

THE  
WEEK  
IN  
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פרשת שמיני

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, April 13 & Tuesday April 20

Conferences will be on ZOOM. Please visit [www.ytcte.org/ptc](http://www.ytcte.org/ptc) to sign up!

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### MAZEL TOV

Mr. Josh and Adina Behar on the birth of a daughter

### YAHADUS EXPERIENCE

This week's Parsha came to life for the children as they got to see a visual presentation of how we know which animals, birds and fish are Kosher.

## MASK REMINDER

Every child must come to school with a mask that fits comfortably over their nose and mouth. Please also send in extra masks with your child(ren) as they often get wet or dirty during the day.





## I MADE A MISTAKE

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Shemini 5781

This week's *Parsha* contains an invaluable lesson in just how difficult, yet important it is to admit one's mistakes. After the tragic death of his two sons, *Aharon HaKohein* assumed that due to his *Halachic* status as an *Onein* (mourner) he was exempt from eating any part of the *Rosh Chodesh* offering, and had it burnt completely.

*Moshe Rabbeinu* reprimanded *Aharon* for burning the *Rosh Chodesh* offering and a debate ensued between them. When *Moshe* heard *Aharon's* reasoning, *Moshe* immediately and unconditionally admitted he was mistaken. In fact, the *Pasuk* states (*Vayikra 10:20*) "And *Moshe* heard, and it was good in his eyes." The *Seforno* explains that *Moshe* actually rejoiced upon hearing his brother's and (surviving) nephews' reasoning and ability to understand and explain the proper *Halacha* in this instance.

“...**Moshe immediately and unconditionally admitted he was mistaken.**”

There are a number of insights to be drawn from here. First, even though *Moshe Rabbeinu* was the greatest of the great, and also the most humble person who ever lived, the Torah nevertheless found it worthwhile to praise him for admitting a mistake. It obviously, therefore, was no small accomplishment even for a *Moshe Rabbeinu*. (*HaRav Yehuda Leib Chasman zt'l, paraphrased by Rabbi Elyakim Rosenblatt, zt'l*)

Secondly, it is one thing to admit one's error, but to rejoice in having been 'put in his place?' *Moshe* had not only disagreed with *Aharon*, he had just sharply rebuked him! The reason he rejoiced is because *Moshe's* goal was not to be right. It was to live by the truth. *Aharon* showed the way and for that *Moshe* was grateful and elated. (*Love Peace, Rabbi H.D. Becker p.167*)

How often does the following happen to us: We berate our child for a perceived wrongdoing and the child protests his innocence. A while later we realize that our accusation was misplaced. It takes tremendous inner strength to admit we were wrong, especially when we spoke in anger and with righteous indignation and we now need to say "I'm sorry."

“... **It takes tremendous inner strength to admit we were wrong.**”

All of us - teachers and parents alike, often feel that we cannot admit to our children that we've been wrong. Our concern is it will undermine our authority. Our subconscious (and conscious!) feeling is that if we're not always right, our children will lose confidence in us and our guidance. *Moshe* is teaching that the reality is just the opposite. Who more than the

leader of the entire nation, the guarantor of the perfection and purity of the Torah has a need to maintain an aura of being right? One can easily envision the fallout from a loss of confidence in *Moshe's* leadership and authority. Nevertheless, there was a higher calculation - is it the truth? Moreover, confidence in *Moshe* was actually strengthened, because he embodied and lived by truth. This cemented his stature and authority, it did not undermine it. A follower can more easily put his faith in a leader who has unswerving loyalty to the truth, than to one who pushes his own agenda and ego.

If we cannot bring ourselves to admit we were wrong we need to realize the following: Our child knows he was unjustly accused and probably realizes that we recognize we were wrong. If we insist we are perfect, our children will find out that it is not true. We should better be role models of people who are imperfect and growing. (It needs to be stated that if we constantly are making and admitting mistakes, that is a problem of a different sort!) This will guide our children's development in a much more wholesome and productive direction.

“**We can choose whether the lesson is - it's important to always appear to be right, or it's important to live by the truth...**”

Our children learn many things from us. We can choose whether the lesson is - it's important to always appear to be right, or it's important to live by the truth, even when it's uncomfortable or difficult at the moment. When a person has the self-confidence to willingly and joyfully admit there's a better way, a wiser opinion, his stock rises, his trustworthiness increases.

Will our joy come from winning an argument or battle of wits, or will we be joyful when the truth is uncovered, even at the expense of our personally held opinion? If we can make this paradigm shift in our thinking and attitude, we will cement the bonds of love and connection and we will truly be forging a path of greatness for our children to follow.

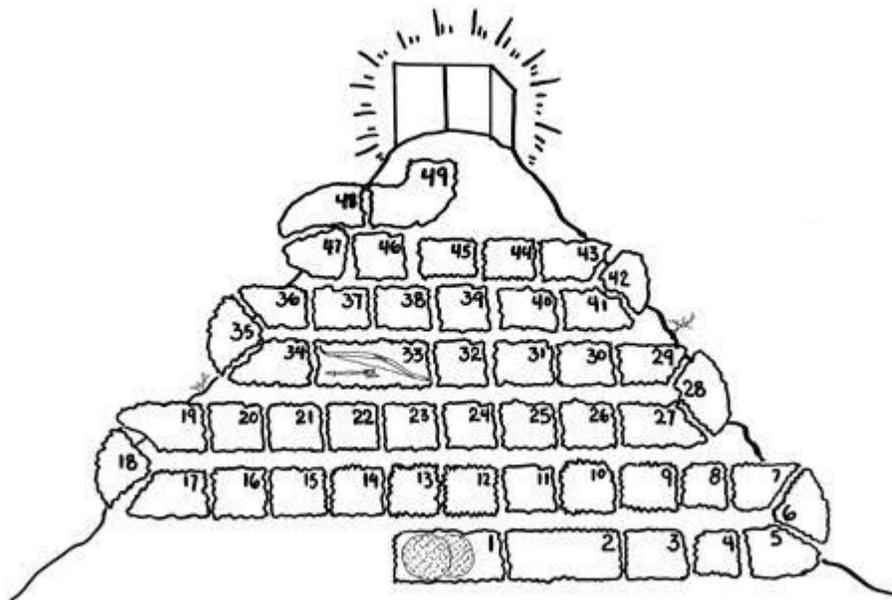
Best wishes for a *Shabbos* of true joy and *Nachas*,

*Rabbi Kalman Baumann*

# JuNIOr Pre-K PRESSs

## MOROT LINDSAY, NAOMI & RINA

This week in Junior Pre K, we were all super excited to rejoin our school family! The children shared what they had experienced during Pesach break. They drew pictures of their favorite part of vacation and the Morahs wrote what they dictated. We are now preparing for the next Yom Tov....Shavuot! Each day we add a number to our large Har Sinai hanging on the wall as we count the Omer. The children are excited to reach the top at number 49 and receive the Torah. Each child made their own Har Sinai chart and we sent it home with a sticker for each day of the Omer so they can count at home as well as in school. In this week's Parsha, Parshas Shemini, the children learned the differences between Kosher and non Kosher animals, fish, and birds.



# PRE-K PAGES

## MOROT NECHAMA, MIRIAM & MORIEL

It was great to be back in school this week and we got right back into the swing of things!

We heard all about Sefiras Ha'Omer and are counting together in class towards the special day that we got the Torah, Shavuos! We know that during this time, we don't get haircuts, listen to music and have weddings.

This week's letter was pey. We noticed how it looks like like it has a penny inside so we call it Penny Pey. Some words we learned were פרה, פה. The mitzvah we learned for פסח, פרות, פעמון, פה. which we love to learn each week! The children enjoyed playing a pizza game to review all the Aleph Bais.

In Parshas Shemini, we learned that Moshe taught Bnei Yisroel about Kosher food. We learned the signs of a Kosher animal and fish. We also learned about birds, insects and about different animal's milks. Have a good Shabbos!



## MOROT ELYSE & YEHUDES

We were so happy to be back in school this week!

We enjoyed listening to all our friends tell us about where they went and what they did over Pesach break.

We have a few more ABC letters to learn. This week we learned the letter M. M is for mouse, mailbox, and monkey. We made a cute looking mouse in our letter craft books. We also listened to the book If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Numeroff. We also reviewed the letters that we have learned so far.

For Fun Friday, we made delicious muffins for the letter M!

We had a great week getting back into routine and can't wait for next week.

Have a Good Shabbos!



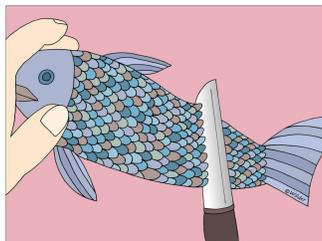
# KINDERGARTEN CORNER

## MOROT CHAYA, DEVORAH, ESTHER, ESTY & RENA

Welcome back!!! It was really great reconnecting with the children this week! We spent time talking and sharing about our vacations, trips, cousins, visits, and Sedarim. We jumped back into Kriah with lots of review and games. We also picked back up with our Kriah homework. As always please encourage your child to review nightly, as it strengthens their abilities and fluency. We will iyh be introducing a new Nekuda next week!

We learned about Kosher and Non-Kosher animals in Parshas Shemini. We also learned about what makes fish and birds Kosher.

We have lots of exciting units prepared for the next few weeks! We're looking forward to learning all about the Gedolim, there is so much to learn from them! Good Shabbos!



## MOROT MORAL, PEARLY & RACHELI

Welcome back! We hope you had an amazing Chag. It was really wonderful to see all of the smiling students back in school, excited to learn. This week we reviewed classroom rules and routines and spent a great time sharing stories of everyone's Pesach break. Each child wrote a sentence about what they did over their Pesach vacation.

In Foundations, the children learned all about digraph letters. Digraphs are two letters together that make one sound; such as TH /th/, CK /k/, SH /sh/, CH /ch/, and WH /w/. The children were excited to read and write words with digraph letters. We will continue to review the digraph letters and sound for the next few weeks.

The children are doing great remembering all their sight words! This week we reviewed and played different sight word games. They are so excited that they know 38 sight words!

In math, the children practiced writing numbers 1-20, counting using ten frames from 1-20, and reviewed addition and subtraction problems. Next week, we will learn about different authors, and each child will become an author themselves and write their own book. We are really looking forward to it!

Have an amazing Shabbos.



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# Dedicate a Day of Learning and Davening

*In memory of  
a loved one*

*As a zechus for  
a refuah shelaima*

*In honor of a special  
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ON YOUR BEHALF

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Day of learning at Klurman Elementary School	\$360
Day of learning at Rohr Middle School	\$360
Day of learning at Dr. Abe Chames High School	\$360
Day of learning at Bais Medrash Zichron Ezra	\$500
Day of learning in all divisions	\$1,000
Week of learning in one division	\$1,800
Week of learning in all divisions	\$5,000
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