

TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

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פרשת וילך

MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

Our פרשה talks about the מצוה of הקהה, a gathering held once every seven years in which all Jews-men, women, and children, come together to celebrate national unity and purpose.

The Gemara in חגיגה asks “we understand why the men and women came but what was the purpose of bringing the children?” The answer given is ליתן שכר למביאיהם to give reward to those who brought them. The משלוח מן השלוח explains that exposing one’s children to the events of הקהה is going to make an impression on the children and the parents will receive the reward of נחת of having children who were impacted so deeply by the הקהה experience.

Rav Yissocher Frand explains that the closest thing that we have to הקהה today is the Siyum HaShas, which takes place every seven and a half years. To quote Rabbi Frand:

“When my children were younger, I made a point of taking them. It is an amazing sight. Even if they are only out there in the concourse buying their kosher hot dogs, seeing tens of thousands of Jews together is impressive. It makes a lasting impression.

A person can ask himself afterwards “Was it worth it? I schlepped him, I took him out of school, I took him on the train, it cost me money. Was it worth it?” The Talmud teaches “to bring reward to those who bring them”. Exposing children to such a gathering DOES make an impression. In the long run, it will certainly be worth it! Eventually the parents will realize reward for these efforts.

I know someone who made his own Siyum HaShas (marking the personal completion of studying the entire Babylonian Talmud). I asked him why he made a Siyum HaShas and he told me “My father made a Siyum HaShas when I was a boy and I saw what a big deal it was! I said to myself then, ‘When I get older I want to do that also!’”

We are lucky to have a Siyum HaShas coming up on January 1st. Over 100,000 people will gather together to celebrate Torah! Agudas Yisroel of California is organizing a hookup in Los Angeles for those who can’t make it to the east coast. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to bring your kids!

It’s a big secret in chinuch to make a big deal about mitzvot. Your son finished a פרק of משנה? Let’s have a special dessert on Shabbat to celebrate! Your daughter finished a פרשה in חומש? Let’s celebrate as a family! The bigger deal you make out of Torah and mitzvot accomplishments, the greater your נחת will be later on.

גמר חתימה טובה!

שבת שלום!

Rabbi Moshe Abady

Our week in pictures...



ANNUAL YOM IYUN/TASHLICH EVENT:

This Thursday we had our annual school-wide Yom Iyun/Tashlich event. The Junior High Girls experienced a full morning of inspiration at their annual Yom Iyun. Under the theme of "Hashem is the Director", the girls listened to stories about living a life of Hashgacha Pratit from Mrs. Panahi. They did an in depth Cheshbon Hanefesh activity with Morah Abady. Using various materials, they created vehicles of transportation which taught them the importance of using each of the materials Hashem has given us to serve Him and grow. During their break, the girls enjoyed a black and white snack of black and white cookies and hot cocoa with marshmallows that showed the difference between mitzvot and aveirot and did Tashlich on our yard. The girls watched an incredible video directed by Miss Shmagin which portrayed the real concepts of Hashem's din and the opportunity we have to do teshuva. Afterwards, they had the privilege of hearing from a special guest speaker, Rabbi Shoff, who ended off the Yom Iyun with a shiur about making Hashem our Director!

The elementary girls participated in a meaningful Tashlich experience on the yard with live fish and a special "fish" snack for each student. Morah Abady organized an exciting "Mechila Gram" activity for the girls. Each girl got a name of someone in her class. They then had a chance to write what they admire about the friend they chose with a request for mechila for something they may have done to her. The girls packaged it up with a small treat and presented their classmates with a beautiful card.

A tremendous thank you to our extracurricular coordinators, Morah Abady and Miss Shmagin, for all the time and effort they invested into preparing our students for Yom Kippur!