

YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH FAMILY ALBUM

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CANDLE LIGHTING 7:49 PM



Sunday, May 18
Israel Day Parade
On 5th

Mon. May 19
Chai Lifeline
Fishing Trip
Grade 7

Tues. May 20-Wed.
May 21
Washington Trip
Grade 8

Thurs. May 22
Amish Trip
Grades 6 & 7

Thurs. May 22
Trip to Far Rockaway
Grade 5

Mon. May 26
Memorial Day
No School

Thurs. May 29
Trip to JCM
'Torah Unwrapped'
Grade 5

Dvar Torah—Emor

The Midrash on this week's *parasha* (Vayikra Rabbah 28:1) quotes the wisdom of Shlomo HaMelech in Koheles, as he discusses the nature of man's labors in this world. The Midrash mentions that the book of Koheles seems, at first glance, to give a wrong message about man's conduct in his youth. Our sages felt that the following statement of Shlomo HaMelech (Koheles 11:9) could have easily been misunderstood, "Rejoice, young man, in your youth ... and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes." It seems to say that a young man should make himself happy by indulging the strong desires of youth – hardly a righteous approach to life! The Midrash points out Shlomo's words would seem to directly contradict Moshe Rabbeinu's teaching, repeated twice daily in the last paragraph of the *Shema* (Bamidbar 15:39), that we are forbidden to go astray after our hearts and our eyes! The sages of the Midrash then explain that the next part of Shlomo HaMelech's statement clarifies his intent, "But you should know, that for all these things G-d will bring you to judgment." These concluding words elucidate that Shlomo HaMelech's dictum was actually: Even in your youth, choose actions that will not bring you to judgment and to punishment; choose to follow Torah and *mitzvot* (see Mahrzu, *ibid.*).

Shlomo HaMelech, the wisest of men, did not change his mind in mid-sentence. The beginning and ending of the verse in Koheles are not contradictory. The Midrash is explaining the meaning of the complete verse and the true understanding of Shlomo HaMelech's statement: That we should follow the Torah even when we are young. Every youth is confronted with tough decisions and strong desires. The *yetzer hara* pulls them with great force to follow a path that seems so delightful. Yet, Shlomo HaMelech tells these youth to refrain from following in this course and rather to follow the pathway of Torah. If so, why does King Solomon say, "Rejoice ... in your youth"? How can Shlomo HaMelech call this denial of desires and repression of passions "rejoicing"? Wouldn't "frustration" and "dissatisfaction" be better descriptions of this approach? Is abstaining from the physical pleasures of the world the way to "rejoice"?

The wise King Solomon saw life more clearly than much of our technologically advanced and sophisticated society. On a superficial level, the *yetzer hara*'s clever pitch to give in to our cravings and satisfy our lusts seems to be a recipe for happiness and joy. But in reality, the opposite is true – indulgence brings frustration and unhappiness. Who would we expect to have the happiest and most fulfilled lives? Presumably, the rich and famous, the Hollywood stars and media idols, who have all the physical pleasures to enjoy. Yet these people are the ones most afflicted with depression and anxieties, have multiple divorces and are in conflict with their own children, and sometimes end their lives dying alone and forgotten in a motel room. Being a slave to our passions and addicted to our desires is not enjoyable. Shlomo HaMelech is enlightening us to the fact that real happiness comes from exercising our free will to make the right choices, and to gain self-control and self-mastery. The only time we can really rejoice is when we choose to refuse the *yetzer hara* and to follow the path that our Creator has mapped out for us, which leads us to our ultimate happiness.



The Woman's Organization Re-Birth as the Yeshiva Derech HaTorah Parents Association.

This year marked an exciting new chapter for Yeshiva Derech HaTorah with the formation of the school's very own Parents Association. Supported by many enthusiastic parents, the Association was created with a clear mission: to raise funds through a variety of events and initiatives in order to give back to our children and enhance their school experience.

What began as a spark of inspiration quickly turned into action. The year kicked off with a successful Chanukah Boutique, followed by a lively Family Bingo Night that brought together students, parents, faculty and even community members for a fun evening. We continued to build momentum with thoughtful gestures like Teachers' Mishloach Manot, a community-wide Challah Bake, a well-received Used Book Sale, and now, preparations are underway for our upcoming Plant Sale.

Each event has served not only as a fundraiser, but also as a way to strengthen our school community and bring joy to the students. We are continually brainstorming new ideas and opportunities to support the school in meaningful ways.

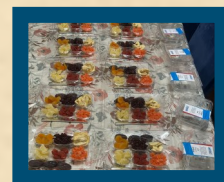
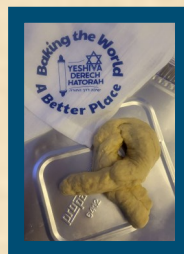
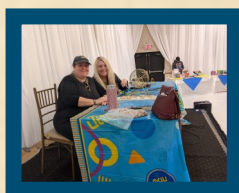
We truly believe that we are stronger together. The Parents Association is proud to work hand in hand with the school to foster an environment of unity, growth, and shared purpose. We look forward to continuing our efforts and building an even stronger future for our children.

We are always looking for additional parents to join, be it by donating time, effort or money.

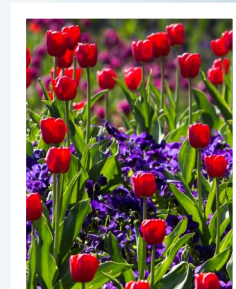
#WeAreStrongerTogether and look forward to seeing our efforts grow!

Yours Truly,

- YDH Parent Association



WELCOMING SPRING AT YDH





"Talmid HaShavuah" - Achrei Mos - Kedoshim

Grade 1 — Binyamin Mortob, Yehoshua Vesely

Grade 2 — Yehoshua Glass, Eliyahu Mizrahi

Grade 3 — Yaakov Sorscher, Avraham Hochman

Grade 4 — Azriel Brukirer, Yonatan Butbul

Grade 5 — Yosef Schiffman, Adir Lamy

Grade 6 — Nehorai Avisara, Mordechai Simon

Grade 7 — Yitzchok Babaisakov



“Student of the Week” - 5/5—5/9/25

Grade 1— Ami Harel

Grade 2 — Avshalom Abramov

Grade 3 — Aryeh Weber

Grade 4 — Benzi Adler

Grade 5 — Eliyahu Mordechai Abilevitz

Grade 6 — David Russell (Math)

**Grade 7 — Yosef Hochman (Math), Yaron Berkovitch,
Dovi Leyton (Sci.)**

Grade 8 — Menashe Mirkin (Math)

Congratulations!

YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Teacher: Mr. M. Soussan



"SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK" ***Week of 5/5-5/9/25***

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
3K-D	Elliot Ashkenazi
3K-N	Leah Cohen
3K-S	Chani Kurz
UPK-C	Netanel Ajoku
UPK-H	Ettel Gindiya
PRE-1A	Noam Broner
FIRST	Mosey Chakov
SECOND	Gavriel Perla
THIRD	Judah Azizov
FOURTH	Evyatar Harel
FIFTH	Adam Cohen
SIXTH	Rami Harel
SEVENTH	Ofir Harel
EIGHTH	Michael Kurlander



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DESSERT BUFFET

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4" Assorted House Plants	-\$8/pot
5" Anthuriums	-\$20/pot
Orchids	-\$36/pot

OUTDOOR PLANTS "ANNUALS"

4" Potted Flower Plants	-\$6/plant
Hanging Potted Plants	-\$25/plant



HERBS & VEGETABLES

Tomato Seeding Plants	-\$4/pack
Cucumbers Seedling Plants	-\$4/pack
Hot Pepper Seedling Plants	-\$4/pack
4" Mint Herb	-\$6/pot
4" Rosemary Herb	-\$6/pot
4" Basil Herb (Red or Green)	-\$6/pot
4" Thyme Herb	-\$6/pot

PRE - Order TODAY!!
Order Pick up on 5/29/25



*We will have additional plants to purchase day of, BUT availability is not guaranteed! DO NOT delay, Place your order TODAY!

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on

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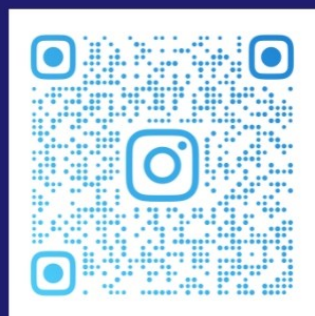
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YDH PARNES HAYOM PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The central theme of Yeshiva Derech HaTorah is the study of Torah. Each day that the Yeshiva is in session, our talmidim are engrossed in the study of Torah, each at their own level, from Pre-School through 12th Grade.

Yeshiva Derech HaTorah invites you to become an active participant in our daily Torah study by sponsoring a day, week, month or full year of learning. Sponsorships can be made in honor of an anniversary or birthday, for a *refuah shleimah* for someone in need, or to commemorate the *Yahrtzeit* of a loved one. The names for whom the day's learning is being sponsored will be posted in each classroom.

You can sponsor:

- A day of learning for \$72
- A week of learning for \$360
- A month of learning for \$720
- A year of learning for \$5000

For further information, please contact Joel Weisblum in the Financial Office. Your support will help to strengthen the study of Torah at Yeshiva Derech HaTorah.

Please tear off and send in to the Yeshiva Office.



YDH PARNES HAYOM DEDICATION

Name: _____

In Honor / Memory of: _____

Occasion: _____

Check Enclosed: _____

CREDIT CARD

Account Type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
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Yeshiva Derech HaTorah

Eitz Chaim



Individual Leafs

Each individual leaf on our Eitz Chaim, our Tree of Life, costs \$180 and includes the cost of engraving.

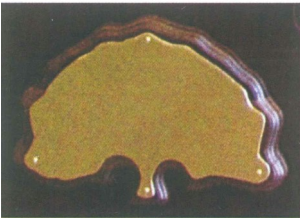
Foundation Stones

The Foundation Stones are for those who want to show their special support for Yeshiva Derech HaTorah. Each Foundation Stone costs \$1,800 and includes the cost of engraving.



Tree of Life Mini Trees

The Tree of Life Mini Trees are for those who want to show extra special support for Yeshiva Derech HaTorah. Each Mini Tree costs \$3,600 and includes the cost of engraving.



Order Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Leaf | \$180 and includes the cost of engraving. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Stone | \$1,800 and includes the cost of engraving. |
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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Engraving _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Please make your tax deductible check out to Yeshiva Derech HaTorah

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YESHIVA DERECH HATORAH PARENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents:

To facilitate the ordering of Chessed Dollars, we would appreciate your using this order form. It should be sent with your son or mailed back to Mrs. Sima Sabo (1st floor office), or you may email her at ssabo@ydh.org. We will have your order for next-day pick-up. Special orders may take up to a week.

Listed below are the gift certificates which are always available. Please indicate the amounts you are ordering next to each one. Payments by check (made payable to YDHWO) must be enclosed. If you are paying by cash, you must pay at time of receipt.

Thank you.

DERECH HATORAH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

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NAME _____ CLASS _____ TEL. # _____ DATE _____