

Shaarei Tzion



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פרשת נח

Candle lighting 5:58

Parsha Points

“וירא אלקים את הארץ והנה נשחיתה כי בשר את דרכו על הארץ”

“And Hashem saw the earth and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.”

The apparent redundancy in the duplication of the word “corrupt” offers a revealing insight. Without the Torah, moral and ethical values are determined not by Hashem’s law, but by the mores of contemporary society. When immorality is the accepted norm, then it ceases to be a vice, and depravity becomes the life-style of that society. Viewing our verse in this light, a new meaning emerges. “And Hashem saw the earth, and behold it was corrupt.” In other words, it was corrupt only in the eyes of Hashem. Why? “For all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.” In other words, the people of that generation were not aware of their own depravity; immorality was their way of life.

Har Tzvi Taken from: Torah Treasures

The Week in Review

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan found the Boys School involved in assemblies and Rosh Chodesh treats. For grades 1-4, Rabbi Kramer, our 4th grade Rebbe, spoke to the boys about the unusual power that children’s תפילות can have, including fascinating stories and examples. This was followed by the saying of ארץ ישראל for תהילים. Rabbi Neiman, our 7th grade rebbe, spoke to grades 5-8 and discussed the special זכות and guarding power that ציצית provide to the wearer. Rabbi Neiman also included captivating stories, one of which related to one of the more recent wars in Israel. Prior to this presentation, the boys all joined together to say ארץ ישראל for תהילים. In addition, on Thursday, the following day, a gathering of all boys in grades 4-8 was held. Parts of a letter from the *Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah* of America about our obligation to do what we can for the situation in *Eretz Yisroel* was read, and Rabbi Berger discussed one area in which we can improve as a זכות to help bring about an end to the tragedies that have occurred. “May ד release us ... from oppression to redemption, quickly and soon.”

Math is always more enjoyable when practicing it with friends. At the beginning of this week the 2nd grade boys got the opportunity to make new friends. Leo Less Than and George Greater Than, two alligators, came for a visit to see if the boys could help them solve a problem. They were very hungry and went to the pond for a snack, but were not sure how to divide all the numbers they had caught. The boys were able to help them and practiced using the less than and greater than symbols at the same time. Two boys at a time came up to the desk and chose one card each. If the card that was picked first was the greater of the two then George Greater Than won that round, but if it was the lower numbered card, then Leo Less Than took the prize. The visual aids helped the boys learn how to apply these operations in a way that was exciting, enjoyable and a meaningful learning experience.

In Mrs. Zeigler’s 2nd grade, the girls are also progressing with their math skills. They have been concentrating on the concepts of place value, comparing and ordering numbers and even recognizing and using the symbols for “is greater than” and “is less than”. Math is made more exciting through the use of manipulatives plus the fun games they played this week: What’s My Number, On A Roll and Place Value Bingo. Aside from the Singapore curriculum, the girls began to study their Math Star Cards. Every night the girls review the facts and are given a drill the following day. The 2nd grade girls are so busy and are learning so much while enjoying themselves at the same time!

Math is making both 7th and 8th grade girls motivated! Both classes are currently embarking on their journey towards mastering pre-algebra concepts. The 7th graders have culminated the first unit of the Transition to Algebra curriculum with newly developed algebraic habits of mind. The girls can solve first degree equations without having the conventional process ever introduced to them! The use of mobile puzzles and think of a number tricks, along with other interesting activities that build strong foundations of algebraic understanding, have enabled much learning in a short time.

With this stellar learning experience in tow, the 8th graders began navigating the Math XL program with confidence and clarity. The first unit of review has enabled the girls to learn the big ideas of independent learning alongside practicing grade level computation skills. Students have already begun to experience some of the benefits of utilizing this valuable learning tool such as time management, taking ownership of their progress, and how to effectively prepare for assessments and self-reflection. What a productive start this has been! !

Mrs. Gross’ 8th grade history class started a Civil War letter exchange project to help them integrate their writing and history curriculums while helping them better understand the issues and events that individuals living during that time period experienced. Each pair of students had to create fictitious characters from different

parts of the United States. They will correspond with each other about how the events and battles are affecting their lives and about their different views on slavery and the war. This project will definitely bring history to life!

Preschool Jottings

The Kindergarten children were so excited, as they embarked on their year-long journey of learning the *Aleph Beis*. They celebrated and learned the very first letter *Aleph*. All the *Aleph Beis* activities, worksheets and projects help them remember the shape and sound of the letter. But the visit from Savta Middos was by far the highlight of the week for both of the Kindergarten classes. She will come each week to teach the children a *middah* connected to the letter. This week she taught them how important it is to always tell the אמת.

The Highland Park Fire Department came to discuss fire safety with all the children. The visit added one more dimension to the color red, that the Nursery children learned this week. At the same time, it reinforced the fire safety lessons that were discussed in Kindergarten, as א, begins with the letter of the week – *Aleph*.

Kids Corner children learned all about magnets. They pretended that they were the magnets and upon hearing the words “repel” they separated from their partner. With the word “attract” they moved closer to one another! Young Investigators have moved from their topic of shoes to Shabbos Food. They went to visit Glatt 27 and were even allowed into the back room where Shabbos Food is prepared. The children worked in a group to make potato kugel this week – and did all the work involved – peeling, grating, mixing and even wishing that a machine could just do it all!

The hands-on experience this week taught the children all the different parts of an apple. They learned to identify the stem, core, flesh and skin of the apple. But the most fun was digging with the shovels in the dirt right outside the building and planting apple seeds. Every morning, we check to see if any of the seeds have sprouted and are growing. We’ll keep you posted!

Greeting people by saying “hello” or “good morning” is the skill we discussed in Word – of – the-Week session. We talked about looking right at the person while greeting them and identified many people that we see in our day that would be so happy to hear us say hello to them. They included the crossing guard, the bus driver and especially, Morah Lori!

FYI

• A new Season of Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash starts this Shabbos, Parshas Noach. Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We are still in need of a few volunteers for the rotation of fathers that helps out with the Beis Medrash program. If you can help out, please contact Arya Eisner at pircheidisonhp@gmail.com or 732-547-4994.

• Bnos Malka will start next Shabbos, Parshas לך.

• **Children’s Shoe Share:** A large collection of beautiful, gently used kids shoes in all sizes for everyday and Shabbos. Shoes are available at no cost, though a small donation to tzedaka is suggested. Contact Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693 or elishevablumberg@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

• **Toy Library:** A free lending library of boards games, train sets, puzzles, building blocks, and electronic toys available to borrow for 2 weeks at a time. Come borrow something new! Contact Elisheva Blumberg at (347) 416-3693 or elishevablumberg@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

• Rabbi Weiss: Shiur for men and women on the Parsha, focus on Emunah and Bitachon – Wed. nights at 9:15 PM at the Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave, HP.

• Mrs. Miri Cohen’s Parsha class will meet on Thurs., Oct 22 at 10:00 AM at Riki Samel’s house. Please call the hotline to confirm at 206-666-8911.

• Rebbitzin Eichenstein’s classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10:00 AM at the Agudah; Parsha class on

Mon, Oct. 19 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah.

• SemPlus evening shiur for post-seminary girls will meet Wed, Oct 21. Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-841-1885

Mazel Tov!

The YST family has had quite a few simchas over the last few weeks and new ones that we are thrilled to share:

- Rabbi & Mrs. Moische Birnbaum upon the birth of a son
- Mr. & Mrs. Noam Waltuch upon the birth of a daughter
- Rabbi Mordechai & Morah Rochel Miller upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov Moskowitz upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Kamin upon the birth of a grandson
 - Rabbi & Mrs. Noach Sauber upon the birth of a grandson
- Mr. & Mrs. Yankie Fried upon the birth of a grandson
- Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Small on the birth of twin granddaughters.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Stern & family upon Zahava’s Bas Mitzvah
 - Mr. & Mrs. Dovid Zaslavsky & family upon Rachel’s Bas Mitzvah
- Dr. & Dr. Stuart Green & family upon Yael’s Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Federman upon Adina’s Bas Mitzvah
 - Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Paul & family upon Malka’s Bas Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Wise upon Yoni’s Bar Mitzvah and the marriage of their daughter Pirchia to Yosef Jaffe of Passaic.
- Rabbi & Mrs. Michael Abboudi upon the engagement of their daughter, Sarah to Shayma Danan from Brooklyn
- Rabbi & Mrs. Menachem Savitz upon the engagement of their daughter Shoshana

Catch ‘em Being Good!

Dear Rabbi Adlin & Rabbi Herskowitz,

A few weeks ago, we had the honor of hosting a 5th grade boys BBQ which celebrated Rabbi Gutman’s message of achdus. The event was such a kiddush H-shem and became rather fitting for the Sunday during Aseres Yemai Teshuva. The boys all behaved so beautifully--whether it was listening to their Rebbe’s dvar Torah or running in a 3 legged race together. While they may have been the ones to cheer on a classmate’s archery skills and help one another fly through the air on the zip-line, it was we adults who were left with soaring hearts as we applauded the middos of the boys we enjoyed that day.

~ The Goodman and Lutzky families

BULLETIN BOARD

• **Motzai Shabbos, Oct 17 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes** will be showing an inspirational DVD at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd., Edison. Title: “Who Am I? Individuality vs. Conformity”. Speakers: Rabbi Pinchos Jung and Mrs. Shira Rabenstein. Current weekly teleconferences series: “Can I deal with this?! Honest discussion and practical tips” with Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum.

• **Sun, Oct 18 - 8PM** at Cong Ohav Emeth - Come hear Rabbi Heshy Kleinman, World-Renowned Author and International Speaker, Co-founder & Director of the V’Ani Tefillah Foundation, speak on: “The Secret to More Powerful Prayer”. This is an ACTT sponsored community-wide event for the Kavanah during Davening module 6 with start date of 10/19. The source book is: “Praying with Meaning” by Rabbi Kleinman. Admission for all is free; donations are welcome. For info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 872-8762.

• **Motzai Shabbos, Oct 24 - 8:30 PM - 13th Annual Yahrzeit Rachel Imeinu Video:** “In Times Such As These: What Can We Do?” to be shown at the Goldblatt home, 27 Edgemount Road, Edison on 13th year focus: How we can emulate Hashem’s mercy? With an intro by HaRav Shmuel Kaminetsky, shlita. Featured speakers are Rebbitzin Tzipora Heller & Rebbitzin Tehila Jaeger, with a message from Rav Yitzhok Dovid Grossman & Rav Osher Weiss. For women and girls only. Admission is free; donations are welcome. All proceeds go to Aniyei Eretz Yisroel (the poor and needy of Eretz Yisroel). This program is in the merit of our brethren in Eretz Yisroel. Please come and daven for them. For more info, please contact Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.

המקום ינחם..

• Mrs. Zehava Feuer upon the loss of her sister, Debbie Schick, י”ד