



REFLECTIONS

בס"ד

LEARNING TORAH, LOVING TORAH, LIVING TORAH

FRIDAY, July 28, 2023

פֶּרֶשֶׁת וְאֶתְחַנֵּן

Candle lighting 8:00 pm

Dear Parents & Friends,

This is the time of year when we begin to reflect on the spiritual condition of Klal Yisroel and on our own personal spirituality. It begins with the Three Weeks, escalates during the Nine Days and Tisha B'Av, intensifies during Elul, and crescendos with the Yomim Noraim. We read seforim relevant to self-growth, and we listen to the words of our Gedolim urging us and inspiring us to connect to Hashem and to realize that אין עוד מלבדו.

“There is nothing but Him (Hashem) alone.”

This past week I came across an inspirational piece in the Torah Anytime Newsletter that I must share with you. This article was written by Rabbi Yosef Palacci and I hope his message will enter your hearts as it did mine.

He does not refer to the wisdom of a Gadol or great Rav. No, the message originated from a historical archive having to do with Napoleon. The lesson is actually rooted in a cigar!

Napoleon instructed one of his top officers to conquer a specific regime. He also wanted the officer to have his troops conquer the adjacent land as well. His general was quite dubious and replied, “But my dear King, the region is so far out. It will take our army great effort and many resources to travel there. Napoleon was able to mitigate his fears by stating that the region had the finest of tobacco leaves which make excellent cigars.

The General realized that this was a perfect enticement to rally the troops to overtake the entire region as instructed by Napoleon.

The soldiers' efforts were a success. After an extensive time of implementing war strategies and subduing the opposition, the region was conquered. Ecstatic, the General prepared a cigar made of the fine tobacco of the land they had just overtaken. A meeting to hand the cigar to Napoleon was arranged for the next day.

A large entourage approached Napoleon, and the General said, “My Dear King, I hereby present to you a gift from our newly conquered region.” He placed the cigar in Napoleon's mouth, struck a match, and was about to light it.

Napoleon immediately removed the cigar from his mouth, and in front of everyone cracked the cigar in half. The General was nonplussed. “What is the King doing?!” he exclaimed. Napoleon then answered, “Napoleon controls the cigar. The cigar does not control Napoleon!”

There is an intrinsic lesson in this story which needs to be taken to heart by all of us. We go through life making decisions believing that we are in control. We decide if we want to do something believing that we can manipulate the outcome. Tisha B'Av, Elul, and truly every day, should be reminders to us that we follow the Torah as the blueprint for our lives. We do the best we can and leave the rest up to Hashem.

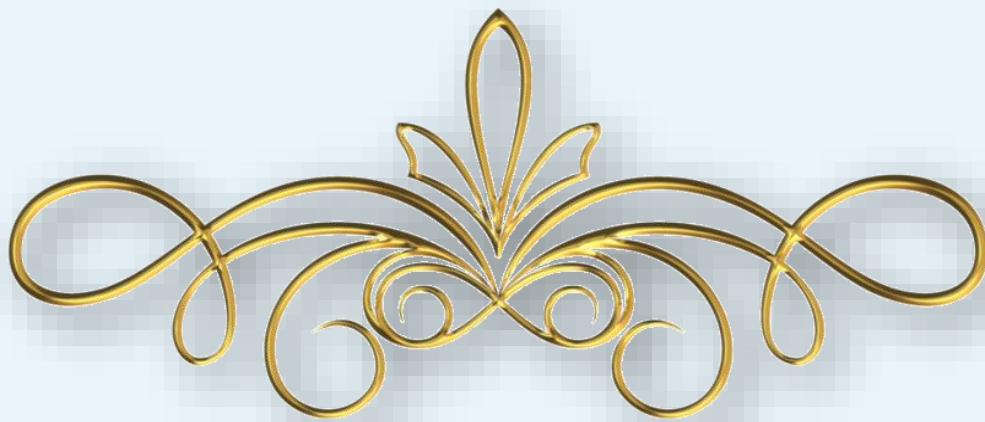
May the efforts we exert in our avodas Hashem yield the fruits of a Geulah Sheleima!

Good Shabbos,

Mrs. Katz

Mazel Tov!! מוזל טוב!!

*To: Mrs . Danielle Dudzic-Hansell
(Director of Finance)
on the birth of her daughter*



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At the home of Mrs. Katz
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Wednesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

July 19th

August 2nd

August 9th

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“Summer Reading Challenge”

Read a book and get paid!
Learn more about our
Summer reading challenge below!

Looking forward to staying connected!
Mrs. Katz

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 _____

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PARENT Signature _____ STUDENT Signature _____

**It's That Time of Year Again...
Uniform Information!**



1700 Madison Ave Lakewood NJ, 08701 (732) 886 8023

4/23/2023

Dear parents,

We hope all is well with you and your family.

As the school year draws to a close, we are beginning to prepare for the upcoming school year. It is now time to purchase your daughters school uniform.

In preparation for the 2023-2024 school year, Fraylich Uniforms will be your school's uniform supplier. We offer a variety of styles skirts, jumpers, blouses, velours, and sweaters to Politz Hebrew Academy parents. Our service includes measuring and fitting to fit your individual needs. For your shopping convenience, our store is located at 1700 Madison Ave Lakewood, NJ and open all year around (including the summer).

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 732 886 8023.

Looking forward to servicing you,

Fraylich Uniforms

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POLITZ HEBREW ACADEMY
Uniform Order Sheet Sept. 2023

Jumper: **Grade 1 -5**

Jumper size: 4 - 14	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
<u>Navy Button Style: 8701</u>	\$41.00			
<u>Navy round Style: J188</u>	\$42.00			
<u>Plaid Button Style: 8700</u>	\$46.50			

Skirts:

	<u>Color:</u> Navy	<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yoke	Size 6 - 14	\$35.00				
	Size 16 - 20, Bigger +\$7	\$38.00				
	<u>Color:</u> Navy	<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stitch Down	Children 5k - 14k, 5ks2 - 14ks2	\$40.00				
	Size 0 - 18, Length AA - D	\$46.00				
	Size 20 - 22, Length A - D And all sizes in E up to Size 22	\$53.00				

Grade 6 - 8

	<u>Color:</u> Grey	<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yoke	Size 6 - 14	\$38.00				
	Size 16 - 20, Bigger +\$7	\$41.00				
	<u>Color:</u> Grey	<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stitch Down	Children 5k - 14k, 5ks2 - 14ks2	\$44.00				
	Size 0 - 18, Length A - B - C - D	\$52.00				
	Size 20 - 22, Length A - D And all sizes in E up to Size 22	\$59.00				

Sweater Embroidered

<u>All Grades</u>	Velour w/Hood	<u>Color:</u>	<u>Sizes</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
		Navy	Size Y3XS - YXL	\$35.00			
			Size AS - X3XL	\$35.50			
<u>Grade 6 - 8</u>	Sweater	Navy	All Sizes	\$39.00			
		Maroon	All Sizes	\$39.00			

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EX. DATE: ____/____/____ CVC: _____ BILLING ZIP: _____

STORE POLICY:

We can't accept orders without payment in full.
Any item ordered or purchased before school are exchangeable for 30 days from the first day of school.
Returns are for store credit only within 30 days from purchased. It's your responsibility to return and exchange within the 30 days of purchase.
All return and exchanges must come in the original hangtags, packaging, and barcode. No worn garment may be returned.
If you need any assistance, please contact us directly or the school office.
Every effort is made to satisfy our customer within our store policy.