



Table Talk



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Birthdays



Martin	Cnobel
Daniel	Esterkin
Samuel	Luckett
David	Bacall
Nathalie	Copeland
Amy	Rose
Hadassah	Braham
Georgie	Delarmi
Ethan	Cohen
Yonatan	Levy
Maximillian	Mason
Lauren	Richman
Jade	Rosenthal
Naomi	Kostick
Mark	Stein
Sasha-Lee	Lask
Gil	Selby

A Bite of Inspiration

Parashat Tetzaveh

In the Holy Temple, the clothes worn by the kohanim (priests) were a simple affair - robe, trousers, hat and belt. All of them completely white.

That was it. Enough to do the job of clothes - cover the nakedness - but no more. Apparently, clothes maketh not the man - especially when in service of God.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve are naked. But once they eat from the Tree of Knowledge, they cover themselves. In their pure and naive state, they were not distracted by the desires of the physical body. So they did not need clothes.

However, once they transgressed and their desires became more prominent, they became attracted by the physical body and needed to cover it, if they were not to become distracted. The purpose of clothes was to enable human beings to relate to each other as just that - human beings, and not animals. By covering the physical, the spiritual is emphasised.

Today, clothes have become an expression of the physical. They

emphasise form and shape. They attract with colour and design. They create status - albeit a false one. Instead of focusing us on the Godly soul in those around us, they do the precise opposite. They distract us from who a person really is, by creating a superficial impression.

The clothes of the kohanim were simple, because their actions did the talking, not their clothes. Looking good can be a cheap substitute, a counterfeit pleasure that gives a brief illusion of the sense of perfection and beauty that we all strive for.

Yes, it's important to look neat and presentable. But in Judaism, more important than "looking good" is to "be good." Don't be content with making an impression by how you dress; rather become a person whose actions truly count.

After Dinner Joke

A congregant goes to see the Rabbi and complains about their heavy headaches, and whines, cries and talks about their poor living conditions for hours.

All of a sudden, the congregant shouts, overjoyed: "Rabbi, your holy presence has cured me! My headache is gone!"

To which the rabbi replies:
"No, It is not gone. I have it now."



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Side Dish

Art

On Monday 2nd March the Art Department had a visiting artist Judith Devons working with Year 7 Yavneh Girls. The project 'Culture and Identity' explored each pupil's personal connections with their identity through their hobbies, family life, community and religion. Mrs

Devons demonstrated monoprinting and silk screen techniques which the pupils need to incorporate in their artwork. The final mixed media collages are being entered into a National Art Competition run by the equality and human rights commission.

Celebrating Success



Key Stage 4 Swim
Gala@ Abraham Moss.

1st Place -Crawl Isabel Seager and Demi Davidson

1st Place -Back Isabel Seager and Danielle Nevitt

1st Place -Breast Charlotte Gold-Caution.

Well done KD for winning the Tournament !



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