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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday**  
January 17, 2022  
Dismissal K-8 @ 3 PM  
No transportation

**Thursday**  
January 27, 2022  
Dismissal K @ 12 PM  
P-8 @ 12:30 PM

**Friday-Tuesday**  
January 28 - February 1, 2022  
Mid-Winter Vacation  
No Sessions

**Wednesday**  
February 2, 2022  
Sessions Resume

**Sunday**  
February 6, 2022  
Hascholas Gemara

**Monday**  
February 21, 2022  
Dismissal K-8 @ 1

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Reminder: Please make sure to label your son/s clothing to keep the lost and found empty, Thank you!



Our 7th graders played an *Eiruv* pictionary game this week to review the first half of the *masechta*!

The winning team won a whole Oreo cake!



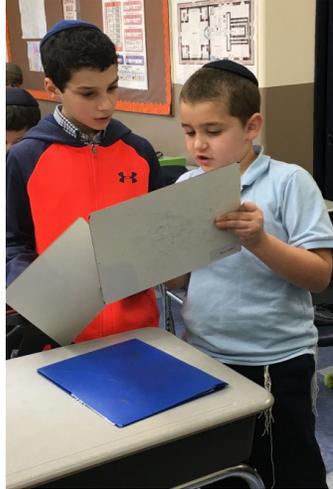
Our 1st graders working hard in their ELA Pods!



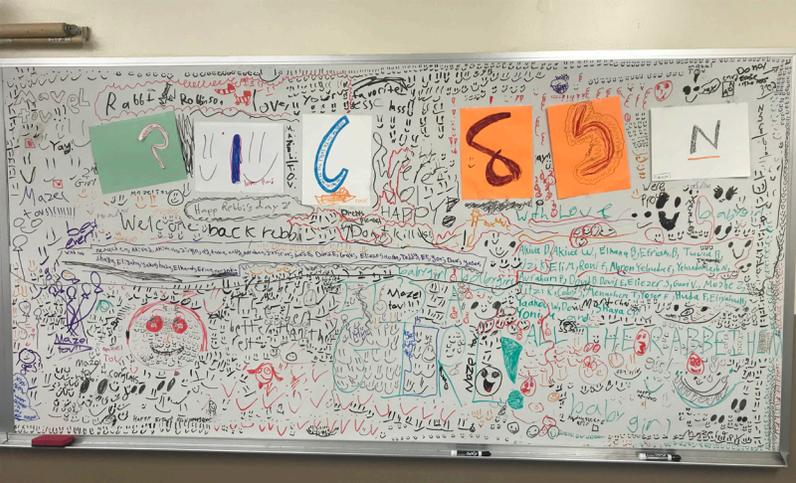
**Rabbi Peikes's 8th grade talmidim joining the learning from home.**



**Thank you to the N'shei for sponsoring this month's Rosh Chodesh treats!**



**Our 4th graders reviewing work in class.**



**5th grade made a mazel tov mural for Rabbi Robinson, celebrating the birth of a baby girl!**

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**MAZEL TOV!**

- Mazel tov to Rabbi Rawicki upon the birth of a grandson!**
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Robinson (5th grade rebbe) upon the birth of a baby girl!**
- Mazel tov to Mrs. Rina Yetta Weisman upon the birth of a baby boy!**
- Mazel tov to Shlomo Eichler upon his bar mitzvah!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Yonah Binyamin Benjamin, Kindergarten**
- Shmuel Meir Yablonsky, Kindergarten**
- Yair Slatus, 1st grade**
- Dun Elhyani, 3rd grade**
- Daniel Gotesman, 4th grade**
- Moshe Zlotnick, 5th grade**



**Noam Deutsch was scientist of the week in Mrs. Gendel's 3rd grade class!**

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## The Joy of Hope

וְהָיָה כִּי יֹאמְרוּ אֲלֵיכֶם בְּנֵיכֶם מִהַ הָעֶבְדָּה הַזֹּאת לָכֶם: וְאָמַרְתֶּם זָבַח פֶּסַח הוּא לְה' אֲשֶׁר פָּסַח עַל בְּתֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּמִצְרַיִם בְּנִגְפוֹ אֶת מִצְרַיִם וְאֶת בְּתֵינוּ הִצִּיל וַיִּקַּד הָעַם וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ:

And when your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this rite?' You shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the L-RD, because He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but saved our houses.'" The people then bowed in homage.

וַיִּקַּד הָעַם. על בשורת הגאולה וביאת הארץ ובשורת הבנים שיהיו להם:  
for the tidings of the approaching deliverance and for the promise of their coming into the land, and for the tidings regarding the children whom they would have

-Rashi

Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.

-Maria Montessori

There is a lot to absorb as the Nation of Israel prepares to finally make their way out of Egypt. Moshe and Aharon instruct them in the specific rules regarding *korban Pesach*, preparations for their journey, and details of how the night will unfold. They describe how, one day, the people will tell their children the story of Hashem passing over the houses of the Children of Israel as He smote the Egyptians while saving the *bnei Yisroel*. In response, the people bow in gratitude.

Why were they bowing? Rashi sees, at least in part, their bowing as a response to a bit of news implied by Moshe's prediction. If their children would one day ask about these events, that means they will one day have children. That is great news worth bowing for.

The *Chasam Sofer* questions why they are so excited at this point over news of future children. If there was one thing the *bnei Yisroel* were successful at in Egypt, it was having children, multiplying at incredible rates to become a nation unto their own. That they would continue to have children does not seem noteworthy.

Even if their having children is noteworthy on some level, they have now been given far greater news about freedom, redemption, and protection. What could cause them to essentially ignore the other tidings in favor of the implication that they will merit children?

The *Chasam Sofer* offers a fabulous insight, noting the combination of the introductory phrase of the *possuk* and the nature of the question that will one day be asked.

The *possuk* begins with the words אֲלֵיכֶם כִּי יֹאמְרוּ. The word וְהָיָה we know is a *lashon simcha*, an

expression of joy, certainly appropriate in describing the experience of fathers transmitting to sons the

story and tradition of their past.

But, the *Chasam Sofer* also takes note of which of the four sons is asking the question here. מִהַ הָעֶבְדָּה

לָכֶם, "what is this service to you?" is the question of the *ben rasha*, the wicked child. Where is the

joy in the news that there will one day be a wicked child who will ask you questions? Why the

expression *vehaya* in this context?

The answer is quite elegant and quite simple. Children are the hope for the future, even children who are imperfect, often especially the imperfect ones. The fact that there will be children and they will ask questions is the key. That child might be the *ben rasha* at the time of the question, but if he is there at the table to ask questions, then there is hope for him and his children beyond.

I would add to the *Chasam Sofer* a thought from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Reb Menachem Mendel Schneerson. The *Rebbe*, in a remark so befitting him, once observed that there are not four sons in the Pesach story but five. There are four we know, the wise, the wicked, the simple, and he who knows not how to ask, but there is a fifth son who goes unnoticed

and unmentioned because he does not even show up at the table. That fifth son is the real tragedy and the true crisis. The wicked son needs our support and desperately needs our help, but he is there for us to support and help him. It is the son who never makes it to the table who is in real trouble.

In the Chasam Sofer's viewpoint, the joyous act of bowing was in response to the news that there would be sons who would show up at the table. That there will be wicked sons is an unfortunate given. All children are not born perfect angels. But the news that the wicked sons will be at the table asking questions was, and remains, cause for joy.

It is a vital lesson for parents, many of whom struggle with children who are struggling, and many who question what they have done so horribly wrong for their children to struggle so mightily. Most of the time, the answer is, absolutely nothing. One does not have to do anything wrong as a parent in order for children to struggle.

What is a parent to do when their child finds it so difficult to conform to communal norms and expectations? Keep the child at the table. Give him space to ask questions, and remain grateful that he or she is there. As the *bnei Yisroel* realized that fateful night in Mitzrayim, as long as there are children, there is hope, even if those children are not yet where you'd like them to be.

*Good Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb  
Principal*



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# QUESTION

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3) Who was the father of רַבֵּקָה אִמֵּינוּ?

4) Who was the father of מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּינוּ?

5) Who was the father of יְהוֹשֻׁעַ?

6) Who was the father of שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ?

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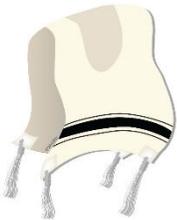
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