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שבת מברכים

Friday
February 5, 2021
כ"ג שבט תשפ"א

Through the
Classroom Door
Pgs 4-6

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 7 - Parent
Teacher Conferences 9:00-1:00
No Classes

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

If you run into any technical glitch-
es during conferences, send an
email to: dlsupport@ytcte.org.

Purim Cards

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

COVID CORNER

Please remember that if any family mem-
ber is showing COVID symptoms or await-
ing COVID test results, all of your children
must stay home.

Please email 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

מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Fladen and
family on the birth of a girl!

To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Aronson and
family on the birth of a boy!

רפואה שלימה

Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
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 Masuda Marsel
Refoel Dovid ben Etta Reva
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



THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Erev Shabbos Parashas Yisro 5781

Dear Parents,

Today's parents have a difficult time with the fifth commandment – “Honor your Father and Your Mother.” (Shemos 20:12) That is not to say that there is anything necessarily deficient in the way they treat their own parents, rather today's challenge lies in parents properly training their own children to act respectfully and honorably toward them – the children's parents. There are many reasons for this, and it behooves us to understand the root of the problem, to address it squarely and successfully.

“...Children learn to show honor and kavod to Hashem through giving honor and kavod to their parents.”

We first need to understand why it is important for children to honor and respect parents: 1) It is a Torah command. 2) Children and all people do well with clear limits and boundaries. A parent who is an effective authority figure in a child's life brings stability, confidence and security to that child's existence. 3) A long-term loving relationship is best served when parents and children have clearly delineated roles within the family and vis-à-vis each other. 4) For every *mitzva bein adam lamakom*, Hashem gave us also a *mitzva bein adam lachaveiro*. Children learn to show honor and kavod to Hashem through giving honor and kavod to their parents and elders.

So what's the problem? Why do so many children disregard their parents' instructions and wishes? Why are so many parents reluctant to put their foot down and authoritatively redirect their children to appropriate behavior? I believe three factors stand out. We are unfortunately casualties of modern-day Western values and outlook. The modern perspective doesn't nurture self-esteem; as supposed descendants of apes, random outcomes of a random universe, we can't have much purpose or value. In our heart of hearts we feel – “who am I?” that another human being needs to show honor and reverence to **me**? We parents think we are just regular people and we are downright uncomfortable demanding respect from our little ones. Another factor is that we live in a world of unchecked equality. The pendulum has swung so far from the days of princes and peasants that we have trouble asserting ourselves over 3 year olds!!

Furthermore, the value of cultivating relationships has been so exaggerated out of proper proportion that other values such as truth, independence and fairness have taken a back seat. Today's parents will seemingly go to any length to preserve their relationship with their children. To cause one's child to be angry at the parent is, in their minds, jeopardizing the entire connection between parent and child and therefore to be avoided at all costs. Is it any wonder then that the proper *chinuch* for *Kibud Av V'Em* is almost non-existent?

Today's parents will seemingly go to any length to preserve their relationship with their children. If we were to examine the three factors delineated above we would notice a common denominator – they are each about the parent. The parent's feelings, the parent's fears and the parent's discomfort. This is the root of all failures in parenting. If one is concerned about how this affects **me**, how it impacts **me**, how it distresses **me**, then you've left no space in your brain and heart for the question – how does this impact on **my child**, how comfortable is this for **my child**, how important is this for **my child**.

Paraphrasing *Rav Simcha Wasserman zt'l* who was describing the factors that differentiate between a teacher or parent who succeeds or fails to effectively connect to a child: “You can think about how you (the adult) feel or you can think about how I (the child) feel, but you can't do both at the same time.” Obviously – we must think about how the child truly feels. Even if they tantrum and outwardly express feelings of anger and resentment, their true, inner feelings are – please be consistent, please project self-confidence in your rules, please act in my best long-term interests.

“You can think about how you feel or you can think about how I feel, but you can't do both at the same time.”

This requires serious, honest introspection inside the inner chambers of your own heart. Is it possible you're too focused on how your children and their issues impact **you** and not focused enough on **what does my child need**? With this one change in mindset, parenting becomes a whole new opportunity for truly molding greatness within our own four walls, and for raising a generation of children who know how to properly fulfill the 5th commandment.

Best wishes for a *Shabbos* attuned to the word of Hashem, aware of our inner motivations and focused on the needs of our loved ones,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Through The Classroom Door

HaRav David Yosef Visits KES

It was an honor and pleasure to host Rabbi David Yosef shlit"a this Tuesday in our Yeshiva. Rabbi David is Rabbi Ovadia Yosef zt"l's 9th child. He is the Chief Rabbi of Har Nof in Jerusalem, the Rosh Kollel of Yechave Da'at, and has authored dozens of Sefarim. The students and staff lined up outside to greet Rav David Yosef and receive berachos from him.



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4G Science!

Mrs. Shaffren's 4th grade girls learned about sound waves in science. They created a "machine" to help visualize how sound waves travel.



2G-3 Siyum on LeHAVIN 2C!



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5B Read "The Giving Tree"

Mrs. Schwartz's class read *The Giving Tree* in connection to Tu Bshvat. The boys wrote a story about being a tree. They used personification. They also had to answer the following questions: People that are giving to me? What do they give me? How can I show appreciation to the people who are giving to me? How can I be more giving?



"Snow Day" in 1B!

The first grade boys warmed up on their chilly snow day this week. They made snow globes and wrote all about what they would do if they lived in one. Then they made snow in a cup! They learned all about chemical reactions and had a blast! At the end of the day, they warmed up with a cup of hot chocolate!





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**Mrs.
Yaffa
Palti**

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OF UNCERTAINTY**

WED. FEB 17

8:00 PM

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