

Shaarei Tzion



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Parsha Points

“If you lend money to any of My people, to the poor among you...” “... אם כסף תלוה את עמי את העני עמך...”

A mighty potentate one day asked his wealthy chancellor: “Tell me, what is the value of your possessions?” Without hesitation, the chancellor replied: “The value of all my assets amounts to 30,000 dinars.” The potentate angrily responded: “Why do you lie to me? Your many ships that sail the seven seas, loaded with silks and spices from the Orient, are worth many times the 30,000 dinars you mentioned. And what about your huge treasure houses filled with gold and jewels?” The chancellor humbly explained: “Your majesty, you asked me about the extent of my wealth, and I answered truthfully. For what I really possess are the 30,000 dinars. This is the amount I distributed to the poor; this amount I can truly call mine. All my ships and warehouses do not really belong to me, for I may lose it all tomorrow.” Our verse alludes to this concept. אם כסף תלוה, if you lend money to any of My people, את העני, to the poor, עמך, these are the things that will remain with you.

Nachal Kedumim taken from Torah Treasures

The Week in Review

Welcome to the 7th grade and תלמודו בידו the special voluntary learning program unique to this class. Following on the successful Making Tzitzis Program, our boys have been given the opportunity to review their גמרא with exciting incentives. The options are varied: review the גמרא 4, 6, 8 or 12 times and receive the opportunity to be included in an exciting raffle. The more times the גמרא is reviewed, the more opportunities to win. Prizes include such all-time favorites as גודלים pictures, ספרים, skate board, digital clock, bike lock, bike light, games, etc. The raffle is held bimonthly (approximately) and the last raffle enriched 13 winners! This program helps to have the גמרא become שגור בפה (fluent) and to get the boys used to saying the גמרא out loud. Years later, boys are still reviewing מכות. Thanks to this program, even in second year *Bais Medrash*, one of our graduates has completed מכות 39 times (and one boy has learned it so many times that we have lost count!). May all of our תלמידים use this instructional tool to encourage them to review all of their learning many times, and to continue to grow in their עבודת ד'.

The different “parts” of fractions,
We have learned till now.
To use the “whole” idea,
We surely know how!
The GCF & Factors,
We always need to know.
Equivalence, using cross products,
& reducing to simplest form.
So much information,
In 5th grade becomes the norm.
We’re getting to common denominators,
For addition & subtraction.
We won’t forget to cancel,
When doing multiplication.
Pink & white doughnuts,
And also sour sticks,
These are foods that we enjoyed,
While learning our fraction trick.
With must excitement, Morah Moller’s כיתה ג' girls have begun to learn about השבטים לידת. They now know the first four children, who they were born to, who gave them their names and why they were called so. Walking by the 3rd grade classroom you might just hear us burst out in song!

Mrs. Chait’s 5th grade scientists celebrated the culmination of their invertebrate unit in a very unique way: with a visit from Insectropolis! Mr. Stefan, a “bug expert,” from the museum, brought fascinating specimens to the 5th grade classroom and really brought this unit to life. Students were able to touch a tarantula, hissing cockroach, scorpion, and millipede, and view displays of different arachnids, butterflies, beetles, and moths. Mr. Stefan was extremely impressed with the 5th graders’ background knowledge of arthropods and commented that he had never before heard such young students properly use the word “cephalothorax!” Please stop by and visit the 5th grade bulletin board, where the students’ creative and informative arthropod posters are proudly hanging. Stay tuned for information on our next exciting science unit; the skeletal system!

The 3rd and 4th graders are getting a real kick out Kickball in Morah Lani’s gym class. While practicing their foot/eye coordination, they have also been working on concepts such as being a team player and inclusion. What do you do if someone is not athletic, but they are on your team? The girls are realizing that positive encouragement and not taking ourselves too seriously can make all the difference in how much fun you’ll have.

Preschool Jottings

Our health and hygiene vocabulary unit continues to enhance our YST preschool curriculum in

many ways! Last week, when we returned from our vacation, we were introduced to Humpty Dumpty. Poor little egg fell off the wall and needed to be treated for wounds and boo-boos. We learned how important it is to clean off a scratch or bruise properly, to smear it with cream and then, if necessary, cover it with a band-aid. Each of the children worked on caring for their own Humpty Dumpty. Hanging on our wall now are the Humpty Dumpty covered in bandaids! This week, we moved on to the importance of exercise. The children came with exercise gear on Thursday and the *Moros* took turns being the coaches. We walked briskly around the gym, balanced on wooden beams, learned how to do jumping jacks, pushups, crunches, stretches, lifted some weights, jogged and of course, stopped in the middle to sip from our water bottles. We made sure that our bodies were well hydrated throughout our session! You will enjoy looking at the new cards on our rings and listening to all the new vocabulary words that your children will share with you.

The stars were shining brightly in the nursery class as they learned to recognize and identify star shapes. They marched into school in their pajamas, doing just what they are told to do when the stars come out at night! They continued on to diamond shapes and the children designed precious necklaces worth more than anyone can pay for them!

The letter *Mem* marched right into the kindergarten classrooms. Morah Mimi and Morah Irene’s class published books about each child’s משפחה. The children are the authors of the books and by cutting out pictures of their family, they were the illustrators, as well. Morah Rochel and Morah Faige invited all the “Mommies” to come to school! The children came dressed as their Mommies – high heels, necklaces, snoods, sheitels, bracelets and aprons! The Mommies said they loved spending the day in YST Preschool!

FYI

•In the event of inclement weather, parents are requested to please call any of the respective schools to hear a message regarding school closings or delays. The message is updated no later than 6:00AM.

•**Six Flags Read to Succeed 2016 is getting closer to the end!** Earn free tickets to Great Adventure! Prea1a to 6th grade who read and log a minimum of six hours over the next few weeks. The **Student Reading Log** needs to be submitted to your child’s teacher no later than **Feb 24, 2016**. Happy reading!

• **Lost & Found:** Texas Instrument calculator and unmarked jackets have been found in the boys’ school. Hoodies, jackets, hairbands and scarves are found in the girls’ school. Please take a moment to see if you have all your children’s possessions! (For girls’ division, please see attached picture.)

• Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. Mincha Minyan before Pirchei at 2:50.

• Bnos Malka this Shabbos at 2:15.

• The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L’iluy Nishmas R’ Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.

• **Bone Marrow Drive: Lisa Schanzer’s mother** needs a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible. She has teamed up with BeTheMatch Bone Marrow Registry to hold a drive on **Feb 7th from 9AM – 3PM at Cong. Ohr Torah**. If you are at least 18 years old, please come and help save a life! **SCREENING REQUIRES ONLY A CHEEK SWAB.**

• **Shiur for Men:** Shovavim Project presents a two part review shiur on halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha to be given Wed, Feb. 10 and Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 8:00 PM by Rabbi Miodownik at Congregation Ahavas Achim. All married men welcome. For more info, please contact Lynn Hanfling dodcdad@aol.com

• Rabbi Yisroel Weiss’ shiur for men and women on the Parsha, will be held on Wednesday nights at the Eisenman’s residence, 154 North 10th Ave., HP.

• Mrs. Miri Cohen’s Parsha class meets Thurs. at 10:00 AM sharp at Riki Samel’s house. Please call the hotline to confirm at 206-666-8911.

• Mrs. Leah Drillman’s Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon, Feb. 8 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Ave., Edison.

• Rebbitzin Eichenstein’s classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Feb. 7 at 10:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on Mon, Feb. 8 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

• SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls meets on *Sunday evenings*. Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-841-1885.

Mazel Tov!

- Mr. & Mrs. Yoni and Adina Gross upon the birth of a daughter
- Mr. Larry & Morah Shelly Jacobs upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Y. Levovitz upon the birth of a great-granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Chaim Lobel & family upon Yaakov’s Bar Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Josh Pruzansky upon the birth of a granddaughter

Library Additions

- Kids Speak #8 donated by Marcia Freedman in memory of Mrs. Margot Zarny

BULLETIN BOARD

• **Motzei Shabbos, Feb 6 - 8:15 PM - Park Mikvah Event** - Cooking demonstration and food tasting with Victoria Dwek, renowned cookbook author. This event will be held at the home of Yael Kamelhar, 22 Perry Rd. The cost of the event is \$25. Space is limited. For reservations, please email Esther Posen at eposes@optonline.net. For more information, please call Lynn Hanfling at 732-777-0225

• **Save the Date! February 7th for the Father/Son Brunch.**

• **Sun, Feb 21- 9:30 a.m. - The Highland Park Community Kollel 8th Annual Breakfast** celebrating the Kollel’s Decade of Torah, Avodah & Gemilus Chasodim. will take place at Cong. Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Rd. The Guest Speaker will be HaRav Lipa Geldwerth Shlit”a, R”M at Yeshiva Torah Temimah & Rav, Congregation Kol Torah.

• **Sun, Feb 28 - 9:30 a.m. - Cong. Ahavas Yisroel Annual Journal Breakfast** - Breakfast will be held at Cong. Ahavas Achim 216 South 1st Ave. and will be honoring Avi and Chaya Milgraum. To make reservations or submit ad go to www.ayedison.org. Babysitting will be available.

• **Sun, March 6 - 9:30am - Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event** at the Pines Manor in Edison. The Guest speaker will be Rabbi Eli Mansour, Guests of Honor will be Dr. Barry & Susie Wolf, the Hotline Committee and the Keser Shem Tov Award to Doron & Sari Shalmon. A dairy buffet will be served. Sponsorships & babysitting are available. Invitations are in the mail.

המקום ינחם...

- Mrs. Rivkie Akerman upon the loss of her brother, 7”ד. She is sitting shiva at 952 West Kennedy Blvd., Lakewood, until Tuesday morning. Mrs. Akerman can be reached by phone at 201-540-6696.
- Dr. Steven Zarny upon the loss of his mother, Margot Zarny, ה'ה
- Mr. Yankie Fried upon the loss of his father, Moshe Fried, 7”ד
- Mrs. Valeria Ainsztein Urow upon the loss of her father, Jose Ainsztein, 7”ד

