



פרשת שופטים / א אלול
Friday, August 21, 2020

OUR CHEDER'S VOICE

CHEDER CHABAD BOYS DIVISION

Dear parents,

Today is Rosh Chodesh Elul! The emphasis that the Rebbe places on Elul makes its impact inescapable to each of us.

One of the many aspects that Elul highlights is that our relationship to Hashem should run deep in our minds, hearts and neshomas. The cornerstone of this discussion begins with the posuk in לידוד ה' אורי where Dovid Hamelech says "לך אמר לבי בקשו פני, את פניך ה' אבקש" these words are a heartfelt plea to connect to Hashem beyond our actions.

Elul and education is about change. The Torah teachus us that change is possible and desirable. This premise serves as the foundation of *chinuch* and *hardrocho*, educating and guiding students to improve their lives.

Nowadays, people say "this is the way I am," these words are the antithesis of the Torah perspective. Who we are isn't to our credit or to our disgrace. Hashem created us a certain way and we are tasked to improve on Hashem's creation. As we do with grain, turning it into bread, and with wool turning it into garments, we are given the great privilege to become partners in Hashem's creation by improving ourselves.

Change comes from within, change comes from a deepened perspective and being more open to listening to the messages of Torah and chassidus.

As we embrace the final days of preparation for cheder, I encourage you to speak to your children about opening themselves up to embracing the lessons of Torah more deeply. They should take on the resolutions that will increase the impact of everything they learn every day this year.

Good Shabbos and Good Chodesh,

Levi Kaplan

SCHEDULE
REMINDERS

September 1, Tuesday: BOYS' ORIENTATION 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

September 2, Wednesday : BOYS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 7, Monday : First day of Minyan

September 14, Monday: Boy's cheder – Back to school night 7:30pm-9:00pm

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PREPARING THE CHEDER AND CLASSROOMS



Happy Birthday

Nosson Eisenberg, Menachem Mendel Jordan and Alexander Gaerman

May you have a Shnas Hatzlochah!

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SHABBOS MEVARCHIM RECITING OF TEHILLIM

Avraham Moshe Abramowitz

Avi Greenberg

Levi Kaminker

Sholom Lasker

Sholom Dovber Silverman

Shneur Zalman Blotner

Zalmen Levin

Dovber Lipitz

Shneur Zalman Segelman

Mottele Levin

Levi Liberow

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CHADER CHABAD OF MONSEY COVID-19 GUIDELINES

PREPARATION PRIOR TO SCHOOL

- ❖ Please ensure that our administration office has updated and current emergency contact numbers.

AT HOME MORNING ROUTINE

- ❖ Take your child's temperature every morning.
- ❖ If your child has a cough, sore throat or fever do not send him/her to school.
- ❖ Provide your child/ren with facemasks.
- ❖ Only solid color facemasks may be worn, no writing, logos or designs.



ARRIVALS

- ❖ All students and staff must arrive to school wearing a mask.
- ❖ Upon arrival, students and staff will line up outside in a socially distant manner to have their temperature taken.
- ❖ Students and staff who present with a fever of 100 or above will not be allowed into the building.
- ❖ Students will be required to be picked up from school.

IN THE BUILDING

- ❖ Upon entering the building all students and staff will have to sanitize their hands.
- ❖ Facemasks will be worn in all common areas.
- ❖ Each class will function as their own cohort.
- ❖ Students may not enter a classroom other than their own.
- ❖ Lunch will be in the classroom for the foreseeable future, to keep our classes separate at all times.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the school building and in every classroom.
- ❖ Bathrooms, faucets and door handles will be washed and sanitized throughout the day.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- ❖ Sneeze guards will be provided for all students and teachers
- ❖ Students will be provided with Clorox wipes to disinfect their desk every day.
- ❖ Social distancing will be practiced in the classroom when possible.



IN CASE OF AN ILLNESS

- ❖ Any student or staff member who has a fever or presents corona symptoms must be tested for covid-19.
- ❖ Students or staff who test positive for covid-19 will require a negative corona test before returning to school. The results should be sent in to the principal of your child's department.
- ❖ Students or staff who are sick and have tested negative for Covid-19 cannot return to Cheder until 24 hours fever free.
- ❖ If any student or staff member in a cohort test positive for covid-19, the cohort will be closed for two weeks and classes will resume on zoom.
- ❖ Children in a family where someone tests positive may not come to school until he/she has written clearance from a doctor.
- ❖ We will set up virtual Zoom classrooms when necessary.



VISITORS

- ❖ For the time being no visitors allowed into the building, including parents.
- ❖ A parent who needs to sign out a child for an appropriate reason should contact the office and they will sign him/her out.



QUARANTINE

- ❖ Children who have recently returned from a state or country on New York's quarantine list, will have to quarantine for 2 weeks before returning to Cheder.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Dear Parents,

We are fortunate to have a wonderful library at the Cheder from which our children benefit on a weekly basis. Each class is assigned a time slot when they visit the library and are able check out books.

Over the years and with your help, the library has been growing steadily and now boasts a sizeable collection of books.

For the library to function efficiently, students must take responsibility for those they borrow and learn to appreciate the value of books.

We ask that a parent sign the permission slip below, indicating that he/she read the letter and allows his/her child to use the library. One permission slip per family (for the boys building) is adequate. As soon as the school librarian receives this signed form, your child/ren will be able to enjoy borrowing books.

Please note: If your son has a book checked out from last year, he will need to either return it or make other arrangements (if lost), before he can check out additional books this year.

New books are a highlight for our students. **Please sponsor a book for your son's birthday. **

Thank you,

Mrs. November
Cheder Librarian
Boys Division



Please print clearly.

I _____ allow my child/ren _____
grade/s: _____

to use the Cheder Library. Students who do not return a book or if a book is returned in poor condition will be charged \$25 to replace it. I give permission for the Cheder office to charge my credit card unless I make alternate arrangements with the librarian.

Parents Signature _____ Date: _____