

Week of Shoftim

Parshah Power

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Dear reader,

“Parshah Power” is a new weekly series that aims at teaching important life lessons gleaned from the Parshah of the week.

Each week, we will choose one lesson that is at the core of the Torah portion and present a story which will depict that lesson in a fun and child friendly way. Best of all, there will be coloring pages to go along with it!

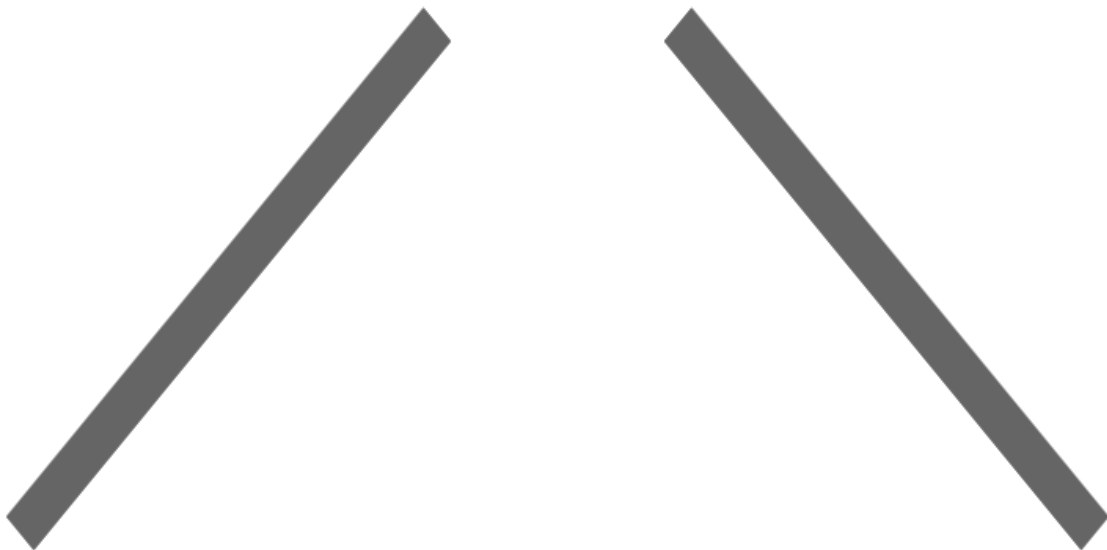
We hope you will enjoy the weekly Parshah Power. If you have a suggestion for a future lesson, please share!

**See you next week,
The Parshah Power team**

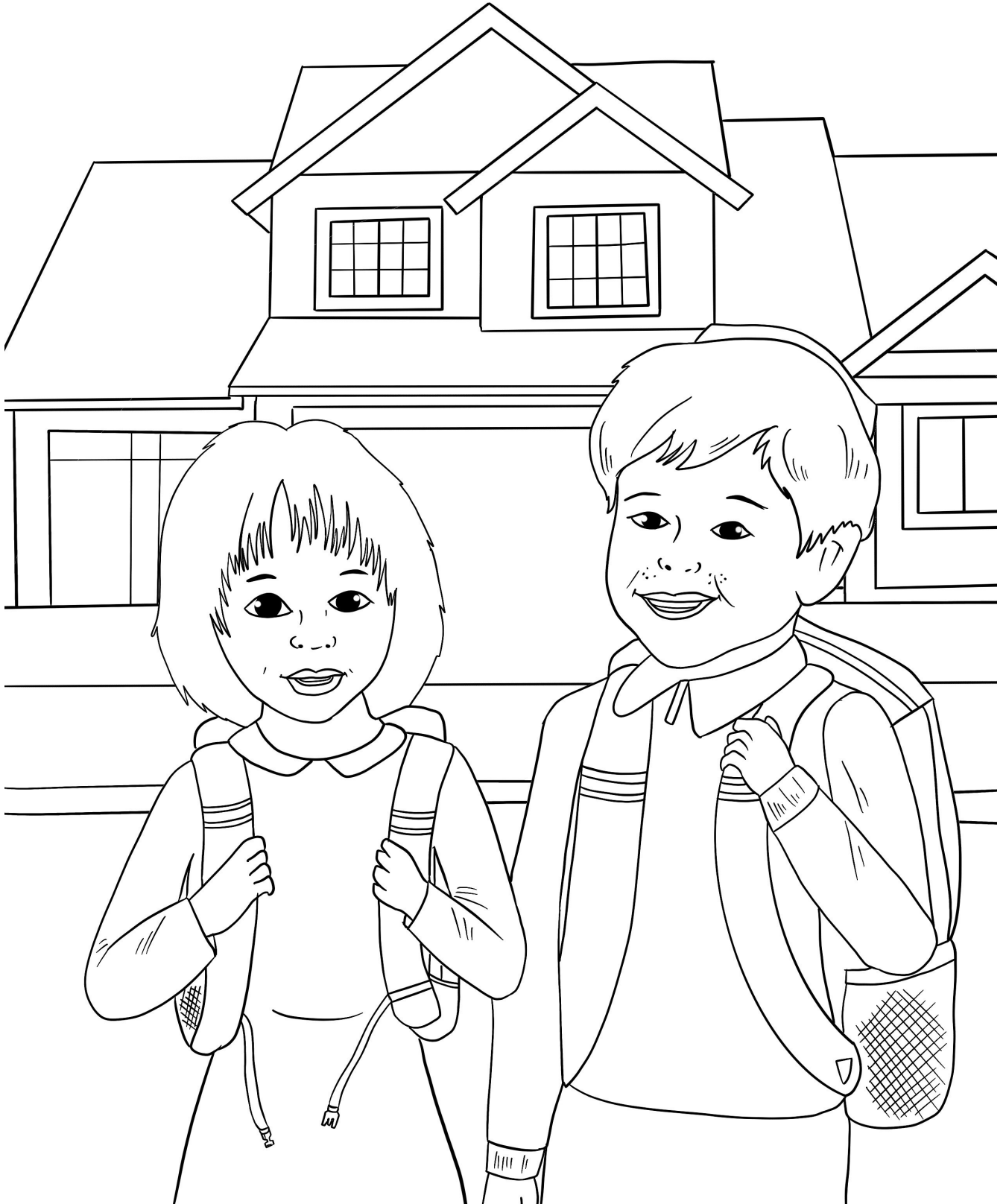
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

IN THIS WEEK'S PARSHAH, WE READ ABOUT THE RULES OF HOW THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE TO BEHAVE WHEN GOING TO WAR. ONE IMPORTANT MITZVAH WAS FOR THE KOHEN TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE AFRAID OF THE ENEMY BECAUSE HASHEM IS WITH US AT ALL TIMES!

THE TAKE AWAY LESSON FOR US IS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME OUR FEELING OF FEAR OR HOPELESSNESS WITH THE POWER OF OUR MIND AND BELIEF IN HASHEM.



**It was one week away, school would soon begin
It was time to buy new backpacks and supplies to put in.**



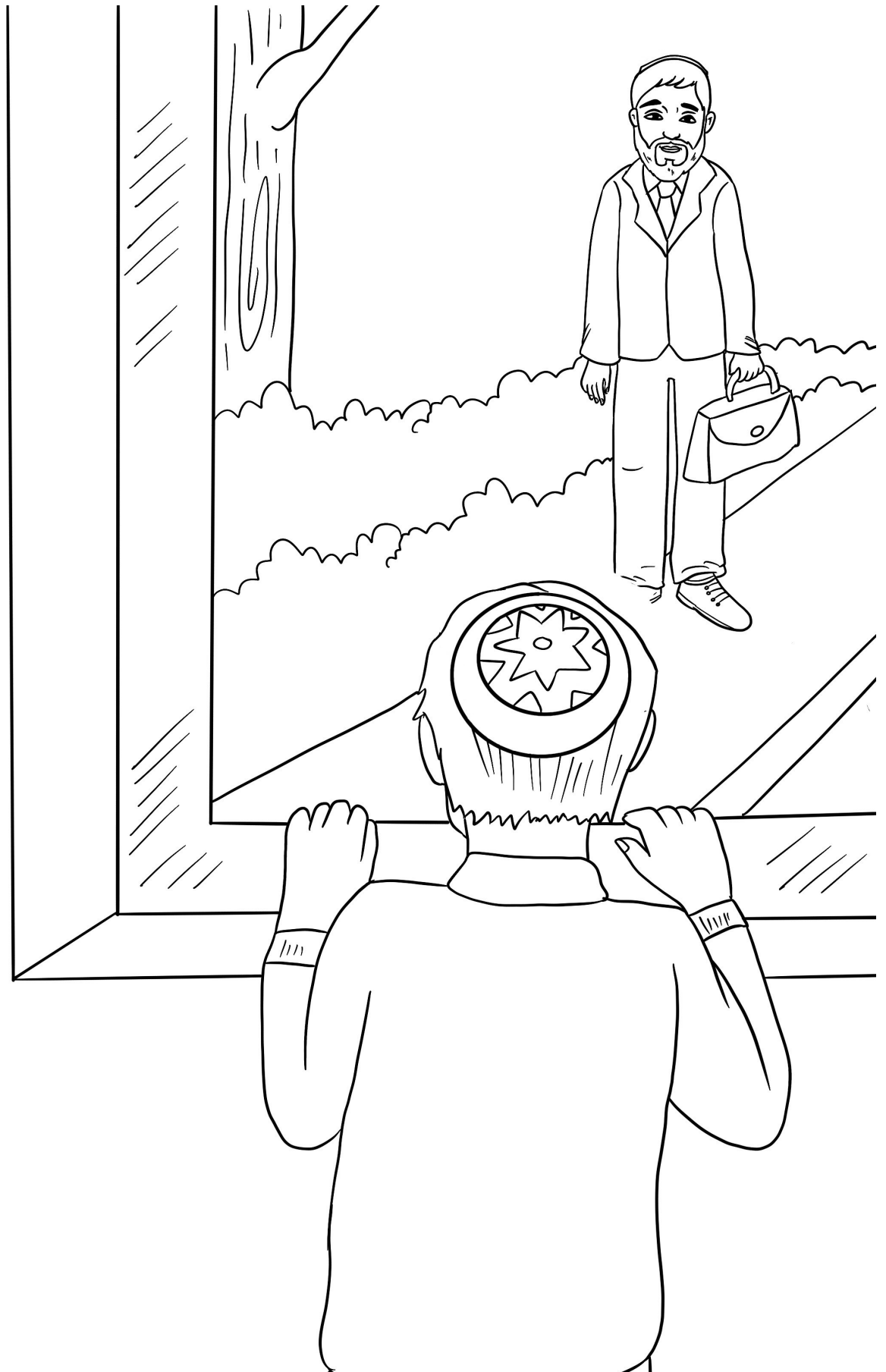
**Ari got markers, crayons and pens
he even got stickers to share with his friends!**



**Sarah got a craft set, scissors and glue
she dreamed about all of the things she might do.**



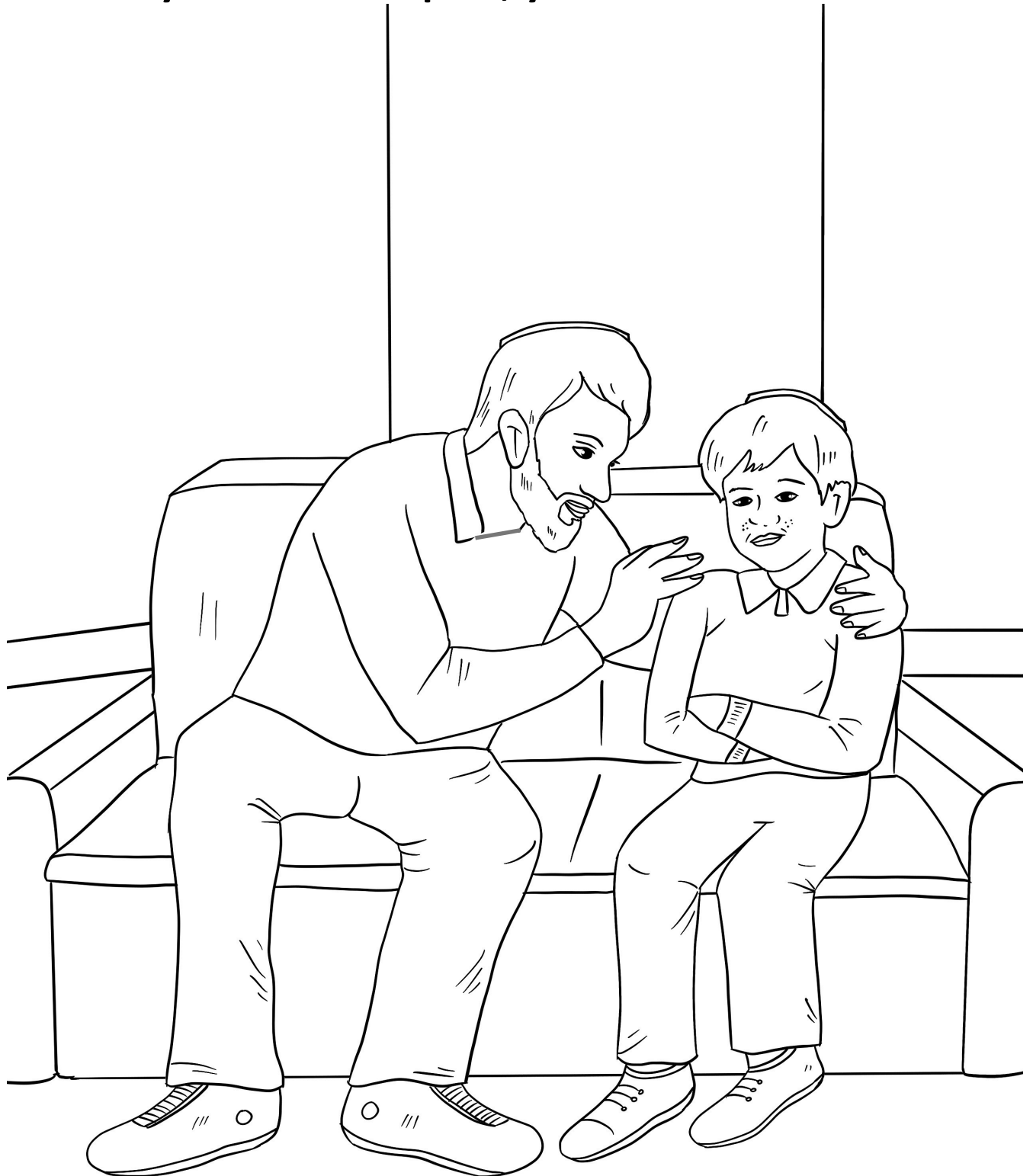
**The week flew by fast; it was the night before school
Ari saw father coming back from shul.**



**Father came in and looked at his boy
but he didn't see smiles he didn't see joy.**



“Ari what's wrong?” said father in surprise
“why are you sad with tears in your eyes?”
aren't you excited to start second grade
you seem so upset; you look so afraid.



**“To tell you the truth” said Ari “I am a bit scared.
I only know 3 kids in my class” he cried,
as his little nose flared**



**Will the other kids like me? will I feel out of place?
will the teacher be nice? will I get a good place?
There are so many things that I just do not know
I'm so afraid; I just don't want to go.**



“That is really hard!” said father
“but there is something I want to share
we all have some things that makes us feel fear.



**When I am not sure what might happen next
I feel uncertain, scared and perplexed.**

**But then I remember that there is someone who knows
Hashem has a plan for each leaf as it blows!
He created the world, He created me and you
And He is right there in whatever you do.**



**He watches us close
and knows what we need.**

**And Ari..
nothing matter more to hashem
then for you to succeed**

