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This week, in Nursery 1, we brought the Parsha to life! We learned about the special mitzvah of Hachnasas Orchim and invited Nursery 2 to join us for snack.
Just like Avraham Avinu welcomed guests into his tent, our children were so excited to welcome their friends and enjoy a special snack together!

Simcha Corner

Mazel Tov!

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Moshe and Estee Miller (Bracha and Leeba) on the birth of a baby boy!

Happy Birthday!

- י״ג חשון — Mendel Green
- י״ז חשון — Manny Shkop







Reminders

Parents of children born between Feb 2, 2022-Sep 1, 2023 should sign up for the Miami Beach $3k Pre-k grant: https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/office-of-organizational-development/prek/

This week in Nursery 2...

Dear Parents,

This week in Nursery 2, we learned all about the letter ג and practiced our special words: גזר, גמרא, גלידה, גמל, גשם

We even enjoyed a special גלידה party!

We also learned about גמילות חסדים and connected the letter ג to this week's Parsha, Parshas Vayeira.

We learned how Avraham Avinu welcomed guests into his tent and took such special care of them. We discovered that the shape of the letter ג reminds us of someone running to do גמילות חסדים!

We spoke about how we can follow in Avraham Avinu's footsteps by being kind, helping others, and making sure to include our friends in play.

We had a wonderful week filled with learning, mitzvos, and fun!

This week in Afternoon Nursery 2, we have been focusing on the letter A! We learned all about autumn and apples. We explored the many different colors and shapes of autumn leaves 🍁 and acorns brought back from the Catskills. The children even decided on their own to sort the fall leaves into different color groups: yellow, brown, and orange!

We had fun making fall leaf rubbings 🍂, and the children got very creative while making a sticker apple 🍏 picture.

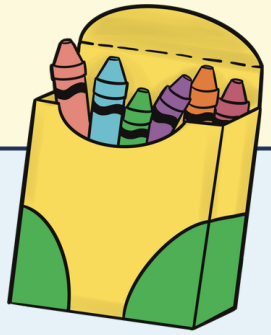
We also had an apple tasting party and examined the different parts of an apple: the seeds, core, skin, and flesh. We read a story about how an apple tree grows and enjoyed the book Fletcher and the Falling Leaves.

We have also been reciting this fall poem with matching hand motions:

Down, down, yellow and brown,
Fall leaves all over the ground.
Rake them up and pile them high,
Till they reach up to the sky!

LEARN AND GROW

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Nursery 2 Pictures









This week in Nursery 1...

Dear Parents,

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We had another fantastic week at Nursery 1. This week we learned about Parshas Vayeira. Morah taught us how Avraham and his wife, Sara, loved to have guests and do the mitzva of הכנסת אורחים. Avraham's tent had four different doors, so guests could come in from any side! They offered their guests food to eat, drinks, and a place to rest. Avraham and Sara had a little baby boy, named Yitzchok, who had a bris milah when he was 8 days old.

One day we did our very own הכנסת אורחים and invited Nursery 2 to our class for snack! The kinderlach were so happy to share and do such a beautiful mitzva. Each week we have different visuals on our bulletin board, depending on what we are learning about, and this helps bring the story to life. It's so cute to watch the children act out the parsha during free time, remembering so many details from the pictures!

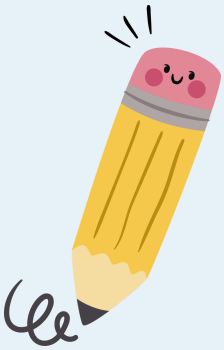
Their favorite song of the week was (to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"):

"Open, open, open the door,
Guests are coming in.
Water, bread, and a big hello,
Avraham says come in!"

We had such a fun colorful week! The children enjoyed making our very own blue sensory boxes, watching the rice turn blue and exploring all the fun blue items inside. We then learned about the color yellow! We talked about the many things that are yellow including the sun and bees. We even got to taste some sweet yummy honey and learned that bed are the ones who make it! We made special bracelets using honey nut Cheerios and beautiful yellow catchers to finish off learning about the color yellow. It was a wonderful week filled with creativity sensory exploration and lots of fun!

Have a great Shabbos!





Nursery 1 Pictures



















Toddlers

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Our Week in School!

Cheder Toddler Class

Parshas Vayeira

This week we were introduced to the letters Zayin and Ches, and decorated our Zayin and Ches pages!

Monday



Leaf Sensory Bottle

We filled our very own leaf sensory bottles with colorful fall leaves!

Tuesday



Raking Leaves

We learned that a rake cleans up the leaves, then made our own rake project!

Wednesday



Leaf Painting

We painted beautiful leaves using leaf stencils!

Thursday



Our Own Tree

We each created our very own fall tree!

Friday



Shabbos Party

We ended our week with a wonderful Shabbos party! Sammy was our Shabbos Abba, Teela was our Shabbos Imma, and we each braided our own challah to take home for Shabbos!



We had so much fun pretending to be tall trees, watching the leaves fall to the ground, and learning a new song!

Friendly Reminders

Please send Mitzvah notes for our Mitzvah Tree

♪ Our Fall Song ♫

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,
to the ground, to the ground.
Red and yellow leaves, orange and brown leaves,
falling down, falling down!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos!

Good Shabbos!

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Toddler Pictures



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SHABBOS PARSHAS VAYEIRA 5787

Please treat this newsletter with proper respect.
Please do not read during *davening* or *Krias HaTorah*.

Not What He Wants Advertised

I'm involved in *kiruv*, so we often have guests at our house who are just beginning to keep Torah and *mitzvos*. One Shabbos, my friend Yisrael happened to pass by our house and stopped in to say good Shabbos. When he left, the guests asked who he was. I told them that he's a friend, and that he runs a property management firm. To bring across the point that a responsible job and a Torah life can coexist very nicely, I mentioned, "He learns for a half-hour every morning before Shacharis and every night after Maariv." It made the right impression. They were amazed at his dedication.

But then I felt uneasy. I know Yisrael, and I know that he is not at all satisfied with the amount of time he puts into learning. He's always talking about "getting it together" and finding more time in his day for Torah. If he heard me tell these people about his half-hour in the morning and half-hour at night, he'd be mortified. But I truly meant it as a compliment. Was I allowed to say this to my guests?

—Menachem



What's the *Psak?*

Do you know the halachah?

A Yes.
The guests will look favorably at Yisrael.

B No.
To Yisrael, it's not a compliment.

C Yes,
but only if it was clearly a praise of Yisrael.

Acclaim or **a Calamity?**

Menachem has not said something that, on its face, is a negative statement. In fact, both Menachem and the people hearing the statement see it as praise. However, Yisrael has clearly expressed his belief that his learning schedule is not adequate for a person at his level, and therefore, Menachem knows that Yisrael would see his comment as negative. This is what makes it loshon hora.

Whether a comment is positive or negative depends on how the speaker, the listener, *and the subject* would interpret it.[1] Certainly, if the comment would cause the listener to see the subject in a negative light, that comment is forbidden. And even if the listener sees it as a compliment, it is still forbidden *if the subject would not want this comment to be made about him*.[2] The fact that the speaker considers the information to be praise does not turn it into permitted speech.

Therefore, Menachem should not have mentioned Yisrael's learning schedule even if he meant it as praise, because Yisrael—the subject of the comment—feels that it puts him in a negative light. This is true even though both Menachem and his guests consider the comment positive. Instead, he should have simply mentioned that Yisrael learns every morning and night, without saying how long he learns.

Answer: The halachah is **B**.

1 *Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora, 5:6*
2 *Be'er Mayim Chayim, Hilchos Loshon Hora, 4:1*

Reviewed by **Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy**

Rav Pam, *zt"l*, advised great caution when presenting halachic scenarios to the public, as each situation is unique. This *shailah* is for discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a *rav* or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.

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A Clarification:

The halachah for Parashas Noach, issue 107, was not intended to imply that there is something wrong with following a lenient opinion. The issue was the son's words, which implied that his father had an overall lax approach to halachah. Had he said, "My father follows a different opinion," it would not have been loshon hora.

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SHABBOS PARSHAS VAYEIRA 5787
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See the **good** in the **heart** of a **Yid**

He Was Willing to Look Bad to Do Good

Itzik, the town water carrier, was one of the happiest people in town. He was a simple man who woke up early, learned a little, prayed a little, and then walked to the river at the edge of town to bring water to his customers.

Back and forth he'd go with his heavy buckets, every day but Shabbos. But he was grateful; he made a living and could feed his family without turning to *tzedakah*. And that contented, humble nature made him beloved by his customers.

One day, people noticed that Itzik was using his "time off" to go around town collecting *tzedakah*. They wondered what happened. He was always so proud of supporting his family.

Most people shrugged it off, but one man felt Itzik was taking money he didn't really need. He told the Rav, who called Itzik in for a conversation.

The Rav tried to get to the bottom of the story, but Itzik remained silent. The Rav's voice became more insistent. In the waiting room, Moshe, one of the town's wealthiest men, could hear every word.

Suddenly, Moshe burst into the Rav's study. "Tell him, Itzik!" said Moshe. "You don't have to keep the secret anymore!"

Moshe walked out and Itzik finally explained.

Moshe had stopped paying for his water. After a few months, Moshe's wife confided in Itzik that they had gone broke, but Moshe was too proud to admit it.

From then on, Itzik lowered himself in the eyes of the whole town, going house to house with a *pushke* to secretly support Moshe's family.

With tears in his eyes, the Rav kissed Itzik's forehead and cried, "I pray that I will be allowed to share your lot in *Olam Haba*!"



Adapted from ***Quill of the Heart***, a CCHF publication

See the **good** What's the **Real Story?**

Why Did She Need My Seat?

Yehudis had a favorite seat for *chuppahs*: four rows back, on the aisle. At her friend's son's wedding, she arrived a full half-hour early to get it.

Just before the *chuppah*, a woman approached. "Would you mind moving down two seats?"

Yehudis glanced down the row. There were still seats available. *She comes at the last minute and needs MY seat?* But Yehudis moved, and everyone shifted down.

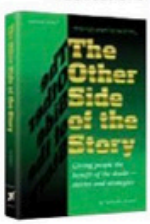
A minute later, the woman waved to a girl of about twelve near the doorway—and gave **her** the aisle seat. Yehudis couldn't believe it. *I came half an hour early so somebody's daughter could have the best seat in the room?* The woman didn't even sit down in the seat next to the girl. She disappeared toward the back.

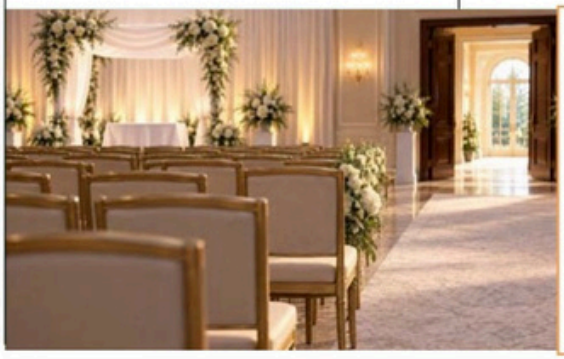
The music began. Yehudis tried to concentrate, but she was annoyed. Then she noticed something strange: The girl wasn't looking at the *chuppah*. She was staring toward the doorway.

Suddenly, the girl jumped up. A woman had just entered. The girl ran to her, threw her arms around her, and began to cry.

Why had the girl needed Yehudis's aisle seat so badly?

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Can you Crack the case?

The woman who had asked Yehudis to move returned. "That's her mother," she whispered. "She's been very sick. Until tonight, nobody knew whether she'd be well enough to come. The girl begged me, 'Please put me somewhere I can see the *chuppah* and the door. I don't want Mommy to come in and not be able to find me.'"

Yehudis looked at the empty aisle seat. She had thought a spoiled child had been given the best seat in the room. But for that little girl, the most important thing happening that night wasn't under the *chuppah*. It was coming through the door.

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