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מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Jungreis and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Cohen and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dovid Salamon and family on the birth of a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marcelo Weissmann and family on the birth of a boy.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Wechsler and family on the recent bar mitzva of their son, Uri .

Fall Back

Sunday, November 7

End of Daylight
Savings

Move clocks back 1
hour at 2 AM



Reminder

Please label your children's water bottle and sweaters before sending them to school so we can be sure to return lost items!

The Week Ahead

Parent Teacher Conferences this coming Sunday, November 7th. Please reserve your slot by logging on the parent portal ytcte.org/ptc. If you have any questions, email stamir@ytcte.org

No Sunday Classes

No Classes on Thursday, November 11
Teacher Professional Development Day

רפואה שלימה

Chaim Shmuel ben Leah Yocheved
Rochel Leah bas Miriam Frumit
Yehudis Leah bas Sara Chava
Binyomin Simcha ben Adina Minya
Mina Yehudis bas Masuda Marsel
Yochanan Baruch ben Fruma Etta
Yechiel Nosson ben Sara
Ita bas Rachel
Chaya Rus bas Masuda
Roiza bas Faiga

Mishnayos Project Begins!

Rosh Chodesh Kislev marks the start of our annual Limud Mishnayos Project for boys in grades 3-5.

Details to follow



NEVER GIVE UP

Dear Parents,

Erev Shabbos Parashas Toldos Rosh Chodesh Kislev 5782

It has been accepted as common wisdom that it takes approximately 10,000 hours or 10 years of intensive practice to become a true expert in a craft or skill (based on Outliers, Malcolm Gladwell 2008). This applies to the arts, athletics, scholarship or computers. Since achieving such a world-class level of excellence is reserved for the outstanding few, what does this lesson in perseverance hold for the rest of us?

We believe that Hashem has endowed each individual with unique talents, strengths and abilities. We need to discover that greatness within ourselves and our children and actively nurture it and develop it. What role does perseverance play in determining the right path in one's life? Can lofty goals, even those that seem beyond us be achieved through hard work or do we need to deal with what we perceive to be our limitations, in effect, settling for less.

“What role does perseverance play in determining the right path in one's life?”

An insight into this issue can be gleaned from a most unusual series of pesukim in this week's Parsha. The Torah devotes no fewer than ten pesukim (Bereishis 26:13-22) to the matter of Yitzchak Avinu's wells. When an entire body of Halacha can sometimes be built on one word or even one letter in the Chumash, what is the lesson that needs to be taught that justifies the Torah's spending ten pesukim on a seemingly obscure and non-relevant series of events?

The Chofetz Chaim zt'l, in Sefer Chofetz Chaim Al HaTorah, asks this question and says the following: “When one sets out to achieve something, he must act with alacrity and without weakness. He should not be dissuaded by detractors and never give up hope of achieving success. He should not be deterred by setbacks and never express hopelessness. When he stumbles, he immediately gets up and begins anew.”

“This is what the Torah details for us. Yitzchak confronted the reality of his father's wells having been sealed up and rendered useless by his enemies. His reaction – he dug a new well. His adversaries clashed with him over the new well – he dug another well. When they contested this one as well – he dug a third well which was not contested and thereby he achieved success.”

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Yitzchak's difficulties with lowly, jealous and quarrelsome neighbors did not cause him to give up on doing what he needed to do. He was neither scared off nor convinced to abandon his plans. Setbacks did not weaken his attitude or focus on the task. Yitzchak's actions impart to his descendants one fundamental and incredibly important lesson – “Never give up!”

This lesson is crucial for the success of any parent, mechanech or child. Once you clarify your goal in a matter or situation, keep plugging away until Hashem crowns your efforts with success. We never give up on a child. We never give up on a student. We must always show our children through our actions and mindset, that we never give up.

Growing up in a world of instantaneous results and gratification, perseverance is a hard to find value and attribute. We owe it to our children to imbue them with the faith in Hashem that He will help us ultimately find success, if we try hard enough and show we really are devoted to achieving a goal. We need to examine our own attitudes of being 'realistic' and question if perhaps we are too quick to take the easy path out and fall short of the encouragement the child needs to complete a mundane task or pursue his or her dreams.

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As the children of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, we must be attuned to the life lessons they are constantly teaching us in these parshiyos. By passing these secrets of successful living along to our children, we become true heirs to the priceless legacy and successful path our Avos have blazed for us.

With best wishes for a wonderful Shabbos,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

Siyum in 3G-3



The 3G-3 girls celebrated finishing Parshas Vayeira with a special siyum. Thank you to everyone who brought in yummy treats and for sharing wonderful lessons learned!



Science in 4G-2

The girls in 4G-2 were learning coding basics with Mrs. Shaffren. They worked on creating a program with algorithms for a robot to create different cup stacks.



Building Bitachon Bulletin

This week we had a different kind of Erev Shabbos/Rosh Chodesh Assembly due to the rainy weather! Mrs. Berkman went around to each classroom and shared that everything that happens to us in the hands of Hashem. The only thing that IS in our control is our Yiras Hashem, our Bitachon in Hashem, our Mitzvos and how we serve Hashem with whatever we are given. The Chovos Halevovos adds that even when it comes to doing a Mitzvah, not everything is in our control. Anything we plan, we need to say "Im Yirtzeh Hashem" or "B'ezras Hashem". It is within our power to DECIDE to do it and to PREPARE to do it, but whether it actually HAPPENS is still up to Hashem. The girls received hand clappers in their Bitachon Bags this week and we played a fun game with them showing different examples of things that are in our control and things that are not. Bayla Bella Bloom had a wonderful week with Mrs. Rosenberg's Kitah Aleph and she is super excited for her next adventure!



"I see Yad Hashem when I start feeling better when I'm sick"
Rebecca Rosenbaum

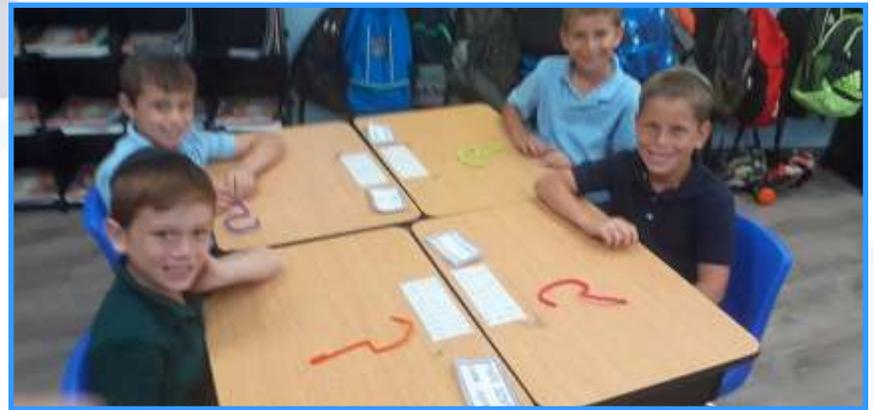


"Even though I was sad when I had COVID and couldn't go to my friend's birthday party, I knew it was all from Hashem"
Molly Garbacz

Mrs. Heisler's class discussed that when good things happen it's easier to say "thank you Hashem" but we always have to know, no matter what happens, good or bad, that Hashem is in control.



Kesiva in 1B-2 & 1B-3



Rabbi Rubins's First Grade Boys Practicing Kesiva



Growth Mindset

1B1 and 1B3 enjoyed having Rabbi Grossman come juggle and talk about Growth Mindset



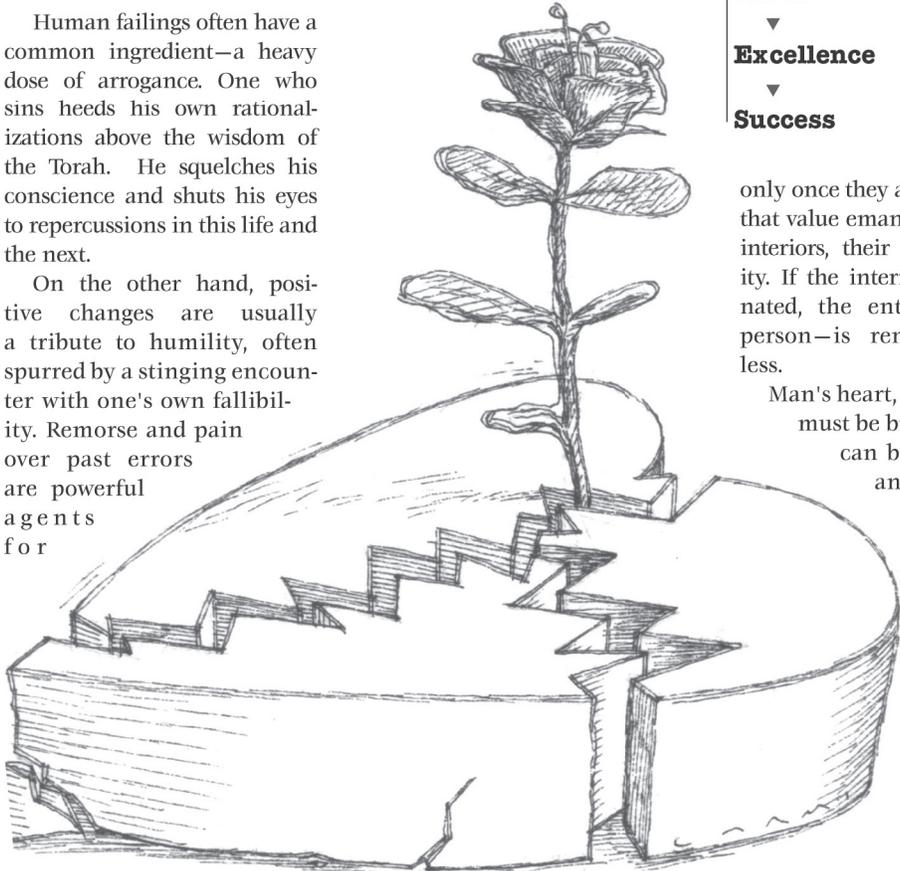
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Personal Growth

Down to Earth

Human failings often have a common ingredient—a heavy dose of arrogance. One who sins heeds his own rationalizations above the wisdom of the Torah. He squelches his conscience and shuts his eyes to repercussions in this life and the next.

On the other hand, positive changes are usually a tribute to humility, often spurred by a stinging encounter with one's own fallibility. Remorse and pain over past errors are powerful agents for



"Teshuvah and renewal bloom from a heart broken by regret for one's sins."

ushering humility into our hearts. We learn from our mistakes.

The Torah shows us that this process is integral to human nature. It demonstrates the point through the laws pertaining to earthen vessels that have been made impure through contact with a carcass.

If the carcass falls inside the earthen vessel, the vessel can't be purified in a mikvah. It must be broken; then it can be reconstituted. On the other hand, a metal vessel can be purified by a simple dip in a mikvah.

The Kotzker Rebbe sees in this a parallel to man. Like the earthen vessel, we are made of a worthless raw material—the dust of the earth. Both the vessel and the person acquire value

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration



Ideas



Excellence



Success

only once they are formed, and that value emanates from their interiors, their holding capacity. If the interior is contaminated, the entire vessel—or person—is rendered worthless.

Man's heart, like the vessel, must be broken before it can be reconstituted and restored to its purpose
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Better Relationships

Unsung Hero

One word you'd never hear out of Shlomo's mouth was "sorry." Ever fearful of the slightest erosion of his pride, Shlomo simply wouldn't permit himself to see his own failings. If something he said or did hurt others, it was their own fault for provoking him or being oversensitive.

Leah never apologized either, for a different reason. Doing something wrong was so deeply embarrassing and painful to her that she couldn't bear to verbalize it. Her fear of an angry or hurt response to her apology prevented her from ever making one.

Both of these common attitudes toward the words "I'm sorry" demonstrate that apologizing takes courage. Shlomo needs courage to acknowledge his mistakes and realize that they don't destroy his value. Leah needs courage to confront the other person's hurt.

The image of a person begging forgiveness doesn't usually bring to mind the word "hero," but heroic it is. Real courage is what it takes to admit we've caused damage, and to put our ego on the line to alleviate the pain.

Shabbat Table Discussion:

Should you apologize even when you're right?

Adapted from "Courage," by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin, with permission from Mesorah Publications

Effective Prayer

If You Please

Prior to a Yom Tov, a group of Gerrer chassidim paid a visit to their Rebbe. The visitors, laden with personal woes, hoped the Rebbe could advise them on how to merit Hashem's help. The Rebbe's counsel was simple: When they recited Hallel during the Yom Tov tefillos, they should concentrate on the words "Ana Hashem,"—"Please, Hashem."

The chassidim followed the Rebbe's advice and poured their hearts into the verses "Please, Hashem, save me," and "Please, Hashem, grant me success." Yet

their burdens remained heavy upon them. So, they returned to the Rebbe to report that the strategy wasn't effective.

"You misunderstood," the Rebbe replied. "To merit Hashem's help, one must concentrate fully on the words "Ana, Hashem, ki ani av'decha," "Please, Hashem, for I am your servant."

Through tefillah, we identify ourselves fully as Hashem's servants. Then He, in turn, takes care of His devoted servants' needs.

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An Intelligence Operation

Adding Value to a Mitzvah

Shira Rosenberg's eight children had healthy appetites. But Shira's husband's advertising firm was having a year. Fortunately, the neighborhood grocer was a kindhearted man who saw no reason to put pressure on the already strained family.

"My husband is pitching a new account this week," Shira told the grocer. "It looks good. So I hope within a month or so we'll be able to pay this whole thing off."

"No problem," said the grocer, as he packed up another week's worth of groceries and stashed the bill in an overstuffed envelope marked "credit."

Standing nearby in the aisle was Leah Friedman. She couldn't help overhear-

ing the conversation, and was shocked to find out that her neighbor was having trouble putting food on the table. As the grocer tallied her own order, Leah asked, "How much do the Rosenbergs owe? I want to pay it off for them." And she did.

"Praiseworthy is he who cares wisely for the poor," Tehillim exhorts. We know we must care for the needs of the poor, but this verse tells us that we must do so with sensitivity and wisdom. There are many ways to give—as a loan that can later be forgiven, as an investment in someone's business, as a tuition scholarship, a gift certificate, an anonymous donation. Only by carefully considering the needs of the recipient can the giver make his act of tzedakah fully "praiseworthy."

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Shabbat Table Discussion:

How can you decide exactly what kind of help a person needs?

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Down to Earth

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as a container for the neshamah. "A heart broken and humble, Hashem, you will not despise," says King David. This is where real teshuvah begins.

Shabbat Table Discussion:

What does it mean, practically, to be heartbroken over a sin?

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Out of Harm's Way

Rav Yisrael Salanter, the founder of the mussar movement, was an exemplar of ethical behavior—a person totally above suspicion. One day, he visited a wealthy member of his community to discuss an important matter. A large pile of money was laying on the table before Rav Yisrael. In the midst of the conversation, the man was called from the room for an urgent message.

When the man returned, Rav Yisrael was gone. He wasn't in the room, or anywhere in the house. The man opened the front door to continue his search, and there he found the revered rabbi waiting. Rav Yisrael explained that, with so much money on the table in front of him, he felt it would be better to leave the room and avoid temptation. A master of self-restraint, Rav Yisrael still concluded that he shouldn't consider himself immune to money's powerful allure.

Shabbat Table Discussion:

Did Rav Yisrael really think he'd be tempted to steal? If not, why did he leave?

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