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Shabbat Parshat Bemidbar

Candle Lighting: 7:47 Shabbat Ends: 9:06

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May 26, 2017

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This week's *parasha*, Bemidbar, recalls the death of two of Aharon's sons, Nadav and Avihu. The Torah says, "and Nadav and Avihu died before Hashem because they brought foreign fire before Hashem in the Sinai desert; and they had no children."

The context of the incident of Nadav and Avihu is more fully treated in Sefer VaYikra.

Moshe communicates Hashem's command to Aharon and *b'nei yisrael* to bring ingredients for four different offerings – a *chatat*, an *olah*, a *shelamim* and a *mincha* – all for the culmination of the inauguration of the *mishkan*. All of the respective parties brought the proper ingredients to the *mishkan* in conformity with Hashem's command. Moshe then gave Hashem's next command of what to do with these ingredients – the result of which will be G-d's glory appearing to the nation. Aharon and *b'nei yisrael* brought their respective offerings in exact conformity with Hashem's command.

Aharon lifted his hands to the nation and blessed them and then descended from performing these sacrifices. Moshe entered and exited the Tent of Meeting together with Aharon and then blessed the nation – subsequently, G-d's glory appeared to the nation. Fire descended from before Hashem and consumed all of the sacrifices. The nation praised Hashem and fell on their faces. Immediately following this accounting is the incident of Nadav and Avihu – two of Aharon's sons who were destroyed while offering a foreign fire that had not been commanded to them.

The Torah twice emphasizes in the first event of the necessity of acting with strict conformity only to that which Hashem commanded. The Torah uses the same language to explain that the cause of Nadav and Avihu's death was their failure to conform only to what Hashem commanded.

Hashem never commanded Aharon to bless the nation. Instead, Aharon seems to take it upon himself to bless the nation. Why did Aharon not meet the same demise as his sons for his seeming failure to conform only to what he was commanded?

In his Mishneh Torah, the Rambam cites the *halacha* that

the Kohen is not permitted to look at the nation during *birkat kohanim* lest he lose his focus. Furthermore, the nation should not look at the *kohanim* lest they lose their focus. The importance of the *kohanim* not losing their focus is readily understandable, but what does the nation have to focus on?

Sefer HaChinuch explains that *birkat kohanim* is an opportunity to focus on true ideas about Hashem and the importance of turning our actions towards Him. He explains further that the *kohanim* do not bless the nation in the sense that they have the power to bless. Only, *vesamu et shemi al bnei yisrael, vaani avarechem* – and place My name on the People of Israel and I will bless them. Because the *kohanim* represent the lifestyle of constant service of Hashem, they are conferred with the responsibility of enunciating true ideas about G-d's Providence. When they hear these ideas coming out of the mouths of these individuals, the nation will be aroused to focus on these ideas and in so doing raise themselves to a level where they deserve Hashem's blessing. In other words, everyone must concentrate on the ideas contained in these words in order to approach Hashem and benefit from His blessing.

Aharon was authorized to bless the people because Hashem charged the *kohanim* – *lesharet u'levarech* – to serve and to bless. The blessing of the people by the *kohanim* concretizes the messages of the service that they do – to teach to the world the ideas of Hashem. An additional service – such as that of Nadav and Avihu – was not authorized. Aharon's blessing was acceptable to Hashem; the service of Nadav and Avihu was not.

This message applies to each and every one of us. We are a nation of priests. Hashem defines what constitutes a mitzvah – a commanded act. We do not have the right to invent our own service. Hashem does give us the charge, however, to teach and to publicize the ideas of the commandments and the ideas about Hashem. Like the *kohanim*, we must be on guard constantly for opportunities to teach Torah to others.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Benji Owen

Administrator Corner Grit and Growth

Charna Schubert- ECE Director

Several months ago I wrote a newsletter article about growth mindset and a conference I had attended that month focused on grit and growth mindset. In that article, I discussed how inspired I was by a specific presenter: Jeffrey Benson. I am very excited to share with you that the MHA will be hosting nationally-recognized speaker and presenter Jeffrey Benson as a scholar in residence for several days of presentations and trainings for the MHA faculty and the larger community. Jeffrey Benson is the author of "Hanging In: Strategies for Teaching the Students Who Challenge Us Most" and has over 40 years of experience in a variety of divisions, schools, and teaching environments. The focus of his work is on supporting schools that work for all students. Margolin Hebrew Academy administrative and teacher training will focus on growth mindset and how this quality can help students grow to their potential. Mr. Benson will also spend time training teachers on the most up to date and powerful methods of differentiating for all students. Mr. Benson's work with all divisions from ECE to High School will give him the opportunity to support the MHA in their goals for professional development.

I am especially excited that Mr. Jeffrey Benson will be kicking off his trip to Memphis with a **presentation for parents and community members at 8:15am on June 7th in the MHA Library**. This program is free of charge and is open to the community. The topic of Mr. Benson's presentation will be "Growth Mindset and Working From Students' Strengths". The discussion will focus on current research on student intelligence and whether it is fixed or changeable and Mr. Benson will share his top tips for parents on how to help their children develop a growth mindset. I cannot wait for the parents in the community as well as our colleagues in all divisions of MHA to benefit from this presenter. He has so much to offer and I hope everyone will attend! Please RSVP to (901) 682-2400 to attend the community presentation on Wednesday, June 7th at 8:15am.

GROWTH MINDSET

By Jeffrey Benson

WHEN

June 7th

8:15 a.m. -9:15 a.m.

WHERE

MHA Library

390 S. White Station Rd Memphis 38117

RSVP to amanda.minner@mha-fyos.org

Or to 901-682-2400

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PRESENTER:

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EVERY SCHOOL
CONTEXT IN OVER 40
YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE IN THE
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THE CORE OF
JEFFREY'S WORK IS
IN UNDERSTANDING
HOW PEOPLE LEARN.
THE STARTING POINT
FOR EVERYTHING
THAT SCHOOLS
SHOULD DO.

To learn more about
Jeffrey Benson visit
jeffreybenson.org

Please Join Us For The Kindergarten Class of 2017 Graduation

We've learned a lot of things this year

And now it's time to go

We made new friends and had fun,

We're moving on, you know!

We wish to share this time with you

To laugh, to smile, to play

As our Kindergarten graduates

Have their first graduation day!

Sunday, June 4th / 10 Sivan 5777

10:30 a.m.

In the MHA/FYOS Auditorium

OUR GRADUATES

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Community Wide
PTA End of the
Year Meeting**

**Where:
Elana Kahane's House
5669 Vantage Point
Memphis, TN 38120**

**When:
Sunday, June 4th at 7:00 PM**

**Come celebrate our success for the year
and welcome our 2017/2018 PTA board.**

***Light refreshments will be served.**

Community News

Mazel Tov to Dr. Bradley and Adina Karasik on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Z.J. Karasik.

The MHA Health and Wellness Committee will be making smoothies for all high school students on June 6th from 9:30-11:00am in the Boys High School Lounge.

A message from the PTA

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the end of the year is already here!! The PTA would like to make the teacher gift giving a little easier for you. Instead of rushing around searching for the perfect teacher gift, take advantage of the "Teacher Gifts" program. This program is an excellent way to say "thank you" to all of your children's teachers without ever stepping foot into the mall.

This is how the program works: Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting gift money for the teachers, assistant teachers, administrative staff, and specialty teachers from Pre-K through High School. The money will be divided among the faculty, with lead teachers receiving the highest amounts. No need to divvy amounts on any forms. Just bring in a check. Before the last day of school, your child's teachers will receive an envelope full of cash accompanied by a card with the names of all the children who contributed. There is no greater look of appreciation than a teacher opening an envelope full of money!

We urge EACH AND EVERY family to participate so that we can give the well deserved teachers and faculty the highest amounts possible. We are asking for a total of \$35 per CHILD. Please turn the money in no later than Tuesday, May 30th.

Your checks can be returned via mail to Stacy Sanderson, 5681 Shady Glen Road, Memphis, TN 38120, or you may HAND DELIVER it to the box located in the front office. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK, AS IT IS A SURPRISE FOR YOUR TEACHERS!!!

Thank you,
Elana Kahane and Stacy Sanderson
PTA MHA/FYOS



BELLE ALBERT JEWEL PAGE

THE JEWEL PAGE OF OUR JOURNAL IS CALLED THE "BELLE ALBERT JEWEL PAGE" TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE WONDERFUL WOMAN WHO DEVOTED SO MANY YEARS TO THIS PROJECT. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO LIST THE NAMES OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ON THE JEWEL PAGE OF THE 2017 JOURNAL AND ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN! EACH JEWEL NAME IS \$3.00. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT 682-2400. USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET OF PAPER IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 14 LISTINGS.

ALL COMPLETED PAPER FORMS AND PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF OR MAILED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE MARK ENVELOPES "JEWELS."

MHA/FYOS Jewel Form

Jewel Names: \$3.00 per name

Name: _____ Tel. #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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for a community-wide pre-Shavuot shiur entitled

Understanding the Mitzvah of Torah Study

given by

Rabbi Shmuel Fromowitz

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Hot Breakfast 9:00 AM : Shiur 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Home of Cindi and Dr. Joe Weinstein

5490 Shady Grove Terrace

Please RSVP to office@memphiskolloel.org

Drop off and pick up for the MHA Food Sale will take place on Sunday morning, May 28th at the home of Raanana Stein, 5655 Ashley Square South.

Drop off: 10:00-11:00 am
Pick up: 11:15-12:00 pm

Thank you for supporting the PTA!
Michelle Katz, Hilly Safier, and Raanana Stein



Please join the Margolin Hebrew Academy for its

67th Annual Scholarship Banquet

Wednesday Evening, June 7, 2017 | FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms

Cocktails 6:00p.m. | Dinner 6:45p.m.

Paying Tribute To



Hugh Freiden
Community Service Awardee



Dr. Joel and Joanne Kahaue
Guests of Honor



Dr. Joel Siegel
Ish Chesed Awardee

Margolin Hebrew Academy | 390 South White Station, Memphis, Tennessee 38117
(901) 682-2400 | Fax (901) 767-1871
www.mhafyos.org/banquet



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RSVP by May 24

Ads and reservations can be made and paid for online at www.mhafyos.org/banquet.

Or, please return this sheet with payment to:

Margolin Hebrew Academy | 390 White Station Rd. | Memphis, TN 38117

Dedication (Ad Journal) Opportunities:

☐ I/we would like to take a journal ad as follows:
☐ I/we cannot attend the event, but we are pleased to take a journal ad as checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Sponsor	(Includes 2 Dinner Tickets)	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor	(Includes 1 Dinner Ticket)	\$1,250
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby Sponsor	(Includes 2 Dinner Tickets)	\$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Page		\$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Emerald Sponsor	(Includes 2 Dinner Tickets)	\$3,600	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page		\$400
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor	(Includes 2 Dinner Tickets)	\$1,800	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page		\$150
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Event Sponsorships:

<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Plate	(Includes 2 Tickets)	\$900	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Plate	(Includes 2 Tickets)	\$500
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Place ads online at www.mhafyos.org/banquet or by emailing journal@mhafyos.org with your ad request.
Or include text/instructions in the space below and mail or drop off at the MHA Office or fax to 901-767-1871.
Deadline for ad information is May 24, 2017



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May 26, 2017

**GET MIDNIGHT
SUSHI / CHINESE
BUFFET**

**SHAVUOT
ALL NIGHT
LEARNING**



**May 30 ~ 10:30 PM
@ BARON HIRSCH
400 S. YATES, MEMPHIS**

ADULT SCHEDULE

10:30 pm Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield
"Islam & Judaism: Brothers or Rivals?"
11:15 pm Jordana Maged

MIDNIGHT CHINESE BUFFET

12:30 am Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield
"Presidents, Dictators & Kings: Who is Fit to Lead?"
1:30 am Michal Laub
2:30 am Rabbi Benjy Owen
3:30 am Rabbi Rafael Azugi
4:30 am Rabbi Dovid Safier
5:15 am Shacharit



HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:30 pm Program with NCSY Advisors
11:15 pm Fun with YU Fellows
MIDNIGHT CHINESE BUFFET
12:30 am Teens Teaching Teens
1:30 am Ask the Rabbi w/ Rabbi Lehrfield
2:30 am Learning w/Torah MiTzion
3:30 am Jamie Gibber
4:30 am Shirot V'Tishbachot
5:15 am Shacharit

JR. HIGH SCHEDULE

10:30 pm Fun with YU Fellows
11:15 pm Program with NCSY Advisors
MIDNIGHT CHINESE BUFFET
12:30 am Teens Teaching Tweens
1:30 am The Amazing Torah Race
2:30 am Rabbi Moshe Semmel
3:30 am Learning w/Torah MiTzion
4:30 am Shirot V'Tishbachot
5:15 am Shacharit

The Administration, Faculty,
and Eighth Grade Class of the
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Cordially Invite You to Attend

8th Grade Advancement Exercises

On Monday, the Fifth of June,
Two Thousand and Seventeen,
The Eleventh Day of Sivan,
Five Thousand Seven Hundred
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At Seven O'clock in the
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of 2017**

**Join one of the
amazing Sisterhood
committees for this
year**

REFRESHMENTS
will be
served

To RSVP or for questions:
Cindi 230-2217
wein1088@yahoo.com

Family Learning
at Young Israel
will be at 5:00
and Parsha in the
Park will be at
5:15 this week.

Prizes and
Shabbos party to
follow. Hope to
see y'all there!!

Shavuot Family Fun

Tot Program

Enjoy fun holiday songs and activities
and learn about Shavuot

Led by Rachael Rovner

Ages 3-6



Family Learning

Bring your parents or grandparents for
a unique holiday learning experience

Led by the YU Fellows

1st-5th grade



Followed by
FREE
MACARONI & CHEESE
dinner

Wednesday, May 31st

6:00PM @Baron Hirsch Congregation

YOUNG ISRAEL OF MEMPHIS & THE MEMPHIS KOLLEL'S

Sunday Morning

LOX 'N LEARN

SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

(All shiurim to conclude by 9:30 AM)

April 30, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Dovid Safier

"Paying Wages on Time: A Halachic Analysis"

Sponsored by Essie & Michael Stein

May 7, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Yosef Braha

"When in Doubt Do Without"

Sponsored by Esther & Carl Kaplan / Yitzy nishmas Gittel bas Meir Yosef

May 14, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Akiva Males

"Unraveling the Mystery of Lag B'Omer"

May 21, 2017 - Presented by Rabbi Shuki Nissan

"Mashed Foods and their Brachos: A 'pot-purée' of Complications"

May 28, 2017 - Special Community-wide pre-Shavuot Shiur

Understanding the Mitzvah of Torah Study
given by Rabbi Shmuel Fromowitz

Home of Cindi and Dr. Joe Weinstein
5490 Shady Grove Terrace

Shavuos Learning at Young Israel

Men's Program

Shiurim, chavrusas, & great
food - starting at 12AM.

Learning programs for
children & adults.

Enjoy BBQ through the night!

Shachris at 5:15 AM

Rabbi Males - YIOM
Rabbi Owen - MHA
Rabbi Gersten - CYHSB
Rabbi Hauser - MHA
Rabbi Semmel - MHA
Rabbi Mordechai Harris - MJCC
Rabbi Nossan Fromowitz
The Memphis Kollel
Kollel Torah Mitzion
Avi Katz - Alumnus
Yishai Berendt - CYHSB
Gary Goldmeier - CYHSB

Ladies' Program

Beginning at 10:00AM Shavuos
moring, enjoy a round-table
of shiurim - 15 minutes each.

Ice Cream Kiddush for
women & children to follow.

Groups will be available

Rebbetzin Males
Mrs. Kutliroff
Eliana Schlesinger
Mrs. Goldblatt
Rebbetzin Braha

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honor of Joanne and Joel Kahane,
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By Susan Myers



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Picture of the Week



The MHA-FYOS 12th grade graduates.

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www.mhafyos.org and Facebook!