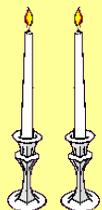


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**ASARA B'TEVES**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
REGULAR SESSIONS

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*Please see attached Dinner/Journal Update*

## PARSHA QUIZ

### *Last week's question:*

*Who is called a כהן in this week's Parsha?*

*Extra credit: Who else is called a כהן in בראשית?*

### *Last week's answer:*

*In this Parsha, פוטי פרע is called "כהן און", the priest of Ohn. (מא,מה)*

*Extra credit: In לך לך , מלכי צדק , the king of שלום is called a כהן (יד,יח)*



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

In what 3 places in this Parsha does the number 5 come up?

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM



Our After School Sports program for boys will begin on Monday, December 9. If you have not yet signed up, please send in your form, with payment, on Monday.

## KIDS FOR KOSHER FOOD BANK

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 December, the specific items requested are kids cereal, canned veggies, Shabbat candles, coffee, and rice. *Yasher Koach!*



## MAZEL TOV

To Mr. and Mrs. Doron Shmueli and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Michael.



To Mr. and Mrs. Dovi Lamet and family on the birth of a daughter.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Heshy Riesel and family on the engagement of their daughter, our alumna, Shaindy to Chezkie Levine.



## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Chaim Yosef ben Rus  
Tinok ben Dina  
Yaakov ben Rachel  
Galit bas Ruma  
Mina Yehudis bas Masouda  
Aharon Dovid ben Chaya  
Esther bas Chaya Sara  
Yitzchok Shmuel ben Pesha Sara  
Yitzchok Reuven ben Malka  
Tzvi Zelig ben Chasya Rochel  
Rivka bas Minnie  
Dovid ben Rochel  
Dovid Tzvi Aharon ben Alte Rochel





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### WISH LIST :

*Kippahs* to have available in the Boys Office. Thanks!



## KES CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

The week of *Chanukah* was celebrated with tremendous joy at KES. From *sufganiyot* baking, to spectacular *sevivon* spinning, to face painting and lively *simcha* dancing, the school was filled with special activities for everyone to enjoy.

It was truly a Chag Sameach!



# KES CELEBRATES CHANUKAH!



This Thursday, the fifth grade boys had a wonderful Chagiga at the home of Rabbi Grossman. There was plenty of food, and a special Chanuka Jeopardy game that included learning, singing some of our favorite Chanuka songs, and playing dreidle. The boys had a great time! Thank you to Mr. Binyamin Lehrer, Mrs. Dina Rubin, and Mrs. Chaya Weiner for driving.



*Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayeeegash 5774*

Dear Parents,

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Despite the justification for being irresponsible, as popularized **in the 1950's song "Call Me Irresponsible,"** acting responsibly and living up to a commitment is among the most praiseworthy of human behaviors. People who are responsible are trusted by others, land and keep good jobs, have more stable relationships and in general lead more fulfilling, happy lives. Being responsible is also a Torah value, as exemplified to the highest degree by *Yehuda in this week's Parsha*.

At the opening of the *Parsha*, as the drama between *Yosef* and his brothers was reaching its climax, *Yehuda* declares to *Yosef*: (44:30-32) *If I return to my father without Binyamin he will die on the spot* (from the shock of assuming Binyamin had passed away). **Why? Because I guaranteed his (Binyamin's) safe return.** The *Seforno* wonders how could *Yaakov* have such a reaction without asking *Yehuda* first – what happened? He answers that *Yehuda* was making the point to *Yosef*, that on account of the fact that *Yehuda* took responsibility for **Binyamin's** safe return, once *Yaakov* saw that *Binyamin* was not with *Yehuda*, it could only be because *Binyamin* was no longer alive – because if he was, *Yehuda* would not have returned without him. Therefore the only explanation for **Binyamin's** absence was – that he was dead.

This is the extent to which one needs to take responsibility. If one is committed to see a project or obligation through to its completion, he or she will do whatever is necessary (as long as it is Halachically permissible) to get the job done.

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Excuses serve no purpose when one is intent on being true to his promise. A person needs to be passionate, determined and focused on achieving the goal – otherwise obstacles along the way will preclude completion of the task.

**The ability to fulfill a promise depends on the level of commitment in a person's heart at the time the promise is made.** When a child asks a parent for a treat or privilege, and the parent **mumbles, "sure, later" - the reason why he or she won't make good on his or her word is** because the promise was made to get through the moment – it was not a deep felt or a serious intention. The challenge to fulfilling a commitment is not so much in the follow through as it is in the original intent. (*See also Seforno, Bereishis 12:5*)

How do we teach children to keep commitments, to fulfill promises? The strongest influence is always the personal example of those who are nearest and dearest. Parents should make it a **habit of not making promises in response to children's requests. Train yourself to say "I'll try."** Promises should be reserved for special situations, and then make the commitment only with a clear understanding of the ramifications and with a strong commitment to carry through.

When children promise you to fulfill some request or instruction – ("**I promise, Mommy**") **train them to say instead "I will try my best."** (**Routine requests need to be fulfilled without promises.**) When your child makes a commitment to do something, help him or her focus on what they are saying, and guide them to analyze if they understand what they are promising, and if they have the resources and wherewithal to carry through. Once that is in place, help the child live up to the commitment by insisting he or she fulfill the promise, with the parent helping minimally as needed.

To become as dependable as the great *Yehuda* may be beyond us, but as truthful, G-d fearing Jews, our word must become as good as gold, and our commitments must be ones that our children can depend on. That will be our greatest guarantor that we will then be able to rely on **our children's word.**

Best wishes for a dependably wonderful *Shabbos*,



Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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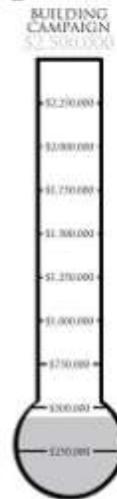
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## Personal Growth

### Really Happy

*Yes, it's really possible to be "b'simchah tamid."*

Be happy. Always. The Torah tells us that we should—in fact we must—strive always to be b'simchah. Yet, illness, grief and disappointment touch each and every life. So how is this continual state of simchah supposed to be maintained?

The answer is, by understanding what simchah really is. Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't mean you always feel like dancing. The Talmud tells us that a person is supposed to praise Hashem, b'simchah, in adversity just as in good times. Rashi explains that in this instance, simchah means "with a complete heart." A person, who accepts Hashem's judgment, even when it is painful to him, shows faith in the ultimate goodness and justice of Hashem's plan.

From the human perspective, suffering conflicts with our belief that Hashem is good. Adversity doesn't look, sound or feel good. But with a sense of simchah, we trust that the good is there, at a level we can't understand. Scientific breakthroughs have proven that our idea of reality is limited by what we know. For instance, there were two chemicals that, when combined, would simply not blend together. But when scientists brought those same chemicals

into outer space, outside the range of gravity, they blended completely. Of course, there was no way of knowing this until man achieved the ability to travel in space.

In the same way, events that seem to conflict with the concept of Hashem's kindness, when seen from another level, are perfectly harmonious with it. We only see conflict because our human intellect doesn't comprehend the higher

## Effective Prayer

### "My Lord"

*Part of a Series on Preparing for Prayer*

The first word we utter when beginning the Shmoneh Esrei is "Adon-ai," my Lord. In doing so, we call upon Hashem with the name that was first used by Avraham, the first person to ever pray to Hashem. Within that name is everything Avraham understood about the nature of Hashem and His continual involvement in every aspect of His creation.

## Torah Tools for Personal Growth

- Inspiration
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- Ideas
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- Excellence
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- Success

reality. But by having a firm trust in this concept, we can cope with what comes our way and fulfill the Torah's directive to live each moment of the life Hashem has given us, filled with true simchah.

*Adapted from "Let Us Make Man," by Rabbi Abraham Twerski, with permission from CIS Publications*

## Better Relationships

### Going Off On A Tangent

*Part of a Series on Loshon Hora-Free Living*

Most people have a sixth sense for when a conversation is heading into loshon hora.

There are certain people who you know to have particular sore subjects, and when those subjects come up, you know loshon hora is likely to be waiting around the next conversational bend. But it may well be possible to take hold of the situation and steer the subject in another direction. One way to do that is to introduce a different tangent of the subject the speaker is introducing:

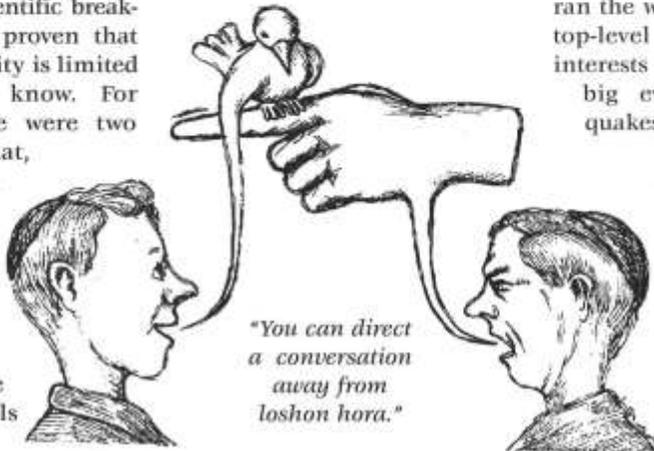
Your mother, who believes your brother-in-law spends too lavishly, begins what seems likely to be a new indictment: "Did you see David's new car? I wonder how..."

"Oh, he's back from vacation? Do you know if he's going to be home because I need to speak to him?"

Another example: Your neighbor, who had a run-in with the owner of the local grocery store, begins to relate, "I was in ABC Grocery today, and...."

"I bought some apple juice on sale there last

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*"You can direct a conversation away from loshon hora."*

In Avraham's time, as in ours, theories abounded about creation and Hashem's place in it. There were those who believed in evolution—the universe just somehow happened.

There were those who believed in a Creator, who did his work and then let the laws of nature take care of the rest. And there were those who believed that there was indeed a G-d who ran the world, but He was a top-level executive whose interests were confined to big events like earthquakes and volcanoes.

Then there was Avraham, the first human being to perceive the personal, loving, continually creative G-d. He knew that Hashem's involvement in

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

# A Worrier's Reality Check

Third in a Six-Part Series on Worry

Worry damages a person's spirituality and destroys happiness by preoccupying his or her mind with depressing thoughts. When you worry, you become a prisoner of your own imagination. Worry is a habit of thought, and like any other habit, it can be broken.

### Rather Than Envisioning Disaster, Imagine Solutions and Ways of Coping.

When we worry, we focus our thoughts on worst-case scenarios and we suffer tremendously over the possibility of some imagined occurrence, one that may never take place. If you want to stop worrying, look carefully at reality. Is it possible that you have jumped to a shaky conclusion?

Unfortunately, sometimes troubles are truly imminent. But in some of those cases, there is a very real possibility that a solution will present itself. Instead of imagining

potential disasters, visualize what the solutions might look like. The unemployed man might get a job tomorrow. The sick person might respond to a new medication – if not tomorrow, then perhaps the next day. By clearing your mind of worry, you free it to find creative solutions.

In a more serious situation, the solution may be slow in coming, or may not come at all. But even if there is no solution, you are still in control of one aspect of the situation – your reaction to it. Worry leads you to imagine that you'll "fall apart." Imagine instead that you'll react with inner strength and an accepting heart. Think of someone you know who has approached a problem similar to yours with an attitude you admire, and imagine doing the same. Though your worry may seem as real as stone and granite, when you set your mind to dealing

with the situation, you find that worry is less substantial than thin air.

*Adapted from "Gateway to Happiness," by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin, with permission from the author*

## My Lord

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creation is ongoing, all-inclusive and constant. He knew that the same Power that brought "something from nothing" creates our world anew for us every day.

All this is contained in Avraham's revolutionary name for Hashem, "my Lord," the first word we speak in Shmoneh Esrei.

### When You Begin to Pray:

Focus on Avraham's meaning of the word, and connect to the G-d who renews us and our world, guides our lives and blesses us with good. Then call out to "Adon-ai" and set your tefillah off in the right direction.

*Adapted from "Shmoneh Esrei," by Rabbi Avraham Chaim Feuer, with permission from Mesorah Publications*

**Tangent** *continued from front*  
week. Do you know if they still have it?"

The idea is to move quickly and firmly to a new topic. Most likely, by the time the topic that you've introduced has been discussed, the old topic will have evaporated. Move quickly and you can assure that the speakers will not have gotten too deeply into the topic and its intricacies.

-CCHF

## Dedications

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in Klal Yisrael*

# A Hero's Welcome

Rabbi Isser Zalman Meltzer was once sitting in his apartment in Jerusalem when one of his students reported, "The Brisker Rav is coming up the stairs!" Rav Isser Zalman ran out the door to greet him, only to find that the visitor was someone else entirely. He escorted the guest into the house with great fanfare and asked his wife to set out a special table of refreshments for their esteemed guest.

When the guest had gone, the puzzled students asked the Rav why he had treated him with such honor. "I ran out of the house thinking it was the Brisker Rav," said Rav Isser Zalman. "I was wearing my biggest smile and thinking about how I would honor this great man. Then I saw it wasn't him. But don't I owe every person my best smile and my greatest honor? I had to extend my best to this man, too."

**Shabbos Table Discussion:**  
Are there people to whom we do owe a bigger greeting?

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