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LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR

Miami Candle
Lighting
7:25 PM

Friday
August 28, 2020
ח' אלול תש"פ

Save The Date!
Back to School Expo
Tuesday September
1st

מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Avrohom Jablon on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Brendel to Moshe Peppard, son of board member, Dr. and Mrs. Tuvia Peppard

To Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer Greenbaum on the birth of a boy.

רפואה שלימה

Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
Bentzion ben Naomi Rochel Margalit
Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah
Nechama Malka bas Blima
Dov ben Leah

Boys Sunday Classes

Sunday classes for boys grades
3-5 and 1B-3 start this Sunday,
August 30
9am-12pm

Stay Hydrated!

Water fountains have been replaced by bottle-filling stations. All children should bring a refillable water bottle with them to school each day



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, September 1 -
Back-to-School Expo
Evening
Information to follow

Thursday, September 3 –Friday,
September 4-
Lice Check

P.M. Carpool Arrangements

If you need to make any carpool or bus changes, you must notify the office no later than 1:30 (M-Th) and 12:30 (F). Please note: Parents are not to be on campus other than in their car on the carpool line, until further notice.

Girl's Office: 305-947-6000
Boy's Office: 305-948-3338

Peanut Free School

We are a peanut free school. Please do not send any product that has peanuts or may contain traces of peanuts.

New Students

Welcome To Our New Students

Welcome to the entire first grade!

First Grade:

Adir Abehsera

Jacob Azra

David Dahan

Israel Dardashti

Akiva Grossman

Nesanel Jablon

David Pinhasov

Tzvi Rudski

Moishy Salamon

Aden Saka

Shmuel Sokol

Efrat Aminov

Emme Ciment

Nechama Mindel Falber

Ella Gruner

Zoe Rabinowich

Second Grade:

Gavriel Ehrlich

Jonah Levy

Samuel Maman

Ely Schertz

Rafael Tal

Batsheva Falber

Ashley Landesman

Third Grade:

Netanel Fields

Avraham Rosenberg

David Saka

Lea Azra

Naomie Cohen

Dina Fried

Ava Guedj

Esther Handler

Malka Handler

Leora Sokol

Fourth Grade:

Yosef Abehsera

Eliyahu Bensoussan

Avraham Fields

Jojo Rabinowich

Yossi Salamon

Rafi Taillard

Rita Amos

Molly Berg

Rochel Leah Falber

Fifth Grade:

David Rabinowich

Judah Schertz

New Staff

Welcome To Our New Staff

Rabbi Mayer Porter

Rabbi Tzvi Fladen

Miss Leah Benguigui

Mr. Michael Bowler

Mrs. Adi Cohen

Mrs. Evelyn Davis

Mrs. Shulamis Durden

Mr. David Engel

Mrs. Danielle Jeiger

Mrs. Vanessa Katz

Mrs. Shira Krieger

Mrs. Chani Richmond

Mrs. Esti Osina

Miss Chana Ita Parsons

Coach Steven Reiz

Mrs. Ruth Schwartz

Miss Rivki Stern

Miss Shira Suissa

Mr. Alexander Weiss



ACHDUS IS OUR STRENGTH

Erev Shabbos Parashas Ki-Seitzei 5780

Dear Parents,

The anticipation, jitters, excitement and relief that we experienced this week as our children returned to Yeshiva and a full schedule of school life, need to be appreciated and understood for the great step forward that it is. We cannot know what the future weeks and months have in store for us, and we need to maintain the highest level of vigilance and care possible to keep ourselves and others healthy and safe, nevertheless, we can take encouragement and inspiration from our return to in-school learning for most, and hybrid learning for everyone else.

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Facing enormous challenges, uniting and dealing with the myriad obstacles and uncertainties bears an uncanny resemblance to preparations for an impending war. It is interesting to take note that this week's *Parsha* begins with the words: *Ki Seitzei LaMilchama al Oyvecho* – "When you go out to war on your enemies..." (*Devarim* 21:11) The *Kli Yakar* closely examines the words of the *Pasuk* and has several questions: 1) Why the word – *Teitzei* – "go out". *Teileich* – "go" is sufficient. 2) Why say *Oyvecha* – "upon your enemies." Who else would you wage war on?

To answer, the *Kli Yakar* explains things are not so simple. Internal strife is quite common. Just look at what happened to the Jews at the end of the second *Beis Hamikdash*. Fighting among brothers lead to the Temple's destruction and the exile of the Jews. Part of the Torah's message here is – when you choose to go to battle – don't let that battle happen within your own locale, rather – go out and away from those close to you. When going to war, you can choose who you fight – make sure you are battling with your true enemies, not members of your own community.

If the Torah needs to point out to us this seemingly simple message – when you fight, fight enemies, not friends, it becomes obvious that it is easy to fall into the trap of becoming adversarial with those closest to you. Fighting with allies, battling with comrades is not uncommon. Maintaining peace and harmony within one's ranks, especially in times of high stress, takes work.

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Reflecting upon the efforts our different 'battalions' have expended over the past many months, we can perhaps point to our greatest strength, and understand the factors that have brought us to this day. Our parent 'battalion' circled the wagons and carried their children's education forward with tremendous sacrifice, never losing sight of the value of study and growth within the Yeshiva. The teaching 'battalion' persevered, learned and adapted on the spot and with great courage and determination returned to a new educational reality, with all of its challenges. The many friends and supporters of the Yeshiva demonstrated their conviction in the necessity of Torah study, and their confidence in the Yeshiva to carry on the legacy of *chinuch* and *mesorah*. The various administrators, directors and support staff of the Yeshiva soldiered on throughout the many months to enable the reopening of school.

While each of the efforts and accomplishments are noteworthy, they achieved success because there was *achdus* – unity. Despite untold differences of opinion, attitudes, approaches and principles, we were all unified in our goal of doing what is best for the potential that lies within each child. We never allowed those differences to turn us into 'enemies' and we kept our eyes on the prize.

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The joy and *nachas* of seeing our precious children back in Yeshiva is indescribable. They each represent a world of potential, whether we see them in person, or on the screen. Let us take this achievement of *achdus* and treasure it, nurture it and continue to make the great effort to maintain it, for the sake of our children and the future of *Klal Yisrael*.

Best wishes for a Shabbos of pride and *nachas*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

First Week of School!



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Personal Growth

Befitting Royalty

Two young men walked down the street, ragged, bleeding, distraught. Passersby wondered—were they street people down on their luck? Criminals on the run? There was one guess, however, that nobody would ever make: that these walking wounded were the sons of the King.

In the times contemporary with the giving of the Torah, many cultures considered gashing oneself a proper expression of mourning. But the Torah, in Parashas Re'ei, says, "You are the children of Hashem. Do not gash yourself...in mourning the dead, because you are a holy people." Because we are Hashem's children, created in His image, it is unbecoming for us to disfigure ourselves.

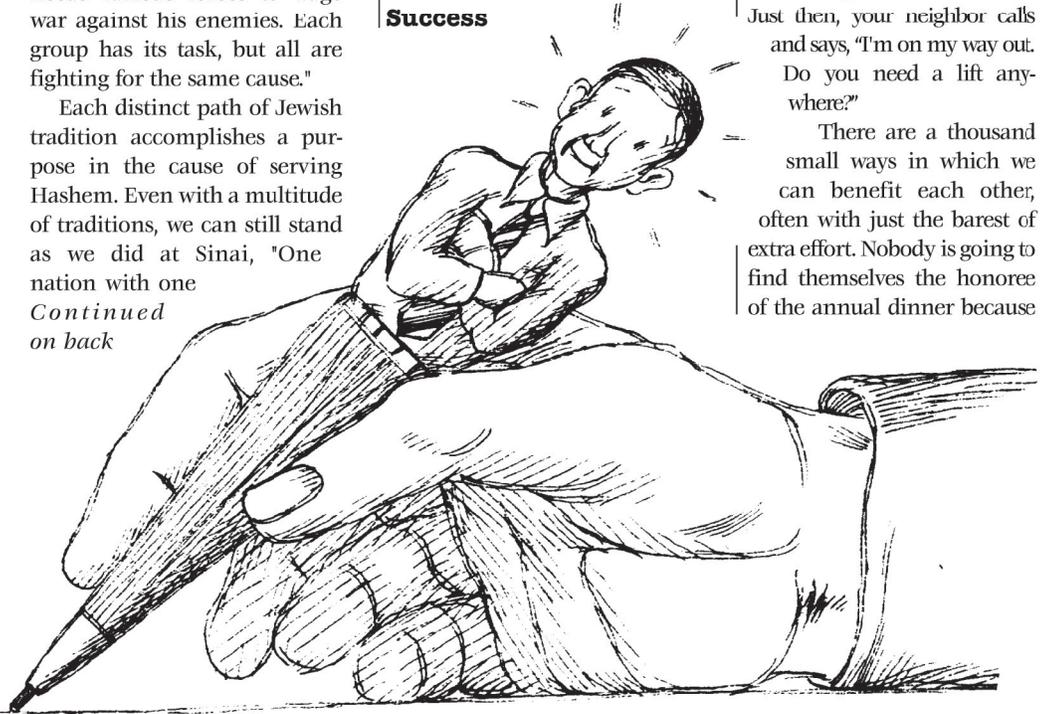
The Gemara in Yevomos, 13B, looks at the unusual word chosen to express cutting or gashing, "tsgodidu," which can be translated as dividing into armed camps or factions. Read in this way, the mitzvah prohibits Klal Yisrael from dividing itself into warring factions. Just as it is inappropriate for Hashem's children to maim themselves, Hashem's holy nation also must avoid "maiming" itself with divisiveness and enmity.

Yet there are many divisions among the Jewish people. The Chofetz Chaim was once asked why this is so. Why are there Chassidim, misnagdim, Sephardim, Ashkenazim and so on? Why do some emphasize learning, others singing, and still others stress prayer or chesed?

He answered: "Why not ask the Czar why he needs different divisions in the army? Why does he need the infantry, the

calvary, artillery, a navy? He needs various forces to wage war against his enemies. Each group has its task, but all are fighting for the same cause."

Each distinct path of Jewish tradition accomplishes a purpose in the cause of serving Hashem. Even with a multitude of traditions, we can still stand as we did at Sinai, "One nation with one
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"Even a small act, like loaning someone a pen, transforms the giver into an agent of chesed."

Effective Prayer

Open Up

When we talk about prayer, we often talk about opening the gates of Heaven. But prayer is a relationship, and as in any relationship, there are two sides. Not only does Hashem open up to us; we must open up to Him as well. Just as it's impossible to have a good friendship or a marriage in which each party holds back his or her true feelings, our relationship with Hashem falters if we close off our channels of emotion. The more we share the contents of our hearts with Hashem, the closer He becomes.

Praying requires a certain amount of humility, a vulnerability that leaves us open to

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration

Ideas

Excellence

Success

Better Relationships

Little Things

Your car's waiting at the garage, all repaired and ready to roll. All you have to do is figure out how to get there without a car. Just then, your neighbor calls and says, "I'm on my way out. Do you need a lift anywhere?"

There are a thousand small ways in which we can benefit each other, often with just the barest of extra effort. Nobody is going to find themselves the honoree of the annual dinner because

they changed your dollar, sent out a fax for you, watched your sleeping baby while you ran out to drive a carpool, called AAA from their cellphone for you, or any of the other little things people can do for each other.

But the Chofetz Chaim tells us to make no mistake about

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what the words have to impart. If we aren't willing to let prayer change us, we can't really pray. Hashem is then just an abstract concept, the words are just words, and prayer is just a ritual. But when we open up and put our emotions into our prayers, we quickly feel the overwhelming reality of His presence. Then, the relationship can begin.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What types of emotions might a person put into his prayers?

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Your Heart's Desire

What do you really want? How do you really wish to live your life? Who do you really want to be? The Torah teaches us that our heart's deepest desires are the compass that directs our lives. They incline us in certain directions, predispose us to certain decisions, and ultimately, determine how we will be remembered for posterity. The wives of Yaakov—Leah and Rachel—illustrate this point. As a young girl, the Torah relates, "Leah's eyes were tender." Rashi attributes this description to Leah's constant crying, because she believed that she was destined to become the wife of Esav. All her prayers and thoughts were

directed toward obtaining a good husband.

Rachel, on the other hand, readily gave up her opportunity to marry Yaakov for the sake of her sister. However, once married, she found that she couldn't bear children. All her prayers and thoughts were directed toward becoming a mother. Without children, she believed, her life would not be worth living: "Give me children or I am dead," she told her husband.

While each woman was an exemplary mother and wife, their prime motivations were clearly different, and those differences became their eternal identities. Leah, whose prayer was for a proper husband, mar-

"The Torah teaches that the heart's deepest desires are the compass that direct our lives."

ried first and is buried with Yaakov in the Mearas HaMachpelah. Eternally, she is the wife of Yaakov, a matriarch of Israel. Rachel, whose prayer was for children, is buried alongside the road in Bethlehem, where her children's children can seek her comfort and help in times of trouble. Forever, she is our mother Rachel, whose tears arouse Hashem's mercy for her children.

To Do:

Think of what your most important spiritual goals are. How can you work toward those goals?

—CCHF

Befitting Royalty

Continued from front heart as long as we remember that we are all on the same side.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

In what ways do the different paths of Avodas Hashem strengthen Klal Yisrael?

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Little Things

Continued from front it—this is chesed. This is the concrete expression of "Love your neighbor as yourself," and its rewards are not a little thing at all.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

What are some "little things" you've done recently. What are some you could do?

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In a Minute

The famous Torah scholar, the Chasam Sofer, was once asked how he rose to such great heights of learning. "I became a gadol in one minute," he answered. His listeners were perplexed.

"There are many times in a person's life," he explained, "when he has one minute to waste, one minute to kill—standing in a line, waiting for a minyan to begin, waiting to meet someone. I always took those precious minutes and used them to delve into Torah."

In many busy lives, time for learning or chesed doesn't occur in hour-long blocks. A few minutes here and there may be all that present themselves. And yet, it can be enough time to consider a small bit of learning, or make a quick phone call to someone who needs some human contact, or even just offer some unsolicited attention to a child who would so love to have it. In just a minute, great things can happen.

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