

Rambam Record Yom Kippur Edition

Rambam's Annual Father/Son Teshuva-Thon

On Sunday September 24, Tzom Gedalia, sons, fathers, grandfathers, and brothers came together for a day of inspirational learning at the Rambam's Annual Teshuva-Thon. It was a meaningful way to start off the Aseret Yemei Teshuvah and prepare for a meaningful Yom Kippur.

It started with a very uplifting Selichos followed by an inspiring Shacharis. Afterward, the talmidim escorted their guests upstairs to their classrooms and began learning Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah one on one with each other. After that everyone went down to the Shul to hear Yeshiva University Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Herschel Reichman's, in-depth inspirational shiur on the topic of "tips for Teshuva." He gave insights on what Teshuvah really is and about and how one should go when implementing it. Rabbi Reichman quoted a "diyuk," that he heard from his Rebbe, the Rav. "Yom Kippur bestows forgiveness not just on those who have repented (the classical explanation of the words of the Rambam) but also on those who haven't completely forsaken sin but are "In the process on doing Teshuva." As long as one realizes that he has to change for the better, and is committed to strengthening their relationship to Hashem, the process is in effect and Yom Kippur will provide them with atonement.

Rabbi Reichman also spoke about the one universal issue all Jews can improve upon. He said that everybody knows that the Beis HaMikdash was destroyed because of Sinas Chinum, petty hatred and infighting. "Rav Kook teaches us that we need to have a dosage of Ahavas Chinam, unbridled love of our fellow man," said Rav Reichman.

Referring to the end of Tefilas Zakeh which we say before Yom Kippur, Rabbi Reichman said that it is meritorious for us to forgive people who have wronged us and we should not hold any grudges. "Although in fact there are times when we will feel defeated, because people have wronged us, there is an opportunity to grow from defeat and develop a different and healthier perspective on life," explained Rabbi Reichman.

He ended his shiur with a Tefillah of forgiveness and told us we should say it on Yom Kippur because of the importance of forgiveness.

This year's Teshuva-Thon was a very meaningful experience for anyone that went and I would like to thank the administration for putting it together. It was great and it prepared me and many others for Yom Kippur this year.

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Plethora of Teams Assembled at Rambam

In just a few weeks of school, so many new teams have formed! Masmidim, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Debate, Inclusion Club, Poe Pack Warrior Poets, Writers' Guild, Model Beis Din, Early Morning Club and more are up and running!

And more on the way! Tryouts for Harmonides, Mock Trial, Rambam Record, Hamasmid, Torah Bowl, College, Bowl, Book Chat, Classic Film Club, Envision Shakespeare, and more are still to come!

