



*Message from our Menahel*

In this week's פרשה, פרשת בשלח, after קריעת ים סוף, כלל travels three days and do not find water:

"וילכו שלשת ימים במדבר ולא מצאו מים..."

"They went for a three day period in the מדבר, but they did not find water." (שמות ט"ו: כ"ב)

The גמרא (בבא קמא פג.) tells us that water is a reference to תורה. בני ישראל traveled for three days in the מדבר without תורה. The next פסוק tells us בני ישראל started to rebel against ה'. The גמרא explains because of this incident, established a תקנה to lein from the תורה every three days, Monday, Thursday and שבת, to guarantee that כלל would not go three days without תורה. The original תקנה was to read at least three פסוקים (עזרא הסופר added to it).

Rav Moshe Feinstein, זצ"ל, asks, "The original תקנה was only three פסוקים, was that really sufficient to avoid a future rebellion?" He answers, "Yes, three פסוקים was sufficient to show the depth and breadth of תורה הקדושה and the need to delve deeper and learn even more."

There is a critical lesson for us to inculcate in our precious children. No matter how busy we are or where we are, we must always learn the תורה הקדושה. It is essential for our children to see and experience that davening and learning are not limited to being in yeshiva but as a Torah Jew, we are required to daven and learn every day and in every circumstance. Even when Yeshiva has to close because of inclement weather and safety concerns, this lesson is even more pertinent. May ה' give us the סייעתא דשמיא to be successful in instilling this message in our children so they can continue to grow in their תורה, לימוד התורה, מידות טובות, and יראת שמים.

גוטין שבת א,

*Binji Kersh*

**MAZEL TOV TO:**

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Zev Braun on the birth of a grandson.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Adler on the birth of a grandson.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel Hamburger on the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

~ Mr. and Mrs. Nechemia Hoch on the birth of a son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Joshua Rohr on the birth of a daughter.

~ Yehuda Diamond on his Bar Mitzvah.

**ניחום אבילים**

Mrs. Ruchie Kleiner on the loss of her father.



~ **Friday January 18–  
Tuesday January 22**  
Mid– Winter Vacation  
**No Sessions**

~ **Wednesday January 23**  
Regular Sessions Resume

~ **Sunday February 10**  
Parent-Rebbe Conferences  
12:30 Dismissal for All Classes  
Conferences begin at 12:45

~ **Monday February 11**  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
4:30 Dismissal for All classes  
Conferences begin at 6:30

## שנים מקרא Celebration

As ספר בראשית came to a close, the first part of our weekly שנים מקרא program did as well. An outstanding number of תלמידים completed every פרשה. Their hard work and dedication was rewarded, in addition to their weekly treats. On Tuesday, January 8, the third through fifth grade תלמידים enjoyed pizza, french fries and soda. On Wednesday, January 9, the תלמידים in sixth through eighth grades enjoyed a special lunch from Carlos and Gabby's. The Yeshiva is very proud of all our תלמידים who participated in the שנים מקרא program on ספר בראשית. Keep on participating as we look forward to the סיום on ספר שמות.

## Say ברכות Out Loud!

As the month of Shevat began, so did the Yeshiva's ברכות Program. Our תלמידים in grades Pre1A—5 are encouraged and reminded to make all their ברכות on food out loud. This is especially stressed at lunch time. We ask parents to participate in this program by reminding their son(s) to make their ברכות aloud at home too. The תלמידים have shown their eagerness in this program and ברכות are heard throughout the day, loud and clear.

## Hakaras Hatov

Wednesday, January 9, ג' שבט, was the yahrtzeit of one of our founding benefactors, משה דוד בן ר' חיים צבי ז"ל, Mr. David Kupperman. In honor of his yahrtzeit, the Yeshiva ordered a special treat for the grade 8 talmidim who participated in a siyum made by Rabbi Karman לזכר נשמתו. At lunch, Rabbi Kessler spoke about Mr. Kupperman: who he was, his love for Torah and his role in founding our Yeshiva. Mr. Kupperman's presence is still very much felt in the yeshiva on a daily basis. Mrs. Kupperman is still involved in the Yeshiva, and we wish her a רפואה שלימה and good health עד מאה ועשרים שנה.

## Grade 5 visits Museum of Math

On Tuesday, January 8, accompanied by Mrs. Isakov, Mrs. Kanowitz, Mrs. Schlanger and Rabbi Brody, Grade 5 went on a delightful and educational trip to the National Museum of Math located in Lower Manhattan. The boys were able to explore two floors worth of exhibits in the museum. The exhibits demonstrated geometric, physics and STEM concepts and the boys really enjoyed engaging in the many interactive exhibits as well as playing math bingo. The two activities that were probably the most popular were racing cars and finding probabilities. Racing cars taught the boys to calculate which slopes were most efficient in moving cars quickly and finding probabilities with a set of dice taught students that the number 7 has the highest probability of being thrown. After all, they realized, the most frequent combination of numbers on two dice had to be 7: 1+6, 2+5, 3+4. A eureka math moment.

Save the Dates  
January 27: 7th Grade  
Father-Son Breakfast

February 17: 3rd Grade  
Makkos Fair

March 3: 5th Grade  
Sukkah Fair

March 10: 4th Grade  
Mishkan Fair



## Grade 4 Biography Fair

A biography fair was held in the shul on Tuesday, January 15 by the fourth grade. The boys had researched their subjects ranging from Milton Bradley to Henry Ford, from Albert Einstein to Harry Houdini. The boys dressed up as their subjects might have and they each shared the fountain of information that they had amassed in their research. We learned fascinating facts and reveled in quotes that Martin Luther King said—Moshe Greenberg's favorite that he had memorized: "We may all have come on different ships but we're on the same boat now." The example of the middah of anivus that we learned that Reb Yaakov Kaminetsky displayed was also extraordinarily memorable. When two boys were racing in the hall and inadvertently knocked him down, Reb Yaakov apologized for getting in the way. Thank you, Fourth Grade students, parents and certainly Mrs. Benchaim and Mrs. Plaut, for a beautiful and informative fair.

