



**Rabbi Yisroel Teichman Rosh HaMossad, Rabbi Avi Wachslar, Dean • Rabbi Aaron Fink, Dean Emeritus**

**A Special Message from  
Rabbi Yisroel Teichman, שליט"א  
Rosh HaMossad**



Rabbi Teichman says .....

Thank you to all of you who participated in our dinner this past Sunday evening. Your participation made it a truly uplifting experience! Thank you Moshe Grunfeld for the concept of this year's dinner, for your beautiful videos, and for arranging our entire dinner! Thank you Aharon Chein for the yummy food you served! This coming Monday and Tuesday will be our online building completion campaign. WE need every parent to join with a fundraising goal to ensure that this campaign will be as successful at our dinner!



A Gutten Shabbos.

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**M**azal Tov! Mazal Tov!  
The graduation was a special event celebrating the accomplishments of our talmidos. We look forward to continued nachas from you. Keep in touch and come back to visit.

In this week's parsha Moshe added the letter 'to the beginning of the name , יהושע changing it to יהושע. Rashi quotes the Midrash who refers to this name-change and says as follows.

What did Moshe see that he deemed fit to add the letter yud to the original name of Yehoshua? When Moshe saw that those men were wicked, he said to Yehoshua, "May Hashem save you from the evil thoughts of these people." Moshe added the Yud so that his name should have the letters Yud and Hey near each other spelling the name of Hashem that evokes His mercy. This would give Hoshea spiritual protection, which would 'save him from the entanglement in the evil designs of the spies.

The idea of name-change has manifested itself in our sages in different ways. When a change is done the persons mazal is changed. It is for this reason that very unwell people r'n are often given an additional name. The name-change would hopefully change the person's mazal to health. Chazal also tell us "meshane makom, meshane mazal. If you change your location, that too changes the mazal. It is an apropos time to give a bracha to anyone who awakens the mazal change, whether its a name, a place.

One of the biggest changes that happens is the time we graduate. Whether it's elementary or high school, we have earned our new status and we hope that the change will bring good mazal and bracha in the years ahead.

Our bacha to our graduates is that just as Yehoshua had his change made so that HKB"H should always be with you, so too should your new status bring along with it the protection and bracha that you need but most of all may Hashem be with you for the rest of your lives.

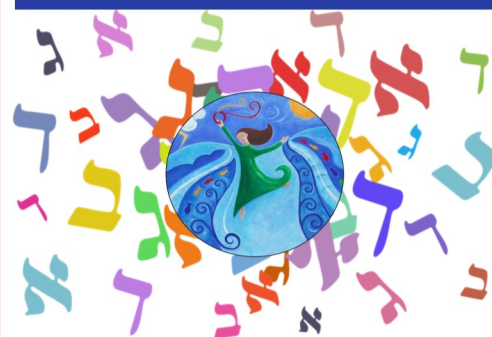
Mazal Tov!

Wishing you all a gutten shabbos.

Rabbi Avi Wachslar, Dean

**פרשת שלח תשפ"ג**

**נח'לה ונשמח בה**



**We celebrate with You  
from Alef to Saf!**

This column we will feature divrei Torah based on this year's theme of "nagila v'nismicha bach, we celebrate with You from Alef to Saf!" This opportunity to rejoice with Hashem, and concomitantly, commemorate our 22nd year of service to the community is truly a reason to celebrate. May we be zoche to appreciate His gifts in every aspect of our existence.



**"Tova Ha'aretz Meod Meod" (Bamidbar 14:7)**

In reacting to the slander of Eretz Yisrael by the 10 spies, Yehoshua and Kalev rise up and exclaim to all of Klal Yisrael, Tova Ha'aretz Meod, Meod. Eretz Yisrael is Very, Very good! The Ramban explains that this double expression of Meod has twin implications. On the one hand, Israel is a land with a wonderful atmosphere. It not only has a delightful Mediterranean climate, but it also has a unique spiritual ambience. It is a place so many people connect to and where Yidden just feel at home. On the other hand, the second Meod, reinforces that Israel is a land flowing with milk and honey; it nurtures us and has everything we need.

Mifarshim point out that when Hashem completed the sixth days of creation, He reflected on all He had fashioned and declared v'henei Tov meod. Using the word Meod once. The double expression of Meod Meod used in our Parsha teaches us that Eretz Yisrael is even better! Why? Because It is home!

**טובה הארץ מאד מאד!**

**There is no place like home!**



## Elementary Division:

Tov L'Hodos L'Hashem...

It is with a sense of deep gratitude that I pen these words for the last newsletter of the school year. We have so much to be proud of! Our students have matured and grown, built academic skills and developed their character in tremendous ways! We are thankful to our outstanding teachers for having nurtured such growth, and to you, our parent body, for partnering with us in the holy task of being mechanech your precious daughters.

This past week was packed with special events!

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Ateres dinner and to celebrate Ateres and what makes it special.

Our second graders had a beautiful presentation where they sang, danced and performed a skit about the beauty of Torah, displaying some of the many lessons they learned this year. They then decorated and personalized a cover for their Chumash with their mothers and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Kol HaKavod to Morah Gluck for preparing the girls so beautifully!

Kitah Gimmel performed magnificently; their songs were heartwarming and inspiring, and the clock that they put together and decorated with their mothers serve as a powerful reminder to be grateful to Hashem for each moment! The kochos that Mrs. Ehrman invested in her Talmidos all year long were so apparent at this meaningful get together! The girls were glowing!

Fifth grade did a fantastic job on their state fair! Each booth was thoughtfully designed, and students, wearing a costume representing their state, explained different facts about their state with creative tri-boards. Visitors also got to participate in various activities connected to each state. Thank you Mrs. Wisotsky for coordinating such an informational and exciting event!

We look forward to the programming which will take place next week beH. On Tuesday, our preschoolers will be having their Siddur play, our first graders will be having their Chumash play, and our fourth graders will be having their general studies fair.

Wednesday is our last day- dismissal is at 1pm.

Wishing you a beautiful Shabbos and much Nachas from your precious daughters!

Warmest wishes for a healthy and wonderful summer!

## Junior High:

Our last full week at Ateres for this school year was an incredible one!

Mrs. Kornbluth's seventh graders participated in a beautiful siyum in celebration of their completion of Parshas Korach! Mazel Tov! Miss Hershkowitz's 8th graders celebrated each girl's completion of the Sefer Tehillim with an ice cream party. What an accomplishment!

Junior High students were treated to two informative and educational presentations given by Adina Weisberg's and Emma Gottesman's mothers. Adina's mother spoke about healthy eating habits and about how different food groups affect our hormone and sugar production. Our students were fascinated and attentive and were grateful for the opportunity to gain knowledge that will help them make healthy changes to their diets. Emma's mother gave a presentation on the important topic of First Aid and CPR, and our students had the opportunity to practice and demonstrate these important skills.

Our 8th graders went on the most amazing and memorable graduation trip to the Poconos! The positive energy, sportsmanship, achdus and good vibes will be remembered forever! Thank you to Miss Wolmark and to all our amazing teachers who helped plan and participated in this special trip!

For our closing G.O assembly, we were treated to a special activity of jewelry making, and we enjoyed watching a video portraying the memories of the 2023 school year! The ice cream bar ended off an amazing program, and an amazing year of G.O activities! Thank you Rikki, Simi, and Aliza for a year to remember! Mazel tov to our wonderful 8th graders upon their graduation from the Ateres Elementary division. We wish you much mazel and bracha moving forward!

We wish our Ateres family a wonderful, healthy, and safe summer! Looking forward to greeting you all in September!

Wishing you a good Shabbos and lots of nachas!



so relevant that learning is not a chore but a joy, and we can do so by cultivating a simple yet profound appreciation that, "if we don't know the words, we ain't nuthin'!"

The sages compare Torah to water, because just as the body quickly withers and becomes ill without water, so too does the soul wither without Torah. They compare the Torah to a spice that adds flavor to all our comings and goings and adds relish to all the days of our lives. They compare it to a universal remedy, for it preserves our well-being and protects us from the spiritual ailment of too much involvement in the physical. Torah connects us with our past, defines our present, and steers us securely into the future. It adapts to the modern world without compromising its values, and it enables us to change with the times without losing our sense of who we are or what we believe.

And so Rabbi Dostai in the mishna reminds us what should be obvious but what is too easily forgotten. Just as a person might endanger his own physical and emotional well-being by neglecting his diet, his hygiene, his work, his marriage, the weather, the symptoms of ill health, or the traffic on the highway, even more so will he endanger his spiritual well-being if he neglects the welfare of his soul by not setting aside time to involve himself in Torah.

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## A cloudy mind clears for those things that truly matter.

Rabbi Dostai ben Yannai said in the name of Rabbi Meir: If one forgets his Torah study, scripture considers it as if he bears the guilt for his own soul, for the verse says, "Take heed and guard yourself well, lest you forget the things that your eyes saw" (Deuteronomy 4:9). Should one think this applies even if his studies were too difficult for him? The verse therefore continues, "and lest they be removed from your heart all the days of your life." Thus, one does not bear the guilt for his soul unless he sits idle and allows them to become removed from his heart. Ethics of the Fathers, 3:10

In his extraordinary memoir, *Skullcaps and Switchblades*, David Lazerson describes how the teenagers he taught in New York's inner-city schools, identified as learning disabled and seemingly incapable of remembering the most rudimentary facts in math, English, and history, nevertheless had no trouble retaining the complex lyrics of popular rap music. When asked to explain his perfect recall, one student explained simply, "If you don't know the words, you ain't nuthin'!"

It is remarkable indeed how children demonstrate an ability to remember events, conversations, music lyrics, movie dialogues -- not to mention every inconsistency or perceived injustice ever perpetrated upon them by their parents or teachers. Yet somehow this gift of memory applies itself selectively, often passing by such pedestrian information as school subjects and household chores.

But there's really no mystery. People remember what's important to them, and quickly forget what isn't important to them. Children, whose minds are still uncluttered by years of accumulated (and often useless) information, remember better because their brains are both more flexible and also because their worlds resonate with the excitement of novelty and exploration and discovery. So much is remembered because so much is new, except when it is imposed upon them by authority figures against whom their budding egos are eager to rebel.

Rabbi Abraham Twerski tells the story of a group of Chassidim gathered around their rebbe's table on some festive occasion. The table ran short of supplies, and the rebbe asked if one of his students would go out to procure some more. When no one volunteered, the rebbe said that he had a boy who would run the errand. He then stepped out of the room, presumably to delegate the task. After a long delay, the rebbe returned carrying the supplies, and the Chassidim realized with embarrassment that there had been no boy; it had been their rebbe himself who had gone off to fetch the groceries.

But the rebbe put them at ease. "Do not think I lied to you," he told them. I do have a 'boy,' by which I mean the childlike part of myself that I have preserved and nurtured even into my old age. It is the part of me that allows me to find the novelty and adventure in even the most mundane activities."

"If we don't know the words, we ain't nuthin'!" Even if we can't make a trip to the grocery store exciting, at least we should be able to arouse enthusiasm for those things that are truly important. Indeed, our sages tell us that the words of the Torah should be as new to us every day as they were when Moses received them at Sinai. A tall order, to be sure. But it's not beyond our reach.

Like the boy in David Lazerson's memoir, we can make Torah