



### Message from our Menahel

In this week's parsha, פרשת יתרו, the תורה tells us that after מתן תורה: ה' סיני כלל ישראל, תורה

“...במשך היבל המה יעלו בהר”

“...when the blast of the ram's horn is drawing out, they will ascend the mountain.”

(פרק י"ט, י"ג)

רש"י explains that when the ram's horn draws out a long blast it is a סימן of the departure of the שכינה. Once the שכינה has departed, כלל ישראל are permitted to ascend the mountain.

Rav Moshe Shternbuch, שליט"א, wonders that after such a singular event in world history, מתן תורה, when ה' revealed Himself to כלל ישראל for the purpose of giving us the תורה, one would assume that הר סיני would remain infused with קדושה forever. Yet we see that when the שכינה departed, הר סיני reverted back to its mundane non-קדושה status that allowed even animals to walk on it.

One could argue that after the infusion of this abundant amount of קדושה, הר סיני should certainly retain some of the קדושה forever.

Rav Shternbuch explains that even being designated as the site of מתן תורה does not inherently grant you eternal קדושה. It is only through לימוד התורה, קיום המצוות, and מידות טובות that eternal קדושה is achieved. This is the very reason that today the מקדש retains its קדושה. It was a place where there was incredible לימוד התורה and קיום המצוות. It is a concept that we could apply to our בני כנסיות and בני מדרשות even in חוץ לארץ. Even though we lack the המקדש, בית המקדש, we can infuse our yeshiva and shul with קדושה by learning and davening in them.

This message is crucial for our children to grasp. We must teach them that our לימוד התורה and קיום המצוות are the manner in which we infuse קדושה into our surroundings. A main purpose of our existence is to bring קדושה into the world around us by doing the רצון ה'. May we continue to transmit this beautiful message to our families and to infuse our surroundings with קדושה until the arrival of במהרה. בימינו אמן.

Wishing you a good שבת.

Rabbi Binyomin Kessler

### MAZEL TOV TO:

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Simcha Perlowitz (5th Grade Rebbe) on the birth of a grandson.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchok Krasne (3rd Grade Rebbe) on the marriage of their son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Rafi Adler (Pre 1A teacher) on the birth of a daughter

~ Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Hoschander (ELA teacher) on the birth of a son.

~ Rabbi and Mrs. Ariel Yagudayev on the birth of a daughter.

~ Yosey Ungar on his Bar Mitzvah.

~ Yakov Ungar on his Bar Mitzvah

~ Avrohom Leib Jurkowitz on his Bar Mitzvah.



### Sunday Feb. 16

Rebbe– Parent Conferences  
 12:30 P.M. Dismissal for all  
 Classes

Conferences begin at 12:45 P.M.

### Monday Feb. 17

Legal Holiday  
 2:00 P.M. Dismissal for all Classes  
 No Bus Service

### Tuesday Feb. 18

Parent– Teacher Conferences  
 4:30 P.M. Dismissal for all Classes  
 Conferences begin at 6:30 P.M.

### Wednesday Feb. 19

4:30 P.M. Dismissal for all Classes  
 Regular Bus Service

### Thursday Feb. 20

4:30 P.M. Dismissal for all Classes  
 No NYC Bus Service

### Snow Tubing Trip

On Monday, February 10, Grades six, seven and eight accompanied by their **Rebbeim** and **Rabbi Kessler**, spent the day snow tubing down the hills of Shawnee Mountain Pa. The boys had fun racing each other and playing in the snow. Despite the rainy weather, the talmidim expressed a great sense of appreciation for the trip. Everyone came back with some good memories, a new sense of achdus, and stories to share.



### Grade 2 Trip

To celebrate the completion of פרשת לך לך, both **Rabbi Bornstein's** and **Rabbi Kugelman's** classes went on a trip. They first visited **Rav Mendel Teitelbaum, שליט"א**. The Rav spoke to the boys about being באהדות and not hurting others and then he gave the boys a krias shma card as a memento. This was followed by a visit to the Satmar Matzah Bakery. They were given a full tour, observing the entire process of baking matzah, from mixing the water and flour to taking out the fresh baked matzos from the oven. They then proceeded to Klein's Ice Cream House. The talmidim were able to choose between chocolate, vanilla or a swirl of both with delicious colorful sprinkles on top. This was definitely an experience they will remember for a long time to come.



### Grade 2 visits Long Island Children Museum By: Mrs. Fuzailov

On Wednesday, February 5, Grade two went on a super fun and educational trip to the Long Island Children's Museum. We visited the many different exhibits and had a great time discovering, learning, and imagining together while engaging all of our senses. Some of our favorites include exploring in the climbing sculpture, experimenting with giant bubble wands, tapping and clapping with instruments, delving into the sand, getting creative with different tools, and of course visiting the phone booth. We would like to thank our wonderful chaperones, Mrs. Khiyayev, Mrs. Meirov, Mrs. Malekan, Mrs. Shaool, and Mrs. Nissenfeld, for taking time out of their day to help make this trip a truly memorable one for our boys.

### Important Security Updates

The safety of our talmidim and staff in the yeshiva is of paramount importance. Therefore, the yeshiva has taken many new measures to ensure the safety of our talmidim and staff. On Sunday, February 9, the Rebbeim received training from **Lt. David Boehm**, retired NYPD anti-terrorism task force officer, and Head of Security for our security company, Security USA. He reviewed the security procedures and lock down procedures for the yeshiva. In addition, all the outer doors of the yeshiva and shul have been replaced by I-1/2 inch thick shatterproof glass and over the next few months, all the windows in the yeshiva will be replaced with the same I-1/2 inch thick shatterproof glass. "ה should continue to protect us all.

### Yeshiva Annual Dinner

Our annual Yeshiva Dinner took place this past Motzei Shabbos. Boruch Hash-m it was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to join and show support for our Yeshiva. Mazal tov to the honorees and thank you for helping the Yeshiva. **Rabbi Kessler** spoke about the importance of developing a thirst for Torah and the "Koach Hayachid", the impact that every person and child can have on our world. **Rabbi Braun** urged the parents to help their children overcome the challenges they inevitably will face, by showering them with love and believing in them rather than trying to remove the obstacles. May we all be zoche to use the inspiration and encouragement that was gained from our annual dinner to be mechanach the "Faces Of Our Future".