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שבת מברכים

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מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Dani Gordon and family on the marriage of their daughter, our alumna, Ariella, to Corey Kamen from Toronto!

To Mrs. Menucha Fant on the marriage of her daughter!

To Mr. and Mrs. Eli Deutsch and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Ben!

To Mr. and Mrs. Shlomo Schwartz and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Yossi!

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Moskowitz and family on the birth of a girl!

To Mr. and Mrs. Simcha Khabinsky and family on the birth of a girl!

To Miss Yocheved Miriam Sapirman on her engagement to Zevi Bennett of New York. A Special Mazel Tov to the Grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Rosenbaum.

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 if you have any COVID-related questions or concerns.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday, May 12
Rosh Chodesh - Special Program
Official Uniforms

רפואה שלימה

Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
Nechama Malka bas Blima
Yael Chana bas Sara
Yaakov ben Malka Rachel
Shmuel Yitzchok ben Zlata
Menachem Moshe ben Fraidel
Mina Yehudis bas Masuda Marsel
Yehudis bas Chasiba
Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta
Zisle bas Sarah
Miriam bas Rivka
Eliezer Yitzchak ben Sara
Yehuda ben Rivka Leah
Chava Leah bas Aida
Aryeh Yosef ben Miriam
Aharon Shmuel ben Faiga
Yehudis Leah bas Sara Chava
Rivka bas Shoshana
Leah Bas Chava
Eliyahu ben Mazal
Meir ben Shaindel Ita Shifra
Ezra Chaim ben Rivka
HaRav Eliyahu Meir HaLevi ben Chaya Ita
Esther
Miriam bas Tzivia Malka
Basya Devorah bas Shulamis Miriam



FROM GRIEF TO BELIEF

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Behar-Bechukosai 5781

Professing allegiance to a life based on *Emunah* and imparting that faith to our children is mainly an intellectual exercise, until it is not. We can build our *Emunah* through lessons and stories, but nothing challenges and can perhaps positively impact our *Emunah* like confronting a tragedy. The catastrophe that occurred in *Meron* on *Lag B'Omer* engulfed the Jewish world, shaking our *Emunah*. We have no *Neviim* (prophets) to explain why this happened, so even our greatest spiritual leaders can only shake their heads and shed a tear.

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We cannot fathom why *Hashem* would do such a thing, but we can fathom that *Hashem* did do such a thing, because everything that happens in the world is in accordance with His will. The *Klalos*, curses, are enumerated in this week's *Parsha*. They are clearly from *Hashem*. Our basic declaration of faith is the *Shema*, and the first verse contains the main foundation of our belief. *Hashem* who is merciful is also *Elokeinu*, the G-d of justice. All things good and bad come from the same source – *Hashem*. We reaffirm our faith several times daily, but it takes an earth-shattering experience to really get our emotional attention.

How we are expected to react, and with what attitude we go forward from this time of distress can be learned from *Rabi Akiva*. The *Pri Chadash* in *Hilchos Pesach* (*Orach Chaim* 493:2) discusses the *Simcha* of *Lag B'Omer*. He asks what is the *Simcha* that is celebrated on *Lag B'Omer*? If it is that *Rabi Akiva*'s students stopped dying, how is that a *Simcha*? There were none left to die! The *Pri Chadash* answers that the *Simcha* is focused on the new *talmidim* that *Rabi Akiva* gathered and taught, and that they did not die as the earlier ones.

We need to contemplate the incredible greatness of *Rabi Akiva*. He lost all of his students at the rate of about 750 a day, for 33 days. Talk about unfathomable. What did *Rabi Akiva* do? Did he collapse from grief? Did he berate himself as a failure and that there was no point in teaching Torah if this is the outcome? Just the opposite, he persevered and from these five remaining students, the entire Oral Torah was firmly established and ultimately the continuation of the Jewish People was assured. He turned tragedy into growth.

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This is the Jewish reaction to tragedy. We cry, we mourn, we have no words to say. We reach out to the victims and we find some way to serve *Hashem* better. Most importantly, we don't despair, we don't give up. A Jew always looks to the future, with greater resolve than before.

Our children are thirsting for this message. Those who are old enough to understand there was a major tragedy on a special day in the epicenter of the *Lag B'Omer* observance have been shaken and are at a complete loss as to how to absorb and react to such an event. We have a golden opportunity to inscribe this message upon our children's hearts. *Hashem* runs the world and He sometimes does things that appear as bad and we cannot understand. When that happens, we cry but then we look ahead. We redouble our efforts to improve ourselves, our family, community and world.

This lesson has been seared into our national consciousness by the generations who suffered great destruction, but persevered. Most recently, we know of the generation of Holocaust survivors. Those who were strong in their *Emunah* rebuilt a new world of Torah that has in many ways greatly surpassed what came before. Despite the unbearable pain and grief, they looked forward and we are witnesses to what they accomplished. We and our children can do the same. *Hashem* wants us to think and deeply feel the pain and anguish. Then, He expects us to redouble our efforts to bring honor to His name and glory to the Jewish People and our Torah.

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Emunah is no longer an abstract concept for our children. It is an essential component of their world and through imbibing the lesson of *Rabi Akiva*, we can turn last week's events from the tragedy it was to a giant step forward in strengthening the connection to our Creator.

Best wishes for a *Shabbos* of peace, consolation and *Emunah*,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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Gedolim Cards in 3B-1!



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Lag BaOmer Field Day!



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4G-2 Siyum!

Mrs. Berkman's fourth grade girls truly enjoyed their incredible Siyum on Parshas Vayeishev. Since the Parsha ends off with a birthday feast - they celebrated with a birthday themed Siyum. The games that were played all tied into the parsha! They had a special guest speaker - R' Jake Chames, YTCTE alumnus, and uncle of Ava Chames. He gave over a beautiful message to the girls and they really took it to heart. Thank you to the Berg family for sponsoring all of the delicious food for the Siyum.



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Art with Mrs. Klagge!



2G-3 Kriah Candyland



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Science in 3G!





כבוד Connection



Yashar Koach to the following girls whose names were submitted into the "Kol Hakavod" box for acts of Kavod:

Tali Rubelow
Shirel Naftali
Molly Berg
Aliyah Chocron
Navah Zvidah
Liana Lamet
Esti Summer
Libby Nachbar
Tammy Hauser
Esther Dreyfuss
Raffi Courchia
Malka Handler
Dina Fried
Leah Gil
Baila Klugman
Olga Shemaria
Hodaya Nahmani

Tamara Feinstein
Chayala Eisemann
Avital Umlas
Leora Sokol
Leah Zemora
Temima Lasry
Heaven Gabsi
Yael Romero
Rochel Leah Weiner
Tehila Joseph
Talia Yechieli
Eliana Jaroslowicz
Sarah Katz
Batsheva Slepoy
Leah Pomper
Liz Rigol
Shira Cohen

Meital Ioffe
Shira Schwartz
Esther Silverman
Ahuva Rubin
Rivki Benguigui
Naama Schwartz

Mazal Tov to the Raffle Winners:

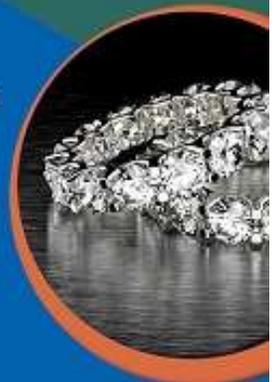
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