



### Message from our Menahel

In this week's פרשה, פרשת חיי שרה, the תורה goes into great depth about how אברהם אבינו dealt with עפרון and his people, the חיתים.

“ויקם אברהם וישתחו לעם הארץ...”  
 “And אברהם rose up and bowed down to the members of the council...” (בראשית כ"ג: ז')

Many מפרשים ask, “Why did the תורה discuss at such length with numerous פסוקים how אברהם אבינו interacted with בני חת?” Rav Shlomo Wolbe, זצ"ל, explains that these פסוקים teach us insights into the הלכות of ארץ. We see that even when אברהם אבינו spoke and interacted with simple גוים, he still showed them כבוד by bowing down to them twice.

When a great person encounters a smaller person, our normal inclination is to become a בעל גאווה. A truly great person understands and conducts himself appropriately even when he is shown honor. He doesn't become a בעל גאווה but rather still displays respect to those lower than himself. The בני חת referred to אברהם אבינו as a “נשיא אלקים” (פרק כג: ו') a prince of ה' yet אברהם אבינו still treated them with כבוד by bowing down to them.

The תורה places emphasis on the fact that the חיתים were עמי הארץ, simple people, by stating this fact twice. Still, אברהם אבינו showed them proper and fitting כבוד.

It is very important for us to teach our children that yes, we are the עם סגולה, the treasured nation, of ה' but yet we must treat all of ה' creations with ארץ.

Have a good Shabbos,

*Benji Kesh*

### MAZEL TOV TO:

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Grossman on the Bar Mitzvah of a grandson.

~ Dr. and Mrs. Dovid Epstein on the birth of a daughter.



**Sunday, November 4**  
 Eastern Standard Time  
 Classes begin at regular time

**Friday, November 9**  
 New: Friday Winter Dismissal  
 12:00 P.M. Dismissal for all Classes  
 Regular Bus Service

**Sunday Nov. 11**  
 Limudei Kodesh Professional Development  
 12:30 Dismissal for all Classes

**Monday Nov. 12**  
 Professional Day-General Studies  
 2:00 P.M. Dismissal for all classes  
 No Bus Service

**Sunday Nov. 18**  
 Rebbe-Teacher Conference Junior High General Studies  
 12:30 Dismissal for all Classes  
 Conferences begin at 12:45

**Monday Nov 19**  
 Parent Teacher Conference  
 4:30 Dismissal for all classes  
 Conferences begin at 6:30

## After School Programs

It is always gratifying to see children volunteering to stay late to practice their critical thinking skills. This year, a full quarter of our students in Grades 2-8 have taken advantage of one or more of the many extracurricular activities. On Monday and Thursday, a total of approximately 40 students stay late to play chess. Watching children sit for close to an hour--with only two cookies to energize them--focused on a chess board is especially exciting in today's age of video games and instant gratification. On Mondays, there are between 10-15 students who participate regularly. Tuesday and Wednesday are E2K days where sixth and seventh grades learn to build through trial and error. This year, the sixth graders in E2K are using the skills and knowledge of velocity and acceleration to construct roller coasters out of foam piping. The challenge of the roller coaster activity is as follows: The roller coasters must include a corkscrew and a loop, and the marble that the students send hurtling through the roller coast must continue all the way through and not get caught on the path to its finish. E2K in seventh grade began with block coding with Sphero and will be moving into a study of buoyancy in short order. May the fun continue.

### Bringing the Parasha Alive in the classroom

The excitement in the air is palpable when the weekly פרשה is learned in the younger grades. The Rebbeim are bringing the stories of the פרשה to life with adorable skits and demonstrations so the talmidim have a better understanding of the פרשת השבוע. It was a little difficult to find a box big enough to fit שרה inside. (See attached picture) This past week a few classes celebrated the "chasuna" of יצחק to רבקה. More pictures available at [www.yeshivaketana.com/photos](http://www.yeshivaketana.com/photos).



### Off To A Quick Start

The Yeshiva is proud to wish a Mazel Tov to our third graders. Both Rabbi Krasne's and Rabbi Bodenstein's classes made their very first siyum of the year. Both finished Parshas וישב and are already well into Parshas מקץ. We are looking forward to many more סיומים in our Yeshiva.



Wedding of יצחק and רבקה.

**The Yeshiva's annual Zayde-Father-Son Melave Malka is just around the corner (Dec. 1 to be exact)! If you are able to sponsor or donate prizes, volunteer on the night of, or assist in any other way, please be in touch with Mrs. Feintuch 516-551-4464 or Mrs. Kopelowitz 917-704-9350. We thank you in advance for helping make this year's Melave Malka a success.**