



Cheder Levi Yitzchok

חינוך על טהרת הקודש



DVAR TORAH

One of the 13 (or 15) items requested by Hashem for the construction of the Mishkon was oros tachashim – Tachash skins. Far from incidental, these skins were used to make the outer covering of the Mishkon. But what were they?

Some of the commentaries explain that 'tachash' describes a certain dye (R' Saadia Gaon) or treatment of leather (R' Avraham ben HaRambam), rather than a particular creature. Others suggest that the tachash is a tayish, a thick-skinned species of wild goat (Ralbag), or possibly even a giraffe! (Kochavei Yaakov) According to Chazal, the tachash was a Kosher animal (possibly wild, possibly domesticated), which existed only temporarily (possibly miraculous), with a single horn in the front of its head (possibly two more small horns in the back) and, most importantly, an exquisite, naturally multi-coloured (possibly six-coloured) pelt. The tachash was a creature (Rashi tells us, based on Unkelos) who 'rejoices and takes pride in his many colours'.

These unique, dazzling rainbow pelts became the most encompassing and visible part of the Mishkon. Every visitor would be struck by their colours, draped over the Ohel Moed. What could this mean, and what can it teach us?

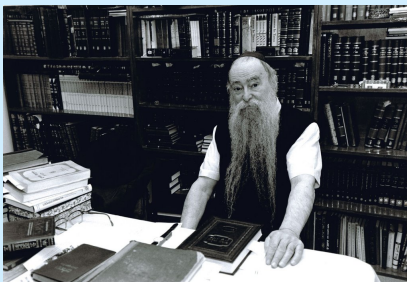
The purpose of the Mishkan, explains the Rebbe, is that Hashem's Presence should permeate every facet of creation - 'v'shachanti b'socham'. The many colours of the Tachash skins hint at the incredible diversity and complexity that exists within creation.

They remind us that every single detail of life is directly connected to its source in the highest and most transcendent dimension of Hashem's light. When we live our lives with emunah and bitachon, and serve Hashem with simcha and mesirus nefesh, we channel and reveal that light, so that every facet of our lives is infused with Hashem's presence - v'shachanti b'socham - "I will dwell amongst them". This fulfills not only the purpose of the Mishkon, but also the purpose of the entire world.

One of the most important goals of a Chassidic education is to teach children how to 'rejoice and take pride' in their 'many colours'. Each child is unique, and every aspect of their day is cosmically significant. For a Chossid, this thought should not be overwhelming or, G-d forbid, a burden, but a source of joy and pride as we work to make this world into a 'mishkon' – a home for Hashem, and celebrate the greatest joy with Moshiach Now.

Rabbi Mordechai Guth

What I learned from Reb Arel



You need a Brocha for everything in your life. Before embarking upon a shidduch date (prior to meeting my wife) Reb Arel bestowed on me the same blessing which he received from his mother before his first (and only) date. "If she isn't right for you, then she should say about you that you aren't right for her". Now, Reb Arel was a very big believer in hiskafia, (exercising self restraint), but sometimes a person might find him/herself attracted almost irresistibly to something inappropriate. And that's when, says Reb Arel, you need assistance from Above. Just as the Alter Rebbe brings in Chapter 13 of Tanya.

PREP **RABBI HEIDINGSFELD**

The Prep boys settled in so beautifully this week after their first orientation! We were so excited to welcome boys and their parents to their new classroom. We had the opportunity to do some Kriah games this week as well as a Rosh Chodesh assembly!

Looking forward to an amazing year



GRADE 1 **MORAH ELKE**

In our first week of school the boys of Year One settled in beautifully. We are davening proudly from our siddurim each morning and we have been practicing our Kriah and Kesivah. The highlight of our week was a very special assembly for Rosh Chodesh Adar, where we dance with the other classes to show our great joy! We have also decorated our classroom for the month of Adar and we can't wait to see what new activities next week will bring!

GRADE 2 **MORAH MESOUDA**

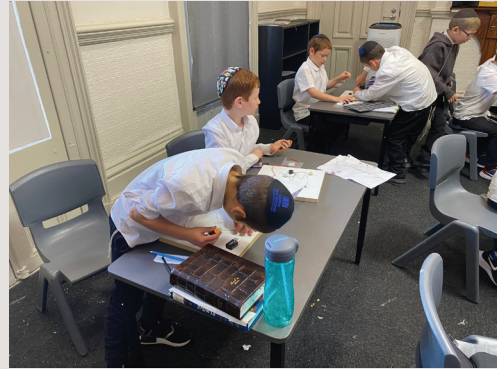
The Grade Two boys have had a wonderful start to the year full of learning and fun! The boys are so excited to be back and have been a delight to teach.

This week in Kodesh they have been learning about the new month of Adar, reviewing our Chumash skills and enjoying stories and activities about Parshas Terumah.



GRADE 3 RABBI KNAPP

This week we took some time to settle in the new classroom, and to identify our safe environment. In this week's Sedra, תרומה, the commandments associated with the building of the משכן are delivered. We brought that theme into the classroom by building the furniture of our מעט מקדש



GRADE 4 RABBI LAUFER

The year started off on a very high note in year four! After quickly catching up with their peers and sharing holiday experiences, the boys enthusiastically went straight into their learning. A big emphasis was placed on refreshing and consolidating the Chumash storyline and the introduction to Mishnayos. The boys played several games to help reinforce the information. May they grow מחיל אל חיל and see tremendous hatzlocha from their efforts!



GRADE 5 RABBI KIRSCHENBAUM

It was so nice welcoming back the grade 5 boys! All the boys came back with a great and positive energy.

The boys kicked off their first week with learning the history and background of the origins of both the Mishnayos & Gemara. The boys all asked fantastic questions followed by a great discussion on the topic.

Looking forward to a fantastic and exciting year ahead!





YEAR 7

RABBI COHEN

The year started off with a bang! The boys are getting ready for Gemara learning at the next level. We began with Psukim in Chumash that create the foundation to our Perek, we explored how the Torah views the 4 different shomrim (guards) and what levels of responsibilities they carry. The boys were also introduced to the "Yesodos" subject where we learn to navigate through the Gemara. In Chumash the boys were introduced to a new Sefer - Shmos - and had a brief overview of what the perek discusses and which skills we will be focusing on this year.

We also began learning Hilchos Tefillin in Kitzur Shluchon Aruch. This is an exciting opportunity not only to learn and grow in day to day halochos but also to develop their 'chavrusa' skills as they spend time understanding and reviewing the material with their peers. We also had a great time doing some team building skills which we hope will strengthen their 'Ahvas Yisroel.' We began the year with writing letters to the Rebbe asking for a successful year.

YEAR 8

RABBI SEREBRYANSKI

It was an exciting beginning of the new year for the year 8 boys on Monday. After an inspiring shacharis and delicious breakfast, they went upstairs to unpack and prepare for this coming year.

We went through expectations and learning goals and looking forward to an excellent positive year with great accomplishments ahead. There is a beautiful sense of positivity as we begin the year. Looking forward to posting updates on the high quality of the boys' learning.



SPOTLIGHT!

LEARNING INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

ELIEZER KORNHAUSER, INTERIM PRINCIPAL

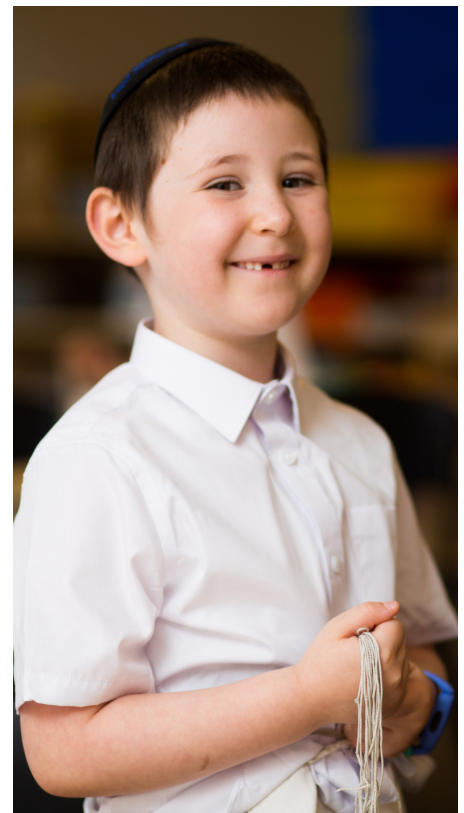
This week we started a class which will focus on the importance of interpersonal skills. We discussed how the Torah requires a person to refine himself progressively, and we brought sources from the Torah to emphasise the importance of interpersonal skills. Beyond the introduction, we embarked upon an investigation of the concept of empathy. We discussed why empathetic understanding is so critical (starting with what the Torah has to say), we looked into why it can nevertheless be challenging, and then we did a couple of exercises contrasting a more self centred perspective with one illuminated by empathy. In future weeks we will look at concepts such as relationship building, listening and framing, systematic decision-making and problem-solving, feedback and conflict management.

What does
*“share the feelings
of another”*
actually mean?

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