



OF MICE AND MEN AND TORAH

Eighth graders studying *Of Mice and Men* with Ms. Landy, forced to grapple with the morality of George's mercy killing of Lenny, were directed to the Torah for its perspective on euthanasia. Rabbi Mintz, RKY-HS Talmud chair, led a fascinating discussion with students about an actual medical ethics dilemma regarding the separation of conjoined twins that would kill one and save the other that was presented before Rav Moshe Feinstein in 1977. After analyzing different sides of the issue, students were better suited to discuss the questions raised by *Of Mice and Men*. The cooperation of the Humanities Department and the Judaic Studies Department taught students that "הפוך בה דכולה בה" – "Delve into the Torah and delve into the Torah for all is in it." Students understood that their study of literature can be enriched by the study of Torah and that the timeless lessons of the Torah have the ability to inspire all aspects of our lives.

