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Message From Our Menahel



As we are all preparing for Rosh Hashanah, this week's Parashat HaShavua presents us with Parashat Teshuva, the section in the Torah which deals with Teshuva, repentance. HaRav Yaakov Filver, a student of Harav Zvi Yehudah HaKohen Kook, zt"l, writes in his sefer, "Chemdat HaYamim," that every individual is a composite creation of body and soul existing in a world which incorporates two systems, the natural/physical and the spiritual. The physical world, the world of nature, is subject to established laws which are rigid. For example, whether a person accidentally or intentionally places his hand into boiling water, the result will be the same; his hand will be scalded. Spiritual matters, one would think, should follow the same system. A spiritual blemish, when one's actions cause distance in one's relationship with Hashem, should not be mitigated by even the most sincere regret, but should result in predetermined and consistent consequences. The Maharal comments that in reality, rationally speaking, it is not appropriate for a sinner to be able to repent.

However, the Torah teaches us that spiritual matters operate with a different set of rules. The Gemara in Pesachim (54a) includes Teshuva on its list of seven things which were created before the world was created. This implies that those things which predated Creation are not bound by the same inflexible properties and rules of the physical and the natural. It is a gift from Hashem that, if we do Teshuva with sincerity, the sinner is returned to his previous state of purity, as if he hadn't sinned at all.

Furthermore, our Parasha instructs us that if we take sincere steps to do Teshuva, Hashem helps us complete the process, as our Rabbi's teach us "הבא לטהר מסייעין אותו".

It is encouraging to know that Hashem accepts our imperfections, and even helps us if we are sincere about changing and improving. This powerful lesson not only resonates for each one of us as individuals in preparation for the Yom HaDin, but for our Yeshiva as well. Together with your sincere and dedicated input and assistance, and with the help of Hashem, we continue to strive to improve and enhance what we do. We are not and cannot be satisfied with the status quo. As we try to mold our children's future, our Jewish future, and the future of humanity itself, may we all merit success, satisfaction, good health and prosperity in the year to come.

Best wishes to you and yours for a K'tiva Va'Chatima Tova.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Gary Menchel

Rabbi Bilitsky Address Junior High School

Today our junior high students had the special privilege to hear words of Torah from Yeshiva Har Torah's founder and Dean, Rabbi Meir Bilitsky. Rabbi Bilitsky has been davening with us at tefilat schacharit, and his presence enhances our Beit Midrash. In his address to our students, Rabbi Bilitsky shared the view of his Rosh Yeshiva, that the most important lesson that a rebbe or morah can impart to talmidim is to help them realize that they are special, unique members of a special, unique holy nation. When we realize how wonderful it is to be part of Klal Yisrael and what a zechut it is to be chosen to learn and observe the Torah, we will naturally approach our yeshiva education as an opportunity to do better fulfill the will of HaShem and realize our own potential as Bnai and Bnot Torah. Rabbi Bilitsky's words were a perfect introduction to the new school year and Rosh HaShanah and we are grateful for his ongoing concern and efforts on behalf of our Yeshiva.

Yeshiva Har Torah Open House Monday, November 7, 2011 7:30PM

Please spread the word about our upcoming Open House!

We are looking for parents to help beautify the building, hang flyers in the neighborhoods and prepare our Open House packets. Most important, please share with your friends and neighbors how happy you are at YHT! Please email Yael Greenberger (Ygreenberger@hartorah.org) if you or anyone you know is available to help.

PTA Corner

Welcome

The PTA at YHT serves many important functions. The PTA serves as a liaison between the administration, the teachers and the parent body. At the same time, the PTA raises funds in order to enhance the quality of life at YHT. The PTA sponsors the calendar and the telephone directory; Rosh Chodesh treats, the Chanukah & Yom Haaztmot luncheons and Tu B'Shevat treats; the Israeli Day Parade; school wide Chanukah, Purim & Lag B'Omer events; various assemblies & workshops

and the Parshat Noach pre-school petting zoo; Chanukah gifts for the teachers, Bar & Bat Mitzvah gifts, the 8th grade senior gift and the Learning to Look Art Program.

The success of the PTA depends on the assistance of our parent volunteers. All parents are encouraged to volunteer and get involved with the various PTA committees. The funds raised by these committees together with the annual dues collected, helps the PTA to provide these activities throughout the year. The current PTA president is Debbie Spilky. She can be reached at DSQR@hotmail.com

Membership dues are \$40 for one year or \$250 for lifetime membership. If you have not already done so, please send in your PTA dues to the school office.

Link Your Shopping Cards to Earn Money for Yeshiva Har Torah!

Every time you go to the store or order something on-line you COULD be earning "FREE MONEY" for YHT . But if you haven't linked your card, we are missing out. Here's what you need to do:

Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program ([Click Here](#))

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register on-line OR dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. Please be sure to register your card & those of your friends and family to benefit Yeshiva Har Torah using ID #06001

Target

[Click Here](#) to register your RedCard (Target credit card) on-line. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Yeshiva Har Torah using ID #137081

One Cause

Log on to www.onecause.com/signin to register on-line. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Yeshiva Har Torah. Then every time you shop on-line go to OneCause.com and begin shopping.

Magazine Drive has Begun

Wondering what to buy someone for Chanukah? Do you know doctors who keep magazines in their waiting room? Want to keep up with the entertainment world? Now is the time to order new magazines or renew existing ones, and at the same time feel good about helping the YHT-PTA. The magazine drive began last Thursday and will continue through October 4. All checks should be made out to "YHT-PTA". Contact Debby Spigel at 516-482-7997 for additional information.

YHT Spirit Wear Sale

- Kippot - Two types of kippot are available. There is a choice of maroon & gold suede kippot for \$12 each or navy & white mesh kippot for \$15 each. [Click Here](#) for pictures of the available kippot. Please include a note indicating which kippa (A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2, B3, B4, C2, C3 or C4) you are purchasing.
- Hoodies & Sweatpants - The PTA a limited quantity of YHT hoodies & sweatpants available for sale. The hoodie & the sweatpants are maroon with gold lettering. The cost for the hoodie is \$25 and the cost for the sweatpants is \$18. There will be a \$3 discount for anyone who orders both a hoodie and sweatpants. Please include a note indicating the size you wish to purchase.
- Drawstring Bags - Drawstring bags are navy blue with gold lettering. They sell for \$6 each.
- Checks should be made out to "YHT-PTA". Mark the front of the envelope "PTA Spirit Wear".

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to...

Pegah Rahmani on her marriage to Yehuda Goltche!

Iris & Perry Finkelman on the birth of a granddaughter! Special mazal tov to Uncle Zachary(6K)!

Abbey & Eric Wolf on the birth of a baby girl, Sophie! Special mazal tov to big brother Jake (KC)!

Nathaniel Korb on his Bar Mitzvah!

Evan Edelstein on his Hanachat Tefilin!

Mitzvah cards can be sent "In Memory" or "In Honor" of any occasion. To send a mitzvah card please contact Mrs. Lisa Appel at LisaRobin@verizon.net.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We express our heartfelt condolences to Eric Finkelstein on the loss of his father, Howard Finkelstein, ה"ע, grandfather of Richie (3) and Logan (K).

Shiva will be observed at the home of Eric Finkelstein, 81-46 254th Street, Floral Park, NY:

Motzei Shabbat 8:00-11:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Monday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mitzvah cards can be sent "In Memory" or "In Honor" of any occasion. To send a mitzvah card, email Lisa Appel at Lisarobin@verizon.net.

Yeshiva Har Torah

Parnas HaYom

Monday's Parnas Hayom was sponsored by Lisa and Stuart Appel in honor of the Yahrtzeit of Lisa's mother and Eliana's(6) grandmother, חוה קריינדל בת הרב אברהם קלונימוס

To sponsor learning at Yeshiva Har Torah for a simcha, yahrtzeit or any occasion, please call Beth at extension 2416 or email BRifkin@hartorah.org

Important Notices / Reminders:

- September 28-30: No Sessions (Rosh Hashanah)
- October 7: No Sessions (Yom Kippur).
- Columbus Day, October 10th, there will be no busing.
 - Nursery: Regular Dismissal
 - K-8: 3:45pm Dismissal
- Picture Days:
 - November 4 - Eighth Grade picture day (Please note change in date)
 - November 15 - Picture day N-2 (Please note change in date)
 - November 16 - Picture Day 3-7 (Please note change in date)
- Yeshiva Har Torah Open House - November 7, 2011 at 7:30PM

Lulav and Etrog Sale

Dear Parents,

With the approach of Chag HaSukkot, we have arranged for YHT students and parents to purchase lulav, etrog, hadassim and aravot sets. The "chinuch" set for students is available for a special price of \$36.00. This is intended to make this beautiful mitzvah affordable for each and every student. Two price/quality categories are available for parents: \$60.00 and \$75.00. Pick-up will be at the school on Monday, October 10th. If you cannot personally pick it up, the set(s) will be given to your child to bring home.

In addition, if you are interested in purchasing a sukkah at a very competitive price you can contact Leah Brick at (516)322-0560 or on the web at www.esrogim.com. Mention on the phone that you are purchasing the Sukkah through Yeshiva Har Torah, or type in the code hartorah on the web site and a percentage of the cost will be donated to our yeshiva.

Please complete the order form and return it to the school office by Monday, October 3rd.

We wish you and your family a K'tiva V'Chatima Tovah and a Chag Sameach.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gary Menchel
Menahel

Rabbi Yisrael Silverman
Assistant Principal

Please make checks payable to YESHIVA HAR TORAH. Orders must be in by Monday, October 3rd.

Please list the number of lulav and etrog sets that you would like to purchase:

_____ \$36.00 _____ \$60.00 _____ \$75.00

Name and Class of student who will bring home the set: (please print)

Name: _____ Class: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Yeshiva Har Torah Choir

Dear 3rd and 4th grade parents,

We are excited to announce that, after a most successful season last year, we will once again be offering to all students who like to sing the opportunity to participate in the Yeshiva Har Torah Choir. The choir will meet as a club every Tuesday after school from 3:45-4:30 in our Beit Midrash. The 3rd and 4th graders in the choir will join our 5th grade girls to form a singing group that will have fun learning new songs and perfecting their performance techniques. We look forward to this special choir performing for their parents and relatives, for the rest of the school at holiday celebrations and representing Yeshiva Har Torah at community events. In addition, we plan on taking the choir on

special trips to perform for senior citizens and others who would appreciate their enthusiasm and talent.

There is no need to audition-all your child needs is the desire to be an active, cooperative and committed member of the choir. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the attached permission slip and return it to the front office by Monday, October 3rd. The first choir session will be on Tuesday, October 25th. Please remember that transportation home at 4:30 is the responsibility of the parents. Please feel free to discuss with Karen Koren the possibility of transportation on the late bus.

My child, _____, in class _____, would love to be a member of the YHT Choir.

Parent's Signature

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Eighth Grade Yachad Shabbaton

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

We are excited to announce that once again our 8th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a special program with Yachad. The goal of Yachad, an organization under the auspices of the Orthodox Union, is to help bring together developmentally disabled Jewish children with mainstream children of the same age. On the Shabbat of October 28th-29th, the 8th graders will be having their annual Yachad Shabbaton at the Young Israel of Holliswood. If the past is any indication of how our students grow from their interactions with the Yachad children, this will be a learning opportunity not to be missed. The cost for YHT students for the Shabbaton is \$65. Please fill out the form on the reverse side and return it with your check (made out to YHT) to the school office by Thursday, October 6th.

In order for everyone to have an opportunity to enjoy the Shabbaton, the bulk of the funding is expected to come directly from the school or community hosting the event. Yeshiva Har Torah is dedicated to maintaining a strong relationship with Yachad. However, the financial responsibilities are such that we cannot do it alone. We would like to give you the opportunity to help defray some of the anticipated costs, which include food, supplies, and activities, by becoming a Yachad sponsor. You can help sponsor a Yachad member's participation for an additional \$65.00 or help support the Shabbaton for an additional \$36.00. Please send your contribution to our office at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gary Menchel
Menahel

Rabbi Yisrael Silverman
Assistant Principal



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October 28th-29th

Young Israel of Holliswood

Parashat Noach

Great time, Food, Z'mirot, Friends,
Oneg and Fun!!

Sign up now for an exciting Shabbat you will
never, ever, ever forget!!

Cost - \$65

Sign up by Thursday, October 6th

Yes, I would like to participate in the YHT / Yachad Shabbaton.

Student's name: _____

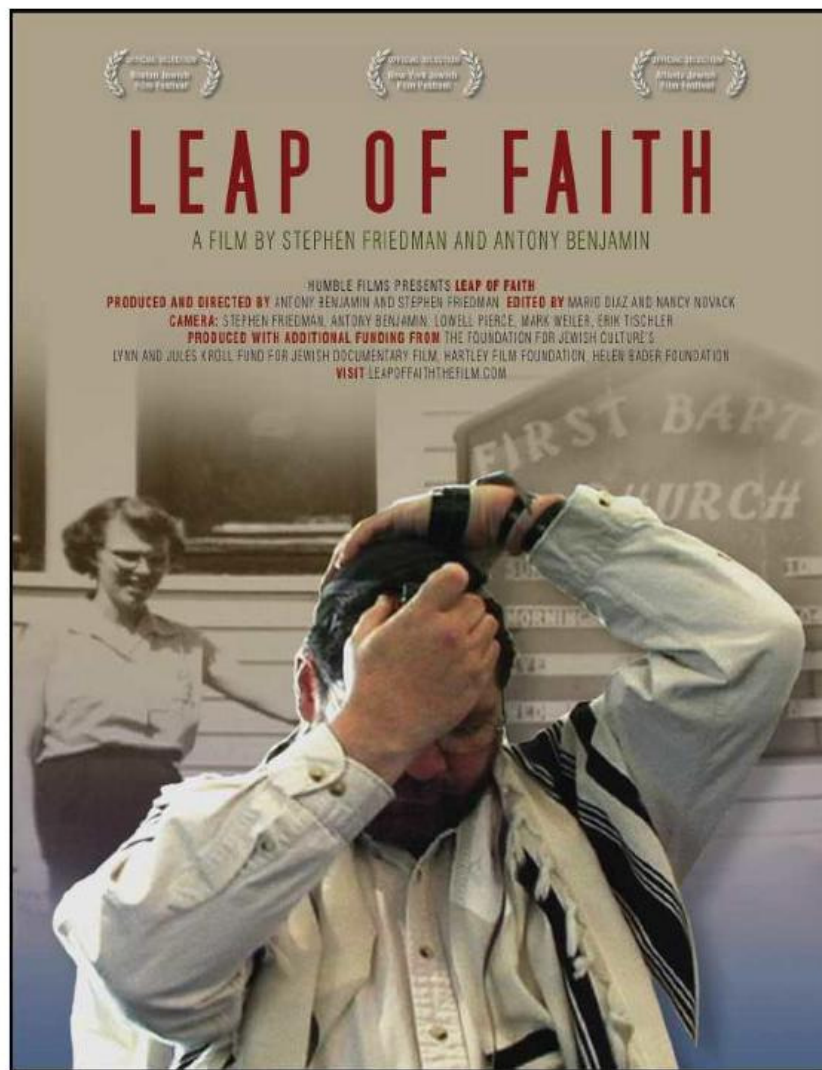
Parent Signature: _____ date _____

_____ enclosed is my check for \$65 (Please make out all checks to YHT.)

_____ I would like to contribute an additional \$36 to help defray the costs of the Shabbaton.

_____ I would like to contribute an additional \$65 to sponsor a Yachad member's participation.

**The Young Israel of Holliswood Adult Education Committee
Proudly Presents a Showing of:**



**A new film about five fascinating stories of conversion to Judaism
Motzai Shabbat, September 24, 2010 – 9:00 PM
Admission - \$10 per person**

HOOP IT UP!

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

For BOYS & GIRLS Ages 5-9 years old

Program Begins

Sunday September 25th, 2011

With an Evaluation and Skills Clinic

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND

Ages 5-6 1:00-1:55 p.m.

Ages 7-9 2:00-2:55 p.m.

Jr. NBA

Ages 10-13 BOYS League

Sunday /Tuesday (full court with referee)

Different registration form is required.

Call the Health & Fitness Dept. for schedule and fees.



It's exciting, fun-filled and action packed.

Give your child the opportunity to learn basketball skills in a competitive and fun environment. Each session will include practice time and game play.

NEW 10 WEEK PROGRAM DATES:

September 25 October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20



This program is limited to enrollment in each age group and if filled, will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. We are sorry that teammate requests cannot be honored.

SIGN UP EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED.

T-shirts and trophies are included in the fee (see reverse).

Fees do not include \$15 insurance fee.

Discounts are available for immediate siblings of the same family only.

*If you bring in a sponsor for our T-shirts, you will receive a 20% discount.

***For more information OR to volunteer as a coach
CALL the Health & Fitness Dept, AT EXT. 500 or
email adamostroff_cqy@yahoo.com***



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FOR BOYS AGES 10-13 YEARS

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HAVE A LEAGUE
PLACEMENT EVALUATION**

REGISTER NOW!!!



It's exciting, fun-filled and action packed. Give your child the opportunity to learn basketball skills in a competitive and fun environment. Practice includes instructional drills as well as game play. Game days are full court with referee. **Volunteer Coaches are needed.**

TEAMS WILL MEET 2 TIMES A WEEK:



**Game Days– Sundays 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.
1 Hour Practices- Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
Teams, Games & Practice times will be assigned.**



NEW 10 WEEK PROGRAM CONSISTING OF 20 SESSIONS!

Please Note: Schedule is subject to change!

This program is limited to enrollment and it is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
We are sorry that teammate requests cannot be honored. **SIGN UP EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED.**
T-shirts and 1st and 2nd place trophies are included in the fee. Fees do not include \$10 insurance fee.
Discounts are available for immediate siblings of the same family only.
If you bring in a sponsor for our T-shirts, you will receive a 20% discount.
Refer-a-Friend Promotion is active for past participants of the league.

For more information OR to volunteer as a coach
Call the Health & Fitness Department at ext. 500 or email: adamostroff_cqy@yahoo.com



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