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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are so pleased to welcome our five outstanding Shluchim! As you all know, on Wednesday of last week, we were thrilled by the arrival into Melbourne of Schneur Zalman Engel, Naftali Stein, Daniel Waren, Menachem Mendel Mandel and Menachem Mendel Goldstein. They've wasted no time making their presence felt, and the Rebbe would be immensely proud! From the moment they walked off the plane they've been full of contagious energy which is reverberating throughout the school campus, and beyond. The Shluchim are already connecting with many of the students and have participated in various programs and

activities, including seder sichos, farbrengens, assemblies and recreational activities. And even when they are not engaging with the talmidim directly, they are presenting as outstanding examples of the Chassidishe hanhogas we hope to observe in our children as they develop and mature. The shluchim have also graced the dinner tables of some of our Cheder families for Shabbos and are definitely open to invitations from other families 😊 (and not just for Shabbos)! We look forward to a fantastic year ahead, and I would welcome feedback from parents on an ongoing basis, about their observations of the impact of the shluchim as their shlichus unfolds. All the best, **Eliezer**

The Contrast Between Yitzchok & Yishmael

Based on the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe

We read in Genesis (17:7–27) how G-d appears to Abraham and instructs him to circumcise himself and all the males of his household.

G-d further commands that henceforth every newborn male should be circumcised on the eighth day of his life, as a sign of the “eternal covenant” between G-d and the seed

of Abraham. G-d then informs Abraham that, in one year’s time, he and Sarah will have a son, Isaac. Abraham was nearing his hundredth year at the time, and Sarah was approaching the age of ninety; the two had been married for 75 childless years, and Sarah was physically incapable of having children. Abraham already had a son, Ishmael, born thirteen years earlier, after

Sarah had urged him to marry her maidservant Hagar, so that he could father a child through her. Abraham’s reaction to the divine promise was to proclaim, “If only Ishmael would live before You!” Abraham seems to be saying that he would be perfectly happy to see Ishmael as his heir—as the one who continues his life’s work and perpetuates his special relationship with G-d. G-d rejects Abraham’s proposal. He reassures him that Ishmael will become a great people, “but my covenant I shall establish with Isaac.” Only Isaac, the son you will have with Sarah, can be your true heir, and

only Isaac can father the people with whom I will enter into a covenant as my “kingdom of priests and holy nation.” This is more than a technical choice. G-d’s insistence on Isaac as the progenitor of His chosen people tells us something very fundamental about the nature of our relationship with Him. For Ishmael and Isaac differed in two significant

respects: Ishmael came into the world by natural means, while Isaac’s birth was a supernatural event. Ishmael was circumcised at the age of thirteen, the age of daat (awareness), whereas Isaac entered into the covenant of circumcision as an eight day-old infant—an age at which a person is not even aware of what is taking place, much



less of its significance. In other words, Ishmael represents a rational relationship with G-d, one that is based upon a person’s nature and understanding. Isaac represents a supranatural, supra-rational bond. Abraham discerned many positive qualities in Ishmael, and was prepared, and even desirous, to see him as his heir. Yet G-d insisted that his covenant with Abraham be perpetuated specifically through Isaac and Isaac’s descendants—a people whose commitment to G-d will transcend the natural and the rational.



The Rebbe On Chinuch

Yearning for Hashem to the point of tears

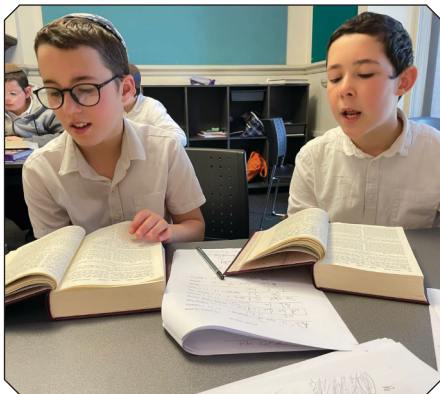
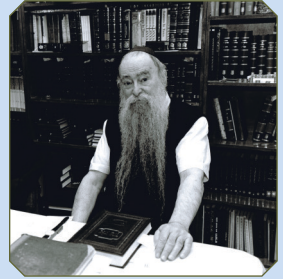
A child desires small things of little value, as his intellect is underdeveloped and he does not yet appreciate commodities that are more precious and expensive.” Even so, through a proper chinuch, a child can be influenced to desire loftier things. As is known, my father-in-law, the [previous] Rebbe, related the story about his father, the Rebbe Rashab, who, when he was four or five years old, entered his grandfather’s room during the week of Parshas Vayeiro and began to cry, saying; “why did Hashem appear to Avraham Avinu, but He did not reveal Himself to us?” This teaches us that through a proper chinuch, one can influence a little child of four or five years old to the point that he desires the revelation of G-dliness, and to the point that he will even cry that it has not been revealed to him, which is what it means to be “lovesick”. (Hisvaaduyos 5748, vol. 3, p. 291. Cf. Likkutei Sichos, vol. 15, p. 129 ff. “Teachings of the Rebbe on Chinuch”, p. 55-56)

What I learned From Reb Arel

Aseh Lecha Rav

I remember approaching Reb Arel probably 15 years ago to ask for his advice about a conundrum I was working through in our business. Briefly, we hired a receptionist, but then discovered that she had chronic health issues. She was regularly absent (perhaps as much as a half of her employment) and it was necessary to provide cover for her from existing staff resources, and occasionally recruit short-term substitutes for more extended bouts of sick leave. This receptionist was quite competent and a very sweet person, and I felt very reluctant to be too harsh, especially because I was very sympathetic about her health situation. Reb Arel gave me a fantastic piece of advice which I carry with me until today. It's a very beautiful thing to be kind to a person, but it should never be at someone else's expense. I was showing extended compassion to this receptionist, but the

cost was being borne by the business and in particular other employees who were becoming increasingly frustrated about having to perform receptionist duties from time to time, and in any event, to be part of a business which was missing a very important part of the infrastructure. Now you might be asking yourselves: was there really anything magical about Reb Arel's advice. No, not necessarily – it was really an application of a broader principal in Halacha, that we always favour the interests of the majority over the minority (the many rather than the individual). But because I was conflicted, an "obvious" response was not obvious to me. And this once again reinforced the importance of the Rebbe's plea to all of his chassidim: Aseh Lecho Rav.



Year 7 in the past week completed learning Perek Gimmel in Parashas Sh'mois with Rashi. Here they are seen revising in pairs preparing for the test.





Hakhel Lower Primary



Making sand art (Lot's wife)



Hachnosas Orchim - Fruit Party



Dancing with Joy



Prep inviting Y4 - Fruit Party



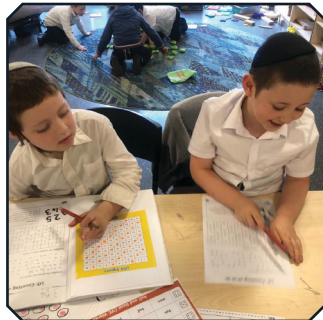
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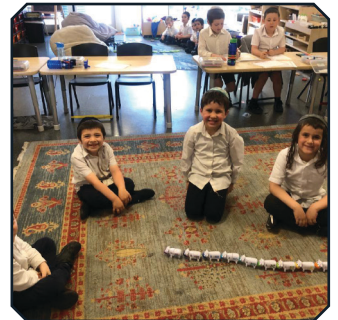
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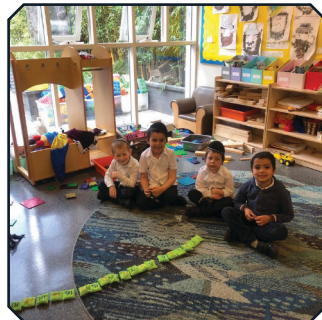
Numeracy



Flock of numbers



Healthy competition "Race to 20", Vowel Suffixes and a trip to the Park.



Exercise



The Y4 boys were super lucky to be hosted as guests in the prep classroom. The prep boys emulating Avraham Avinu's Hachnasas Orchim that we learn about in this week's Parasha. The boys were treated like royalty, they were served delicious fruit and heard beautiful Divrei Torah. Avraham Yeshaya very kindly and confidently shared a mesmerising story. Thanks so much to Rabbi Heidingsfeld and the Prep boys for their outstanding hospitality, and thanks to the Y4 boys for being such well-behaved and enthusiastic guests!





Enhancing Achievement

By *Eli Touger*

For the past twenty-odd years, since I had first met the Rebbe, my life can be described as a pocket full of miracles," says Mr. David Chase, one of America's foremost businessmen. "And I don't mean only in my business endeavors. To the contrary, the greatest miracle of them may have been my ability to appreciate the message that the Rebbe conveys. My relationship with the Rebbe has given me and many others a sensitivity to matters which are beyond ordinary mortal understanding. For this reason, over the years, I have committed myself to advancing the Rebbe's work in many areas and to different people. "The Rebbe's directives are so far-reaching and never ending. The Rebbe himself once described his 'insatiable appetite' for ongoing Jewish activity. Perhaps it is the Rebbe's total lack of self-concern and constant devotion to the welfare of others that has motivated me to regard my Lubavitch activity as a cherished labor of love. "Once, at the annual meeting of the Machne Israel Development Fund, I told the Rebbe how pleased I was to be one of the soldiers in his army. "You are not merely a soldier," the Rebbe replied. "You are my general." "Some time later, when I came to receive a dollar on Sunday, I received a promotion: the Rebbe told me, "I regard you as a five-star general." "I consider it my pleasure and duty to help others benefit from an association with the Rebbe, just as I have benefited in both my business and private life. My activities bring me in contact with many public figures around the world, and I do not hesitate to share my experiences with the Rebbe and with his directives with Jews and non-Jews. "I often visit my native land, Poland, where I have business interests. Prior to one trip to Poland, I visited New York and asked for the Rebbe's blessing. The Rebbe handed me an additional dollar, saying: "Give this to a person in Poland who will benefit the Jewish people." "Due to my business endeavors, I have various contacts in the Polish government, and I contemplated who would be the proper recipient of the Rebbe's dollar. One day I found myself aboard a domestic flight with the newly elected President Lech Walesa. I had several contacts with Mr. Walesa in the past, and it occurred to me that I would not be able to

find a better person to whom to give the Rebbe's dollar. I approached him, handed him the dollar, and conveyed the Rebbe's message. "Mr. Walesa looked at me thoughtfully. "I sincerely hope I will be able to live up to your Rebbe's expectation." "After this encounter, my acquaintance with Mr. Walesa grew and we became quite friendly. Some time later, Mr. Walesa personally invited me to accompany him on his upcoming visit to Israel. This trip was a major breakthrough in relations between the two countries, and he felt that my inclusion in his delegation would be helpful. "Though I was not inclined to accept the invitation, I saw this as a further step in enhancing the impact of the Rebbe's influence on 'a person who will benefit the Jewish people,' and I agreed. Mr. Walesa told me he wanted to express the regret of the Polish people for their inexcusable behavior towards the Jews during World War II. "As a Holocaust survivor myself, I insisted that his statement be forthright, without minimizing the issue or covering it up with bland diplomatic wording. "Mr. Walesa surprised the Israeli government with his non-evasive statement of regret on behalf of the Polish people. Subsequently, former Prime Minister Shamir was very demanding in several points, including a change in the pro-Arab approach that had been advocated by Poland's previous Communist leaders and a cessation of arms sales to countries hostile to Israel. Despite Poland's heavy financial loss, one could almost see the Rebbe's directive at work as Mr. Walesa agreed to one concession after another. "Later, I accompanied him on a visit to the Diaspora Museum, where I pointed out the picture of the Rebbe which is displayed there. "Is this my Rebbe?" Mr. Walesa asked bowing his head in reverence. Mr. Walesa's response was striking. He was clearly impressed and moved by the Rebbe's intense gaze. He actually lowered his head as if acknowledging his leadership. "In many other instances, I have been privileged to bring the Rebbe's message to people who might otherwise not have been exposed to them. The best way we can reciprocate for the good which the Rebbe showers upon us is to express his teachings, ideals, and principles in our daily lives."

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