



YESHIVA  
TORAS CHAIM  
TORAS EMES  
KLURMAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# TEAM SPIRIT

Miami Candle  
Lighting  
5:19

Friday  
December 25, 2020  
י' טבת תשפ"א

Through the  
Classroom Door

## מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Yechezkel Ioffe  
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,  
our alumnus, David!

To Mr. and Mrs. Avi Feinstein on  
the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our  
alumnus, Moshe!

## COVID CORNER

- Please remember that if any family member is showing COVID symptoms or awaiting COVID test results, all of your children must stay home.

\*\*\*Please email [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org) if you have any COVID-related questions or concerns.\*\*\*

## Mask Reminder

Every child must come to school wearing a mask that fits comfortably and properly over their nose and mouth. Please remember to send your child to school with at least two masks to school each day.



## The Week Ahead

Friday, January 1 -  
Classes 9-12

## רפואה שלימה

Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya  
 Bentzion ben Naomi Rochel Margalit  
 Nechama Malka bas Blima  
 Dov ben Leah  
 Yael Chana bas Sara  
 Yaakov ben Malka Rachel  
 Shmuel Yitzchok ben Zlata  
 Menachem Moshe ben Fraidel  
 Mina Yehudis bas Marsuda Marsel  
 Refoel Dovid ben Etta Reva  
 Yehudis bas Chasiba  
 Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta  
 Aharon Moshe ben Tili  
 Zisle bas Sarah  
 Miriam bas Rivka  
 Eliezer Yitzchak ben Sara  
 Yehuda ben Rivka Leah  
 Tinok ben Elisheva Miriam  
 Chava Leah bas Aida



## VALUES-BASED DECISION MAKING

Erev Shabbos Parashas Vayeeqash 5781

Dear Parents,

When the Coronavirus first appeared on our shores ten months ago, I mentioned how it is important to focus on facts, rather than predictions and opinions. You may recall the wild theories and misinformation that abounded in the early days, that stoked fear and confusion. We are now at the beginning of a new episode, that of the vaccine, and opinions and theories are almost limitless.

In this letter, I cannot offer medical advice, for I am not a doctor. I will not provide *Halachic* direction, as I am not a *Poseik*. What I can do is share an enlightening quote from one of the greatest *Talmidei Chachamim* of the past two centuries, which sheds light on the Torah attitude towards our situation. Once we have clarity about the values that our Torah espouses, we can more easily hone in on the proper approach to take practically.

The seventh *Mishna* in the eighth *Perek* (chapter) of *Maseches Yoma*, deals with potential life-threatening situations on *Yom Kippur* (similar to *Shabbos*), where some critical information is lacking. The issue is what life-saving measures can or cannot be done in those doubtful circumstances. In connection with that vexing question, when not every fact can be known clearly, *Rabbi Yisroel Lifschitz*, the author of the classic commentary *Tiferes Yisroel*, deals with a topic of relevance in his day (early 1800s). In the *Boaz, Os Gimmel*, he writes:

ומזה נ"ל היתר לעשות אינאקולאשיאן של פאקקען, אף שא' מאלף מת ע"י האינאקולאשיאן  
עכ"פ שאם יתהוו בו הפאקקען הטבעיים הסכנה קרובה יותר  
, ולכן רשאי להכניס א"ע בסכנה רחוקה כדי להציל א"ע מסכנה קרובה.

"From this it appears to me it is permitted to give an inoculation against (small)pox, even though one in a thousand will die as a result of the inoculation, nevertheless, if the smallpox is left untreated, the danger to life is much more imminent. Therefore **one is permitted to put himself in a distant (less likely) danger in order to save himself from a closer (more likely) danger** (emphasis mine)."

**...in a world filled with risks, always go with the lower risk.**

A vaccine against smallpox was discovered by Edward Jenner, a British physician, in 1796. The question the *Tiferes Yisroel* was confronting sounds very similar to what we are grappling with today. With no history of vaccines, one can only imagine the resistance faced by those urging mass vaccinations back then.

Apparently, based upon the consensus of medical experts in his day, the *Tiferes Yisroel* weighed the one in a thousand risk of dying by taking the vaccine, against an apparently significantly higher rate of death from untreated smallpox. His directive is clear – if the facts point to a greater amount of risk vs. a lower amount of risk, go with the lower amount.

Notice the *Tiferes Yisroel* did not say wait until there is zero risk. Nor did he say have *Bitachon* (faith) and ignore the question. He followed a logical line of reasoning, based upon the accepted medical expertise of his day. And he stated clearly – in a world filled with risks, always go with the lower risk.

Each individual needs to seek his own medical and Halachic guidance, for each person may have different facts surrounding his situation. If the medical guidance is not clear, one certainly needs to turn to his *Rav* to decide how to proceed in a circumstance of doubt. One may contest the presentation of facts or may doubt the credibility of the source of the information. At the end of the day, the lesson to be learned from the *Tiferes Yisroel* is we don't follow theories that have little or no basis in fact, nor do we rely on 'faith' when *Hashem* has blessed our times with advanced medical knowledge, and we do proactively seek means to protect our lives.

**... may the creation, production and availability of the covid vaccine be a clear sign of His love for us.**

May *Hashem* protect us all and may the creation, production and availability of the covid vaccine be a clear sign of His love for us. We look forward to a *Refuah Shelaima* to all and may our families, *shuls*, *Yeshivos* and community rebound and serve Him with greater devotion and commitment than ever before.

Best wishes for a healthful *Shabbos*,

  
Rabbi Kalman Baumann

# Through the Classroom Door

## Ivrit!

In Morah Sarah Kornfeld's Ivrit class, the students learned about the special אור (light) that is in every person. They wrote something special about themselves in the nura (light bulb) and together created a huge nura (light bulb) together.

כל אחד הוא אור קטן וכולנו אור איתן

"Everyone is a small light and together we are a strong light."



## Baruch Levine Concert!



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### 5B Ventriloquist Puppets!

In response to a story about ventriloquism, Mrs. Schwartz's fifth grade boys created their own paper bag puppets.



## Mishnayos Milestones!

The annual extra-curricular Mishnayos Learning Project for boys in grades 3-5 at the Klurman Elementary School, was celebrated this past Sunday, with a morning of father & son learning and a Shiur. The event, attended by over 250 people, brought together fathers and sons, and Rebbeim and Talmidim. The feeling in the tent was one of excitement, bonding and love for Torah. After chavrusa learning, a shiur was delivered by one of our 5th grade Rebbeim, Rabbi Daniel Aroll, in Maseches Brochos. A father's perspective on learning with his son was shared by Mr. Yosef Fishman, followed by Divrei Bracha about the incredible power of learning Torah delivered by our Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Niman. The boys are set to continue close to two more months of voluntary learning of Mishnayos.



Mazal Tov to the following boys who have recently finished מסכתות  
of משניות!

מסכת פסחים - Avi Bernstein

מסכת ראש השנה - Akiva Fox

מסכת ראש השנה - Uriel Fox

מסכת סנהדרין and מסכת מכות - Yitzchak Kahana

מסכת ברכות - Elchonon Wieder

We are so proud of you! Keep up the good work!

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# כבוד Connection



Our KES students continued working on their Kavod Campaign workbooks. Look out for upcoming quotes from teachers and students!

See below for the Kavod song and ask your child to sing it for you!

We are all unique

In the image of ה'

צֶלֶם אֱלֹקִים

And are worthy of respecting and honoring

For אִיזָהוּ מְכַבֵּד

Only הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת

Treating everyone

With the כְּבוֹד they deserve, is how we will come

To give כְּבוֹד our King/our Only One

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Only הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת

כְּבוֹד עֲצָמֵי

כְּבוֹד חֲבֵרִים

כְּבוֹד מוֹרִים

כְּבוֹד הוֹרִים

All will lead to כְּבוֹד־שְׂמִים

There's so much to gain

With our כְּבוֹד Campaign

Chorus:

Oh YTC TE how great we can be!

It doesn't matter where you're from, it's who you are, and what you can achieve

We are all בְּנִים לְמָקוֹם

And it shows

Working every day, to rise to the test

We'll learn about the כְּבוֹד we are worthy of, and greatness we possess

Together we will shine for the world

As we grow

Yeah yeah yeah

We are all unique

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To ourselves

To our friends

To our teachers

To our parents

All will lead to כְּבוֹד־שְׂמִים

There's so much to gain

With our כְּבוֹד Campaign

Chorus

כְּבוֹד campaign

כְּבוֹד campaign

כְּבוֹד campaign...

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