

# Shaarei Tzion



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פרשת חיי שרה

Candle lighting 4:31

## Parsha Points

“...mercantile currency” “עבר לסחר”

The word סחר, merchant, contains an allusion to an important lesson in ethics. The letters in the aleph beis which precede those in this word are נ, nun, (preceding ט, samech), י, yavin (preceding פ, ches) and ק, kuf (preceding ר, reish). Together they yield the word נוקח, damage or injury. The word עבר, current, also denotes priority or precedence, as in עבר לעשייתן (a term indicating that a bracha must be said prior to the performance of any mitzvah). Based on this, עבר לסחר may be translated homiletically as “note the letters that precede סחר, which jointly produce נוקח.”

Let us now examine Efron's character as it is revealed in his dealings with Avraham. He was miserly and greedy, and as a result, he suffered damage, as our Sages expound the verse in Mishlei 28:22: “He that had an evil eye hastens after riches, and knows not that want shall come upon him.” The word used for want in this verse is חסר, which contains the same letters as סחר. There is a fundamental lesson in business ethics conveyed in this. סחר, conduct of commerce, is linked to חסר, loss, and נוק, damage. There are numerous pitfalls a businessman must avoid, such as swindling, stealing, telling untruths and all manner of other wrongdoing. If he is vigilant in his practices, then his סחר, his business, will flourish, as he fulfills Hashem's will. On the other hand, if he is ruthless and dishonest, then נוק, damage, and חסר, loss, will ensue.

*Chochmas Anoch taken from Torah Treasurers*

## The Week in Review

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys are actively involved in “traveling around the world,” visiting such countries as: France, China, England, Australia, Eretz Yisroel, etc. They are going together with Yoni, experiencing remarkable sights and sounds each country has to offer. This is all a part of the Chofetz Chaim middos program entitled “Konei Olam, A World of First Class Middos.” Each month the boys visit a new country, eight all together, discovering eight valuable middos along the way. These middos include: אמנות, זריזות, חסד, סבלנות, אמת, זריזות. In each country the boys learn how to apply these middos to their own lives, while at the same time appreciating the wonders of ה' beautiful world. Rabbi Akerman, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade rebbe, is amazed to see how they have already implemented the מידה of מידה, the first middah to which the boys were introduced, in the classroom. The first thing in the morning they now open their סדרים right away, ready to go from the very beginning. We are looking forward to the boys becoming equally proficient in all of these מידות, and enjoy a year of success in learning and in מידות טובות.

5<sup>th</sup> grade is busy,

Very hard at work.

Learning, academics,

There's no time to skirt

All literary terms,

We find in language arts.

Similes, puns,

And also sentence parts.

The genre of a tall-tale,

Exaggeration at its peak.

Thunder rose is superhuman,

Most definitely not weak,

Order of operations,

In math we're really pros.

5<sup>th</sup> grade is the BEST

EVERYBODY KNOWS!!!

## תפילה בלא כונה כגוף בלא נשמה

It was with these words that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls began learning about כונה and taking an in depth view of the תפילה. It is our hope that by learning the פירוש המלים and producing a beautiful scrapbook that takes the form of a סידור, we will gain a better understanding of ברכות and that will enhance our תפילות and remain with us for years to come.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are learning about ratios (model drawing helps us find equivalent and changing ratios). What is the ratio of brown to red, to yellow, to multi-colored leaves that were picked up outside in five minutes? Look out for our colorful bulletin board to find out the answer in simplified form!

We have been busy, busy, busy in girls 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Learning place value and addition with the games we've played.

Multiplying and dividing at rates that are speeding More books than you can count, we have been reading.

Using our metacognitive skills as we talk & write Accessing our schema & making connections so bright.

The importance of why we need rules was learned Aware that by voting makes our opinions heard.

Understanding that by listening and focusing our attention

We help us gather all this information that was mentioned.

We're off to a great start, each girl working so hard That's why in 3rd grade each student is a shining star!

## Preschool Jottings

YST Preschool is always on the go! The kindergarten classes, as they learned the letter Gimmel, traveled to the ice cream store to taste the delicious גלידה. The weather was perfect and the tasty treat hit

the spot! Morah Mimi's class enjoyed the ambiance of fall and took a trip to collect the colorful leaves. While laughing with joy and throwing handfuls of leaves in the air, the children were thoroughly enjoying the outdoors.

The nursery children were fascinated as they learned the workings of a well. The one that they assembled in their classroom gave the children the opportunity to draw on their knowledge. The children took turns turning the crank, lifting the pail, drawing the water and then pouring drinks for Eliezer and his camels. Come and try it yourself! You will surely applaud the children for their very hard work.

The kindergarten classes divided into two groups – boys and girls, and then played an APPLE MEMORY game. We displayed sets of the apple language cards and then the exciting competition began. The boys won the game with a score of 8 to 4, but all the children enjoyed, played by the rules and learned what it means to be a good sport.

What do you do when someone gives you a present or something special, but you do not really like it? During our Word of the Week session, we learned the phrase “Thank you for thinking of me!” We discussed that when we receive something that we really like, it is appropriate to say “Thank-you! I really appreciate it!” The children practiced pretending to be the Mommy giving a present, then a Bubby and then a friend.

## FYI

•Please note important dates: The first Parent-Teacher conference in the boys' division is on Tuesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and in the girls' division, Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please disregard the notations in the school calendar of G-Conferences on Nov. 11 and B-Conferences on Nov. 25. They were placed in error.

•Pirchei (Grades 1-5) and Pirchei Beis Medrash (Grade 6 and up) will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.

•Bnos Malka this Shabbos at 2:15. We'll be building!! Pre1a – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited!

•YST PTA is offering “Women's Only” swim starting Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. See attached flyer for details and registration.

•After the resounding success of the Rebetzin Sima Spetner parenting workshops this past summer, the YST PTA is proud to present “The science of Parenting from a Torah Perspective” by Rebetzin Ruthi Lynn, a renowned expert in the field, specially trained and highly recommended by Rebetzin Sima Spetner. All women of the community is invited to join this 11 part series that will begin on Sun. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM with the first class being a non commitment/trial class. Limited scholarships are available to YST parents. Spots are limited and enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis. For more information and to register please call 732-986-3153 or email srhakimi@hotmail.com Cost: \$225 for 11 sessions.

•Yad Leah Clothing Drive - Sun, Nov 8 - 9:30 - 12:30 pm at Cong. Ohav Emeth. Please donate clothing in good wearable condition only. Linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, black hats, cosmetics & hair accessories are also accepted in good condition. On shoes are that are gently worn are accepted. Bring all in tied garbage bags. In good condition may also be donated. Yad Leah will distribute to over 15 communities throughout Israel. A minimum \$18 donation is requested per donor (checks made out to American Friends of Yad Leah) to help defray the shipping & processing costs. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the shipping costs to Israel. Receipts will be provided by Yad Leah for the money & clothing (&/or miscellaneous items) contributed. We are also looking for volunteers at the collection site to help with the bags and the paperwork. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer or sponsor shipping costs, please call Mordy Brill at 732-819-8351 or e-mail at mordb@msn.com.

•Please support Nate Goldstein as he and his parents run in the Las Vegas annual 10K on Nov. 15, 2015 in support of Chai Lifeline, a worthy organization from which they have personally benefitted. Tax deductible donations can be made at www.teamlifeline.org/my/61556 or checks to Chai Lifeline can be dropped off at the Goldstein house, 40 Harrison Ave. Highland Park. Thank you so much for your support.

•Yachad Shabbos Buddies: Looking for teens interested in visiting Yachad members on Shabbos afternoons for some friendship and fun. Call or text Bracha at 718.440.0099 if you're interested!

•The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business as of November 1st. The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.

•Rabbi Weiss: Shiur for men and women on the Parsha, focus on Eemunah and Bitachon – Wed. nights at 9:15 PM at the Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave, HP.

•Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will meet on Thurs., Nov 12 at 10:00 AM at Riki Samel's house. Please call the hotline to confirm at 206-666-8911.

•Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon, Nov 9 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Edison

•Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Nov. 8 at 10:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Nov. 9 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

•SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls will meet on Wednesdays. Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-841-1885.

## Mazel Tov!

•Rabbi & Mrs. Shlomo Ziegler upon the engagement of their son, Ezzie to Tamar Clyman from Passaic

•Rabbi & Mrs. Levovitz upon the birth of a great-granddaughter

•Rabbi & Mrs. Betzalel Field & family upon Nechama's Bas Mitzvah

## BULLETIN BOARD

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 7 - 8:30-10:30PM - Pre-Chanukah Boutique** in Support of One Family Fund (Overcoming Terror Together) to be held at 25 Price Drive, Edison. Vendors include Beanie Bandz of Edison (hair extensions too!), Edison Edibles, The Sterling Society, Mekor Fitness, Fascinators by Deena, Fancy That Hat, and The Cake Pop Shoppe. Miriam Dobin will be selling her recently published memoirs, "I Am Because of You". There will also be brand new, brand name clothing for sale at less than half off retail prices, women's Junee skirts, boys' button down shirts, shawl/coats, shells and more!

•Sun, Nov 8 - 1:00-3:00 PM. - YACHAD participants are invited to join us for pottery painting at Make Me Take Me in Highland Park. There is a \$10 charge for this event. A simultaneous parent workshop on summer camp planning for your special needs child will be held as well. To RSVP please email middlesexyachad@ou.org or call Bracha at 718.440.0099.

•Sun, Nov 15 - starts at 5:30 - Etz Ahaim is pleased to present the **Etz Ahaim Keys to Success Speaker Series & Singles Event** at 230 Denison St. In Highland Park. Our guest speaker will be Chaya Eisenberg, Psy.D. lecturing on "Building & Maintaining Relationships Part 1. She is a nationally certified school psychologist with training in marital and family systems therapy at the Family Institute in Jerusalem. 5:30PM - Social (meet other singles, play board games, cards, and more, shadchanim will also be available). 7:45PM - Special Tefilla for Singles to Find a Match. 8:00PM - Chaya Eisenberg Speaks. 10:15PM - Maariv. Food will be available for purchase (food supplier to be announced closer to event). For more information please contact ejw17.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov. 21 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes DVD** for women at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. Current weekly teleconferences series: “Can I deal with this?! Honest discussion and practical tips” with Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum.

• **Thurs, Nov 26 after Shacharis - Cong. Ahavas Yisroel Thanksgiving Day Yom Iyun** - The featured speaker this year will be Rabbi Shmuel Maybruch, a popular maggid shiur at Yeshiva University. The title of Rabbi Maybruch's shiur will be “Who Says Money Can't Buy Happiness? Materialism, Torah, and Psychological Research.” Everyone is invited to join us for this exciting annual event!

## המקום ינחם...

to Warren Fink upon the loss of his mother, Terry Fink, י"ה. Shiva will be observed at the Fink residence, 218 S. Adelaide Avenue, Highland Park, until Wed morning. Shacharis weekdays at 7:20 am, Sun at 8 am, Mincha/ Maariv b'zman.