



Parsha Points

יוכל אלקים ביום השביעי מלאכתו אשר עשה ...
כי בו שבת מכל מלאכתו אשר ברא אלקים לעשות

If the פסוק says that 'ד completed His work which He had done, then what is meant by the seemingly extra word לעשות - "to do" at the end of the פסוק? What more was there to do? Rav Avigdor Miller, זצ"ל answers that 'ה made the world in order for US to accomplish and do things.

A truck driver was once hired to deliver a shipment from coast to coast. The boss warned the driver of the importance of adhering to all traffic rules. He told him that for every traffic offense \$100 will be deducted from his pay. The driver came back a few weeks later to collect his payment and proudly said "I didn't make even one mistake. I never went over the speed limit or passed a red light. I never even changed lanes without signalling. I therefore get full payment!" The boss asked, "Did you deliver the goods to the proper address?" The driver answered, "Oh, I forgot about that!!!!" Of course he didn't get paid even a dime, because he completely failed in his mission. It was not enough for him not to get any tickets, etc. He didn't DO and accomplish his job!

It is not enough for us to go through our lives without doing any עבירות. We need to do and do and accomplish great things with our lives! That is why 'ד made the world - לעשות! We must make sure to use each day 'ה grants us the ability to learn תורה, do מצות, and work on our מדות so that our lives will be full of great accomplishments and we will bring נחת to our parents and to Hashem!

Week in Review

On Thursday evening, *Chol Hamoed*, our Boy's School celebrated a most beautiful *Simchas Bais Hashoeiva*!! What a sight to see. Just watching so many *Talmidim*, with their fathers, singing and dancing brought about a True *Simchas Yom Tov*. Many *Rebbeim* took part in this joyous event and had the opportunity to dance with their students. They were graced with a *D'var Torah* by Rabbi Drucker. Delicious refreshments were offered in the *Succah* and all who attended received raffle tickets. Many boys left that evening with exciting prizes, but all who attended left with uplifted spirits and already looking forward for next year's *Simchas Bais Hashoeiva* in *Yerushalaim*!!

The study of Chumash is, of course, a primary focus in every Yeshiva, imbuing our students with basic knowledge of our Jewish history, imbuing them strong Hashkafa and inspiring them to emulate the *midos* and *ma'asim tovim* of our forefathers. The road to these overarching goals includes developing strong textual skills, which allow for the reading and translation of individual *p'sukim*. The

Preschool Jottings

The children excitedly returned to school reporting about their *Sukkos* and the decorations, *Simchas Torah* dancing and their flags, *Chol Hamoed* trips and excursions, family and friend guests that came to visit and also, their *Lulav* and *Esrog*. Thank you for all the lovely *mitzvah* notes that were excellent springboards for conversations about *Yom Tov*.

With the presidential election coming up, the preschoolers have learned the new vocabulary words, "vote" "choose" "prefer". Although, at this age, we cannot vote for President, we can learn how to make a choice. We practice every morning, as the wall is set up with a new choice every day. The children cast their ballot by placing a picture of themselves under the choice they prefer. To date, we have voted for either chocolate or vanilla ice cream, spaghetti or macaroni and fruits or vegetables. Chocolate, macaroni and fruits were the preferred choices! Perhaps when Election Day arrives, the youngsters will be so proficient with the voting process, that we will be able to count on their votes for President.



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FYI

- After school programs in both boys and girls divisions will start the week of Nov. 7th. See attached flyers for details or go to the website www.ystnj.org to register.
- Save the Date! Sun, Nov. 13th - 7:00 p.m.- The Digital Citizenship Project - "Raising Healthy Children in a Digital World." Please see attached flyer and mark your calendars. In addition, parents of students in grades 5 - 8 are requested to complete the online Survey that parallels the survey that our students took several weeks ago.
- Around the Table - This program has been designed to offer facilitated conversations about relevant parenting topics on multiple motzei shabbasos during the winter months. There is a nominal fee of \$10 to attend each event.
If you are interested in hosting a group (approximately 20-30 women) that is geared to parents in your child's class, please reach out to Shira Mirlis who will give you more information about what it entails. Her contact information is (516) 287-5076 or shiram08@gmail.com.
- Women's Only Lifeguard Training Course will begin on Dec 18th. For more information and to register, please see the attached flyer and application. A portion of the proceeds will benefit YST.

Parnes Hayom

As part of the school's ongoing celebration of its 25 years in the field of Torah education, YST is proud to introduce the Parnes Hayom Program.

A Day of Learning is a meaningful way to honor or memorialize a loved one, or to mark a special occasion. We will publish the sponsored Day of Learning in the newsletter.

To sponsor a Day of learning, or for more information, please contact Mrs. Glinn at 732-777-0029, or on our website: www.ystnj.org and click on Parnes Hayom to donate.

Moros in grades 2 - 5 in the girls school are working on an initiative that focuses on mastery of high frequency *shoroshim* as a first step in ensuring that ALL our girls develop the requisite skills for learning, **and loving**, the study of Chumash. Working together, the teachers will apply their many years of experience to analyzing the results of weekly mini-assessments and plan for scaffolded learning. We are really looking forward to developing a systemic approach to developing vital Chumash skills from this collaborative effort. Stay tuned!

Mothers of girls in grades 4 - 8 are welcome to join the girls for Rosh Chodesh davening this coming Wednesday morning, November 2, at 9:00AM. Make your day special by joining your daughter and her classmates in *t'fila* and song. We look forward to seeing you!

Bulletin Board

- **Thurs, Nov 3 - 7:00 p.m. - The Middlesex County Great Big Challah Bake.** Help create a feeling of *achdus* as women and girls from across Middlesex County join together in celebration of the Mitzvah of Challah, starring Malky Giniger. The Challah Bake will be held at Cong. Bnei Tikvah in North Brunswick. To register, go to Eventbrite.com and search: Middlesex County Great Big Challah Bake. All Kashrus will be supervised by Rabbi Unterman, Rabbi of the Young Israel of East Brunswick.
- **Motzai Shabbos, Nov 5 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes DVD** for women will be held at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as *shalom bayis* and parenting are available to Tiferes members. For more info, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net.

Writer's Corner

In Mrs. Anolik's 4th grade class we are 'reading' wordless books and writing our own stories to go with the pictures. Here is the beginning of Bayla Lebovits' version of the book, Journey:

Ugh! I can't believe it. I, Amelia Calisa Parker, am so upset at my family because my Mom is on the phone with a client, Dad is working with the Principal of my school, and Maya is on her iPhone, so I am so bored. I went to my room. Even my cat doesn't want to play with me. My cat gets up and I look in amazement. There was my lucky red crayon. And there and then an idea was born. I'll draw my sorrows away and I might even be able to have some fun with it.

I draw a red door with my red crayon and walk right through it. I walk into a garden and I draw a little red boat and I sail to a kingdom, and the only way to travel is to ride a boat. So I go down a waterfall and I save myself by making a hot air balloon.

Mazel Tov

- **Rabbi and Mrs. Aba Brudny upon the birth of a grandson**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Bezalel Cohn upon the birth of a daughter**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Komet upon Tova's marriage to Nosson Gruenebaum**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Larry Greenman upon Shua's Bar Mitzvah**
 - **Rabbi & Mrs. Boruch Chazanow upon Riva Rochel's Bas Mitzvah**

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Oct 30th at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Oct 31 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place Tues, Nov 1 at 9:30 AM at the home of Tzippy Rieder, 6 Cliff Street, Edison (off of Brookhill Ave, past Stone St.)
- Rabbi Bassous' Women's class is held on Sun mornings at 10:00 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class will be based on the book, "Happiness" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin.
- The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! 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.
- Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley has just opened a new Hospitality Room at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital! It is located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through the double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at 732-572-7181.
- Please join the Tehillim hotline by calling 401-694-1602 at 8:45 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Follow the prompts and enter access 4625 followed by the pound key. The Tehillim is said as *z'chus* for *refuah shleima* for community members, who are ill. Following the Tehillim, we will be learning from the sefer *Growing Each Day*. If you would like to volunteer to lead a night of Tele - Tehillim, please contact Adina Pruzansky 732-339-0780.