

Dates to Remember

MAY 20

Yavne Parent Teacher Conferences



MAY 27

Memorial Day

Boys Divisions Only

Grades 1-4 School Starts 9:00 AM

Grades 5-6 Minyan 7:45 AM

Jr. High Boys M'Dor L'Dor 7:50 AM

Grades 1-6 Dismissal 12:00 PM

Jr. High Boys Dismissal 2:10 PM



MAY 29

Yavne STEM Fair 8:00 PM

Educationally Speaking

Rabbi Simcha Dessler
Menahel/Educational Director

In *Parshas Acharei Mos* we find that the *Shechina*, the Divine Presence, dwells among *Klal Yisrael besoch tumosam*—amid their contamination and despite their impurities (16,16). Hashem's Presence has remained—and continues to remain—with *Klal Yisrael* regardless of our spiritual level.

The Zohar teaches that Divine mercy cloaks the *Shechina* in the image of the Jewish mother. Why the mother?

Rav Chaim of Volozhin, *zt"l*, explained that fathers and mothers equally love their children; they dote on them and wholeheartedly display affection. Yet human nature dictates that when a child dirties himself, or a diaper needs changing, more often than not it is the maternal instincts of the mother that rise, prompting her to feel a primary need to take care of her child. The merciful mother instinctively answers this call despite difficulty and discomfort, for her overriding and unconditional love for her child guides her way.

So too, explained Rav Chaim, the *Shechina* dwells among the Jewish people even when they wallow in spiritual impurity. And it is during such times that the Divine Presence is visualized in the image of the merciful Jewish mother lovingly cleaning her child regardless of the challenges of the hour.

This is the beauty of *yiddishkeit*: While we are required to strive for and attain ever higher spiritual heights, the reality is that we are human. Yes, we will waver, but even in a moment of weakness, even amid periods of impurity, we are not alone—Hashem is our constant companion; and this understanding—this reality—more than anything else can motivate us to work past disappointment and once again dedicate our efforts and energy toward spiritual accomplishment.

This message finds its application in both our interpersonal relationships and in how we raise our children. In the spirit of emulating Hashem's ways, we might reconsider our natural reaction when we are wronged by another, and just as the Ribono Shel Olam maintains His Presence among us despite our failings, so can we strive to give one another an additional chance despite a minor offense or infraction.

And in raising children we might also reevaluate our natural response to normal—and even not so normal and exasperating—childhood behaviors. Every child will disappoint us at one time or another. Taking a page from the Master of our Universe we can learn to accept temporary disappointment by placing it in proper context and recognizing it for the childish behavior that it is. This allows us to continue to nurture and inspire our children, providing the way for their further growth and development as committed Jews and successful members of society.

Have a wonderful *Shabbos*!



8:08

● Condolences to

- Mrs. Rivki Freedman on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Leah Kurland , ע"ה

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

● Mazel Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Simcha Zev Baum on the forthcoming marriage of Chava Leah to Shmuel Ehrman
- Rabbi & Mrs. Hillel Drazin on the birth of a granddaughter to Elazar & and Malka Schuss
- Rabbi & Mrs. Shloime Kulefsky on the *bar mitzvah* of Yaakov
Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Asher Newman.

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SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Boys Grades 1-3 Project
Based Learning Exhibit**

Wednesday, May 22

2:15 - 3:15 pm

Freschl Auditorium
Mendy & Ita Klein Campus

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May 8
May 15
May 21
8:00 PM

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