

**MAZEL TOV TO:***Message from our Menahel*

In this week's parsha, פרשת נצבים, on the last day of משה רבינו's life in this world, he tells בני ישראל:

"העדתי בכם היום את השמים ואת הארץ..."

"I call to witness before you this day the heavens and the earth..."  
 (פרק ל': פסוק י"ט)

Rashi explains that ה' said to כלל ישראל: Gaze at the שמים that I created to serve you. Has it ever changed its ways? Has the sun ever failed to rise in the East and give light to the entire world? Gaze at the earth which I created to serve you. Has it ever changed its ways? Have you ever planted a seed and it failed to sprout or did you ever plant wheat, and barley sprouted in its stead? No, ציווי שמים never deviate from the assigned from Me, ה'. The שמים were not created to earn שכר והפסד, reward and loss. If they do the רצון ה', they do not receive a reward and if they fail to do the רצון ה', they are not punished. And yet, they have not changed their ways. We, mankind, קל וחומר, were created with שכר ועונש so we should, surely not, deviate from the correct path.

Rav Moshe Feinstein, זצ"ל, questions the logic of this קל וחומר. קל וחומר have no בחירה, free will or choice, whether or not to serve ה'; they must function as ה' commanded them. Mankind, however, does have בחירה, free will, and we can choose our own paths, for better or for worse, חס ושלום. Rav Moshe goes on to explain, based on a Rambam in Hilchos Yesodei HaTorah (פרק ג': הלכה ט'), בחירה is limited to their great knowledge of ה', and therefore the שמים cannot go against the רצון ה'. Rav Moshe explains the קל וחומר is that we, should have the same great knowledge of ה', so we too, cannot violate the רצון ה'. The same way a human being has an ingrained fear of fire, similarly we should have no choice but to do the רצון ה'.

As we approach Rosh Hashana, this is a critical lesson to impart to our precious children. Please join me in asking הקב"ה to grant us סייעתא דשמיא to help our children grow and accomplish in their לימוד התורה, מידות טובות, and זוכה until we are זוכה to greet צדיקנו במהרה בימינו אמן.

Best wishes for a חתומה טובה,

Rabbi Binyomin Kessler

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Binyamin Kessler  
on the birth of a grandson.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Chaim Zev Braun  
on the engagement of their son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yonason Karman  
on the birth of a granddaughter.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Naftali Landau  
(4th grade Rebbe) on the birth of a grandson.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yisroel Finkelman  
(5th grade Rebbe) on the birth of a son.

~ Mrs. Schottenfeld (computer teacher) on the marriage of her daughter.

~ Mrs. Fuzailov (2nd grade teacher) on the birth of a son.

~ Mr. and Mrs. Ari Elbogen on the birth of a son.

~ Mr. and Mrs. Leiby Ungar on the birth of a son.

~ Zachary Aminoff on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Yehuda Nochum Bolsom on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Yaakov Livian on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Menachem Mason on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Fivv Maybruch on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Zevulan Sperling on his Bar Mitzvah.

## New Faculty Members

We would like to introduce the newest members of our faculty this year. We would like to welcome **Rabbi Avrohom Kugelman**, our new 2nd grade Rebbe. We would also like to introduce you to the newest members of our general studies department. We would like welcome **Mrs. R. Gulamov**, our new Pre 1A teacher, and **Mrs. G. Livingston**, our new first grade teacher. In our Junior High School, **Mr. M. Hoschander** is our new ELA Teacher. We would also like to welcome **Mrs. Aviva Tropper** to our staff as our new Special Services Coordinator. We look forward to a wonderful year of growth for our talmidim.

### Grade 7 Connects With Its Jewish Heritage

On Monday, September 16, Grade 7 had the privilege of visiting the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan. They took a tour of the exhibit *Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away*. The talmidim were able to view actual artifacts from the Auschwitz concentration camp. Life in the town of Auschwitz before the war was also discussed. The talmidim heard many fascinating stories about the heroes of Auschwitz during the war who managed to keep many mitzvos despite the swords poised at their necks. This trip was a culmination of the Holocaust unit that the 6th graders learned last year with **Rabbi Lapp**. The trip was chaperoned by **Rabbi Kessler**, **Rabbi Kurz**, and **Rabbi Lapp**. Overall, it was a memorable trip that is sure to leave a lasting mark on our students.



**Rabbi Jungreis showing a head of a ram to his class**



- **Sunday Sept. 29—Tuesday Oct. 1**

ראש השנה

No School

- **Wednesday Oct. 2**

צום גדלי'

12:30 PM Dismissal for all classes

#### Regular Bus Service

- **Sunday Oct. 6**

Selichos

10:00 Start for all classes

12:30 Dismissal for all classes

- **Tuesday Oct. 8– Wednesday Oct. 9**

ערב יום כפור- יום כיפור

No School

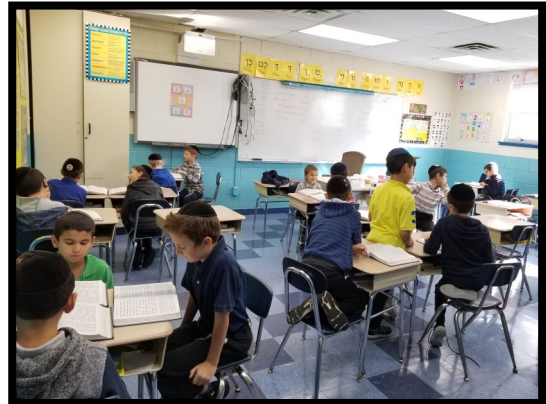
- **Thursday Oct. 10**

4:30 Dismissal for all classes

- **Friday Oct. 11—Wednesday Oct. 23**

סוכות

No School



**Chavrusa time in Rabbi Bodenstein's class**

### **MAZEL TOV TO: CONTINUED**

~ Eliyahu Moshe Cohen on his Bar Mitzvah

~ Aviel Inoyatov on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Tzvi Aryeh Jurkowitz on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Moshe Krasner on his Bar Mitzvah

~ Yosef Musheyev on his Bar Mitzva

~ Gershon Pogrow on his Bar Mitzvah

~ Shlomo Rosenthal on his Bar Mitzvah.