

Shaarei Tzion



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Candle lighting 6:56

Parsha Points

"See, I have set before you today..." "ראה נתתי לפניך היום..."

The word "today" appears meaningless in the context of this verse. The message implied in the word *hayom*, today, is that each and every day anew we must make a choice between good and evil. If, in the past, a person's life left much to be desired, then he should turn over a new leaf today. If he led a virtuous life until today, that is no assurance for future good deeds. Each new day places him at the crossroads of life and death; each day he must make an effort to choose the good.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein in Kol Ram Taken from Torah Treasures

The Week in Review

The Beis Medrash in the Boys yeshiva is certainly the pride of the building. Not only is the room beautiful, but what takes place inside is no less impressive. To be a part of the 7th and 8th grade minyan for שחרית is both inspirational and engaging. And now with the additional saying of סליחות, our boys truly shine. In spite of the extra time that סליחות entails, the sincerity, interest, determination and כונה of the boys during the entire תפילה is truly a sight to behold.

Yesterday, our Beis Medrash took on an additional function – housing our yearly pre-Rosh Hashana דרשה from Rabbi Drucker, שליט"א, for grades 6-8. Rabbi Drucker mentioned that *Rosh Hashana* for him doesn't really get underway until he comes to YST to speak, and for our part, the feelings of the specialness of the upcoming ימים נוראים are enhanced and internalized by Rabbi Drucker's words. Rabbi Drucker mentioned to the תלמידים about, among other things, how a child's behavior and actions in school, in shul, and in any public setting broadcast to all who see him what Torah represents, and in the final analysis, what ד' considers important. We, and particularly our children, are the Torah's ambassadors, and it is our responsibility and purpose to make the greatest קדוש ד' of which we are capable. We are בנינים ד', and our proper utilization of this exalted status will be a great זכות and merit for us at this time of year.

What a great start to the school year! The Pre-1A children have been busy learning the routines and procedures of the General Studies classroom as they adjust to the longer, more rigorous day! They have made so much progress in the short amount of time they have been in school. We have read many wonderful stories and have already learned some emergent reading strategies. The students learned what a "picture walk" is and how they can use the pictures to help make predictions about the story.

The boys have been working really hard on learning how to write their own names. We learned that in English not only do we read from left to right, but we also write this way. They practiced tracing the letters in their names, making sure they started with the first letter. They also had the opportunity to color in block letters of their names, cut them out and paste them on a poster. Their names will be the first words to be put up on our "Brick Word Wall".



We are already so proud of our Pre-1Aers and we are excited to watch them learn and grow throughout the year!

Pre-1a girls are off to a great start, ביה. They made some special *Rosh Hashana* projects. One nice thing they made was a beautiful honey dish. It looks like real stained glass, but it's not. It is plastic and used different colored nail polish to decorate it. Of course, the girls are proud of their creations and can't wait to enhance their Yom Tov tables their contributions!

The 6th grade girls in Mrs. Tauber's math class have begun learning algebra! We can evaluate an algebraic expressions by using substitution when we know the value of the variable. It's amazing what we have learned since the start of school!

Time is running out! 7th grade girls are coming to terms with the concept of how one should not miss a second of their valuable time during these 40 days of ימי רצון. Under Morah Frankl's guidance, the girls developed a striking bulletin board, illustrating how Chodesh Elul is like a sale that we need to take advantage of. Hashem gave us this time to do *t'shuva*, and we need to make the most of it! This special 40 day opportunity is running out soon. . . With the best of wishes for a

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PreSchool Jottings

The new school year is upon us! Every morning, as the happy, excited and smiling children walk into the building, they look forward to yet another day of learning, enjoying and progressing. It took just a day or two and the classrooms were filled with *Rosh Hashana* tunes, songs, pictures, projects and sounds. The "specials" that enhance our preschool curriculum began this week and the preschoolers enjoyed Art with Morah Chaya Biderman, Music with Morah Zehava Feuer and Dance & Movement with Morah Marla Rottenstreich.

We enjoyed a visit from The Beekeeper, Josephine Gijamo. She brought a huge collection of bees that kept the children buzzing! Nectar, hive, buzzing, colony, queen, drone are just some of the new words the children learned. We are so proud to post these enriching vocabulary words on the board in the Preschool hallway and put another "feather in our cap!"

The Young Investigators in our older Kids Corner program are off to quite a beginning! Using the Project Approach technique in the classroom, the program takes off with the topic of *Shabbos Kodesh* as the main focus of the web. Based upon the children's interests, Morah Irene and Morah Faige will integrate all areas of Shabbos in a most engaging way. This week the children showed much interest in shoes that are worn *l'kovod* Shabbos and so the children learned all about shoes. The grand opening of the shoe store was most exciting, as the children came to school with boxes of shoes. The sizes were limited, but the styles were endless.

The Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion Preschool Staff wish you all a שנה טובה ומתוקה.

FYI

• **Please note:** Wed., Sept. 16th is Tzom Gedalya. Girls' grades 6-8 will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. and boys' grades 7 & 8 at 2:15 p.m., all other grades will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. There is no homework club.

• **A large sum of money was found in the parking lot of the Boys School. Please call the office if you lost it.**

• Homework Club in the Girls' Division has begun. The cost is (per week) \$20.00 for 2x a week, \$25.00 for 3x a week and \$30.00 for 4x a week. If you wish to sign up your daughter, please call the school office.

• Please be aware that there is construction in many areas between the girls and boys buildings causing delays and redirected traffic. The left turn onto Park Avenue has also been closed off.

• To receive messages via from Boys School text @ystb to 732-349-8822. Likewise, if you want to receive messages via text from the Girls School, text @ystg to 757-349-8822. If you have already subscribed last year, you do not need to re-subscribe.

• Would you like your YST Newsletter sent to you online? Please e-mail Mrs. Freedman at marcia104x@yahoo.com or call the girls' school office 732-235-0042. **Please note:** If you were receiving your newsletter last year by e-mail, you will automatically receive it this year and do not have to notify the office.

• Are you celebrating the upcoming Bar or Bas-Mitzvahs of your son or daughter? In order to ensure that there will be no overlapping of simcha dates,

kindly call the school office and register the date of your affair.

• **Art classes:** Mrs. Devora Meuller's art classes will be starting Sunday, October 11th. Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot: 732-777-7848 or devorasart@gmail.com.

• **Box Tops for Education:** With school back in swing, our collection of Box Tops resumes. Hopefully, you have bagfuls of them waiting at home from your summer collection - Please clip them and start sending them in!

• **Coke Rewards:** Please collect and send in your Coke Reward caps. We have redeemed them in the past for quality gym equipment that the girls benefit from.

• **Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program** is back. Last year we made over \$400 in rewards. All you have to do is the log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and register online using your Stop & Shop Card. Our school ID# is 07594.

• **Take Charge of Education** - This past year we received over \$300. It's easy to sign up. If you have a Target charge card, just go online and designate Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion as your school and we will receive 1% of all purchases made on the card and at Target.com.

• **Smile.amazon.com** - Another way to help raise money for our school is by designating Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion through Amazon. We also receive a percentage of all purchases. Just type in smile.amazon.com and sign us up!

• **Highland Park Mikvah hours:** Sun -Thurs evenings from 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Sept 12: 9:00 - 11:00; Sept 13 - 14 (Rosh Hashanah): by appointment only; Sept 15, 19: 9:00 - 11:00. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call 732-249-2411 or email hpmikvah@gmail.com

• 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.

• 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.

WELCOME!

Mrs. Rochel Miller, Nursery teacher in the preschool.

Mazel Tov!

- Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Bak upon the birth of a granddaughter
- Rabbi & Mrs. Asa Minkowich upon the engagement of their daughter Tzivia to Dovid Lintz

BULLETIN BOARD

• **Motzai Shabbos, Sept, 19 - 8:30pm. - HP/Edison Connects Women's Potluck Melave Malka -**

Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people, or whether you have been here a while and want to reconnect with old friends (and make new ones while welcoming everyone who has recently moved into our town!) we encourage you to come and bring a dish! This (school) year's kick-off Melave Malka will be taking place at the home of Penina and Asaf Shmuel at 17 Fairhill Rd, Edison, and we ask that you please RSVP: highlandparkedisonconnects@yahoo.com so we know how many to set up for. If you do choose to bring a dish or a dessert (which will be much appreciated!) please attach a label clearly stating what your dish/salad/etc is, how it was made (pareve or dairy dishes only please) along with your name and tape it to the serving platter. All serving platters and utensils will be returned at the end of the evening to their respective owners.