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A photograph of four young children in a classroom setting. They are standing behind a wooden table, each holding up a book they have made. The books have colorful covers with text and illustrations. On the table in front of them are several more books, some stacked. A large grey trash can is visible on the left side of the table. In the background, there are wooden shelves filled with various items, including books and toys. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera.



ויוסף הי' במצרים (א, ה)

There are M'forshim who translate ה' במצרים not "and" Yosef was in Mitzrayim but rather "because" Yosef was in Mitzrayim. The ability for Klall Yisroel to overcome the many challenges of living in Golus Mitzrayim was because Yosef paved the way by overcoming the many challenges he faced in עירא תורע. It was this Mesiras Nefesh that made it possible for the שבעים נפש to remain connected (את יעקב) to and live by the standards of the House of Yakov.

The reason these weeks were chosen is not only because ראשי השבוע is the acronym of those Sidros. It is because during these Parshios we relive Golus Mitzrayim and our ultimate Geula. We survived Golus Mitzrayim because of Yosef's Mesiras Nefesh in areas of Kedusha. It is therefore the appropriate time to do some soul searching and do a reality check of where we stand in this area both in our personal lives and in the Chinuch of our children.

Rashi in Parshas Kedoshim says that Kedusha means מן העריות to distance ourselves from immorality. Boruch Hashem, ישראל קדושים הם, and with rare exception the arayos of יהרג ואל יעבור is not of primary concern in our communities. There are however many areas of ג"ע אבירות gateways to arayos that need attention during ימי שובבים.

While we live in Gouls and it is beyond our control to shield ourselves and our children from the indecencies of the streets and its glaring billboards, but we are in control of our homes. What pictures, magazines, newspapers are allowed? What kind of music is permitted? What venues of entertainment are visited? What kind of content streams through our servers and electronic devises?

With winter break around the corner this becomes an even greater challenge. Where are we taking our children? Will they be exposed to פריצות at some pool or beach? Will we lower our standards and allow videos of questionable kashrus, because “we are on vacation”? Will we compromise our standards of tznius for the same reason? We wouldn’t compromise our Kashrus standards while away so why should our standards of Kedusha be any less stringent.

Yakov and his family survived because of their mesiras nefesh in עניי קדושה. Our own mesiras nefesh in this area will go a long way in giving our children the stamina to overcome their own challenges as well.



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birth of a son

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birth of a great granddaughter

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## SCHEDULE:

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS AT 3:45

**WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 – 2**

MID WINTER BREAK – NO SESSIONS

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

YESHIVA RESUMES REGULAR TIME

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

PUPIL FREE DAY

NO SESSIONS EARLY CHILDHOOD & GIRLS  
BOYS ONLY – DISMISSAL AT 12:00

## BNOS

La Brea Bnos is from 2:30 – 3:50.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Meir Orloff for sponsoring Bnos this week. To sponsor a week please call either Orelle Fallas 323-803-0290 or Tamara Leah Sauer 323 745-9004.

Pico Bnos continues this week.

There will be no Bnos next week, Parshas Vaera.

## SAT 10

SAT10 Testing is underway for all students in grades 2-7. Please be sure that your children are not absent on these important test days. It is critical that students are well rested and have a nutritional lunch and snacks to give them the fortitude to perform at their best.

## CONDOLENCES

**Rabbi Eli Vcherashansky on the loss of his mother**

## ⇒ BOYS JUNIOR HIGH

During the past several weeks the 7th and 8th grade boys were asked to share a story of a family member or a first person account that demonstrated Mesiras Nefesh for Mitzvos even in the most challenging and dangerous circumstances. There were over twenty boys who submitted stories and worthy of honorable mention. The following boys won Gift Certificates to the Mitzvah Store; Moshe Shamoulia, Zalman Dovid Gettinger, Avrumy Ullmann and Yechezkel Adler.

This week The Motzei Shabbos Program continues from 7:00 – 8:30.  
To sponsor a week contact Rabbi S. Goldenberg at 323 742-3893.

## ⇒ GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

Our annual Chinese Auction, held on Thursday, 19 Teves, raising much needed funds for Bayit Lepleytot of Yerushalyim was, Baruch Hashem, an outstanding success! The sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls raised over \$3,000 Thank you, Mrs. Tarkieltaub, for your entertaining emceeing of the event. Working very hard, our dedicated Chodesh Teves Heads did a phenomenal job organizing this event. Yasher Koach to all and may we be Zoche to go from Chayil to Chayil. Our staff and students would like to express their deep Hakaras Hatov to the following vendors for their generous gifts to our Chinese Auction: Go Couture, Estee's Skirts, Name-A-Gift, Pizza Station, Pizza Mayven, Memories 'N More, The Mitzvah Store, La Brea Market, Munchies, Family Fashion, Jeff's Gourmet, La Brea Bagel, Atara's Judaica, Fish Grill, Gems and Jewels.



Sweet, engaging and charming captures the wonderful program that our sixth graders enjoyed on Thursday morning as part of their ongoing Bas Mitzvah Program. "Bubby Day" gave our Talmidos the beautiful opportunity of hearing inspiring and loving words from their very own grandmothers. The girls listened with rapt attention as they recounted their childhood memories, shared invaluable wisdom and described the Middos of their personal role models whom they still strive to emulate. A lovely poem and a song were performed by the Talmidos welcoming our esteemed guests. We all left feeling uplifted and grateful for our rich Mesorah. Thank you, Mrs. Brisk and Mrs. Fisher, for organizing this most memorable experience.



## ⇒ BOYS ELEMENTARY

- ~ Rabbi Nath's Pre 1 talmidim started learning about the ל"ט מלאכות.
  - ~ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Jacobs 2nd grade upon completing Parshas Chaye Sarah and celebrating with a Siyum.
  - ~ Rabbi Chaim Trainer's 4th grade had a B'Chena on the first four perakim of Masechet Yuma
- The boys did an outstanding job.

Last week, the fourth grade boys visited the Discovery Cube. First we piled into the orbit room to learn about the earth's layers and volcanoes. Then many other innovative science exhibits were explored, such as; going shopping in the innovator market to find the healthiest, most economical foods, or smartest packaging.

Sitting in an Aquavator to learn about water education. Race to zero waste-a Recycling garbage game of choosing the correct bins for the correct waste. Inspector training course- we entered a home and chose the most economical ways to keep the home maintained. Helicopter travels through rugged terrain. The Science of Hockey area. After the museum we enjoyed lunch, played sports, or enjoyed tag on the expansive outdoor equipment. Thank you to the teachers; Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Goldstein for organizing the trip and to. Mrs. Casen, Mrs. Lavaee, and Mrs. Katz for chaperoning and driving. Mrs. Gottesman, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Rand, Mrs. Rothstein Mrs. Roz, Mrs. Schwartz, and Mrs. Peretz for driving, Thank you to Mrs. Gottesman, Mrs. Lebovics, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Nath, Mrs. Tangy, and Mrs. Tress for organizing the delicious refreshments.

## ⇒ GIRLS ELEMENTARY

**KRIABILITY** Baruch Hashem our new קריאה program Kriability is yielding tremendous results! Morah Menucha's class finished their קריאה jar and earned a Soar with קריאה Surprise! The girls enjoyed yummy hot cocoa with marshmallows and cookies. It was the perfect treat for a cold morning! We look forward to earning our next surprise!



The 4th grade girls went on a very exciting field trip to the California Science Center last Thursday, after finishing their unit on ecosystems in science. The students enjoyed the exhibits and engaging activities, especially the divers. Thank you to Miss Bleemie Matyas and Ms. Nicole Deel for arranging the trip. A special thank you to Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Shlomof and Mrs. Nourpavar for chaperoning the girls. It was an educational experience and enjoyable time for all!



## ⇒ EARLY CHILDHOOD

Our department had a wonderful week, full of enactments and experiences. We dressed up as Paroh and shuddered as little Moshe grabbed away the king's crown. Could it mean something? We brought out a plate of "coals and gold" to see which one baby Moshe preferred....the children are so intrigued by our teachers' amazing portrayals that bring the Parshios to life! We dwelt on the essential principle of empathy that Moshe felt for a fellow Jew, a Midyani girl, and even a small sheep! Those are the qualities of a leader that we strive to emulate. The children also made a hand-cut Kesser, for letter "Kuf", carefully crafted and decorated, to remind us that we are princes and princesses; children of the King. In the absence of Yomim Tovim this month, we have moved on to Brachos, exploring the many food groups and reasons to thanks Hashem



# chosen words

## Personal Growth

### The 48 Essential Qualities for Learning

*If you want to acquire Torah, all you have to do is study. Right? Surprisingly, Pirkei Avos tells us that study is just one of 48 qualities necessary to successfully acquire Torah.*

Among the others named in the Mishnah are joy, modesty, slowness to anger, a good heart, and closeness with peers. According to Rav Chaim Volozhiner, you attain Torah in direct proportion to your efforts in developing these traits. Without them, Torah can't be fully grasped.

#### Quality # 10:

#### Faith in Torah Scholars

The traffic slows down, then comes to a standstill. Up ahead, there's an exit. Should you get off the highway? Try side streets? You listen to the traffic reporter, who sees the whole scene from his helicopter. Based on his perspective, you make your decision.

Every Jew faces junctures in life when he has to decide what road to follow. Talmidei chachamim, described by Chazal as

"einei ha'eidah," "the eyes of the congregation," have the view from higher ground, which allows them to see where each road leads.

The more one absorbs Torah, the greater his wisdom and the truer his outlook. Emunas chachamim—faith in Torah scholars—means linking ourselves with such

## Better Relationships

### Sinking the Ship

When someone irritates or injures us in some way, the natural reaction is to want revenge. In the rest of the world, revenge is considered sweet. But a member of Klal Yisrael cannot harm another Jew without harming himself. In the Midrash (Vayikra Rabbah 4:6),

people, who are themselves links with previous generations of talmidei chachamim. Only by doing so can we know that our learning, actions and philosophies will be true to Hashem's will.

The inclination to trust one's own intellect is powerful, especially in a society that prizes independence. But if

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responds. 'I'm drilling only beneath my seat.' 'But the boat will be flooded and all of us will drown!' the others answer."

The injunction against revenge does not mean we can't try to redress a wrong or correct a flaw. It means that we have to accept that the troubles,

which have come our way, have arrived by Divine decree; the perpetrator is simply the agent. When we

accept this, we grow from it. When we seek revenge, we sink the ship.

#### Shabbos Table Discussion:

What is the difference between seeking justice and seeking revenge?

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## Effective Prayer

### Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Shemoneh Esrei is done. You've said what you must say, with as much concentration as you could apply, and the tefillah is now signed, stamped and mailed, so to speak. But there's still one thing left to ask for. In one final verse, we ask Hashem to accept what we've sent Him: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable before You, Hashem."

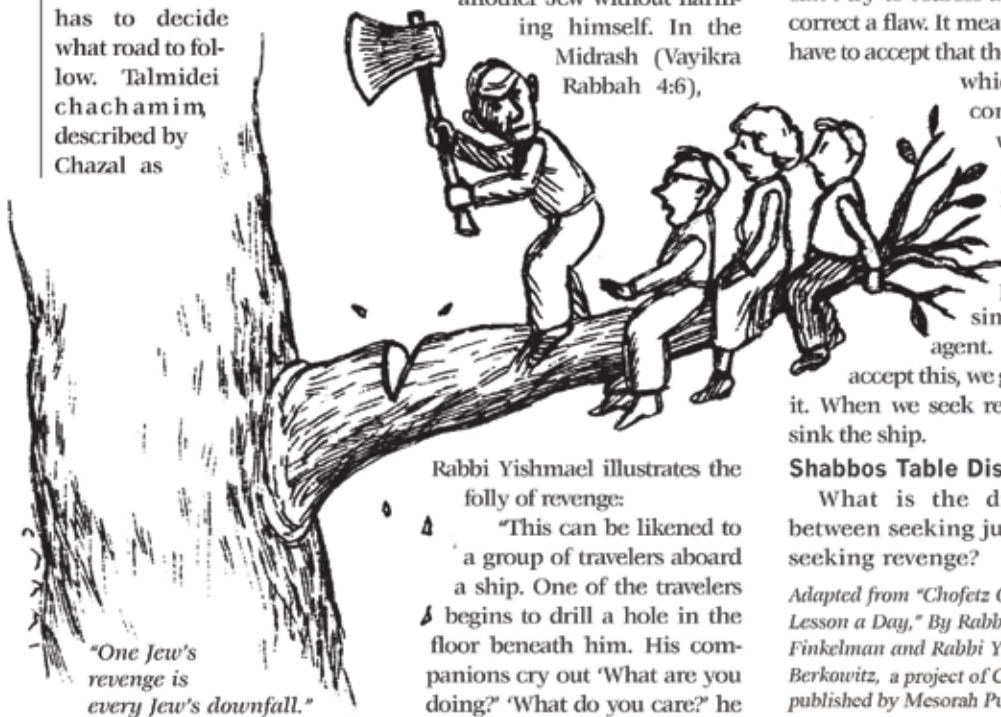
Normally, we think our thoughts first, and these emerge as the words of our mouths. Why then, does this verse mention our words first and then our thoughts? Rabbi Chaim Volozhiner explains that the words of Shemoneh Esrei are formulated precisely, with both obvious meaning and deep, mystical meanings. The words are perfect and holy. When we say them, they do exactly what they are meant to. In regard to Shemoneh Esrei, our words are of primary importance.

Our thoughts, though, may be many miles away. This final verse asks that our hearts and minds join with our words so that we can be elevated by the holy words that have just emerged from our mouths.

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*"One Jew's revenge is every Jew's downfall."*

Rabbi Yishmael illustrates the folly of revenge:

"This can be likened to a group of travelers aboard a ship. One of the travelers begins to drill a hole in the floor beneath him. His companions cry out 'What are you doing?' 'What do you care?' he

# Resetting the Time Bomb

You've lost it. You're tired and irritable and someone is making you simply furious. On one level, you know you're reacting way out of proportion, but you're already in a rage and your emotions are following a course of their own. Suddenly, the phone rings. You pick it up and muster the equanimity to have a brief, pleasant conversation with the other party. By the time you hang up, chances are good that the fury has subsided.

But Hashem doesn't always supply us with ringing phones at just the right moment. More often, you have to rely on your own strategies to prevent rising anger from compounding itself into raised voices, insults and tears. It helps to have in your anti-anger arsenal a cool-

ing-down device; a strategy set aside for just such moments.

The Alter or Kelm had a special coat that he called his "begeg ka'as" (garment of anger). Whenever he felt anger mounting, he went to his closet and took it out and put it on. By the time he was finished with the procedure, he had cooled down. A Chassidic rebbe would give feuding married couples a bottle of "holy water," with instructions that they should hold some in their mouths for a few minutes whenever they felt themselves growing angry.

Even if you can't hold back your anger, try walking out of the room for a few minutes. Be sure to look at yourself in the mirror and note how fury has distorted your face. The

reflection you see might well shock you back into control.

**To Do:** Think of a strategy that fits your personality and environment that will give you time for cooling down. Use it whenever appropriate, so that it becomes your habit.

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## 48 Qualities

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we want our decisions to turn out for the ultimate good of ourselves and Klal Yisrael, the Torah tells us (Devarim 32:7) that we must defer to our "fathers" and "elders," our talmidei chachamim, who are imbued with a pure Torah perspective.

This means actively seeking advice—not just when the milchig spoon falls into the chicken soup, but when we're unsure whether a job, a neighborhood, or school is beneficial to our family's avodas Hashem. It means teaching our children to respect their rebbeim. It means trusting the opinions of those whose wisdom is greater, knowing it will lead only to good.

Many families use vacation times to visit one of the gedolim, reinforcing their own connection and making a lasting impression on their children.

*Adapted from "The Past as a Guide for the Future," an address by Rabbi Matisyahu Salomon, The Jewish Observer, Jan. 1999*

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## Sound Advice

Even though Rav Shraga Feivel Frank passed away at a young age, his daughter Baila Hinda carried the family's prestige, and became engaged to Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer, who later became the Rosh Yeshiva in Slusk and eventually in Eretz Yisroel. During their engagement, Rav Meltzer went to learn at the yeshiva of the Chofetz Chaim. There, he became dangerously ill with tuberculosis.

Hoping to spare his kallah any suffering, Rav Meltzer offered to dissolve the engagement. Backed by the doctors' grim prognosis, the family urged Baila Hinda to take Rav Meltzer's offer.

But the kallah saw things differently and sought the Chofetz Chaim's advice. He told her that there are two types of people: those who are healthy, and those who live long. "If it's bashert, you can live a long life with a fragile man," he said.

It took a Chofetz Chaim to see the greatness that would emerge from the marriage of Baila Hinda to this "fragile man," who lived to the age of 84.

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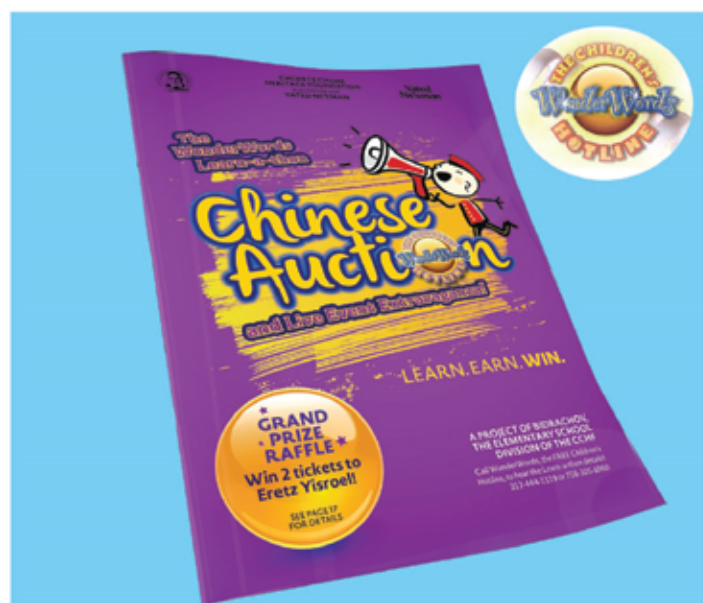
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