



## Parsha Points

"For six years..." "שש שנים..."

There is a striking parallel between the seven-year *Shemithah* cycle, consisting of six years of labor and a seventh year of rest for the land, and the cycle of the six weekdays culminating in Shabbos. *Toras Kohanim* (7) notes that the Torah uses the term "שבת ליה" in connection with both *Shemithah* and Shabbos. In the same vein, it is noteworthy that in the story of Creation, in the account of both the third and the sixth day, the phrase *ki tov*, "that is was good", occurs twice. Accordingly, in the third and the sixth year of the *Shemithah* cycle we must give *maaser ani*, a tithe for the poor, to demonstrate our *ki tov*, benevolence to the needy.

Meshech Chachmah, taken from *Torah Treasurers*

## The Week in Review

5<sup>th</sup> grade is holding up the world with the 3 Pillars!

1. *Torah* - This week in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade בית המדרש we finished *גמרא* דף 77 which is our 5<sup>th</sup> *גמרא*. From all the topics and wonderful questions, the boys are becoming proficient in the laws of *אבידה*. On the *חומש* front, as we reach the end of *פרשת תרומה* the class can now describe in detail how to make most of the *כלים* and the structure of the *משכן*.

2. *Avodah* - There is only one lesson left until we finish the Tefillah Power workbook which has helped us understand what we say in *דומרה*.

3. *Gemilus Chassadim* - We finished the third section of *Moshlei Haloshon* (lesson 55). We have been trying to be more careful about our speech, especially in the areas pertaining to hurting others through our words.

These are the three pillars that hold up the world and, *בס"ד*, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are doing their part to keep it standing!

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys are wrapping up their Social Studies curriculum for the year. We are happy to report that the classes have excelled in their learning, and besides delving into the past, studying both American and World History, have managed to keep up with all the events going on in the world, with a particular emphasis on the elections. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys have not let up a drop in their learning, and are preparing science experiments to demonstrate on June 2nd. They have many creative ideas for experiments planned and, no doubt, their presentations will be a "blast!"

Morah Moller's *ג' כותה* is flying in *חומש*. This week they began and finished an entire *פרק* in *פרשת וישלח*, proof positive that they have become adept at recognizing prefixes and suffixes in *פסוק* and even recognizing if they are *עבר* or *הווה*. In addition, the girls are practicing for their upcoming *עשרה עשרה* play, and the excitement is mounting. What an accomplishment - it is amazing that the girls can sing and translate all 19 *ברכות עשרה עשרה* by heart!

As the school year winds down, Mrs. Hammer's 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls near the finish of a successful, productive unit to algebra. The curriculum fosters logical and algebraic habits of mind that they can now use to build and solve puzzles like the Mystery Grids and Order Games that now hang right outside the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Students also have practiced utilizing their language skills in mathematics to solve algebraic problems, honing the "using what we know to find out what we don't yet know" habit of mind, and perhaps most vital - persevering in becoming true, confident problem solvers. Surely these solid foundations will serve them well as they embark into the next level in math!

After months of hard work, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls have completed their yearbook. It is full of fond memories, photographs, and inside jokes about their years at YST, but it also includes reflective essays about what they have gained from their moros and their experiences, like *Chagiga* and *Better Together*, as well as the lifelong friendships they have made along the way. The girls should be proud of their effort, commitment, and the lovely final product. Now, we're off to the printers!

Hot, but happy - best sums up the girls school successful Lag B'Omer trip to Colonial Park yesterday. The park earned rave reviews from students and teachers alike and each class really enjoyed the facilities that the park offers. Special kudos to Morah Marla Rottenstreich for energizing the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a spirited session of *Bandana Wars*, followed by fun dancing. Tremendous thanks goes to the team of ladies who braved the elements to provide a delicious lunch: Mrs. Lobel, Mrs. Itzkowitz, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Eisengart, Mrs. Lamm & Mrs. Lebovits., and to our own Mrs. Hoffman, for the special delivery of mid-afternoon ices.

Best of all, the park wardens and attendants were extremely complimentary in regards to the girls' behavior.

## S.T.E.M. FAIR

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

We are pleased to invite all parents, grandparents and alumni to join us at the S.T.E.M. Fair on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00p.m. at the girls school

Any parent, grandparent or alumni that would like to share their experience and expertise with our girls at the S.T.E.M. Fair, please contact Mrs. Brotsky at mbrotsky@ystnj.org.

## Preschool Jottings

ENCARTA'S DICTIONARY DEFINITION OF WEEK OF May 23-27, 2016 in Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Preschool (noun) - 5 days packed with learning, fun and excitement. You had to be a part of it to really understand what went on during this week. The Preschoolers can describe it better than we can!

Monday, we started talking about how we are going to set up our TRUCK EXHIBIT in our in house museum. The children had to give some thought to which type of truck they were going to bring from home.

On Tuesday, the children came in carrying big, small, tiny, metal, plastic trucks! We had car carrier trucks, fire-trucks, ambulances, garbage trucks, police trucks, tow trucks, cement mixers on display. Jimmy, the driver of a dump truck, took the time to show us just how he dumps dirt out of his truck. The children were amazed at how he can push a lever and lift the back of the truck.

Wednesday, the two kindergarten classes played a game called "I REMEMBER." Each child took a turn choosing a card from any of our three language units and then proudly say two facts they remember about the picture. Each child had to make their own decision and pick a card from the section they were most comfortable with. The winners were EVERYONE! The outstanding sportsmanship made each child a winner!

On Thursday, we were off to Bounce U. Oh, yes....we were on the move! The children enjoyed a morning of exercise and glee in the Lag B'omer spirit. Morah Lori stayed back from the trip to set up and prepared a delicious bbq lunch. Thank you, thank you and thank you!

Friday....we have earned a well deserved Shabbos rest!

## FYI

• **Memorial Day** - Mon, May 30 - no sessions in the girls & preschool divisions; Sunday schedule in the boys division.

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

• Come join the **YST PTA for Coffee and Connection** on the first day of Shavuot, Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM in the YST Pre-school. Lectures by Mrs. C. Brudny and Mrs C. Loew. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Elisheva Nusbaum at Eli7nusbaum@gmail.com or 732-985-4603 with any questions or to RSVP. Complimentary babysitting available with RSVP only. This event is for women and girls.

• YST Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be Tues., June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

• YST Boys' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be Mon., June 20<sup>th</sup>

• Bnos Malka this Shabbos 2:15. UPCOMING **SHAVUOS BAKE SALE!!** June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Agudah from 6 pm - 8 pm. Cakes, kugels, salads, soups, desserts! To reserve or to donate please call 732-985-1648.

• No Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash this week

• This week's *chabura* for women as a part of the Ahavas Yisrael initiative, will be at the home of Faygie Lobel, 4 Fairhill Rd (entrance on Marshall Dr.), at 5:15 p.m.. For more information about the Ahavas Yisrael initiative, please visit [ayproject.com](http://ayproject.com).

• **TorahKid Leagues** is back again for its 7<sup>th</sup> exciting

season! Sunday morning sports fun for area children at the Highland Park High School baseball field. There are separate programs for boys (11:00-12:30) and girls (9:30-10:45). Competitive play in different sports.

**Spring ball starts May 22 (boys 4-6; and girls 5-11); and Summer ball starts June 26 (boys 4-12; and girls 5-11).** For registration information, please contact Rabbi Lasar at [TKLsports@aol.com](mailto: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 Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM at the Shenkman's home, 26 Leslie, corner Leslie and Lexington, across from 92 Leslie.

• Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Thursdays at 10:00 AM sharp at Riki Samel's house. Please call the hotline to confirm at 908-208-7144.

• Mrs. Leah Drillman's will not be having her Shimiras Haloshon class this week.

• Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, May 29 at **11:00 AM** at the Agudah; Parsha class on Monday, May 30 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

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

• Women's beginning Israeli Dancing will return to Etz Ahaim next Sun, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. All women and girls are invited to join us for ruach, fun and aerobic exercise. Dance costs \$10/per session. (Rutgers students 1/2 price \$5) made out to Daughters of Etz Ahaim. Please RSVP to Rachel at 732-819-9298 or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net).

## CATCH 'EM BEING GOOD!

Dear Morah Blumie:

Chana Rachel (Eidelman) was by us on Shabbos and Hindy (Birnbaum) & Chana Rachel were singing together all the *כלליות* songs. It was very nice to see!

Thank you for teaching them so much and instilling so much *שמחה* in all that you teach!

- Mrs. M. Birnbaum

## Mazel Tov!

Rabbi Michoel & Morah Mindy Abboudi & family upon Yehoshua's Bar Mitzvah

• Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Goodman & family upon Shalom Dov Ber's Bar Mitzvah

• Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Eisner & family upon Asher's Bar Mitzvah

• Rabbi & Mrs. Asa Minkowitch & family upon Eliyahu's Bar Mitzvah

## BULLETIN BOARD

• **Sun, Jun 5 - RJJ Yeshiva Annual Dinner 5:30 - reception, 6:30-Dinner** honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ira Krumholtz and Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Leifer with the *Alumnus/Harbotzas Torah Award*. The dinner will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton, Newark Airport. For info or to place an ad or call office at 732-985-6533.

• **Save the Date: 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 Edgeout Rd. Current teleconference: A 6 week program of growth in Torah-true living for women-Ahavas Yisroel Building Blocks; Speaker: Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker.

## המקום ינחם...

to Mr. Jay Horowitz upon the loss of his wife, Miri Horowitz, ז"ל and to Naomi upon the loss of her mother.