

Shaarei Tzion



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פרשת לך לך

Candle lighting 5:48

Parsha Points

“And he said: O my Master...”

The Gemara (*Berachos*) tells us that Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai: Since the day that Hashem created the universe, no one had called Hashem by the name אֲדוֹן, *master*, until Avraham came and called him אֲדוֹן, in the above verse. The author of the responsa, *Kanfei Yonah*, in the introduction to his work, relates that someone once asked the Vilna Gaon for a letter of approbation (*haskamah*) for his commentary on the *siddur*. The Vilna Gaon read the opening pages and found an explanation as to why the order of the morning prayers begins with the hymn to Hashem's glory, אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם, *Adon Olam*. The exposition based on the above-mentioned statement by Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai read as follows: “Since we know that Avraham initiated the morning prayer service it is proper and fitting that this service be opened with the divine appellation *Adon*, which he was the first to use.” The Vilna Gaon exclaimed that the publication of this *siddur* would be worthwhile if only for this one commentary.

Iturei Torah Taken from Torah Treasures

The Week in Review

לוי came singing and dancing into the Pre 1A boys' class this week. The boys were wondering why the clown started to cry, until he explained that he doesn't have his juggling balls. As the class learns a new צבוע, he gets his corresponding ball. The boys are excited to expand their עברית vocabulary to learn the names of all the colors. The boys can even look at the word and sound it out, using their skills in אורניות and נקודות that are slowly being introduced at קריאה time each day. We are looking forward to לוי getting all of his juggling balls very soon!

The 3rd graders at YST are working their way through the first unit in reading, and are discovering what it is like to be an entrepreneur. The boys are learning all about the unit theme: money. Discussions about spending, saving, bartering, and interest, are helping the boys develop a “cents” of responsibility. They are gaining an understanding of how the banking system works, including learning about checks, credit cards, bank accounts, etc. This will all lead up to the final unit project in which each boy will create his own business, complete with a business name, services offered, hours, prices, and contact information. Looking forward to doing business together!

Using their “helicopter arms”, the Pre1A through 2nd graders are having such fun learning all about how not to be a “space invader” and crowd into each other's personal space. Using various games, “I see, I see”, “Here comes the fox”, “Scrambled eggs”, we have been reinforcing following directions, safe play, and many locomotor skills including skipping, galloping, and side-sliding. These stepping stones will help them in the future when we being to play sports.

Meanwhile, our older grades have begun more cooperative games. Together with partners, they have begun learning how to encourage each other, while striving to do the best they can. These partner challenges have them trying to beat their own score, encouraging them to work on themselves without the need to know how well another “group” fared. The skills will help them learn how to be a positive contributing member in future team sports.

Girls on the Run has begun in grade 5! The fifth grade has already tackled introspective topics such as how being positive is a choice we make, as well as how does negative self-talk affect us? The girls have already proven to be thoughtful and insightful and have greatly added to the discussions. We look forward to more interactive games, sports, running, and of course talking in the weeks to come.

The 8th grade girls launched this year's yearbook theme -- “Al Haderech” -- with a special luncheon last Thursday. They made their own salads while discussing their individual responsibilities to this exciting group project, and had a blast in the process. Each girl received a compass ring to help her find her way during a very busy 8th grade year, and to remind her that Hashem is our ultimate Travel Guide. The class is now on the road to an awesome yearbook, filled with memories of its adventures at YST.

In addition, the 8th grade had the unique opportunity to have Rebetzin Sheila Feinstein of Staten Island speak with them as an prelude to their first “Better Together” visit to the JCC, coming up next week. Rebetzin Feinstein touched on several aspects of developing positive interpersonal relationships with the senior citizens that the girls will be meeting. She poignantly shared personal stories of her own childhood, growing up on the Lower East Side, becoming a proud member of the first Bais Yaakov class that opened in the neighborhood, and sadly watching her friends and neighbors who did not have the benefit of that solid foundation drift away from Yiddishkeit. With great delicacy and tact, Rebetzin Feinstein walked the girls through a menu of dilemmas that they may face in their encounters and gently, yet firmly, guided them to articulate their own beliefs. It was a truly a special

experience for the girls to hear from this incredible role model.

Preschool Jottings

What an exciting week of learning the color blue in Morah Yaffa's classroom! The mailman who is always dressed in blue came to visit the class and he explained the responsibilities of his job to his very enthralled and attentive audience. The children made blueberry cupcakes and painted blue mailbags.

While Morah Mimi's Kindergarten children learned about *Parshas Lech-Lecha*, they illustrated and then published a book titled, How To Solve a Fight. Each child expressed his solution to the fight and then drew a picture. This new publication is a best seller! The children packed a suitcase trying to understand how Avraham traveled. They learned about the cloud that Hashem sent to guide and direct Avraham Avinu as he travelled. The star mural is now hanging in the classroom and it is worth a trip to the preschool to come and see the artwork.

Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class enjoyed every minute of learning the letter *Beis*. They built a בית for the בבה, sent up a helium בלון into the air and wrote letters to one of their favorite people, their בני. The large C in the room is decorated with בלוני. But the pop of the week was the בלון game, where the children popped the balloons and then had to find and identify the *Aleph* and *Beis* letters that were inside.

The Young Investigators journeyed into a kitchen where Shabbos food was being prepared. After the children made their own ovens, refrigerators, counters and sinks, Mrs. Mueller visited and taught the children how to make apple kugel. The Kids Corner children made a fabulous magnetic sculpture that allows the children to walk around testing objects to see if they are attracted to or repelled from the magnet.

FYI

• Please note important dates: The first Parent-Teacher conference in the boys' division is on Tuesday Dec. 1st and in the girls' division, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. **Please disregard the notations in the school calendar of G-Conferences on November 11 and B-Conferences on Nov. 25. They were placed in error.**

• Pirchei (Grades 1-5) and Pirchei Beis Medrash (Grade 6 and up) will be from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:50.

• Bnos Malka begins this Shabbos, 2:15 - 3:15 at the Agudah.

• Do you need a house warming gift, hostess gift, engagement or wedding present? Incredible Creations is a great place to go and it's local - 32 Edgemount Road. Just call Ricki Nat at 732-572-4132 to make an appointment. 10% of the proceeds will go to Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion.

• **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 29 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: No classes on Sun., Oct. 25 or Mon., Oct. 26th.

• SemPlus evening shiur for post-seminary girls will meet Wed, Oct 28. Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-841-1885.

• Please join the *Tehillim* hotline by calling 401-694-1602 at 8:45 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Follow the prompts and enter access 4625 followed by the pound key. The *Tehillim* is said as *z'chus* for *refuah shleima* for community members, who are ill. Following the *Tehillim*, we will be learning from the *sefer* Growing Each Day. If you would like to volunteer to lead a night of Tele - *Tehillim*, please contact Adina Pruzansky 732-339-0780.

Mazel Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov Weldler upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Gross upon the birth of a grandson
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Gruner upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Mr. & Mrs. Shalom Cohen & family upon Shira's Bat Mitzvah
- Mr. & Mrs. Yitzy Berger & family upon Michal's Bas Mitzvah

Library Additions

• *Shikufitzky Street*

in honor of Elisheva Eisengart's 8th birthday

The Writer's Corner

The girls in Mrs. Anolik's 4th grade language arts class are studying descriptive writing. Here is a poem by Emunah Rottenstreich about a kaleidoscope.

Sparkling diamond
disappearing through the light
With a beautiful pattern in it.
It looks like a triangle
scooping an ice cream cone by dawn.
The pieces are dancing,
almost like they are having a party.
Like a ring
sparkling through daylight.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **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 Yitzchok 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.) There will also be a sale by Chevy's - best priced snoods, tichels, and shoes for the family by Sandy Daub. For more info, please contact Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.

• **Sun, Nov 15** - starts at 5:30 - Etz Ahaim is pleased to present the **Etz Ahaim Keys to Success Speaker Series & Singles Event** at 230 Denison St. In Highland Park. Our guest speaker will be the acclaimed Rabbi Yosef Mizrahi. Rabbi Mizrahi has spoken in over 4000 lectures worldwide as well participated in many weekend seminars, radio shows and other Hebrew and English events. 5:30PM - Social (meet other singles, play board games, cards, and more, shadchanim will also be available). 7:45PM - Special Tefilla for Singles to Find a Match. 8:00PM - Rabbi Yosef Mizrahi Speaks. 10:15PM - Maariv. Food will be available for purchase (food supplier to be announced closer to event). For more information please contact ejw17@aol.com

• **Motzai Shabbos, Nov. 21 - 9:00 PM - Tiferes DVD** for women at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd.