



Message from our Menahel

"וישב את שר המשקים על משקהו ואת שר האופים תלה כאשר פתר להם יוסף"
 "He restored the Royal Butler to his position.... The Royal Baker was hung just as יוסף interpreted to them"
 (פרק מ': כ"א, כ"ב)

In this weeks פרשה וישב, פרשת וישב, we encounter the dream of the שר המשקים, שר האופים, and the Royal baker, that יוסף הצדיק is asked to interpret. Upon first glance, both the dream of the שר המשקים, שר האופים, and שר האופים seem to be similar. What disparity between the two dreams did יוסף הצדיק perceive? What part of the שר המשקים's dream indicated to יוסף הצדיק, that not only would the שר המשקים live but he would be restored to his job as שר המשקים? What part of the שר האופים's dream indicated to יוסף הצדיק he was doomed?

Rav Elchonon Wasserman, זצ"ל הי"ד, answers that the שר האופים's dream did not demonstrate any activity on his part. Baskets were filled with bread and food. The third and highest basket on the שר האופים's head was eaten by birds. The שר האופים did not contribute any effort in his dream, he seemed to be a mere bystander. If a בן אדם is static and performs no activity it is like they are not alive.

In contrast, the שר המשקים reflected pragmatic activity on his behalf. When the שר המשקים relates his dream to יוסף הצדיק he says "כוס פרעה בידי". פרעה's cup was in my hands and I took grapes and squeezed them into פרעה's cup and I gave the cup into פרעה's hand. In his dream, the שר המשקים appears to be an active participant. The שר המשקים is dynamic and alive.

Rav Elchonon's observation teaches us that to be alive one cannot be a bystander but rather must be an active participant. This lesson is crucial for our precious children to inculcate. When it comes to לימוד התורה, עבודת ה' and לימוד התורה, in order for one to be successful and truly alive, it is imperative to be an active participant. Anything less is not considered living. May we encourage our children to have a "bren" in their לימוד התורה, מידות טובות, and עבודת ה'.

Have a Good Shabbos,

Rabbi Binyomin Kessler

MAZEL TOV TO:

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

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Eliezer Froehlich on the birth of a daughter.

~ Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Pearl on the birth of a daughter.

~ Koby Bruckner on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Shimon Margulies on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Yaakov Yechezkel Gottesman on his Bar Mitzvah.



Monday Dec. 23

Chanukah

4:30 Dismissal for All Classes

Regular Bus Service

Tuesday Dec. 24

Chanukah

4:30 Dismissal for All Classes

No NYC Bus Service

Wednesday Dec. 25

Chanukah

4:30 Dismissal for All Classes

No NYC Bus Service

Thursday Dec. 26

Chanukah

4:30 Dismissal for All Classes

Regular Bus Service

Friday Dec. 27–

Monday Dec. 30

Chanukah Vacation

No Sessions

Zayde-Father-Son Melava Malka

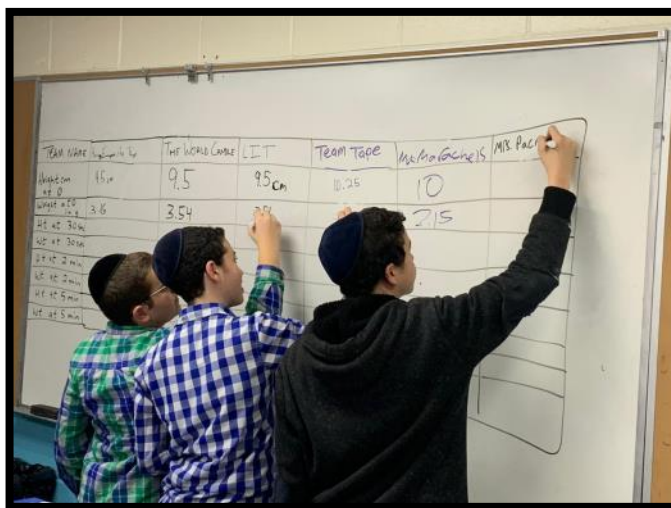
On Motzei Shabbos, December 7th, Yeshiva Ketana Zichron Chaim U'Binah of Queens held its Annual Zayde-Father-Son Melave Malka. Talmidim from grades 1 to 5 joined together at Ner Mordechai in Kew Gardens. As the guests entered there was an array of raffle prize boxes for the talmidim to submit tickets into. As everyone filed into the main hall a beautiful fleishig Melave Malka was served courtesy of Simcha Catering, **Rabbi Simcha Noble**. The program began with divrei bracha from the Menahel, **Rabbi Binyomin Kessler**. Rabbi Kessler spoke about the זכות of having grandparents. We have to follow in their footsteps and learn from their examples. This was followed by a beautiful kumzits led by **Dovid Stein**. One could feel the emotion in the room as he led the boys in the singing of "Acheinu". After desert and benching, there was a leibedig rikud with music. Each rebbe formed a circle with his class and their fathers and zaydes. The evening finished off with raffle drawings. The boys were all excited to see their friends win such amazing prizes; a drone, a hoverboard, a basketball hoop, and the always popular "no homework for your class". As everyone went to their cars, they received a special door prize sponsored by the Yeshiva's Parent Association. The evening was a memorable one that left the zaydes, fathers and talmidim looking forward to next year's Melava Malka in Yerushalayim. We

were especially glad to see some of our 6th, 7th and 8th grade talmidim stop by for a visit. Thank you to the Parents Association and all the mothers who helped make the evening as successful and enjoyable as it was. A special thank you goes out to **Tzvi Bennett** and **Moshe Robinson** for taking beautiful pictures.



7K Visits Tiferes Stam

On Wednesday, December 11, Rabbi Kurz's class took a trip to Brooklyn to learn how Tefillin are made. The boys are in middle of learning Hilchos Tefillin and the trip was a great way to see hands-on how tefillin are made. The boys saw a presentation from **Rabbi Pincus** (see picture below). After the presentation, the boys were treated to pizza at a local pizza store.



8th graders entering data from their combustion /Chanukah candle experiment

Reminder!

Chanukah, a time to express one's הכרת הטוב, is right around the corner! An email was sent out about the collection of "Chanukah Gelt". Please refer to the email for details.