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FYI

IMPORTANT!! Attention all Edison and Highland Park Parents:

As you know, Rechev Transportation has contracted with Durham Bus Company to provide busing for our students this year. We are hopeful that you are satisfied overall with the new arrangement. Within the next 2 - 3 weeks, you should receive a B7T voucher from your Township that confirms that your child is a student in YST. The B7T voucher must be signed and returned to the Township office in order for your payment to be issued. Please remember that Rechev Transportation is currently advancing the funds to cover the cost of the Durham buses. If your child rides the bus, the school reserves the right to ask for payment whether or not you have submitted your B7T.

- Parent Teacher Conferences in the Boys School is Wed, Dec. 14. Please call the office for your appointments.
- Please note that there will be no busing on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2 and dismissal for all grades will be 3:30 p.m.
- In both the boys and girls schools, the art program is conducting a fundraiser to benefit our PTA. The children have created a template for which "my cards" company will produce high quality cards for parents to purchase. 10 cards are \$14.95. Order forms should be returned by Dec. 15th. If you didn't get a form, please let us know.
- Around the Table - Mothers of Pre1a - 6th grade girls should look out for an email with details about an upcoming event on Dec. 10th. There is a nominal fee of \$10 to attend each event.
- Paint night for pre school mothers on Dec. 20th from 8-10pm. There is a \$40 cost for the night. For more information or to RSVP please email ystpta@ystnj.org.
- Bnos Malka is for girls grades 1-5 is from 2:15 - 3:15 in the Agudah.
- Pirchei and Pirchei Beis Medrash will be from 3:05 to 4:00 at the Agudah. There will be a minyan for Mincha before Pirchei at 2:45.
- **Lost & Found:** A brown headband was found in the John Marshall park a few weeks ago, to claim, please call Rivkie Itzkowitz 732-985-1028.
- **The Chai Lifeline Chanukah Toy Drive** has begun. Please send in an unwrapped toy to school for a sick child from infants to teens in any price range. The program lasts until Dec 21st.



Parsha Points

"The More We Give the More We Receive"

Rashi says, 'ד' remembered that רחל gave the לואה to סימנים. Because of that noble act, רחל merited to have children of her own. Let us imagine what רחל was thinking at the time that she gave away the סימנים. She desired with her whole heart to be the wife of this great צדיק and the future mother of כלל ישראל. She was aware that by giving the סימנים to לואה, לואה would now marry יעקב, and she would have to marry עשו. She was giving up her chance for all she had hoped for. רחל decided to give everything away so that her sister לואה should not get embarrassed. What a noble act!

סימנים, עקרה, unable to have children. רחל remembered her זכות of giving away the סימנים, and gave her children. If not for that act of consideration for her sister, (of preventing her embarrassment) she would never have been able to accomplish her goal of being the mother of כלל ישראל. The only way she received was by giving away.

Week in Review

The simcha and kavod the first grade showed when they received their Chumashim this past Sunday, was very impressive. Rabbi Bhatia commented how it is truly the greatest honor to be the Rebbi of such a fine group of future Bnei Torah. What a beautiful event and uplifting experience it truly was - witnessing another group of Talmidim joining the ranks of Lomdei Toraseinu Hakdoshah! Thank you Hashem, thank you Rabbi Herskowitz, and thank you parents for the privilege to teach the most glorious Tzaddikim who were mikadesh Shem shamayim with their spectacular performance.

5th grade boys worked as a group in their art class with Mrs. Goodman to create a multi sensory bulletin board. They used glue, shaving cream, painter's tape, water colors and salt to create a winter wonderland of birch trees in the sunset. Make sure to take a look on PTA conference night, at their beautiful work!

Watch the 2nd grade girls master their math facts! The girls benefit from additional reinforcement during computer time with the Reflex Math program (which they love!). Aside from the basic drills, this week they were thrilled to use their individual white boards to practice double (and even triple) digit addition problems. Be on the lookout... Mrs. Ziegler's 2nd graders are on their way to become real math stars!

The 5th and 6th grade girls were introduced to the highly rated Front Row Math Program on the girls school's new set of Chromebooks. Finding the best that technology has to offer to a blended learning classroom is an ongoing challenge but this program offers all the best elements in allowing each girl to work on her own level, supplementing the work that the girls do in Mrs. Possick's class.

In order to culminate the unit on Colonial America, Mrs. Gross' 7th graders did



Preschool Jottings

Black and white were the colors in Morah Yaffa and Morah Devora's nursery class. The children went swimming in a pool of white packing nuts and the next day it was swimming in white stuffing. They designed cozy house slippers - one black and one white!

Do you want to learn how to demolish a building? Do you want to learn how to use a tractor to dig up dirt and make room to build a new structure? Well then...you should come join the team of Nursery Construction Workers in Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class. You must be dressed in orange construction gear and follow the orange cones to the site!

The children in Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class are very busy designing *menorot* that they will be able to use on Chanukah. Each child chooses wood pieces from the large assortment made available to them. They shape, design and build a *menorah* fit to their liking. Finally they decorate it with mosaic tiles and the *menorah* of their dream is a reality!

We are still very busy with things that belong in the kitchen. This is our final week learning about kitchen gadgets. The children watched the mixer beat the whites of an egg until it was stiff! The children thought it was like magic as we turned the bowl upside down and nothing fell out. They were also amazed to see how useful a blender would be when trying to make potato kugel, potato latkes or even smoothies! We will be moving into the living room next week....watch out, because here we come!

Attention Parents, Grandparents and friends:
Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 9:15 AM
For the Preschool Chanukah Breakfast.
"CHILDREN ARE A MIRACLE!"

research projects on different topics such as the Salem Witch Trials, Colonial Craftsmen and Colonial Kitchens. They did a beautiful job teaching the topics to the class using visual aids, such as posters and powerpoint presentations and skits.

With Chagiga practice underway, crafts projects in various stages of design and special activities offered for auction during this week's Girls School Conferences, the feeling of Chanuka is definitely in the air. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 28 for the annual 5th - 8th grade Chanuka Chagiga from 6:30pm - 8:45pm. Details to follow.

Special thanks to 8th graders Michal Berger, Adina Federman, Alyza Feiler and Marissa Feiler for their enormous help in manning the very successful pre-Chanuka auction! We couldn't have done it without you.



Tech-Tips

Treat media as you would any other environment in your child's life. The same parenting guidelines apply in both real and virtual environments. Set limits; kids need and expect them. Know your children's friends, those that they are emailing, texting and instagraming. Know what platforms, software, and apps your children are using, what sites they are visiting on the web, and what they are doing online.

Thank You!

Dear Mrs. Brudny,

My husband and I wanted to express our deep appreciation and *Hakorot Hatov* to Sari's teachers, classmates, YST Staff, and students who went above and beyond making these last few stressful weeks a bit more manageable.

The thoughtful gestures and empathy did not go unnoticed. Mrs. Hoffman made sure that the front door was left propped open so I can enter with the wheelchair every morning. Some students (Aviges, Sabo) would run and hold open the first grade classroom door in order to assist me. Morah Devorah and Morah Blumi greeted Sari every morning with a special smile, making sure she is comfortable and has everything she needs to help her learn. Morah Shelly was amazing, assisting at lunch and throughout the afternoon, wheeling her out the door at dismissal each day. Each first grader took turns spending their recess time with Sari in the classroom so she wouldn't be bored or lonely. They were so attentive to her needs and would often times bring her things she needed before she even asked for them.

As parents, we send our children to school each day hoping they learn and grow in a warm and nurturing environment. We couldn't have asked for a better place!

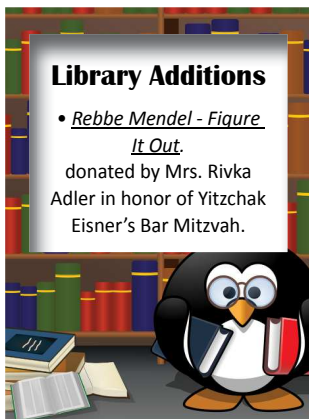
We are so proud to be a part of the YST family!
Avi and Estee Fogel

Mazel Tov!

• Dr & Mrs. Mordechai Neustadt upon Shaidy's marriage to Shmuel Gleiberman

Library Additions

• Rebbe Mendel - Figure It Out.
donated by Mrs. Rivka Adler in honor of Yitzchak Eisner's Bar Mitzvah.



Bulletin Board

- **Motzai Shabbos - Dec 10 - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.- Pre-Chanukah Boutique** at RPRY. with many incredible vendors! Hats, children's shoes, jewelry, Judaica, tablecloths, make-up, artwork, sheitels, toys and more!
- **Motzai Shabbos - Dec 10 - 7 to 8:30pm - Cookie Decorating** with Whimsical Confections for children in grades Kindergarten and up at RPRY. Cost is \$18/child (\$15 for RPRY PLUS members). Checks should be made payable to RPRY PLUS and sent to the RPRY office by 12/6. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/RPRYcookies>. Any questions, please email RPRYPLUS@rpry.org
- **Sun, Dec 11 - 10:00 am-11:30 am Chanukah Arts and Crafts Event!** Make Chanukah cards for Jewish American soldiers, edible crafts, and design your own mats to put under your Chanukah! Sufganiyot will be served! Drop off children ages 5 and up. Younger children are welcome with a parent. 1587 Route 27, Edison, \$5 per child. RSVP: Youth@AYedison.oz
- **THIS Sunday, Dec. 11 - 12:00 PM - RJJ Ladies Luncheon & Chinese Auction** at Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, honoring Mrs. Lisa Goldberg and Mrs. Ariela Weintraub.
- **Motzai Shabbos, Dec. 17 - 8:30 PM - Tiferes DVD** for women will be shown at the home of Aviva Siegel 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members.
- **Thurs, Dec 29th - Cong. Ohav Emeth presents a Chanukah Concert featuring Shock Rock.** Doors open 6:30 pm; Concert at 7:00 pm at Highland Park High School. \$15 per ticket / Max \$75 per family. For tickets visit eventbrite.com and search for "Shlock Rock".
- **Sun, Dec 18 - 9:30 AM - RPRY Annual Toby Mayer Scholarship Breakfast** honoring Mrs. Shulamis Benjamin at RPRY - 2 Harrison St., Edison.

Local News & Shiurim

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: There will be no Tefillah class on Sunday, Dec. 11th; Parsha class on Monday, Dec 12th at 8:00 pm at Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Ricki at 732-828-6838 or rickistern@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place Tuesday, December 13 and 20. No class on December 27. Classes will be held at 9:30 AM at the home of Tzippy Rieder, 6 Cliff Court (off of Brookhill Avenue, past Stone Street).
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will meet on Monday, December 12, 19, and 26 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North 8th Ave., Edison.
- Rabbi Bassous' Women's class is held on Sun mornings at 10:00 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class will be based on the book, "Happiness" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin.
- SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls: Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-966-6503.
- 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.

המקום ינחם...

• Rabbi Yitzchok Lokensky upon the loss of his mother, נ"ע