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Classroom Door
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מזל טוב

To Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Rosenberg
on the engagement of their son, our alumnus,
Yehuda to Myriam Cohen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Josh Gordon on the
recent birth of a girl.

To Mr. Paul Brecher and
Mrs. Faiga Brecher and family on the bar
mitzva of their son, our alumnus, Avi.

To Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Shapiro and family
on the birth of a granddaughter.

ניחום אבלים

To Rabbi and Mrs. Yerucham
Goldenberg and family on the loss of
Mrs. Goldenberg's mother,
Etta Lowenstein, ע"ה
Miami Shiva, Tuesday, December 21st
from 10 AM - 10 PM
1030 NE 174th Street, NMB

רפואה שלימה

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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

Father & Son Mishnayos Event

Sunday, December 19, at 10 AM
4th and 5th Grade Boys
Father and Son

Mishnayos Project Special Event

Location: YTCTE Klurman Campus
(High School)
1025 N.E. Miami Gardens Dr.

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THE TOUCHABLES

Dear Parents,

The importance and value of physical affection between parent and child is usually left up to culture and nature. It is either something one's family is very attuned to and it figures prominently in the relationship, or it is not given that much significance and is not emphasized. Some parents may be aware that babies and young children need extra warmth and benefit from touch, but one rarely hears that the bond between parents and children is quantifiably changed by the amount of touch.

“...the bond between parents and children is quantifiably changed by the amount of touch.”

The idea that touch can actually increase the emotional connection between parents and children can be gleaned from this week's *parsha*. When *Yaakov Avinu* is about to give a blessing to his grandchildren *Menashe* and *Ephraim*, the *Pasuk* tells us “... he brought them near and he kissed them and he hugged them” (*Bereishis 48:10*). The *Seforno* explains that *Yaakov* did this “in order that his soul cling to them so that his *Beracha* will take (better) effect.” From the *Pasuk* and the *Seforno* it is made clear that the hugs and kisses were needed because *Yaakov* was nearly blind by that point and unable to set his gaze upon them. Nevertheless, we see the power to bind that physical contact possesses.

Putting some thought into what the *Seforno* is saying, the concept is difficult to understand. *Yaakov Avinu*, one of the most perfect beings ever to walk the planet was nearing the end of his days and very much wanted to give his grandsons a special blessing. He understood what the power of a blessing is, he appreciated the great potential of his grandchildren and he obviously put great thought into what he was about to do. He was no doubt experiencing great depths of love and affection for the children of the beloved son he thought he would never see again. Was something lacking in his connection to them?

“Yaakov felt it necessary to strengthen the emotional ties to his grandchildren through physical affection.”

Apparently there was. *Yaakov* felt it necessary to strengthen the emotional ties to his grandchildren through physical affection. We all agree that there is always a benefit to the child

to receive hugs and kisses from *Abba* and *Ima*. It strengthens his sense of security, trust in his parents and makes the world a better place. In the case of *Yaakov Avinu*, the *Seforno* is teaching that there was a benefit to the (grand) parent *Yaakov* through this show of affection – he, *Yaakov*, felt more connected to his grandchildren as a result of his kisses. Ultimately, the (grand) children benefit.

We can learn a number of important lessons from here. First, we can always love our children more, we can always strengthen the relationship. Second, physical affection has the power to strengthen the bond between parents and children. Third, we cannot take our relationship with our children for granted. If *Yaakov* needed more than his existing intellectual and emotional connection to *Menashe* and *Ephraim* to truly feel their closeness, we can assume it is certainly required of us.

“We dare not leave the hugs and kisses only to demonstrative people from certain cultures.”

The Torah is teaching us the power of physical connection between parents and children. We should constantly be looking for ways to strengthen our bond with our children, and we should appreciate the power of endearing physical contact. We dare not leave the hugs and kisses only to demonstrative people from certain cultures. We all need to harness the power of the hug and the kiss to cement the eternal bonds with our offspring.

Best wishes for a well-connected, loving *Shabbos*,

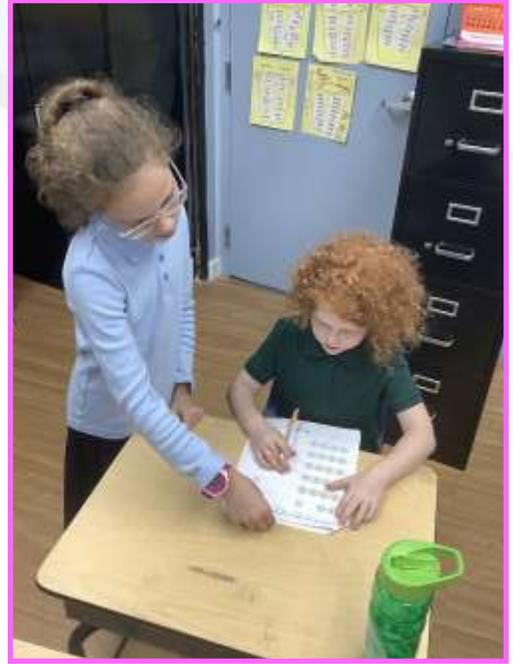
Rabbi Kalman Baumann

First Grade Girls Siddur Party



5G-1 and 1G-3 Kriah Partners

5G-1 joined 1G-3 to practice kriah. The 5th graders were able to put their experienced kriah skills to use, to help the 1st graders with their newly acquired kriah skills. This mentorship program empowers the 5th grade leaders, increasing their confidence. They are excited to be continuing this partnership, weekly.



4G-3 "Hashem Loves Me" Initiative

The girls in 4G-3 each have a special journal entitled "Hashem loves me". The girls write in their journal about a time in their week that they felt Hashem's love. The goal of this project is to help the girls notice Hashem in their every day lives. Sometimes the girls share an amazing experience, other times they share a simple event. Through sharing, we discuss how Hashem loves each of us and is with us, always.



5G-1 Robotics



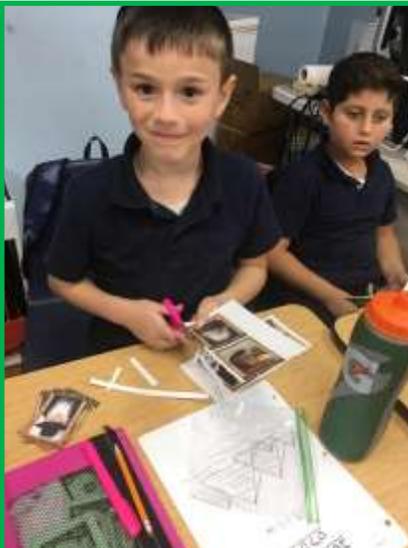
1st Grade Girls Siddur Party

The first grade girls celebrated a tremendous milestone this week when they received their first Siddur. The girls came to Yeshiva dressed in their finest Shabbos clothing to honor this memorable occasion. Each girl had their picture taken with the siddur that they had beautifully decorated. Rabbi Baumann went around to all the 1st grade classrooms to admire the girl's' siddurim and personally wish them mazel tov. Mazel Tov to all the Kitah Alef girls! .



4B-3 Gedolim Unit

As part of our gedolim unit, 4B-3 is learning the art of public speaking.



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Personal Growth

What It Takes

Some people make it by luck, some by innate ability, and some by sheer determination. Then there are those who don't make it at all.

We hear of children whose learning difficulties marginalize them and turn them off to learning. Then we hear of talmidei chachomim who have started out with the exact same challenges. We know of people who are always on a diet, but never lose a pound. And we see others who reach a healthy weight and stay there. We read studies that explain why children from poor neighborhoods have trouble in school. Then we read of a breakthrough by someone from just such a neighborhood.

We ourselves make endless rounds of resolutions: to be more patient, to guard our tongues, to spend more time with our children, to be more organized, to call a lonely relative more often, to pray with more concentration, to get more sleep, to save more money—even just to floss our teeth every day—and most of them come to naught.

Why is it so very difficult to reach a goal? Why are some people hobbled by the obstacles, while others are able to get there? The Torah teaches us the formula to success by contrasting Avraham and his father, Terach. We learn that Terach had also set out for Canaan, but got only as far as Charan, where he lived out the rest of his life. Avraham, on the other hand, "left ...and came to the land of Canaan," all in one verse. Nothing could intercede between his departure and his arrival, because he embarked with his goal burning in his heart. Whether our goal is practical or spiritual, it's the depth of

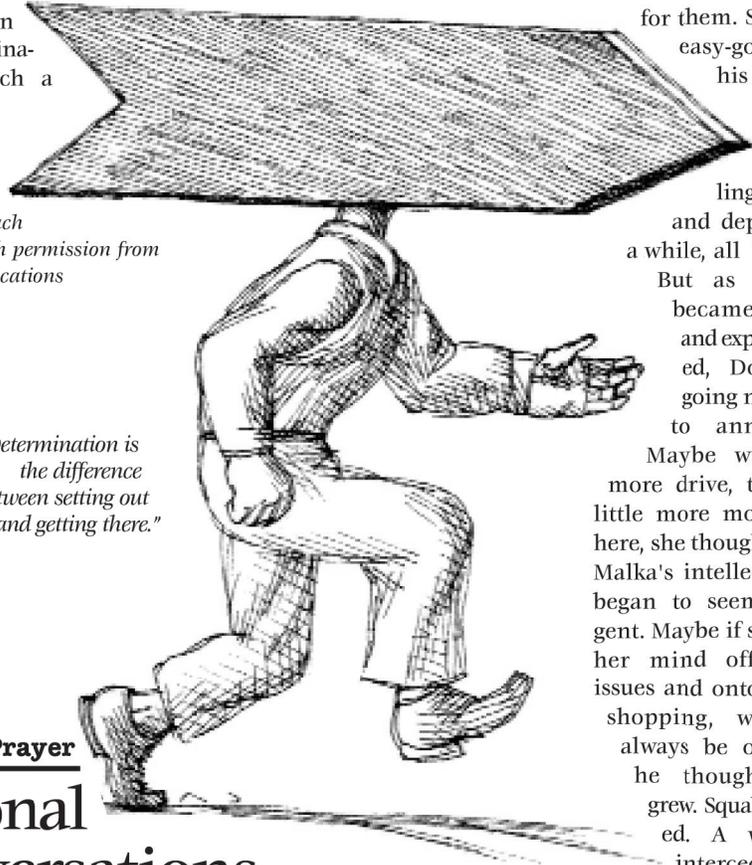
our desire to reach it that gives us the power to go the distance.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can you strengthen your determination to reach a desired goal?

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"Determination is the difference between setting out and getting there."



Effective Prayer

Personal Conversations

The King called his servants by name. He was the ruler of a vast swath of provinces which were home to hundreds of thousands of subjects. Yet his personal servants, he knew so very well. He loved and appreciated them, and did his best to keep them satisfied and content. The servants knew they were special to the King, beloved individuals with names and faces, lives and concerns.

When we say "Adon Olam" at the beginning and end of each day, we cast ourselves in the role of our King's beloved servants. By declaring Hashem our "adon," our "mas-

Torah Tools for Personal Growth

Inspiration



Ideas



Excellence



Success

Better Relationships

Bits and Peace

When Malka and Dovid met, they each knew in an instant that this was the match Hashem had decreed for them. She loved his easy-going nature, his gentle sense of humor.

He loved her sparkling intelligence and depth. And for a while, all was golden.

But as the couple became a family and expenses mounted, Dovid's easy-going nature started to annoy Malka.

Maybe with a little more drive, there'd be a little more money around here, she thought. To Dovid, Malka's intellectual nature began to seem self-indulgent. Maybe if she could get her mind off the great issues and onto things like shopping, we wouldn't always be out of milk, he thought. Tension grew. Squabbles mounted. A wise friend interceded.

"He's a good, kind man who loves his family," she told Malka. "Why focus on the one negative?"
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Pot Boiler

The Igeres Haramban is a succinct and loving letter of advice from the Ramban to his son; it has long been treasured as a guide to developing one's character. This is the second of a series based on its teachings.

You put a pot of cold water on the stove and turn on the flame. For the first five minutes, the water appears virtually unchanged. Anyone who didn't notice the flame underneath would think the water was room-temperature. But finally, the invisible heat builds to the point at which the water begins to steam, then bubble, and then boil.

This little cooking lesson is a lesson in life. Chazal refer to anger as "roseach," which means boiling. And the metaphor is far from accidental, because a person in a full froth of anger didn't suddenly get that way. First there was a small annoyance, then

another, then another, each adding a few more degrees of heat to his heart. Only when the final few degrees were applied did the anger boil over into a full-fledged volcano, leaving the person helplessly in the grip of his emotions.

The way to avoid this loss of control, then, is to keep the pot cool. The Ramban tells us how: "Accustom yourself to speak gently to all people at all times."

"At all times" seems like a very tall order. Yet it provides the key to "keeping cool." It means "in every situation"—even the non-stressful ones—speak gently. When nothing is going wrong, when no one is

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challenging or provoking you, take charge of your thoughts and words. Keep them non-stressful and positive. Physically relax, smile, untense your face, breathe deeply. All these strategies keep the water cool, so that even when the inevitable heat is applied, the pot won't come to a boil.

Adapted from "Reaching Your Highest Heights," a recorded lecture series on Igeres Haramban by Rabbi Ephraim Wachsmann, produced by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

The Din Torah

Reb Nassen and Reb Pinchas were locked in a dispute. Reb Nassen earned his meager living selling milk in the Old City of Jerusalem. Then, illness forced him to enter a hospital. During his hospital stay, Reb Pinchas had taken over his milk route. Reb Nassen worried about losing his route, yet he knew Reb Pinchas was providing his customers with a needed service.

When Reb Pinchas heard Reb Nassen was home from the hospital, he rushed to his house. He introduced himself, and presented a handful of coins. "I came to bring you your money," he explained. "I knew you had no other income, so I took over your route while you were ill."

Reb Nassen wouldn't take the money, insisting that Reb Pinchas had earned it. Reb Pinchas wouldn't keep it. So, they brought to beis din a machlokes that no doubt set the Heavens dancing with joy.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

Who should keep the money? Why? [Note: For discussion only. Actual halachic decisions should be made by a rav.]

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Bits and Peace

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"She's a loving, devoted wife," the friend told Devoid. "She's not just her flaw."

Machlokes, dispute, has the root "chelek," which means piece. Shaleim, which means whole, is the root of shalom. The words themselves teach us that dispute comes from perceiving a portion of others, while peace comes from perceiving them in their Divinely designed totality.

Shabbos Table Discussion:

How can you use this understanding of machlokes to get along better with others?

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