

שליטא מ' ר' אליהו ברודני MESSAGE FROM R' ELYA BRUDNY

שלום וברכה . I am speaking to you, dear parents of talmidim and talmidos of our yeshiva network, on behalf of Torah Umesorah, the umbrella organization of all the yeshiva ketanos and bais Yaakovs and the entire educational system as we know it. We all understand that the הקב"ה dictated that our yeshivos and bais yaakovs be closed, and we are continuing them virtually by phone and other methodology. The children are at home, and the rebbeim and teachers teach from where they are, with the children following from where they are. As we all understand, it is not an easy thing. It is very not easy for children, and the deterrent of a morah or a rebbe in front of the class is not there. What keeps a child in a classroom setting is usually the aura of the morah or the Rebbe, the respect, and we don't have that. It is all virtual. We feel it is important for us to appeal to the parents, although we always partner in the chinuch of our children. The whole concept of a school system is a delegation that Chazal, in the times of the יהושע בן גמלא, brought in the גמרא in בבא בתרא: that parents delegate the education of their children to the בית ספר, to the school.

But we still maintained the home chinuch. It's the first time in memory that the school is reaching out to the parents to ask them. We can't do the schooling by ourselves now because we don't have the השגחה on the place. The children are at home; the venue from where the children are learning is the home. We need your partnership to join us in taking this "ושננתם לבניך" actually, literally. You are the menahalim, the co-menahalim you're the mashgichim and the co-mashgichim. You're the menahalos, you're the co-menahalos. We can't do this on our own. We must do this together. For some reason the הקב"ה has dictated that in this תקופה it's like החזרת עטרה ליושנה. Parents are again engaged, not only in the out-of-school chinuch, but they have to partner with the school in the school chinuch.

For this we are appealing. I know how burdened the parents are in this time. Everybody has their burdens. Parnassa is a very big difficulty now. Maintaining whatever the parents do, whatever their profession is, in these times, is extremely difficult to juggle together with the אחריות of the children, but remember what we said in the הגדה not two weeks ago - we said "ואת עמלנו – אלו" - "ואת עמלנו". That is what we are here for, that is what we toil for. Our legacies are our children, and if the הקב"ה has set it up now that we have to engage more, that we have to go the extra mile, that is what He wants from us.

The rebbeim and the moros are going to continually be doing their heroic work, and it is much more difficult for them, too. They're at home with families. Their children are also not in school. They are going to do what they are going to do, but it needs your partnership. So now is a time of "איש לרעהו יעזבו". While everyone has to help his fellow mechanech, "ולאחיו יאמרו חזק". All of us together should be זוכה that this תקופה should not in any way hinder the further growth of our children in chinuch, in education.

The עולם של רבונו should announce to us in ways that only He knows how to: "המגפה נעצרה", the virus is over. "שובו לכם לאהליכם". We can all go back to our schools, to our yeshivos, to our בתי ספר, to our bais yaakovs. This should be a harbinger of the great ישועה, of the ישועה that we are all yearning for, for so many millennia.

"ובא לציון גואל ולשבי פשע ביעקב"