



# JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY

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# RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

## THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS JOIN FOR WEEKLY PIRKEI AVOT MISHNAH CLUB

A new learning opportunity has been introduced for students in third and fourth grade. Every Wednesday, for the second half of lunch, students are invited to join Rabbi Srolovitz for Limud Mishnayot in the Klatt Beit Midrash. Throughout the year, the students will be studying Pirkei Avot, focusing on timeless messages on an age-appropriate level, and beginning to unlock the world of Torah She'be'al Peh.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Pirkei Avot Mishna Club continued the past 2 Wednesdays as we delved into the text of the first two Mishnayot. Below are the bullet points of our learning and some areas we focused on if you would like to continue the conversation at home:

### Mishna 1

There is a long chain of Mesorah (transmission) from the time of Moshe until the Anshei Keneset HaGedolah (Men of the Great Assembly). The Anshei Keneset HaGedolah were known to say three things:

Be a careful judge. Club discussion: make sure to treat everyone fairly, no matter what preconceived notions you may have of them.

Raise many students

Build a fence around the Torah. Club discussion: There is a value to teaching oneself to be careful. Even if the Torah gives limited prohibitions in certain cases, we sometimes help ourselves by staying farther away from temptations or mistakes.

### Mishna 2

Shimon HaTzaddik taught us: The world stands on three pillars:

Torah study

Avodah (commonly understood as prayer)

Acts of Chesed/kindness

Our discussion ended talking about a Jew's responsibility in human interactions as well as in our relationship with HaShem.

We look forward to an exciting week 4!