

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Tuesday, June 4: Halacha Final & Appreciation Brunch!
- Wednesday, June 5 - Monday June 10: 9th-11th Grade Final Exams
- Monday, June 10, 7:30 PM: Graduation

MAZAL TOV:

- Mazal Tov to Mrs. Pransky and Family on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazal Tov to Aviva Pransky, 10th Grade.
- Mazal Tov to Binyomin and Shira (Goldberger, '17) Schuck on the birth of a daughter.
- Mazal Tov to Sarah Estreicher, 11th Grade, on the birth of a nephew. Mazal Tov to the entire Estreicher family!
- Mazal Tov to Avigayil Landman ('21) on her engagement to Zach Marcus.
- Mazal Tov to Hillel & Malkah (Neuberger, '17) Eisenberg on the birth of a daughter.

HIRSCH GOLDBERG, AND ALL THE
HOSTAGES,

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ARE IN OUR HEARTS AND TEFILOS.

PLEASE CONSIDER SAYING PEREK 140
OF TEHILLIM AS A ZECHUS FOR OUR
BROTHERS & SISTERS.

Alumnae Shiur

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
Alumnae Conference Call Shiur
AND CHIZUK AS A Z'CHUS FOR A
REFUAH SHLEIMA FOR

MIRIAM AIDEL BAS SARAH MALKA.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE

Rabbi David Silverman
SPEAKING THIS SUNDAY,

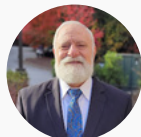
JUNE 2, 9:30 AM EST.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

This week's Parsha begins with a conditional statement, "If you will follow my statutes and perform my commandments..." Then, to paraphrase, everything will be exceedingly good and bountiful and there will be peace.

The Hebrew word used for statutes in the Pasuk is חוקים. If you would ask most people what type of mitzvah the word חוק refers to, they would answer, "These are laws that we are commanded to do even though they do not seem to have a rational reason. For example the laws of the red heifer."

Rashi, however, teaches us that in this verse the word "חוק" refers to toiling in the study of Torah. So according to Rashi, the verse is translated as, "If you toil in Torah." In other words, if you spend time and effort studying the Torah and figuring out its intricacies, its subtleties, its implications, and its details, "and you fulfill its Mitzvos," then everything will be exceedingly good.

If we want to create a good and peaceful world there are two steps. The first step is working hard to understand what exactly the Torah is teaching us to do and then with this knowledge we can perform the Mitzvos in the most impactful way and this will lead to goodness, bounty, and peace.

In the book Constant Mitzvos, Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz refers to the Vilna Gaon who likens "the 613 commandments to the roots of a tree from which grow a trunk, branches, twigs leaves, and fruit." He makes the point that our job when performing Mitzvos is to realize that our performance of a Mitzvah act is not simply a perfunctory activity. Rather it is a way for us to grow and bring alive the will of HaShem.

Building on this theme, Rabbi Berkowitz quotes Rabbi Gedaliah Schor who explains the famous pasuk, כי האדם עץ השדה - For people are compared to a tree. We are likened to a tree because trees, unlike vegetables which die at the end of a season, grow bigger and taller each year. We need to realize, in order for a tree to flourish it must be pruned, fertilized, and so forth.

In other words not only must we internalize that Mitzvos are a reflection of the will of Hashem, but we must also view them as ways to help us grow bigger and stronger personally, emotionally, and spiritually. If we do them correctly, we will change and grow in our relationship with ourselves, others, and HaShem.

This is the message that is being expressed at the beginning of Parsha BeChukosai. Toil in Torah, study hard, and be meticulous in your performance of HaShem's Mitzvos. But do not see them as just a bunch of actions that you must perform. Understand that the performance of a Mitzvah is a journey that will bring you closer to who you really are, who you really want to be, and a pathway for connecting to HaShem.

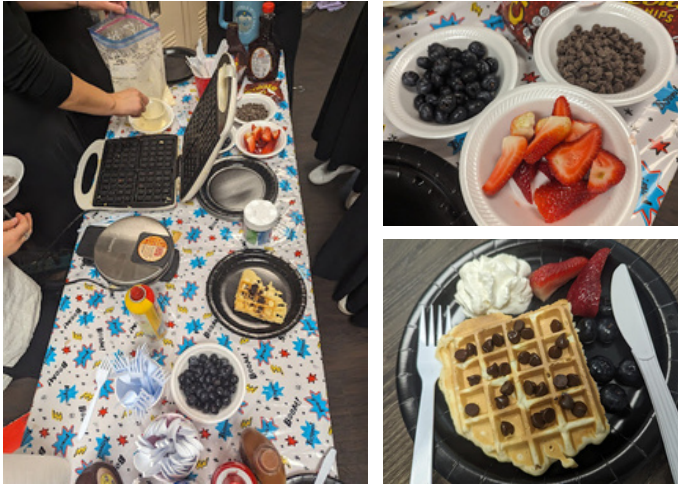
Good Shabbos to All!

Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

This Week at a Glance:

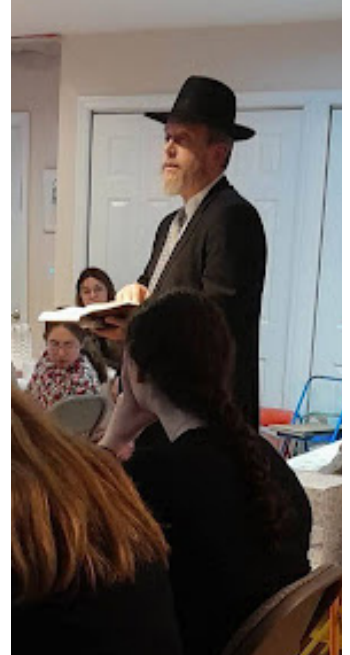
CHESSSED - 40 HOUR CELEBRATION

This week, the Chessed Heads prepared a delicious waffle bar to celebrate those who reached the 40-hour Chessed mark. What an accomplishment!



TARYAG - SIYUM

On Wednesday, the students who are part of the Taryag program celebrated the learning they did together this year with Mrs. Feldman. They enjoyed a delicious Siyum and some special Taryag Treats. Mazal Tov! And an additional Yasher Koach to the Seniors who are almost done learning all 613 Mitzvos over the course of 4 years. Thank you to Rabbi Mayer Neuberger for sharing some Divrei Torah at the Siyum.



RABBI ZEHNWIRTH



Rabbi Zehnworth from the AKC came to speak this week on the topic of Kashrus in certified and non-certified establishments. Thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge in Kashrus with us!

SENIOR LA PAINTINGS

The 12th Graders are working hard on their end of year paintings including quotes from different works of literature they've read in class. We look forward to having more beautiful artwork to decorate our classroom walls!



SENIOR STONE MOUNTAIN TRIP!

Thursday morning started bright and early for our seniors. They were on their way to Stone Mountain for a sunrise hike with Mrs. Foxbrunner!

