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January 21, 2022
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Through the
Classroom Door
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מזל טוב

To Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Shapiro and family on the recent bar mitzva of their son, our alumnus, Yeshaya.

To Dr. and Mrs. Dovid Kirzner and family on the bar mitzva of their son, our alumnus, Yaakov.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Goldwasser and family on the birth of a girl!

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
 Rochel Malka bas Tzortel Sheindel
 Aryeh Yosef ben Devorah Hinda
 Yaakov ben Miriam
 Ava Shlomit bas Ilana Esther
 Ahron Halevi ben Perela
 Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sara
 Chana

The Upcoming Week

Mid-Winter Vacation

Sunday, January 23 -
 Sunday, January 30.

Monday, January 31 -
 School Resumes - Regular Time

Covid Corner

Please be mindful and do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms. If there is someone in your household who is positive for COVID, your children **MUST** get tested with a PCR test regardless of symptoms, before returning to school. Please email safety@ytcte.org with any questions regarding COVID protocol. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder

Please make sure to label ALL items including water bottles, lunch boxes, yarmulkes and sweaters before sending them to school so we can be sure to return lost items!



THE REAL MOTIVATOR

Erev Shabbos Parashas Yisro 5782

Dear Parents,

We all search for the secret formula to success in life's endeavors. If we would know the guaranteed pathway to reach our goals, we would spare no effort to travel it. When we consider that our highest aspiration for our children is that they be attached to *Hashem* and His Torah and love learning, we would run to embrace an identified, winning approach to achieve it.

This week's *Parsha* is replete with descriptions of the circumstances surrounding the *Klal Yisrael's* receiving of the Torah and the messages they received at the time. *Hashem* instructs *Moshe*:

"*כֹּה תֹאמַר לְבֵית יַעֲקֹב וּתְגִיד לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל*" So shall you say to the house of *Yaakov* and tell to the children of *Israel*" (*Shemos 19:3*). There is a well-known *Mechilta* that explains that "*Bais Yaakov*" cited in the *Pasuk* refers to the women and "*Bnei Yisrael*" refers to the men. *Rabbeinu Bachye* questions why *Hashem* instructed *Moshe Rabbeinu* to first speak to the women.

In his third explanation, *Rabbeinu Bachye* says the following: "*The good, upstanding woman is the basis for (the perpetuation of) Torah. The reason being is because she is the one who is capable of drawing her sons to the Beis Medrash (to learn).*" How does that work? "*Because she is found constantly in the home and she has compassion with numerous expressions of yearning and connection to her children. This draws her child's interest towards study of Torah at a young age, from which he will not depart as he gets older (adapted from Mishlei 22:6).*"

We see here two parenting approaches that create a very strong impact on a child, to the extent that he can be motivated to do something (sit and learn) that is not at all simple or easy for him. The first lesson is about being present. A mother is deemed to have a greater influence than the father even though he is the one more likely to be involved in the actual learning process, because she is more consistently around the child. We can acknowledge that it is the natural and even healthy way of the world for the mother being more present and focused on the children but we need to realize how powerful a motivator is a parent's "being there" for their child, in growing their desire to learn Torah.

Bottom line – it is critically important for a parent to be a meaningful, consistent presence in their child's life.

Everyone has different circumstances that dictate how much the parent can be present with their child and this a decision that is very individualized and may change periodically. Physical presence and proximity are not the only measures of "being there". In fact, a distracted parent (read – distraction by device or other matters!) who does not lavish attention on his child, is in many ways less effective in raising his child than a parent who may be geographically separated much of the time, but is always 'connected' to the child. Bottom line – it is critically important for a parent to be a meaningful, consistent presence in their child's life, to show interest in what's important to the child, to listen and thereby show they care.

The other lesson to be drawn from *Rabbeinu Bachye's* message is the power of a positive approach in a parent's relationship with the child. Without negating the need to train a child, to discipline and help them to become self-disciplined, it is clear that the positive energy, the actual motivation to accomplish something meaningful in life comes from the strong, positive emotional relationship between parent and child. It is most commonly the mother who has that greater emotional attachment, but similar to the first lesson about being present, this lesson is critical for both parents. Molding a child and guiding him or her to follow in the footsteps of your deeply held beliefs and values certainly requires a strong, loving relationship.

This is not a logical process. We might think that motivation comes from internalizing a set of beliefs, intellectually concluding that this is something meaningful to the person and then action follows. While that may be what takes place on one level, we see from *Rabbeinu Bachye* the backstory of how incredibly impactful is the power of a parent's presence, love and compassion in determining the trajectory of their child's life.

With the family-bonding opportunity that the mid-winter break brings, let us be cognizant and focus on how much power we parents actually possess in molding our children's life choices. Through sincere connection, manifestations of love and placing our children at the center of our efforts and attention, we will merit incredible *Nachas*.

Best wishes for a wonderful *Shabbos* and well-connected week,

Rabbi Kalman Baumann

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2G-1 Shabbos Shira Bird House Art



3G-3 Rashi Picture Frame Project



Girls Tu B'shvat Fruit Kabob Activity



KES Girls Walkathon

On Tuesday, all the students in KES participated in our annual walkathon. The students walked as many as 50 laps and raised lots of money for Tzedakah. As the students walked their laps, they earned ices and gatorades. The girls were treated to a special concert by Morah Music. There was a delicious BBQ lunch and two inspiring videos shown in the afternoon about how to judge others favorably and the other about working together in a group.

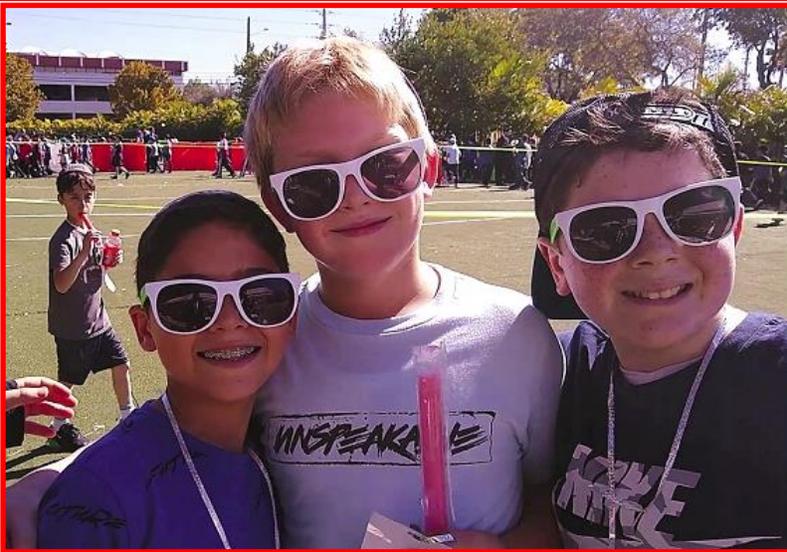


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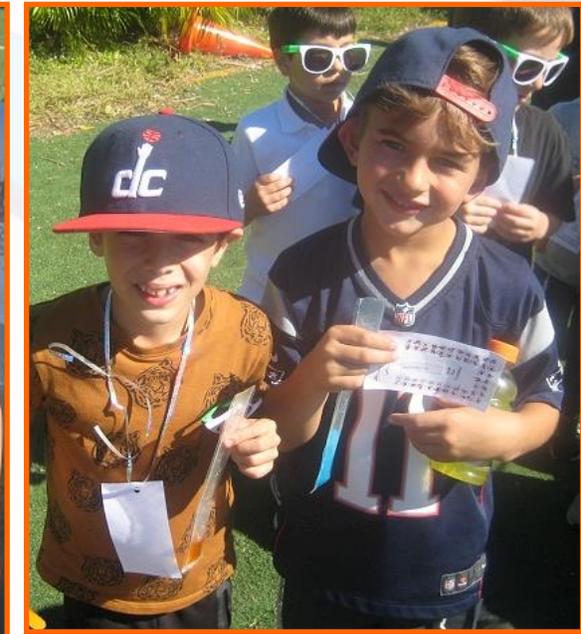
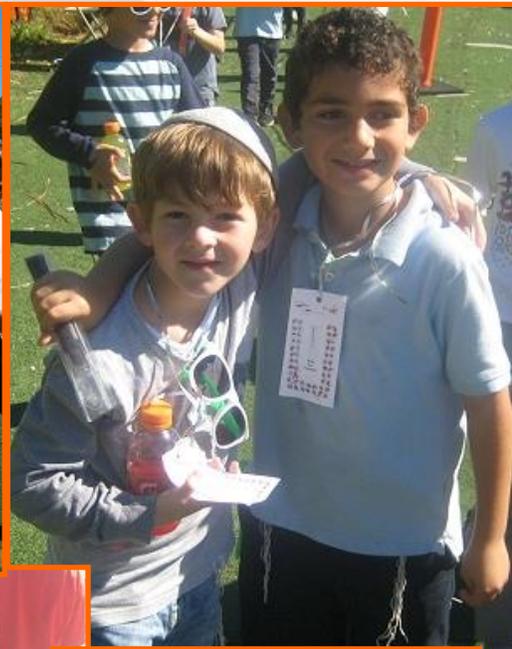


KES Boys Walkathon

On Tuesday, all the students in KES participated in our annual walkathon. The students walked as many as 50 laps and raised lots of money for Tzedakah. As the students walked their laps, they earned ices and gatorades. There was a delicious BBQ lunch and two inspiring videos shown in the afternoon about how to judge others favorably and the other about working together in a group.



KES Walkathon



4th Grade Siyum Mishnayos Event



This past Sunday, our 4th grade boys celebrated completing their first Perek of Mishnayos! They had a special event which began with Divrei Bracha from Rabbi Luban, one of our Roshei Yeshiva. Afterwards, the boys ate a delicious breakfast and reviewed the various cases they learned about with a game of Succah bingo. The event was topped off with live music and dancing. Our boys had a wonderful time at this beautiful celebration of Limud HaTorah!





Machane Miami

is back for

Summer 2022

Early Bird Rate only available until February 28th!!!

Camp Rates	Machane Miami For campers entering JPK-4 th Grade	<i>Extreme</i> For campers entering 5 th , 6 th and 7 th Grades <small>*Additional Trip Fee Applies*</small>
Early Bird Rate <small>(available until February, 28th)</small>	Full Session Rate: \$195 Per Week Weekly Rate: \$210 Per Week	Full Session Rate: \$220 Per Week Weekly Rate: \$235 Per Week
Regular Rate	Full Session Rate: \$215 Per Week Weekly Rate: \$230 Per Week	Full Session Rate: \$235 Per Week Weekly Rate: \$250 Per Week

Camp Dates: June 20th - August 5th

Session 1: June 20th – July 15th

Session 2: July 18th – August 5th

All campers registered before February 13th can enter our Early Bird Raffle for amazing prizes!

- ✓ One carpool for all your children!
- ✓ Busing from Miami Beach and Hollywood!
- ✓ Hot Lunch program available!

- ✓ Amazing trips and exciting programming!
- ✓ Machane Miami Extreme for campers entering 5th, 6th and 7th grade! Two trips per week and one major trip per session!

Rabbi Noach and Reena Rabovsky,
Camp Directors



The most fun you can have in the sun!



To register visit **MachaneMiami.org**

For more information call Machane Miami at 786-506-9071 or email info@machanemiami.org

MACHANE MIAMI

mid-winter break photo contest!

Most Unique!

WEIRDEST PLACE!

TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR MACHANE MIAMI SWAG IN INTERESTING PLACES!

SEND TO INFO@MACHANEMIAMI.ORG OR WHATSAPP 786-506-9071

Winners to be announced!

Deadline Feb. 5th!