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Through the
Classroom Door
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מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Shlomo Stilerman and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Moshe!

To Mr. and Mrs. Marcelo Weissman and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, our alumnus, Dani!

The Week Ahead

**Note Calendar Change
Wednesday, June 16**

Regular Classes
8:30 - 4:00

Thursday, June 17
Last Day of School
Dismissal 1:30 PM

Pizza lunch is available for purchase through the parent portal. Please go to ytcte.org/lunch to order.

רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel ben Leah Yocheved
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
Miriam bas Tzivia Malka
Basya Devorah bas Shulamis Miriam
Tzvi Zelig ben Rochel Leah
Yechiel Nosson ben Sara
Aviva Meira bas Sara Nechama
Riva Leah bas Miriam Rachel



PEACE NOW, AND FOREVER

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Korach 5781

Children flourish in an atmosphere of peace and stability. With a limited understanding of and experience with the world around them, they react to strife and controversy similar to the way we react to sudden turbulence on an airplane. We don't really understand or think much about how a two hundred ton metal behemoth can fly through the air, but when it starts shaking, we start panicking. When children are surrounded by fighting and anger, even though they are not directly involved, their world is shaking and they suffer greatly.

A metaphor of sorts for this can be found in a *Medrash* on this week's *Parsha*. (*Bamidbar Rabbah 18:4*) The *Medrash*, in referring to the devastating punishment *Hashem* meted out to *Korach* and his followers, says: "*Rabi Berachia says – how difficult is controversy, because the Heavenly Tribunal only extracts punishment from those twenty years and older, the Earthly courts only from the age of thirteen and up, but in the Machlokes (controversy) of Korach, even one day old infants were consumed and swallowed up. Hashem never allows punishment to be brought upon a person unless he has the maturity to be responsible for his own misdeeds. Never, except in a machlokes.*"

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Children suffer doubly from strife and contentiousness in their family. They are the unintended victims of domestic strife, as their world loses its moorings amidst the shouts, anger and bitterness that envelops their day to day life. Furthermore, as *Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt'l* is paraphrased as saying; (*Al Pi Darko p. 228*) - *when children have parents who don't go out of their way for peace, they are more likely to become contentious adults themselves.*

Machlokes is a force that destroys like nothing else can. It destroys families, it can devastate shuls, yeshivos and entire communities. We only lost the *Beis Hamikdash* because of *machlokes* and *Sinas Chinam (baseless hatred)*. On the opposite side of *Machlokes* is *Shalom*. Peace is the greatest gift, because all blessing flourishes only in an atmosphere of *Shalom*.

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Arguments and strife don't just happen. In a moment of frustration and disappointment every person has a choice. They can accept the difficulties and be gracious and forgiving. Or, they can choose to fight and go to battle. Parents especially need to think long and hard about the costs and risks of choosing the path of *machlokes*. We all have a tendency to think that we are fighting for a higher purpose and are acting objectively and *L'Shem Shomayim (for the sake of Heaven)*. If we are able to realize that in almost all

cases we are in fact acting out of self-interest and self-promotion, we may be able to put a brake on our behavior.

Stopping a pattern of endless fights and arguments is certainly not easy. It may require outside intervention. It certainly requires the very painful process of introspection and concluding you have been at least somewhat misguided in your behavior and attitude. However, when you balance that with the limitless benefits to your family and children of bringing peace and harmony to your home, you will gain a powerful motivator to attempt the task.

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For the enhancement of peace and harmony in your life today, coupled with a positive impact on generations to come, our efforts, thoughts and *mesiras nefesh* can be directed to no more important an endeavor than promoting understanding, respect and calm throughout our home and relationships.

May we all be blessed with a Shabbos and week of peace and harmony.

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Through The Classroom Door

4G-1 Siyum at Bubby's

The girls in Mrs. Fried's class had a wonderful time going to Bubby's Fish and Chips to celebrate their Siyum on Parshas Mikeitz. The girls enjoyed a delicious lunch and were so proud of their accomplishments.



3G-1 Siyum



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Through The Classroom Door

4G-2 Birchas Yaakov Performance



1G-1 Tehillim Celebration



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1B Animal Show!



5B Jewish History



4B-3 Special Ice Cream Trip



Shabbosos Parshios Shelach/Korach

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Personal Growth

The 48 Essential Qualities for Learning

If you want to acquire Torah, all you have to do is study. Right? Surprisingly, Pirkei Avos tells us that study is just one of 48 qualities that are necessary to successfully acquire Torah, to truly make it yours.

Among the other essential traits named in the Mishnah in Avos are joy, modesty, slowness to anger, a good heart, and closeness with peers. According to Rav Chaim Volozhiner, you attain Torah in direct proportion to your efforts in developing these traits. Without them, Torah can't be fully grasped.

Essential Quality #3: Friendship

Friendship may seem extraneous to Torah learning. It may even seem like a distraction or a sap on valuable learning time. But in fact, the opposite is true. That's because our Torah isn't just an abstraction; it's a blueprint for living life among real people. Learning that isn't expressed in real life is not considered real learning. That's why 'dikduk chaverim,' closeness with friends, is an essential quality for anyone who wants to make the Torah's values and wisdom his own.

During the time between Pesach and Shavuot, in the sefirah period, we see exactly how vital friendship really is. Rabbi Akiva distilled the Torah down to one thought: "v'ohavta l'ref'acha c'mocha," love your

neighbor as yourself. His own students, however, failed to absorb this lesson fully. The plague, which, during sefirah, killed these students—24,000 of the generation's finest minds—is blamed on the flawed quality of their relationship with each other.

Effective Prayer

Rescue Effort

It happens. You're three-quarters of the way through Shmoneh Esrei and you've accomplished a lot. You've remembered you have dry cleaning to pick up and an appointment to make. You've even had some time to consider whom to invite to your son's sheva brachos. How you got to "Modim" without noticing is something of a mystery. But one thing you know for sure—this tefillah is lost.

And yet if there

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration



Ideas



Excellence



Success

This tragedy is a constant reminder of the need to focus on improving our relationships with each other. Appropriately, sefirah is designated as the time for learning Pirkei Avos. In this compendium *continued on back*

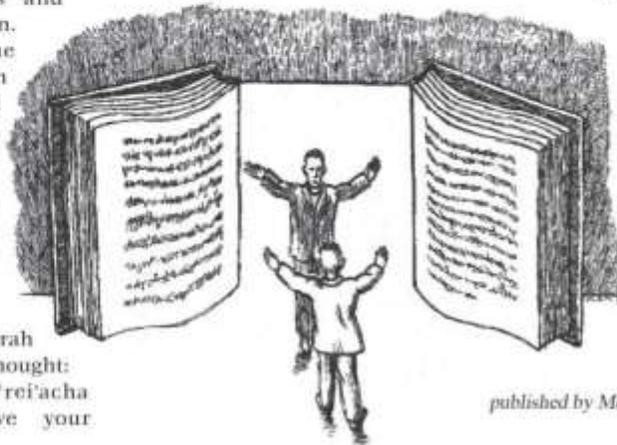
Better Relationships

Doing What You Can

In your business, you speak to dozens of people a day. Some of them really love to gossip. Some don't even know there's anything wrong with what they say. So, you conclude, *shmiras haloshon* is out of the realm of possibility for you.

The Chofetz Chaim urges you to rethink that conclusion. What if you were hurrying off to a business meeting and someone stopped you and said, "What's the rush? Do you think this is going to turn you into a billionaire?" Your response would likely be, "Even if it isn't, I still have to make a living." And so it is with *shmiras haloshon*. Ever if you think you can't achieve the highest levels of the mitzvah, you still have to do the best you can to "look after your soul," says the Chofetz Chaim.

Moshe illustrates this principle in Devarim (4:41). There, we're told that he sets aside three cities to become the cities of refuge in the land of Israel. The cities can't provide refuge for anyone until the Jews enter the land and apportion it, and Moshe knows he won't be entering the land. So why does he bother setting cities *continued on back*



are still a few words of prayer remaining, there's something left to save. The Chofetz Chaim offers this allegory: A girl stood in the marketplace with a basket of apples for sale. Suddenly, a thief began grabbing apples out of the basket while the girl just stood there in shocked confusion. An onlooker yelled, "Why are you standing there! Just as he's grabbing, you should grab. Whatever you can get will still be yours!"

By concentrating on the words that remain, you can "grab some apples" before the whole basket is gone. When it comes to precious words of tefillah each word is well worth saving.

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Inner Excellence

Your Own Personal Challenge

First in a Series on Anger

Anyone who has ever indulged in a fit of anger knows the remorse that comes with having lost control. We know that the Torah sees anger as one of the most destructive of all traits, and yet, when things go wrong, we often find ourselves sliding into an angry response. "It's just the way I am," we're apt to think. "It's beyond my control."

"It's just the way I am," might be quite accurate. The Rambam in Hilchos De'os (1:1) begins by describing how some people are naturally serene and rarely angered, while others have bad tempers and are in a constant fury.

However, "It's beyond my

control," is far from accurate. If you have an angry nature, all that tells you is how large a challenge you are facing when you make the commitment to bring that anger under control. It tells you to measure your progress in small increments, to expect setbacks and try to learn from them and keep growing.

You may wonder, "Why work on this trait at all if it's such a big challenge for me?" First, of course, we all have the obligation to improve our characters. And second, think of the words of Rav Tzadok HaKohen, who said, "The area of a person's fault and deficiency is that with the greatest potential for merit." If anger is your

"If anger is your downfall, then conquering it is your personal path to greatness."

downfall, then conquering anger is your own personal path to greatness.

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48 Qualities

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of ethical dictates, we find the Torah's advice on how to go about forming friendships: "Acquire for yourself a friend." Why must we "acquire" a friend rather than simply making one or meeting one? To "acquire" something, you've got to go out there and find it, and then pay for it. This teaches us that we must invest in friendship—even if we're busy. So pick up the phone, remember a birthday, inquire after someone's health, make time to get together. You'll acquire a friend, and be better prepared to acquire Torah as well.

Tell Us: What ways have you found effective in keeping your friendships alive and growing?
—CCHF

Doing What You Can

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aside? Rashi says his reasoning was, "I will accomplish whatever is in my power to accomplish." And in truth, that's all Hashem wants of anyone.

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Life's Lessons

Real Needs

The famous Rabbi Zusia was a Torah scholar who lived in constant pain and dire poverty, yet he expressed no discontent at his lot. Once someone asked him, "How can you say the brachah thanking Hashem for fulfilling all your needs when you obviously have so many needs unmet?" To that, Rabbi Zusia explained, "G-d has a much better understanding of my needs than I do, and he understands that poverty is one of my needs."

Much unhappiness in life derives from unmet expectations. "I deserve a night's sleep, a better job, more cooperation from my children....". Such thoughts fuel the anger and resentment that obscure all the good one does have. But Reb Zusia understood that what one has is what one needs, whether we see it or not. By working to implant this understanding in our own hearts, we earn for ourselves the greatest possession of all — peace of mind.

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