



YESHIVA
TORAS CHAIM
TORAS EMES
KLURMAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TEAM SPIRIT



Friday Miami Candle
Lighting
7:02

Thursday
September 17, 2020
כ"ח אלול תש"פ

Through the
Classroom Door
Pgs 4-6

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
Yael Chana bas Sara
Yaakov ben Malka Rachel

Hasmoda/Chemda

We will once again be conducting our semi-annual Yom Tov learning and chesed programs over Sukkos.

We welcome your support of the children's voluntary learning by becoming a sponsor as a zechus for a refua sheleima, in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.

Sponsorships begin at \$50.

Please contact Rabbi Baumann to let him know that you are interested.

The Week Ahead

Friday, September 18 - Erev
Rosh Hashana - No School

Monday, September 21 -
Tzom Gedaliah - Classes
8:30-2:15

School Calendars

School calendars have been sent home. Each family is receiving one calendar with their oldest child in YTCTE.

Hybrid Learning

Please be aware that distance learning information will be made available for the next school day for anyone who contacts safety@ytcte.org before 2 pm and for anyone who is sent home by the school for COVID-related reasons. For any COVID-related issues or notifications, please email safety@ytcte.org. YTCTE will only accept COVID test results from approved PCR tests.



CHANGE IS IMPOSSIBLE

Dear Parents,

Erev Rosh Hashana 5781

Facing the *Yomim Noraim* is always an awesome task. We look for ways to find favor in *Hashem's* eyes. We examine our ways and look to see what we can change. We resolve to improve, take on new practices, act with more care and sensitivity and focus more on our relationship with *Hashem*. At the same time, there's a feeling deep inside, that it won't really make a difference. I won't be able to sustain any meaningful change. I am who I am and I try my best.

This leads to the commonly asked question - why is it so hard to do real *Teshuva*? Every year we commit to change, but more likely than not, we find ourselves in the same position the next year, and the next. This quandary is highlighted by *Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz, zt"l*, in a *mussar* talk he gave on *Parashas Netzavim*. (*Sichos Mussar Maamar 32, 5731*) Based on the *Ramban* and *Seforno*, the *pesukim* (*Devarim 30:11-14*) that describe how 'this *Mitzvah*' is easily within reach, not distant, not across oceans and not in heaven, are in fact, referring to doing *Teshuva*. *Rav Shmuelevitz* asks, if doing *Teshuva* is so easy, why is it so hard?

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Teshuva?”

Rav Shmuelevitz replies that in theory, *Teshuva* is easy because it is so obviously beneficial to us. However, it is in fact hard because we are creatures of habit, and we have an exceedingly difficult time changing our habits, lifestyles and how we spend our time. Our mind wants to enact change, but we are mired in our routines and attitudes. We easily habituate ourselves to our current situation and have an almost insurmountable challenge in changing because of what *Rav Shmuelevitz* calls “the slumber of habit.”

Wait. Are we still “mired in our routines and attitudes”? Hasn't something cataclysmic happened in our life and in our world that has upended everything? Hasn't the coronavirus forced us to accept situations and practices that weren't even on the radar last *Rosh Hashana*? Haven't we all experienced the reality of accepting the unacceptable as commonplace? Haven't we all come to grips with things not being in our control, not going the way we planned?

The pandemic that *Hashem* has confronted us with is for a reason. We have no *Neviim* (prophets) to tell us the reason, but we can take lessons from that which is obvious. *Rav Shmuelevitz* explained that the biggest impediment to *teshuvah* comes from being stuck in our habits.

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Are we still so stuck? Hasn't covid changed so many things for us? Could that lesson be the silver lining of the difficulties we have been enduring for half a year now?

We need to take the time to reflect on what has changed for us, and how we have changed in our attitudes and practices these past six months. What challenges have we risen to successfully? How have we adapted our work practices, our communal involvement, our connection with our children? We have undergone meaningful and substantial changes in how we live our lives day to day. What a great segue into changes in the spiritual realm.

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new practices, intensifying my davening, extending my learning time, I am not engaged in mere wishful thinking. It is now – “I can do this” because I've just been doing this for six long months.

We can enter this *Rosh Hashana* with a new mindset. I am familiar with changing, being flexible, differently than I did six months ago and I'm still on my feet! Now, when I contemplate taking on

To our children, much of what they have absorbed and understood is “Oh, there are pandemics from time to time.” They see things as fitting some routine of normalcy, because that is how children find security in an insecure world. They could learn a really important lesson from the pandemic, and need their parents' good example to teach it to them. That lesson is - changing and improving also happens from time to time. Let that become your mantra, and it will become their attitude for life.

Best wishes for a *Yom Tov* of meaningful change and the self-confidence that this time, my promises will last, because I know how to roll with the punches, handle challenges with equanimity and will persevere, for myself and my family.

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Best wishes for *Kesiva V'Chasima Tova*

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Through the Classroom Door

4G Navi Breakfast

The 4th grade classes had a festive breakfast in honor of התחלת לימוד ספר יהושע. The girls heard a special message by Rabbi Baumann, followed by a delicious breakfast. They then played a fantastic game of bingo using cities and places in Eretz Yisroel. The 4th graders had a wonderful time. Yasher Koach to the 4th grade Moros Mrs. Fried and Mrs. Berkman!



Through the Classroom Door

1G Rosh Hashana Projects!

The first graders enjoyed special projects in honor of Rosh Hashana. They decorated honey bee bottles and baked apple crisps.



3G Learns About 9/11



Through the Classroom Door

1B-3 Class Store

Mrs. Greenberg's 1st grade boys count their money in order to open their class store for the first time!



4B-3 Learns Mishnayos



HELP KEEP EVERYONE AT YTCTE SAFE BY:



Wearing a mask



Washing your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer



Taking your temperature every morning during carpool

HOW DO YOU FEEL TODAY?



You and everyone in your family feel WELL



Enjoy your day at Yeshiva!

1) If you don't feel well during the school day, **TELL YOUR TEACHER/MORAH/REBBI**

2) An office staff member will pick you up from class and bring you to a waiting room where you (and your siblings) will wait for someone to pick you up

3) A staff member will walk you to carpool for pick-up



You may be sent home even though you are feeling well because someone in your family is feeling ill.

You or anyone in your family is NOT WELL*



Stay home



The Doctor needs to check and/or test you and your family before you are allowed back at Yeshiva



In the meantime...you can join zoom classes
Everyone will be thinking about you and wishing you well



*** You are not feeling well if you feel any of the following:**



Temp. 100.4 + (Chills)
Persistent Cough
Shortness of Breath/
Difficulty Breathing
Diarrhea



Vomiting
Headache
Body or Muscle Aches
Sore Throat



A stomach ache, congestion or runny nose IS NOT considered a Covid symptom

When the Doctor says you and your family are clear to go back to Yeshiva, after a negative test, you will rejoin your class and see your teachers and friends again!



