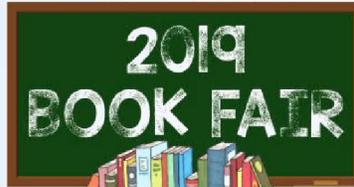


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BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE BY CLASS:

Monday, December 2:

9:00-9:45	2G2	Mrs. Saks
9:50-10:35	4G2	Mrs. Moskowitz
10:45-11:30	2B3	Mrs. Cardenas
1:15-2:00	4B3	Miss Cullen
2:05-2:50	2G1	Mrs. Gil
2:55-3:40	2B1	Mrs. Cardenas

Tuesday, December 3:

9:15-9:45	5B1	Mrs. Shuker
9:50-10:35	3B2	Mrs. Scott
10:45-11:30	2B2	Mrs. Gil
1:00-1:40	2G3	Mrs. Saks
2:20-2:55	3B3	Mrs. Glatzer
2:55-3:40	1B1	Mrs. Waldman

Wednesday, December 4:

9:00-9:45	4B2	Miss Cullen
9:50-10:35	5B2	Mrs. Shuker
11:15-11:55	5G2	Mrs. Ehrenreich
1:15-2:00	5G1	Mrs. Ehrenreich
2:05-2:50	4B1	Mrs. Grossman
2:55-3:40	3B1	Miss Winter

Thursday, December 5:

9:00-9:45	1G2	Mrs. Schwartz
10:45-11:30	3G2	Mrs. Palgon
1:15-2:00	3G1	Mrs. Goldenberg
2:05-2:50	1G3	Mrs. Schwartz
2:55-3:40	1G1	Mrs. Frye

Friday, December 6:

10:30-11:15	1B2	Mrs. Lamet
12:10-12:55	4G1	Mrs. Jaroslowicz
1:00-1:45	1B3	Mrs. Greenberg

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Safety Kid Presentation!

The presentation for parents takes place this Monday morning, December 2, from 9:30-11:00 in the lunchroom trailer on our campus.

All are welcome!

Mishnayos Project

We wish much Hatzlacha to our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Boys, as they begin their voluntary 3 month special learning program. Kick-off Brunch at Klurman Campus this Sunday Dec. 1, 10:00 AM

ותן טל ומטר לברכה

We begin saying at Maariv this Thursday, December 5th.

מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Dan Suissa and family on the birth of a girl.

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- Chana bas Shani
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- Basha Pesha bas Gittel
- Mordechai Shalom ben Ateret Hodaya
- Chaya bas Miriam
- Simcha Chaya bas Sarah



Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sarah 5780

One who acts inappropriately and then hides that behavior from others is usually viewed as having a double standard. *Chazal* point out that an armed robber, one who steals in broad daylight, shows he is neither afraid of man nor G-d. A thief, who acts stealthily, is considered even lower because he demonstrates that while he fears being caught by people he shows he has no fear of *Hashem*. If he did fear Hashem, he wouldn't act that way, publicly or privately, no matter what the situation.

In this week's *Parsha*, we see this issue from an interestingly different perspective. The *Pasuk* (*Bereishis 28:27*) tells us that *Yaakov* and *Esav* grew up –*Vayigdal* - the two of them grew up similarly, until they became Bar Mitzvah age. Then *Esav* became a man of the field and a hunter, meaning he became deceitful and cruel. *Rashi* adds that *Esav* went in the path of *Avodah Zara*, idolatry. *Esav* had become wicked at the age of 13.

...when they became Bar Mitzvah age, Esav became a man of the field and a hunter.

The *Sifsei Chachomim*, super-commentary on *Rashi*, questions this fact. Based on a comment of *Rashi* three *pesukim* later, it's clear that the incident of *Esav* selling the birthright took place when *Yaakov* and *Esav* were 15, on the day of *Avraham Avinu's* death. The *Medrash* (*Bereishis Rabbah 63:11*) tells us *Avraham's* death at age 175 was 5 years earlier than originally destined, "so that he would not witness his grandson *Esav*, go off the proper path." The question is, asks the *Sifsei Chachamim*, hadn't *Esav* already gone off the proper path two years earlier, when he was 13, as the Torah just indicated three *pesukim* earlier?

The *Sifsei Chachomim* answers that during the ages of 13 to 15 *Esav* acted improperly in private but maintained a public façade of piety. When he reached the age of 15 he continued committing the same crimes, but now publicly. It seems from the *Sifsei* that *Avraham* already knew, but by committing the acts in public, *Esav* brought his deplorable behavior to a whole new level. Since *Esav's* public demonstration of criminal behavior would be so much more devastating to *Avraham*, *Hashem* hastened *Avraham's* demise to spare him the pain and humiliation of experiencing *Esav's* public behavior

The nature of *Esav's* *aveiros* were the same throughout these years of his adulthood, but the manner in which

he committed those misdeeds, was the catalyst for hastening *Avraham's* death. *Avraham* knew that *Esav* was committing *Aveiros* at age 13 and 14, but he bore that. He wouldn't be able to withstand it once *Esav* acted in public.

It's an important message to bear in mind. On the one hand we need to be mindful to be *tocho k'voro*, genuine and ethical inside and out and that concealing our behavior from others may be phony, hypocritical and a demonstration of lack of fear of G-d. On the other hand, being publically inappropriate, flaunting our misbehaviors is that much worse. A person who acts badly in public shows there are really no restraints on him. He is capable of doing whatever he feels like, whatever his passions or moods dictate, and nothing will hold him back.

One who acts inappropriately in private, but still has a sense of 'company behavior', of being on his 'best behavior' when in public, rather than being a phony may be demonstrating that there are things that keep him from conducting himself in a manner that is *Hefker* – wanton and reckless. He can be self-controlled. It is possible he wishes to maintain a reputation of being an upstanding citizen. He shows he has a sense of right and wrong and he may correct himself at some point. Knowing the appropriate way to behave in public is a big step to improving what may need fixing on the inside. Externals do inspire the internal.

We should never be afraid to climb a step higher...

We all need to gain a sense of modesty and privacy and a concern about our reputation. This is difficult in our times of social media when people are sharing everything about their lives with hundreds of 'friends'. This idea is especially important for children. It is also challenging to the adults. They look to us for modeling and guidance. We need to maintain a balance between always trying to do the right thing because it's what Hashem is asking from us, with an awareness that if we do happen to mess up, we want to keep it private. It shouldn't define us and become our reputation. All people, especially children will lose self-restraint if they view themselves as unworthy. Preserving a public appearance of being upright and proper leads to greater efforts to maintain and build such a reputation.

We should teach our children to beware of justifying all manner of inappropriate public behavior because "that's just the way I am" or "I don't want to be inconsistent or a hypocrite." We should never be afraid to climb a step higher, a step closer to *Kedusha* and *Hashem*. Don't let the naysayers knock us down with cynical comments such as "you're not that frum," or "look who's becoming a Rabbi (Rebbitzin)!" We have so much more to accomplish. Help yourself and your children reach for the stars.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos*,

Rabbi Chaim Baumann

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The Taste of a Mitzvah

A "chok," such as the law of the Parah Adumah (the red heifer), is usually defined as a mitzvah we perform with no understanding of its reason. The fact that Hashem commanded it is the sole motivation for performing a chok.

But the term used to describe the "reasons" for mitzvos, "ta'amei mitzvos," shows us that in reality, every mitzvah is done solely to fulfill Hashem's will. The literal translation of "ta'amei mitzvos" is the "taste of mitzvos."

What is meant by the taste? The obvious comparison is food. We eat to nourish our bodies, without knowing why Hashem built us to use certain nutrients. However, Hashem wanted the process of feeding our bodies to be pleasant. So, we have taste buds, and food has a pleasant taste. Still, it could never be said that the reason we must eat is to experience pleasant tastes.

Even if our taste buds were destroyed, we would still have to eat

to maintain our physical health.

Mitzvos are the food of our spiritual health. Just as we have no idea why human beings were built with a need for potassium or iron, we have no idea why our souls have the need for any particular mitzvah. That wisdom resides solely with our Creator. However, Hashem wanted the performance of mitzvos to be palatable to us. So, he gave each mitzvah a taste—a concept or lesson—that we can understand.

"Tastes," however, cannot be confused with reasons. Never can we imagine that we fully understand a reason for a mitzvah, and conclude that

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the mitzvah doesn't apply to us, or our community, or our time in history. In essence, every mitzvah, even those with a discernible "ta'am," is really a chok. We do it, not because we like the taste or understand the reason, but because it's Hashem's will. Only when that motivation underlies the mitzvah can it be performed to perfection.

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Better Relationships

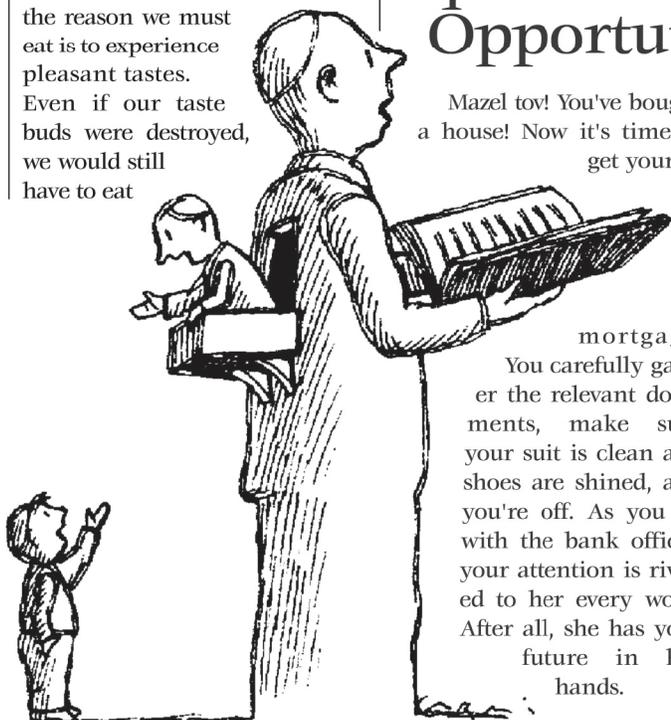
Getting What's Due

When we examine the idea of being hurt—having our honor or our financial status diminished—we see that it is based upon a false assumption. We're assuming that this honor or money would have been ours, had this wrongdoer not done his damage. But the Gemara teaches that no one has the power to alter the amount of money or honor Hashem has designated for us, not even by a hairsbreadth (Yoma 38a).

King David epitomized this belief when he was cursed by Shimi, a member of Saul's household. King David's general proposed revenge, but the King would not allow it: "So let him curse, because the Lord has said to him, 'Curse David.' Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

Bitachon, trust in the ultimate good of everything Hashem does, is a vital component of shmiras haloshon. The desire for revenge, which often leads to loshon hora, becomes an irrelevance once we understand that nothing was lost through the acts of the wrongdoer. Although he still bears the guilt for his wrongdoing, and we still need to take appropriate

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"No time for a chat."

Then, in walks a neighbor. You jump up out of your seat and greet him, spend five or ten minutes chatting, and then stroll back to your seat. The incredulous loan officer immediately hands back your papers and suggests you look elsewhere for your mortgage.

A ridiculous scenario. People do not squander their future for a chat with a friend.

Every day, three times a day, our personal futures and Klal Yisrael's future are on the agenda of a far more important meeting. These meetings are precious opportunities to reach out to Hashem, Who determines

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Deflating an Insult

An essential part of most people's self-image is the way in which other people treat them. If people like you, you're likeable. If they look up to you, you're respectable. If they ask your advice, you're smart.

That is why hostility or rejection from others is so painful. Not only do we suffer from the unpleasantness

of the encounter. We also suffer, usually much more deeply, from the sense that maybe they are right to some degree. Our sense of competence and worthiness suffers when someone else's anger—even unjustified anger—is aroused against us.

But hostility need not make a person feel unworthy. When someone else speaks to

us with anger and disrespect, we feel diminished. But behind nearly every hostile, angry attack is someone who is suffering himself. In reality, it's not even about you.

A put-down need not be accepted. It need not become a chink in the mirror we use to view ourselves. It can, and often should, just pass into history.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What are the strongest, most reliable foundations for a person's self-esteem?

“Behind nearly every hostile, angry attack is someone who is suffering himself.”

[Note: At times another person's hostility can be excessive or destructive. If this seems to be the case, it is worthwhile to seek a knowledgeable, objective opinion.]
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Squandered Opportunities

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every breath we take, every cent we earn, every morsel we eat; Who determines whether we live in peace or war, poverty or plenty, freedom or oppression. Who can afford to walk away, even for just five minutes?

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Look at the blessings of Shemoneh Esrei. How do the things we pray for make a difference in your life?
—CCHF

Getting What's Due

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steps to improve the situation, the results he brought about were Hashem's desire. When we see a setback as a way to learn what Hashem wants from us in this world, we will not see it as the fuel for loshon hora.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What is the difference between having bitachon, and passivity or inaction in the face of a problem?
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In Perspective

Count Pototsky, the "Ger Tzedek" of Vilna, was considered a traitor by the Church. Tracked down to his hiding place in a Lithuanian village where he had devoted himself to learning, he was sentenced to burn at the stake. Before he died, he put his executioner's act in perspective.

"As a child, I carefully built some clay soldiers, which another child destroyed. I thought that when I got older, I would take revenge. But once I had grown, the incident seemed trivial." That, he explained, was how his earthly torment would appear in the light of his Heavenly reward—a mere triviality.

And though most of life's situations are far less dramatic than this, the truth remains that, in perspective, many of our seeming "torments" fade into triviality when given a little perspective.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Why does the passage of time—even just an hour—sometimes take the urgency out of an upsetting situation?
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