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## **Student Orientation**

This past Tuesday, the students enjoyed a wonderful orientation day getting to know their teachers and their classrooms. The preschool students met their teachers individually and had a chance to get acclimated to their new environment. The first grade students and their parents visited their classrooms and met their new teachers. The students in grades 2-5 had a "mini school day" in their classrooms getting to know their new teachers and peers. The JHS students enjoyed a delicious breakfast and a meaningful day familiarizing themselves with their new schedules and teachers. The students are excited and energized for the upcoming school year!

## **Faculty News**

Mazel Tov to Mr. Cohen (Elementary Assistant Principal) upon the marriage of his son.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Kramer (Business Office) upon the upcoming marriage of her daughter.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Kranczer (JHS) upon the birth of her daughter.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Lowinger (JHS) upon the marriage of her daughter.  
Mazel Tov to Rabbi Finestone (JHS) upon the marriage of his daughter.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Levine (2-207) upon the marriage of her granddaughter.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Spector (Library) upon making aliyah.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Katz (JHS Resource Room) upon the birth of her daughter.  
Mazel Tov to Mrs. Block (2nd floor office) upon the marriage of her granddaughter.  
Condolences to Rabbi Pearl (JHS) upon the passing of his brother.

## **Faculty Orientation**

On Thursday, September 1, the entire YCQ faculty met for an in-service workshop. After hearing Divrei Torah, Rabbi Landsman presented a PowerPoint presentation on the book "Mindset", by Dr. Carol Dweck. The presentation included Dr. Dweck's study on both the growth and fixed mindset. The teachers then broke up into small groups and collaborated on something meaningful that changed their lives over the summer. The faculty also learned about Harry Wong's philosophy on the first days of school. He believes that if teachers teach the procedures of what is expected of the children in school during the first week, they will have a very easy time with classroom management. The faculty had a wonderful day reuniting and learning together.



YESHIVA OF CENTRAL QUEENS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL-NIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Grades 6-8

7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Grades 2-5

7:30 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Grades N, K, & 1

7:30 PM





Yeshiva of Central Queens



# Team Tryouts

## 2011-2012 Season

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Hockey

First Cut-Monday, September 12 - 4:30-6:00PM

Second Cut- Monday, September 19 – 4:30-6:00PM

First Practice- Monday, September 26 - 4:30-6:00PM

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball

First Cut- Tuesday, September 13 - 4:30-6:30PM

Second Cut- Tuesday, September 20 - 4:30-6:30PM

First Practice – Tuesday, September 21 - 4:30-6:30PM

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball

First Cut-Sunday, September 11 -11:00AM -12:30PM

Second Cut- Sunday, September 18- 11:00AM -12:30PM

First Practice – Wednesday, October 5 – 4:30 – 6:00 PM

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball

First Cut- Thursday, September 8 - 5:30-7:30PM

Second Cut- Sunday, September 11- 9:00-11:00AM

First Practice – Thursday, September 15 – 5:30-7:30PM

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Debate

Monday, September 19 – 4:30-6:00PM

# Parsha Primer מפרי הפרשה



#427 September 10, 2011

KI TEITZEI

כי תצא

בס"ד ו"א אלול תשע"א

We are in the middle of a series of haftarot of consolation that follow Tisha B'Av each year (haftara = the portion from the Prophets that is read after the weekly Torah reading). In **Middah of the Week** we'll discuss a few of the pesukim of consolation that appear in our parsha. Parshat **Ki Teitzei** can help us prepare for Rosh Hashana as it contains more mitzvot than any other parsha. **Mitzvah of the Week** will list a few facts about an interesting mitzvah from our parsha. **Shabbat Shalom!**

Devarim 21:10-25:19

ליל שבת

## PARSHA IN A NUTSHELL- סיכום הפרשה

As we mentioned in the introduction, *Parshat Ki Teitzei* contains many *mitzvot*. We'll review some of them.

The *parsha* starts off with special *dinim* that the Israelite army must adhere to. Being the army of *Bnei Yisrael*, its soldiers have to maintain a very high standard of behavior. Other *mitzvot* are:

**Hashavat Aveda** - One who finds an identifiable lost object is obligated to return it to the owner. One is not permitted to ignore the object. Similarly, one may not ignore another person's animal that collapsed after being overburdened.

**Maake (מעקה)** - A rooftop upon which people walk must be enclosed with a railing. In addition, a person must make sure that there are no safety hazards on his property.

**Working two different animals** - "Do not plow with an ox and a donkey together (22:10)." *Rashi* explains that this prohibition includes any two animals. *Rambam* explains that it includes harnessing together a kosher animal with a non-kosher animal.

**Shaatnez** - Clothing made out of wool and linen (from flax, see illustration) is called *shaatnez*, and may not be worn.

**Amalek** - The *Torah* tells us to remember what *Amalek* did to us when we left Egypt. We fulfill this *mitzvah* every year by reading this section on the *Shabbat* before *Purim*.



The Bird's Nest שילוח הקן

סעודה שניה

## MITZVAH OF THE WEEK- מצוות השבוע

כי יקרא קן צפור לפניך בדרך בכל עץ או על הארץ אפרחים או ביצים והאם רבצת על האפרחים או על הביצים לא תקח האם על הבנים: שלח תשלח את האם ואת הבנים תקח לך למען ייטב לך והארכת ימים:

דברים פרק כ"ב פסוק ו"ד

If you come across a bird's nest on any tree or on the ground, and it contains baby birds or eggs, then, if the mother is sitting on the chicks or eggs, you must not take the mother along with her young. You must first chase away the mother, and only then may you take the young. [If you do this] you will have it good, and will live long.

### Did you know?

- No *beracha* is said when fulfilling the *mitzvah* of *shiluach hakan*.
- One can only fulfill the *mitzvah* with *kosher* birds (עוף טהור).
- Shiluach hakan* does not apply to birds and nests that belong to someone. So one who raises pigeons, for example, cannot fulfill this *mitzvah* with his own pigeons.
- For this reason, one can't fulfill the *mitzvah* with a nest that birds made in his yard or house, because the nest is considered property of the homeowner.



- If one sent the mother bird away, and she returned, he should send her away again, and repeat this until she doesn't return.



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## SHABBAT KI TEITZEI 5771



Candle lighting:

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**Middah of the Week מידת השבוע**

Just a few short weeks ago we marked the destruction of the *Beit Hamikdash* on *Tisha B'Av*. All of our nations troubles over the past 2000 years stemmed from that event. Where can we find consolation for such a great tragedy and *chilul Hashem* (desecration of G-d's name)? Perhaps in this week's *haftara*\*...

בְּנֶגַע קֶטַן עֲזַבְתִּיךָ וּבְרַחֲמִים גְּדֹלִים אֶקְבָּצְךָ. בְּשֹׂצֵף קֶצֶף הִסְתַּרְתִּי פָנַי לְנֶגַע מַמְדָּ וּבַחֶסֶד עוֹלָם רַחֲמַתִּיךָ אָמַר גֹּאֲלֶךָ ה'.

*For a short moment I have forsaken you but with great mercy I will gather you. With overflowing wrath I hid My face from you for a moment but with everlasting faithful love I will have mercy upon you, says Hashem, your redeemer.*

(Yeshayahu 54)

*Rabi\*\* Akiva and his friends walked through the remains of the destroyed Beit Hamikdash. Everyone cried over the destruction, except for Rabi Akiva. His friends were surprised to see him smiling.*

*"Akiva! Why are you smiling at such a sad time?" they asked.*

*Rabi Akiva answered, "The Prophets told us that the Beit Hamikdash would be destroyed. Now that we have*

*seen this come true, the remainder of their words promising us that the Beit Hamikdash will be rebuilt will surely also come true!"*

*"Akiva! You have consoled us," his friends replied.*

There are times in Jewish history that we can see the hand of *Hashem* guiding us to success in everything that we do.

On the other hand, although we know that *Hashem* will never leave us, there are times that it appears as if He has removed His "guiding hand" from our lives. The Holocaust and even many smaller events in Jewish history remind us of the *pesukim* from this week's *haftara*, "*For a short moment I have forsaken you...With overflowing wrath I hid My face from you for a moment...*"

At the same time, if the beginnings of these *pesukim* have been realized, then surely we can learn from *Rabi Akiva* and take consolation in the endings of these *pesukim*, "*with great mercy I will gather you...with everlasting faithful love I will have mercy upon you...*"

\*The *haftara* is a portion from the *Navi* (Prophets) that we read each *Shabbat* after the *Torah* reading.

\*\*Pronounced *Rah-bee*. This is the title of honor given to the sages of the *Mishna*.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE SHABBAT TABLE:**

1. What other events in the life of *Rabi Akiva* teach us of his powerful optimism?
2. We can easily understand why we recite a *beracha* ("*shehecheyanu*") over good news. Why is there an obligation to recite a *beracha* over bad news?



The three picture riddles represent *pesukim*, *mitzvot* or personalities from the *parsha*.

*Sedra Stats*

**Note:** In this section we refer to the *Parsha* as a *Sedra*, and the term *Parsha* refers to the sections separated by spaces in the *Sefer Torah*.

- 49<sup>th</sup> out of 54 *sedras* in the *Torah*
- 6<sup>th</sup> of 11 *sedras* in *Sefer Devarim*
- Contains: 44 *parshiyot*: 2 open and 42 closed (סתומות)
- 110 *pesukim*, ranks 28<sup>th</sup> (out of all the *sedras* in the *Torah* in this category)
- 1582 words, ranks 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 5856 letters, ranks 26<sup>th</sup>
- 74 out of the 613 *mitzvot*, 27 positive *mitzvot* and 47 prohibitions. *Ki Teitzei* has the most *mitzvot*, most positive *mitzvot*, most prohibitions, and most *parshiyot* of any *sedra* in the *Torah*.

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**ANSWERS TO PICTURE RIDDLES FOR SHLACH**

1. The *meraglim* (spies) started off their description of *Eretz C'naan*, by describing it as a land of milk and honey. וַיִּסְפְּרוּ לוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ בְּאָזְנוֹ אֶל הָעָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר שְׁלַחְתָּנוּ וְגַם זָבַת חֶלֶב וּדְבַשׁ הִוא זֶה. פְּרִיָהּ: (13:27). 2. This represents the *ma'apilim*- those who realized their mistake, and decided to go "up to the top of the mountain..." (14:44), but *Hashem* was not with them and they didn't succeed. 3. *Yeshoshua* and *Calev* said: "Don't be afraid of the people in the land! They have lost their protection and shall be our prey!" In *Ivrit*, the literal translation of their words is: "...they shall be our bread..." "לֶחֶמֶנּוּ הֵם". (14:9)



## **THE TOPS OF YOUR BOXES ARE WORTH \$\$\$!**

Each clipped box top coupon on your next disposable box of cereal, diapers, tissues, Ziploc and Hefty bags could mean big bucks for YCQ!

The school uses the funds collected through the Box Tops for Education program for things like subsidizing your child's next class trip, cutting the cost of various school activities and buying a new ping pong table used by the students.

Involve your kids and let them know that when their class earns the most box tops for 2 months in a row, they'll receive free ice cream/ice pops at lunch time! We bet they'll be excited to cut box tops with you to earn free ice cream/ice pops that their winning class will enjoy among other potential winners. We're sure that this will motivate other kids to participate and join!

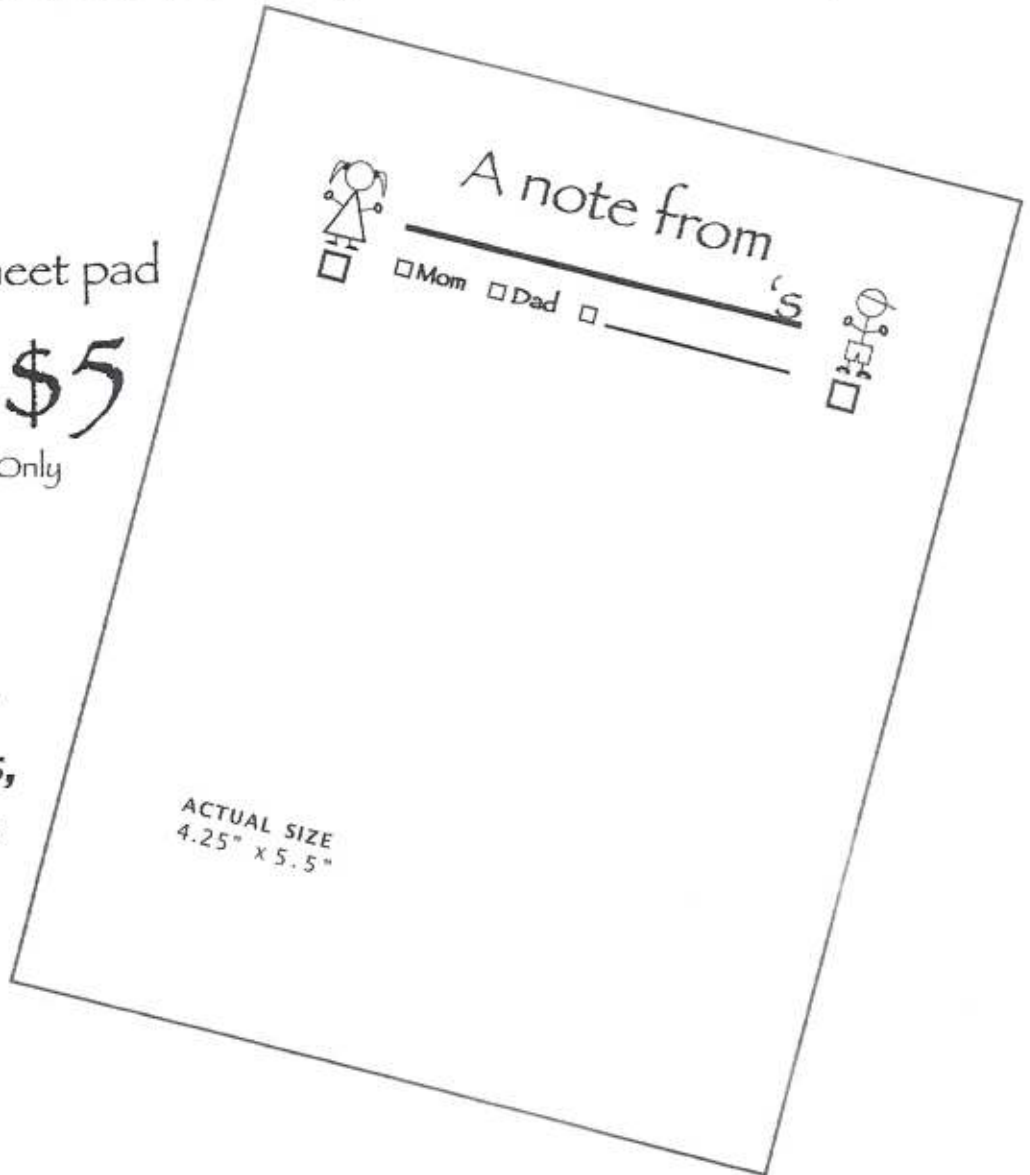
Happy cutting!!

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## Become Part of Areyvut Today!

Areyvut, translated from Hebrew, means "responsibility." Responsibility to one's community, responsibility to the world, but when it comes to what Areyvut is about, responsibility is just the beginning.

*Areyvut's mission is to infuse the lives of Jewish youth and teenagers with the core Jewish values of chesed (kindness) tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (social action).*

*Areyvut offers Jewish day schools, congregational schools, synagogues, community centers and families a variety of opportunities to empower and enrich their youth by creating innovative programs that make these core Jewish values real and meaningful to them.*

Registration for Areyvut's 2011-2012 Queens Mitzvah Clown Program is open and all the information is available at <http://www.areyvut.org/events/?id=160>.

The program is open to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, including adults.

# ***When they come back from patrol, will they be able to make a bracha in the Sukkah this year?***



## **“Operation Sukkot 5772”**

**We are blessed today with a growing number of religious and traditionally oriented soldiers and officers in the IDF.** This is especially true regarding elite combat units. However, the severe cuts in the Israel Defense budget have made it increasingly difficult to keep up the supply of all the religious equipment our soldiers require. The IDF Rabbinate needs more new pre-fab Sukkot to meet the demand of our soldiers for this upcoming Sukkot Holiday – especially on the company (pluga) level in the field. They deserve to have a Sukkah to eat in (and sleep in when security circumstances permit).

**The cost of a 3 X 6 meters Sukkah is only \$620.** Enable every soldier who wishes to, wherever he is stationed, to participate in this very significant mitzvah! When we are all sitting comfortably at home in our own Sukkot with our families, let us remember those brave young men who are not at home and are away from their families serving on the front-lines, and know that we at least did the minimum to give those who risk their lives daily to protect our Nation and our Land the opportunity to also sit in a Sukkah!

***With your help, they will!***



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**Welcome to YCQ - First Day of School**

