

## TASHBAR SEPHARDIC YESHIVA KETANA

Candle Lighting: 6:15

Shabbat Ends: 7:09/7:44

October 5, 2019

פרשת וילך

## MESSAGE FROM THE MENAHEL



Dear Parents,

Our פרשה talks about the מצוה of הקהל, 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 מוהל explains that exposing one’s children to the events of הקהל 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 הקהל experience.

Rav Yissocher Frand explains that the closest thing that we have to הקהל 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. Our students participated in a meaningful Tashlich experience on our yard with live fish and a special “fish” snack for each student. The older boys participated in the worldwide Misaskim Tehillim Asifa along with tens of thousands of other students! Our 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders had the privilege of hearing from Harav Dovid Horowitz, shlita, Rav of Makor Hachaim. He spoke about how special this time of year is. Our students were truly inspired and feel prepared for Yom Kippur! Gemar Chatima Tova!

