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## FYI

- **IMPORTANT!** B6T Transportation forms for the 2017 Fall Semester are due by March 10th. The individual forms for both boys and girls school, 3:30 & 4:30 dismissal times are attached to the newsletter and are also on the website. Please fill out one form for each child using the bus and send it into the respective schools.
- Parent Teacher Conferences in the girls' school is on Tues, Feb 28th. Appointments have been made for you and were e-mailed. Please call or e-mail the office if you will not be able to make it, or if you swapped appointments with another parent.
- Purim is just around the corner! Don't forget to send Mishloach Manos through the YST-PTA for the staff by Thurs, March 2nd. (Flyer attached by e-mail or on the website)
- Taanis Esther is Thurs., March 9th. Dismissal in the girls school will be 2:00 p.m. for grades 6-8 and 3:30 p.m. for all other grades. In the boys school, dismissal will be 2:15 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 and all other grades will be 3:30 p.m.
- PLEASE NOTE DISMISSAL TIMES! Mon., March 13 is Shushan Purim - There will be a delayed opening of 10:00 a.m. for all grades and all boys classes will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. and all girls classes at 2:30 p.m.
- Around the Table event: All mothers of girls in 3rd-5th grade are invited this Sunday night at 8:30. Mrs. Didi Deitcher will be speaking on the topic of "social stuff - when and how to intervene" at Zehava Feuer's house. Check your email for additional information.
- The YST Girls School Play will be on Sun, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Forum Theater. See attached flyer for details.
- PROP/ COSTUME CALL: If you have any of the following items that you can share for the school play, please label the item and send it to the Girls School office:
  - Shabby sweaters and/or coats
  - Large shawls
  - Metal buckets
  - Old fashioned suits/dresses, size 2 , 4 , 6
- 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.
- Bnos this week is from 2:15 - 3:15.

## Parnes Hayom

A day of learning is being sponsored on Monday, Feb 27, ראש חודש אדר in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Mirel Hanfling  
מירל בת נפתלי ע"ה  
by the Slepoy Family



## Parsha Points

In this week's *Parsha*, the laws of *Bein Adam L'Chaveiro*, the laws between man and his friend, are discussed. These laws govern many important and significant day-to-day occurrences in both business and personal relationships. Some examples include: The laws of harming others, stolen property, and lending money.

The first set of laws mentioned are those pertaining to an *Eved Ivri*, a Jewish slave. A Jew is sold into slavery when he cannot pay back what he stole. Although an *Eved Ivri* is considered to be the property of the Jew he works for, nevertheless, the Torah commands that a Jew must treat his *Eved Ivri* as a member of the family. He must ensure his comfort and personal well being.

Why is the seemingly less common and less significant *mitzvah* of the Jewish slave chosen as the first of the laws between man and his friend? Rabbi Shamshon Rafoel Hirsch zt"l offers an explanation. The laws of a Jewish slave actually set the tone for all of the laws between man and his friend. All the laws mentioned in the *Parsha* come to teach us one important lesson; that all people are created in the image of *Hashem* and must be treated as such. The Jewish slave is a person who could not afford to pay back what he stole, and yet the Torah teaches us that even he must be treated with respect and dignity. All the more so, we must treat the rest of society with respect and dignity. To reinforce this concept, the *Parsha* starts off with the laws of an *Eved Ivri* to create the paradigm for *Bein Adam L'Chaveiro*.

## Week in Review

The fourth grade boys are really enjoying learning *Mishnayos Sukkan*. The boys are studying about all types of interesting *sukkos*. Is the *sukkan* kosher if there is a space at the bottom of the wall? How about if there is a space on top? Can you use boards for סכך? What about a Big Plain Mat?

We have also finished our 3rd unit of Hebrew spelling. Did the *Mitzrim* get punished with מחלוקת or ערבה? Is it מחלוקת or ערבה?

Mazel Tov on our פרשת וארא סייום. May we continue to make many more סייומים!

What a whirlwind of activity the last few weeks have been for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys' literacy classes. The 6th graders have been introduced to the Writing Process, and they are putting this new information to good use as they begin their "How To" essays. It is always interesting to learn about new ways to build, bake, design, and create, as our students put their knowledge into words and use newly learned writing skills show their expertise.

An important unit is being undertaken in the 7th grade – the Holocaust. The boys are reading a novel relating to this very important time in our history. As the students have been reading and discussing the book, their understanding of what happened, the trials and tribulations of our ancestors, and why it is so important to never forget is increasing with each lesson. We are fortunate that at the end of the unit, Mrs. Tiefenbrunn will be coming again this year to speak to them about her mother, a Holocaust survivor. Hearing about those years helps the students to understand, even more, about such an important time in history.

An exciting new קריאה contest for boys, grades 1-5 was presented to our students last Monday. All boys who complete their required amount of reading of אסתר מגילת, will receive a מגילה as a special gift. A list of the recipients will be posted in this newsletter.

## Preschool Jottings

We are just in the right mood for *Chodesh Adar*! We are swimming amongst the most beautiful whales, seahorses and fish in the sea. The *mazal* of *Adar* is "hanging" all around our building and we just keep looking at them and admiring! Each child designed his/her fish, whale and seahorse using their imagination, creativity and determination! Sing along with the children ....a sailor went to sea! We have expanded the lyrics of that song and made our very own YST Preschool version.

Special thank you to Ruth from Bell Drugs who hosted Morah Mimi and Morah Irene's class. She taught them about medicines and medical supplies and gave them several souvenirs. The children learned how a prescription is filled and were amazed at just how many medicines there really are.

Purim has hit the classroom! Morah Rochel and Morah Faige's class have started their infamous Purim Costume Box. The costume box holds a costume of each Purim character, so that the children can dress the part as they retell the story! Crowns, beards, shirts, capes, sceptors are just some of the treasure in the box.

Nursery children spent Wednesday under the stars. They came dressed in their pajamas, ate a midnite snack, traced stars on their chalkboard and twinkled their eyes while singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. All the children will remember what a star shape looks like.



In the girls school, Morah Krauss and 'ד כתה are working through a unit on "מה השנה?". While brushing up on their numbers, the girls are learning how to tell time in Hebrew. Completing a unit on "מזג אוויר", the girls interviewed their friends, "פריידי מפלורידה" and "עליזה מאריזונה" - asking them about the weather and the clothing that they wear.

Take a walk down the hallway at YST girls and you will surely hear an enthusiastic chorus emerging from Morah Govhari's 'ה שירת דבורה... כתה ה'! As the girls learned 'ה שירם שופטים פרק ה' they collaborated with their peers to memorize the entire שירה. Throughout the פרק the girls displayed beautiful מידות טובות as they worked together and supported one another in reviewing and testing the פטווקים. Several girls willingly gave up their recess to help their friends study.

After several weeks of diligence and persistence, every girl in 'ה כתה achieved her goal in learning פה דבורה בעל פה! שירת דבורה! May all the לימודים you have learned stay with you for many years to come. ישר כח!

Morah Devorah's Pre1a girls reached the 100th day of school milestone this week. They spent all day Tuesday doing various activities to mark the celebration: a) counted by 1's, 5's & 10's to 100 b) read 100 words c) looked at various items of 100 including dixie cups, toothpicks, cotton balls, cut straws and pegs, seeing that "100" can look different depending on the item. d) completed a 100th day celebration booklet e) completed a writing activity that asked what they wished they had 100 of. What a fun day!

What does music and math have to do with each other? Just ask any of Mrs. Schwartz' 3rd graders! With the goal of being 100% fluent in all of our basic math facts, 3rd grade girls have been singing and dancing through their multiplication facts. In addition, through the use of their star cards and Reflex Math, they have been getting smarter & smarter, faster & faster and better & better. By getting just a little bit better and applying a growth mindset, they are seeing huge results. Way to go girls!

As part of their astronomy unit, Mrs. Loew's 6th grade scientists got to fly a space mission beyond their wildest dreams at the Buehler Challenger and Science Center simulator! Students worked in teams to complete their mission, while conducting experiments, monitoring life support, and implementing navigation orders. In this dynamic environment, students used principles of science, mathematics, and technology to complete their tasks. Thank you Mrs. Feiler, for joining the trip!

Seventh grade scientists were given the exciting opportunity to work with dry ice these past weeks in connection to their study of matter, states of matter, phase changes, and sublimation. One of the amazing phenomena they observed was what happened when dry ice is added to a soap solution. Be sure to ask them what happened and why!

## Tech-Tips

Warn children about the importance of privacy and the dangers of predators. Teens need to know that once content is shared with others, they will not be able to delete or remove it completely, and includes texting of inappropriate pictures. They may also not know about or choose not to use privacy settings, and they need to be warned that predators often use social networking, chat rooms, e-mail, and online gaming to contact and exploit children.

## Bulletin Board

• **Sun, Feb 26 - 7:30p.m.** - **Khal Chassidim Simply Tzfat kumzitz** at Rabbi Horowitz's Shteible, Khal Chassidim on 46 N. 8th Ave. This (free admission) kumzitz is among the many gatherings – in song, study and community commemoration – held in tribute to Hinda bas Yaakov Peretz, Rabbi Horowitz's precious wife a"h. There will be seating areas for men and women in the Shteible Beit Midrash.

• **Sun, Feb 26 - 8pm** - **RPRY PLUS and the RPRY Alumni Association** invite the whole community to Coach Gila's cooking demo and workshop on **TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING**. At this event you will get to taste the food that Coach Gila prepares right in front of you and go home with a copy of her featured recipes! Cost is \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Sponsorships available and include admission: For questions and reservations please email [RPRYPLUS@rpry.org](mailto:RPRYPLUS@rpry.org)

• **Sun, Feb 26 - Cong. Ahavas Yisrael** will be hosting its **8th Annual Journal Breakfast** at Cong. Ahavas Achim, 216 S. 1st Ave., Highland Park, NJ, at 9:30 am. Honorees are Mr. Menachem and Mrs. Helene Kravitz (Guests of Honor), Mr. Zev Rosenberg, and Mr. Aryeh Berger (Service Awardees). For more information, please visit [www.ayedison.org](http://www.ayedison.org) or email [Breakfast@ayedison.org](mailto:Breakfast@ayedison.org).

• **Motzai Shabbos, March 4 - 8:00 pm** - **Highland Park/Edison Connects Winter 2017 Melava Malka** for women, featuring a very special guest speaker! A former IDF soldier, who grew up in this community and who served during the recent Operation Protective Edge. This very special no-charge event will be taking place at the home of Rachele and Zev Stern, 474 Lincoln Ave, HP. (Speaker to begin at 8:30 sharp to leave plenty of mingling time afterwards!) For more info please email Faygie Lobel at [FayMLobel@gmail.com](mailto:FayMLobel@gmail.com) or [Elleshlang@gmail.com](mailto:Elleshlang@gmail.com).

• **Sun, March 5 - 9:30 AM** - **Bikur Cholim of Raritam Valley Annual Event** to be held at the Pines Manor, 2087 Raritan Ave. The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser. This year's Guests of Honor are Dalya & Harry Chefitz and Ezra and Nava Chefitz; Gomlei Chesed awardees - Leon & Sharon Glaser and the Keter Shem Tov awardees to the Morris Family. Couvert is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available. For more info, call 732-572-7181 or go on the website at [bikurcholimrv.org](http://bikurcholimrv.org)

## Mazel Tov!

- Rabbi Mrs. Shlomo Nusbaum upon the birth of a son
- Rabbi & Mrs. Boruch Goodman upon the marriage of their son, Mendy to Gittel Springer

## Local News & Shiurim

- Congregation Ohav Emeth's 10th Annual Purim Costume Gemach is available. Over 800 infants to adult costumes are available to borrow. The Gemach continues this year for 3 more days on Wednesday night, March 1st from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sunday March 5th from 10 am-3 pm and on Tuesday March 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The cost is either a \$5 donation or 1 donated costume per costume borrowed. The gemach is located at Congregation Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., Highland Park, NJ. For more information email [costumegemach@yahoo.com](mailto:costumegemach@yahoo.com) or see our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/costumegemach>
- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sun, Feb 26 at 11:00 AM at the Agudah; Please contact Aviva at 732-572-4408 or [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) for status of class on Monday, Feb. 27.
- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 9:30 AM at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Avenue, Highland Park.
- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will meet on Monday, Feb 27 at 7:30 PM at the home of Janet Rivenson, 19 Price Drive, Edison.