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ניחום אבלים

To Mrs. Deana Shuker on the loss of her mother.
Shiva ends Monday morning.

To Rabbi Asher Suissa on the loss of his brother.
Shiva ends Sunday morning.

Box Tops

Please continue to send in your box tops to help our school.

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מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rottman on the birth of a granddaughter born to their daughter, our alumna, Toby and Dovid Bain!

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Saka and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Shalom

To Mrs. Shifra Sharfman on the upcoming marriage of her daughter, our alumna, Ita.

To Ms. Sara Tamir on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson!

Library Books

All library books are to be returned before Winter Break.

Thank You.

רפואה שלימה

Yussel ben Hinda Leah
Chana bas Shani

Bentzion ben Nomi Rachel Margalit
Avigail Bracha bas Rivka

Leora Rochel bas Chaya Raizel
Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta
Mina Yehudis bas Marsoudi Marsel
Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah
Ezra Chaim ben Rivka

Binyamin Simcha ben Adina Minya
Raiselle bas Pessel

Yosef Binyamin ben Kochava
Fradel Rivka bas Chana
Yitzchok ben Fraida

Baruch Gavriel ben Miriam
Tinok ben Rochel

Basha Pesha bas Gittel
Mordechai Shalom ben Ateret Hodaya

Simcha Chaya bas Sarah
Yosef Akiva ben Yocheved

Yonatan ben Yael
Yaakov ben Sarah

Devorah Leah Bas Esther



REAL MEN SEEK COUNSEL

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayechi 5780

In Western culture, the idea of manhood provokes thoughts of ruggedness, strength, leadership-- someone unemotional, but powerful. The notion of a man is of one who is self-assured, decisive and independent. What typical man ever asks for directions...? It is therefore very relevant to investigate what is the *Torah's* image of a "man".

In the *Haftora* for this week, which is the 2nd *Perek* of *Melachim Aleph*, *Dovid HaMelech* is on his deathbed (hence the connection to this week's *Parsha*) and is exhorting his son *Shlomo*, the future king, to "be strong, and become a man." (*V'Chazakta VeHayisa L'Ish - Melachim I 2:2*) The *Ralbag*, in his commentary explains what it means to "become a man." He explains that *Dovid* is telling *Shlomo* not to act like an adolescent but rather like a mature adult. What is that line of demarcation between an immature youth and a wise older person? The *Ralbag* says it is "seeking counsel." How counterintuitive! Asking for advice may conjure up an image of indecisiveness, hesitancy and even a lack of confidence. It is quite the opposite of the modern image of "manliness."

“Dovid HaMelech is exhorting his son *Shlomo*, the future king, to “be strong, and become a man.”

This is a window into the *Torah's* concept of what an adult should look like, and here specifically, how the King of the Jewish People should conduct himself. Seek advice, don't just act independently. Consult with those greater than you and bounce ideas off of even those smaller than you. Asking *sheilos*, consulting with friends and mentors do not diminish one's 'bigness', on the contrary, they are the very essence of an adult *Torah* personality. Someone who is truly 'manlike' is confident enough and wise enough to "network" and seek out the wisdom and guidance that will help him accomplish his goals.

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How do we inculcate this notion within our children? As with other approaches to life – the greatest impact is the model the parents present to their children. Do we form our ideas and act on them based only on our own feelings and perceptions? When an issue arises that evokes strong emotions – are we smart enough to seek an unbiased opinion from a trusted friend or confidant, or perhaps an expert or someone with experience in this area, or do we plow ahead with what our feelings of the moment push us to do? Do our children hear the words come out of our lips: "I'll have to ask the *Rav* for a *Psak*," "Let me consult with my *chevrusa* – he's a very wise fellow." "I need to contact my *Rosh Yeshiva* – this is a very important decision." Even better – take the child along, when appropriate, to discuss a vexing issue or conflict with the *Rav*, to give the child first-hand experience in receiving a decision from a *Torah* authority.

Close to home, when a seemingly intractable issue arises with a child do we offer to go to a trusted *Rebbi* or *Mechanech* to discuss our concerns? When reflecting upon a school issue in our child's life that to our child seems unfair – do we jump to condemn, or do we help our child see the possibility of another point of view. Are decisions made after due deliberation, or is a snap decision made and then we find our ego doesn't allow us to reconsider our decision, despite mounting evidence to the contrary.

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The hallmark of youthfulness is being impetuous – doing things with too little forethought before acting. The hallmark of adulthood is giving thought to one's actions, and that was the core of *Dovid's* advice to the crown prince.

Best wishes for a wonderfully thoughtful *Shabbos* with our princes and princesses!

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

1G-2 & 3 Picnic!



4B-3 Gedolim Project!



GRANNY!

Dearest KES Sugarplums,

WOW!!! All I can say is WOW WOW WOW!!! I have been getting so many messages from parents and teachers about girls really trying hard and not giving up - so many Ameilus champions! I am so proud of each and every one of you and I know you will continue to GROW IN GREATNESS and keep on working on your middos. I haven't been able to come see you girls the past few weeks but I hope to come and visit really soon. I miss seeing all of your beautiful faces! Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Love,
Granny

The following girls had Middos messages called in.
Reminder to call Granny 641-715-3900 Ext. 658038#

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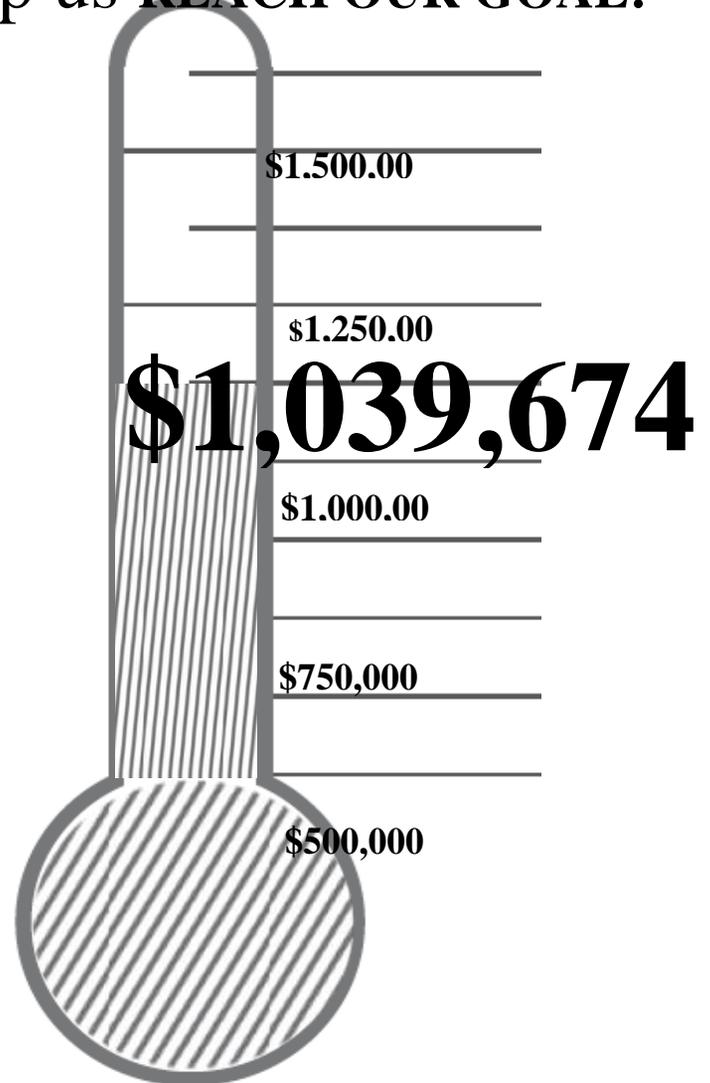
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Personal Growth

First, the Manna

Before a person can learn Torah, he must fulfill a prerequisite. And that is, derech erez—a refined character. Torah is compared to water; pour it into a faulty vessel, and it simply leaks out. A person cannot be thought of as a talmid chacham if he cheats in business, insults people or succumbs to jealousy, greed and anger.

Why not? Because both derech erez and acceptance of the Torah spring from the same source: trust in Hashem. Every positive character trait springs from this trust, and every negative trait takes root in its absence. When a person expresses impatience, jealousy or anger, he is saying: "I'm not getting what I want!" He hasn't yet absorbed the fact that Hashem gives him exactly what he needs. Until a per-

son learns to trust Hashem's rulership of all aspects of life, how can he sincerely commit himself to following Hashem's Torah?

Rabbi Mendel of Rimanov finds this lesson in the miracle of the manna. The Jews in the desert had to strengthen their derech erez before they could stand at Mount Sinai, and the manna achieved this through very concrete means. Each person had to gather his own prescribed measure each day. He couldn't take more than he needed; it would spoil. If he took less, Hashem would add to it. The Jews saw how precisely they were fed by Hashem's hand, how He alone took care of their needs.

Effective Prayer

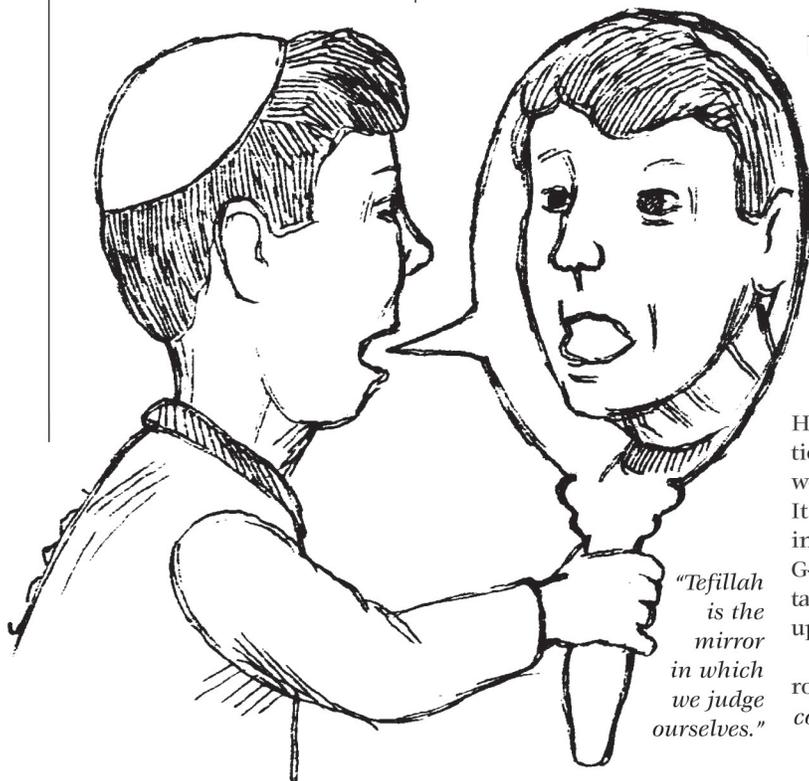
Outside In

If prayer is our chance to bring our concerns and requests to Hashem, then how can there be uniform times and uniform words to effect this purpose? Shouldn't we speak the words that are in our hearts, that truly reflect our desires? Shouldn't we pray when the need strikes, rather than counting stars and watching the clock?

Rabbi Shamshon Rafael Hirsch answers these questions with a closer look at the word for prayer—"tefillah." It's not, as we sometimes interpret it, our wish list for G-d. It's not something we take from within us and send up to Heaven.

Instead, tefillah, from the root pay-lamed-lamed, actu-

"Tefillah is the mirror in which we judge ourselves."



Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

Ideas

Excellence

Success

The trust in Hashem that the manna built within them refined their character, fulfilling the prerequisite of derech erez. They had been forged into perfect vessels, able to accept, and hold for eternity, the Torah they were to receive.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Have family members choose various middos and discuss how trust in Hashem affects each of these middos. Adapted from "Lights Along the Way," by Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, with permission from Mesorah Publications

Better Relationships

Evening the Score

Society places a high value on "not letting them get away with it." We learn to admire the person who says, "I don't get mad. I get even," and applaud when the villain gets his comeuppance. But the Talmud teaches that, when we abandon our passion for evening the score in this world, we can score far more valuable points in the World to Come.

The Talmud relates that R' Huna lay so close to death that R' Pappa ordered preparation of his burial shrouds. But R' Huna recovered, and reported what he had seen in his unconscious state: Death had indeed been decreed, but "The Holy One, Blessed is He, instructed, 'Because he does not exact his measure, therefore do not be exacting with him.' As it is written, 'He forgives transgressions and passes over sins' (Michah 7:18)—whose sin does He forgive? One who passes over sins (of others)."

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What is the difference between dropping a grudge and losing the fight?

Adapted from "Chofetz Chaim: A Lesson a Day," by Rabbi Shimon Finkelman and Rabbi Yitzchok Berkowitz, a project of CCHF published by Mesorah Publications

What Could Be

A museum curator procured a bar of raw iron for \$5. This, he placed into a glass case with the following sign: "This raw iron was purchased for \$5. If you make a horseshoe from it, the value increases to \$10. If you refine it more, you can make \$355 worth of sewing needles from it. If you shape it differently, you can make \$2,000 worth of razor blades. But if you hone it to its maximum potential, you can derive balances and springs for Swiss watches from it. The value of those delicate springs is \$250,000."

And that's just a piece of iron. Imagine applying this logic to the "raw iron" situations of everyday life. How

many ordinary tasks could be polished into their finest form and emerge as something greater? You're unhappy with an employee's work. You can insult him, or maybe by bending and working the situation, you can help him learn something. You've been waiting an hour for the dentist. You can fume at the receptionist, or teach yourself patience. You need to get the baby dressed. You can make a perfunctory rush job of it, or you can coo and smile and make the baby feel loved.

Take the theory one step further. What could possibly harbor more potential than a human being invested with a holy neshamah? If we concen-

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trate our efforts on bringing out that Divine spark in those around us—with praise, interest in their ideas, help and support—the potential is truly unlimited.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Make a game of naming all the potential uses for a familiar item like a tree or a rock. Use the game as a springboard to discuss maximizing our own potential.

Adapted from an article in Yated Ne'eman

Outside In

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ally means to judge. A person who engages in true tefillah judges himself against the lofty concepts and spiritual aspirations expressed in the words of prayer set by Chazal. He isn't seeking answers; he's seeking purification and understanding of his role as Hashem's servant.

Tefillah comes from outside us, in the prescribed words at the prescribed times. It acts upon our inner selves, lifting us to a higher level. Once that is achieved, we have the strength, the perspective, and the right to ask for our needs—the techinos and bakashos of our prayers.

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A.S.A.P.

The guests at a young man's bar mitzvah were surprised by the sudden appearance of the Steipler. He sat down next to the guest of honor, spoke a few words, and left. Naturally, the guests were eager to know what the illustrious figure had said.

The boy explained. Several years earlier, he had been entering the Lederman's Shul on Yom Kippur, carrying a large sefer, which the Steipler mistook to be a Gemara. He gently admonished the boy that now was the time for tefillah, not learning. The boy then showed him that the sefer was a large machzor, not a Gemara. The Steipler regretted the reproach, but the forgiveness of a minor carries no halachic validity. So, the very moment the boy became an adult, the Steipler came to ask forgiveness.

No doubt, the crowd learned as much Torah from that one act as from the most profound words the Steipler could have spoken.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What did the crowd learn from the Steipler's actions?

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