

REFLECTIONS

בס"ד

LEARNING TORAH, LOVING TORAH, LIVING TORAH

FRIDAY, August 5, 2022

פרשת דברים

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Even though we are at the threshold of yet another mournful Tisha B'Av, I would like to begin this week's letter with a thought on the Yomim Noraim.

There are twenty-one days between Rosh Hashanah and Hoshana Rabbah. We have an opportunity during this time to be embraced by Hashem's love as we work to come closer to His Greatness. There are a variety of mnemonic devices which remind us of Hashem's love for us during the time between Rosh Hoshana and Hoshana Rabbah.

Nothing is happenstance, so the discerning mind will realize that there are 21 days between the 17th of Tamuz and Tisha B'Av (Including Tisha B'Av). Our Rabbis teach us that those who pursue after Hashem will discover the same love as we experience during the Yomim Noraim. The question, though, begs to be asked as to how we can seek Hashem's love when these mournful days remind us that we do not yet deserve the Geulah. The answer is Hashem always loves us as can be understood by the following parable:

A simple villager needs a favor from the king. He cannot imagine that he will have the opportunity to get to the king. Impossible! Then, one day he hears the king will be traveling and will be leaving the palace. The villager waits until the king arrives with great anticipation. When the king finally approaches, he runs up to the royal carriage and lies down in front of it. Of course, the king would not have the temerity to continue on his journey when a villager was lying at the wheels of His carriage! At that moment, the simple villager can ask the king for anything!

The Teferes Uziel teaches us that since our King is not in His Palace, He is more accessible to us – the “Commoners”. Right now the King is not in His Palace; He is “on the Road”, and we can come closer to Him. We can “lie down” in front of “His Carriage”, and He will listen to our requests.

A parent may not always like what his child does, but he will always love him. He may sometimes have to mete out consequences, but he does so that his child will be an upstanding person. So, too, is Hashem. We are in Galus, because at this time in history we are still earning the merits to bring Moshiach. Hashem regrettably brings trials and tribulations upon us so we will do Teshuva and be the nation He so deserves. But at no time does Hashem ever stop loving us.

Let us take these thoughts with us as we are wrapped in a cloak of sadness. Hashem wants to go back into His Palace, He wants us to join Him and serve Him there, and He wants us to rejoice in our Geulah Sheleimah.

May that day soon come!

Good Shabbos,

Mrs. Kats

PLEASE NOTE:

First day of school for the 2022-2023 (תשפ"ג) school year is as follows:

Boys – Grades 1 – 8

Limudei Kodesh Only

12 PM Dismissal

August 29th, 2022

August 30, 2022

First Full Day

Boys – Grades 1 – 8

Girls – Grades 1 – 8

August 31st, 2022

Kindergarten Orientation

August 31, 2022

Kindergarten First Day

September 1, 2022

ברוך דיין האמת



It is with sadness that we announce
the Petirah of
Leah Ruchama Markovich,
the sister of Mr. Yehuda Polak (parent).

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

Getting ready for the new school year...



**Thank you
Mr. John!!**



**Thank you
Mr. Will!!**



Students in current grades 5-7 should read Tehillim and complete the chart below. There will be a prize for anyone who completes at least half of the sefer.

Summer תהילים Chart
Check off the box after you complete the קפיטל

קפיטל	קפיטל	קפיטל	קפיטל	קפיטל	
	א	לב	סג	צד	קכב
	ב	לג	סד	צה	קכג
	ג	לד	סה	צו	קכד
	ד	לה	סו	צז	קכה
	ה	לו	סז	צח	קכו
	ו	לז	סח	צט	קכז
	ז	לח	סט	ק	קכח
	ח	לט	ע	קא	קכט
	ט	מ	עא	קב	קל
	י	מא	עב	קג	קלא
	יא	מב	עג	קד	קלב
	יב	מג	עד	קה	קלג
	יג	מד	עה	קו	קלד
	יד	מה	עו	קז	קלה
	טו	מו	עז	קח	קכב
	טז	מז	עח	קט	קכג
	יז	מח	עט	קי	קכד
	יח	מט	פ	קיא	קכה
	יט	נ	פא	קיב	קכו
	כ	נא	פב	קיג	קכז
	כא	נב	פג	קיד	קכח
	כב	נג	פד	קטו	קכט
	כג	נד	פה	קטז	קל
	כד	נה	פו	קיז	קלא
	כה	נו	פז	קיח	קלב
	כו	נד	פח	קיט, א-ה	קלג
	כז	נח	פט	קיט, ו-כ	קלד
	כח	נט	צ	קיט, ל-ע	קלה
	כט	ס	צא	קיט, פ-ת	קכב
	ל	סא	צב	קכ	
	לא	סב	צג	קכא	

My daughter _____ said the above קפיטל of תהילים.

Parent Signature _____



SUMMER READING

CAN WE COLLECTIVELY TAKE THE TWO THOUSAND BOOK CHALLENGE?

Summertime is an opportune time to do some good wholesome reading.

Join the 2,000 Book Challenge and earn some spending money.

This is how it works:

1. Read a book (appropriate for your level) and fill out the attached form.
2. The form must be completely filled out to receive credit for each book.
3. You will receive fifty cents (\$.50) for each book you read.
4. Please send in the form after you have read 5 books, and then start again.

We will send you an a new form with your payment.

ENJOY!

Mrs. Katz

You may want to check out Kosherbooks.com for books.



I HAVE READ THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:

Student Name _____ Grade as of Sept. _____

Title of Book _____

Author _____

I liked the book because

I did not like the book because.....

Title of Book _____

Author _____

I liked the book because

I did not like the book because.....

Title of Book _____

Author _____

I liked the book because

I did not like the book because.....

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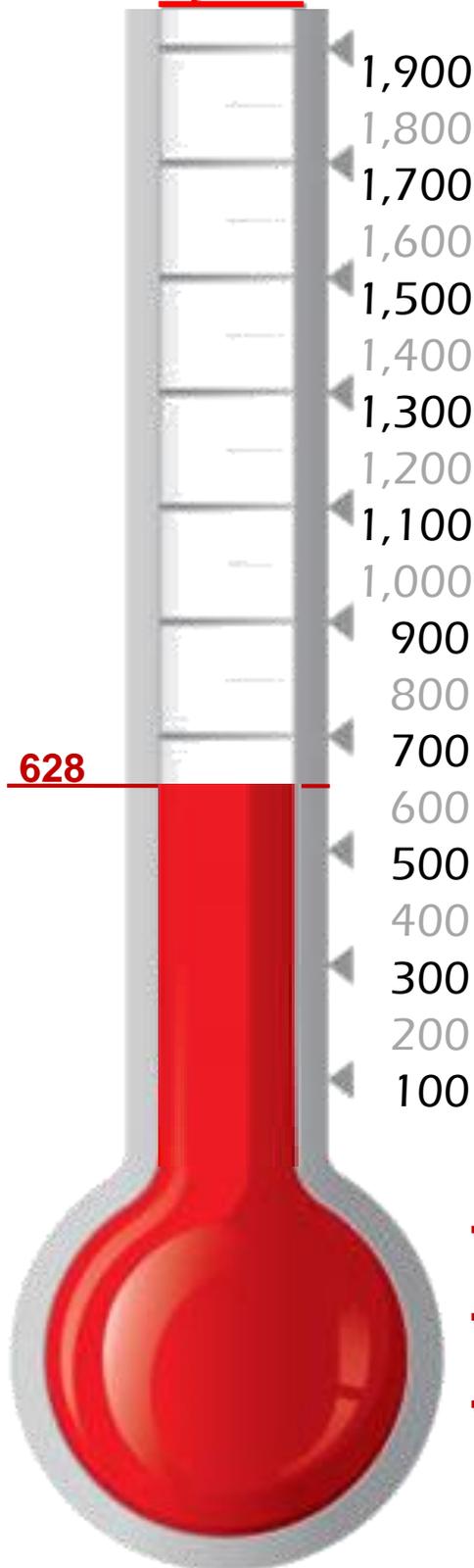
I did not like the book because.....

PARENT Signature _____ STUDENT Signature _____

Book Challenge Thermometer



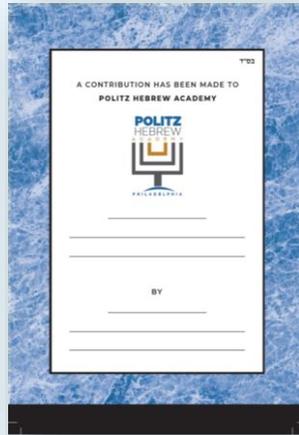
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