Preschoolers at Torah Academy of Boston made peyos out of Clics.

BALTIMORE



Rabbi Dovid Kapenstein

Rabbi Eliyahu Hakakian, Rav of Congregation Ahavat Shalom, spoke to the middle school students at Yeshivas Toras Simcha. The Rav explained that the *talmidim* of Rabbi Akiva were *Geonim*, but they harbored a small measure of disrespect for each other. Perhaps when they argued in Torah, they did not give proper honor to a fellow *talmid* who disagreed with them. We must always be sensitive to Jews who may not dress like we do or may not *daven* in the same *nusach* that we *daven* in, etc. We can always agree to disagree respectfully. Especially during the days of *sefirah*, we need to internalize this lesson.

BOCA RATON





At Torah Academy of Boca Raton, *limudei kodesh* skills and hands-on lessons are intertwined in Rabbi Aryeh Estersohn's 4th-grade *Mishmar*, where the boys are learning to make their own *tzitzis!* Tying their unit all the way back to the beginning of the school year, the boys have been learning *Hilchos Tzitzis* from the *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch*, cutting no corners with this deepened understanding of the details involved. The boys can now be *mekayem* this *mitzvah* with more clarity, proudly wearing their constant reminder of *avodas Hashem*.