start next week. Details will be coming soon!

# WANTED

We are looking for mothers (or fathers) who can serve as a vital link in the chain of communication between school and home, teachers and parents. If you are available to act as a liaison for your **child(ren)'s class**, please call Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305.651.0115.



Erev Shabbos Parashas Noach Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan 5774

Dear Parents,

**Roshei HaYeshiva**

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In his characterization of the destructive behavior that doomed the generation of the flood, the *Seforno* (6:13) **explains what “and the world was filled with robbery”** looked like. Society had degenerated to the point that everyone was involved in acts of dishonesty: Landowners forcefully extorted money from their sharecroppers, the sharecroppers stole from the landowners through deception, to such a degree that all produce and all possessions were tainted with thievery.

**One may be tempted to ask: What’s the big deal? Everyone is stealing and they come out equal. There is no victim and everyone survives. It’s a nasty system, but it works.** The secular world says that an act between two consenting adults is no crime. Why destroy the world over it?

The Torah tells us how this very rationale destroys the world. In fact it is a fundamental principle of the *Torah*. *Hashem* is not overly concerned with the results of our actions – after all He controls the outcomes of our behavior. Our role is to behave according to the *Torah* –because our behavior is all that we can control. When everyone is committing *aveiros-sins*, they are ripping away at the fabric of the world. In this respect, our behavior in private has the same impact as in public. The *Mesillas Yesharim* **spells this out clearly in Chapter 1. “When a person chases after this world, leaving *Hashem* behind and distant, he brings ruination upon himself and his world.”**

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**Rav Yaakov Weinberg zt'l said we weren't put into this world to see how little damage we do; rather for how much we can accomplish.** This needs to be the focus with our children. The message to them must be that **their behavior matters, even when no one is looking. Every person's behavior has a far-reaching impact, for good or bad.** Children can internalize the message to behave properly, **because it's the right thing to do.** The Responsive Classroom approach being used in school focuses on teaching and reinforcing proper behavior, that children will carry with them into adulthood.

While attitude, good intentions, effort and aiming to please are good and proper, the bottom line **is the actual behavior.** **"Be good" is a meaningless statement** – our children need to hear in detail what our behavioral expectations are and how they can live up to them. When they ignore, disobey or directly defy you – it cannot pass unnoticed and unaddressed, because the message you are sending is that nothing so terrible resulted as the outcome – **"no harm done" so no response or correction needed.** They need to know that what they do does count and actually **makes a 'world of a difference' (pun intended).** **Rationalizations abound to justify acting in ways** that flatter, threaten, deceive, undermine and exert pressure and control. Our children will live happy, productive, meaningful lives when they habituate proper, respectful, purposeful behavior. Parents need to help their children behave properly – not because it makes life easier for the parent (which it does), but most importantly because it is one of the strongest guarantors of creating successful and fulfilled adults.

Have a wonderful, fulfilling Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Principal

## 1G SIGNS THE CONSTITUTION!

In commemoration of Constitution Signing Day, September 17, 1787, the girls of 1G adopted and signed their very own Class Constitution. The citizens of the class collaborated on the writing of the rules of the classroom community. Then each student citizen penned their name and agreed to abide by the "laws" of our newly adopted constitution.



SEPTEMBER 17, 1787



OCTOBER 4, 2013



## MAKING LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS OR.....

### ESROG PLANTS OUT OF ESROGIM!

Thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Dahan for her time and effort on Thursday as she planted Esrog seeds with the first grade boys and third grade girls. The students were fascinated by the botanical information she imparted and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on activity. Hopefully we will see the fruits of their labor in the months ahead!



# chosen words

**Personal Growth**

## Fear No Evil

One year, following a terrible spate of bombings in Israel, a mass Tehillim rally was held in Manhattan. A radio newscaster covering the event interviewed a few participants and then explained incredulously to his listeners that, "The Jews, it seems, believe that everything, even the bombings, come from G-D!" His emphasis on that final word revealed his own amazement at this concept.

Yet what else would a Jew believe? When we accepted the Aseres Hadibros, we accepted the concept that we must not have any other gods besides Hashem. If Hashem is indeed Hashem—Master of the Universe—who else but He could be controlling events?

When we say in "Shema Yisrael" that Hashem is One, we mean that all that happens is within His purview. The good and the seemingly bad are both tools in His hands, which He uses to prod our spiritual growth. The image of evil as an alien force that operates outside Hashem's control is an illusion, and one that directly contradicts our definition of Hashem. Nothing, not even evil, exists outside Hashem.

Then why does Hashem sometimes seem to make things so difficult for us? Like the coach who raises the bar so the athlete will reach new levels of physical prowess, Hashem places challenges before us as a means to push us onto new levels of spiritual greatness. The only variable is within us, for we are the possessors of the gift of free choice. We can choose to view what comes our way as an obstacle relieving us of the duty to pursue Hashem's will, or we can view it as our personal path to growth. By following the latter course, every situation—wedding

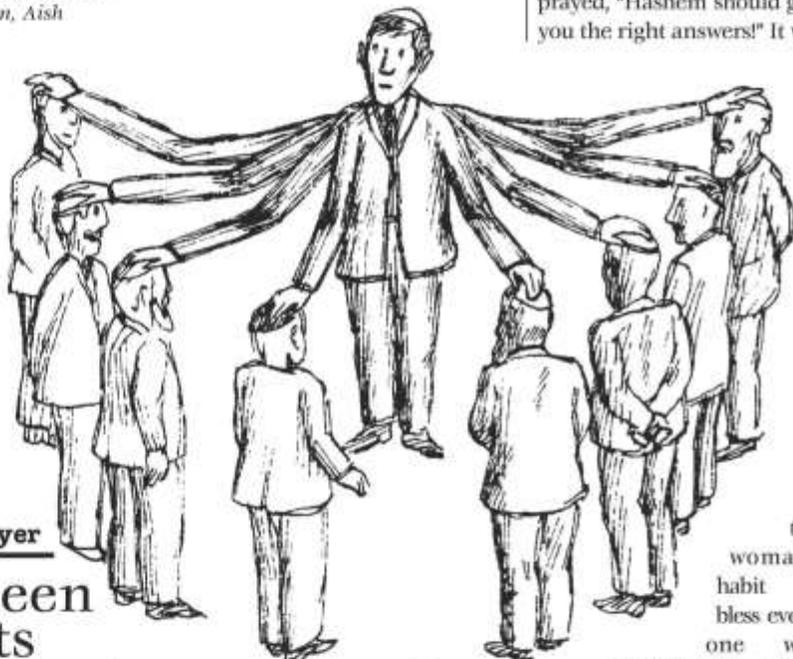
or funeral, sickness or recovery, war or peace, wealth or poverty—brings us the joy of closeness to Hashem.

**Shabbos Table Discussion:**

How can we understand what Hashem is asking of us in a difficult situation?

*Adapted from an essay by Rabbi Noah Weinberg, Dean, Aish HaTorah International with permission from Aish HaTorah*

*"Have a blessing for everyone you meet."*



**Effective Prayer**

## Unforseen Benefits

Praying for the sick seems in some ways to be a risky proposition. The petitioner is praying for the patient's recovery, and if that recovery doesn't materialize, there would seem to be no clearer indication that a prayer has gone unanswered. Yet praying for the sick is an act of chesed, and Hashem promises that such acts will be repaid.

Avraham prayed for the people of Sodom, a fact unknown to and unappreciated by them. It was, nonetheless, an act of chesed. Rav Tzadok HaKohen notes that this prayer is the longest prayer recorded in the Torah, yet it failed to save anyone except for Lot. Following the sequence further, however, reveals the real value of that

**Torah Tools for Personal Growth**

**Inspiration**



**Ideas**



**Excellence**



**Success**

**Better Relationships**

## A Blessing On Your Head

As the young mother strolled past the high school, she noticed girls waiting outside, nervously discussing the admissions test that awaited. She saw their eager young faces and, glancing in their direction, silently prayed, "Hashem should give you the right answers!" It was

this woman's habit to bless everyone who

came her way. If they were bringing their baby for a routine well-check-up, she would say to herself, "May he be in perfect health." If she spied a neighbor on the way to the mailbox, she'd think, "May it be only good  
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prayer: From Lot came the people of Moav, and from Moav came Rus. From Rus came King David, and from King David came the Sefer Tehillim, the eternally eloquent medium through which Jews find the voice to petition Hashem.

Praying for others is a kindness for which ample repayment—in some form, at some time—is guaranteed.

**Shabbos Table Discussion:**

If the effectiveness of a prayer cannot be measured by fulfillment of our request, how can it be measured?

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# Clockwork

As a single young man, Eli had ample time for learning. When he couldn't concentrate any longer, he would take a break and play a little basketball. Then he would sit back down again with his study partner and dig into the next Talmudic argument. On Shabbos, he'd learn, take a long nap and then walk across town to visit his grandmother. He felt that his weeks were very busy.

Fast-forward five years. Eli is awakened at 5 a.m. by the shrill of his first child, a three-month-old boy who sleeps in half-hour intervals. Eli's wife tends to the baby, and Eli goes blessedly back to sleep. Later in the day, his mind drifts from the work

before him into a semi-dream state. A cup of coffee gets him back on track, but soon it's time to stop short and head to a sales meeting. He calls his wife to say he'll be late. On Shabbos, he tries to learn while he watches the baby, giving his wife a much-needed rest. Often, both he and the baby fall asleep.

The Imrei Emes points out that the customary gift for the bride-groom—a gold watch—carries a vital message for the young man starting a family, or for anyone whose days are filled with competing responsibilities: Time is a gift of gold.

The P'nei Menachem expounds further: The golden watch-case appears to be very valuable, yet the outside of an

object is usually just the packaging for the real treasure inside. In the case of the watch, the contents is time itself; time is so precious that gold and diamonds serve as its packaging. It's our time, not our gold and diamonds, that requires our protection.

**Shabbos Table Discussion:**

What are some ways to protect your time?

*Heard from Rabbi Nafiali Jaeger, Rosh Yeshivah, Shor Yeshuv.*

**"The customary gift for the bridegroom—a gold watch—carries a vital message.**

# Blessing

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news." In this way, she cultivated a constantly growing love for other people and simultaneously, an imperviousness to people's sometimes annoying or insulting deeds. It's hard to be angry at someone you bless.

Rabbi Baruch Ber Leibowitz, the Rosh Yeshivah of Kaminetz, commented that the habit of blessing everyone was the key to his profound love for his fellow Jew. And, he contended, it was the only merit he felt he could rely upon when his time for judgment would come: "Do I learn enough? Do I have enough fear of Heaven?" The only merit he could count with precision was that which came from thinking, "A blessing on your head," for every Jew he encountered.

*Adapted from "Growth Through Torah" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin, with permission from the author*

# The Blanket

The elderly Rav Elazar Man Shach embarked on an trip to Haifa from his home in B'nei Brak to attend the funeral of a woman who lived in relative obscurity, but had a lasting effect on his life, and on Klal Yisrael. As a 12-year-old, Rav Shach was admitted to an elite yeshivah in Europe. The students lived in poverty, sleeping on shul benches or the floor. As the winter set in, the young boy began feeling overwhelmed by the living conditions. He received a letter from an uncle inviting him to come to work as an apprentice. After a few more frozen nights, Rav Shach decided to accept.

The next day, a recently widowed woman came to the yeshivah and donated some goose-down filled blankets—the merchandise her husband had been selling when he was killed by an accident. Rav Shach received a blanket and experienced his first warm night in yeshivah. This small comfort convinced him that he could make it, and he never again considered leaving the life of learning. Nor did he ever forget this widow's gesture, and how it had steered him onto the path of greatness.

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