

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Sunday, April 27:** Mock AP LA 12 Exam at 1:30 and Grad pictures
- **Monday, April 28:** SAT exam for Juniors and Seniors at 1:25 PM.
- **Friday, May 16 - Shabbos, May 17:** Retreat and Shabbaton - more details coming soon
- **Monday, May 26:** Memorial Day - No School

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Elisheva (Khoshkerman, '06) Fakheri (Anatomy) on the birth of a baby boy!
- Mazal Tov to Ari and Sarah (Stiefel, '11) Mandlebaum on the birth of a baby boy!
- Mazal Tov to Avigdor and Chaily (Hiller, '05) Lauer on the birth of a baby boy!
- Mazal Tov to Yitzchok and Hudi (Hiller, '12) Leffel on the birth of a baby boy!
- Mazal Tov to Liba Garfinkel ('19) on her engagement to Moshe Fredman.

ALL THE HOSTAGES

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ARE IN OUR HEARTS & TEFILOS.

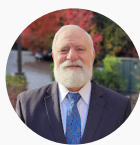
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FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro



Sefer Vayikra, that we are in the midst of reading weekly in Shul, is also referred to as Toras Kohanim (The Torah for the Priests). The simple explanation as to why our Sages use this name is because a large portion of the content of this book deals with the service in the Bais Hamikdash which is performed by the Kohanim. Many of the other parts of Sefer Vayikra also deal with the duties that the Kohanim are responsible for.

If so, why not just give Sefer Vayikra to Shevet Levi? I would like to suggest that one reason for this is to send us the message that the goal of a Torah way of life is that we should behave like Kohanim. Our mandate is to become a מַמְלַכַת כֹּהֲנִים a "Holy Nation of Priests" and infuse the world with Kedusha.

This week we were fortunate to have Mr. Ronnie Adjmi, a successful international businessman, visit our community and speak to the students at Temima, YOY, and TDSA. He also addressed the adult members of our community at a special event Wednesday evening. His overall message was to be aware of the negative effects of digital technology and find a solution so that we will not become overwhelmed by high tech's influence and addictive nature.

One story he told during his presentation has made a deep impression on me.

Mr. Adjmi heard this from HaRav Matisyahu Solomon zt"l, Mashgiach of Gateshead and Lakewood Yeshivos. (I am paraphrasing);

A man asked the Chofetz Chaim why he was not a Kohen. He answered because your father was not a Kohen. The man inquired why wasn't my father a Kohen and the Rav replied because your grandfather was not a Kohen.

The Chofetz Chaim then turned to the man and asked him, "Do you know why your grandfather was not a Kohen?" The man replied "No."

So the Chofetz Chaim explained that long ago when Moshe Rabbeinu came down from Har Sinai and saw Am Yisrael worshipping the Golden Calf he cried out, מִי לַהֲשֵׁם אֵל "Whoever is with HaShem follow me!"

Shevet Levi met that challenge and followed Moshe Rabbeinu and destroyed all those who were bowing down to this idol. Because Shevet Levi exhibited boundless devotion to HaShem in this world, they received the honor of serving as HaShem's Priests.

Says HaRav Matisyahu Solomon each generation faces a challenge where they are required to be "מוסר נפש למאן השם" - to be willing to express complete and selfless devotion to HaShem in order to preserve Kedusha in the world. HaRav Solomon continues and teaches that in our generation our test is dealing with technology. He contends that smartphones and other handheld devices and games are the most addictive.

So our challenge is to come up with a solution. Mr. Adjmi suggested several things including using a FIG phone as a start.

Whether you choose to get a FIG phone or not, I think we all agree that the digital revolution has made raising children and living a life of Kedusha much more difficult. Ultimately each family will decide, for itself, how they will approach this matter.

Our collective mandate is to acknowledge the pitfalls of technology and to confront them seriously with מסירת נפש. The future of our children and our way of life are at stake. May Hashem grant us the wisdom and the strength to successfully meet these challenges.

Good Shabbos to All!

Rabbi Shapiro

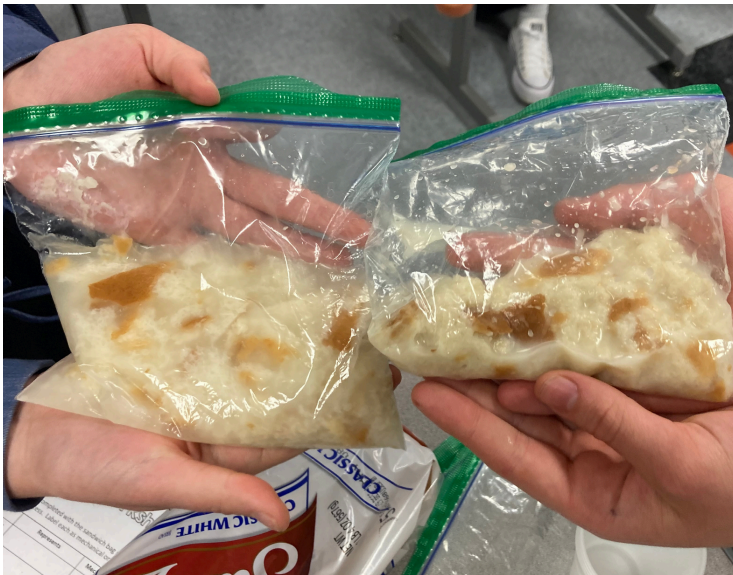
This Week at a Glance:

MR. ADJMI



Our students and parents had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Ronnie Adjmi regarding dealing with the challenges of our digital era. As a result over 60 FIG phones are being ordered! Stay tuned for a feedback survey.

ANATOMY LAB



In the Anatomy lab, students visited different stations throughout the classroom and modeled various processes in digestion. In this picture, students hold bags of torn-up bread mashed with water, which modeled chewing food and breaking it down in the stomach.

12TH GRADE KISVEI PODCAST



To wrap up and review the Kisvei Shlomo Hamelech class unit on Dibbur from Sefer Mishlei, our seniors produced "podcast" episodes geared towards teenagers. Creatively and thoughtfully, they wove together the Pesukim and Meforshim they focused on together with real-life, relatable examples. Each episode highlighted many aspects and facets of the potent power of our speech.

GOOD SHABBOS!