



Parsha Points

“May Hashem bless you and keep watch over you.” “ יברכך ה' וישמרך.”

The essence of blessing is surplus, but sometimes an abundance of good can beget evil, as the Torah states, *vayishman yeshurun vayivat*, “Yeshurun (Ysrael) became fat and rebelled.” Therefore, the *bracha* of Divine blessing concludes with the clause, *וישמרך*, “May he watch over you,” so that you should not stumble into sin on the heels of the abundant blessings you receive.

Nachalas Yaakov taken from Torah Treasurers

Note: The dangers inherent in bounty form the basis of an explanation by Rabbi Aharon Kotler, זצ"ל on the obligation of prayer. He answers an age-old question: If a person is worthy of Hashem's bounty he should receive it without having to pray for it. Conversely, if he has not earned it, how will prayer help? Rabbi Aharon Kotler, זצ"ל replies: A man might truly be worthy of blessing, but it he receives it without having prayed for it, the blessing may become detrimental to him, for example, if he uses it for an evil purpose. Therefore, Hashem mercifully withholds his blessings from him until he prays for them. By praying, a man contemplates that it is Hashem who bestows goodness on him, He will therefore be careful to use his blessings in the appropriate manner. *Mishnas Rav Aharon*

The Week in Review

The 7th grade Edison Shabbaton the week prior to Shavuot was truly a smashing success, with the boys leaving on an inspirational high. It was nice to see all the boys rally together and make sure that those who live out of town or far away from the YST preschool building were invited to sleepover by those who live closer. All the delicious *סעודות* were catered by Mendy from RJJ. As the boys enjoyed the good food, there were beautiful *זמירות* led by a talented few who got the whole class involved with “*hartzegeh and leibedikeh niggunim*”. The *תלמידים* felt like mature adults as they ran their own shul with *בעלי תפילה*, received *עליות* and davened together with a beautiful *תפילה*. The boys had the opportunity to listen to various speakers over *שבת*, including Rabbi Drucker from the Agudah and Rabbi Kaufman from OE, who even invited them to his home for a special *שבת*. Some of the boys later testified that the various speeches were from the highlights of the *שבת*. On *שבת* afternoon the boys enjoyed themselves by performing with a skit and then some played sit-down games. The climax of the Shabbaton was the *מלוד מלכה* where there was also a very competitive basketball game at the boys school building, which went into overtime before one team emerged victorious. The first boys were picked up at 12 AM, but not before enjoying some Jerusalem pizza and ice cream. It was a wonderful experience for all! Thank you Rabbi Neiman and effort put forth into orchestrating this special event, from beginning to end.

Welcome to Outer Space! The 3rd grade boys hosted the Space Science Fair this past Wednesday. The boys researched their topic, wrote up the information, decorated tri-boards, and made a 3D model of their planet / star / sun ... etc., all on their own! They worked with partners beautifully and produced magnificent projects! Those who attended the fair can attest to the knowledge the 3rd graders attained from all the research they conducted. The fair was an enjoyable experience for all, with the boys educating the attendees and the attendees listening and collecting stickers to complete their Space Diagrams.

What a way to end the year! Shavuot morning brought women from a cross section of the community to hear the inspiring words of Mrs. C. Brudny and Mrs. C. Loew. A scrumptious milchig buffet and well-organized child care made the morning a supreme success! Many, many thanks to all the volunteers for making this event such a hit.

On Friday morning, Morah Moller's 3rd graders did a masterful job sharing their familiarity with the translation of each and every word of *שמנה עשרה*, to highlight the yearlong process of incorporating this *t'fila* into their daily davening. May the sweetness and joy of this accomplishment stay with them for many years to come!

Preschool Jottings

YST Preschool air is filled with the spirit of “moving on!” The new bulletin board features each one of the preschool graduates dressed for the move! The kindergarten classes were treated to a tour of the buildings that they will moving to come September. The girls enjoyed the Animal Fair at the Girls Building and the boys loved the time they spent in the Pre-1a classroom. Thank you to Mrs. Weldler and her 4th grade girls and Morah Becca for the warm reception.

The kindergarten classes each enjoyed a spectacular *siyum* upon the completion of the *Aleph Beis*. Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class had a picnic style barbecue lunch. Morah Faige and Morah Rochel treated their class to a brunch with waffles and smoothies. The hats, games, Shabbos clothing and decorations added to the festive ambience and feeling of

great accomplishment for our preschoolers.

The nursery children learned the *brocha* of *Borei Pri Ha'adamah* this week. Tasting, peeling, eating all sorts of vegetables made the week more delicious! The children picked foods out of a basket and chose the *ha'adamah* ones to decorate their *brochos* hat.

We're still on the move! This week we talked about how people pack up their houses and their things, (large or small) when they move from one house to another. We looked at pictures of moving trucks, packing supplies and different kinds of boxes. Special thank you Mr. Steve Jaffe from Edison Pack and Ship. He brought boxes, bubble wrap, labels, tape and packing peanuts to show us how the process really works. We thank him for taking the time to teach us about moving.

FYI

• 3:30pm dismissal for all grades on Monday, June 20 in the girls school. **No after care provided.**

• Last day of school is this Wednesday, June 22. Dismissal is 12:00 p.m. with busing provided.

• **Box Tops:** Even though the school year is ending, many of the box tops expire at the end of June. Please send in all your boxtops so we can send them in before the expiration date! Of course, keep collecting all summer!

• **Boys Division - Please note:** There are no sessions for the boys on Sunday, June 19th.

• YST Boys' 8th Grade Graduation will be Mon., June 20th

• Bnos Malka will resume iy"y in the year 5777!

• The Shalosh Seudos Siyum on Seder Moed for all boys in grades 5-8 will IY"Y take place this Shabbos, Parshas Naso 6:45 at the Agudah.

• Get your summer Crocs, flip-flops and sandals at the Children's ShoeShare! New and near-new water shoes for boys and girls - sizes infant up to big kids' size 3. Just \$1 - \$3 donation per pair. Call Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693. See the full selection of available shoes at facebook.com/shoeshare.

• **TorahKid Leagues** is back again for its 7th exciting season! Sunday morning sports fun for area children (boys 4-12; and girls 5-11) at the Highland Park High School baseball field. There are separate programs for boys (11:00-12:30) and girls (9:30-10:45). **YST children may attend a special play day on June 19**, and Summer ball starts June 26. Competitive play in different sports. For registration information, please contact Rabbi Lasar at TKLsports@aol.com or at (732) 985-1050.

• Rabbi Bassous' Women's class: Sundays at 10:00 AM at Etz Ahaim. Class will be based upon the book “100 Brachos, Counting your Blessings 100 Times a Day” by Rabbi Moshe Goldberger.

• Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women on the Parsha, with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon, meets Wed. evenings at 8:30 PM at the Shenkman's home, 26 Leslie St, Edison

• Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Wed at 9:30 AM sharp at Riki Same'l's house. Please call the hotline to confirm at 908-208-7144.

• Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will resume in the fall.

• Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sun, June 19th. Parsha class on Mon, June 20th at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

• Woman's Parsha discussion: Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, on essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, every Monday for women only at 1:00PM in the Ahavas Achim Beit Medrash.

• Women's beginning Israeli Dancing - no class on Sun, June 19.

Better Together

Dear Mrs. Brudny:

One of the seniors in Better Together asked that I send you the enclosed note. She expressed the sentiment of all the seniors! On behalf of the JCC, again, I thank you for partnering with us and look forward to next year's collaboration.

- Mrs. Sue Horowitz

Director of Senior Adult Services

When I was first asked by Sue to be part of this project, I said “sure”...not knowing what it would be, but knowing that Sue always has the right motivation, it is always fun, and always has a Jewish theme...which makes it dear to my heart. I never, in my wildest imagination, dreamed I would be meeting a group of young women...so extraordinary, so bright, so full of “chesed”, so charming! The program they brought...progressing from just getting acquainted, to playing games to trading recipes, all seemed to follow a natural progression of people getting to know one another, to interact, and in my case, growing to love these beautiful girls. Giving their time and energy to meeting with and

interacting with senior citizens, truly counts toward “*tikkun olam*” because they are filling in a corner of senior citizen life that would have been empty. And last, but certainly not least, a heart-felt “thank you” to the wonderful teachers who guided this program!!

Mazel Tov!

- Mrs. Rivka Adler upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Binyomin Twersky & family upon Miriam & Yehudis' Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Rottenstreich & family upon Mayana's Bas Mitzvah
- Rabbi & Mrs. Gedaliah Jaffe & family upon Esti's upcoming Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Friedman & family upon Tzvika's marriage to Aviva Markson
- Mr. & Mrs. Warren Fink upon Bracha's upcoming marriage to Arie Salamon

The Writer's Corner

Mrs. Anolik's & Mrs. Schwartz's 3rd grade language arts class has been studying descriptive writing. Please enjoy!

Hurricane

by Bayla Lebowitz

A loud booming drum
Boom! Boom! Boom!
A flash of lightning
like a zig-zag line
creeping across the sky
teardrops of rain
a swirling wind calling
swish swish swish

Baking

by Bayla Lebowitz

I love baking. I feel like I'm in peace with the whole world. It feels like freedom when I'm mixing the batter. I love the smell of hot fresh cookies with milk. The cookies taste even better with chocolate. A glob of chocolate, so, so, so good. I want to put my baking skills to the test. I just love, love, love baking.

Kangaroo

by Ru Samel

Such graceful creatures
bouncing
from field
to field
raising their heads
and lifting their big feet
carrying her baby
close to her chest and
gracefully hopping across
the ground!

BULLETIN BOARD

- Sun, June 19 - 9:30 a.m. - **YST Breakfast honoring Rabbi Dovid Adlin and Chaim and Debbie Sabo as Parents of the Year.**
- **Motzai Shabbos, June 25 - 10:15 PM** - Tiferes for women: will meet at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd. The title is “Permission to be Proud!”. Speakers: Rabbi Yechiel Spero and Rabbi YY Rubinstein.

PTA Postscript

It's been a great year with so many successful events. It has been our great pleasure to partner with the parent body and serve as an extension to the school - and we look forward to doing so again next year, א"ת. Thank you to Mira Septimus, PTA president and Tali Lebowitz, PTA Treasurer, for all their support and guidance during this transitional year.

Look out for our flier in your summer packet with opportunities to get involved in the future PTA events! Wishing all a happy and healthy summer!