



### Message from our Menahel

In this week's parsha, פרשת ויצא, יעקב woke from his sleep and proclaimed:

"ויקץ יעקב משנתו... ויאמר אכן יש ה' במקום הזה ואנכי לא ידעתי"

"Yaakov awoke from his sleep... and said, "Surely ה' is present in this place and I did not know!" (פרק כ"ח, ט"ז)

רש"י explains that Yaakov said to himself, "If I had known this place was holy, I never would have slept here." The Alter of Slabodka, HaRav Nosson Tzvi Finkel, זצ"ל, explains that Yaakov had not slept during the previous fourteen years while learning תורה in the Bais Medrash of ועבר שם. Now, while Yaakov was traveling and passing through the future site of the בית המקדש ה', deliberately made the sun set early to ensure that Yaakov falls asleep exactly at this holiest of places, the מקום המקדש. The sleep was necessary for Yaakov to receive a נבואה, a נבואה where Yaakov is given the guarantee from ה' that his descendants will inherit ארץ ישראל, they will survive forever and ה' will always protect them. Notwithstanding this precious and comforting נבואה and the fact that ה' had come to him while he was sleeping, Yaakov was concerned that he might have exhibited a lack of ארץ, by sleeping in a מקום קדוש. We therefore learn an incredible lesson about ארץ. The Alter explains that Yaakov was willing to forgo all of this incredible נבואה and דביקות to ה' in order not to exhibit even a superficial lack of ארץ. With this powerful lesson in mind, we have a new understanding of the importance of ארץ.

It is a fundamental aspect of חינוך to instill in our children the important concept of לתורה קדמה. We must demonstrate by example the importance of ארץ as a preparation for proper מידות טובות. יראת שמים and לימוד התורה, מידות טובות. May ה' help us inculcate into our precious children this concept and may we be זוכה to greet בימינו אמן.

גוט שבת,

Rabbi Binyomin Kessler

### MAZEL TOV TO:

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Klitnick (1st Grade Rebbe) on the birth of a granddaughter.

~ Dr. and Mrs. Michael Plaut on the birth of a daughter.

~ Morah Sheilah Shulman on the marriage of a grandson.

~ Emmanuel Mottahedeh on his Bar Mitzvah.

### ניחום אבילים

~ Mrs. R. Grossman on the loss of her mother.

### \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*

The Yeshiva's Zayde-Father-Son Melave Malka is this מוצאי שבת December 7th at Shaarei Tovah. All Talmidim from grades 1-5 are invited. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Doors open at 7:30



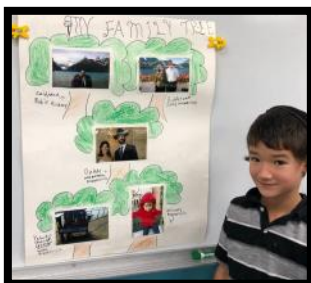
Motzai Shabbos Dec. 7  
 Zayde-Father-Son  
 Melava Malka  
 Shaarei Tovah

Sunday Dec. 8

All classes start at 10:00 AM

### 3K Family Tree

Every year, **Mrs. Biderman's** students create a family tree and provide an opportunity to learn family lore as they research family history. Some of our students were able to speak for five minutes without taking a breath as they enthusiastically shared their excitement in their findings: Their first foray into Jewish geography. Some of us found out that we have long-lost relatives sitting right in YKQ's third grade. A pleasant discovery, indeed.



### 7K Mikvah Trip

On the completion of the sugya dealing with mikvah in the Gemara Makkos, **Rabbi Kurz's** class went on a trip to learn about mikvaos first hand. They went to **Rabbi Savitsky's** shul where the Rav gave them a guided tour of the mikvah in the basement. The trip was concluded with a visit to Benjy's Pizza where each talmid was treated to lunch.



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

~Yitzchak Elchanan Yakubov on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Othniel Elyahoo Aghajani on his Bar Mitzvah.

~Chaim Yonah Beckerman on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Yechiel Noble on his Bar Mitzvah.

### **מקרא שנים Program Off To A Great Start**

The **מקרא שנים** program is off to a great start in yeshiva. The talmidim were offered an extra incentive if the entire class would do **מקרא שנים**. To their credit, **Rabbi Finkelman** and **Rabbi Fogel's** classes achieved this goal the week of **פרשת חיי שרה!** Wow! A successful way to build enthusiasm for this **מצווה**.

### 5P hears Divrei Chizuk from Rabbi Mordechai Finkelman

On Monday, December 2nd, Rabbi Perlowitz brought his class to hear divrei chizuk from **Rabbi Mordechai Finkelman**, Mashgiach Ruchani of Yeshiva Ohr Hachaim, in honor of finishing the first two perakim of **משניות סוכה**. **Rabbi Finkelman** told the boys inspirational stories about the importance of **השבת אבידה**. After the divrei chizuk, the boys went to the house of Yosef Aaron Fatakhov where the boys celebrated the siyum with a lavish pizza



### Grade 2 Bakes Challah for פרשת חיי שרה

On Friday, November 22, the talmidim in Grade 2 baked Challah because the **פרשה** discusses about the challah of Sarah which stayed fresh from week to week. The talmidim had fun rolling out the dough and then braiding the challah to be baked in the oven. The challah was then delivered to the house of **Mr. and Mrs. Boehm** where they were gracious enough to open their oven to bake the challah. The challah was then brought back to yeshiva just in time for dismissal. Thank you to **Rabbi Kugelman** for bringing all the ingredients and making all the arrangements.

