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IS TRUTH A THING OF THE PAST?

Erev Shabbos Parashas Mishpatim, Parshas Shekalim, Rosh Chodesh Adar 5781

Dear Parents,

Modern society is at odds with and threatens many basic values that have sustained the civilized world for millennia. Perhaps the biggest victim of the secular, progressive assault on traditional mores is truth. When modern thinkers can justify lifestyles and concepts of justice that fly in the face of biological and empirical reality, they are in essence abandoning truth as well. Because the end goal of modern man has become self-gratification, nothing can stand in the way of its pursuit – not tradition, not morals and not even facts.

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In the face of this daunting assault on truth, what can we as parents do, to guide our children properly? The answer is straightforward, perhaps even obvious, but it takes work. It takes work primarily, in improving ourselves. We and the homes we build impart and impress our values upon our children in many ways, including unintended ones. What children observe and experience in their home when growing up carries more weight than the influence of the street. When a young child observes his mother reacting to the sight of a tiny four-legged creature by emitting extremely loud, uncontrolled screeching sounds as she catapults onto a chair, and yet her reaction to his taking his baby sister’s toy and denying it is with a gentle, calm “Moishele, that’s really not so nice,” the message is being conveyed very loudly and clearly – furry creatures are a greater threat to our wellbeing, than telling untruths.

In this week’s *Parsha*, the Torah elaborates at great length on all areas of interpersonal interactions as they relate to financial matters. This concentration on laws of damages and compensation is a clear indicator of their importance. Furthermore, the *Pasuk* states (*Shemos 23:7*) “*MiDvar Sheker Tirchak*” – distance yourself from falsehood. When it comes to integrity in business, giving testimony and in just dealing with others – it’s not enough to say “Lying is Forbidden.” Falsehood is so reprehensible, such an antithesis of *Hashem’s* will and Torah values that we are warned to stay far away from anything that hints of dishonesty.

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The story is told that *Rabbi Yaakov Kaminetsky zt’l*, once observed parents dealing quite harshly with a six year old for putting his feet on the *Shabbos* table. He reportedly used the opportunity to make the following observation: Parents tend to focus on childish behaviors, and yet ignore character development issues. Rest assured that this child will not be putting his feet on the table when he is 18 years old. But, if he is not acting honestly, and his parents are not focusing on redirecting him towards always being honest and forthright, then when he’s 18, he’ll turn into a dishonest person.

An important, practical approach to empower our children to develop their truthfulness is clearly stated by *HaRav Chaim Friedlander zt’l*, in his *sefer Mesillos Chaim B’Chinuch* (p. 24) where he quotes the *Shelah* (*Shnei Luchos HaBris* by *Rabbi Yeshaya Horowitz 1560-1630*) as follows: “It is necessary to give a child greater consequences for telling a lie, than for any other misdeed.” He then goes on to give a very meaningful suggestion: “If a child does something bad and is denying it, tell the child that **if he tells the truth about what happened he will not be punished**. Give a warning about not doing it again, but don’t punish for the original misbehavior. If, however, the child persists in not telling the truth, then give a greatly increased consequence for the falsehood.”

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If we don’t hold on to truth, the end result could lead to a perception of hypocrisy in the eyes of our children and a rejection of the values we hold near and dear. Parents need not be overwhelmed by the outside world of falsehood and lies and temptations. Our work has to be on creating an environment in our homes that is honest and true, healthy and respectful. What is needed is a clear focus on what really matters, and prioritizing one’s efforts and emotions to those areas that will remain with the child into adulthood. From this week’s *Parsha*, we see honesty and integrity is a great place to start, and an area that has become more critical than ever. Our children’s survival as healthy, functional adults depend on it.

May the coming *Shabbos* and Month of *Adar* bring us all much *Nachas* and *Simcha*.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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The Week Ahead

Monday, February 15 - Presidents Day - Dismissal at 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 5:30-8:30 PM

Please go to ytcte.org/ptc to schedule your zoom conferences.

If you run into any technical glitches during conferences, send an email to:

dlsupport@ytcte.org.

CALENDAR CHANGE-There IS school on Friday, February 19. Please remember to order pizza.

מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Meir Hauser and family on the birth of a boy! Mazal Tov to the grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Kalman Baumann!

To Mr. and Mrs. Hernan Leonoff on the birth of a grandson to their children, our alumni, Avi and Sofi Nash!

נחום אבלים

To Mr. Isaac Melnick and family on the loss of his mother.

To Mr. Avrohom Liberman and family on the loss of his sister.

Purim Cards

Purim Cards are available in the KES girls office. Donation for each card is \$2 per card and 10 cards for \$18.

רפואה שלימה

Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya

Nechama Malka bas Blima

Dov ben Leah

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Yaakov ben Malka Rachel

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Menachem Moshe ben Fraidel

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Yehudis bas Chasiba

Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta

Zisle bas Sarah

Miriam bas Rivka

Eliezer Yitzchak ben Sara

Yehuda ben Rivka Leah

Tinok ben Elisheva Miriam

Chava Leah bas Aida

Tinok HaCohen ben Miriam Chana

Aryeh Yosef ben Miriam

Aharon Shmuel ben Faiga

Yehudis Leah bas Sara Chava

Rivka bas Shoshana

Leah Bas Chava

Eliyahu ben Mazal

Walk-a-thon

We are wrapping up our walk-a-thon campaign this coming week and IY"YH having our raffle on Friday, February 19th. All those who brought in over \$50 will receive 1 ticket and another ticket for every additional \$10 raised. Please go to ytcte.org/walkathon to submit your pledges no later than **Tuesday, February 16th.**
Tizku L'Mitzvos!

Registration

It's time to register your children for next year! The deadline for registration is February 24. After this date, your registration will be considered late and a \$150 late fee per child will be added. We are expecting to have limited space and many grades have wait pools. Please logon to the parent portal at ytcte.org/register to reserve your spot. Questions? 305-947-9477 or admission@ytcte.org

Through the Classroom Door

Girls Tehillim Initiative

The girls and staff of KES joined forces on Thursday to say the entire Sefer Tehillim. Grades 1-5 were involved in this beautiful initiative to daven on behalf of Cholei Bnei Yisroel as a strong, cohesive group. The girls were fully focused and appreciated that their Tefilos were especially beloved by Hashem.



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2G-1 Writing Unit

Mrs. Jeiger's second grade girls started a unit about "how to" writings. They made s'mores and wrote down the steps "how to" to make them.



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Rabbi Dovid Harris Visits KES

It was an honor and pleasure to host Rabbi Dovid Harris shlit"a this Wednesday in our Yeshiva. Rabbi Harris is Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim in NY, and Rebbi, guide and men tor to many of our staff and families and the Yeshiva itself. The students and staff lined up outside to greet Rabbi Harris and receive berachos from him.



Through The Classroom Door

5B Haschalas Gemara!



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2B Siyum on Parsha Lech Lecha!

The boys in Rabbi Rosenberg's and Rabbi Aroll's second grade classes had their first ever Siyum on a whole Parsha! They have worked very hard to reach this great milestone. The boys came to school dressed in their Shabbos clothing for this special occasion. We are so proud of them! May you continue to have much Nachas from your son and all your children.



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Personal Growth

The Barometer Reading

Imagine. One year, as Tishrei moves in, you're working overtime every day, there's a new baby in the family, no time, no sleep, and a succah to be built. Your rabbi calls to inform you, "I've got good news for you. I've been researching the halachah and I've determined that, under the circumstances, you're exempt this year from building and eating in a succah. Instead, you should enjoy your yom tov meals at your dining room table."

What would you do? Would you hang up the phone and jump for joy? Or would you feel deprived?

In Moshe's generation, a group of men who, because of ritual impurity, could not bring the Pesach sacrifice, came to complain of their loss. The Korban Pesach was an arduous mitzvah complete with many rules and restrictions, yet these men felt bereft that they couldn't perform it. Their sense of deprivation was a sure sign of the spiritual level they had reached. And because their commitment to perform-

ing the mitzvah was so deep, Hashem instituted Pesach Sheni to provide them with another chance.

The lesson in this episode is not confined to halachos of the Korban Pesach; it is a paradigm that speaks to us at all times. The things we miss provide an accurate barometer of our spiritual health. When we long to sit in the succah as deeply as we long for a remodeled bathroom or a late-model car, we've arrived. But until we get there, we can take comfort in the fact that it's never too late to

Effective Prayer

Never at a Loss for Words

If you could make a round-trip visit to the Divine Throne and stand there before Hashem in all His glory, what would you say? Chances are, faced with His awesome majesty and power, you'd be rendered speechless.

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

- Inspiration
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- Ideas
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- Excellence
- ▼
- Success

grow. There's always Pesach Sheni—a new chance to purify ourselves and grasp the opportunity to serve Hashem with joy.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How do you think you'd feel if you really were exempt from a difficult mitzvah, like cleaning for Pesach or building and eating in a succah?

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Better Relationships

The Benefits of Exercise

A New You

A person who jogs every morning certainly builds strong legs. But that's not all. His heart and lungs become stronger. His metabolism becomes more efficient, burning up more calories and lowering his weight. His risk for weight-related diseases drops dramatically. He reduces his level of stress and the physical toll it takes. Running, obviously, effects far more than the legs.

Shmiras Haloshon may well be the spiritual counterpart to jogging. A person who is careful with what he says certainly strengthens his control over his tongue. But the benefits reach much further. Shmiras Haloshon directs him, in every interaction, to focus on not causing others pain. Time after time, day after day, he inculcates that ideal into his words, thoughts and actions. Eventually, caring and compassion do not just define

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But Hashem, in His limitless love for us, gives us the power to speak before Him. Through the Divinely inspired order of prayer composed by the Sages, He taught us what to say, and how and when to say it. That is why before we even utter our first words of Shmoneh Esrei, we pray for the ability to pray. "O G-d, open my lips and let my mouth recite Your praise."

If Hashem didn't make it possible for us to address Him, no human would dare try.

In these opening words, we acknowledge that even our ability to open our mouths in Hashem's presence comes from Hashem. Though so infinitely far above Man, Hashem in essence has said to us,

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"Tefillah is Hashem's calling card. It tells us not only how and when to reach Him, but what to say as well."



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Inner Excellence

Open to discussion

"I always get my way," boasted Jack Abramson, president of Abramson & Son Diamond Corp. The "G Son" was somewhat of a misstatement, since Jack's son had departed the company years ago.

"I can't talk to my father," he explained to his friend at the time. "He doesn't hear anything I have to say. He always knows best and he just won't consider anyone else's viewpoint."

To Abramson, his famous stubbornness was a gift that got him through World War II, carried him through tough times as a new immigrant in the U.S., and made him a formidable force on 47th Street. What he didn't realize, however, was how much

it had cost him. How much good counsel had he closed his ears to? How much was never even offered, in the knowledge that it wouldn't be heard? How many relationships were stunted by the lack of give and take?

The Mishnah in Avos instructs judges "V'al tomar kablu dati," 'And do not say, 'Accept my view.'" It refers specifically to a judge attempting to impose his ruling on his peers by refusing to hear and discuss their points of view. But in essence, it speaks to anyone who stubbornly presses his point of view by repeating his position over and over, until the opposition gives up. Obstinacy, the Mishnah tells us, doesn't lead to good judgment.

"How many relationships are stunted by the lack of give and take?"

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Life's Lessons

Redressed

Two men came to the Noda B'Yehudah for a judgment. The first man, dressed as a wagon driver, told his story: "I hired this man to drive me to Prague. En route, he pounced on me, robbed me and forced me to change clothes with him." The second man, dressed elegantly, replied: "This man is insane. He's been running after me for the past two days and I can't get rid of him."

After questioning each man separately, the Noda B'Yehudah sent them away and told them to return the next morning. Upon their arrival, they were seated on a bench outside the great rabbi's office. For hours, they heard him pacing, learning, and pacing some more.

Just when they thought they had been forgotten, the Noda B'Yehudah suddenly flung open the door and cried, "Wagon driver, come here!" The elegant man rose without thinking, solving the mystery. Though he had changed his clothes, he hadn't changed himself.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Can clothing sometimes change a person?

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Shabbos Table Discussion:

If a person is sure of his position, of what use is it to listen to the positions of others?

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Exercise

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what he does; they define who he is. Shmiras Haloshon's benefits—though they start with the tongue—eventually shine through in every aspect of his relationship with others and with Hashem.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can Shmiras Haloshon help a person appreciate someone he may not like?

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Never at a Loss

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"Here. This is how to reach Me, and this is the best time to call." When we take a moment to recognize the value of this gift of prayer, we are inspired to use it to its fullest capacity.

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